

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

The Hornet's Nest



October - December 2021

The President's Dispatch



I started the 4th quarter off with a road trip to SC on 06 Oct for the SAD meeting. Accompanied by Brenda, we attended the meeting, then planted a U.S. flag at Wofford College Entrance Sign. The next day we attended the King's Mountain Ceremony with NSSAR President General Davis Wright and VPG SAD Patrick J. Niemann and State Presidents from NC, SC, and GA in attendance.

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Fort Morris "Come and Take It!" Ceremony - Bill Ramsaur

Members of the Children, Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution gathered at the Fort Morris State Historic Site near Midway, Georgia on Saturday, November 20th for the 16th Annual "Come and Take It" Celebration sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. This occurrence was the first in which the commemoration was recognized as a National Event.

The ceremony, performed on the large parade ground in front of the Revolutionary War Embankments, modified during the War of 1812, featured the SAR Continental Color Guard,



Scout Troop 16 from Savannah raises the Betsy Ross flag to begin the program..

with Elijah Clarke and Brier Creek Militia. Compatriots from Georgia and Florida SAR Societies were designated as the National Society SAR Color Guard under Vice-Commander Brooks Lyles and First Adjutant Scott Collins.

The Continentals carried replicas of flags used during the Revolutionary War. The Militia, under the command of Scott Collins (First Adjutant, NSSAR), performed musket and cannon salutes.

Brooks Lyles (Vice-Commander, NSSAR Color Guard) leads SAR Color Guard with flags for Presentation of colors.



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

Fort Morris “Come and Take It!” Ceremony (Cont.) - Bill Ramsaur

The speaker, Dr. Peter Winn Martin, recently completed a very interesting book about Liberty County Georgia Patriot Daniel Stewart during the American Revolution. Entitled, “Far From Tranquil,” it includes a description of young Dan’s part in the Patriot resistance to the British invasion of Liberty County in November 1778, in addition to his fighting in South Carolina after the fall of Savannah. Peter described several of Stewart’s heroic actions which led to his promotion of Captain in the South Carolina Militia, and eventually, to a commission as Lieutenant Colonel and then Brigadier General of the Georgia Militia upon his return to Liberty County after the war.



Dr. Peter Winn Martin, author of *Far From Tranquil*

The highlight of the ceremony was the annual re-enactment of the British demand for surrender and the defiant Patriot response. British Colonel Lewis Valentine Fuser, whose naval force occupied nearby Sunbury and surrounded Fort Morris, demanded its surrender on November 25, 1778.

He said, “*Sir, You cannot be ignorant that four armies are in motion to reduce this province... if you deliver me the fort which you command, lay down your arms and remain neuter until the fate of America is determined, you shall as well as all the inhabitants of this parish, remain in peace. Your answer, which I expect in an hour’s time, will determine the fate of this country, whether it is to be laid in ashes or remain as above proposed.*”

Continental Line Lieutenant Colonel John McIntosh, defiantly replied, “*Sir, We acknowledge we are not ignorant that your army is in motion to endeavor to reduce this state. ... We have no property, compared with the object you contend for, that we value as much and would rather perish in a vigorous defense than accept of your proposals. We, Sir, are fighting the battle of America, and*



therefore disdain to remain neuter till its fate is determined — As to surrendering the fort, receive this laconic reply --- Come and Take It!”

Fuser refused to attack and retreated with his flotilla to British East Florida. In January of 1779, British General Augustine Prevost returned to Liberty County with 2,000 British Regulars, Loyalists and Indians. On January 9, 1779, after a three-day siege and a brief heavy bombardment, two hundred Patriots surrendered Fort Morris with twenty-four cannons and large quantities of provisions.

Another highlight of the ceremony was the Georgia State Society C.A.R. performing a Thirteen Revolutionary Flags Ceremony. This included a description of the origin and use of key Revolutionary flags which they displayed to ceremony attendees.

Reenactment of the surrender offer, and the Patriot reply. (L - R) Representing Creek Indians (Jim Sawgass, Native Indian Historian), British Col. Lewis Fuser (Aaron Bradford, Wormsloe Ranger) and Patriot Lt. Col. John McIntosh (Jason Baker, Fort Morris Ranger)

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Fort Morris "Come and Take It!" Ceremony (Cont.) - Bill Ramsaur

While the patriotic spirit of celebration was felt during the Presentation of Colors and other activities, time was also set aside for remembering the service of many thousands of Patriots during the American Revolution. Wreaths were presented by fifty Georgia and Florida C.A.R., DAR and SAR and other heritage and historical organizations to honor the defenders of Fort Morris and other Liberty County Patriots.



A three-volley Musket Salute by the Elijah Clarke and Brier Creek Militia was followed by Cannon Salutes performed by the Brier Creek Artillery and the Second Company Georgia Artillery.



The America 250 SAR program was designed to encourage education and celebration of Revolutionary events which occurred from the Stamp Act (1765) through the Treaty of Paris (1783). The America 250 flag was carried by the SAR Color Guard during the Fort Morris ceremony, the first-time in which it was designated a National event by the SAR. Jason Baker, Ranger at Fort Morris remarked the "Come and Take It!"

(L-R) Scott Collins First Adjutant, NSSAR Color Guard, and Brooks Lyles Vice - Commander, NSSAR Color Guard and hold the 250 flag.



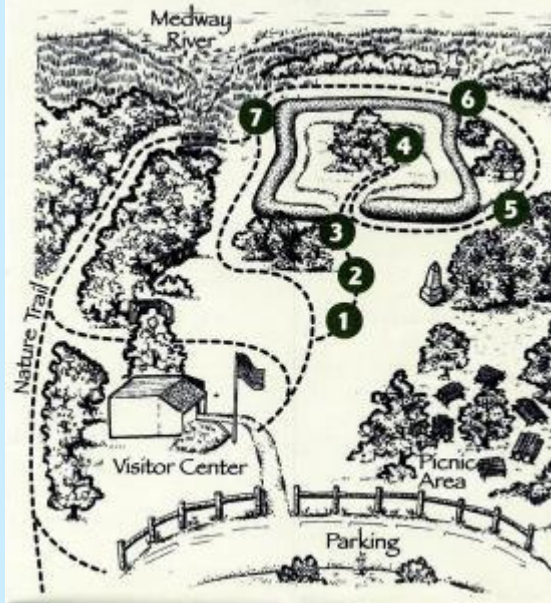
Celebration draws the largest public attendance to the historic site during the year.

Fort Morris and Sunbury

The importance of the port of Sunbury to the colony of Georgia was demonstrated by an order of the Continental Congress in 1776 to build a fort for its defense. It was named in honor of Continental Captain Thomas Morris, who commanded the artillery company. The fort served as the base for three unsuccessful Patriot expeditions against British East Florida between 1776 and 1778,

Located 350 yards south of Sunbury on the Medway River, the earthwork fort was in the shape of an irregular quadrangle with a parade of about an acre. Both the fort and town were surrounded by parapets and moats, with wooden spikes (abatis) built into the slope of the parapet and standing upright in the bottom of the moat. Unlike stone and brick forts, an earth and wood fort was inexpensive to build and easy to repair, but deteriorated faster, and partially explains the lack of existing structures.

The illustration reflects the layout of the smaller War of 1812 Fort Defiance which was about one-third the size of the Revolutionary War Fort Morris. Symbols 1 and 2 reflect locations on the current parade, but was inside the earthwork for Fort Morris,. Symbol 3 indicates the entrance into the fort, and Symbol 4 is where barracks and storage magazines were located. Symbol 6 reflects the view toward the Medway River and Atlantic Ocean, and Symbol 7 indicates the view toward the town of Sunbury.



The Fort Morris State Historic Site is operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. It is Georgia's only Revolutionary Historic Site with earthwork remains, although many of the existing earthworks are from the smaller War of 1812 Fort Defiance.



The President's Dispatch (Cont.)

I planted U.S. Flag at the 1940 DAR Marker in honor of LTC James Hawthorn, and planted a U.S. Flag at 1st Rest Area of I-85 GA Blue Star Memorial Highway

I accompanied Brenda to GSSDAR Mtg in Macon, GA and brought greetings from GASSAR at Constitution Dinner sponsored by GSSDAR Regent O.B. McCorkle.

While attending the FBCN Men's Prayer Mtg on Oct 21, I worked the WOGK Annual Golf Tournament. Accompanied by Brenda, we drove to Little River Chapter, had supper, gave talk about Navy, and installed new Officers; received GASSAR Internal Audit Report.

Facilitated the Fall BOM Meeting in Barnesville, GA, on the 23rd, and held an NSSAR Officer Forum during the Meeting which was also Zoomed (approx. 50 mbrs present & 50 mbrs Zoomed)

ON 28 Oct, I attended a Vietnam Moving Wall Opening Ceremony in heavy rain at Centralhatchee, GA and worked VN Wall after the ceremony. Again worked the VN Wall the next day in rain, then attended East Coweta HS football game for Military Appreciation Ceremony representing DAV Chapter 96

The month of November saw me distributing Christmas bags to Trinka Davis Veterans by loading on VA bus on the 9th. On the 13th, again accompanied by Brenda, I attended and brought Greeting from GASSAR and place a wreath at Grave Marking of Rev. War Patriot Leonard Wills sponsored by Captain John Collins Chapter in Dallas, GA.

On the 20th I brought Greeting at NSSAR FT Morris Ceremony, and both Brenda and I placed wreaths. We planted U.S. Flag at FT Morris Park entrance sign; also planted a U.S. Flag at Midway Cemetery,

December 4 was the day I delivered to City Center Park in Fayetteville, GA a trailer, which Marquis de Lafayette compatriots, turned into a Patriotic Float with bunting and early Rev. War Flags as well as the National 250TH Flag. I drove the truck towing the float in Fayetteville's Christmas Parade that day, as several members rode upon the float. Others in Rev. War Uniform, along with Brenda, distributed approximately 250 small U.S. Flags.

On Dec 9, accompanied by Brenda, we attended Button Gwinnett Chapter Mtg, had a great meal. I spoke about Vietnam Experiences and installed new chapter officers.

Joseph Habersham Chapter's 25th Anniversary Meeting was on the 14th, and Brenda spoke about GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary, while I inducted 4 new members into the chapter. I spoke about Vietnam Experiences and had a great meal; prior to the mtg, I planted a U.S. Flag at the Veterans Memorial Park which is still under construction.

I joined the WAA Celebration at noon on Dec 18, at Veteran Plaza Newnan, GA, where I read the NSSAR Proclamation by PG Davis L. Wright and, accompanied by Brenda, placed a wreath at the POW/MIA Memorial Monument.

On Dec 25th, Brenda and I worked with The 25th Project in Northern VA to prepare and distribute gifts and hot meals to Homeless in NVA.

Promoting Patriotism,

David G. Jessel



Right: Constitution Dinner,
Fall Forum, GSSDAR
10.16.2021





Calendar of Events

**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
Battle of Cowpens	JollyPark Gaffney, SC.	Jan 15, 2022	SC State
Annual State Conference	Sonata Hotel, Lawrenceville, GA	Jan 28 - 29, 2022	State
Heroes of the Hornet's Nest	Elijah Clark State Park	Feb 11, 2022	State
Washington Court-house Square & Battlefield	Washington, GA	Feb 12, 2022	National
Kettle Creek Memorial Service	Episcopal Church of the Mediator Washington, GA	Feb 13, 2022	State
Brier Creek	Screven Co.	Mar 4 - 5, 2022	State
National Spring Leadership	Louisville, KY	March 4 - 5, 2022	National
South Atlantic District Mtg	Greensboro, NC	March 11, 2022	District
Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	March 12, 2022	National
Andrew Jackson Bench	Hermitage, TN	Mar 13, 2022 2:00 p.m.	National
Patriot Grave Marking	Athens, GA	Apr 2, 2022	State
Patriot Grave Dedications	Marietta, GA	Apr 9, 2022	State
Frederica Patriots Day/Naval Action	St. Simons Island, GA	Apr 16 - 17, 2022	National
GASSAR BOM	Garden Patch Barnesville, GA	Apr 23, 2022	State
Patriot Grave Marking (Potential)	Midway, GA	Apr 24, 2022	State
South Atlantic District Mtg	Orlando, FL	May 7, 2022	District
Independence Day	Various	Jul 4, 2022	National
National Congress 2022	Savannah, GA	Jul 8 - 15 2022	National
GASSAR BOM	Garden Patch Barnesville, GA	Jul 23, 2022	State

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 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 specific link for the 132nd 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.



Compatriots - You are cordially invited to the SAR Park Bench dedication at the tomb of Andrew Jackson at 2 p.m. (Central Time) on 3/13/22. John Clines is organizing the Color Guard event and you and your state's Color Guard are invited to participate. John Clines will hold a dress rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. 3/13/22, so keep this time in your plans if you are in the Color Guard.

Andrew Jackson was the last US President to have served in the Revolutionary War and this SAR park bench honors his service as a soldier and POW. The park bench is in a prominent location near the tomb of Andrew Jackson, thus it is getting a lot of use and helps bring positive attention to the SAR. We greatly appreciate the support and assistance of Hermitage CEO Howard Kittell and Amy Williams, Chief of Museum Operations, for the placement of this SAR park bench. This is a joint project of the Georgia and Tennessee SAR with special thanks to the Nashville Andrew Jackson SAR Chapter.



The afternoon activities will include welcoming comments from CEO Kittell and many other dignitaries. The award winning Georgia SAR Color Guard, will perform with the Tennessee Color Guard under the excellent leadership of John Clines.

We are working on a speaker to give a short presentation on Andrew Jackson's service in the Revolutionary War. Gary Wood, expert banjo player, will entertain us with some foot stomping banjo picking! Local DAR ladies will provide refreshment in the Hermitage cabin after the event. More activities are being planned, so make plans to attend and bring the whole family to tour the grounds of the historic Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home in Nashville. Color Guard members and ladies in period dress will be admitted free, but please consider bringing other family and guests to support this wonderful institution and home! For more info, go to thehermitage.com.

We have reserved a block of rooms, at the Hampton Inn at Mount Juliet, which is just a few miles away from the event. A two queen bed or King bed room is \$138.00 per night. The hotel is at 5001 Crossings Circle, Mt Juliet, Tn 37122. Local phone is 615-553-5900. Use this link below to reserve a room.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BNAMTHX&groupCode=CHHSOA&arrivaldate=2022-03-13&departuredate=2022-03-14&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

HONORING YOUR ANCESTORS

Earl L. Cagle, Sr.

When I learned of the SAR Memorial Membership, two gentlemen immediately came to mind, my father and grandfather, men of great influence in my life. After submitting their applications for this great recognition, I checked into getting the SAR bronze grave markers.

I selected the Lug Style markers, (SAR catalog number 602L) that measurers, 5 ¼ inches in diameter. I experienced delay after engaging a stone mason/monument engraver that never followed through. After the second failure to do the job, I went further up the road to a family business in Fannin County, probably should have started there to begin with. Within two weeks we scheduled a meeting date at the church in Gilmer County where my parents are buried. The young man (owners' son) set the marker and followed me to Pickens County where my grandfather is buried, along with his father and grandfather, patriarchs of the Cagle Family.

The photos show the bronze markers after their installation on the respective grave stones. My parents are identified on one and my grandfather's grave marker only shows the family name, individual foot stones show their given names.

Gentlemen, this a great way to, one more time, pay respect and honor to your ancestors.



Memorial Memberships

The Memorial SAR Membership qualifies a male who is a deceased close relative within two genealogical connections to an active SAR member and whose application is based on most of the same lineage as that SAR member. This two genealogical connections stipulation is not a straight line generational requirement; for example, an uncle/nephew relationship for a memorial will be acceptable. An uncle would require three documents: (1) the applicant's birth certificate would prove him to his parents; (2) the birth certificate of the parent (whose line is being used) would name his/her parents; and the (3) the uncle's birth certificate connecting him to his parents, proving he is the brother of one of the deceased applicant's parents. (If the nephew is to be submitted, it is recommended the uncle be submitted first separately.)

The supporting Bylaw reads "The deceased family members eligible for memorial membership shall not be prior to the second generation prior to the generation of the current member."

A death certificate and proofs of connection to the SAR member are required. It is suggested that the SAR member with the connection sign as the first line sponsor and also for the memorial member. The filing of Memorial applications is only available to active SAR members. The cost of a Memorial SAR membership is \$100 application fee + \$35 one-time annual dues fee for a total \$135. No further annual dues will be owed. There is no Family Plan rate available.

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Membership-Cost-Manual-14-July-2021.pdf>



Bronze Patriot Grave Markers, both stake and lug medallions are available from the National Store <https://store.sar.org/> (\$130 / 125 ea). Member Grave Markers, Stake and lug are \$110 / 100 ea).

Some fear theft of the bronze, and so Stone markers, similar to the Patriot markers used by many Georgia Chapters are also available through 3rd party manufacturers, and can be customized.

NOTE:

Rules regarding medallions or additional stones vary by cemetery and their governing rules. Especially National Cemeteries. Check before you invest.

VA information on types of Headstones, Markers, and Medallions can be found at:

<https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/types.asp>



DAWSONVILLE



GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES

Reuben Hill, patriot of the North Carolina Line was honored by Co-Sponsors Robert Forsyth, Lyman Hall, and Little River Chapters on Oct. 16th.

Descendent Bill Colbert and fellow Hill Family connected Ron Hill uncovered the marker.



WASHINGTON-WILKES

Right: Compatriot Edwin P. Hendricks representing Joseph Habersham Chapter at the four (4) Patriot grave marking held at Smyrna United Methodist Church, Washington, Georgia.

Below: Gary Hoyt, GASSAR Veterans Committee chairman also Attended, honoring some of our first veterans.



Left: Marker uncovered.



Below: Barnett family assembled to pay their respects to their patriot and the others honored during the ceremony.





Above Left: 4 patriots recognized with one large marker.

Above Right: Color Guard Commander confers with Washington-Wilkes 6th grade Band member, Caleb Norman, providing drumming services for the event.

Below Left: Georgia Society Color Guard, as always, vigilantly on duty.

Below Right: Elijah Clarke Militia's volley



Right: William Triplett and John Williston Talbot's gravestones were easily located.

Below: Past Pres. and Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee Chair Bill Dobbs.



DALLAS

Right: GASSAR Pres. David Jessel addresses the 69 people who attended the Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot Leonard Wills in Dallas, GA.

Below: Paul Lester, State Genealogist and Capt. John Collins member, is a descendant of Leonard Wills. He gave a fine tribute to his ancestor. 29 wreaths were presented, members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution, as well as descendants of Leonard Wills and the general public were present at the Memorial.



Left: Award winning GASSAR Color Guard presented the colors during the Ceremony.



Leonard Wills was a Revolutionary War soldier from North Carolina, and in 1776 he fought in the battle at Widows Moore's Bridge under Colonel Irvin's regiment where the colonists defeated Tory Generals McDaniel and McCloud. Later he served two more terms in the military before he left North Carolina for Tennessee, then South Carolina and finally Georgia where he settled.

Georgia SAR President David Jessel did an outstanding job dedicating the marker assisted by Georgia SAR Chaplain Bill Floyd. Nancy Pritchett, wife of Sergeant-at-arms Rodney Pritchett, sang the National Anthem. Commander Bill Palmer led the Georgia State Color Guard and Compatriot Scott Collins led the Militia in a three-gun salute, followed by Compatriot Chris Seavey playing Taps.

Right: Paul Lester at his ancestor's grave in Mt. Moriah Church Cemetery.





The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held our Fall Board of Managers meeting on 23 October 2021 at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville. The meeting was held in person and live-streamed on Zoom for the benefit of those members unable to attend in person.

The video recording of the meeting may be viewed by clicking on the YouTube link below:

<https://youtu.be/5xKuHpA5nug>



VETERANS DAY



Below: Carter Wood and Joe Timms retire tattered and worn American flags during the Veterans Day memorial at Watson Hall. The event, sponsored by the Sunbury Chapter of the DAR, was held on Saturday, 13 November.



Below: L-R: Quilt of Valor recipients James Linton Johnson, Raymond "Yankee" Furman and Stanford Davis Johnson. Johnson served in the US Army from 1965-1972. He served in Vietnam and Korea. Furman served in the Marine Corps from 2002-2006 in the War in Afghanistan and during the War in Iraq. Davis served in the Army National Guard from 1949-1954 as a medic in a M.A.S.H. hospital during the Korean War.



Right: Veterans Day at Oconee Veterans Park: The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard presents the colors as David Kilpatrick of the Oconee Veterans Memorial Foundation presides.



Below: Members of the East Fall Line Region, Ben Creech, Tommy Woody Woodard, Alton McCloud, Bernard Martin, and Steve Burke, participated in a Veterans Day ceremony at the Horse Creek Midland Valley Veterans Park in Burnetown, SC. Members of the militia included Henry Laurens Chapter, SCSSAR, Little River Chapter, Brier Creek Chapter, and Wiregrass Chapter, GASSAR. Activities included Presentation of Colors by Scout troop 351, Patriotic Music by Mr. Cory Barton, Laying of Wreaths, Musket & Flintlock Salute and speeches,

including South Carolina State Senator Shane Massey. American Legion Post 71 Commander Kevin Joy, American Legion Post 153 Commander Harry Barton, with many other Veterans groups from around the CSRA were in attendance.



Left: Gary Smith Sr. (right) presented the chapter wreath at the Columbia County Veterans Memorial Wall in partnership with Evans VFW Post 12190.

The John Milledge Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughter of the American Revolution, Partnered with GMC on Veterans Day, to replant the Liberty Tree.

After 99 years living on our Milledgeville Campus, a beloved tree named the Liberty Tree was cut down in 2020 due to its declining health over several years. That specific tree was planted on November 11, 1921 and today, 100 years later, we are proud to announce that a second Liberty Tree was planted in the same spot on GMC's west lawn. GMC was happy to partner with Daughters of the American Revolution to see this historic project through.

It is no coincidence that November 11th, then Armistice Day now Veterans Day, was selected for both plantings of the Liberty Trees. May our second tree serve as a constant reminder to honor our Veterans each and every day.



100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: November 11, 2021

On November 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding presided over the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. The monument honored fallen U.S. servicemen from WWI whose remains were unidentified. The ceremony took place the same day the country was celebrating the newly declared Armistice Day holiday.

The chaos of war resulted in scores of unidentified dead servicemen. The creation of a memorial was proposed in 1920 by New York Congressman and WWI veteran Hamilton Fish. Great Britain and France had already dedicated similar monuments. Congress approved the plan.



Construction begins on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 1921

Officials wanted to choose one unknown serviceman and reinter him in a tomb at Arlington. To select that soldier, the bodies of four unidentified U.S. servicemen were exhumed from different American military cemeteries in

France. They were placed in identical caskets and brought to the city hall in Châlons-sur-Marne, France, where one casket was selected by US war hero Sgt. Edward F. Younger. Officials placed the casket on board the USS Olympia to begin the journey home. The ship with casket arrived at the Washington Navy Yard on November 9, 1921.

After arrival, the Unknown lay in state in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. Some 90,000 visitors waited in line to pay their respects on November 10. On the morning of November 11, a procession moved him from the Capitol to Arlington. President Harding, former President Woodrow Wilson, and General John J. Pershing were among the dignitaries in the procession.

Americans across the country observed two minutes of silence. President Harding gave a speech and bestowed the Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross on the Unknown Soldier; other nations also bestowed their highest awards. The funeral ended with the playing of Taps and a 21-gun salute.

At the time of burial, the tomb had yet to be completed and consisted of a simple marble slab. In 1932, the marble structure that now stands was installed. The tomb bears the inscription, "Here Rests in Honored Glory an American Soldier Known but to God."

The tradition of guarding the tomb began in 1926. In 1937 soldiers transitioned to a 24/7 presence at the memorial. In 1958, unknown soldiers representing the fallen of WWII and the Korean War were laid to rest at the monument. In 1984, a soldier from the Vietnam War was interred in the tomb.

DNA testing of the body of the soldier from the Vietnam War positively identified him in 1998 and he was returned to his family. In 1999 the crypt designated for the Vietnam War Unknown was rededicated to honor all missing U.S. service members from the Vietnam War. It remains empty to this day.

As we mark the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, we are reminded of all Veterans who served, but especially those who gave their ultimate service to our country.

USS Oklahoma Project Ends

A six-year project by the Defense Department to assign names to 394 unidentified victims of the sinking of the USS Oklahoma came to an end Dec. 7, 2021, with the final remains reinterred in Hawaii after being analyzed. The closure came during a ceremony marking the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Of the 2,403 US personnel killed in the attack, 429 came from the sinking of the Nevada-class battleship.

Using groundbreaking DNA testing techniques, investigators at Offutt Air Force Base were able to identify 361 of the 394 unidentified remains. Historically, DNA from the maternal line is used for identification, but new technologies now allow genetic material to be cross-checked from the paternal side.

More than 13,000 bones were exhumed from Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in 2015, and more than 5,000 DNA samples were collected to identify the remains.

Efforts to identify crew members killed on the USS California and USS West Virginia are ongoing.



Dr. Carrie LeGarde directs the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's U.S.S. Oklahoma Identification Project at Offutt Air Force Base lab near Omaha, Nebraska. Forensic anthropologists working with other defense department agencies have identified remains of over 90% of the Marines and sailors whose identities were unknown for decades after they died when battleship was attacked at Pearl Harbor in 1941. (Photo by Barney McCoy, UNL)

Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska is home to the Oklahoma Project's forensic lab. It stretches one-third the length of a football field and the massive lab is where dozens of anthropologists have painstakingly categorized more than 13,000 bone fragments recovered from the capsized Oklahoma. These past several years scientists have inventoried and cross checked the remains with dental and medical records, ages and heights of the battleship's dead. "For the U.S.S. Oklahoma, sometimes we have full bones, sometimes we have fragments," said anthropologist Dr. East. "We do look at every single fragment."

The U.S.S. Oklahoma Project brought families together with their long lost loved ones and made good on America's promise to bring home those who died in service their country according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

<https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/>



COME AND TAKE IT ! FORT MORRIS

Right: Senior Vice President Little River Chapter, Alton McCloud presents wreath at the Fort Morris.



Below Left: GASSAR President David Jessel and his wife, Brenda, presented the Georgia SAR Wreath.

Below Right: The Florida SAR was represented by Sean Tonnelier from Gainesville, FL.





Above: Period encampments give insight to life in the 18th and 19th century.



Above, Left, and Below: Music, artillery demonstrations, British regulars, and patriot militiamen all assembled to play their part in the commemoration. You should plan to attend next year if you haven't had the opportunity, or some how missed the fun.





Various photos from the event.

There were over 50 different organizations, chapters, or society wreaths presented at the event.





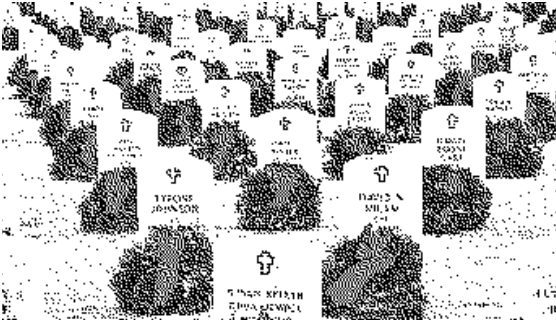
Above Left: Color Guard Present Colors.

Above Right and Below: C.A.R. presents 13 original flags of the Revolution.
Right: Steve Burke presents Arms in Salute.



Below: C.A.R., DAR, and SAR gather at the "Come and Take It" 1st National Celebration of the Nov. 20 event.





WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Left: Brier Creek Chapter and Wiregrass Chapter members traveled to Sylvania, GA on December 18, 2021 to participate in the "Tribute to the 40 Screven County Veterans" who never made it home. The tolling of the bell was done in three parts: 17 casualties of WWI, then 22 casualties of WWII and 1 casualty of the Korean War.

Including these 40 wreaths, there were a total of 559 wreaths placed in the Screven County Cemetery on veterans tombstone's. This event was Sponsored by the American Legion Screven County History buffs in support of the Ellis E. Williams Memorial Post 7116, Veterans of Foreign Wars George Alexander Mincey Memorial Post 116.

Members of the Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapter firing their flintlocks: From the Brier Creek Chapter; Don Bazemore and Allen Mincey. From the Wiregrass Chapter; Wilder Smith, Jr., Steve Burke and Al Smith. Don Bazemore played tapes on his bugle at the end of the ceremony."



Below: The Wiregrass Chapter, sponsored the "Wreaths across America" event in the Pine Brook Nature Park. 5 wreaths were presented at the four war memorials (Right), and at the memorial for 1st responders (Left). Master of Ceremonies Emory Fennell called out names of each of the 13 service members that were killed this past August in Afghanistan. A wreath was placed at the U.S. Flag representing each of the service members along the iron fence (Upper Left). Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson DAR Chapter, the American Legion, VFW, Sons of the American Legion, Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe, City Councilman and Wiregrass Chapter member Julian Sconyers, Swainsboro Fire Department, Swainsboro Police Department, Emanuel County Sheriffs Department, and Swainsboro recreation Department support the event. Appreciation is extended to Wiregrass Chapter Chairman Johnny Tapley for spearheading this project and providing the wreaths.



National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution PROCLAMATION

Compatriot Participation in Wreaths Across America 2021

WHEREAS, the organization Wreaths Across America was formed in 2007 as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project of 1992, where wreaths were laid at the graves of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Wreaths Across America is to REMEMBER fallen U.S. Veterans from the Revolutionary War through present day conflicts, to HONOR those that serve and their families, and to TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom; and

WHEREAS, each year, this mission is carried out by the coordination of wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America has chosen "LIVE UP TO THEIR LEGACY" as its 2021 theme to help supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities; and

WHEREAS, one of the patriotic, historical, and educational purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution is "to perpetuate the memory" of those individuals "who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;" and

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution will commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution between April 19, 2025 and November 25, 2033, thereby honoring all of those individuals—including the United States' first veterans—who struggled and sacrificed to turn the Declaration of Independence's ideals into reality; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution seeks to foster cooperative arrangements with patriotic organizations such as Wreaths Across America in pursuit of our common goals to honor, respect, and support veterans, and to inspire our communities to "a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;" and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America has designated Saturday, December 18, 2021, as the date on which volunteers will place wreaths on veterans' graves and conduct related ceremonies and commemorations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Davis Lee Wright, President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, do hereby encourage all Compatriots to join with Wreaths Across America and other patriotic, community, and veterans' organizations, on Saturday, December 18, 2021, to participate in wreath-laying ceremonies and activities in their communities to LIVE UP TO THEIR LEGACY and the legacy of our great nation.



Davis Lee Wright

Davis Lee Wright President General, 2021-2022

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in Louisville, Kentucky, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution this eighth day of December, in the year two thousand twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.



Above and Below: Little River Chapter at Bellevue Memorial Garden



Above: Wreaths across America: A joint activity of the Old Unicoi Chapter, DAR, and the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, DAR. L - R: Stephen Weaver, Barbara Weaver, Jared Ogden.

Right: Stephen Weaver at the Patriot Tanner Grave site.



Below Left: Compatriots from the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter participated in two Wreaths Across America ceremonies in the Golden Isles; one at the historic Oak Grove Cemetery in Brunswick and the other at Christ Church Cemetery on St. Simons Island.



At the Saturday, December 18th Oak Grove Cemetery ceremony, Compatriot J. Steven Hinson attended in his role as Commander of American Legion Brunswick Post 9, Compatriot Bennie Williams attended in his role as Chair of the Veterans' Council of the Golden Isles, and Compatriot Otis "Skip" F. Putnam III participated as the Bugler. The Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter collected funds to purchase some of the wreaths that were placed on veterans' Graves.

Right: (L - R) Izaiah Felder, Compatriot Bennie Williams, Scott Ramsaur, and Compatriot Bill Ramsaur at Patriot William Page's gravestone. On Sunday, December 19th, the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter along with American Legion Post 9 placed wreaths at the graves of Revolutionary Patriots in the Christ Church Cemetery on St. Simons Island as part of the Wreaths Across America program. Along with a Betsy Ross stick flag, wreathes were placed at the gravestones of Cyrus Dart, Samuel Wright, William Page and Robert Grant.



We also placed a wreath, Betsy Ross flag and a British Union Jack on the Demere Family plot which includes the tombstone of Raymond Demere, Jr. who was buried on his plantation off Demere Road which is now under the runway at St. Simons Island Airport. Raymond Demere Jr remained a Loyalist but his cousin, Raymond Demere II, with whom he lived, became the only Continental officer born at Frederica on St. Simons Island.

Below Left: Skip Putnam performed Taps at the conclusion of our ceremony.



Right: Izaiah and Burlee Felder at the gravestone of Patriot Cyrus Dart.





Covid continues to disrupt normal activities, with limitations on attendance and events, however Mt. Vernon member Chuck Rann took these photos of the wreaths presented at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.



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. These are not products available at the National SAR store, nor on the GASSAR webpage. I have listed these items on my personal Etsy Store. These are available now. I 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.

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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 2022 Annual Conference & Congress in Savannah.

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)

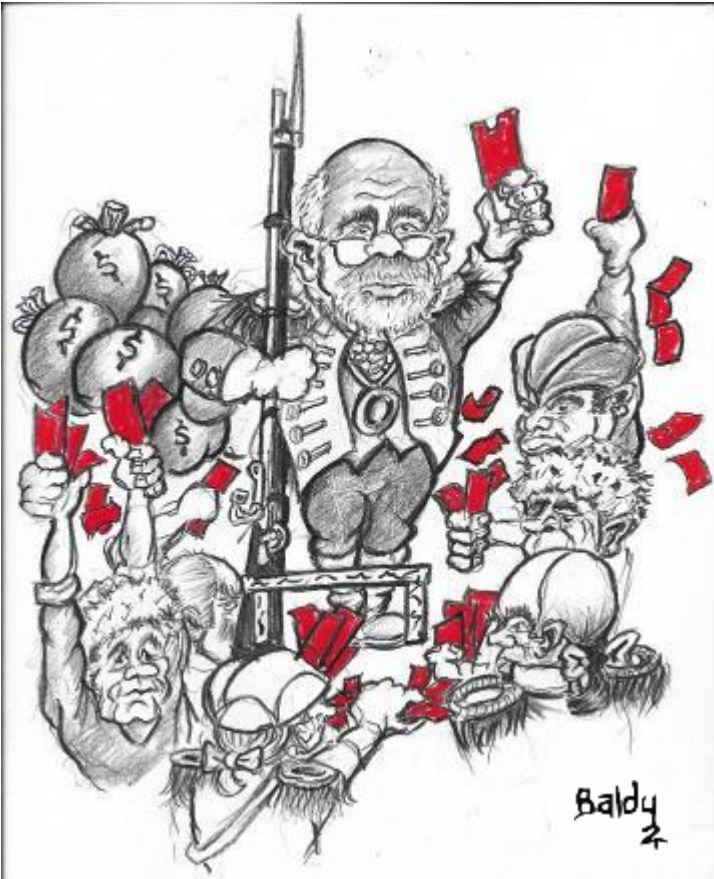
Know these 3 caricatures?

If you want a caricature of yourself, some SAR Dignitary, or fellow member you wish to see drawn, then perhaps you will be interested in a Congress Fundraising Raffle to win one of three caricatures specially drawn by

Kenneth Baldowski.

[Details coming soon]





Only **90** (and counting down) raffle tickets are left to be sold. Once all 400 tickets have been allotted, the raffle will be held. Probably sell out at the Annual Conference. Winner will be notified immediately. Don't miss out on this one of a kind rifle. It has been treasured for years, but now you can treasure it for quite a few more.

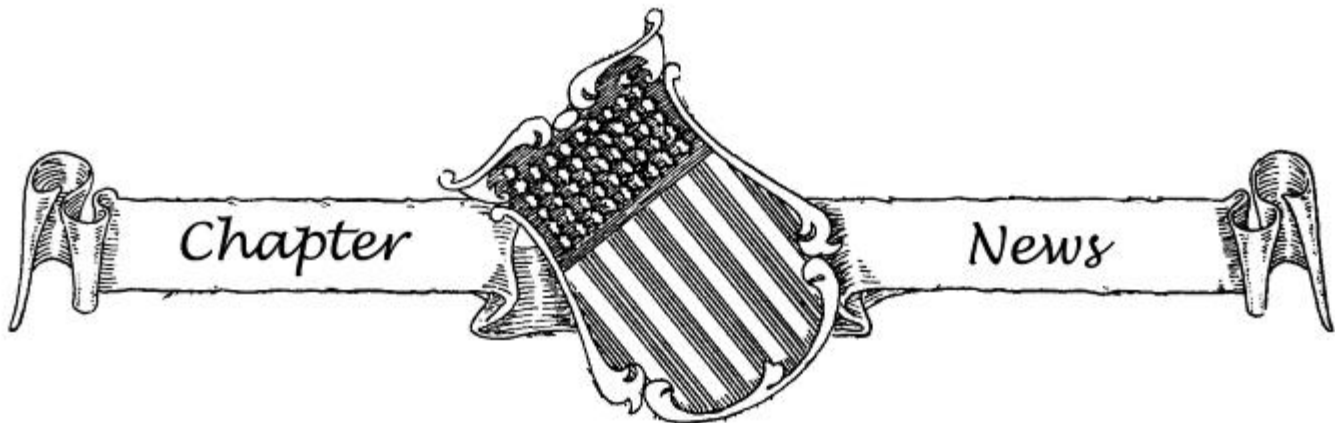
Also there are only 29 Centennial Medal Sets remaining.

Board Of Managers Meetings

- Saturday, April 23, 2022
- Saturday, July 23, 2022
- Saturday, October 22, 2022
- Winter TBA 2023

BOM location:

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



Atlanta

Center: Gregory Smith representing Atlanta chapter, as well as placing the New Mexico Society Wreath at the recent Washington - Wilkes grave marking.



Athens

Below: Compatriot Scott Collins at the Dawsonville grave marking, Oct 16.

Right: Scott at the Washington - Wilkes grave marking, Oct. 30.



Below: Scott Collins caught at the moment of combustion at the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, SC Society commemoration of the Battle of the Great Cane Brake.



Below: Heroism Award: A local resident was on his way back home from helping a friend move into an Atlanta apartment when he hydroplaned around 1:16 A.M. Aug. 3 at Loop 10 in Oconee County. He struck a guard rail and was attempting to wave down an oncoming vehicle to alert the driver of his situation. However, the driver slammed into his truck at a high rate of speed. The driver's car caught fire. Ledford extricated the driver and then with help removed the passenger. Both driver and passenger were transported to the hospital. "It just seemed like it had to be done; I didn't even think twice." "I couldn't leave them in there. I thought any second the car would blow up." "I had no choice but to help." Oconee County Sheriff's Officer Dylan Pulliam also assisted in getting the passenger out of the wreck and the Oconee Fire Rescue put out the fire.



Center: Athens Chapters members (L – R) Scott Collins, David Wiley, Joe Toms and Justin Reese participated in the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard at the Oconee Veterans Park on Veterans Day.



Above: Elijah Clarke Chapter DAR members Cat Warner, Jane Reese, Amy Busener, Santa AKA Jay Guest, Clare Newcomer, Aurelia Wood, and Darrell Mankin (Volunteer Coordinator for VA Clinics from Augusta) were all there for the event.



Center: Santa Visits Athens VA Clinic: Santa, AKA Jay Guest arrives at the Athens VA Clinic loaded with goodies. There were goody bags of toiletries, Krispy Kreme donuts, meal cards from McDonalds and Zaxby's and baked goods, fruit and drinks from the Elijah Clarke Chapter DAR

Below: Kaye Reeves, coordinator of the Veterans Children's Christmas Gifts along with Santa (AKA Jay Guest), at the Elijah Clarke Chapter DAR Christmas Party. The packages around them are for the Veteran's Children. Athens Chapter contributed to their purchase.



Left: Father Christmas Visits Athens Chapter: Athens Chapter President David Wiley presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Father Christmas (Compatriot Terry Manning) while Compatriot Jay Guest (AKA Santa) looks on. Compatriot Manning presented the program for the Chapter Christmas Party "The History of Christmas".

Below Center: Compatriots Terry Manning (AKA Father Christmas), Santa (AKA Jay Guest and Justin Reese supported the Elijah Clarke Chapter DAR at their Christmas Party.

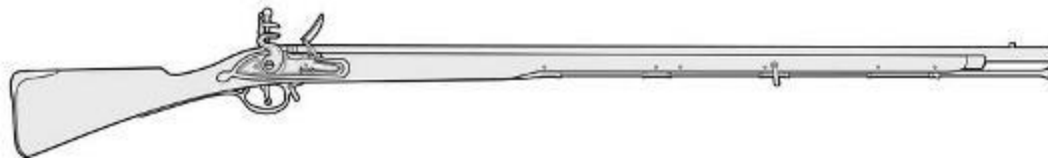


Blue Ridge Mountains



Left: Sid Turner at the Smyrna Grave Marking for 4 patriots.

Below: Steven Weaver also attended the October event.



Left: Jared Ogden carries one of the Colors at the Grave Marking in Dawsonville earlier that same month.

Brier Creek

Center: The Brier Creek Chapter held its October meeting at the American Legion in Sylvania. Our program for the evening was presented by Compatriot Hu Daughtry from the Mill Creek Chapter. Compatriot Hu's presentation was on his Revolutionary War Pitts family through each generation until present day.



Right: Getting ready for the Second Siege of Augusta re-enactment are (L - R) John Tapley, Jerry Lawson and Dess Smith III.



Below: "On September 17, 2021, members of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Augusta to celebrate the Constitution Day event that the Augusta Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held. The event began with a ceremony inside beautiful St. Paul's Church which included the Presentation of the Colors by the Award Winning Georgia Society Color Guard, commanded by the GASSAR Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer. After this ceremony, everyone moved outside to conduct the Presentation of the Wreaths by the DAR and SAR Chapters. Each Chapter of the East Fall Line Region was represented during the wreath presentation: William Few Alan Smith, Little River Alton McCloud, Fall Line Dess Smith III, Patrick Carr Rangers Steve Burke, Wiregrass Alton Reynolds, Four Rivers Wilder Smith, Jr., Brier Creek Don Bazemore and Mill Creek Thomas Miller. Also, from the Henry Laurens Chapter SCSSAR was Ted Walker. Commander Bill Palmer then called for the flintlock and cannon salute and taps by the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, East Fall Line Continentals, Brier Creek Militia and the Brier Creek Artillery."



Right: From L to R: Don Bazemore, Alton McCloud, Woody Woodard, Emory Fennell, Sonny Pittman, Dess Smith III, John Tapley and Steve Burke.

[Seems the sign is most fitting for this group Editor]



Right: Steve Burke among fellow Militiamen at the Patriots Grave Marking at Smyrna United Methodist Church, Washington, Georgia.



Center: Compatriot Dr. John Derden's, November program was on "The Court Martial of Patriot Major General John Ashe", the commander of the North Carolina Patriot forces and state troops from 1776-1779. He was commander at the Battle of Brier Creek, March 3, 1779. He resigned from military service after the Patriot defeat. Col. Prevost commander of the British forces approached the Patriots camp from the rear on March 3, with Ashe's force having just 15 minutes notice to prepare. Ashe's poorly trained and supplied militia were routed, with an estimated 150 casualties compared to around 16 British. Ashe was subjected to a court martial, which found him not entirely to blame for the defeat, but guilty of setting inadequate guards around the camp."



Right: Samuel is our newest member and the son of Compatriot Adam Bazemore and grandson of Compatriot Don Bazemore. With both of them looking on, President Wayne inducted Samuel into the Brier Creek Chapter.



Above: Compatriot Steve Burke came forward at the Dec. meeting and presented President Wayne Howard with the flag streamer that the Brier Creek chapter earned by presenting a wreath at the "Come and Take it", Fort Morris event on November 20, 2021.



Above: Brier Creek Chapter held its monthly December meeting at Compatriot John Fitzner's Clubhouse on the bank's of the Brier Creek.

Below: Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. (BCRWBA) held a cleanup day at the Battlefield. Those in attendance with equipment were: Tommy Christopher, Sherry Christopher, Stephen Hammond, John Fitzner, Jane Durden, Wilder Smith, Jr. and Alton Reynolds.



Below: The BCRWBA, Inc. has made the following commitments relative to the restoration and maintenance of the Brier Creek battlefield memorial and the planned entrance. The association will make initial assessment of current condition and plan its future needs and conduct annual assessments. The association will restore the memorial area, mow and trim at least twice a month. The association will install a lighted flagpole and base surrounded by pavers and replace the National Ensign as needed. The association will install a granite marker engraved with the names of the units engaged in the battle. The association will erect a National Park Service-type panel with a multi-colored map illustrating the current understanding of the course of the battle and placement of units. An appropriate entrance sign is being designed and will be installed by the Association at the junction of Brannen's Bridge Road and the Main Road into the battlefield.

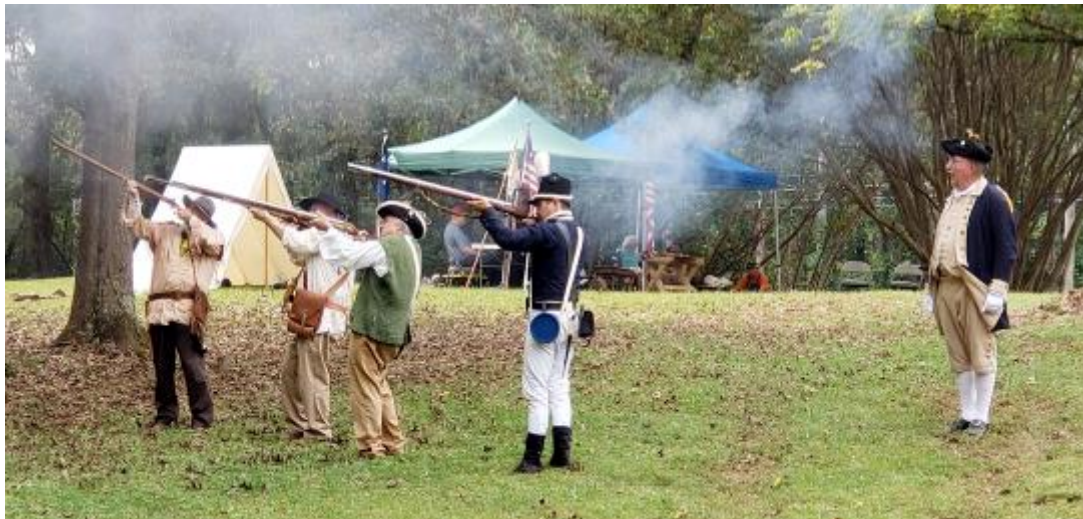
Right: Stephen Hammond signing the MOA with the GA Department of Natural Resources.

Below: Brier Creek Presents 6th Flag Certificate to Mayor Preston Dees of Sylvania, President Wayne Howard, Brier Creek Chapter in front of the Brier Creek mural on the Square.



Button Gwinnett

Below: The Button Gwinnett Chapter, Lawrenceville, GA, joined with the Philadelphia Winn DAR and the Elisha Winn C.A.R. in a NATIONAL SALUTE at the Elisha Winn Fair in Dacula, GA.



Cherokee

Cherokee Chapter took their Liberty Tree Environmental Education Program (LEEP) program on the road to Valdosta in November. Working with the Col. Ebenezer Folsom Chapter of the NSDAR, multiple Liberty Trees were planted and dedicated.

Many thanks to Daphne Wright, Heather Chambers, Jessica Catlett, Mary Kuntz, Paige Dukes, George Page, Michael Black, Lee Gainous, Gainous Shade Tree Nursery, Pat Bezona, Kathy Armstrong and the Moody Air Force Base 23rd Wing Honor Guard. Well done!





Below: Stan Lewis and Kevin Karel (below) recently presented a Flag Certificate to Kim Hagood, Principal, Carmel Elementary School. Carmel ES has consistently displayed our nation's flag since opening on February 21, 2000.



Above: Christmas Banquet 2021

Four Rivers Patriots



Left: Compatriots Dr. John Derden and John Tapley traveled to Lyons to attend the Four Rivers Chapter meeting. John presented his program on "President George Washington's 1791 trip through Georgia". After his presentation, Compatriot John presented President Matt, 5 Georgia Society battlefield Event Chapter Flag Streamers, that dual members of the Four Rivers Chapter had attended events and presented a wreath for the Four Rivers Chapter.



John Milledge



The John Milledge Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughter of the American Revolution, Partnered with GMC on Veterans day, to replant the Liberty Tree. After 99 years living on our Milledgeville Campus, a beloved tree named the Liberty Tree was cut down in 2020 due to its several years of declining health. That specific tree was planted on November 11, 1921 and today, 100 years later, we are proud to announce that a second Liberty Tree has been planted in the same spot on GMC's west lawn. GMC was happy to partner with Daughters of the American Revolution to see this historic project through. It is no coincidence that November 11th, then Armistice Day now Veterans Day, was selected for both plantings of the Liberty Trees. May our second tree serve as a constant reminder to honor our Veterans each and every day.



Above and Below: The John Milledge chapter recognize six Eagle Scouts of troop 124. Nick McHan, Mason Seymour, Joseph McMillan, Carson Smith, Will Franklin, and Hunter Jones.



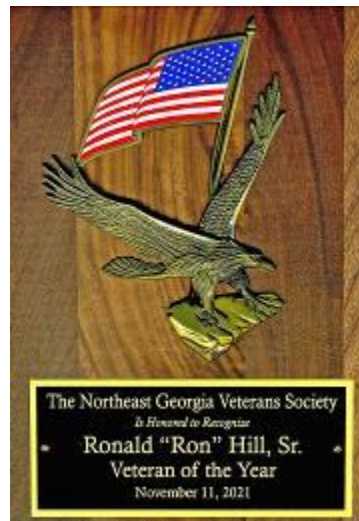


Left and Right: The John Milledge Chapter in the 2021 Christmas parade of Milledgeville.



Joseph Habersham

Ronald "Ron" G. Hill, Sr. President, Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution was recently recognized by the Northeast Georgia Veterans Society as "Veteran of the Year."



The citation reads: "In 2014, Ron Hill became one of the founding members of the Northeast Georgia Veterans Society (NGVS), He continues to serve as Secretary of the society. Ron has been instrumental in all the projects accomplished by the NGVS. These projects include a monument displaying the names of 35 White County citizens who were killed in action since WWI. Ron did the meticulous research to obtain all the names and background of the deceased veterans. He drafted a booklet with vignettes on each of the veterans that is prominently displayed at the White County Historical Society. Ron designed a life-size bronze statue of White County's famed World War II hero, Private Rondall H. Glaze. The City of Helen, GA created a Veterans Park to proudly display the statue. Ron meticulously researched and provided the most intricate details of each component of our hero's World War II uniform and equipment. Some of Ron's

greatest accomplishments can only be noted by the individuals he has assisted in overcoming their struggles and challenges. Ron has used his contacts and associations with persons of influence to the benefit of those who have no voice or influence. He has given assistance to countless veterans in navigating the government bureaucracy to obtain or acquire benefits from the Veterans Administration. During the year 2021, Ron serving as President of Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), personally recognized over 160 outstanding citizens and patriots within the six Northeast Georgia counties with SAR awards. Ron Hill's lifelong service to his country, including his U.S. Army service in the Korean War, Vietnam

War and recalled for service in Desert Storm and to others has brought great credit to him, the U.S. Army and the various organizations to which he belongs and the many contributions to our community, bring the utmost credit to him and the Northeast Georgia Veterans Society and the Joseph Habersham Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution."

Northeast Georgia Veterans Society



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J. Roxie "Herb" Webb, President November 11, 2021



Little River

Below Left: Don and Pat Thomas presented the Traveling Trunk on Oct. 12 to Lincoln County Middle School Students.

Below Right: On Nov. 5, Bill and Pat Colbert presented their Traveling Trunk program to students at Westminster Schools of Augusta, who were all dressed in period attire.



Right: Chapter members attended the Patriot Reuben Hill grave marking sponsored by Lyman Hall, the Little River and Robert Forsyth Chapters on Oct. 16 in Dawson County. Patriot Hill is an ancestor of chapter member Bill Colbert (center).



Below: At our October 21 and Annual meeting, GA SAR President David Jessel inducted our new officers and spoke about his career in the US Navy.



Below: Members of the Wiregrass and Brier Creek Chapters attended our meeting and provided the fireworks.





Left: Little River Chapter Members attending the 4-patriot grave marking ceremony on October 30 sponsored by the Washington-Wilkes Chapter SAR and Kettle Creek Chapter DAR.

Below: Members of the East Fall Line Region, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Thomson, GA to participate in Thomson's Annual Christmas Parade. L - R: Steve Burke - Wiregrass Chapter and Alton McCloud, Woody Woodard, Thomas Miller - Little River



Left: Little River Chapter President Bill Tankersley, Secretary Gary Smith Sr and new member Gary Smith Jr after having just been sworn into the chapter at Fire Station #2 Grovetown, GA. We are proud to have this active Fire Fighter in our organization and are thankful for his continued legacy of selfless service.

Right: Bill Colbert presenting Traveling Trunk at Meadow Garden, Home of George Walton, a Georgia Signer of the Declaration of Independence, on Dec. 3.



Lyman Hall

Right: Carter Wood and Joe Timms retire to flames an honored American standard, along with several others at the Annual Veterans Day observance in Winder, GA



Marquis de Lafayette

Right: David Jessel planting U.S. Flag at DAR Monument - Newnan, GA.



Marshes of Glynn



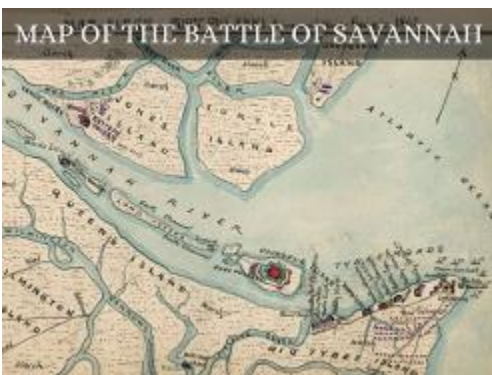
Left: Marshes of Glynn Compatriot Herbert Hucks III conducted a Flag Certificate presentation at Osprey Cove in St Marys on 25 October. He provided the following information: This is a very special flag at the entrance to Osprey Cove. It is situated so that it is seen by all the traffic on St Marys Road. The flag pole was erected through the efforts of residents Woodie White and Neal Moore where it stands proudly today. These two veterans raised about \$8,000 in 2010 and 2011 and had it in place and dedicated on September 11th, 2011, the 10th anniversary of 9/11. It is a tribute to all veterans as well as the victims of 9/11. The flag is properly lit at night and Woodie White makes sure it is lowered to half staff when appropriate. He also maintains the internal mechanism that raises and lowers the flag. In the photo, White is on the left, Moore in the middle and Compatriot Hucks III on the right.

Right: The Marshes of Glynn Chapter presented Leven Bufkin with the SAR Certificate of Recognition and Medal at his Eagle Scout Ceremony on 23 October. Eagle Scout Bufkin is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 204 in Brunswick. Pictured, from left to right, are Scout Master Teeple Hill, Eagle Scout



Leven Bufkin, SAR award presenter Chip Lewis, and Eagle Scout J. T. Tennant. Both Hill and Tennant are also SAR compatriots of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter.

Below: Dr. Christopher E. Hendricks, Professor of History at Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Campus. He discussed the Battle of Savannah during the Revolutionary War. (L - R) Marshes of Glynn Vice President Marty Moore, Dr. Hendricks, and Marshes of Glynn President Steven Ford.



Marshes of Glynn

Below: Compatriots from the Marshes of Glynn Chapter cleaned the small cemetery and grave markers of Georgia Revolutionary War Patriot Major William McIntosh and his family on 20 October 2021. The cemetery is located on private property in the Sinclair Plantation on St. Simons Island. After some research and negotiations, the Chapter has been allowed access to the site, which is in a remote section of Sinclair Plantation. The grave markers and vault stones have stains from years of moss growth but are still readable after cleaning.



The Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Georgia Society,
Sons of the American Revolution
and
The American Legion Posts of Glynn County, Post 9,
Post 166 and Post 504
Announces the
"Brunswick Heroes of the Golden Ray"
Awards Ceremony
Thursday, January 20th, 2022
New Life Sanctuary Church
940 Harry Driggers Blvd,
Brunswick, GA
The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m.
This ceremony is open to the public. Please come and support
our Local Heroes.
912-258-2033 or stevenhanson616@gmail.com

Mount Vernon

the Kettle Creek Chapter in Washington GA on October 12th. Rev. Bill Floyd (in Uniform) and Piedmont President Al Finley.

Below (3): Past President Shep Hammack, Chapter Genealogist/Registrar Tom Chrisman, and Sandy Springs DAR Regent Grier Payne proposed a flag pole be placed at the Donaldson-Banister Farm location in Dunwoody to the Dunwoody city council and the Dunwoody Preservation Trust (DPT) in 2020.

Dunwoody Mayor Lynn Deutsch and Dolores Lauderdale, Manager of Events at Donaldson-Bannister Farm accepted a check for \$2,000 from the SAR and DAR chapters. They agreed that, along with the flag pole, a bronze plaque could be placed at the pole site signifying the contribution from the DAR and the SAR.

Sheppard Hammack and wife Montez (Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR chapter - Roswell), President Tom Pye, past chapter Presidents Rev. William Floyd and Chuck Rann, veteran Richard McCrary & wife Catherine, veteran Lt. Col. Chuck Olson (Retired), Quarter-master Corps, Georgia Army National Guard (in uniform) and wife Ann, David Wellons & wife Jane, Tom Chrisman, veteran Hamilton ("Ham") McDonald, veteran Gene Ray, John ("Jack") Dyer, John Wassell & wife Beth, and Tom Hughes all attended. Guest Jerry Walling, a USN JAG officer also attended the dedication on Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

Right: Mount Vernon Chapter past President and now GASSAR Chaplain Rev William (Bill) Floyd attended the Washington-Wilkes Chapter SAR and



Right and Below: The October Chapter guest speaker was Herb Smith, retired life member of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Herb spoke to us about "The History of Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier."

His time at Arlington Cemetery included three (3) months at the John F. Kennedy grave site while training for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then thirteen (13) months at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as a sentinel and relief commander. Herb is the recipient of Tomb Guard Badge 70, which is the second rarest of military metals.

Herb is retired with his wife and lives in Conyers Georgia.



Above: Vice President Richard McCrary introduced new member Gary Alan Fudge to the group, and conducted the SAR new member ceremony. Registrar Tom Chrisman presented the SAR rosette to Gary's wife M'neil, who pinned it onto Gary's lapel. We welcome Gary to our chapter and to the SAR!



Left: Our Guest Speaker at the November meeting was Gary Page, who is the Past President of the Robert Forsyth Chapter and currently serving as the chapter Vice President & Secretary. In addition to his chapter roles, Gary also serves as the State of Georgia SAR Americanism Committee Chair and works as the webmaster for the South Atlantic District and the 2022 National Congress Committee. He is also a member of the State Color Guard.

Right: Guest Speaker Leslie Watkins, a National Society Daughters of the American Revolution member who talked about many women who participated as informants and spies during the American Revolution. Her topic was "SAR Women-More Than Just Camp Followers". It was an informative and spirited presentation.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Leslie Watkins by Chapter Vice President Richard McCrary.



Piedmont



Above: The SAR 2021 winner for the Roswell Fire Safety Commendation and Medal is Firefighter Chad Miller.



Above: Members of SAR Piedmont Chapter on October 25, 2021 at the Roswell City Hall meeting with Roswell Mayor Lori Henry (Photo Left) and City Council members awarded the following SAR 2021 Commendations and Medals for outstanding service contributions in our community: The Emergency Medical Services Commendation and Medal / The Fire Safety Commendation and Medal / Public Safety Police Commendation and Medal. Awards were presented by SAR Piedmont President Al Finley with the help of Roswell Police Chief James Conroy and Roswell Fire Chief Joe Pennino.



Left: The SAR 2021 winner for the Roswell Emergency Medical Services Commendation and Medal is EMS Director Alex Robles.

Below: The SAR 2021 winner for the Public Safety Police Commendation and Medal is 911 Communications Officer Amber Darby



Left: November 1, 2021 members of the Piedmont Chapter Sons of the American Revolution were invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Milton City Council. Our members were asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting. In attendance were Piedmont Chapter President Al Finley, Bob Sapp, George Thurmond, Rick Reese, Jr., Ron Redner, and Rick Reese, III.





Left: The Milton City Council later presented a proclamation to the Piedmont Chapter SAR honoring Veterans Day on 11 November.

Below (3): Members of the Piedmont Chapter SAR and Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR participated in the memorable 27th annual Veterans Day Celebration held at the Perimeter Church in Johns Creek, GA. In attendance were Allen Finley, Bob Sapp, George Thurmond, Rick Reese, Jr, Rick Reese, III, Linda Reese, Ron Redner, and Stacey McCarver.



Robert Forsyth



Right: GASSAR Secretary John Flikeid, carries the SAR flag and stands behind his Descendants of Valley Forge wreath at the grave marking sponsored by Robert Forsyth in Dawson County in Oct.

Left: Ed Rigel Jr. read the registered wreath presentation list for the ceremony. He seems very happy about something. Maybe it is the successful completion of his term as Chairman of the Georgia Fellows. Thanks Ed!

Below: Multiple members of the Robert Forsyth Chapter are seen below as they hustle and bustle to get the final touches done before the grave marking.



Above: Chaplain Byron Tindall reads the Invocation, as Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Slaughter awaits his opportunity to lead the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Left: Later in October, Chaplain Byron lays aside his Prayer book and takes his musket in hand to join the militia line at the 4 patriot grave marking in Washington - Wilkes.

Washington-Wilkes

Right: A visiting Compatriot is greeted by Mr. Thad T. Broome at W-WSAR Grave Marking Ceremony on 10-30-2021.

Below: . David Chesnut, WW Chapter President, Caleb Norman, drummer, Rev. Ed Anderson, Chaplain, WW Chapter; Bill Palmer, GASSAR Color Guard Commander.



Right: Rev. Edward Anderson, Chaplain W-WSAR, leads in prayer after Ms. Katy Meech, descendant of Patriot William Barnett, recognizes wreath presenters on 10-30-2021.



Below: W-WSAR President, J. David Chesnut, presides over the Grave Marking Ceremony on 10-30-2021. Left to Right: Ms. Katy Meech (descendant of Patriot William Barnett), Ms. Peggy Jones (Kettle Creek DAR Chapter Regent), Mr. Thad Broome (W-WSAR Secretary and Committee Chair), Mr. J. David Chesnut (W-WSAR President) and Mr. Emory Allen Burton (Member of W-WSAR and speaker) .



Wiregrass

Left: Compatriot Dess Smith presented a message on the Revolutionary War Battle at Guilford Courthouse. Dess had a short introduction about the battle and then showed a 30 minute video titled "Another Such Victory", The Battle of Guilford Courthouse. The title is referring to what British statesman, Charles James Fox (1749-1806), said of this result: "Another such victory would ruin the British army," because of how many soldiers he lost to obtain victory.



Below: Author and Historian Lee McDowell. Lee and his wife traveled over 200 miles from below Jacksonville, FL to attend our meeting and present his program on "U.S. Presidents that were Military Officers". He mentioned and told historical stories on each President that had been a military officer from President George Washington through President George Bush.



Above: Wiregrass Chapter Sponsored "Wreath across America" event in the "Pine Brook Nature Park. Wreaths were presented at the 4 war memorials and at the memorial for 1st responders.

Wiregrass members Al Smith and Wilder Smith, Jr., Little River member Alton McCloud and Wiregrass Member Steve Burke. Not pictured were Johnny Tapley, Emory Fennell and Julian Sconyers.

Right: Compatriot Alton Reynolds presented President Wilder with the Chapter Flag Streamer received for participation in the 240th Anniversary Commemoration of the Second Siege of Augusta.





Left: Little River Ladies Auxiliary with Auxiliary President Brenda Jessel. L - R: Terisa Donehoo, Edith Roth, JoAnn Smith, Pat Colbert, Pat Thomas, and Brenda Jessel.

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Mr. President,

It has been an honor to serve with the GASSAR LA Board and members during 2021.

It was an honor to accompany the President to several chapter visits, enjoying much camaraderie, and always an opportunity to speak about and invite ladies to join as Life members of the GASSAR LA. Not to be forgotten are the many fine meals enjoyed at several chapters. Thank you for your warm hospitality.

Membership in the Ladies Aux was a primary goal for this administration, and to this end, we are pleased to announce a membership increase of 47 ladies in 2021.

In the business of the LA, Bylaws are being revised to bring our Ladies Auxiliary into conformance with NSSAR LA. This change allows all ladies who would like to support the principles of the GASSAR to join the Ladies Auxiliary. This officer thanks GSS DAR State Regent OB McCorkle, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, for her support in this endeavor.

The Executive Board has worked with the GASSAR Congress Planning Committee toward a successful 2022 NSSAR Congress in Savannah. This will be a topic at the January 29 GASSAR LA meeting. All ladies are invited to the program and meeting beginning at 9:30 am at the Sonesta Hotel.

As new officers are elected and installed on January 29, we will welcome Jane Durden as 2022 President. We are grateful for each kindness and courtesy to this officer, the Board, and each member. Thank you for the privilege of serving in this very special way.

**Gratefully,
Brenda Davison Jessel
GASSAR LA President, 2021**

One of the great pleasures of serving the GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary is the opportunity to travel with the State President, and to meet so many wonderful compatriots and their ladies, and other ladies who are interested in the GASSAR LA Auxiliary. Pictured below are members of the Tomochichi Chapter NSDAR whom I recently met at a Joseph Habersham GASSAR dinner meeting, and who have joined the Auxiliary. Recent changes at NSSAR have made it possible for those women who are interested in and wish to support the SAR but lack the SAR affiliation of bloodline or marriage to join the Auxiliary. We are proud to have 47 new members, both affiliated with SAR and non-affiliated with SAR, who have joined in 2021. Membership in the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary is a Lifetime membership, \$40, and includes a lovely pin which will be sent by this officer.

Plans are continuing for a wonderful NSSAR Congress in Savannah 2022 including many opportunities to meet new friends, renew acquaintances and enjoy the hospitality room at the hotel as well as other planned events. There will be a Ladies Tea, Ladies Auxiliary meeting and program and Ladies Luncheon as well. Our GASSAR LA Team is working enthusiastically. Thank you to those who have been working and those who have volunteered to work.

~ It has been my honor to serve as President, meet you and wish you a wonderful and blessed 2022 for you and your family. I hope to see you in July in Savannah if not before.

My best always, Brenda Davison Jessel



Above: Attending a Joseph Habersham GASSAR dinner: With the Tomochichi Chapter NSDAR: Brenda Jessel; Leslie Rohrabacher, Polly Earle; prospective member Mona Rumsey; Rosy Brown; Gwen Ivester, and Betty Massey. Not pictured are GASSAR Ladies Aux and NSDAR members DiAnn Collins and Evie Whitfield.



**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: Philadelphia Winn DAR and the Elisha Winn C.A.R. held a NATIONAL SALUTE on Saturday, October 2nd, during the Elisha Winn Fair in Dacula, GA. The ceremony referred to as the NATIONAL SALUTE commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and allows participants to show their respect for our unknown soldiers and all military veterans around the world.

The ceremony included three components:

Children of the American Revolution

21 Count Honors, which “calls to attention” for the purpose of rendering the highest honors to those Americans who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. This was performed by members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR shooting musket volleys and the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR ringing bells.

The Great Silence honors those who have already sacrificed their lives and those who will sacrifice their lives in the future. The ceremonial wreaths were laid by the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR President Mike Watkins, the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR Regent Connie Rifkind, and the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Second Vice President, Taylor N. A Mourn Muskets Salute was jointly performed by the Button Gwinnett SAR Militia and the newly formed “Children’s Militia.”

Taps is the melody to render honors for the final resting of our fallen soldiers. Taps was played by Noah T., Recording Secretary for the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Noah is also a Junior Member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR and the Georgia State Society SAR Color Guard.



Right: The Button Gwinnett Chapter, Lawrenceville, GA, joined in the NATIONAL SALUTE.



The 243rd Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Fort Morris was the first celebration of this occurrence as a National SAR event. Five C.A.R. Societies: Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Elisha Winn, Jacob Roberts Brown, Martha Stewart Bulloch and Sukey Hart participated. Georgia State Pres Will Tims (Piedmont SAR Chapter) brought greetings, 1VP Hope Frederick led the Pledge, Fort Morris Chair Reese Lowrie led the 13 Revolutionary Flag Ceremony and Noah Tindall (Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter) played Taps.

There was a great turnout with well over 100 guests, SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members and Living History interpreters celebrating the 1778 Siege of Fort Morris and the immortal reply of Lt. Col. John McIntosh to the British Col Louis Fuller's demand for surrender, "Come and Take it!"





Right: Susan Gwaltney, Sunbury Chapter, opened the Veterans Day Ceremony at Watson Hall.



Below: Unveiling the bench made from the 1921 Liberty Tree at Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, GA. The tree died, but wood from the original was used to create the bench. A new tree was planted on the same location as the original Tree, exactly 100 years later to the day.



Below: President Jessel addresses the GSSDAR during their Constitutional Dinner in Macon, GA in Oct. Debbie Bash looks on.



Above: Barbara Weaver, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, DAR, presenting wreath at the Patriot Tanners grave site.

Below: President and Brenda Jessel enjoyed great fellowship and a jolly good dinner at the event.





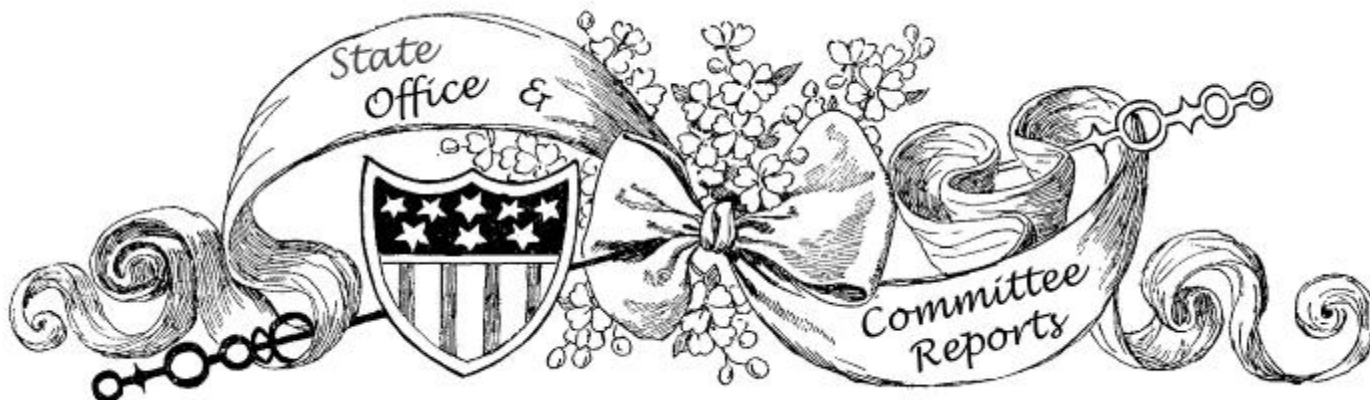
Left: (L - R) Mrs. Brenda D. Jessel, GSSDAR State Regent Mrs. O.B. McCorkle, & President David Jessel pose for a group photo.



**Georgia Society
Deceased Members
October 01, - December 31,
2021**

Correction: Charles Neal GARNETT National #181810 of the Ocmulgee Chapter was erroneously listed last quarter. Happy to say Chuck is still with us. Sorry about that Chuck.

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Walton Cossitt GLOVER,	193887	Marquis de Lafayette	11 Oct 2021
John Edwin MCCUTCHEON	164744	Coweta Falls	22 Oct 2021
William Wayne WHATLEY, Sr.	165588	Coweta Falls	11 Nov 2021
Edward Christian ROGGE, Jr.	188031	Atlanta	23 Nov 2021
Robert Eugene BIGGERS	152072	Button Gwinnett	01 Dec 2021
Wilbur Charles MULL,	189482	Athens	05 Dec 2021





Georgia Society New Members Since October 1, 2021

Secretary - John Flikeid

New Members



	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Athens				
	03 Dec 2021	Brenton David ADCOX	Richard MORRIS	Donald BURDICK
	03 Dec 2021	James Garry ADCOX	Richard MORRIS	Donald BURDICK
	03 Dec 2021	Jason Tyler ADCOX	Richard MORRIS	Donald BURDICK
Atlanta				
	01 Oct 2021	Warren Michael DEEDS	Thomas DEEDS	David Andrews NOBLE
	01 Oct 2021	David Michael DEEDS	Thomas DEEDS	David Andrews NOBLE
	01 Oct 2021	Warren Derrick DEEDS	Thomas DEEDS	David Andrews NOBLE
	08 Oct 2021	Nicholas Joel BARKER	Vincent STEVENS	David Andrews NOBLE
	15 Oct 2021	Joseph Harrell BLACKMON	John PARKER	David Andrews NOBLE
	03 Dec 2021	Joe Lewis ANDERSON, Sr.	Walter HANSON	Edward Moses ANDERSON, Sr.
Cherokee				
	01 Oct 2021	Stephen Edward JONES	John WANSLEY	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
Coweta Falls				
	19 Nov 2021	Paul Norman BLANKENBECKLER	Zachariah BLANKENBECKLER	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
Dalton				
	19 Nov 2021	Elmer Bryan ACREE	Archibald LACEY	Robert Eldon WOODARD
Edward Telfair				
	08 Oct 2021	William Paschal MILLER	John PEARSON	Roger Warren COURSEY
	08 Oct 2021	Willie Alford COLEMAN	Jonathan COLEMAN	Roger Warren COURSEY
	19 Nov 2021	Thomas Christian BENTLEY	Hardy DELOACH	Roger Warren COURSEY
	03 Dec 2021	Matthew Rockwell HADWIN	David VALLOTTON	Roger Warren COURSEY
	03 Dec 2021	Larry William HADWIN, Jr.	David VALLOTTON	Roger Warren COURSEY
	03 Dec 2021	Robert Wayne HADWIN	David VALLOTTON	Roger Warren COURSEY
	03 Dec 2021	Bradley Jonathan HADWIN	David VALLOTTON	Roger Warren COURSEY
Joel Early				
	19 Nov 2021	Lester Hubert HIGHTOWER	John GUEST	David Neal SPOONER
	19 Nov 2021	James Rivers PHELPS	David CARLTON	David Neal SPOONER
John Collins				
	03 Dec 2021	Justin Alexander KERR	John BLOODWORTH	Gregory Eugene SMITH
	03 Dec 2021	Michael Patrick KERR	John BLOODWORTH	Gregory Eugene SMITH
Jos. Habersham				
	08 Oct 2021	Stanley Lee PRATHER	Benjamin CROWLEY	William Hughes RAPER
	08 Oct 2021	Drew Stanley PRATHER	Benjamin CROWLEY	William Hughes RAPER
	15 Oct 2021	Rodney Livingston RUMSEY	Job SOSEBEE	William Hughes RAPER

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Little River				
** omitted from last issue	13 Aug 2021	Gary Lee Smith Jr.	David SMITH	Gary Lee SMITH Sr.
** omitted from last issue	13 Aug 2021	Robert Hugh Anthony, Jr.	William BENTLEY	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	03 Dec 2021	Benjamin Hampton Creech, Jr.	William CREECH	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	31 Dec 2021	James Anderson Davis III	John CAMDEN	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Marshes of Glynn				
	03 Dec 2021	Greg Burdette GATES	John ADAMS	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Mill Creek				
	19 Nov 2021	Charles Hunter PERRY	Lazurus SOLOMON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	19 Nov 2021	Jackson Thomas PERRY	Lazurus SOLOMON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	19 Nov 2021	Charles Eugene PERRY JR	Lararus SOLOMON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Ocmulgee				
	08 Oct 2021	Roy Wilson GRIFFIS, JR.	John BURKHALTER, SR.	William Otis WALKER
Piedmont				
	03 Dec 2021	Shields Pettus BLANKENSHIP, III	Nazareth MITCHELL	Glenn Franklin KIRK, Jr.
Samuel Elbert				
	17 Dec 2021	Jerry Leo SPIVEY	Stephen STANFORD	James Larry WILSON
Valdosta				
	15 Oct 2021	Marcus Edward JOHNSON	Moses COX	Michael Maxwell BLACK
	22 Oct 2021	Scott Michael PIERCE	William PANGBURN	Michael Maxwell BLACK
William Few				
	22 Oct 2021	Jason Daniel BRIGHAM	Abijah BRIGHAM	Jerry Powell BRIGHAM
	22 Oct 2021	Brian Thomas BRIGHAM	Abijah BRIGHAM	Jerry Powell BRIGHAM
	19 Nov 2021	Edward Dennis UMSTEAD	John HERMAN	Mark Owne WALTERS
	03 Dec 2021	John Douglas LANDRUM	Thomas BENNETT	Mark Owne WALTERS
Wiregrass				
	29 Oct 2021	Christian Henry Craig BELLAMY	Colesby SMITH	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	19 Nov 2021	Brandon Burley PAGE	Joshua WATSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	03 Dec 2021	Robert Heath BAILEY	Adam BRINSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	03 Dec 2021	Adam Brinson BAILEY	Adam BRINSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	03 Dec 2021	John David BAILEY	Adam BRINSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	03 Dec 2021	Burley Eurias PAGE, Jr.	Joshua WATSON	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	4th Quarter Total:	46		

Areas of Focus Needed

Ongoing areas needing focus by our chapters.

Active recruitment programs

Strong on-boarding process for new members, including "Buddy System"

A rich content program, and strong event calendar, including:

Sponsoring grave markings

Participation in State and National events

Proclamations

Strong speaker programs

Relationship with local veterans' groups, DAR and CAR

Community relations

Touching base with less active members

Bringing back dropped members

Staying close to Americanism activities (many of which area above): THIS is what builds strong chapters! This is the blueprint!

Fundraising for Georgia 2022 Congress

	Q4
Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2021	1965
<u>Additions</u>	
New Members - Regular	167
New Members - Junior	14
Memorial Members	4
Transfers In	7
Reinstatements	33
Reinstatement-Transfers	4
Total Additions	229
<u>Losses</u>	
Deceased	48
Memorial Members	4
Resignations	0
Transfers Out	23
Total Losses	75
<u>Active Membership as of 31 December 2021</u>	2119
Reported to National	
Plus: Dual Members (Out of State)	20
<u>Active Membership as of 31 December 2021</u>	2139
Reported to BOM	
Total Increase YTD:	174



ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel



The GASSAR OC Packages have been judged and the winner and runner-up are listed below. Cadet Defoor will be recognized at the Georgia Society SAR 2022 Annual Meeting on Saturday January 29, 2022. The winner is awarded a cash award of \$550.00 while the runner-up Cadet Edwards receives a cash award of \$400.00. The GASSAR Outstanding Cadet (OC) represents the Georgia Society in the National Competition. The top five OC's in the NSSAR Contest receive cash awards with the winner receiving \$5,000.00 and up to \$1,500.00 in travel expenses to the NSSAR National Congress in Savannah, GA to receive the award from the President General.

Four chapters nominated a Chapter OC to the GASSAR State Competition. Chapter nominations are:

- 1ST - Joseph Habersham Chapter – Cadet Griffin J. Defoor AJROTC White County High School
- 2ND - Ocmulgee Chapter – Cadet Khailbron Edwards AFJROTC Warner Robins High School
- 3RD – Piedmont Chapter – Cadet Samuel Glotzbach AJROTC Centennial High School
- 4TH – Edward Telfair Chapter – Cadet Jovanni Utrera NJROTC South Effingham High School

14 Silver ROTC Medals for twelve Georgia Universities will be presentation in 2022 to outstanding cadets/midshipmen selected by the ROTC Program. Medal Packages will be forwarded to ROTC Units starting in Jan/Feb 2022.

ROTC Units in Georgia and Presenting Chapters

Augusta State University	Army	William Few
Columbus State University	Army	Coweta Falls
Fort Valley University	Army	Ocmulgee
Georgia Military College	Army	John Milledge
GA Southern University	Army	Mill Creek
Georgia State University	Army	Mount Vernon
Georgia Inst. Of Technology	A, N, AF	Mount Vernon
University of N. Georgia	Army	Lyman Hall
Savannah State University	Navy	Edward Telfair
UGA	A, AF	Athens
Valdosta State University	AF	Valdosta

There are many other A,N,AF ROTC Units in Georgia, but they are considered Cross Town Units and fall under one of the Listed Host Units.

**IT - Richard Marsh****Online Dues Collection**

The GASSAR website provided the ability to pay Chapter, State and National dues online to 21 of the 35 GASSAR chapters. A total of 308 transactions were processed in three categories. They are as follows:

Regular Members	241
Regular Members paid by family members	42
Dual Members of other chapters	25

The online dues system also included the ability to collect for various special funds. A total of \$3,370.37 was collected in the following categories:

Friends of the Library	\$600.00 (24 members)
Georgia Fellows	\$750.00 (3 members)
Various Chapter Initiatives	\$2,020.37 (5 chapters had special funds)

Overall, the process worked well with the most common issues being members forgetting their passwords and members forgetting they made the payment through PayPal and disputing the charge with their credit card company.

General

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

**Patriot Medal - Roger Coursey**

The Patriot Committee would like to thank those who submitted nominations for the Patriot Medal for 2021. The Committee has made its selections and the results will be revealed at the Annual Meeting Friday Night Banquet. A full report of the results will be submitted after the Annual Meeting has concluded.



Georgia Registrar North - Don Bulloch

Thirty-four (34) applications were processed in the fourth quarter. The end total for 2021 was two hundred and two (202).

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Atlanta:	6			
Blue Ridge Mtns:	3	2		
Button Gwinnett:		3		
Capt. John Collins:	1	3		
Cherokee:	1	1		
Coweta Falls:	1			
Dalton:				
Joseph Habersham		3		
Marquis de Lafayette:	1	2	2	
Piedmont:	2	1		
Robert Forsyth	1			
TOTAL	17	15	2	



Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson

Thirty-four (26) applications were processed in the fourth quarter. The end total for 2021 was one hundred and thirty six (202).

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Altamaha:	1			
Col. William Few:		1		
Edward Telfair:	9		2	
Little River:	1		1	
Marshes of Glynn	4		3	
Mill Creek			1	
Valdosta	1			
Wiregrass:	1		1	
TOTAL	16	1	8	



Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

2022 marks a very special year for the Georgia SAR as we prepare to host the upcoming National SAR Congress in Savannah on July 10-15. I hope you and your family will make plans to attend this historic occasion! There are many important events planned, including a tour of Fort Morris, a fine BBQ lunch at Dorchester Academy, a grave marking at Midway Church, tours of Savannah and the 8th Air Force Museum.

Please refer to our GASSAR and National webpages for more information. Rooms are filling up fast at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, so get your reservations in now! We plan on dedicating and unveiling a SAR Park Bench at the Tricentennial Revolutionary Park on the afternoon of July 14 where the SAR President General, Davis Lee Wright, and other dignitaries will make comments. The 2022 Congress in Savannah gives the GASSAR a very special opportunity to be in the forefront of the 250th Anniversary and set the celebratory tone leading up to 2026. We also plan to

have the Mayor of Savannah, the Honorable Van R. Johnson and local Alderman Bernetta Lanier at the dedication event. We are hopeful that the mayor will get a Proclamation approved by the Savannah City Council prior to the SAR National Congress. We are pursuing these actions, aided by Savannah SAR Members Lamar Davis, Jeff Loomis and Roger Coursey.

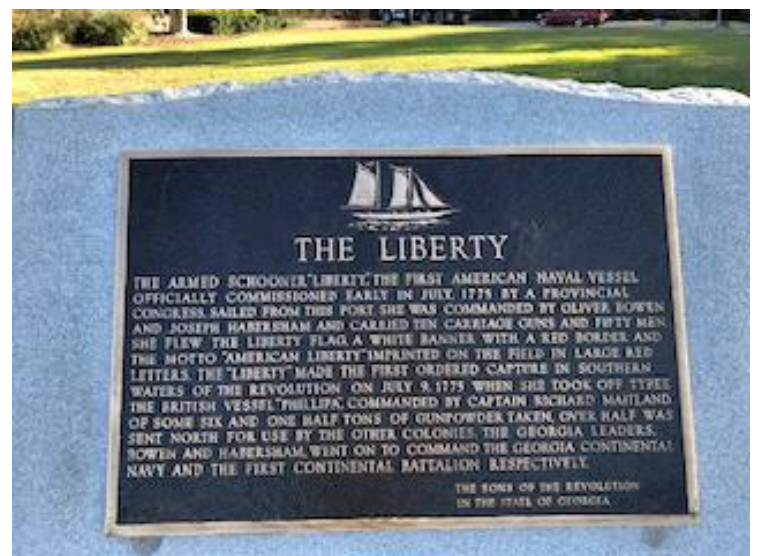
The GASSAR Congress Committee is also considering an additional Park Bench in Johnson Square, one of Savannah's many lovely parks. Johnson Square is the home of the Nathaniel Greene Monument and the historical marker noting George Washington's 1791 visit to Savannah. The Park is also across the street from Christ Church, where Washington attended Sunday services prior to his departure. Thus, it would be an excellent location for a SAR Park Bench celebrating our 250 years of American Freedom! This would also give the Georgia Society increased name recognition and help draw new members. We will be pursuing this course of action with the appropriate Savannah authorities in the very near future.

I received photos of the new Sons of the Revolution Liberty monument in Savannah so you will be aware of its placement along the River Walk. I like the brick foundation and believe that our SAR park bench in Tricentennial Revolutionary Park should be on a brick foundation. The brick is more impressive and visually pleasing than plain concrete. I am now trying to locate a concrete/brick contractor in Savannah and any assistance in this search would be greatly appreciated.

We will need to have the foundation in place before the bench is installed, hopefully in the near future. The SAR park bench was ordered in October and there is a 4 - 5 month wait time. I'm assuming the bench in the photo is attached to the brick foundation by steel rods? I need to make sure our SAR bench can withstand public use (and abuse). Thanks for your valuable input on the SAR park bench.

Remember that the Andrew Jackson Hermitage / SAR Park Bench dedication is scheduled for 3/13/2022 in Nashville at 2:00 pm Central Time! Color Guardsmen and Ladies in Period dress will gain Free admission. The Hampton Inn in Mt Juliet was chosen as the host hotel, but they are experiencing administrative problems and I recommend that you book at the Holiday Inn Express in the same location. They show an online rate of \$148.00 that includes taxes, but I am now trying to reserve a block of rooms at this hotel (with lower rate) and will get another update very soon. Many other hotels are also available in the Mt Juliet area.

Please keep the media press information going into the SAR magazine and to Emil Decker for the Hornet's Nest newsletter! I highly recommend that you take plenty of photos and designate someone to take photos at your important events! A photo is worth a thousand words! An iPhone photo is fine but **DO NOT TEXT** the photo! Email it in full size pixels - the SAR Magazine requires at least one-megapixel photos. It is best to email the photos attached to the story to ensure that information is not misplaced as SAR Magazine get hundreds of emails daily! If I can assist you in any way in your media efforts, please let me know!





Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett

2021 was a good year for the Georgia Rumbaugh Orations Contest. The Georgia winner, Samiksha Gaherwar, was one of the top six winners in the nation allowing her to go to the National Congress in Renton, Washington on July 12 where she placed 4th in the nation. Congratulations to Samiksha and to the Robert Forsyth Chapter for sponsoring her. Way to go Georgia!!! Thank you to the Joel Early Chapter, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Ocmulgee Chapter and the Robert Forsyth Chapter for participating in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Thank you to all the compatriots that helped with the 2021 contest: committee members Joe Bishop and Greg Smith; judges: Wayne Brown, Barry Miller and Greg Smith; and a special thank you to Rick Reese who set up our google folder and hosted the zoom meeting allowing us to have this contest during the pandemic.

Now is a good time to get started for this years competition and I encourage all chapters to participate. Please get information and application packets to your local high schools. Information brochures and application packets can be found on the National Website at sar.org, under the education tab about half way down the list is the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest-at the end of the article there are two downloads: one for informational brochures and the second one for the application package. Chapter packages are due to the state committee each year on April 10. We will have state competition at the Spring BOM following the meeting. If you have any questions please email me at garnett31016@bellsouth.net or call 478-214-3715.



Historian - David Ludley

Activities of the past quarter:

As State Historian, I maintain a digital catalog of documents on a USB Flash Drive. Within the digital catalog, I have various categories of file folders, in which I store photos of the state documents, which I then archive at the Atlanta History Center. Curator Sue VerHoef at the Atlanta History Center, my former contact for archival of GASSAR items has since been promoted to Director of Oral History and Genealogy, and has been replaced by Leah Lefautz, with whom I now schedule appointments for adding additional materials to the Archives.

In addition, I have become an official member of the NSSAR, the Merchandizing Subcommittee, and Historian Committee.

I have been working hard on The History of the Georgia Society for the year 2021, which I will complete and send to the webmaster for publication, as well as to the Source Book, and to "The Hornet's Nest." I await the final issue of "The Hornet's Nest," to aid in the completion of this 2021 GASSAR History.

Since I have recently been selected by the GASSAR Nominating Committee to be the nominee for next year's Georgia Society Senior Vice President, I will be meeting with the next State Historian at the Atlanta History Center in order to walk him through procedures and methodology, and to transfer all materials over to him.



Georgia Fellows Board - Edward P. Rigel, Jr

K. Scott Collins (Athens) has been elected by the Georgia Fellows to serve as Chairman for a three year term. Compatriot Collins joined Athens Chapter Georgia Society SAR in 2009. He is Past President of the Georgia Society SAR (2019) and current National SAR Trustee for Georgia. He serves as First Adjutant of the National Color Guard and is the incoming Georgia Color Guard Commander.

He has received the Patriot Medal, Silver Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Good Citizenship Medal, Roger Sherman Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Patriot Grave Marking Medal, Bronze Color Guard Medal, Silver Color Guard Medal and Georgia Color Guard Commanders Award. He is a Georgia Fellow and at the national level a George Washington Fellow. Scott Collins will serve as Chairman of the Georgia Fellows Board for the 2022-2024 term.

He works as a Certified Public Accountant and Registered Investment Advisor.

The Georgia Fellows are well represented by Scott, and we look forward to his leadership in this role.

New Georgia Fellows:

William Ramsaur
Jimmy Boatwright
Brent Taylor

These three Compatriots were honored by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter for their long and faithful service.

Fourth Quarter:

The Chairman received a request from the Piedmont Chapter to donate \$500 to the Atlanta VA Hospital for Thanksgiving activities. After consultation with the Board and Veterans Committee Chairman Gary Hoyt, it was decided to defer donations to December and make an equitable contribution to all three VA Hospitals. The Atlanta VA Medical Center, the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center (Augusta), and the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center (Dublin) each received a donation of \$250.

The Marshes of Glynn Chapter received assistance in purchasing Heroism Medals, Lifesaving Medals, and Good Citizenship Medals to be presented to multiple First Responders who assisted in rescuing the crew of the capsized MV Golden Ray.

Compatriot JC Hustis of the Robert Forsyth Chapter received a \$200 uniform stipend.

(Chairman's Note: I want to offer my sincere thanks all the Georgia Fellows for placing their trust in me for the last six years. I know the Fund will be in good hands with Compatriot Collins at the helm.)

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:

Marshes of Glynn	3
Blue Ridge Mountains	2
Atlanta	1
Piedmont	1

**Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.****GASSAR 2021-2022 school year Poster Contest Guidelines**

The guidelines for the Poster Contest are set by the NSSAR, but the specific topics are determined at the state level by the GASSAR Education Committee. Consistent with the stated permanent themes of the SAR for this contest,

"Revolutionary War Events" in school years ending in an even number will be the general topic. The specific options for topic selection for the GASSAR poster contest will be ONE of these:

The Battle of Kettle Creek, Washington Crossing the Delaware, The Stamp Act, The Boston Tea Party

(The contest topic selections have Changed to comply with the "Social Studies K-12 Georgia Standards.")

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

"27.4.0-Georgia Society SAR Elementary School Poster Contest" & "27.4.1-Entry-Form-for-Back-of-Poster"

**Electronic Communications - Rick Reese, Jr.****Activities**

Hosted Chapter monthly meetings for the Piedmont Chapter both in person and streaming on Zoom during October, November, and December.

Hosted Chapter monthly meeting for the Atlanta Chapter in October on Zoom.

Hosted 2022 Congress planning Committee monthly meetings in the fourth quarter on Zoom.

Hosted South Atlantic District Presidents monthly meetings in the fourth quarter on Zoom.

Hosted the Georgia Society Fall BOM meeting on October 23, 2021 live in-person in Barnesville and live streamed the meeting for 25 participants on Zoom.

Library - Hugh Rodgers







The Georgia Society continued its strong support of the NSSAR Genealogical Library during the Fall Quarter. Our total membership in Friends of the Library by December was 55, just shy of the top position nationally among state societies. Six Georgia Society compatriots are now Life Members of the FOL! There has been a strong surge of support at chapter level, especially by the Atlanta Chapter, for FOL. Thanks to Georgia compatriots for investing in SAR future by supporting the Library.





Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley

Thank you to all the chapters who awarded at least one Public Service & Heroism medal to a deserving First Responder or Citizen this year. Please check the report carefully and let me know if any additions or corrections need to be made.

Chapter	Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
					
Athens				Kale Ledford James Willis	Gariot Dixon Hobbs
Blue Ridge Mountains	Andrew Glass David Ridings Pat Schmidt	Bradley Beaver Tiffany Czirok Tyler Limburg	Felicia Asher Jay Chastain, Jr. Spencer Kitchens		
Captain John Collins	Stan Melton	Mike Freeland	Gary Collins	Mike Freeland	Gary Collins
Joseph Habersham	Jerry Becknell Rick Kelley Ron Webb	Chad Black Scottie Mathis Cody Vickery Seth Weaver	Chad Black Dylan Smith Randall Whitlock		Ben Dills Ryan Hayden Jason Meaders Joey Ramsey Robert Rhodes Rondal Robinson Andy Turk
Little River	Andy Carrier	Gary Smith, Jr.	James Lemley		
Marquis de Lafayette				Charles Landrum	
Ocmulgee	John Trussell				
Piedmont	Richard Austin Amber Darby	Chad Miller	Alex Robles		
Robert Forsyth	Deborah Forrest				
William Few		Philip Brigham			



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

2021 has been an unusual and difficult year as far as Outreach Education has been concerned because of the Covid-19 virus and accompanying restrictions regarding in-school programs. However, during the annual Georgia Society meetings on January 28 & 29, 2022 we would like to recognize the GASSAR Chapters and individuals for their effort to reach out to students and our communities in order to keep Revolutionary War history alive during this year. Submissions should have been received by an updated date of 30 December, 2021.

Chapter submissions would have been for these awards listed below:

Chapter Education Outreach Streamer Award

Contest Description: This certificate and streamer is presented at the GASSAR annual conference to any chapter that has sponsored education outreach programs to a total of 1,000 or more students and/or adults during the calendar year.

Best Chapter Education Outreach Award

Contest Description: This award goes to the chapter with best overall youth & adult education outreach program in calendar year. Awards: A certificate and a \$200 cash prize to the chapter for use in improvements in its outreach program will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner, except that a chapter will not be awarded the cash prize if they also won the cash prize for the Dr. Lyman Hall Award (most improved chapter).

Dr. Lyman Hall Most Improved Education Outreach

Contest Description: This award goes to the chapter that has shown the most improvement in their GASSAR Education Outreach program during the current year from the previous year. The award is given at the state level. No standard format for submitting a recommendation at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the level of improvement from the previous year. Thus, a description of the prior year activity as well as the current year is necessary. The period of activity for consideration in the current calendar year is January through November.

Awards: A certificate and a \$200 cash prize to the chapter for use in improvements in its outreach program will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner. Only ONE (1) Chapter will be recognized as THE Most Improved.

John Dooley Education Outreach Award

Contest Description: This award goes to a GASSAR member who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to our youth and adult education outreach program as a member of the SAR. The award is given at the state level. No standard format for submitting a member at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the outstanding nature of program participation and activity by the nominee. The period of activity for consideration is not limited to a specific time frame but must cover at least a 1-year period.

Awards: A certificate, \$200 gasoline credit card, and plaque will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner and the winner will be a guest of the Education Committee

Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award

Contest Description: This award goes to a female who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to youth and adult education outreach programs. The award is given at the state level. No standard format for submitting a recommendation at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the outstanding nature of program participation and activity. The period of activity for consideration is not limited to a specific time frame but must cover at least a 1-year period

Awards: A certificate, \$200 gasoline credit card, and plaque will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner and they will be a guest of the Education Committee at the award presentation. Each chapter's entrants will receive a certificate of recognition.

Thank you for your continued support of Outreach Education.



Eagle Scout - William Coffeen

The Eagle Recognition committee continues to have challenges in its efforts to recognize Eagle Scouts. The most effective way to do so is during an Eagle Court of Honor and of course the pandemic continues to affect that effort although it has improved somewhat. Despite that there were at least 181 Eagle Scout recognition certificates issued throughout Georgia based upon chapter annual reports to date. **This is three times the number awarded in 2020!** The Piedmont chapter issued the most certificates at 57. We had 4 chapters submit entries (one more than in 2020) for our annual King Eagle Scout Scholarship competition. The following chapters submitted their best candidates: Button Gwinnett, Marshes of Glynn, Mt. Vernon and Robert Forsyth. After careful scrutiny by our three judges from non-participating chapters (Richard Marsh, Paul Lester & Bill Coffeen) they chose Connor Burrell sponsored by the Button Gwinnett chapter as our 2021 GASSAR winner. Whitmarsh Booth Tennant, sponsored by the Marshes of Glynn chapter, was

chosen runner-up. Connor Burrell will be recognized with a \$550 scholarship check and trophy at our Georgia Society's annual chapter and youth awards program on January 29. His application will be forwarded to National to be judged in the NSSAR competition. Our Georgia Society runner-up will receive a scholarship check for \$400 from our committee. National level competition will continue to be fierce. National scholarship awards for 2021 will be \$10,000 for 1st, \$6,000 for 2nd, \$4,000 for 3rd, \$2,000 for 4th, \$1,000 for 5th, \$500 each for 6th thru 10th and \$200 each for 11th through 15th. We'll keep the Georgia Society apprised of those results.

If your chapter has designated a new Eagle recognition chair for 2022 please let me know.

This year we had one chapter apply for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. It was awarded to Kenneth Van Alstyne of the Robert Forsyth chapter. This very deserving award is given to a compatriot who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to scouting over the years. The application for such an award is attached. Our Georgia Society is eligible to receive four such awards annually.

Although we had a challenging year, we still managed to recognize many deserving Eagle Scouts throughout Georgia. There are 10 Boy Scout Councils serving the needs of young men throughout Georgia. The Georgia Society SAR has 35 chapters covering most of the state. We have 25 chapters (71%) that have formal Eagle Scout recognition programs with chairmen serving. I want to especially thank all those at the chapter level who support these recognition programs. I've personally seen the positive impact that our recognition programs play in the lives of these young men. It takes time to develop a working relationship with BSA Council/District volunteer and professional Scouters, but the results can be very gratifying.



[DAR Liaison - Shep Hammack](#)

ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

National SAR

The State of Georgia dropped to 4th place (we were out of the money) behind Texas, North Carolina and Florida, with 53 DAR Finder Forms submitted during 2021. This was down from 84 in 2020. I am personally disappointed to see Georgia drop this far down the list. If we are going to grow this society, the DAR will be an important partner in this effort. So remember; be sure to submit a DAR Referral Form if you are assisted in any manner by a DAR member in the recruitment of new SAR members.

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

Chairman Shep Hammack of the Mount Vernon SAR chapter had the privilege of bringing greetings from the SAR at the Martha Stewart Bulloch annual Christmas Party on Dec. 12th. Several additional SAR members were in attendance from a total of four SAR chapters.

Chairman Shep Hammack and members of the Mount Vernon SAR chapter along with the Sandy Springs DAR chapter dedicated the new Flag Pole at Donald Bannister House in Dunwoody on November 11th. Mount Vernon SAR and Sandy Springs DAR each contributed \$1,000 toward the cost of this flag pole.

Compatriot Carter Wood presented 'Colonial Era Privates/Privateers' with Jacob Braselton Chapter Regent at 'The Phoenix' Senior facility on Oct. 19th.

Compatriot Carter Wood presented Patriot Trunk with Jacob Braselton DAR Chapter Regent at Braelinn Elementary on Nov 2nd, at Myers Elementary on Nov 8th and at the Sunbury DAR Chapter on Nov 13th.

Compatriot Carter Wood supported and participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony – with DAR Col William Candler Chapter on Nov 8th.

Compatriot Carter Wood was awarded the NSDAR 'Distinguished Citizen Medal' by Col William Candler DAR Chapter.

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



[Bylaws - Ed Rigel Sr.](#)

4th Quarter Activity: The Committee received a proposed amendment to ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 1. Titles that would add Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer to the list of Officers and would indicate all Officers listed would be so whether elected or appointed.

Proposal submitted to the members of the Bylaws Committee and the members of the Executive Committee. The Bylaws Committee approved of the proposal.

The Executive Committee never responded in any fashion. The Bylaws Chairman made the decision to defer submittal to the BOM for consideration at the Spring BOM meeting, hopefully with an opinion by the new Executive Committee.



[Sourcebook - Ed Rigel Sr.](#)

4th Quarter Activity (the following files were updated in the 4th Q of 2021):

- 12_01-SAR-Application-Instructions-2017.pdf
- 12.01F SAR Application PDF.pdf
- 12.01F SAR Application Word.doc
- 16.0.1 Recipients Medals State National.doc
- 23.5.3 Roster of Georgia Fellows_2021-10-31.docx



Graves - Bruce Maney

The GASSAR Graves Committee responded to several Patriot Grave Marking inquiries received or forwarded by either President David Jessel or Compatriot Bill Palmer, State Color Guard Commander. All inquiries were vetted before placing those on our GASSAR Color Guard Event schedule.

If your Chapter is considering a Patriot Grave Marking in the future, please be aware that our **National Society SAR, Patriot Research System database WARNS, "The following information was assembled from numerous sources and CANNOT be used directly as proof of qualifying service or lineage. It is considered a RESEARCH AID."**

You or your Chapter have the responsibility to provide proof of qualifying service, especially if the NSDAR webpage does not have the deceased in their Ancestors' database. When initially considering a Patriot Grave Marking, you should notify by email the GASSAR Graves Committee Chairman for verification that the deceased is a Revolutionary War eligible Patriot. That GASSAR Graves Committee verification should be included with your request to the GASSAR Color Guard Commander for scheduling a grave marking to be placed on the official calendar of Color Guard events.

All GASSAR Patriot Graves Marked 2021 Certificates were prepared and are in the hands of Compatriot Wayne Brown to be awarded on Saturday, January 29, 2022, to the Chapters at the Annual Conference Awards Luncheon.

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. The GASSAR Graves Registry form has been uploaded into the 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 GASSAR Graves Registry form was submitted by the Chapter for uploading into the registry by the GASSAR database Administrator.

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. The GASSAR Graves Registry form was submitted by the Chapter for uploading into the registry by the GASSAR database Administrator.

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. The GASSAR Graves Registry form was submitted by the Chapter for uploading into the registry by the GASSAR database Administrator.

13 November, Patriot Leonard Wills, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery, 2 p.m., Paulding County, GA, sponsored by the Capt. John Collins Chapter SAR. The GASSAR Graves Registry form was submitted by the Chapter for uploading into the registry by the GASSAR database Administrator.

GASSAR Chapter Grave Ceremonies planned for 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.

Editor - Emil Decker

Late in 2018, I started working with Carter Wood (previous editor of The Hornet's Nest) on the 4th quarter 2018 edition, to learn the ropes. Since taking over full control of the editorial post in early 2019, I have enjoyed working with all contributors the past 3 years, helping to promote the SAR through this publication. I have enjoyed the challenge, the association with those who have submitted information, and the officers with whom I have had the opportunity to work.

With a continued focus on past events, documented through your submission of photos and articles, to upcoming events and a sprinkling of special articles regarding American Revolution history, subsequent American history through the Society, cemeteries, wars, and other related subjects, to honoring our veterans, both past and present, The Hornet's Nest has been a continuing effort on my part, and many of yours as well.

My first vision of the newsletter was to possibly reduce its size, making it more easily read in one sitting; eliminating some repetition of BOM reports and miscellaneous data. Silly me. I found myself reformatting the publication, scouring Facebook and websites for chapter info, and often sending requests for info when there was nothing about an event or committee to report. The publication, instead of shrinking, grew in size. It was, in my opinion, better, but I found myself working on it far more often than anticipated. Add a Chapter newsletter, an additional organization's newsletter (monthly) and I have found myself as busy as any retiree could want. I have avoided adding additional offices or responsibilities due to the workload of this august publication.

This year produced fruit from our efforts when the National Committee awarded the "Graham T. Smallwood Jr." Award for best State Society Newsletter with beaucoup pages. I have continued to work diligently to report, document, and post a timely newsletter, and plan to continue for the foreseeable future. (Deep breaths those who misinterpreted what was printed so far as a letter or resignation). However, if a chapter does not submit, then an event may go unreported. I no longer have time to search for items. This makes it imperative to submit timely photos, articles and plans to the editor as well as pertinent committees regarding Chapter events, plans and awards. Late reports are "old news", especially for a quarterly publication. Delays, though sometimes unavoidable, makes for an edition without coverage of your event. If you would like to see more about your chapter, please ensure timely submissions are made. If you would like to see more special articles, submit them. If you would like to see changes in the format, or have other suggestions for this newsletter, ... your newsletter,..... then kindly submit them. Deadline for submissions is 2 weeks after the end of each quarter.

My deepest thanks for those who have submitted in the past on a regular basis. Also thanks to Compatriot George Thurmond and my wife, who have been my steady proofreaders and suggestion makers for the past 3 years. Has it really been that long? Wow!

***Here's wishin' y'all a
pleasant end to the old
year, and a brighter out-
look to the coming one !***

Ken Baldowski

