

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution



The Hornet's Nest

January - March 2022

The President's Dispatch



Compatriots,

Hello! I hope everyone is having a good spring thus far. I am enjoying the comfortable transition in weather. Having grown up in Miami, it really is nice to experience actual seasons!

I expected the first quarter of my term to be busy, and it was! I have filed my report with the Board of Managers, so I will not detail all those activities here. But I will say it has been a pleasure getting to see everyone around the state so far, mostly in person, some virtually. I have had to postpone greetings to later dates – I apologize if I was unable to attend a planned meeting. I look forward to seeing you very soon. (Note I have a fun presentation on the Constitution that I am pleased to deliver at any time.)

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Bill Ramsaur, You Will Be Missed

William Foye "Bill" Ramsaur, 83, of St. Simons Island, GA passed away Saturday, February 19th in Brunswick, GA. He was a native of Atlanta.

Bill has been a member of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution since July 3, 2002 and was a Past President. His patriot was Jacob Ramsour of North Carolina whose father owned Ramsour's Mill in what is now Lincolnton, North Carolina. The Battle of Ramsour's Mill took place on June 20, 1780.



Bill was responsible for the research, planning and development of the Frederica Naval Action Patriots Day in 2005. He has worked to keep the program going for the last 16 years. At the same time, he did the same for Fort Morris in Midway, Georgia, which has become a premier event at Fort Morris. With Bill's great planning skills these events got better and better each year. One of Bill's passions was the marking and locating all the patriots that are buried or reported buried in the Historic Midway Cemetery. That research consumed a lot of his free time and now that has mission has been passed on.

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

Bill Ramsaur (Cont.)

The Marshes of Glynn Chapter sponsored patriotic, educational, and historical activities and Bill was a huge part as he performed as General George Washington for thousands of local students in Glynn and surrounding Counties. The students always looked forward to his presentation and for a while Bill's wife Gloria portrayed Martha Washington. He participated in the Veterans Council of the Golden Isles activities, including the annual Flag Day ceremonies in Brunswick and led the 4th of July Golf Cart Parade on St Simons.

For years he was active in the Children of the American Revolution and proudly started a Society on Saint Simons Island.

A memorial service was held on March 12th at 10:00am at Christ Church Frederica on Saint Simons Island, GA. The Sons of the American Revolution Compatriots served as Honorary Pallbearers.

Right: Generals George Washington & George Washington - Ramsaur review from above. Bill's leadership within the GASSAR will never be forgotten.



The President's Dispatch (cont.)

The second quarter is already filling up quickly. In fact, April looks to be an incredibly busy month. By the time you read this, the Athens and Lyman Hall chapters will have held their April 2nd dedication of an SAR grave marker commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldier Captain John Venable in Jackson County, Georgia. On April 9th, there will be a unique opportunity to bring honors in a national cemetery. The Captain John Collins, Piedmont, and Button Gwinnett chapters will commemorate the service of three soldiers, John Clark, John Hames, and George Bradford in the Marietta National Cemetery. On April 16th, President General Davis Wright will be joining the Georgia Society as we host the 244th Anniversary of the Frederica Naval Action on St. Simons Island. The day before, we have a wonderful opportunity to recognize another patriot soldier, as the Marshes of Glynn chapter remembers Major William Mackintosh, also on St. Simons Island at 2:30pm. On April 23rd, our Spring BOM will start at 10:00 am, again at the Garden Patch restaurant in Barnesville Georgia. I expect to see 35 chapters represented! And then on April 30th, the LaGrange chapter is hosting a dedication of the grave of patriot Joseph Breed. I hope everyone will consider attending one or more of these awesome events. And this is just April! Check out the calendar of events in this issue and on our website.

Last week, while attending a human resources conference, I participated in a discussion regarding the importance of gratitude in the workplace. Really, what we see is a significant absence of expressions of gratitude all around us. Often, in business and other dealings, we offer recognition for a job well done, for services rendered, or favors given. But recognition by its very nature is reciprocity based. Gratitude, on the other hand, just 'is'. It is an expression of value of the individual just for being them. It is the feel-good fuel that drives our activities, and really can give us the energy and positivity to tackle the day. Be sure to give some gratitude today!

I know all of us in the Georgia Society do our best to stay informed regarding the terrible conflict in Ukraine. When Russia first attacked, immediately my thoughts went back to the United States' own difficulties in establishing its newly formed nation. Our country found itself fighting a second war of independence from England, the War of 1812. And just like the U.S. back then, it is now about 30 years since the people of Ukraine achieved their independence from their former occupier. Is there something about this length of time that presents a unique challenge? Perhaps, after a generation or two of 'new normal', adversaries re-discover what they lost, and look to regain those advantages or avenge perceived prior wrongs?

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Whatever the reason, it reminds us how precious and fragile our democracy really is. When I think about the fact that our democracy has stood now for close to 250 years, and that I was blessed to be born here and have the freedoms I express every day? For that, I am eternally GRATEFUL.

Thank you for your service to the SAR. I wish you a blessed quarter and I look forward to seeing you in Barnesville on the 23rd.

Sincerely,

Joe Vancura
President

The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to host the 132nd National SAR Congress in Savannah, Georgia July 10 - 15, 2022.

Numerous volunteers are still needed:

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>



The SAR bench in Tricentennial park is installed. A last minute location change was made due to a future sidewalk enlargement, but we moved the bench only a short distance. It's in front of the redoubt and next to the sidewalk so it will be very visible to everyone who visits the Revolution park, train museum or the children's museum.

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**

The brick foundation will be installed around the bench and is being funded by the Savannah Congress budget. Many thanks to all individuals and chapters who donated to this bench! All donors will be recognized in the printed program at the bench unveiling ceremony that will be held during the Congress.

We are also placing a 250th Anniversary Bench in Johnson Square and it should be ready for installation in May. We are still accepting donors for the 250th bench. Please send those donations to GASSAR Treasurer Scott Collins. Thank you for your support of these very important Georgia SAR Projects!





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
Patriot Grave Marking	Jackson Co., GA	Apr 2, 2022 10 am	State
Patriot Grave Dedications	Marietta, GA	Apr 9, 2022	State
Patriot Grave Marking	St. Simons Island, GA	Delayed due to Tick infestation	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
Patriot Grave & Compatriot Grave Marking	LaGrange, GA	Apr 30, 2022	State
South Atlantic District Mtg	Orlando, FL	May 7, 2022	District
Patriot Grave Marking DAR/C.A.R.	Oconee Co., GA	May 14, 2022	State
Memorial Day Ceremonies	Various	May 28 - 30, 2022	National
Flag Placement Ceremony	Marietta National Cemetery	May 28, 2022 8:00 am	National / State
Veterans Cemetery Ceremonies	Milledgeville, GA	May 30, 2022	National
Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC	Jun 3-5, 2022	National
Flag Retirement	Cumming, GA	Jun 11, 2022	State
Flag Day VFW	Lawrenceville, GA	Jun 11, 2022 11:00 am	State
Freedom Fireworks	Washington, GA	Jul 2, 2022 4 -6 - 10pm ?	State
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
1 st Siege of Augusta	Augusta, GA	Sep 24, 2022	State

Gun Control and the SAR

by Emil Decker

The Biden administration has drawn a sharp bead on several targets for legislation, regulation, and agendas based on his political base and their desires. The loyal opposition has countered many of these over the last year, agreed to spending lots of money, and yet, there are still areas that we know will soon come under greater scrutiny. It is a matter of time. While the Sons of the American Revolution are by and large non-political for obvious reasons, there are some issues that would possibly affect us and how we do our business. How could the push for greater gun control affect the SAR? Would our flintlock weapons be confiscated? Do we have reason to worry?

This is an issue that is both a concern and nothing to worry about. (How's that for playing both sides of an issue?) Gun laws are nothing new, and reasons for implementation are varied, based on history, politics, and community concerns. Gun laws are products of the time, and we all know time changes over, well, over time.

The 2nd amendment is a rallying point for both sides, as the interpretation of just what is a militia, who is authorized to have or create one, and to what extent the government, be it federal, state, or local, are able to influence and control such an entity.

The concept of a right to gun ownership did not originally come from the constitution, but is a bit older. As far back as the ninth century, medieval England was a monarchy and a relatively centralized state. It was also a society that was organized for war, and yet the Crown had no standing army or navy. The defense of the land was mainly a responsibility for local militias. English law required men who owned land to have weapons and serve in their baron's militia.

The Crown held power to summon men to assist in defending the homeland since Norman times. At times, various kings tried to insist that all able-bodied men had a duty to serve, and at other times kings called on landowners to support him. At all times, it is clear that the men summoned to fight were expected to provide and bring suitable weapons for themselves, according to their 'station' in life. In other words, there was an obligation to bear arms. An obligation, rather than a right.

Over time, weaponry changed: firearms and handguns became common in the 16th century and, as the costs of war spiraled upward, the Crown was obliged to rely more on standing forces, even though the English people were ever reluctant to accept the need for them, or pay for them.

As time passed, new religious and political concepts emerged. The government began to fear, and decided to limit the right to bear arms. By 1328, Parliament banned Englishmen from carrying arms in public. After that, came laws where only the upper classes could own guns. (Elitist gun control?)

As a result of the Civil Wars of the 17th century, the obligation to bear arms was ultimately transformed into an individual right. The match to that particular bomb fuse appears to be the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688, when it was believed that James II had tried to eradicate the Protestant Religion by causing "several good Subjects, (being Protestants), to be disarmed." The response was an article in the Bill of Rights of 1689, which provided that Protestants could have Arms for their Defense suitable to their Conditions and as allowed by law. While the English Bill of Rights said Protestants could own guns, it denied that right to Catholics. This came about because William III, king of England, decided to confiscate their arms so that they could not do to him, what had happen to Charles I, when Oliver Cromwell came to power.

This became part of the settlement, which remained throughout the 'long' 18th century within the British Empire, which came to be embraced by the entire eastern seaboard colonies of North America. In other words, the 'Right to Bear Arms' was known and expected since it was codified in 1689.

Before dawn on April 19, 1775, church bells rang around Concord. The bells called fellow citizens to grab their muskets and rush to the bridge. American colonists believed their rights as Englishmen included keeping their weapons; 800 British soldiers had been ordered to seize them. By sunrise, 150 local militia had gathered, before the arrival of British troops. The British were under specific orders to seize and destroy arms and munitions believed to be hidden in the towns of Lexington and Concord. If by some stroke of luck,



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they caught up with Sam Adams or John Hancock, so much the better. They were not looking for rebels or leaders who were advocating resistance to the crown.

Across the North Bridge, shots were fired. Like the first shot of a skirmish earlier that day in the nearby town of Lexington, it has been called a "Shot heard around the world." The American Revolution began in defense of the right to bear/keep arms. Yes, the first battle of the Revolution was fought over gun control. 122 killed in the first government gun confiscation attempt. The British government wanted to seize the lawfully owned firearms of the colonists. If British troops could disarm the militia, there would be less of a threat to their control. The Founding Fathers remembered this twelve years later when they wrote the Second Amendment to the Constitution.



Throughout American history, various attempts to change, regulate, and interpret the rights of individuals under the 2nd amendment have occurred under both state and federal legislation. From fear of slaves being armed, concealing handguns, or relating to criminal acts involving firearms, laws have been made, challenged, upheld or overturned.

In 1934, the National Firearms Act (NFA) — part of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "New Deal for Crime" became law, and was meant to curtail "gangland crimes of that era such as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre".

After the assassinations of President John Kennedy, Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Gun Control Act of 1968 was passed and imposed much stricter licensing and regulations on the firearms industry. New categories of firearms offenses were established, including the sale of firearms and ammunition to felons and other prohibited persons. It also imposed the first Federal jurisdiction over "destructive

devices," including bombs, mines, grenades and other similar devices.

In 1986 the Firearm Owners Protection Act prohibiting a national registry was passed by Congress. The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act was signed by President Clinton in 1994. In a subsection titled Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act, the infamous assault weapons ban was instituted. This temporary prohibition was in effect from September 1994 to September 2004 and statistics showed no real results. Multiple attempts to renew the ban have failed, as have attempts to institute a national gun registry.

So what legislation is currently before the Congress, and how will it affect the natural business of the SAR?

H.R.127 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Firearm Licensing and Registration Act

This bill establishes that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives must establish a licensing system for the possession of firearms or ammunition. Generally, it prohibits and penalizes (1) the possession of ammunition that is 0.50 caliber or greater, and (2) the possession of a large capacity ammunition feed device.

The Department of Justice, DOJ, must also create a registration system for firearms. The DOJ must establish and maintain a publicly available database of all registered firearms. The DOJ shall issue such a license if the individual is 21 years of age or older, undergoes a criminal background check and psychological evaluation, completes a certified training course, and has an insurance policy. It also outlines the circumstances under which the DOJ must deny a license (e.g., the individual was hospitalized with a mental illness).

Implications for the SAR:

There are many muskets in calibers above 0.50. While ammunition is generally considered pre-cased, packaged, or cartridge based, the exact restriction could be interpreted in several ways. Of course, this would affect only individuals who shoot projectiles outside of the SAR's purview. This is why we do our safety checks to ensure no one has accidentally left a round inside the weapon.

While a Brown Bess was indeed an "Assault Weapon" of the time, the anti-gun crowd are mostly focused on multi-round magazines and scary looking semi-automatic rifles. Semi automatic = 3 rounds per minute with a flintlock, and no magazines, so I think we escape that particular trap.

As to large calibers, what about cannons? In the past, a cannon was not considered a firearm. (Who could shoulder one?). Special legislation would have to be introduced, because, in spite of Pres. Biden's proclamation that, "No one can go out and buy a cannon," that statement is 'fact-check' - ably false.

There is nothing in any of these bills that calls for the confiscation of any guns or that prevents someone legally allowed to own a gun from purchasing one. It may become harder, more costly, and take longer to acquire what you want, but most of these initiatives will not change much of anything else. The greatest ruling that helps our cause is found in the

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current US code dealing with antique firearms.

U.S.C. (United States Code), § 921(A)(16) is the current ruling most applicable to the SAR.

The term “Antique Firearm” means:

A. Any firearm (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system) manufactured in or before 1898; and

B. Any replica of any firearm described in subparagraph (A) if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition, or uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.

C. Any muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, or muzzle loading pistol, which is designed to use black powder, or black powder substitute, and which cannot use fixed ammunition. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term antique firearm shall not include any weapon which includes a firearm frame or receiver, any firearm which is converted into a muzzle loading weapon, or any muzzle loading weapon which can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechblock or any combination thereof.

By the above standards, we are good to go. Let’s move from the weapon itself, to the powder. What is Gunpowder? Originally, gunpowder was made by mixing elemental sulfur, charcoal, and saltpeter (potassium nitrate). There was originally no conclusive opinion as to what the ratios should be, however the current modern ratio of 75% nitrate, 15% charcoal, 10% sulfur was settled upon sometime in the mid-18th century in England.

Black powder is thought to have originated in China, where it was used in fireworks and signals, by the 10th century. Between the 10th and 12th centuries, “huo qiang” (fire lance) a short-range proto-gun that forced the volatile power of gunpowder through a tube, initially bamboo, were developed. Upon ignition, projectiles such as arrows or bits of metal would be powerfully ejected, accompanied by an imposing gout of flame. By the late 13th century, the Chinese were using true guns, made of cast brass or iron. Guns began to appear in the West by 1304, when Arabs produced a bamboo tube reinforced with iron using a charge of black powder to shoot an arrow.

Federal law also says you can buy commercial black powder and store up to fifty (50) pounds of it in your house or drive around with it in the trunk of your car (really), but you can only buy the 'G' sporting grade. You need an ATF license to buy the 'A' blasting grade, although A and G grades are made in the same factory by the same process in the same machines and are, by some odd coincidence, exactly the same product.

Is it illegal to make your own gunpowder/black powder? In the United States, federal law again says you can make gunpowder for your own use on your own property, but you can't give or sell it to anyone else without an ATF license. Legal, but a questionable safety issue for sure. Even in the US, your local state/county/city may well have a conflicting opinion, so check where you live before creating a powder mill in the basement.

Black powder is regulated by the ATF as set out in the “Orange Book”. Law exempts from regulation commercially manufactured black powder in quantities not exceeding 50 pounds (as well as percussion caps, safety and pyrotechnic fuses, quills, quick and slow matches, and friction primers) intended to be used solely for sporting, recreational, or cultural purposes in antique firearms as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(16) or in antique devices exempted from the term “destructive device” in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(4). Unless availability or prices become exorbitant, you probably want to just purchase commercial powder.

What does all this mean for the SAR? Compatriots are pretty safe from confiscation on several fronts. First, Felons cannot possess firearms. In most states, that includes black powder weapons. So never become a felon. That was easy enough. It is up to the individual to maintain that status. Second, there are two opposing claims within the modern “Second Amendment” debate. Supporters of more gun regulation have generally cast the Amendment as a collective right, meaning well-regulated militia. Gun rights advocates have placed greater stress on the latter part of the Amendment, which asserts the right of “the people” to keep and bear arms. Luckily, as members of the Elijah Clarke Militia, this is a fight we can sit out, as we can support both sides of the argument and still keep our muskets.

As to age, well, Compatriots who are caught between some states who consider 18 vs. 21 being the age of responsible access to purchase firearms will have to deal with the “three-year” difference based on their particular state law. *Continued on page x*



THE CHEMISTRY OF GUNPOWDER

CHARCOAL
Consists of broken down cellulose and provides carbon and other fuel for the reaction.

SALTPETRE
Saltpetre is a common name for potassium nitrate. It supplies oxygen for the combustion reaction.

SULFUR
Sulfur, also referred to as brimstone, lowers the ignition temperature required to start the reaction.

PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION

56% SOLID PRODUCTS	43% GASEOUS PRODUCTS	1% WATER
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75%
Potassium Nitrate
KNO₃

15%
Charcoal
C

10%
Sulfur
S

A SIMPLIFIED EQUATION FOR THE BURNING OF BLACK POWDER

$$10\text{KNO}_3 + 8\text{C} + 3\text{S} \rightarrow 2\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 + 3\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4 + 6\text{CO}_2 + 5\text{N}_2$$

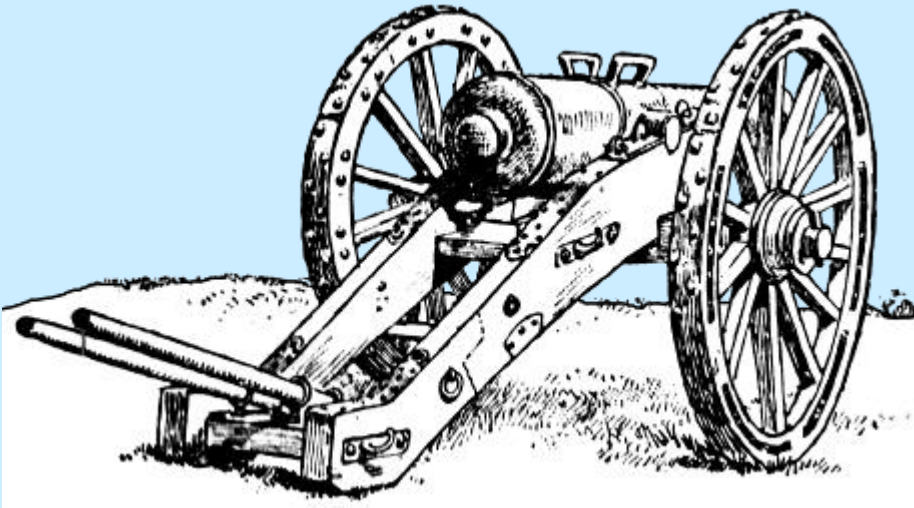
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If passed, nationally it may become 21 for all states. I would advise anyone in that age category to carefully check the laws of their state, and particularly any event where they might cross state lines to attend some event.

What about caliber? Many of our weapons, specifically muskets, are of a larger than .50 caliber. Since we do not use cartridges, and we fall under the current USC antique firearms provision, we are rather safe from this position as well. But what about cannons?



No license is required to purchase or own cannons. They are classified by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as saluting & signaling devices and not as firearms or weapons. Cannon shells, however, are classified as destructive devices under the 1934 National Firearms Act.

President Biden said, "You weren't allowed to own a cannon during the Revolutionary War as an individual." The campaign was unable to show an example of a law banning private ownership of cannons, and historians of the period doubt that any existed. To the contrary, there are documented instances of privateers, or privately owned vessels, setting sail with cannons during the period. Thank you, but I think I will keep my saluting device.

For those who participate in Militia demonstrations of firing, one must follow specific rules related to

where they are. National Parks, as well as other organizations have rules regarding supervision, what is allowed, how to gain permission, and how to safely proceed with the demonstration. Safety always first, and local regulations, a close second.

As to Traveling Trunk presentations, the question of musket or no musket often comes up. It is the school or organization, and situational awareness that comes into effect. I have been asked to bring them, fire them, not fire them, but have a School Resource Officer take possession of them for a safety inspection, been requested to not bring them, and all stages in between. Because of school safety, Georgia Code: Section 16-11-130 addresses weapons in such locations.

(6) A person who has been authorized in writing by a duly authorized official of a public or private elementary or secondary school or a public or private technical school, vocational school, college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education or a local board of education as provided in Code § 16-11-130.1 to have in such person's possession or use within a school safety zone, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school, a weapon which would otherwise be prohibited by this Code section. Such authorization shall specify the weapon or weapons which have been authorized and the time period during which the authorization is valid;

In other words, it is the organization making the call. Be sure you are not stepping into troubled waters when presenting arms by checking with the organizational authority first.

Finally, Georgia Code allows raffles (technically gambling) to be conducted by nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations that obtain proper licensing from the local Sheriff's Dept. A fee may apply, based on county ordinances. Since weapon raffles are good money makers for many nonprofits, follow the rules and you should be safe.

While the laws of the nation, state, or local jurisdiction may change in the future, currently I believe that the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution and Elijah Clarke Militia are safe from confiscation, major restrictions, or other negative actions with regard to our muskets. As to the availability and price of black powder? Market conditions, panic buying, and general demand is the rule. Keep your powder dry.

Additional Reading:

NSSAR Color Guard Handbook: <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Color-Guard-Handbook.pdf>

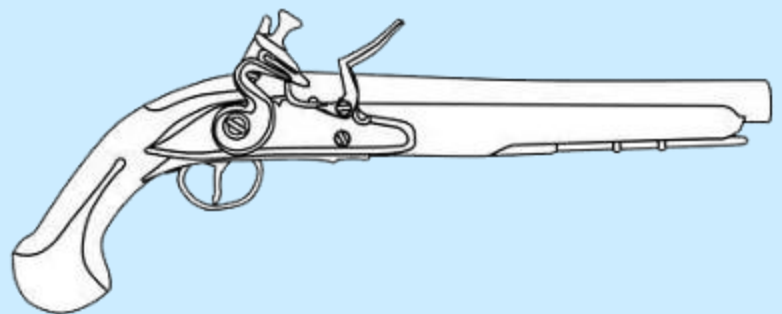
Wild West: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/gun-control-old-west-180968013/>

National Park Regulations: <https://www.nps.gov/saju/learn/historyculture/upload/Historic-Black-Powder-Weapons-Safety-Regulations-Form-B.pdf>

United States Codes: <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscode/2012/Title%2018/Part%20I/CHAPTER%2044>

Facts on the House Gun Bills: <https://www.factcheck.org/2021/03/facts-on-the-house-gun-bills/>

The Gunpowder Shortage: <https://allthingsliberty.com/2013/09/the-gunpowder-shortage/>





HEROES OF THE HORNET'S NEST



Right: Color Guard and participants were treated to a fine Bar-B-Que lunch prior to the event.

Below Left: The crowd was large, and the sun was bright. A beautiful weekend for a couple of events.

Below Right: The Hopkinson flag was flying on the flagpole at the site.



Below: "Get your programs right here!" Alan Smith ensures everyone who wants a program has one.





Left: Charlie Newcomer addresses the crowd as the MC of the Heroes Commemoration.



Left: Color Guard await their call to Present the Colors.

Below: Brooks Lyle, the Vice - Commander of the National Society SAR Color Guard, along with 1st Adjutant Scott Collins commanded the Color Guard both placing and removing the Colors.

Below: Multiple dignitaries from National and State Societies attended the event. (L - R) Brooks Lyle, Vice - Commander of the NSSAR Color Guard, Bruce Pickette, Secretary General, NSSAR, Pat Niemann North Carolina Society, Joe Vancura, Georgia Society President, Scott Collins, Georgia Society Color Guard Commander, & our Color Guard pose.





Above: Large crowd of participants, and this doesn't include the photographers, the camera shy, or those who had to leave quickly to be elsewhere.

Right: Musket salutes were balanced with cannon fire from behind the scene.



Below: The Georgia State Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia are tops in the field.



Below: Name an animal.....Bet you can find the pelt in Steve Burke's collection.



Right: Taps played in person, as opposed to a recorded version always gets my throat to tighten up.



WASHINGTON-REVOLUTIONARY DAYS

I was honored to be interviewed by filmmaker Cam Logan about the Battle of Kettle Creek following my narration of the mock battle in Washington Park. He's put together a wonderful composite of the history of the actual event as well as the pageantry of the commemoration.

In DAR service and friendship, Leslie Strickland Watkins, NE District Director, Georgia State Society, NSDAR.

Here is the link: Revolutionary Days | The Battle of Kettle Creek (2022)

<https://youtu.be/xzm3RBBqrGg> (6.28 min)



Below: Sign in, sign waivers, and then back outside to prepare to enjoy the great weather.



Right and Below: Militia perform safety checks to ensure all muskets and rifles are safe and ready to participate in the multiple firings of the day.





Milling about, waiting, and photo opportunities abound before the action gets started.





Below: The Hopkinson Flag replaces the modern U.S. flag as the day begins, accompanied by the National Anthem and militia salute.





Above: The parade, two very fast laps around the courthouse square, included the Color Guard, Elijah Clarke Militia, multiple volunteer members from other societies, DAR, C.A.R., and the Washington Wilkes Band. Notice the number of younger citizens not only attending, but also in period dress and marching along with us.

KETTLE CREEK COMMEMORATION



Kettle Creek, the first, and for a long time till just recently, the only Nationally recognized Georgia Event, was held Saturday afternoon. Brooks Lyle, Vice - Commander of the NSSAR Color Guard, and Scott Collins, GASSAR Commander marched the Color Guard in, lining both sides before the monument and the wreaths with multiple flags. Bruce Pickett, Secretary General, gave greetings, as did GASSAR President Joe Vancura. Militia and Cannon volleys followed.





Under a canopy of moving sabers, provided by the Greene County High School Air Force JROTC cadets, members of the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., and other dignitaries paid their respects to those patriots who won this important battle. Afterwards, the C.A.R. presented their 13 flags program. The Colors were retired after a militia and artillery salute and taps was played. As always, after the ceremony, photo opportunities were given for anyone wishing to have their photo taken with the Color Guard and Militia.

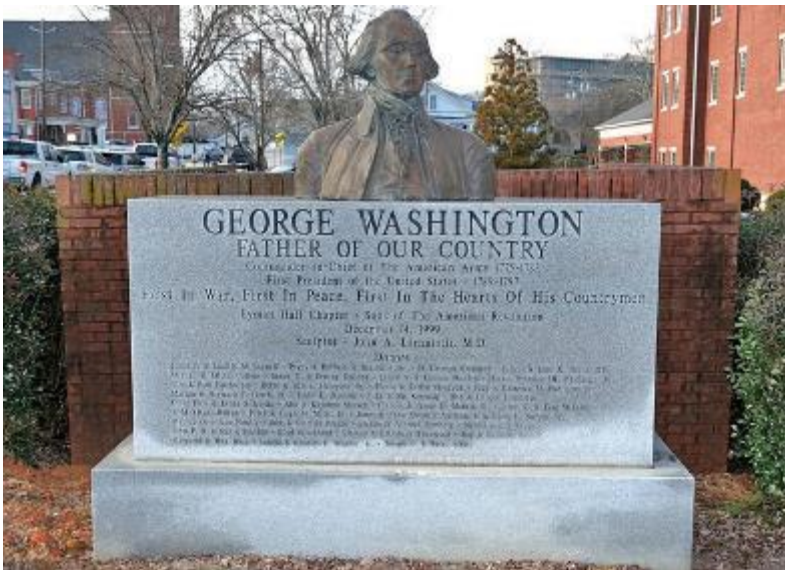


WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY



Right: Lyman Hall President Carter Wood tells of George Washington's achievements as a farmer after leaving the White House.

Below: The Washington Monument honoring the Father of our Country, located in Gainesville, GA.



Right: Color Guard Present Flags and Arms. The area in front of the monument was very limiting, but everyone was able to see and participate as the traffic rolled by.

Below: The Color Guard enter on the narrow grass before the monument. The flags will be embraced by the color guard during the entire ceremony instead of posting them to receptacles in the ground.



Below: Color Guard Commander Scott Collins renders honors.





Left: MC and President Carter Wood is joined by Sid Hughes, in militia Uniform, and Lyman Hall Chaplain Jody Butler. Sid led the presentation of the wreaths, while Jody gave the invocation.



Below: Color Guard retire the Colors.



Right: Flags get rolled, bagged, and put away for the next event. Basically a reverse procedure from arriving and unfurling them.





Left: Members of the descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge gather with the Color Guard for photos.



Above: GASSAR President Joe Vancura brings greetings on behalf of the Georgia Society.



Above: Georgia SAR President Joe Vancura and Georgia Regent O.B. McCorkle pose with George Washington and the Color Guard.

Right: After the Ceremony, several of us gathered at Luna's for good food, great friends, and fabulous fellowship.

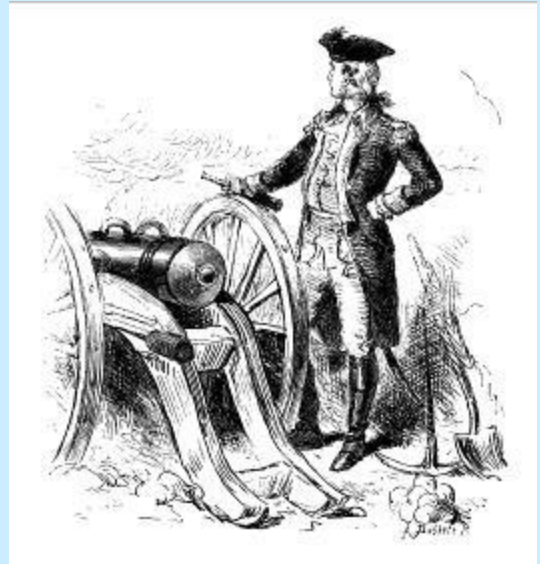


BLAST FROM THE PAST

With all the current events and happenings, it seems we often forget the past. The SAR regularly looks back, but usually to a much later period. In an effort to continue to strengthen our links back in time, I have determined to include a new section, "*Blast from the Past*", looking at some news that doesn't reach back to the 18th century, but is still relevant to the Georgia Society, SAR of the present.

This was determined after I receive not one, but two articles from individuals that fit this section nicely. Keep those submissions coming.

As we sat talking at the dinner table after the Lyman Hall Washington's Day Memorial Ceremony, the history of the event came to the fore, and Compatriot George Thurmond shared a little history with us. The article below is from the SAR Magazine, Winter 2000 edition.



GEORGIA SOCIETY: TWO CHAPTER PROGRAMS

December 14 was an important day for both the **Lyman Hall** and **Atlanta Chapters**. It was then that they held special observances commemorating George Washington.

The **Lyman Hall Chapter**, which serves the Gainesville area, unveiled a bronze sculpture of the Patriot on property donated by Sun Trust Company. The program was the culmination of a year-long effort of the Chapter which saw a fund raiser that produced over \$40,000 contributed by Compatriots and other citizens of the city and Hall County.

The large sculpture was produced by Dr. John A. Lanzalotti of Williamsburg, Virginia; it is 39 inches wide, 36 inches high and 20 inches deep. The 22,000-pound base on which it rests is made of Elberton, Georgia polished granite.

The dedication program was attended by more than 100 persons, including Former Presidents General James R. Westlake and Robert B. Vance, Sr. – both members of the Georgia Society – as well as Society President Edgar B. Sterrett, Jr. Among those participating in the dedication were Chapter President James C. McLeroy, Mayor Robert L. Hamrick, Dr. Lanzalotti, Past Georgia Society President Herbert B. Brazelton, Sr., and a Chapter member, and John Paul Souther, Chairman of the Chapter's Bicentennial Committee (he came up with the idea for the monument).

The **Atlanta Chapter**, in conjunction with St. James' Church in Marietta, hosted



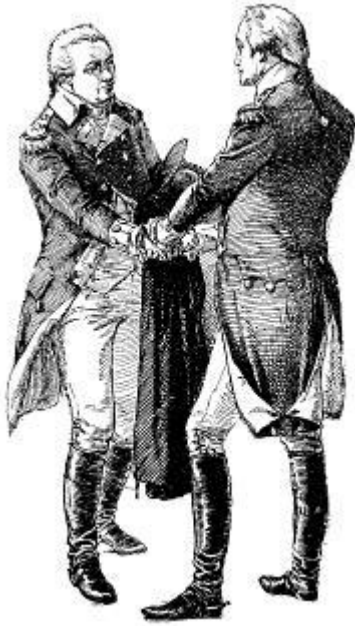
an observance that had a uniquely British connection. Planned by Compatriot J.V. Michael Motes, the ceremony included tolling of British-cast bells at the church by British-born Derek Wilsden, who heads the change ringers there. The edifice is one of

Participating in the dedication program in Gainesville was the Georgia Society Color Guard. The base of the monument features information about George Washington and lists donors to the project.

only a few in the United States that has a full assortment of bells to demonstrate the ancient British art of "change ringing", a complicated series of rings based on changes of the tones of the various bells as they are rung in specific order.



Spearheading the program to construct the monument was Compatriot John P. Souther, Chairman of the Lyman Hall Chapter's Bicentennial Committee.



**SPRING
LEADERSHIP**



Right: (L - R) George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, George Shrunk (NC) and Gary Green (NC). Bob was recognized for his 95th birthday at the largest attendance ever at a Leadership banquet. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Bob.

By the way, all of these men have been awarded as Guardsman of the year, except for George Shrunk. George will be awarded Guardsmen of the year at the 2022 Congress in Savannah. Congratulations Compatriot Shrunk.



Brier Creek Commemoration began on Friday with the local schools bringing their kids out on a field trip to the battlefield for some traveling trunk exhibits.





Left: Station 1, Dr John Derden discussed the actual battle that occurred here.



Left: Station 2, Ted Walker and Allen Mincey discussed artifacts and weapons systems.



Left: Station 3, Steve Burke and Alton McCloud discussed a lifetime of relics, roadkill skins, their use as clothing.



An excellent YouTube video about Brier Creek was produced this year. Check it out.

Here is the link:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hnab79Ak6kQ>





The East Fall Line Region and neighboring South Carolina fell in for muster with members of the Georgia Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia to pay tribute to the patriots who fought and died at Brier Creek. The weather was great, and the Commemoration went off without a hitch.





ANDREW JACKSON BENCH DEDICATION

On the afternoon of March 13, 2022 Compatriots and Friends of the Sons of the American Revolution gathered for a ceremony at President Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville, TN to dedicate a Granite Bench in his honor placed by the SAR. This ceremony was attended by a host of compatriots, dignitaries, and Daughters of the American Revolution from multiple states. Many thanks go out to the staff of the Hermitage for their support and assistance in helping to make this a memorable experience for all who attended.

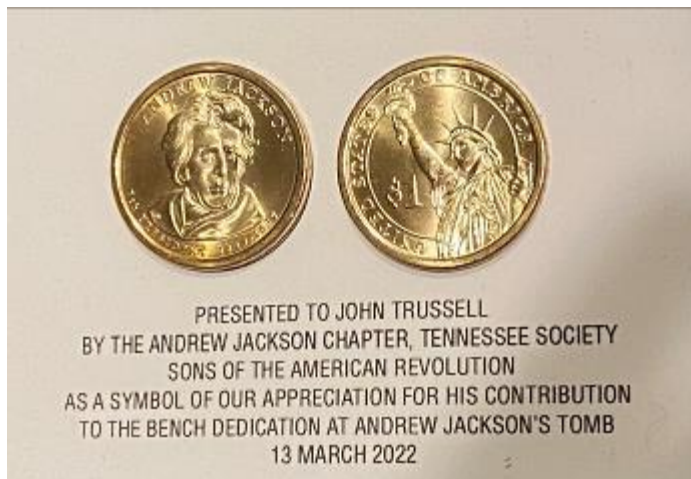
If you were unable to join us in person for this ceremony, you may watch the video and enjoy seeing the uniformed SAR Color Guard and Militia members in their key roles throughout the event.

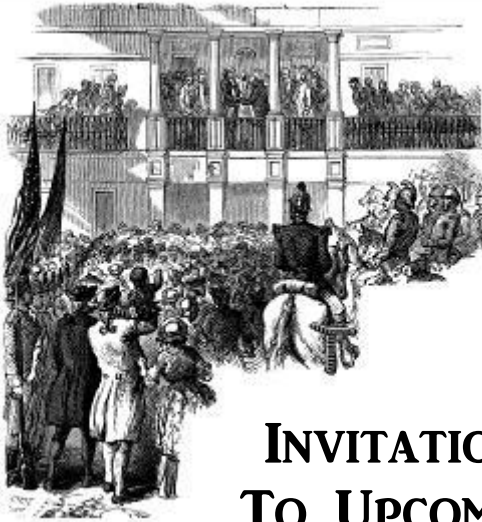
<https://gasocietysar.org/president-andrew-jackson-bench-dedication/>



Left: Compatriot John Trussell at the bench site on the Hermitage grounds.

Below: John Trussell and Scott Collins both received a couple of bucks for their participation in making the event possible. Seriously, John did put in a lot of effort and time (delayed time as well....) to make this bench dedication happen. Thanks for all the hard work!





INVITATIONS TO UPCOMING EVENTS

The John Milledge Chapter Color Guard has been invited to participate in the Ceremonies at the Veterans Cemetery in Milledgeville, Ga. The date is May 30th at 11 am. If you would like to join us we would love to have you. For those who have a musket, we will fire 3 salutes. If you can join us please let me know so we can have a count.

Thank you
Terry Stair
SAR John Milledge

*The Athens Chapter, GASSAR
Sunbury Chapter, NSDAR,
Sukey Hart Society, GSSCAR*

*Request the honor of your presence at the dedication of three grave markers
commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldiers*

James Greer, Shearod Thompson and William Wilson

Saturday, May 14, 2022, 1:00 PM

*Greer Family Cemetery
1050 V.M. Osborne Road, Statham, GA 30666*

*GPS Coordinates 33.91181050, -8360851
Oconee County, Georgia*

Please R.S.V.P. by 29 April 2022 if you plan to lay a wreath.
Justin Reese 706-353-3145 or Justin.reese@charter.net
With presenter's name, chapter/organization and position title

Please note: The Greer Family Cemetery is located in a private field at 1050 V. M. Osborne Rd, Statham, GA 30666. It is situated directly behind Dove Creek Elementary School on Hog Mountain Road/GA 53. Parking is available along the sides of V. M. Osborne Road or at Dove Creek Elementary School.

Coordinates: N33.9181050 degrees, W083.60851 degrees

Piedmont and LaGrange Chapters Sons of the American Revolution

While celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Members of the Piedmont and LaGrange Chapters Request the honor of your presence at the dedication of a Memorial Grave Stone commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldier

Joseph Breed
Saturday, April 30, 2022
11:00 A.M.
Shadowlawn Cemetery
210 New Franklin Road, LaGrange, Georgia 30241

Please Note: No parking on New Franklin Road, LaGrange, GA. Parking is permitted on Bob Williams Drive or one of the interior streets of Shadowlawn Cemetery

Please call:

Gerald Breed, 770-579-1869, jcbreed77@hotmail.com by April 15, 2022 If you would like to present a wreath

Frederica Patriots Days Saturday, April 16th, 2022 10:00 am

Wreath Registration

Name of Wreath Presenter:
 Organization: SAR DAR CAR (Please circle) other:
 Chapter/Society:
 Position:
 Presenter's e-mail address:

Please send registration form by April 1st to:

J. Steven Hinson, Marshes of Glynn Chapter
 Email: stevenhinson61@gmail.com
 912-258-2033

Snail mail to:

J. Steven Hinson
 128 Deerfield Dr.
 Brunswick, GA 31525
 St. Simons Island Casino
 550 Beachview Drive
 St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Friday Evening Hospitality will be from
 4:30pm – 5:30pm, Location is being confirmed.
 Normally at the Best Western next door to the
 Holiday Inn Express.

Friday / Saturday Night Dinners are on you own,

No Reservations have been made,
 as everyone has their special place to eat on St. Simons Island.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Holiday Inn Express, St. Simons Island,
 299 Main Street St. Simons Island, GA 31522
 912-634-2175

Group Name: Sons of the American Revolution

Price: \$139.00 per night, 2 double beds for 1-2 adults, Note: additional
 adults (over 18) there will be a \$5:00 charge per adult

Confirm your reservations No Later Than 14 March 2022



Compatriot Don McClanahan

*Presented at the Grave
Dedication Ceremony at
Shadowlawn Cemetery,
LaGrange, GA by the
Piedmont Chapter of the Sons
of the American Revolution*

Saturday, 30 April 2022

GPS Coordinates:

33.04538 degrees N

856.02618 degrees W

269-299 Bacon Street
LaGrange, GA 30241



Battle of Ramsour's Mill

Battle Weekend, the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill takes place Friday, June 3rd – Sunday, June 5th in Lincolnton NC. It has been two years since the full Battle Weekend could take place and once again, all the past supporters are in place.

There is a \$99.00 per night room block at Hampton Inn, 129 Roper Dr, Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092, (704) 736-2000 using room code SAR. **June 3rd:** Those doing the full 18th century experience may camp with period correct tents at the battlefield along with or nearby the Reenactment Camp check-in after 10:00 am.

SAR Reception @ Hampton Inn – 4:00 pm followed by Dinner at Court Street Grill. Thunder Over Carolina Inc Battlefield Ghost Walk 6 - 9 pm.

June 4th: SAR Commemoration and Wreath laying Ceremony – 10:00 am; followed by buffet Lunch at the battlefield with a food vendor, there are vouchers one can purchase on this website for \$15.00 or use cash on site, along with a Welcome & Brief History, a Weapons Demo, Battle Reenactment, Battlefield Tour, and Thunder Over Carolina Inc Battlefield Ghost Walk 6 - 9 pm.

All of these events, after the Commemoration, are conducted by the combined efforts of SAR, DAR, Thunder Over Carolina Inc, The Lincoln County Historical Association and numerous Reenactors. Food vouchers for \$15.00 may be purchased here and the menu is bar-b-cue plate with beans, slaw, roll, drink, banana pudding.

June 5th: Camp Opens at 10 am; Welcome & Brief History, Church Service, followed by Battlefield Tour and Battle Reenactment. Camp closes at 2:00 pm.

Registration at: <https://ncssar.org/event/242nd-commemoration-of-the-battle-of-ramsours-mill/>

Looking forward to seeing everyone.



The Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Request the honor of your presence At the dedication of a Sons of the American Revolution Grave Marker
Commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldier

Major William Mackintosh

Friday, April 15th, 2022 2:30 p.m.
Sinclair Plantation Cemetery, Oatland Plantation Road
Saint Simons Island, GA

Please RSVP by April 9th, 2022 If you plan to attend or lay a wreath, Space is limited

Dale Hamilton, (229) 886-3147 or wine3800@icloud.com

If you plan to attend or present a Wreath, please provide us with the Name, chapter/organization and title

Major William MacKintosh

SAR Patriot #: P-240502

Find-A-Grave Memorial Number: 157089782

Note: We will be providing transportation from the blacktop to the gravesite as this road is dirt and recently cleared.
Walk is about 100 yards.

Directions from the Holiday Inn Express, 299 Main St, St. Simons Island ***PLEASE CARPOOL***

- (1) Take Main St to Demere Rd (1 min, 0.1 mi)
- (2) Take Sea Island Rd and Frederica Rd, Stay right in the Roundabout, Lawrence Road, Oatland Plantation on the right (gated road) (13 min, 7.0 mi)
- (3) Behind the gate Sinclair Plantation Drive, look for the American Flags. Someone will be at the gate for directions



Athens Chapter, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Robert Forsyth Chapter, Atlanta Chapter, Captain John Collins Chapter, & Mount Vernon Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

***Invites you to attend the dedication of grave markers
commemorating the service of Patriot soldiers***

Benjamin Andrew, Daniel Roberts, John Baker, Robert Sallett

***In conjunction with the St. John's Parish Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Colonists***

***Sunday, April 24, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - Midway Cemetery
US Highway 17 South, Midway GA. 31320***

Please consider joining us the morning of April 24 for the **yearly church service at the Midway Church at 11:30 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds.** The church is located across the street from the cemetery. This event, originally scheduled for April 2020, was delayed but not forgotten. Nearby Richmond Hill (19 miles north) and Hinesville (11 miles west) have many chain hotels and restaurants. This will be the fourth of several annual markings which will eventually mark the 18 Patriot Graves that can be located with their individual markers and potentially another 34+ unmarked patriot graves in this cemetery.



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.

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

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



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2022 Congress Raffle #3

Handcrafted Replica Early Virginia Rifle

For Raffle:

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



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

2022 Congress Raffle #4

The Cutting Edge

For Raffle:

First Prize:

- Emory Fennel 4" blade, antler handle capped with half dollar coin and beautiful handcrafted Jenny Field leather sheath
- Chip Durden 11" blade, carved antler handle and leather sheath (this is a "BIG" knife!)
- 3' x 5' Betsy Ross Flag
- 40 oz "Come and Take It" Freedom Tumbler

Second Prize:

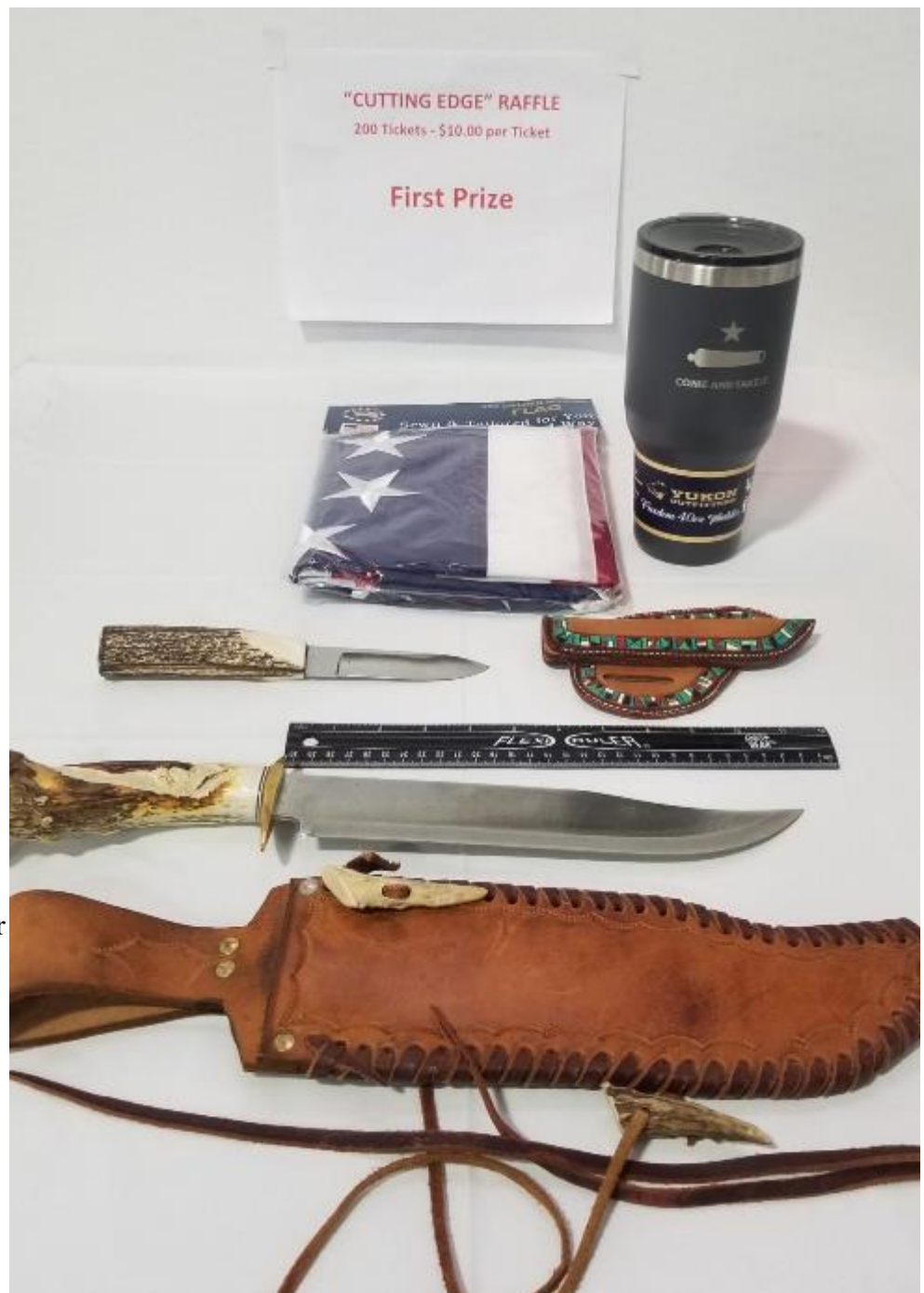
- Chip Durden 4" blade, carved antler handle and leather sheath
- 3' x 5' Betsy Ross Flag
- 40 oz "Come and Take It" Freedom Tumbler

Third Prize:

- Chip Durden 3" blade "skinning knife" with carved antler handle and black leather sheath
- 3' x 5' Betsy Ross Flag
- 30 oz "Come and Take It" Freedom Tumbler

Fourth Prize:

- Handsome Gold Tone SAR Cuff Links
- SAR Challenge Coin
- Liberty Bell Lapel Pin
- 3' x 5' United States Flag
- 30 oz "Don't Treat On Me" Freedom Tumbler



Online Raffle Access:

<https://gasocietysar.org/product/5892/>

Tickets will also be sold at 2022 Annual Conference & Congress in Savannah. Maybe..... Only 200 tickets will be sold..... **To date, only 70 tickets remain !**

Drawing occurs when all tickets sold.

Social Media

by Scott Collins

Blast it, where did that post disappear to.....

How many times have you looked for the time and location of a commemoration only to come back with nothing or if you do find a posting of the event it has incomplete information.

Social media is a great method to get information out to our members and the public but if they cannot find it what good is it? If our goal is to use social media to get our members to share the post on our timelines, then why make it difficult to get complete information to them? It may seem obvious to the poster that the event is in a particular state, town, park, fort, or time zone but to those of us seeing a post on the National Society SAR Facebook page or being reposted by a member we know in another part of the country it is not. I may know the historical date of the event but is the event celebrated on that day or the Saturday before of the Saturday after the historical date.

I have come across many postings for an event, and it may talk about the commemoration, but it normally lacks one or more of the date, time with time zone, and location that includes a complete address. I commend those who are posting this information before hand and challenge you to look at your post as someone who is unfamiliar with the event to make sure you give them all the information they need to find the event and arrive on time. Unfortunately, most of the postings I see about an event are after the fact and they are great way to document and publicize the work that our organization does but we should also focus on pre-event publicity. In fact, I just recently saw a posting from a chapter in another state on a compatriot grave marker dedication ceremony and due to this posting, I have added the event to my calendar.

Stepping back from posting on Facebook we also need to take a visit to the state website page. I challenge you to go to your state's website and look for events occurring within the next year and see how much information you can locate. The state website normally has good information about the organization, and this is great but the visual activities such as the commemoration ceremonies, grave marker dedications, parades etc. are what we use to get people to ask about SAR and hopefully become interested enough to become a member.

In any year I attend events in eight to nine different states, and I can tell you that most states website calendars or event listings are sorely lacking information. I have accessed the calendar or event listing on many state websites only to find it blank or with a statement that more information is coming which at least gives me a date. Even more frustrating is a link that gives you last years information. I recently almost travelled to an event on the wrong date because the link to the flyer for the event was for the previous year.

Unless your goal is to stay hidden, then please take a moment to make sure someone in the organization is sending out information on both the chapter and state Facebook pages that includes the all the information someone needs to find and arrive at an event. Also, please go to state website and make sure that the events for the next twelve months show up on the calendar or event listing.

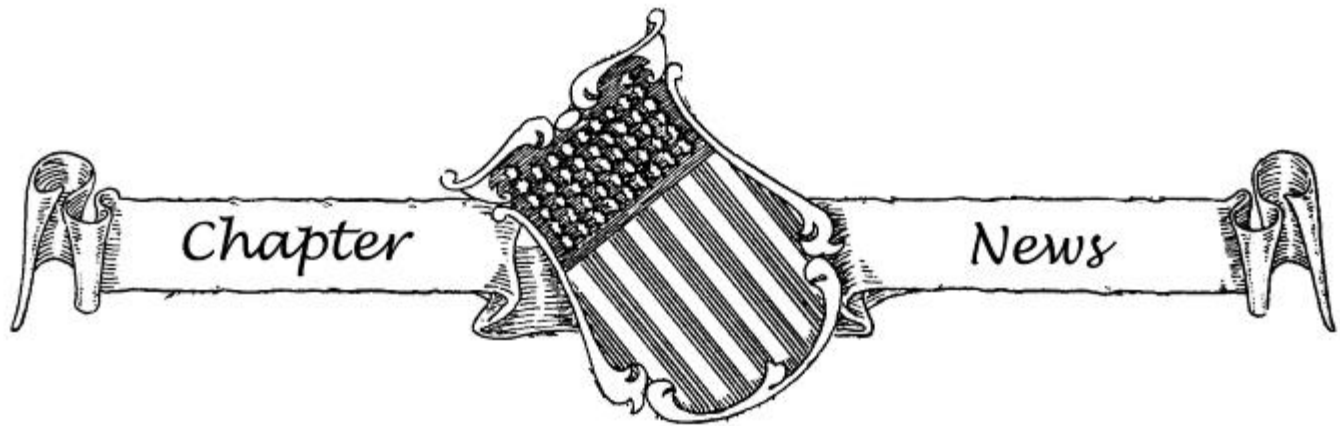
It is great to see the pictures after the fact but let us try to get the information out so people can attend and take their own pictures.

[Editor's Note: K. Scott Collins holds many positions within the SAR: Trustee - National Society SAR, Treasurer - Georgia Society SAR, ETF Treasurer - Georgia Society SAR, First Adjutant - National Society SAR Color Guard, National Society SAR Social Media Chairman for the Council of States Presidents, Chairman Georgia Fellows, Georgia Society SAR Color Guard Commander, Past President (2019) - Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Scott is correct that I often publish "after the fact" photos to document events held. Unfortunately, I often find that the only info I receive for "Upcoming Events" is sent too late for a quarterly publication, or very little information that can be published other than in the Calendar of Events section, with name, location, time, etc. Consider 4 - 6 months still may be too short a time frame depending on the event date. {an event in early April, posted in the 1st quarter, Jan - Mar issue, may be old news by the time the edition hits the website. Therefore it needs to be in the Winter quarter of the previous year..... I know, that is very early, but publication deadlines work that way. If you wish to have greater coverage in 'The Hornet's Nest', early is better, correctly detailed info is great, (photos afterward encouraged), & I always appreciate submissions such as this one. Thanks Scott!}



Georgia Color Guard Commander Scott Collins directs the positioning of the Color Guard prior to the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Ceremony.



Athens

Below Left: Flag Certificate presented to CARMAX, Athens, GA, 10 February, 2022 by Past President Don Burdick.



Right: Scott Collins at Moore's Creek National Battlefield, Feb 27.



Right: If you ever wonder why the site of a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony looks so clean and clear even if the gravestone is in some deep and overgrown forest? Here's why - a group from the Athens DAR and SAR Chapters worked hard and came prepared with the right gear.

Several hours of good effort produced a pile of branches, trash and worst of all - briars as large as a car.

A smaller crew from Lyman Hall Chapter had worked a few days earlier for what is a co-sponsored Grave Marking ceremony on Saturday 2 April in Jefferson, GA.



Blue Ridge Mountains

Right and Below: January 11 chapter meeting. Dr David Ludley, GASSAR state Historian, installed the officers. (R- L)

- President- Sid Turner
- Vice President- Stephen Weaver
- Secretary- Doug Jamison
- Treasurer- Jared Ogden
- Chaplain-Richard Hoibraten
- Registrar- Jack Dugger



Left: Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter members attend the Gainesville, GA event celebrating George Washington's Birthday.

Below: The Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit was in Blairsville, Ga on Thursday March 17th. It was open to High School Students from 9 to 11 am and the general public, Veterans and family of veterans for the remainder of the day. Ron Hill received a Vietnam service pin along with BRM Pres. Sid Turner.



The Evolution of the Sockdolager Award

by Jared Ogden

A classic Savannah beverage enhances the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter's Christmas Parties and The evolution of the Sockdolager Award.

In 2019, to make the Christmas Party livelier, the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter's Board of Managers approved serving Chatham Artillery Punch. Chatham Artillery Punch traces its origins to George Washington's visit to Savannah during his tour of the Southern States in 1791. The punch is a concoction of whisky, rum, cognac, wine, and other forms of alcohol.

No records of the recipe served to General Washington exist. However, many Savannah restaurants offer "the original version, updated to modern taste," but each restaurant has its own original recipe. The Original Chatham Artillery Punch served by the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter combines other recipes garnished with a sock. The sock is fished out before serving, and the guests are shocked, while our members are amused.

The first year the punch was served, our compatriots placed themselves in the shoes of lonely Revolutionary War soldiers. Our ancestors probably would have been happy to get the sock, plus additional solace found in the slightly sweet, highly alcoholic concoction soaking in the sock.

The Christmas Party is informal, with no program, just compatriots socializing with one another. A perfect environment for a lighthearted recognition to a member who contributed to the chapter. The dripping sock is the award. The award became known as the "The Sock Sucker Award." Compatriot Jerry Taylor laughingly agreed to accept the award in recognition for sharing his vast historical knowledge with civic and school groups. The name "Sock Sucker" sounds slightly off-color, and it could be easily misconstrued, so no press release was issued.

Homonyms to the rescue!

A homonym is two words having the same pronunciation but different meanings, origins, or spellings. The word "sock" means a garment for the foot, or as in our case, a garnish for a beverage. The word "sock" also means to punch or hit forcefully, as in the sentence "I'm going to sock you in the eye!"

The seldom-used word "sockdolager" is an Americanism incorporating the latter meaning of sock. Sockdolager is defined as (1) A decisive blow or a punch that settles matters and (2) something outstanding or exceptional. Some etymologists (people who study the origin of words) debate that the source of sockdolager is formed by combining sock (to punch) with the doxology, a hymn of praise to God.

The Sockdolager Award expresses the intent to recognize or praise a fellow compatriot for service.

While attending the National Conference in Savannah this summer, sample Chatham Artillery Punch.

Below: At March meeting, Jared Ogden was presented the Past Presidents Pin and the Distinguished Service Medal.



Right: Stephen Weaver, Tom Jones, Jared Ogden were presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal





Left: Jack Dugger was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for his Silver Roger Sherman Medal

Below: Richard Hoibraten was presented the Vietnam Service Medal



Right: The March 8 meeting included an outstanding speaker, Bob Weinkle, a retired Marine Officer. Bob participated in Iraqi Freedom and shared reflections on leadership lessons and experiences as he served with Compatriot General Mattis.

Below: New Members Compatriot Joel Banks was inducted into the Chapter by Chapter President Sid Turner



Right: Public Service Chief Larry Thomas, Fannin County Fire and Rescue Service was presented a flag Certificate by Sid Turner

Brier Creek

Below: 2022 Brier Creek officers were sworn in by First V.P. Joe Vancura during the January meeting. L to R: Emory Fennell, Ruskin Powell, John Derden, Dess Smith III, Colby Smith, Alton Reynolds, Wilder Smith, Jr.



Left: New member John David Bailey was presented his certificate.

Below: Ruskin Powell was presented his Military Service Veterans Corps certificate.



Brier Creek

Below: The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. held its 3rd Annual Banquet.

Below: Compatriot Steve Burke and his assistant Bernard Martin. Steve's program was on the "Sharpshooter's Shooter". Steve began by telling us all about the period rifles that he brought for demonstration. The Matchlock 50 cal. musket (1600's), which had a burning piece of rope that would fall onto the powder when the trigger was pulled. The flintlock eventually replaced it. The flintlock (1700's) had a much better ignition system and they came in rifled 50 Cal. barrels, 69 Cal. and 75 Cal. smooth bore muskets that could mount a bayonet for hand to hand fighting. In 1842 the percussion cap was invented to replace the flint on the rifle and smooth bore muskets. The fourth weapon that Steve showed us was the sniper percussion cap smooth bore Whitworth 45 Cal. musket.



Left: Button Gwinnett attended, (Jason West), and gave a presentation.



Below Left: President Stephen asked member John Fitzner, Sue Pittman and Sonny Pittman to come forward and receive the Paris' Mill Lifetime member certificates.

Below Right: Dr. Derden gave an update on the status of the BCRWBA and future plans for the battlefield.





Left: Brier Creek Artillery stand ready at the 243rd Anniversary of Kettle Creek.

Below Left and Right: Work Day at Brier Creek memorial. Left to Right: President Fall Line Chapter Sandy Mercer, Registrar Wiregrass Chapter DESS Smith, President Mill Creek Chapter Randy Jones, Member Wiregrass Chapter John Tapley, BCRWBA Chairman of the Board Tommy Christopher, far back President BCRWBA Stephen Hammond, member Brier Creek Chapter Allen Mincey, Treasurer Patrick Carr Rangers Chapter Bill Tinley, and driving front end loader Director Tuckahoe Plantation DNR Howard Pope. We worked about 2 hours, mowing, weed eating and spreading very fine crusting surface. Next work day will be April 30th. See you there.



Button Gwinnett

Right: Button Gwinnett members attend the Birthday Celebration for General & President, George Washington.



Cherokee

Right: Chapter members attend the Kettle Creek National Commemoration.
(L -R) Tom Turner (with Buster), Kevin Karel, Dennis McIntire, & Dwight Dover.

[[for those who don't know, Dwight is often seen with a camera, taking massive numbers of photos at many events. You will often find his photos in this newsletter, along with those we have previously acknowledged. Thanks for your contributions Dwight !]]

Below: New Dual Member, Sid Turner was introduced by President Stan Lewis at the February meeting.



Right: After passing safely through the Greene Co. JROTC saber line, Dennis McIntire presents the Chapter wreath.



Fall Line

Below: The Fall Line Chapter held its monthly meeting on Tuesday night, March 8. Compatriot Steve Burke's program was on the "Sharpshooter's Shooter". Steve began by telling us all about the period rifles that he brought for demonstration.



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

Four Rivers Patriots

Right: Dess Smith presets the Kettle Creek flag streamer to President Dean Mills,



Below: George King transferred from the Wiregrass Chapter, and was sworn in by Wilder Smith as the new Four Rivers Chapter President.





Above: Dr John's presentation was on General John Ashe, Commander of the American Forces at the Battle at Brier Creek, held on March 3, 1779 in Screven County, GA. Dr. John talked about the days leading up to the battle, the actual battle and events taking place after the battle, including personal letters written the night after the battle by American leaders and British leaders.

Below: Elected for 2022 were President George E King, Secretary Al Johnson, Treasurer Dean Mills, Chaplain Emory Fennell, Registrar Dean Mills, Genealogist Dess Smith III, and Editor of the Four Rivers Chapter newsletter Dess Smith III.



Right: Dess Smith III presenting the "Come and Take It" and the "243rd Anniversary Brier Creek Battlefield" streamers to President George E. King.



John Milledge



Left and Right: On January 9th 2022, The John Milledge Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution installed Dr. Terry Stair as their new President. Past President Jim Poyner presided over the installation.



LaGrange

The LaGrange Chapter of SAR met last night for the first time in almost twenty years. Dan McMichael, Region Vice -President was the program speaker. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Dan and Shannon Gavin Johnson, Second Vice - Regent of the LaGrange Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.



Little River

Below Left: Woody Woodard was presented with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by Secretary Gary Smith for his many years as a Georgia State Trooper.

Right: Dual member Ted Walker of the Henry Laurens Chapter SC SAR spoke about his Patriot Ancestor, Rev. Thomas Maxwell, Jr. of Virginia.





Left: Mack Shealy, Gary Smith, and Don Thomas give a flintlock demonstration on February 6th at the Lincoln County Historical Society's Super Museum Sunday event.



Right: Don Thomas, Mack Shealy, and Alton McCloud (not shown) participated in the militia during the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest commemoration for Col. John Dooly and Lt Col. Elijah Clarke.



Right: Don Thomas received the Patriot Medal at the Annual Conference, and spoke about his journey in the SAR at our February meeting.

Below: Vice President Alton McCloud inducted new members James Davis and Ben Creech. Both Compatriots were welcomed into the new chapter and talked about what their SAR memberships mean to them.





Above: Tommy Chappell, Gary Smith, Don Thomas, Alton McCloud, Woody Woodard, and Bill Tankersley attend the Battle of Brier Creek commemoration.

Left: On March 4, Alton McCloud and dual member Ted Walker participated in the Brier Creek Education Day at the battlefield in Screven County.

Right: Doug Parker, a 30-year veteran of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, gave a presentation on "Law Enforcement Perception" and was presented with a certificate of appreciation.



Below: Compatriot James Davis (left) was presented with the SAR Certificate of Patriotism and inducted into the Military Service Veterans Corps by CW4 Gary Smith (USA, ret). Both men wore their US Army "Cav Hats." Looking sharp, Compatriots!



Right: Compatriot Dobbie Lambert (left) received a supplemental ancestor certificate for his Patriot Crisparius Van Nostrand of the New Jersey Militia.





Left and Right: Alton McCloud, along with Woody Woodard, and Tommy Chappel participated in the Living History Event at Aiken High School on March 18.



Marshes of Glynn

Below Left: Our January meeting saw the installation ceremony for new Chapter President Marty Moore. In the photo from the left: Immediate Past President Steven Ford, new President Marty Moore, and Compatriot Jimmy Boatright III, who assisted with the ceremony.



Below: The local winners of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest received their awards at the 13 January meeting of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter. Whitmarsh Booth Tennant was the overall winner, Ryann Hankey was second, and third place belonged to Gilliam Sullivan. Each one read their essay to the crowd at the meeting. All three are students at Frederica Academy on Saint Simons Island. In the photo from the left: Immediate Past President Steven Ford, Whitmarsh Booth Tennant, Ryann Hankey, Gilliam Sullivan, Compatriot Jimmy Boatright III and current President Marty Moore.



Left: Marshes of Glynn Compatriot Bennie Williams (R) discussed Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Patriots buried in the Powell-McDonald Family Cemetery at the Chapter's meeting on March 10th. Compatriot Williams pointed out the contributions these Patriots gave to secure American independence and freedom. The cemetery is located on private land in McIntosh County and volunteers have been restoring the grounds after years of neglect with the permission of new property owners. In the photo are Chapter President Marty Moore (L) and Compatriot Williams.

Honoring the Brunswick Heroes of the MV Golden Ray Rescue



January 20, 2022

New Life Sanctuary
940 Harry Driggers Boulevard
Brunswick Georgia

AWARD RECIPIENTS

• BRUNSWICK PILOTS •

Robert Darby
Captain, Pilot Boat
Brunswick

Edwin Fendig III
Pilot

Bruce Fendig
Pilot

John Beimler
Pilot

Gordon Strother
Pilot

Lawrence Gray
Retired Pilot

Will Stubbs
Pilot

• GOLDEN RAY •

Jonathan Tennant
Pilot

• SEATOW RESPONDER
AND RECOVERY •

Danny Jones
Captain

David Colquit
Captain

Michael Giery
Captain

Henry Wynn
Operations Manager

• TUG BOAT ANN
MORAN •

Tommy Brooks
Captain

Skyler Dione
Mate

Brett Hannon
Engineer

Chris Russon
Deck Hand

• DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL
RESOURCES •

Zachary Griffis
Game Warden

Mark Carson
Sergeant, Game Warden

Jay Bright
Corporal, Game Warden

Colte Shaske
Corporal, Ranger

• INTERNATIONAL
SEAFARERS'
CENTER •

Ms. Vicki West

• TUG BOAT DOROTHY
MORAN •

Clifton Gorden
Captain

James Stoddard
Mate

Ricky Williams
Engineer, Deceased

Chad Lee
Deck Hand

• GLYNN COUNTY FIRE AND
RESCUE •

D. Scott Cook
Operations Division Chief

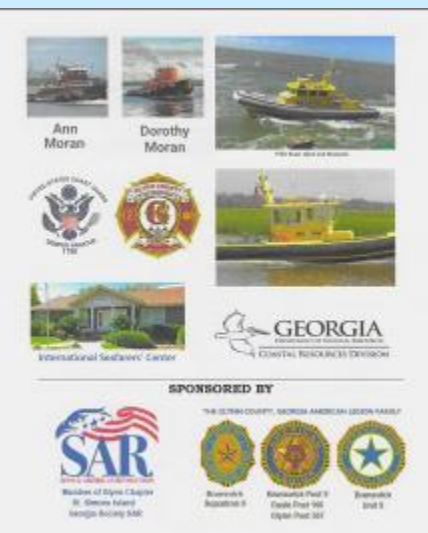
Jeff Stokes
Captain

Kyle Brown
Lieutenant

Timothy J. Cheek
Fire Fighter

The MV Golden Ray, a massive car-carrying cargo ship, capsized in St. Simons Sound at 1:00 am on September 8th, 2019. The quick action of local first responders, boat pilots, and civilians saved the entire crew; not a man was lost. As the last remnants of the wreck are now being removed from the water, the Marshes of Glynn Chapter and the Glynn County American Legion family joined together to publicly honor the heroes of the MV Golden Ray rescue. On January 20th, 2022, over 100 residents attended the ceremony at New Life Sanctuary Church and local TV news stations from Jacksonville, Florida covered the event.

The twenty-nine honorees each received an award from the SAR and the American Legion as well as a Congressional Recognition Certificate through Congressman Buddy Carter's office. Marshes of Glynn Registrar J. Steven Hinson was the event coordinator and one of the American Legion presenters. The Marshes of Glynn presenters were President Marty Moore, Treasurer Chip Lewis, and Patriotic Graves Chairman Dale Hamilton. Marshes of Glynn Compatriot Jonathan Tennant, Pilot on the Golden Ray at the time of the accident, was one of the award recipients. Georgia Society SAR Representative Wayne Brown emceed the ceremony. Several Marshes of Glynn Chapter members were in the audience as well.





Left: Attendance was good as the awardees who could attend were presented their medals.



Right: Compatriot Jonathan Tennant discussing the accident. He was the pilot on the MV Golden Ray.



Left: Compatriot Jonathan Tennant receiving his awards. From left to right: Brook Childers from Congressman Buddy Carter's Office, Marshes of Glynn President Marty Moore, Jonathan Tennant, J. Steven Hinson Event Coordinator and American Legion Presenter.

Below Left: Marshes of Glynn Presenter Dale Hamilton on the left.

Below Right: - J. Steven Hinson and Georgia Society SAR Wayne Brown



Mill Creek

Right: Compatriot Thomas Miller and his wife Tara won the GA Society SAR John Dooly and Nancy Hart Education Outreach Awards for 2021. Pictured are his children (l to r) Hayden, Robbie, and Lauren, accepting the award for their mother, and Thomas at the Kettle Creek battleground.



Mount Vernon

Below: The Chapter had its Annual Banquet at the Indian Hills Country Club on February 26th, hosted by Chapter past President Bill Floyd and his wife Carey Floyd. The occasion, Celebration of Washington's Birthday, the Installation of 2022 Officers, and recognition of the chapter winner of the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest.



Below: The Mount Vernon Chapter held regular meetings in January and March in Dunwoody, GA. The guest speakers were Author Robert Jones, who served as President of the Kennesaw Historical Society for 21 years, and who spoke about "The Revolutionary War in Georgia", and Sue VerHoef, who spoke about "This Land is Whose Land". Sue is the Sue is Director of Oral History and Genealogy at the Atlanta History Center.



Left: Shep and Montez Hammack presented the chapter with a new 250th Anniversary flag.



Right: Chapter Scouting chairman Chuck Olson introduced Eagle Scout Donald John Eberly and his parents Daniel and Mary Catherine Eberly, who were the special guests of the evening. Donald has earned 32 merit badges, giving him a bronze and gold palm for his Eagle Scout Award, and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in 2021 at the age of 16. He remains an active member of Troop 463 and is working on earning a few more merit badges which will make him the first Eagle Scout in his troop to earn bronze, gold and silver palms plus a second bronze palm since 2009. Donald John was the 2021 Chapter winner of the Eagle Scout Contest.



Right: Past President General of the SAR Larry Guzy inducted 2022 Mount Vernon Chapter Officers for 2022.



Below: Richard McCrary, our 2022 Chapter President, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal



Right: Past President Tom Pye received a Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership in 2021. He also received his Past President ribbon and Insignia Medal for his ribbon. Tom's wife Leslie was awarded the 2022 Lydia Darrah Award.



Ocmulgee

Below: Our Meeting for February was the Ocmulgee Chapter's 30th Anniversary George Washington Birthday Dinner which took place on February 19, 2022, at the Idle Hour County Club in Macon.

Georgia State Senator John F. Kennedy gave our program entitled American Exceptionalism. John spoke about our Founders belief in Liberty and our Constitution. He also discussed our nation's great leadership which we have enjoyed in our history, beginning with George Washington, which has made America such an exceptional nation.



Below Left and Right: Corporal Mobbs was given the SAR Bronze Law Enforcement Medal by President Chuck Garnett for his work with K-9 Bomb and Firearm Locating Dog, Athena. Athena, who also attended the Dinner was given a Law Enforcement Commendation for her work. Clearly, all who attended the Dinner would agree that Athena was the hit of the evening.



2022 Officers for Ocmulgee Chapter:

President:	Bill Fuqua
Secretary:	Tim Bollinger
Vice President:	Scotty Dumas
Registrar:	Harold Peacock
Treasurer:	Michael Walters
Chaplain:	Rev. Matthew Harlow
Historian:	John Trussell



Left: President Garnett inducted our new officers for the 2022-2023 year. Bill Fuqua receives his Presidents medal.

Below: Chuck Garnett presented a wreath for the Ocmulgee Chapter SAR and participated in the GASSAR Color Guard at the Heroes of the Hornets Nest memorial at Elijah Clark State Park. Chuck is pictured with Georgia State DAR Regent OB McCorkle.



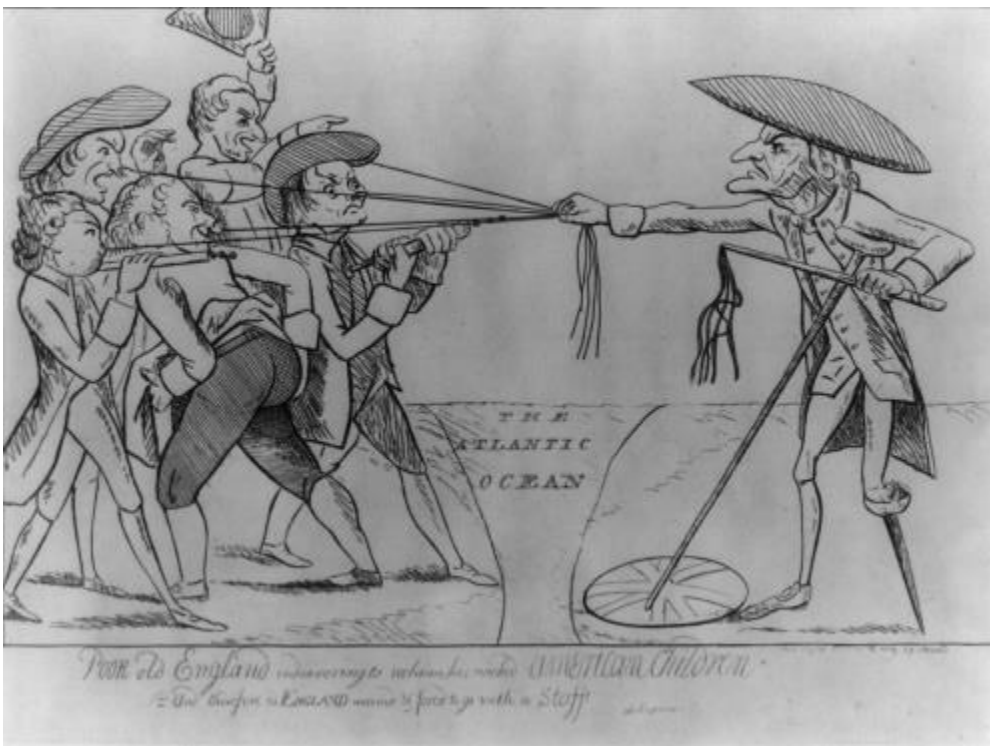
Robert Forsyth

Below: Alex Van Alstyne's recent Eagle Council of Honor was held at St Columba's Episcopal church on Feb. 6. His dad, Chip, in addition to Chapter President Gary Page attended, as well as members of the SUVCW & DAR. Alex also received recognition from the MOWW, Masonic Scouters and the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Alex's application to the SAR is heading to State as we speak. Alex is a member of Troop 143, OA Lodge Egwa Tawa Dee and has been awarded the Grand Slam of High Adventure.



Right: Chivalry is not dead. When a lady at the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest event needed help crossing the ditch, J.C. and myself [editor] helped her over. J.C. immediately proceeded to help her to her seat, and later assisted her as she presented her wreath. This is the character and image that we all should aspire to as members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Below: Charles Meagher received a Chapter Meritorious Service Medal. Charles has served as Chancellor, Registrar, and Genealogist for the Chapter.



Left:

TITLE: Poor old England endeavoring to reclaim his wicked American Children

SUMMARY: Print shows England as an old man with wooden leg and crutch tugging on strings hooked onto the noses of five American men across a divide labeled "The Atlantic Ocean"; the men resist, shoot pellets at, and taunt old England. Includes a quote attributed to Shakespeare, "And therefore is England maimed & forc'd to go with a staff".

CREATED/PUBLISHED: [London] : Pub. by M. Darly 39 Strand, 1777 Apr.

CREATOR: Darly, Matthew, fl. 1741-1780, publisher.

William Few

Right: On February 22, the Col. William Few Chapter sponsored a George Washington Birthday Celebration Drop-In at Panera Bread in Evans. Pictured (l to r) are President Alan C. Smith, Johnny Harris, and Secretary Albert Beverage.



Wiregrass



Above Left: President Wilder introduced the Georgia Society President Joe Vancura, who presented our chapter a program on retaining new members. President Joe then installed our new officers: 2nd Vice President Alton Reynolds, Secretary/Treasurer Colby Smith, Registrar and newsletter Editor Dess Smith III, Chaplain Emory Fennell, Historian Ruskin Powell, and Genealogist John Derden. President Joe then installed our 2022 President Wilder Smith, Jr.



Above: President Wilder presented our Historian Ruskin Powell with his Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate.

Below: President Wilder also inducted our newest member, John David Bailey, and his 2 sons that live in New Mexico and Tennessee: Robert Heath Bailey and Adam Brinson Bailey.





Left: Wilder Smith, President of Wiregrass Chapter presents the wreath at Heroes of the Hornet's Nest.



Left: Compatriot John Tapley, President Wilder Smith, Jr., and Compatriot John David Bailey traveled to Warner Robins, GA to visit the "Traveling Trailer for Wreaths Across America" on March 12, 2022. Wreaths Across America is a national project organized to lay wreaths on every veteran grave in December. This project has never operated in Emanuel County and when Compatriot Tapley heard about the Wiregrass Chapter's participation in Screven County's WAA, he decided to get involved.

In November 2021, he organized an event at "Pine Brook Nature Park" to lay 20 wreaths at the base of the 13 U.S. Flags for the 13 service members that were killed in August in Afghanistan, at the monuments for 1st responders and at the monuments of the Korean War, World War II, World War I and the War Between the States.

Compatriot John realized that there were many, many veterans buried in Emanuel County that should be recognized with a wreath. For this coming December, John has begun to organize veterans in Emanuel County to take on four cemetery's in Swainsboro, to lay a wreath on each veterans grave. His group has begun to identify the graves in the city cemetery and are already up to over 700.

After our 3 members visited the inside of the Wreaths Across America trailer in Warner Robins, the director inside found out that all three served in Vietnam or served during the Vietnam war. He presented each the "50th Anniversary Vietnam Pin" and a cap."



Right: Where would we be without the women helping us keep it all together. Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Wreath check-in, program distribution, and who knows what else is just another way we get help, and we all truly appreciate it. Thanks Ladies !



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 (*not included with letter*) 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



Children of the American Revolution

Georgia C.A.R. continues to be busy attending SAR events. The photos below are from the Kettle Creek Commemoration. You can also find C.A.R. members in several photos previously posted in this newsletter.

Not only have they presented wreaths, but also prepared the 13 Colony flags during the event.





Above: Eagles of Liberty and the Elisha Winn Societies, C.A.R. attended the Washington's Birthday Celebration, in Gainesville, GA.

Above: Noah Tindall, member of the descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge gave greetings at the Washingtons Birthday Ceremony in Gainesville, GA.



Right: Compatriot Emil Decker spoke at the Sequoyah Chapter, Georgia Society DAR in February.

Below: Large number of DAR members attend the Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Commemoration Ceremony at Elijah Clark State Park.



Left: State Regent O.B. McCorkle attended the Heroes Event.



Left: DAR members line up awaiting their name to be called to present their wreath at the Elijah Clark State Park monument.

Below: Hightower and Sequoyah Chapters of the DAR were only two of many NSDAR represented at Kettle Creek.



Right: O.B. McCorkle, Georgia Society, NSDAR brings greetings at the Washington's Birthday Ceremony held by the Colonel William Candler Chapter, NSDAR and the Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR.





Above: Many DAR Chapters attended the Washington's Birthday Event.

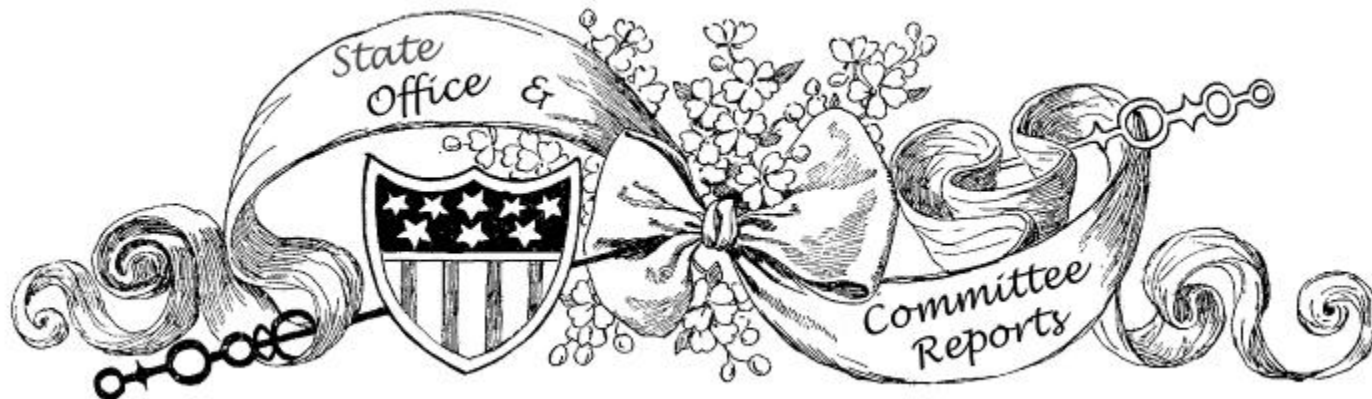
Right: Regent Kaytie Mashburn of the Chestatee Daughters of the American Revolution hosted Compatriot Emil Decker, Robert Forsyth member, as speaker in March.



Left and Below: Compatriot Steve Burke, a member of the Wiregrass Chapter, traveled to Thomson, GA to present "Survival Techniques for Living Off the Land" to the Captain John Wilson Chapter, NSDAR.

After Steve's presentation, he was presented with the DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Certificate and Medal."





Medals - Wayne Brown



Gentlemen, I would like to make you aware of a new medal for our young members, the State Outstanding Young Member Medal and the Chapter Outstanding Young Member Medal. Please submit to me your nominations for the State Outstanding Young Member Medal.

Description: The State Outstanding Young Member Medal (OYMM) is silver in color, while the Chapter Outstanding Young Member Medal (OYMM) is bronze in color. Both bear on the obverse a depiction of Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin in front of a circle of 13 five pointed stars. The reverse is inscribed "For the Duration—Outstanding Young Member" and a space to engrave the recipient's name and date of presentation. The medal is suspended from a ribbon drape of navy blue, buff, old glory blue, white, and old glory red. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be engrossed and presented with the medal.

Summary: The Chapter Outstanding Young Member Medal is awarded to a member of the Chapter who is 40 years old or younger. The recipient shall have exhibited continued, exemplary service to the Society at the Chapter level, especially focused on leadership and service to youth and younger members. The medal is named for Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin, who enlisted at the young age of 16, and served for the duration of the war, fighting in many notable campaigns, being mustered out in 1783. This young man, dedicated to seeing the war through to the end, is a Patriot that all our younger members should emulate.

Approval Requirements: The Chapter President shall approve the award of the medal.

Nominations for the award shall be made by the Chapter. All nominations should be submitted on the standard Outstanding Young Members Medal application form. The recommending authority should carefully read the form and follow the instructions relative to the type of supporting documentation needed.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Georgia Registrar North - Dennis McIntire



Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Atlanta:	2	2		
Button Gwinnett:	1			
Capt. John Collins:	5			
Casimir Pulaski:	2			
Cherokee:	1			
Coweta Falls:	1		1	
Marquis de Lafayette:		1		1
Piedmont:	2	1	3	
Robert Forsyth:	1	1		
Rome	1			
TOTAL	16	5	4	1
Total Applications Received and Processed:		26		

Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson



Thirty-four (34) applications were processed in the fourth quarter. The end total for 2021 was one hundred and thirty six (136).

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Altamaha:	1			
Col. William Few:	1			
Edward Telfair:	5	1		
Little River:	2	1		
Fall Line:		1	1	
Marshes of Glynn:	5	1		
Ocmulgee:	1			
Joel Early:	1			
TOTAL	16	4	1	

Total Applications Received and Processed: 21

Historic Sites & Celebrations - Bill Dobbs



On April 15, 1775, the “shot heard round the world” was fired, beginning the American Revolution. Next Tuesday on April 19, which will be the 247th anniversary of this date, we will conclude our \$6,000 matching funds campaign in support of the 2022 Savannah National Congress. This campaign has been a tremendous success, but there is still time for individuals or chapters to make a contribution and designate it for one of the following sponsorships:

- The five grave markers at the Midway Cemetery
- The two benches that will be dedicated in Savannah
- The George Washington Painting that has been commissioned
- Volunteer shirts (the GA Society provides embroidered shirts for our members working at the Congress)
- Volunteer Reception (to thank our members for donating their time with registration and welcoming the many attendees)
- Host State Reception (each National Congress Host State is responsible for hosting the participants on the evening prior to the start of the Congress)

Your support for our matching funds campaign has been incredible and will help our Georgia Society SAR leave a lasting legacy.

For Chapters that have made pledges, please check with your Treasurer to ensure that checks have been forwarded to our State Treasurer, Scott Collins.

I hope that everyone can celebrate Patriot’s Day and the Frederica Naval Action. This will be the first year that the Frederica Naval Action will be held as a National SAR Event. We are pleased that our SAR President General Davis Wright will be attending. The Celebration will begin at Saint Simons Island, April 16th at 10:00 am.

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. The participating chapters for 2022 dues collection include:

Athens	Atlanta	Blue Ridge Mtns	Brier Creek
Casimir Pulaski	Edward Telfair	Fall Line	George Walton
John Collins	John Milledge	Little River	Lyman Hall
Marquis de Lafayette	Marshes of Glynn	Mill Creek	Mount Vernon
Piedmont	Robert Forsyth	Valdosta	William Few
Wiregrass			

An invitation to those chapters not participating in 2022 will be sent out shortly for inclusion in the 2023 online dues collection process. Additionally, those participating will be asked to verify their 2023 dues structures. It is anticipated that the 2023 dues collection will open online on or about July 1, 2022. Any questions regarding the process may be directed to me via the contact form found at:

<https://gasocietysar.org/wpcommittee/?contactkey=IT%20Committee&name1=Richard%20Marsh>

C.A.R. Liaison - Robert Moore

As Liaison, I attended the winter N.S.C.A.R. Board of Management on February 19-20, 2022 in Arlington, Va. and also attended the N.S.C.A.R. wreath laying at the National Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Georgia State Conference of the C.A.R. was held in Roswell, GA at the Doubletree Hotel. Will Tims, State President presided over a fun weekend. New state and senior state officers were elected. The new Georgia State President will be Hope Frederick and Mrs. Emily Tindall will be the new Senior State President. Hope and Mrs. Tindall's installation will be on the grounds of Mt. Vernon in April. Lt. Col. (Ret) Randall Tindall (Gwinnett Chapter SAR) and Rick Reese (Piedmont Chapter SAR) will serve on the Senior State Board. Noah Tindall and David Jimenez (Jr. members SAR) will serve on the state board.

DAR Liaison - Shep Hammack**ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER****National SAR**

The State of Georgia currently in 3rd place, behind Texas and North Carolina, with 16 DAR Finder Forms submitted and approved through the first quarter of 2022. 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. If you have any questions please reach out to me.

Liaison with Georgia DAR Society

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

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

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

- ★ The Wiregrass chapter along with the Captain John Wilson DAR chapter sponsored a program, "Survival Techniques for Living of the Land", by SAR member Steve Burke as part of "A History Lover's Morning at the Museum" on March 12th at the McDuffie Museum in Thomson, Ga.
- ★ Compatriot Carter Wood presented a Patriot Chest program along with Jacob Braselton DAR Chapter Jan 10th; presented Patriot Chest to Sunbury DAR and C.A.R. on Jan. 30th; along with Col William Candler DAR, co-Hosted the Georgia Washington Birthday commemoration in Gainesville on Feb 22nd; along with Jacob Braselton DAR - Presented 2nd Attack on Pearl Harbor to Arbor Terrace Veterans Group on Feb 28th and presented US Historic Flags on March 28th to Arbor Terrace Veterans Group
- ★ Bill Houston of the Rome SAR chapter presented to Linda Easterwood, Xavier DAR Chapter a Medal of Appreciation on Feb. 12th for her recruitment of 6 new SAR members.
- ★ Emil Decker of the Robert Forsyth Chapter presented programs to the Sequoyah Chapter in February (The Battle of Kettle Creek), and the Chestatee Chapter in March (Great American Hero, the Marquis de Lafayette).

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

Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell



After two years of delays, we finally got the SAR Park Bench dedicated to General and President Andrew Jackson at the Hermitage in Nashville on March 13, 2022. It snowed three inches the night before the event and yes it was cold and windy, but we had a great ceremony! Color guard members from Georgia, Tennessee and all over the Southeast were there to celebrate the last US President to serve in the American Revolution. Special thanks to Scott Collins, Commander of the GASSAR Color Guard, and the Georgia Color Guard and Militia for their participation!

We had a banjo player picking out the great Johnny Horton song, "*The Battle of New Orleans*", while militia members fired their guns at appropriate times during the song. Paul White, President of the Nashville SAR Chapter gave an excellent talk on the history of Andrew Jackson and Howard Kittell, President and CEO of the Hermitage gave everyone a warm welcome and stated his intention to join the SAR!

Mr. Kittell often gives tours of the Hermitage and tomb of Andrew Jackson. He says he always points out the SAR Park bench to visitors as a strong indicator of the high level of respect and honor that Patriotic groups still shine on Jackson for his service in the Revolutionary War. The SAR bench is right across from the tomb in a prominent location; thus, it will garner good name recognition for the SAR in the future.

If you missed the ceremony, you can still see the very good YouTube video that Rick Reese and Rick Jr put together for us. Its also on our GASSAR webpage, so check it out. Thanks to the Ocmulgee, Piedmont, Coweta falls, Robert Forsyth Chapters, The Georgia Fellows and the George Washington Endowment Fund for their support of the important project. Also, thanks to SAR President General Davis Lee Wright for his attendance at the dedication and SAR Park Bench unveiling ceremony.

Are you ready for the Savannah SAR Congress? 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. According to Allen Greenly, Co Chairman, Congress Planning Committee, everyone is invited to the Congress. If you register (Fee not set yet), you participate in the banquets and if you sign up as delegate, you can vote. If you do not register, you can attend meetings, but not vote or attend the banquets.

Please refer to our GASSAR and National webpages for more information. Rooms are gone at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, but plans are being made to reserve a block of rooms at another Savannah Hotel soon. Stay tuned for more details! 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 Park Bench was placed in Tricentennial Park a few weeks ago.

As you know, the armed conflict began at Lexington and Concord in 1775, but historians generally acknowledge that the stamp act of 1765 and the Boston Massacre of 1770 set the wheels in motion for the American Revolution. 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 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.

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 Savannah departure. Thus, it would be an excellent location for a SAR Park Bench celebrating our 250 years of American Freedom! This would also give GASSAR increased name recognition and help draw new members. The new SAR Park bench has been approved by the Metropolitan Planning Commission and awaits action by the Savannah City Council. We hope to have in in place by June 1, 2022 and will dedicate it during the Congress.

The "George Washington in Savannah - 1791" painting is moving to completion and should be ready by June 1, 2022. We hope to have high quality prints in several sizes available and for sale at the Congress. If you are looking for a good project to commemorate the 250th Anniversary in your community, a SAR Park bench might be a great idea! Contact me for more details and assistance.

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 and Emil get hundreds of emails daily! If I can assist you in any way in your media efforts, please let me know! There will be one more Savannah Congress story in the next issue of SAR Magazine, so look for it soon.



Public Service & Heroism - William Tankersley









State Streamer Contest:

At the annual state meeting and chapter awards banquet, the following streamers are presented by the GA Society SAR:

Yellow (for **Gold - Excellence**): Chapters awarding a medal in ALL 5 PS&H categories: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety Commendation, Emergency Medical Services, Heroism, AND Life Saving

Silver (**Distinction**): Chapters awarding at least one medal in the following 4 PS&H categories: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety Commendation, Emergency Medical Services, and either Heroism or Life Saving

Brown (for **Bronze - Honorable Mention**): Chapters awarding at least one medal in the following 3 PS&H categories: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety Commendation, and Emergency Medical Services

Chapter	Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Heroism	Life Savings
					
Little River	William Woodard				
Marshes of Glynn				Britt Hannon Skyer Dione Tommy Brooks Chris Russum Chad Lee Ricky Williams Clifton Gorden James Stoddard Robert Darby Kyle Brown	Will Stubbs Danny Jones David Colquitt Michael Giery Jonathan Tennant Edwin Fendig III Bruce Fendig John Beimier Lawrence Gray Jamie Kavanaugh Gordon Strother Zach Griffis Mark Carson Jay Bright Colte Shaske Jeff Stokes T.J. Cheek
Ocmulgee	Dustin Mobbs				

Historian - Tom Harnden



I met at the Atlanta History Center's Kenan Research Center on March 17th. I was introduced to the archivist who I will work with in terms of adding documents into the GASSAR archive.

Furthermore, on the 17th, a box of 27 documents and artifacts were added to the archive. I am looking forward to collecting materials as well as doing any research that is requested.



Electronic Communications - Rick Reese, Jr.

Activities

Hosted Chapter monthly meetings for the Piedmont Chapter both in person and streaming on Zoom during January, March, and April.

Hosted Chapter monthly meeting for the Atlanta Chapter in January and February on Zoom.

Hosted 2022 Congress Planning Committee meetings twice monthly in the first quarter on Zoom.

Hosted South Atlantic District Presidents monthly meetings in January and February on Zoom.

Filmed the Georgia Society Annual meeting events (January 28-29, 2022), and distributed to the Georgia Society with YouTube links which were viewed by 93 individuals.

Prepared the February GASSAR ExCom meeting recorded video for distribution on YouTube.

My son Rick and I filmed the dedication ceremony for the SAR granite bench at President Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville, TN on March 13, 2022 and distributed the edited video on YouTube...viewed by 134 individuals so far.

Hosted the Valdosta Chapter monthly meeting on March 30, 2022 on Zoom.

In most cases these Zoom meetings were recorded and published for viewing by the appropriate individuals on YouTube.

Another consideration is that a Zoom meeting will also permit chapter members whose health or physical constraints might not allow for them to physically attend an in-person meeting to participate in the chapter meeting on Zoom.



America 250 - Ed Rigel Jr.

Objective: Promote the United States Semiquincentennial (*also called Sestercentennial or Quarter Millennium*) by increasing awareness of the events of the American Revolutionary period 1773 - 1783.

Goals:

- 1) Support the NSSAR Mission of commemoration and celebration of our Nation's 250th Anniversary
- 2) Promote the America 250 Recognition programs including Gold/Silver/Bronze Medals, Challenge Coins, and Lapel Pins
- 3) Increase Color Guard Membership by at least one new Guardsman per Chapter

Report and Recommendations:

In 2021, newly elected SAR President General Davis Wright stated that his mission was to "celebrate and commemorate the entirety of the American Revolutionary period from the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in 2023 to the 250th anniversary of British Army's departure from New York City in 2033." To support the President General's mission, Georgia Society President Joe Vancura created the GASSAR America 250 Committee, which he tasked with serving as the liaison between the National America 250 Committee and the State/Chapters. The Committee seeks to support the President General, the National America 250 Committee, and the Georgia Society through our stated goals, above.

Through the generosity of the Georgia Fellows Fund, the America 250 Committee will be offering America 250 Flags at no charge to interested Chapters to allow them to conduct their own America 250 events. Chapters should contact the America 250 Chairman by April 30, 2022, to be added to the purchase list. The Chairman will purchase the appropriate number of flags from National and distribute them by the Summer Board of Managers meeting. Chapters will be responsible for providing their own flag poles and bases (SAR Merchandise is not currently selling these items, so Chapters may have to look elsewhere).

To further promote participation, the Committee has recommended that the State Americanism Addendum be updated to include the following:

- 100 points to every Chapter that enlists a new Color Guardsman
- 50 points for each America 250 recognition plaque presented
- 25 points for each America 250 challenge coin presented
- 1 point for each America 250 lapel pin presented

The Committee is considering presenting awards at the Annual Meeting, based on Chapter membership size, to recognize Chapters that have taken an active role in America 250 programs.

Chapters are encouraged to list their presentations in the appropriate section of their Quarterly BoM Reports to allow for easier tabulation.

SAR Members who have participated in recognized America 250 events are encouraged to submit their applications for the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medals to the Chairman at the email above. The Bronze Medal may be approved by the Chapter or State, and the Silver is approved by the State. The Gold Medal is approved by the National Committee after submission to the State Chairman. The reporting form is available at

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/250th-Anniversary-Form.pdf>

Chapters are encouraged to share their participation in America 250 events with the Chairman so he can keep the National Committee apprised of our activities.

Websites:

<http://www.america250sar.com> (Public) <http://www.america250sar.org> (Members)

The Public website contains information for the general public including information on upcoming events, National communications, and Social Media links. The Members website contains, among other things, a toolkit for conducting America 250 Programs and links to purchase America 250 merchandise including plaques, lapel pins, and challenge coins.

Flag Respect - Gary Smith



Contests:

NSSAR Admiral William R. Furlong Award is due 15 April of each year. If 50% of State Chapters present a Flag Display Certificate (GASSAR receives the red, white and blue Furlong Streamer), 100% (GASSAR receives Furlong Streamer and Certificate of Excellence)

NSSAR U. S. Flag Retirement Award is due 1 March of each year. If over 50% of the chapters in the state, as well as the state society, present at least one U. S. Flag Retirement certificate each; the state will receive the U. S. Flag Retirement Award. The first time a state society receives the U. S. Flag Retirement Award, it will be presented a streamer and a certificate. Each additional time a state society receives the U. S. Flag Retirement Award, it will receive a certificate and white star to attach to the streamer. If 100% of the chapters in your state, as well as the state society, present at

least one U. S. Flag Retirement certificate each, then the state society will receive the U. S. Flag Retirement Award and a Certificate of Excellence.

Background Statistic:

Percentage of Chapters currently reporting in accordance with:

Admiral Furlong Award: 6% (Award Criteria is NOT met)

Flag Retirement Award: 3% (Award Criteria is NOT met)

Highlights of the Most Recent Quarter:

3 Flag Display and 1 Flag Retirement certificate were issued this Quarter.

Plans for the Next Quarter:

The Robert Forsyth & Piedmont Chapters, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, invite all to attend their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10:00 AM at Ingram Funeral Home 210 Ingram Avenue Cumming, Georgia 30040

Chapters are encouraged to obtain and present flag display and retirement certificates that can be purchased for \$4.00 through the SAR Merchandise Department.

Graves - Bruce Maney



The GASSAR Graves Committee responded to several Patriot and Compatriot Grave Marking inquiries received or forwarded by either our GASSAR President or our GASSAR Color Guard Commander. All inquiries were vetted before placing those on our GASSAR Color Guard Event schedule. Not all inquiries proposing a grave marking met the NSSAR eligibility criteria as provided in its National Handbook, Manual or Forms. The GASSAR Color Guard Commander adds to the Color Guard Event Calendar those Compatriot or Patriot Grave Markings which are NSSAR eligible.

In response to recent inquiries about the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, relatively new, COMPATRIOT GRAVE MARKING MEDAL, the following is provided.

The National Compatriot Grave Marking Medal was authorized in 2017. The medal may be presented by the President General or the State Society President. Requirements for earning the National Compatriot Grave Marking Medal includes: 1. The Compatriot being honored must be prominently recognized in the service and printed program with a brief biography that includes his type of service to the SAR. (This printed program may be used to document participation in the Compatriot grave marking); 2. You must have participated in a prominent ROLE during the planning and execution of the grave marking. (The ROLE is defined as: providing research or finding the grave; being the Master of Ceremonies; having a part on the printed program; presenting a wreath; providing financial assistance (\$60 or more); provided music; provided labor (cleaning the cemetery, setting up/taking down equipment at the ceremony, placing the Compatriot grave marker); or provide a Mourn Musket Salute or Musket Firing Salute. (Note: Just attending a Compatriot Grave Marking ceremony or being a member of the Color Guard does not qualify as a prominent Role); 3. You must participate in at least 15 eligible Compatriot Grave Marking events, in an eligible ROLE.

A Special Compatriot Grave Marking Medal Reporting Form is required. The Form is found at sar.org/resource-repository/ in the FORMS & MANUALS section, clicking on, "Grave Marking Medal Compatriot Application," web link.

Compatriot Grave Marking events are eligible back to January 1, 2012. As you will see on the Recording Form, each of your 15 Compatriot Ceremonies requires you to provide: Compatriot Name; Date of Birth; Date of Death; Cemetery Name; Cemetery Address; Type of Marker (Granite or Medallion); Ceremony Date; GPS Latitude; GPS Longitude; and Nominee Role. (Note: The Nominee Role abbreviations are found on page 3 of the Reporting Form: MC = Master of Ceremonies; M = Music; P = on the Program; W = Wreath; R = Research; L = Labor; D (donation) = Funding; and MS = Musket Salute (Mourn Salute or Firing Salute).

Upon completing your 15 Compatriot Graves Reporting Form you will submit that to the GASSAR Color Guard Commander by email, who will review it for accuracy, the forward it with his recommendation for approval to the GASSAR State President to affirm. Our GASSAR State President will submit by email his recommendation for the Nominee Medal to the National Patriot Graves Chairman for review and approval.

Upon receipt of the NSSAR Medal Approval Form, the GASSAR may order the National Compatriot Grave Marking Medal and Certificate from the National Merchandise for the Nominee. According to our GASSAR Chairman of the Awards and Medals Committee, this medal expense was a 2022 Budget Line Item that was approved at our Winter Board of Managers Meeting held January 29, 2022.

If a Compatriot did not provide service to the SAR, your Chapter should consider conducting a Compatriot Grave Marking as a local Chapter event. Your Invitation to the GASSAR to attend your Compatriot Grave Marking ceremony should include the notice that your local Chapter event is a Compatriot Grave Marking which does not meet the eligibility criteria to count toward earning the National Compatriot Grave Marking Medal.

Rumbaugh - Chuck Garnett



The State Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest will take place after the BOM meeting and lunch at the Garden Patch Restaurant on April 23, 2022. The Oration Entry Packet along with a written copy of the oration are due to me by April 10, 2022 at: garnett31016@bellsouth.net. If your chapter has a candidate please let me know as soon as possible so we can find judges from non-participating chapters. I have heard from the Joel Early Chapter and the Ocmulgee Chapter. If you have any questions please email me or call at 478-214-3715.

Library - Hugh Rodgers



The Georgia Society began the year on a strong note with 70 FOL memberships at the end of February and lost only two members by the end of March. There was an apparent drop in chapter memberships from 13 to 8. We are working with National to recheck the figures.

Chapter Members: 8, Georgia Society: 1, Compatriots & Friends: 59
Total: 68

The good news to report is that the Georgia Society has regained the lead of state societies. Georgia leads the Tennessee Society 68 to 65 (in February we led by 18 points). We proudly recognize 7 Life Members, now including President Joseph Vancura.

Veterans - Gary Hoyt



01/03/2022 Completed the Q4 Veterans Committee Report and submitted the document to the GASSAR BOM.

01/11/2022 Submitted the nomination of Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriot James Edward Walters for the General William C. Westmoreland Award to the GASSAR and NSSAR.

01/31/2022 Completed and submitted the GASSAR Stark Award Scoresheet and accompanying spreadsheet to the NSSAR.

02/04/22 Work began with GASSAR Awards Committee Chairman Wayne Brown on applications for Service to Veterans Medals for Compatriots Jackson (Jay) W. Guest (Athens); James Edward Walters (Button Gwinnett), Sid Turner and Richard Hoibraten (Blue Ridge Mountains). The awards have been approved and are scheduled to be presented at the April 23 GASSAR BOM meeting in Barnesville.

02/10/2022 Attended the quarterly NSSAR Veterans Committee Meeting. Chairman Scott Giltner unveiled the Veterans Committee's the 250th Anniversary Challenge Coin. He announced that the Recipient of the 2021 General William C. Westmoreland Award would be Compatriot Allen Manning of the Indiana Society. The GASSAR ranked third nationally with 62.9 percent of its chapters participating in Stark Award Reporting and will be among eight State Societies receiving the inaugural State Veterans Service Award at Congress.

02/19/2022 Submitted an updated Stark Award Spreadsheet to GASSAR President Joe Vancura. The number of GASSAR chapters reporting 50 or more Stark points grew from 18 in 2020 to 23 in 2021. The GASSAR Stark points total grew from 43,215 in 2020 to 93,484 in 2021.

02/25/2022 Received notice from Wreaths Across America Regional Liaison Trish Gardner that the GASSAR's ID for 2022 Wreaths Across America purchases will be:

- Group Name: Georgia Society-Sons of the American Revolution
- Group ID: GA0057
- Group Plan: 3 for 2
- Group Page: www.wreathsafteramerica.org/GA0057

Most compatriots can have wreaths shipped directly to their cemeteries of choice.

03/29/2022 Attended the Vietnam War Veterans Day Observance at the Georgia National Cemetery. The gathering was closed to the public due to COVID-19 concerns, but members of multiple Veterans Service Organizations attended. I received a dozen Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Pins for distribution to Vietnam war era veterans.



Above: On March 29 at 3 PM my wife (Connie Johnson) and I attended the Vietnam War Veterans Day Observance held at the Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA. The event, hosted by members of the National Cemetery Administration, was closed to the public due to COVID restrictions. Fortunately, members of National Service Organizations were invited to attend, and attendees included members from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, the NSSAR.



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

If your Chapter is planning to enter a Middle School Brochure or an Elementary School Poster in the Georgia State competition, these entries must be taken to Barnesville for consideration at the Spring BOM meeting on April 23, 2022 prior to the start of the BOM meeting. Ideally, it would be best to have your entries at the Garden Patch by 9:30 AM to allow for the judging of these entries prior to the 10 AM start of the BOM meeting.

In order for me to select a panel of impartial judges for these contests, please let me know that your Chapter will have an entry and for which contests.

The SAR Youth Education Recognition Program

The SAR Youth Education Medal - The NSSAR Youth Education Medal was established in 2021 to recognize sustained education of our youth by members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

To receive the Youth Education Medal, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) The Youth Education Medal will be awarded to a Compatriot after 15 educational presentations have been made. The look-back period for qualifying presentations will extend to 1 January 2021.
- 2) The presentations must be given to preschool or school age children.
- 3) The presentations may be given in both public and private schools. The presentations may be given in or out of the classroom.
- 4) Presentations made in different classes during the same day, in the same school, may be counted as separate presentations if specific data such as teacher or separate class periods is provided.
- 5) Presentations given as part of a 'school day' for living history events are acceptable.
- 6) The presentations may also be given to youth groups or organizations such as, but not limited to the following: Children of the American Revolution, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, home school COOPS, church youth groups, etc.
- 7) The presentations must be recorded in the Chapter and Societies' Americanism Report to be used towards the tracking and award of the PG's Education Outreach Streamer. Presenters should develop and submit Presenter Data Sheets to the National Education Committee and must have completed Youth Protection Training.
- 8) The Medal may be awarded multiple times.
 - a) After the initial Medal has been received, the recipient will receive a bronze oak leaf cluster for each additional 15 presentations given.
 - b) Five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters can be replaced with one silver oak leaf cluster. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.
 - c) The presentation(s) must be approved by the Society Education Program Chairman or equivalent committee within the society.



The SAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar - State Societies can award The NSSAR Youth Education Medal with 'Lifetime Achievement' Bar to two individuals annually.

A SAR Compatriot must have distinguished themselves in bringing the history of the American Revolution and the accomplishments of our patriot ancestors to young people by being involved in education outreach activities or by presenting Education Outreach Programs to our youth for a period of more than 10 years.

State Societies will purchase the Youth Education Medal and the Lifetime Achievement Bar and mount the bar on the drape prior to presentations within their states. Recipients will be reported on the Society's Americanism Report.

Special Awards of The NSSAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar to non - SAR persons can be proposed by State Societies to the Education Committee via email request. Requests will detail their rationale for the presentation and must include

- 1) who the proposed recipient is;
- 2) what they did to earn it; and
- 3) why they deserve our recognition.

Editor - Emil Decker



Wow! The year is off to a flying start! There will be many events, including the granddaddy of them all, the National Congress in our own backyard. It would be a shame to NOT have your chapter recognized in the State's "*Award Winning Newsletter*" [George Thurmond said I have to call it that, just like the "*Award Winning GASSAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia*"!]

This quarter I have received a great number of submissions. I am very happy. In fact, I have received some that will be in the next publication, for I have almost run out of room in this one. Never fear. You will see them all, but I urge you to submit often and regularly.

Enjoy the upcoming events.