

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution



The Hornet's Nest

April - June 2022

The President's Dispatch



Compatriots, Hello! So, it's just a wee bit hot out there, hope everyone is staying safe. Remember, wide brimmed hats and plenty of sunscreen are your friends.

The second quarter flew by almost as fast as Q1, and the third quarter kicks off with

a bang.....by our award winning GASSAR Color Guard, who will present colors and fire volleys at the Atlanta Braves game for the Independence Day celebrations at Truist Park. Then of course it's finally time to welcome our compatriots and friends to Savannah. The 132nd National Congress runs from July 9th through July 15th. Did you know that you may attend without registering? Members who are not attending the banquets or memorial service may still attend the business sessions.

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The Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution is pleased to host the 132nd National SAR Congress in Savannah, Georgia July 09 - 15, 2022.

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.

We also placed a 250th Anniversary Bench in Johnson Square. 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!

We can be very proud of our chapters and the Georgia Fellows Fund for supporting these important projects leading up to the Savannah Congress. This bench will be a beacon of freedom, inspiration and a chance for restful insight into the many sacrifices of our patriot ancestors within the tranquility of Johnson Square, Savannah's largest and oldest park square. The benches will certainly help our public name recognition and future membership!

The Dedication of these benches will happen during the 132nd Congress. On Wednesday, the Johnson Park bench dedication will be from 3:00 - 4:30. The Tricentennial Park bench dedication will occur the next day, Thursday, from 2:15 - 3:15.



As with many Congress activities, you may attend, and observe the activity, even if you have not registered. You obviously cannot eat, vote, or attend certain activities, but the opportunities to enjoy the atmosphere of a Congress are yours to experience. Join us.

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

The President's Dispatch (cont.)

There will be morning and afternoon sessions on Tuesday July 12th, along with morning sessions on Wednesday the 13th and (usually briefly) on Thursday the 14th. I encourage you to make the most of this great opportunity to witness a National Congress for yourself – you won't be disappointed!

Following Congress we have a quick turnaround for the Summer BOM meeting, once again online and in -person at Pam's Garden Patch in Barnesville. Business starts at 10:00am, but plan on arriving well before that for free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution President Hope Frederick will join us to bring greetings and discuss her project. Then of course we will announce the individual, chapter and state awards received by GASSAR at Congress.

How many of you have ever attended a meeting of the C.A.R.? I had not until this most recent Flag Day, when I had the honor of bringing greetings to the organizing meeting of the Patriots of Liberty Chapter, C.A.R., in Cumming. I thank Organizing Senior President Carissa Bull, GSSCAR President Frederick, and newly installed chapter President Michael Clesen for their warm welcome and outstanding program. Thank you to the members of the Color Guard in attendance. And special congratulations to the gentlemen of the Robert Forysth Chapter, who per President Gary Page have been working behind the scenes in furtherance of creation of a new CAR chapter for the region. And an additional thank you goes to Tennessee Society President Fred Underdown, who attended the service in person to see several of his grandchildren become members of this newly established chapter.

It was at this meeting when I first heard the C.A.R. Creed. If you don't know it, I encourage you to look it up. The last sentence, to me, is particularly poignant, provides a standard to which we all should ascribe:

"As a member of the [C.A.R.], I believe it is my duty to use my influence to create a deeper love of country, a loyal respect for its Constitution and reverence for its flag, among the young people with whom I come in contact." – Ethel Vance Mosher

Let us all use our influence to create a love of country, respect for the Constitution (together with its perfection and its flaws), and reverence for our flag and all it represents.

I am GRATEFUL for your service to the SAR. I wish you a blessed quarter and I look forward to seeing you in Savannah and in Barnesville.

Joe Vancura
President



Clockwise from Above: The Tricentennial bench located next to the entrance to parking and the flagpole. (before brick foundation laid)

Redoubts just behind the bench.

The Johnson Square bench top view.

And the front view of Johnson Square bench. (Foundation Bricks laid)



Washington Arrives in Savannah

While the fine artwork commissioned by the Georgia Society of "Washington entering the city of Savannah" is hopefully about complete, and we should get to see it on display at the 132nd Congress this coming July, we know Washington had to get across the river. Here, our staff caricaturist has envisioned how he did so, with Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp, and George Thurmond at the helm.





Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
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 17, 2022	State
Patriot Grave Marking - McCarty	Quinton, AL	Sep 24, 2022	State
Patriot Grave Marking	St. Simons Island, GA	Delayed due to Tick infestation	State

**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/>

SAR Staff Genealogist Jessie Hagan featured on Mike Rowe's "The Way I Heard It" Podcast

Listen to episode 250: "They Want You to Find Them" below:

<https://mikerowe.com/podcast/>

One of our own Staff Genealogist for Sons of the American Revolution, Jessie Hagan was interviewed by Mike Rowe from the hit show Dirty Jobs for his podcast "The Way I Heard It". Jessie forgoes his Derby party to school Mike and Chuck on their revolutionary lineage, why it matters, and why Knobel is a fitting name for Mike's Whiskey.

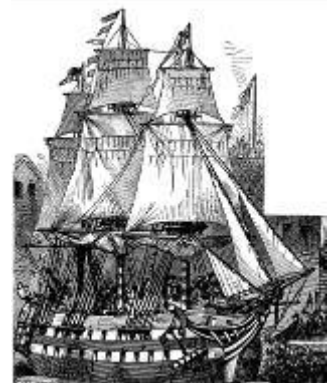


FREDERICA NAVAL ACTION



Below: The 17th annual celebration of the Frederica Naval Action "Patriots' Day" took place Saturday, April 16th on Saint Simons Island, Georgia. This year, the celebration was special because it was officially recognized as a National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) event for the first time.

Dignitaries participating in the activities included NSSAR President General Davis L. Wright and Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (GASSAR) President Joseph L. Vancura Jr.



Below: The award winning Georgia Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia formed up to fire musket and cannon salutes.





Above and Below: Four JROTC units, Glynn Academy, Brunswick High School, Wayne County High School, and Brantley County High School, were participants in the event.

Right: The Brier Creek Artillery made for some booming noise as their cannons repelled the British.



Right: For the first time ever, the Tall Ship Lynx, America's Privateer (a replica War of 1812 ship) sailed into the harbor representing the original British ships that were part of the Frederica Naval Battle. Over 300 soldiers and sailors participated in the capture of the three British ships, but Colonel Samuel Elbert reported, *"What is extraordinary, we have not one man hurt"*.

In the action at the event, the Elijah Clarke Militia and the Brier Creek Militia fired their flintlocks at the Lynx and the Brier Creek Artillery fired 9 rounds from its 8-pounder Field Gun, 6-pounder Naval Cannon and its 6-pounder Mortar at the Lynx; the Lynx fired 6 rounds from its Naval cannons.

Below: Professional Native American historian and Muscogee (Mvskoke) Creek descendant Jim Sawgrass was the dynamic guest speaker.



Above: Samuel Elbert, in command of 300 troops and 3 galleys, the Lee, the Washington, and the Bulloch, forced the surrender of three British warships, his Majesty's schooner Hinchinbrook, the recently repaired sloop - of - war Rebecca, and a third vessel referred to as a prize brig, all anchored along Frederica.



The video recording of the Georgia Society SAR Spring BOM meeting is available for viewing by clicking on the YouTube link shown below:

<https://youtu.be/ph7kStQz154>



Left: Compatriot Jay Guest with a special gift of a portrait made from a photo of PG J. Michael Tomme.



Above: President Joseph Vancura Jr., and Veterans Committee Chair Gary Hoyt present Service to Veteran's Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters to Compatriots (L-R) James Walters, Jay Guest, and Sid Turner. (Richard Hoibraten not present was also recognized.)



MEMORIAL DAY



After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic we all know too well, the scouts from around Georgia were called upon once again to honor the interred at Marietta National Cemetery, placing flags on every grave. The Georgia Society Color Guard was invited to attend, but due to the numerous requests, we were not sure if enough compatriots would show. We had commitment from two Robert Forsyth members to provide at least a national standard bearer and arms. Then a third member committed and we could carry the state flag as well. On Saturday, another compatriot from Button Gwinnett came slowly walking up the hill, and we added the SAR flag to the detail. Finally, just before the start of the program, a Marquis de Lafayette member arrived, and we were able to add the 250 flag. We cut it close, but also managed a 3 man squad later in the program for a musket volley. The scouts did a great job, and very quickly the entire cemetery was covered in red, white and blue.

Above: Wait.... is that Leward L. Dunn, First GASSAR Color Guard Commander on the firing line? Yep. Compatriot Dunn was Commander in 1982 and 1984. Good to see him back in action.





May 28, the Fall Line Region Continentals joined forces with the Henry Laurens Chapter, SC Sons of the American Revolution for the Aiken, SC Memorial Day Parade.



Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter reports that the North Georgia News reporting on the Memorial Day Parade published *"The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution marched out in their 18th century best..."* but failed to mention that their float won 1st Place.

The float had plenty of room with Jack Dugger and Stephen Weaver's bride, Barbara, representing the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, DAR, riding in it. *(Note the empty chairs are reserved for you at the next parade.)*

Jared Ogden, Sid Turner, David Anderson marched in front carrying the US, Georgia, and SAR Colors, protected on the flanks by fearsome Compatriots, Devon Turner and Stephen Weaver, armed with muzzleloaders. Mike Zink (not pictured) piloted the cumbersome float down the streets of Blairsville, made narrow by the thousands of spectators cheering the Colors as we passed.



The Coweta Falls Chapter, conducted its 17th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration at the Veterans Garden, Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, GA. After the assembly and greeting by our President, Tommy Powell, the Coweta Falls Color Guard commanded by Dan McMichael posted the Colors. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem by the King's Gap Ensemble. Colonel (Retired) John House, City Council Post #10 and a member of our chapter, spoke about those who gave their all in defense of freedom and our country.

After the Prayer for the Fallen, the King's Gap Ensemble sang "America the Beautiful". The following organizations presented wreaths: Coweta Falls Chapter, George Walton Chapter, DAR; Oglethorpe Chapter, DAR; Benjamin Hardin Chapter 366, United States Daughters of 1812; Lucy Spell Raiford Society, CAR; King's Gap Chapter, DAR; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 7; Columbus Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists; Major Peter Field Chapter, Colonial Dames 17th Century; Charles S. Harrison American Legion Post 35; and Eddie L. Roberts American Legion Post 333. The commemoration ended with a moment of silence followed by a gun salute, taps, retiring of the Colors, and the benediction.

Unfortunately, no photos were available.



Left: Chuck Garnett presented the Wreath during Monroe County's Memorial Day Celebration.



Right and Below: Oconee County Veterans memorial Plaza was the scene for their annual Memorial Day Commemoration.





The John Milledge Color Guard, Getting ready for the Salute on Memorial Day 2022 at The Veterans Cemetery Milledgeville, Ga.



FLAG DAY / FLAG RETIREMENT



The Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony hosted by Ingram Funeral Home and Co-Sponsored by Piedmont and Robert Forsyth Chapters, was held on June 11, 2022. Members from the SAR, DAR, C.A.R. along with other guest attended and honored the emblem of our country. Flags were delivered from various locations, chapters, and many were brought to the service and added to the number which lay in rest in the antique coffin provided by Ingram. The hosting chapters have collection boxes in several Home Depot stores, and collect well over 2000 flags each year.



Above: Rick Reese Jr. prepares for the YouTube Recording. Rick Reese III is behind the camera, and therefore all the photos of this event.

Above Right: Combined members of the Robert Forsyth, Piedmont, and Blue Ridge Mountains Color Guard Present the Colors.

Right: Robert Forsyth Chaplain Byron Tindall gives the invocation.



Left: Col. George Thurmond (Ret.) leads the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Left: Robert Forsyth President Gary Page MCs the Ceremony.

Below Left: Members of the Flag Detail, along with members of the various DAR Chapters attending step forward to inspect the flags for wear and tear.

Below Right: Piedmont President Mark Anthony brings greetings and welcome.



Above: Taps is played by C.A.R. past president Will Timms.

Left Compatriot Emil Decker presents Ingram's representative Specialist Brittany Bustamante a Flag Retirement Certificate for the Ingram Funeral Home. Brittany was also presented a 250 Challenge Coin by President Gary Page.



Video of this event is available at: <https://youtu.be/Zu2T0zoYqRc>

Below: On Flag Day, June 14th, members of the William Few Chapter spent time with and handed out over 100 treat bags to veterans at the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in downtown Augusta. Each bag had a personal, hand written message on it from a member of the Chapter. The veterans and staff were most appreciative of the visit, treat bags and well wishes.



GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES

JOHN VENABLE



Capt. John Venable was from a prominent Virginia Family. His ancestor, Abraham Venable was a Burgess from Louisa County, VA for 20 years. One of his sons, William Venable nominated Patrick Henry for the House of Burgesses in 1765. Capt. Venable was prominent before and after the Revolutionary War. In 1776 he served as Commissioner of Provision Laws in Bedford County, VA. In the Revolutionary War he with other family members fought at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, NC.



MARIETTA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Below: Descendants of Valley Forge attending the Grave

**JOHN CLARK,
JOHN HAMES,
GEORGE BRADFORD**



Left: The traditional "Musket Tree". At many events, militia members also serve other functions, such as Color Guard Flag bearers. Holding both musket and flagstaff is impossible, so a local tree becomes the guardian for a short period.

John Hames was born April 28, 1764 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He was the son of Charles and Catherine Krugg Hames.

He married Charity Jasper in 1781. Charity's brother, William, is famous for displaying his courage at the Battle of Sullivan's Island and for planting the flag at the storming of Savannah on October 9, 1779. William was killed for his effort and a large monument was erected to his memory in Madison Square, Savannah.

Military service records show John enlisted in 1776 while just a boy. He lived in Union District, South Carolina. He was 17 when some of the major battles occurred. He served until 1781.

John stated in his petition that he was under the commands of Captain John Thompson and Col. Thomas Brandon, and Major McJunkin who was killed and succeeded by Major Jolly.

He served at various times as a private and brevet-major under Captain John Thompson, William Grant, Robert Montgomery and Cols. Thomas Brandon and Henderson.

He was in the battle of Cowpens, Brier Creek, Guilford Courthouse, the siege of Augusta and Fort Granby. He was in several engagements at Cambridge and Fort Ninety - Six, the scene of the longest siege conducted by the Continental Army.

He was in two engagements under the command of General Marion. He was in an engagement under General Sumter at Blackstocks Plantation on the Enoree River in South Carolina and in many skirmishes against the Cherokee Indians.

He was in the engagement at Eutaw Springs when General Greene had the command where Col. William Henderson was badly wounded. John said he carried Col. Henderson back to the General's camp.

In addition, he was in engagements on the PeeDee River and at a bridge on the Broad River. In later years he told one of his grandsons that when he was serving General Brandon on a scouting expedition, he fell in with General Marion with troops near Granby and defeated a large body of Tories camped on the Pee Dee River and pursued them down the Broad River where it was crossed by a bridge. General Marion, known as "Swamp Fox", ordered the soldiers to spread their blankets on the bridge in order to prevent the Tories, who were supposed to be near, from hearing the tread of the horses. Before all had passed over, the Tories began the attack but were repulsed and they left behind several prisoners.

John Hames moved to Hall County Georgia around 1783. He also lived in Cherokee County, Georgia and Murray County, Georgia. John died on October 9, 1860 at age 96.

He was originally buried in the Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery Murray County, Georgia. In 1911 he was re-interred in the Marietta National Cemetery by his descendants. His grave was positively identified by the man who had made his coffin and dug his grave.



George Bradford was born September 6, 1753 in Orange County, North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Boswell and they had five children.

He joined the 9th Regiment of the Virginia Line on July 12, 1776 in Accomack County, Virginia. The 9th, also known as the "Tall Virginians", was commanded by Colonel George Matthews who

would later become Governor of Georgia. He fought in the battles at Brandywine and Germantown, PA in 1777. He was at Valley Forge during the winter encampment and subsequently discharged on 10 February 1778 due to an undefined disability.

In 1809 they moved to Jackson County, Georgia where he died in 1812 supposedly from injuries he received during the Revolutionary War.



John Clark was born on February 28, 1766, in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, so he was only 10 years old when the colonies declared their independence on July 4, 1776. John's early years of hunting and learning to use a gun and traps made him self-reliant by the age of five.

His obituary from the "Tallahassee Floridian" tells us that during the Revolution he usually attended his father, the gallant Colonel Elijah Clarke, and participated in his father's many skirmishes and battles. At 14 he was sent to school in Wake County, North Carolina, but didn't stay long. He joined a scouting party being raised to go against the British and Tories. When he returned from the scouting party, he found an opportunity to rejoin his father and abandoned formal schooling.

Clark joined his father and fought at the last siege of Augusta. Another account tells us that at 14, John became a Lieutenant in his father's Cavalry. At age sixteen he was appointed Lieutenant and then Captain of Militia.

John Clark continued to fight the Tories with the same determination as his father. As a result he gained the reputation that he "knew no fear." John and his father were continually rewarded with land from the State of Georgia for their military efforts.

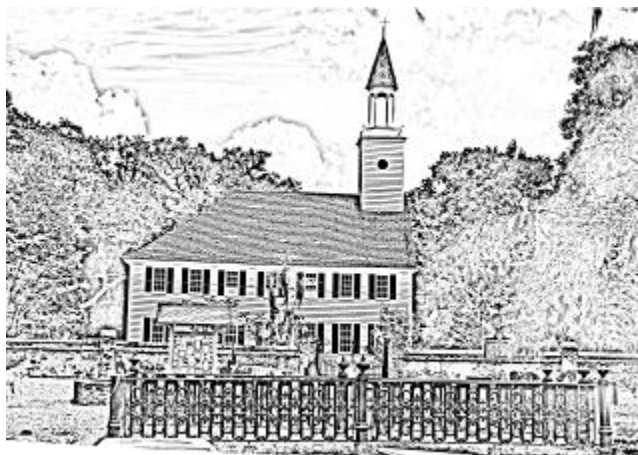
After the war John Clark rose rapidly through the different grades of military command. In 1793 he was promoted to Brigadier General of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division of the Georgia Militia. He served in the House of Representatives and as State Senator from Wilkes County. He was a trustee of the University of Georgia for 9 years. He stayed in the Georgia militia and commanded the Georgia coastal troops during the war of 1812. After the war, Clark returned to Georgia politics and was twice honored by election to the office of Governor of the State of Georgia.

In 1827 he retreated to the secluded borders of St Andrews Bay in West Florida. There he accepted the appointment of Indian Agent from President Andrew Jackson. John Clark and his wife, the former Nancy Williamson, died in 1832 after contracting yellow fever. John Clark,

veteran of both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, was a public servant for 42 years.

The graves of Clark and his wife fell into neglect in Florida. In 1932, their bodies were brought back to Georgia by the Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution and re-interred in Marietta National Cemetery.





MIDWAY CHURCH

**BENJAMIN ANDREW
DANIEL ROBERTS
JOHN BAKER
ROBERT SALLETT**





Always a good picnic after the worship service, and before the Grave Marking. Especially when Compatriot Jay Guest is cooking the Stew—N—Que.



Benjamin Andrew was born on October 20, 1713, in South Carolina. He was the brother of James, born 1709, and Joseph, born 1720. He arrived in the Midway District in 1754 from Ponpon, South Carolina, along with sixteen families from the Church in Dorchester.

Benjamin was very active during the years of the Revolution: He was a member of the Georgia Royal Commons House of Assembly for St. Johns Parish from about 1770 to 1775. He also participated in the first Georgia Revolutionary Committee, which was held at Savannah under the name of the Sons of Liberty in 1774. In the same year, he was a member of the Georgia Committee to Prepare Resolution to Consider Actions Against British. In 1775, he was a member of the Georgia Provincial Congress, and a member of the Committee of Correspondence from 1775 to 1776. In 1777, he was President of the Georgia Executive Council. Benjamin was a Representative Georgia House of Assembly in 1777, 1782, and 1783. He was elected Delegate to Continental Congress in 1780 but did not attend.

The British burned his two rice plantations in 1778, and he is listed in the British Treason Act of 1780. After the war, he served as a representative in the Georgia General Assembly. He served again in the Georgia Executive Council 1782 to 1783. In 1782, he served as an Associate Justice. Benjamin died on December 16, 1790, but his gravesite has been lost to history.



Daniel Roberts was a member of the Provincial Congress of Georgia and served as a Lieutenant, a Captain, and a Major in the 3rd Regiment of the Georgia Continental Line. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the 2nd Battalion of Georgia and was named in the Royal Disqualifying Act of 1780.



John Baker was born on May 12, 1722, in Dorchester, South Carolina. Along with other members of the White Meeting House, his family moved to the Midway District in Georgia. John Baker served the Royal Colony of Georgia as a Lieutenant in the King's Troops. In July 1774, he was appointed a member of the Georgia Committee to discuss the British Port Bill. In addition to his extensive military service during the Revolutionary War, John Baker was a member of the Sons of Liberty, Committee of Correspondence, and the Provincial Congress.

He was fifty-four years old on January 8, 1776, when commissioned a captain in the Saint John's Riflemen, a volunteer company of Militia, and served on the Council of Safety that same year. Assigned to the fort at Sunbury, he took charge and repaired the entrenchment around the fort. In less than three months, he fought British troops at Savannah and Tybee Island during the Battle of the Rice Boats.

He was soon promoted to colonel commanding the 1st (Liberty County) Battalion, 3rd Regiment of the Georgia Militia, but transferred into the Continental Line, along with most of his men. There he was commissioned as lieutenant colonel in command of the 1st Regiment Georgia Continental Light Horse, a position in which he served during the Second Florida Expedition. Colonel Samuel Elbert planned to rendezvous with Colonel John Baker in East Florida. Elbert's Continentals skirmished with British troops at Amelia Island which delayed their arrival. British Major Marc Prevost ambushed Colonel Baker at Thomas Creek. This surprise led to a rout of Baker's men, many of whom simply deserted during the fight. Because of their poor behavior, John Baker resigned his commission.

In November 1778, Colonel Mark Prevost, on a foraging expedition into Coastal Georgia again met Colonel John Baker, having rejoined the

Georgia Militia. During the fight where the Savannah and Darien road crosses Bulltown Swamp, Colonel Baker and others were wounded and had to retreat to a position near the North Newport bridge. By June 1779, Baker again served as colonel in command of the 1st (Liberty County) Battalion, 3rd Regiment of the Georgia Militia, a position in which he served until January 1783.

After the Revolution, John Baker became a merchant in Sunbury, and served as Commissioner of Sunbury. He joined the Congregational Church at Midway in 1763. John Baker died on June 3, 1792, in Liberty County. His burial place is unknown, but possibly was the Midway Cemetery, since he was a member of the Midway Congregational Church. Baker County, in Southwest Georgia, was named for Colonel John Baker, in honor of his significant record during the Revolutionary War.



Robert Sallette was a Georgia Patriot who signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence in Liberty County, August 3, 1777. Legend says he murdered many Tories with a sabre. He was certified as a refugee soldier by Colonel John Baker and received 575 acres of bounty land along Walnut Creek and the Oconee River in Franklin County for his services. He lived in what is now the present-day Ryepatch District of Long County.



Samuel Stephens was a member of the Sons of Liberty and served as a delegate from St. John's Parish to Charleston, South Carolina in 1775. He signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence in Liberty County, August 3, 1777.





Left:
Jimmy Boatwright uncovered the Patriot markers as each of the five patriot's Bio was read.



Right:
Chuck Garnett carries the National Flag.

JOSEPH BREED

Below: Shadowlawn Cemetery, Newnan, GA. was the site of the Joseph Breed Dedication.





Joseph Breed Jr, son of Reverend Joseph Breed Sr., his son - in -law Richard George and his brother Nathan Breed were all members of Col. Thomas Brandon's Regiment of South Carolina militia. Brandon's Regiment served in Revolutionary War Battles at: Ramsous' Mill, NC 20 June 1780, Stallions, York County, SC 12 July 1780, Mucsgroves Mill, SC 19 August 1780, Battle of Kings Mountain in York County, SC, 7 October 1780, and the Battle at Cowpens in Cherokee County, SC 17 January 1781.





**JAMES GREER
SHEAROD THOMPSON
WILLIAM WILSON**



James Greer was a First Lieutenant in the Bedford County, Virginia Militia. James also furnished supplies for the revolutionary efforts.









William Wilson, Sr. was born June 30, 1747 in Fairfax County, Virginia near the Potomac River. His parents were Thomas Wilson and Mary Anne Brickey. He later married Anna Susannah Wheeler in 1768 or 69 in Bute, North Carolina (near Roanoke Rapids), and had ten children. Tradition has it that the Wilson family came from England but there is no documentation.

At the time of the Revolution, William lived in the York District, South Carolina (near Charlotte, North Carolina). It was from York that William served in the South Carolina Militia. William served for eighteen months (1781 - 1782) as a Private under Captain Lacey, in General Sumpter's command. Records show he was paid 44 pounds, 17 shillings, 6 pence for his service. Following the war, William moved to the Spartanburg area, later migrating to Jackson County, Georgia. He received a land grant for his services and also drew land in the Cherokee Lottery . He settled in Dry Pond, Maysville. He was one of the founding members of Old Dry Pond church and is buried on the land of the original log cabin church.

All of George Thurmond direct Wilson ancestors down through his grandmother, Martha Alice Wilson lived and died in Jackson County.



Shearod Thompson was born 1757 in Cumberland County, Virginia. Shearod was a dispatch rider for the Continentals in what was then Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Shearod first entered the service as a drafted militia man under Captain John Coleman and Lieutenant Jesse Douglass. The was commanded by Colonel Scott and the Army was Commanded by Major General Nathaniel Greene. They marched from Halifax in Virginia to some point on the Dan River where General Lord Charles Cornwallis pursued General Greene and his army to Guilford Court House in North Carolina.

Shearod served 18 months in the Virginia militia and 9 months as a private in the Continental Army. After his discharge, he returned home to Henry County in Virginia where he resided two or three years.

Shearod moved to Jefferson, Jackson County, Georgia about 1804. He resided on a large plantation on the Oconee River, 3 miles east of Jefferson, Georgia. He lived there for thirty-nine years and until his death.

GASSAR Color Guard Commanders

In the Annual Conference Edition of *The Hornet's Nest*, we covered the change of Command ceremony and mentioned how the Gorget the commander wears was engraved with the previous commander's names.

Scott Collins did some research, and provided some information about the commanders before the Gorget's existence.

Reported founding date 07-04-1982 - The GASSAR Color Guard was started on July 4, 1982, with two members Leward L. Dunn and Dorsey Stancil of the Atlanta Chapter, taking part with the GASCAR in the Atlanta Salute to America Parade and the Guard was under arms as well.

The uniforms were obtained from Mercer University in Atlanta when the Drama Department had a sale of old costumes, these two came coat with tricorns from the "Pirates of Pinzance" which was performed in 1981.

They were used until the day of Bob Vance and Jim Westlake took over and the Polyester Uniforms were in vogue. That was about the time Samuel Padgett became Commander.

1982	Leward L. Dunn
1983	Dorsey Stancil
1984	Leward L. Dunn
1985	Bob Vance
1986	Jim Westlake

On Color Guard Commanders Gorget

1993	Samuel J. Padgett, Jr.
1994-1997	Benjamin F. Miller
1998-2003	G. Revis Butler, Jr.
2004	Terry P. Manning
2005-2010	Paul I. Prescott
2011-2016	Edward P. Rigel, Sr.
2017-2021	William H. Palmer
2022- Present	K. Scott Collins

Editor's Note: I recently had the pleasure to meet Leward Dunn at the Marietta Cemetery during the Scout's placing of the flags for Memorial Day, 2022. After a period of Inactivity within the SAR, he arrived with his "left - handed lock" musket in tow, and rounded out the militia numbers. We hope to see more of him in the future.

JOHN STRANGE



John Strange served in the 5th Virginia Regiment and drew land in the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery as a Revolutionary War Soldier. John was a resident of Franklin County. He is buried in the Strange Family Cemetery, in woods on old Duncan Plantation.





Above: (L) David and Marlar Murphy, owners of the Strange Family Home are joined by descendant Adam Motts to uncover the marker. A great amount of bushhogging was accomplished to get to the cemetery, which holds family members, slaves and other unknown graves.

Left: David Murphy provided TAPS for the service.

Below: The Elijah Clarke Militia fired volleys, and performed "Mourn Muskets" for Patriot Strange.





DON MCCLANAHAN

Don Crawford McClanahan [Aug 28, 1935 - Jan 31, 2018] was born in San Antonio, TX. A stateside Army Korean War Veteran, Don worked with computers his entire career. Don became a Piedmont Chapter member in 2011 and served as webmaster. Don's Patriot Capt. Robert McClanahan Jr., who served in the French & Indian War as well at the Battle of Point Pleasant, 10/10/1774, a battle against Native Americans where he was killed.





What Do Coins on a Headstone Mean?

While visiting cemeteries, you may notice that headstones of military personnel have coins on them left by previous visitors to the grave. These coins have distinct meanings when left on the headstones of veterans and especially those who gave their life while serving in America's military, and these meanings vary depending on the denomination of coin.

The tradition of leaving coins on the headstones of military personnel can be traced to as far back as the Roman empire, although humans have left artifacts and tributes at gravesites for thousands of years. According to ancient Greek mythology, the coin or obol, a payment or bribe for Charon, the

ferryman who conveyed souls across the River Styx that divided the world of the living from the world of the dead.

Archeologists have called coins, "the most famous grave goods from antiquity". In the Roman empire, soldiers would insert a coin into the mouth or onto the eyes of a fallen soldier to ensure they could cross into the afterlife.

A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. In the United States, during the Vietnam War, due to the political divide in the country over the war, this practice became common. Leaving a coin was a practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave rather than contacting the soldier's family, which might evolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics. Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

- ★ Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited.
- ★ A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together
- ★ A dime means you served with him in some capacity.
- ★ By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he was killed.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

"Blast from the Past", looks at some back issue / historic news relevant to the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

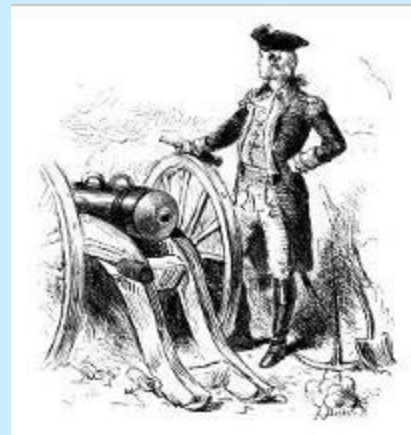
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution - First Compatriots

by Bruce Maney

As we have just celebrated our 100th Anniversary, let us remember those 16 Charter Compatriots who made possible today's Georgia Society with its 35 Chapters and 2,000+ members.

In the Official Bulletin of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Volume XV, March 1921, page 18, "the charter was issued for the State of Georgia, with sixteen members, headed by Compatriot Allan Waters, who feels assured that an organization of 200 members will soon be enrolled."

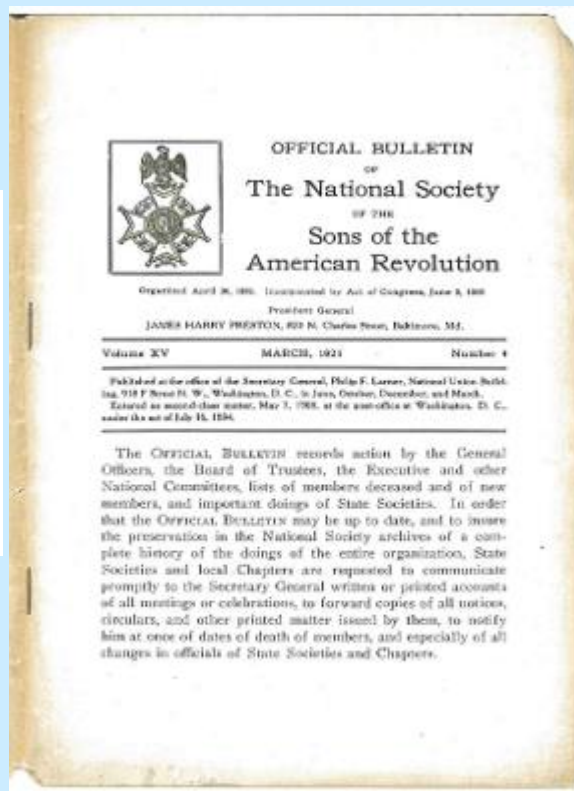
The article stated, "the Georgia Society was organized on March 24, 1921, and elected the following officers: President, Allan Waters; First Vice - President, Howard H. McCall, Jr.; Secretary - Registrar, Arthur W. Falkenburg; and Treasurer, Dan C. Pate."



The Georgia Society. A charter has been issued for a Society in the State of Georgia, with sixteen charter members, headed by Compatriot Allan Waters, of Atlanta, who was formerly a member of the Empire State Society. Compatriot Waters has been actively engaged in this work, and feels assured that an organization of 200 members will soon be enrolled. The Daughters of the American Revolution have also determined to aid in the support of the efforts of Compatriot Waters and his associates, which leads to a hope that the organization will include at least four hundred members, in view of the material at hand.

The Society organized on March 24 and elected the following officers to serve until June 17, 1921, the time of the annual meeting: President, Allan Waters; First Vice-President, Howard H. McCall, Jr.; Secretary-Registrar, Arthur W. Falkenburg; Treasurer, Dan C. Pate.

The following is provided in remembrance of those who were the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution's First Compatriots.



National# / GA#	Compatriot	GASSAR Charter	Death Year / Cemetery
32883	Allan Waters	President	1971/Oakwood Cem, Mt. Vernon, IL
35202	Charles M. McLaughlin	Member	1969/ Westview Cemetery, Atlanta
35203	Eugene C. McLaughlin	Member	1988/ Body donated Emory Univ.
35204	Moultrie M. McLaughlin	Member	1966/ Riverside Cem, Albany, GA
35205	Lawrence Hall McLaughlin	Member	1978/ Oakwood Cem, Bedford, VA
35206	William St. Julien Freeman	Member	1956/ Hamilton Cem, Harris Co, GA
35207	Howard H. McCall, Jr.	Vice-Pres.	1975/ Westview Cemetery, Atlanta
35208	Wellborn Hope	Member	1973/ Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta
35209	George M. Hope Jr.	Member	1929/ Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta
35210	Arthur W. Falkenburg	Sec/Registrar	1959/ Westview Cemetery, Atlanta
35211	John Richland Watts, Jr.	Member	1963/Rose Hill Mem. Park Cem, OK
35212	Bert Albert Tyler	Member	1942/ West Hill Cem, Dalton, GA
35213	Joseph Wilton Puder	Member	1963/ Bonaventure Cem, Savannah
35214	Daniel Chisholm Pate	Treasurer	1958/ McCall Cem, South Carolina
35215	William LeRoy Doughtry	Member	1977/Grey Hill Cem, Jackson Co, GA
35216	Herbert Craig Carpenter	Member	1974/Buffalo Springs Cem, Kentucky

2022 Congress Raffle of the Handcrafted Replica Early Virginia Rifle



- ◆ All 400 tickets in the rifle raffle were sold prior to May's Congress Planning meeting.
- ◆ The drawing for the rifle was held during the meeting.

Winner of the Beautiful Handcrafted Rifle:

Dave Dengler

Lexington, KY
Congratulations, Dave!

Compatriot Emory Fennell, Past GA SAR State Chaplain donated a handcrafted knife that was offered as the consolation prize.

Winner of the Awesome Handcrafted Knife: **Craig Benton**
Marietta, GA (*I understand Compatriot Benton is a member of the GA SAR Piedmont Chapter.*)
Way to go Craig!

And a big Shout Out to those who purchased the other 398 Tickets in the Raffle.
All expenses of the raffle were born by the rifle donor, the knife donor and, thus, the GA SAR raised **\$8000** towards the expenses of hosting the 2022 NSSAR Congress coming up in July of this year.

Thanks all you purchasers.

2022 Congress Raffle #4

The Cutting Edge

For Raffle:

First Prize: **Charlie Newcomer**

- 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: **Kevin Carr**

- 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: **Shep Hammack**

- 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: **Phil Bloyd**

- 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

Fifth and Sixth Prizes: **George Clarke Luther Shealy**



Board Of Managers Meetings

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

Challenge Coins



Challenge coins have arrived. You can find them for sale on the 250 Program webpage <https://www.america250sar.org/mall/>. The Education Committee, Color Guard Committee and Veterans Committee coins are now in stock. The highly collectible challenge coins are only \$5.00 each plus shipping which make them a perfect gift for students and visitors to your SAR Chapter meetings and events. These coins carry the message of their SAR Committee on one side while promoting the 250th Anniversary on the rear. The George Washington coin celebrating his membership in Freemasonry is also available. Check the coins on the website today.

Challenge coins have become popular as a memento, a sign of camaraderie, honor, and symbols of multiple organizations, special events, and even collector items for those who have received them.

Special interest groups, Chapters, Presidents General, and State Presidents within the NSSAR have produced their own challenge coins. Most recently, to promote the 250th Anniversary of the War for Independence, the NSSAR has produced a challenge coin promote events within the society, as well as to the community at large.

But where did they come from? Who started the tradition of handing out challenge coins? Depending on which story you believe, it may be as recent as the Vietnam conflict, or as old as ancient roman times.

In Rome, if soldiers excelled in battle one day, they would receive their typical day's wages along with a separate specially minted bonus coin. They featured the marks of the legions from which they came. As a result, some soldiers kept their coins as mementos, instead of spending them on wine and women.

During the Renaissance, special coins known as "Portrait Medals" were often used to commemorate specific events involving royalty, nobility, or other types of well-to-do individuals. The medals would be given as gifts, and people exchanged them. The most common format was for one side to depict the patron while the other showed something that represented that patron's family lineage, house, or seal.

The first instance of using a coin as a response to an actual challenge may have come from the religious wars of 17th century France. Following King Louis XIV's 1685 revocation of the Edict of Nantes, French protestants began to suffer persecution by the Catholic state for their "prohibited" religion. Many protestants fled France to find religious freedom elsewhere. Those who chose to remain in France were Huguenots, who were forced to conduct their religious services in secret. In order to avoid infiltration by state spies the Huguenots began to carry their Méreau (token), a communion coin. When challenged while trying to gain entry to Protestant church services the Huguenot would produce his méreau as a symbol to show allegiance with the protestant church.

Before the United States entered into WWI in 1917, American volunteers filled the newly formed French Foreign Legion flying squadrons. Some were wealthy having attended colleges such as Yale and Harvard. Many quit mid-term to join the war.

In one squadron, a well to do lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. One young pilot placed the medallion in a small leather pouch about his neck. Shortly after acquiring the medallion, the pilot's aircraft was brought down by ground fire. He was forced to land behind enemy lines and was immediately captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. In the meantime, he was taken to a small French town near the front.

Taking advantage of a bombardment that night, he escaped. However, he was without personal identification. He succeeded in avoiding German patrols by donning civilian attire. With great effort, he crossed no-man's land and eventually stumbled onto a French outpost. Saboteurs had beleaguered the French in the sector. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and made ready to execute him.

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Challenge Coins (Cont.)

He had no identification to prove his allegiance, but he did have his medallion. He showed the medallion to his captors and one of the Frenchman recognized the squadron insignia on the medallion. They delayed his execution long enough to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him they gave him a bottle of wine. Back at his squadron, it became tradition to ensure all members carried their medallions at all times. This was accomplished through a challenge.

A challenger would ask to see the medallion. If the challenged could not produce his medallion, he was required to buy a drink of choice for the member who challenged him. If the challenged member produced a medallion, then the challenging member was required to pay for the challenged member's drink. This tradition continued throughout the war and for many years after the war while surviving members of the squadron were still alive.

According to another story, challenge coins date back to WWII and were first used by "Office of Strategic Service" personnel who were deployed in Nazi held France.

Jim Harrington proposed a Jolly sixpence club amongst the junior officers of the 107th Infantry. The coins were simply a local coin used as a "bona fides" during a personal meeting to help verify a person's identity. There would be specific aspects such as type of coin, date of the coin, etc. that were examined by each party. This helped prevent infiltration into the meeting by a spy who would have to have advance knowledge of the meeting time and place as well as what coin was to be presented, amongst other signals, as credentials.

Another example where a challenge existed is where an American soldier was scheduled to rendezvous with Philippine guerrillas during WWII. He carried a Philippine solid silver coin that was stamped on one side with the unit insignia. The coin was used to verify, to the guerrillas, that the soldier was their valid contact for the mission against the Japanese.

A number of legends place the advent of challenge coins in the Korean War era. Colonel William "Buffalo Bill" Quinn had coins made for those who served in his 17th Infantry Regiment during 1950 to 1958. The 17th Infantry Regiment's "Buffalo" coin is the oldest challenge coin known in existence.

On one side of the coin is a picture of a buffalo with the date 1812, which signified the year the unit was formed. On the other side was the 17th Infantry patch with the dates 1950 – 1958 and the word "Korea" to signify the tour. The cross and fort icon represent the units heritage which started in Cuba during the civil war. This coin is recognized as one of the oldest and most valuable challenge coins in circulation. Very few remain available and most are thought to be in private collections.

Colonel Verne Green, commander of the 10th Special Forces Group-A, embraced the idea. He had a special coin struck with the unit's badge and motto in 1969. Until the 1980s, his unit was the only unit with an active challenge coin tradition.

In Vietnam, an Army infantry-run bar tried to keep non-infantrymen away by forcing "outsiders" to buy drinks for the whole bar if they couldn't prove they had been in combat. The "proof" started with enemy bullets, then got a little out of control with grenades, rockets and unexploded ordnance. So a coin-sized item emblazoned with the unit's insignia became the accepted form of proof. This tradition, now known as a coin check, continues today, hence it being called a "challenge" coin.

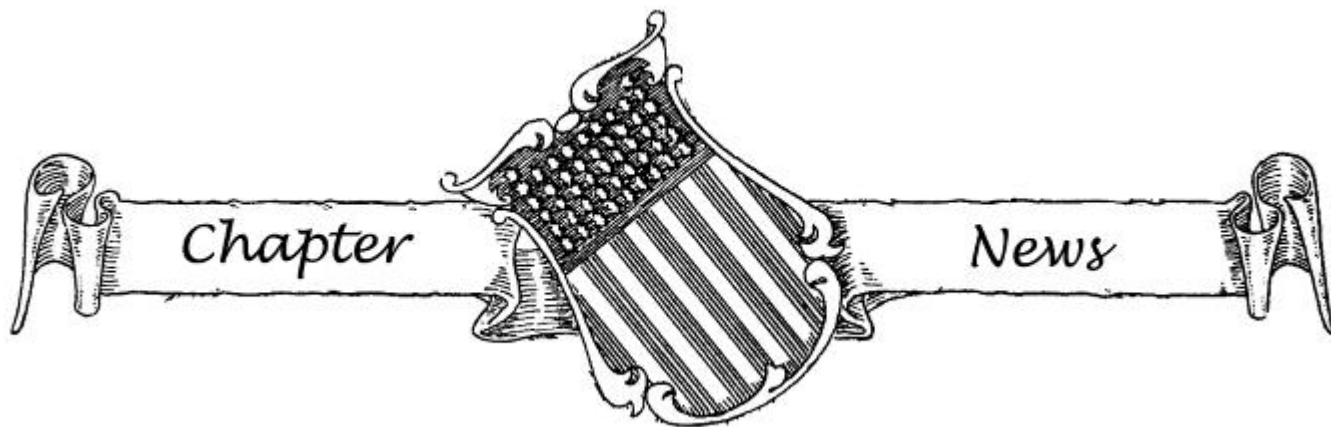
One widely known challenge coin in the United States Air Force was the "Bull Dog" challenge coin that was exclusive to B-52 enlisted tail gunners. Since the B-52 gunner position was phased out in 1991, this famous challenge coin has become rare. According to some stories, "the challenge" started after the Second World War in Germany. Americans stationed in Germany began to conduct "pfennig (penny) checks", checks for this lowest denomination German coin. If you couldn't produce a pfennig when someone else called a check, you had to buy the beers.

[While stationed in Germany during the 80's, we would further declare "oldest, or newest", just in case everyone had one. Yes, I bought a few rounds in the 80's while in Germany.....Editor]

Challenge coins are usually between 1.5 and 2 inches in diameter. However, their sizes and styles vary greatly. Some may even take the shapes of dog tags, arrowheads, pentagons, and shields.

Challenge coins are handed out today to reward people for jobs well done. Challenge coins are now distributed to the civilian population for publicity purposes or are sold as fundraising tools, so more folks are beginning to know about challenge coins, and now perhaps a little history behind them. Does your Chapter have a Challenge coin of its own? Maybe it's time.

**SEE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS CHAPTER SECTION
FOR THEIR NEW CHALLENGE COIN.**



Athens

Left: Scott Collins is everywhere. Here he is delivering a presentation to the Robert Forsyth Chapter on the basics behind becoming a Color Guardsman, what is needed, what you do, and what awards you can qualify for.



Below: Earlier, Scott was at the Battle of Pensacola Commemoration.



Left: Scott Collins attended the Bufford's Massacre event in South Carolina.



Left: Scott, Jay Guest, and crew with President General Davis Wright at the Naval Engagement Event at Saint Simons.



Right: Scott, acting as National Color Guard Adjutant at Bufford's Massacre.

Atlanta



Left: Georgia Society President Joseph Vancura, Jr. attended the Atlanta Chapter May luncheon at the Petite Violette Restaurant where he inducted a new Member, Benjamin Milton Jetter Jr. Mr. Jetter is a descendant of Patriot John Gild Jr. The Atlanta Chapter is working on 40 new Member Applications right now, many are at National for review & approval!

Below Left & Right: After the sudden death of Atlanta Chapter President David Heiden who was installed in February 2022, Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Barrett Hanson stepped up to fill the vacancy. Compatriot Hanson, the new Atlanta Chapter President, joined the Atlanta Chapter NSSAR in February of 2019 through decent of Patriot Walter Hanson (P-174719) who was a Captain serving in the 12th Battalion Charles County Militia in Maryland. Barrett has served as the chapter JROTC Chairman for three year, is an active guest speaker and very active in Historic preservation.





Left: The Atlanta May Program was presented by Rick Reese Jr. Rick's patriot ancestor, William Ebenezer Brockett, born on 26 June 1748 in Wallingford, CT. Later he married Martha Ives in New Bern, NC. He was a Revolutionary War Line Captain serving 7 years in the battles of Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock in North Carolina, as well as the battles of Fishing Creek, and Rugley's Mills in South Carolina.

Jeff Page saw the Piper article (Piedmont Chapter Newsletter), and tracked me down. He told me of a project to find and relocate a Revolutionary War era cabin to Mount Juliet, TN. The property owner, Beverly Elliott, selected my patriot ancestor's house, the Brockett cabin and purchased it.

When the project was completed and cabin decorated with artifacts and replicas typical of the time period, Jeff invited my family to attend a celebration of the restored cabin in the form of a "Thanksgiving" type meal prepared in the cabin's cooking fireplace. Everyone there had a great time, and enjoyed examining the authentic detail of the restored cabin. I wore my Revolutionary War uniform, and gave a talk to the about what life was like during Revolutionary War era. It was an impromptu "Traveling Trunk" program.

Right: Georgia Society President Joe Vancura Jr., poses with Atlanta Chapter 2nd Vice President Charlie Newcomer, (left), and Atlanta Chapter Past President Gregory Smith, (right), during a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Patriots James Greer, Shearod Thompson and William Wilson at the Greer Family Cemetery, in Statham, Oconee County, Georgia. Charlie Newcomer presented the Atlanta Chapter wreath and Gregory Smith, a duel member of the New Mexico Society SAR presented the New Mexico Society wreath.



Blue Ridge Mountains



Left: The Blue Ridge Mountains color guard met on Patriot's Day, April 19th, at the Old Courthouse in Blairsville, GA. (Left to Right) Stephen Weaver, Jack Dugger, Sid Turner, Doug Jamison, Jared Ogden

Musket salutes were volleyed throughout the morning while the bells in the old Courthouse Carillon chimed patriotic music. Thousands of passersby honked, waved, saluted, or stopped by as they circled the square, recognizing the *"shot heard round the world."* The color guard was joined by two members each, of the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter DAR in Georgia and the Archibald Murphey Chapter DAR in Murphy, NC.

Right: President Sid Turner of the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter presents to Chapter member Ron Hill the Bronze 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Medal. Compatriot Hill is recognized for his participation in local and state events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress.





Left: Patriot Grave Marking - John Venable, Jefferson, (Jackson Co.) GA. – Sid, Jack, David Anderson and Stephen participated in Color Guard Flags and Musket salute. Stephen registered and presented Wreath on behalf of BRM Chapter.

Below: Compatriot Ron Hill, on May 10, presented to President Sid Turner, his personally designed and commissioned 2 inch bronze challenge coin and lapel pin as a gift to the Chapter and members. Hill's certificate of presentation reads:

"To further promote unity and lasting bonds between Chapter members and friends and supporters of the Chapter, I hereby present these original, specially designed challenge coins to the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

These first original coins will be included in the Chapter's Historical displays and records".

The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter was chartered April 1, 2000 as a chapter of the Georgia SAR Society and Nationally recognized in the top five chapters of over 600 chapters worldwide, the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter is one of the most active SAR chapters, even though a small membership totaling 38 individuals. Representing Union, Towns, Fannin and Gilmer Counties of Georgia, Clay and Cherokee Counties of North Carolina.



Left: Challenge Coins of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter.

Right: Sid Turner represented the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter at the June Flag Retirement Service. Sid is the Vice President of the North Central District of the Georgia Society, and can be seen on many sides of the mountains, all around the area at many events.



Brier Creek



Left: FORE! Well at least three. The Brier Creek Artillery, Commander Steve Burke, Don Bazemore and Dess Smith III, traveled to the Brier Creek Country Club in Screven County on May 21, 2022. For this year's 3rd Annual Cpl. G. Alex Mincey Memorial Golf Scramble, the BC Artillery was asked again to start the golf tournament at 9:30 a.m. with our 6 - pounder Naval Cannon and flintlock fire. Compatriot Scotty Scott, organizer of the annual event, made up a sign and presented it to us for helping him with the scramble.

Right: June's meeting featured Compatriot Hu Daughtry, a member of the Mill Creek. Hu's presentation this evening was on his GGGGG-Grandfather, Revolutionary War Patriot Ephraim Liles. Ephraim was a True American Patriot who enlisted in a South Carolina Militia Unit at the age of sixteen. His tour of duty lasted more than three years. He was primarily a scout for several Generals and experienced combat at such battles as: Fishing Creek, Fish Dam Ford, Blackstock's Farm and Fort Granby. While marching from Fishing Creek to Fish Dam Ford, he was wounded in the leg by South Carolina Tories. He died in Twiggs County, Georgia in 1854. He was in his 93rd year.





Above: Brier Creek receives Wreaths Across America Certificates for 2020 & 2021.



Above: After working up an appetite blasting away at the British at the Naval Action Ceremony, the Brier Creek Artillery crew eat out at the Mullet Bay Restaurant in Saint Simons.

Right: Brier Creek Artillery's 3 cannons lined up to fire at the British ship.



Below Left: John Fitzner received Brier Creeks "Most Outstanding Member" award for 2021.

Below Right: Lee Herron & Lynn Deriso were inducted into the Brier Creek Chapter at the April Mtg.



Cherokee



Left: The Liberty Tree Environmental Education Program visited Hill City Elementary School in Jasper, Georgia on March 25th. With the help of Sonia Chapman and all of the Fourth Grade students and teachers, Liberty Tree #22 of 76 was carefully planted. Special thanks to Mary Turner, Sequoyah Chapter NSDAR and Principal Jennifer Halko.

Below: Sharing of resources and talent between SAR and DAR members has been a hallmark of many successful programs for both organizations. When the cooperating individuals happen to be husband and wife, the sky seems to be the limit! Pam and Dwight Dover, together with Mary and Richard Bennett, recently attended a very solemn ceremony at Georgia National Cemetery to honor six Vietnam era war veterans.

Honoring Those Who Served

SGT Samuel T. Sharpe
U.S. Army (Retired)
Vietnam War Era
11-05-1948 - 11-11-2020

SP4 Vernon R. Grob
U.S. Army
Vietnam War Era
11-27-1950 - 10-21-2020

SP4 Russell Cooper
U.S. Army
Vietnam War Era
3-5-1943 - 9-3-2005

PVT Joseph Donald Adair
U.S. Army
8-2-1937 - 8-3-2020

A2C Bruce T. Birkland
U.S. Air Force
3-5-1919 - 11-20-2019

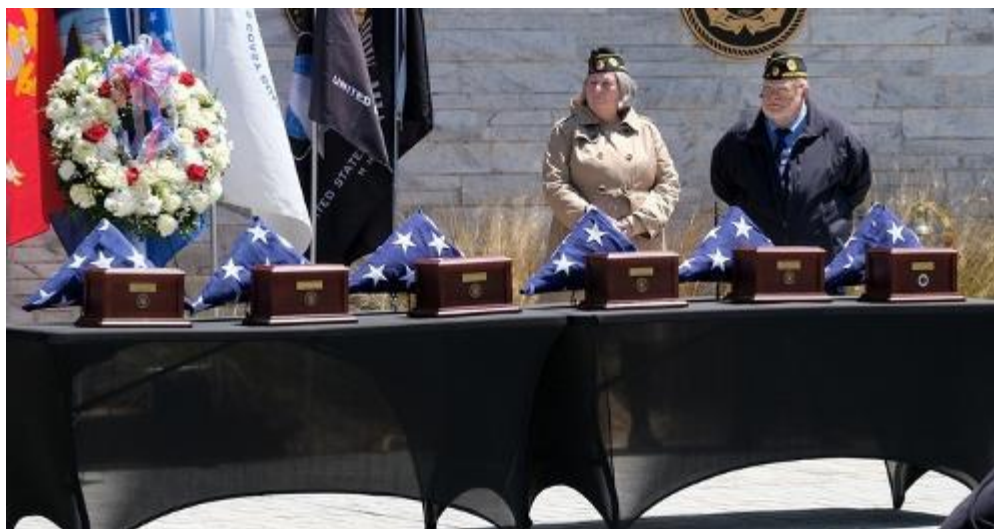
CPL Noah Myrick
U.S. Marine Corps
Vietnam
12-22-1950 - 12-02-2019





Above: Richard Bennett and Dwight Dover attend a very solemn ceremony at Georgia National Cemetery to honor six Vietnam era war veterans.

Sadly, the remains of these veterans had never been claimed and had been cremated. **The Missing in America Project** searches for these remains (cremains) which may sit on shelves in funeral homes for years because there is no family to claim them. They are given a full military burial, with flag folding, rifle salute, a fly - over, and Taps. Thanks for representing the Cherokee Chapter in this significant effort.



Left: Compatriot Harry Harrison with Cadet Eddie Camdon of Kings Academy, awarded the JROTC Bronze Medal.

Below: Compatriot Dwight Dover awarding the medal to Cadet Logan Carr of Creekview High School.





Left: Harry Harrison with Cadet Camdon of Kings Academy.

Below: Dwight Dover with Cadet Van Orden of Woodstock High School.



Right: Recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor induction ceremonies were attended by Harry Harrison, Dwight and Pam Dover and Leigh Warren. (L-R) Michael Cannon, Eagle Scout Ben Meininger, and Parents Wendy Meininger and Dr. Kurt Meininger.



Below: Mary Turner, Sequoyah Chapter NSDAR and Pam Dover, Hightower Trail Chapter NSDAR presented Stan Lewis and Kevin Karel with the DAR America 250! Commendation for their efforts with the Liberty Tree Environmental Education Program.



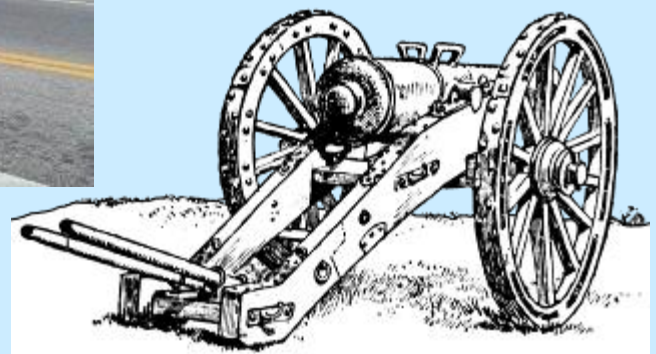
Above: John Wallace, longtime friend and supporter of the Cherokee Chapter, was inducted and sworn-in by President Lewis and Registrar Dennis McIntire. Welcome aboard John!

Fall Line Region Continentals

Where do you put something about a group of dedicated compatriots who do so many things together, but come from different chapters, however their antics are not always at a National or State event? Yeah, they often become "dual members.....*maybe*

these guys should be called 'dual members'.....", anyway, to put them in the Chapter News section under one chapter's heading is to leave them out of another. Oh well, I am going to stick them in the lineup here, alphabetically by number because, well, they are the **Fall Line Region Continentals**. *[though they don't all wear continental uniforms all the time.]*

"On May 7, 2022, members of the Fall Line Region Continentals, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Swainsboro to participate in the 75th Annual Pine Tree Festival. Members from the Little River Chapter (Thomson) Alton McCloud, Tommy Chappell; Brier Creek Chapter (Screven County) Don Bazemore, Bernard Martin, Cam Quick, John Joyner, Trey Boyer; Wiregrass Chapter (Swainsboro) Steve Burke, John Tapley, Alton Reynolds, Ruskin Powell, Dess Smith III, and Ryan Williams marched in the PTF Parade firing their 50 Cal. flintlocks and 75 Cal. muskets 4 times in different spots along the route. Early that morning, Swainsboro Police Chief Randy Ellison fired our 6-pounder Naval Cannon at the Corner of Green Street and Pine Street to start the annual "Knotty Pine 5K Run"; At 10:30, the 75th Annual Pine Tree Festival parade was started for the 6th time by the firing of our 6-pounder Naval Cannon by Compatriot John Joyner. After the parade, the FLRC's set up our "Traveling Truck" in the vendor area. Our display had 4-8' tables set up with revolutionary artifacts that Compatriot Steve Burke has made over his lifetime. Our display was viewed by thousands and Compatriot Steve talked and explained the artifacts to hundreds of spectators for just over 3 hours."



Four Rivers

Right: Compatriot Dess Smith, a dual member of the Four Rivers Chapter gave a presentation and video on the battle of Cowpens, a battle to remember.



John Milledge

Right and Below: President Terry Stair and past president Lin McKnight, presenting the ROTC Award to GMC Cadet Nicquelette Fazekas.



Lyman Hall

Below Left: Chapter President Carter Wood moves forward to render respects at the Greer Family Cemetery in Statham, GA. Three patriots were recognized.



Marshes of Glynn

Right: Student Walker Meyers was awarded third place in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. He received his award at the Marshes of Glynn Chapter meeting held on 12 May from Compatriot Steven Ford (left) and President Marty Moore (right).



Left: Associate Professor and Documentary Historian Tyler E. Bagwell discussed the "Participation of Jewish Georgians in the Siege of Savannah, 1779" at PBS plans to use influential Jewish colonial and revolutionary families in Ga.

Right: Letter of congratulations on behalf of NJROTC Cadet Ryan Burkhart, who attends Brunswick High School, received the Sons of the American Revolution Award for Leadership, Military Bearing and Excellence during a ceremony held on 23 May. Marshes of Glynn Compatriot Jimmy Boatright presented the award to Cadet Burkhart.



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23 May 2022

On behalf of the Brunswick High School NJROTC, please accept our sincere appreciation for **The Sons of the American Revolution Award for Leadership, Military Bearing and Excellence** which was presented to Cadet Ryan Burkhart. We value every occasion to recognize cadets who demonstrate excellence, whether in academics, service, or participation.

Your support of our annual awards ceremony communicates a sense of accomplishment and job satisfaction to the cadets. They realize that their efforts do not go unnoticed in the community, and they take pride in being rewarded for their efforts. By partnering with us in this endeavor, your organization is encouraging community involvement not only throughout the cadets' High School years, but well into the future.

The support of your organization will continue to be crucial to the success of educating our youth. Again, thank you.

M. Jatindranath

Senior Chief M. Jatindranath USN (Ret)
Naval Science Instructor

Below: The Marshes of Glynn Chapter has been recognized as a National Society Sons of the American Revolution Distinguished Chapter for 2021. The streamer was proudly shown to Chapter Compatriots and visitors at the May Chapter meeting by President Marty Moore (left) and Compatriot George E. Barnhill (right).



Right: Compatriots of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter spent a year identifying, gaining access, then cleaning the small family cemetery where Revolutionary War Patriot William Mackintosh (also spelled McIntosh) is buried.

The cemetery is in a remote, heavily wooded location on private property in Glynn County. The goal was to conduct a grave marking ceremony the day before the Frederica Naval Action "Patriots' Day" celebration on April 16th at Saint Simons Island.

However, the tick population had another idea. Out of concern for the health and safety of those who would have attended, the ceremony was postponed until cooler weather but a marker was placed in front of William Mackintosh's tombstone in the meantime. These photos show the clean up effort and the marker.



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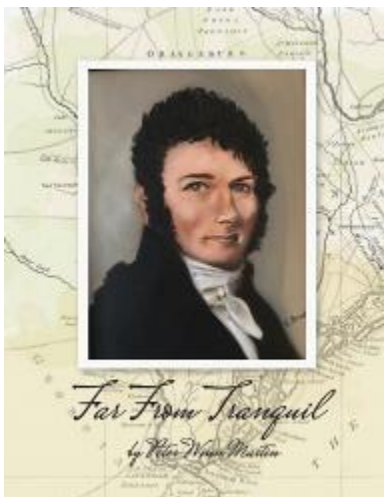
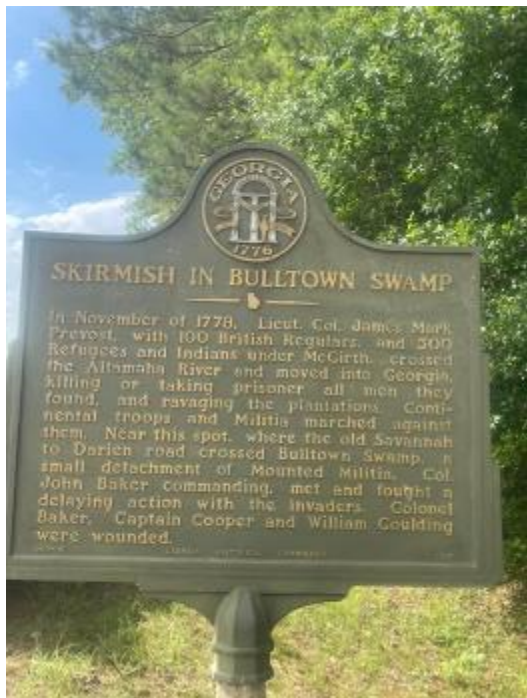


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April 14, 2022

The Marshes of Glynn Chapter enjoyed an educational field trip to Midway, Georgia, and the Fort Morris area on 14 May. Compatriot, Peter Winn Martin, author of *Far from Tranquil*: Daniel Stewart in the American Revolution, led the tour of significant Revolutionary War sites in Liberty County. The field trip ended with a delicious meal at the Sunbury Crab Company. It was a full day of chapter comradery starting at 8:00 am until departing Liberty County at 3:00 pm.



Mill Creek



Left: Mill Creek presented Bronze JROTC Medal to Statesboro High School student Chase Hinson. Hu Daughtry, on April 28th awarded the JROTC medal to Metter High School student Cadet Sergeant First Class Julio Nuci and that same night a JROTC Medal was awarded to Cadet Captain Payton Mealling of South East Bulloch High School. The Silver ROTC Medal was presented on behalf of Georgia SAR to Cadet Solomon Sidwell.



Left: Dess Smith Chapter Registrar was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his work to increase chapter membership and for his support to Mill Creek leadership that has been essential to our success. Thomas Miller (not present) was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal .



Mill Creek Meeting had an "Awards Night." The Chapter recognized long standing members Ted Evan Lewis, Paul Whitlock and Henry Proctor by awarding them the Roger Sherman Medal in recognition and appreciation of the outstanding services these compatriots rendered to our Chapter. Jackson Proctor, (grandson) also was there for his Grandfather! We have awards for other deserving members of our Chapter who were unable to attend. We will present them at the next Awards Meeting.



Mount Vernon



Left Top: SAR Compatriot Terry Manning delivered an insightful and entertaining presentation entitled 'Twenty-five Things You Probably Didn't Know About George Washington.' at the Mount Vernon April Meeting.

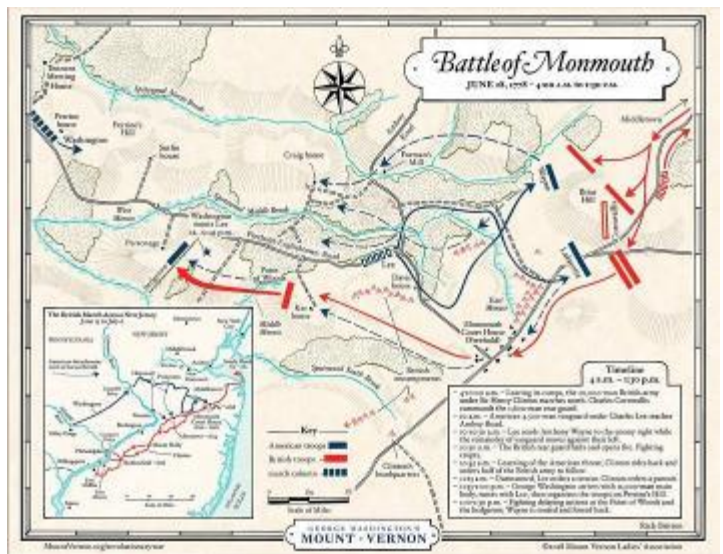


Left Center: Compatriot Peter Stoddard spoke in May about 'SAR Eligible Lewis Grizzard, Who Owned Two Houses in Sandy Springs'. You can follow the prodigious exploits of Peter's ancestors in each issue of *The Marshal*, the Robert Forsyth Newsletter.



Left Bottom: Speaker Martin Howley gave us part 2 of 'The Battle of Monmouth' during our June meeting.

The Mount Vernon Chapter meetings are held at Vintage Pizzeria in Dunwoody, GA, beginning at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, except for our Annual Picnic in July, and our vacation month of August.



Ocmulgee

Right: The April meeting featured our winner of the Chapter's Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Miss Brynn Scott. Brynn presented her oration which she had prepared for the State Contest. Her topic was the story of Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben who made a tremendous contribution to the Continental Army's training during the winter of 1778 at Valley Forge. Von Steuben, an officer in the Prussian Army, came to America to assist the cause of the American Revolution. Brynn's oration discussed the results of the training that Von Steuben gave to our troops which molded the Continental Army into a more formidable fighting force.

Great News! Brynn went on to win "First Place" in the State Contest! Brynn with her father, Bryan Scott receiving the State Award on April 23, 2022.

Below: Slayton Carter, Acquisition Manager for the Georgia Farm Bureau, gave the April presentation. Slayton began by summarizing the history of the Farm Bureau which was initially founded in 1937 to be an advocacy organization for farmers, the number one industry in Georgia.



Right: Bill Fuqua with Miss Avery Scott, our Chapter's participant in the GASSAR Knight Essay Contest. Avery was present with her mother Julie Scott. Avery won 2nd Place in the State of Georgia Knight Essay Contest.



Below: May Meeting featured State Representative Dale Washburn. He gave us a summary of the bills passed in the 2022 Session of the Legislature, the results of Georgia's re-apportionment and a note about the bills to expect in the 2023 Session.



Right: President Fuqua present Compatriot Jacob Rael a Supplemental Certificate for his ancestor Cristoval Montes Vigil.



2022 Chapter's Awards include three categories:

The SAR Bronze Medal given for "Outstanding Leadership Qualities, Military Bearing and Excellence".

The SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award given for cadets who show the "The Highest Ideals of Character and Citizenship" and finally;

The SAR Flag Certificate given for "Exemplary Patriotism in Display of the Flag of the United States."

This year our Chapter presented a total of 48 SAR Awards to students in 16 Middle Georgia High Schools. Six of the schools operate U.S. Army JROTC programs, eight operate as U.S. Air Force JROTC programs, one with the Navy and one with the U.S. Marine Corp.

See below for the list of schools that participated:

Wilcox County High School-Rochelle, Georgia	Army
Veterans High School- Warner Robins, Georgia	Air Force
Warner Robins High School-Warner Robins, Georgia	Air Force
Houston County High School-Warner Robins, Georgia	Air Force
Northside High School-Warner Robins, Georgia	Air Force
Rutland High School-Macon, Georgia	Marine Corp
Perry High School-Perry, Georgia	Air Force
Southwest High School- Macon, Georgia	Air Force
Dodge County High School-Eastman, Georgia	Army
Central High School-Macon, Georgia	Army
Twiggs County High School-Jeffersonville, Georgia	Air Force
Crawford County High School-Roberta, Georgia	Army
Upson-Lee High School-Thomaston, Georgia	Navy
Lamar County High School-Barnesville, Georgia	Army
Mary Persons High School-Forsyth, Georgia	Army
Dublin High School-Dublin, Georgia	Air Force

John Trussell presented JROTC awards to students at Houston County's Northside High School (Top to Bottom):

Tamayra Benson - Flag

Tomi Emerson - Citizenship

Kaniya Aycock - Bronze



Below (L - R): Michael Walters presents the JROTC awards at Warner Robins High School.

Jason Lord - Bronze

Jonathan Heise - Citizenship

Lilyan Harper - Flag Award



Below (L - R): Chuck Garnett presents the JROTC awards at Rutland High School.

Alex Perez-Citizenship

Nathan King-SAR Bronze

Alfred Guerrero- Flag Award



Left (Top to Bottom):

Harold Peacock

presented the JROTC Awards at the Dodge County High School.

Dylan Cason - Bronze and Flag Award

Katy Espinosa - Citizenship



Right: In addition to the High School JROTC Awards, our President, Bill Fuqua presented a Silver ROTC Award to Darius Johnson, a student at Ft. Valley State.

Dianne Fuqua, Darius Johnson and President Bill Fuqua at the University's ROTC Banquet.



Piedmont

Right Center: Compatriot Bob Sapp brings greetings from the Descendants of Valley Forge at the Joint Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Below: Piedmont President Mark Anthony receives a Certificate of Retirement for the Piedmont's participation in the retirement of well over 2000 flags.



RIGHT: Compatriot Craig Benton of the Piedmont Chapter carried the SAR flag in the Color Guard during the Retirement event.



Below Left: Col. George Thurmond (Ret.) leads everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



Right: Compatriot Bennett receives his feathers from Color Guard Commander Scott Collins for successfully completing his initial Color Guard membership requirements at the Patriotic Concert held at First United Methodist Church in Gainesville, GA. (No photos of the event were available).

Robert Forsyth

Below Left: Not one, not two, but three supplementals for J.C. Hustis. Since your lineage is already established so far back, the tracing from a different line starts at that branching, and a bit, at least, is already done. How many ancestors do you have that participated in the great freedom movement?



Below Right: J.C. was also awarded his Silver Color Guard Medal. Next in his sights.... Von Steuben.



Left: Eugene Bryant, receives his 5 year membership pin and certificate.



Right: Scott Collins, National Color Guard Adjutant, State Color Guard Commander, and host of other titles was our guest speaker. You can imagine what he spoke on. Yep.... Being in the Color Guard. Lots of good info and right in step with President Vancura's goal of enlisting more bodies for the Color Guard and Militia. After the presentation, he also awarded two bronze Color Guard Medals, to Compatriots (L) Gary Page, and (R) Emil Decker.



Left: Compatriot Ed Rigel Jr. presented the JROTC Bronze Medal to 1st Sergeant Andrew Burruss of the North Forsyth High School Marine JROTC program.

Below: Nothing like an authentic log cabin to set the mood for a 5th grader experiencing a presentation about life in the 1700's. Robert Forsyth's Chaplain Byron Tindall saw over 500 Pickens County youth this day.



Left: Compatriot Emil Decker presented Lakeside Middle School student, Ethan Stanley with a Good Citizenship medal.



Left: The SAR is an organization that prides itself on the lineage of our ancestors. We go back many generations to get to our patriot, but that link would be immediately severed, without our parent generation making it possible. Compatriot John Flikeid proudly poses with his father, another great Compatriot who proudly served.

Below: On the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, the Northlake Baptist Church holds a special moment in memory and honor of those who gave their lives for our freedom. This year included a Flag Retirement of an old "48 star" flag from one of our collection bins. The American Heritage Girls Chapter from the church participated in the ceremony and were awarded a Flag Retirement Certificate for their help.



Below Left and Right: President Page inducted new members Steve Nelson and Alex Morris into the Chapter. One via Zoom. The other, the Grandson of Eugene Bryant was present, along with his wife and proud grandparents.



Wiregrass



Left: The April program was presented by Mike Lisenby. Mike is a spokesman for the Veterans of the Emanuel County Library for this years "Wreaths Across America". This year our veterans group has identified over 800 veterans graves that are buried in just four cemeteries in Emanuel County out of the more than 160 cemeteries.

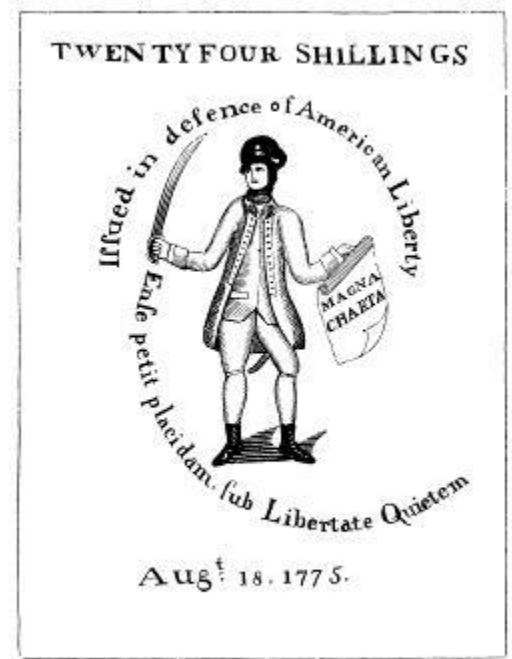
Below: 1st Vice President Steve Burke traveled to Burke County to speak to the students of the Burke County Primary School on Friday, April 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Compatriot Steve brought with him 4 tables of relics that he has fabricated from road kill, wood and metal and presented his program on "Native American Survival".



Below: Compatriot Adam Bazemore's presentation was on "Old Hickory's Revolutionary Roots". Andrew Jackson, was the third child of Andrew Jackson, Sr. and Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson, born in 1767. His father died shortly before he was born. He had 2 brothers, and all were raised by his mother. All three of the brothers served in the American Revolution. Andrew's two brothers died during the War. During the war, 13-year-old Andrew was wounded by a saber cut and was captured and was held as a prisoner of war in Camden, SC. His mother goes to Charleston to nurse the sick and dies of "prison fever (cholera)." He is the only President of the United States that was ever a prisoner of war."



Below: June's meeting featured Compatriot Hu Daughtry, a member of the Mill Creek. Hu's presentation was on Revolutionary War Patriot Ephraim Liles, his ever so great grandfather. Sixteen year old Ephraim enlisted in a South Carolina Militia Unit and served more than three years. He was primarily a scout for several Generals and experienced combat at such battles as: Fishing Creek, Fish Dam Ford, Blackstock's Farm and Fort Granby. While marching from Fishing Creek to Fish Dam Ford, he was wounded in the leg by South Carolina Tories. He died at 93 in Twiggs County, Georgia in 1854.



REVERSE OF A MASSACHUSETTS TREASURY NOTE



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary

Right: Jane Durden, President of the Georgia Society Women's Auxiliary, poses with the East Fall Line Region members at the 1st Quarter GASSAR BOM meeting.

Jane is from Swainsboro and a member of the Governor David Emanuel - Adam Brinson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)."





Children of the American Revolution

The Centennial Year of Georgia State Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) kicked off at C.A.R. National Convention in April. Members of Georgia SAR Chapters of Button Gwinnett, Coweta Falls, and Piedmont were in attendance to provide their support as Georgia C.A.R. celebrated their successes and transitioned to a new administration.

During the Awards Banquet, the Elisha Winn Society, Lawrenceville, GA was recognized as the Nations #2 Most Outstanding Society. The distinguished title of National Merit Society was earned by Thigpen Trail, Moultrie, GA; Sukey Hart, Winder, GA, and the Elisha Winn Societies.

Georgia's State Recording Secretary, David Jimenez, was elected to serve as the National Historian.

The convention wrapped up with the installation of Hope Frederick, Benjamin Fitzpatrick Society, as Georgia C.A.R.'s Centennial State President and Mrs. Emily Tindall, Philadelphia Winn DAR, as the Senior State President. SAR is well represented in this new administration with members of Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and Piedmont Chapters serving as senior state officers. There are also opportunities for SAR members to serve as senior chairmen.

The C.A.R. Centennial State Project is "Stars of Courage." Every day, America's service members selflessly put their lives on the line to keep us safe and free. As part of their selfless service some give all. Their families are known as Gold Star Families. Some are seriously wounded and their families are known as Silver Star Families, and some lose their lives to suicide and their families are known as White Star Families.

During this Centennial year we will **REMEMBER** the selfless service of these military service members, **HONOR** their service and **SERVE** their families by offering their children the opportunity to participate in **Camp Southern Ground's** summer camp for military family members.

A Camp Southern Ground experience allows a camper to grow from isolation and engages them with a community at camp and after camp that continues their growth in kindness, grace, service, and courage.

President Hope Frederick looks forward to gaining your support of time, talent, and finances to make this centennial truly historic as we continue to grow and challenge C.A.R. members to follow in the legacy of their patriots. For more information check out gsscar.org.



Left: The Georgia Delegation, with eight 1st time National Convention attendees, six honorary State Presidents and the Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Elisha Winn, Lucy Spell Raiford, Martha Stewart Bulloch, Sukey Hart, and our newest organizing Patriots of Liberty Societies represented.

Below: Elisha Winn Society receiving the #2 National Outstanding Society.



Right: GA State President Hope Frederick and Senior State President Mrs. Emily Tindall





Left: David Jimenez National Historian and Senior National Historian Mr. Warren Alter.

Below: The Children of the American Revolution took a large part in the Greer Family Cemetery Grave Marking of three patriots buried there.







Many photographers contribute to the pages of The Hornet's Nest. I occasionally get to thank them for their contributions. Many of the truly wonderful candid shots of the kids in this edition come from the quick eye and camera work of Bill Edelen, from the Captain John Collins Chapter. Thanks for Sharing with us Bill.





As Georgia C.A.R. celebrates its Centennial Year, on June 14th, the Patriots of Liberty Society of the National Society Children of the American Revolution held their Organizing Meeting. This is the first C.A.R. society to be organized in the new centennial. The members did a great job of leading, reading, learning, and having FUN!

Hope Frederick, the Georgia State C.A.R. President, installed the Society officers and brought greetings, and members, and prospective members were recognized. Greetings were also brought by Society President SAR, Mr. Joe Vancura; President, Tennessee Society SAR, Mr. Fred Underdown; Patriots of Liberty Chapter DAR Regent, Mrs. Jennifer Boren; and Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR President, Mr. Gary Page.

Congratulations to Michael Clesen, the newly installed President, and Mrs. Carissa Bull, Senior President, Patriots of Liberty C.A.R., the officers, the new members and senior officers! Special thanks to Patriots of Liberty Chapter DAR and Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR for sponsoring this new society. Strong, vibrant, and fun filled C.A.R. societies are the gateway to bright futures for all SAR and DAR Chapters.



Right: Pam Dover, together with Mary Bennett, Hightower Trail Chapter, recently attended a very solemn ceremony, **Honoring Those Who Serve**, at Georgia National Cemetery to honor six Vietnam era war veterans.



Left: Compatriots Steve Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter, Bernard Martin of the Brier Creek Chapter and Jon Joyner of the Brier Creek Chapter presented a program on "Native American Survival". The program was presented at the Burke County Library in Waynesboro to the Edmund Burke DAR, Margaret Jones UDC and the Richard Warren Chapter of the Colonial Dames.

Below: The 3 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at the Greer Family Cemetery in Statham, GA hosted quite a lot of DAR members.





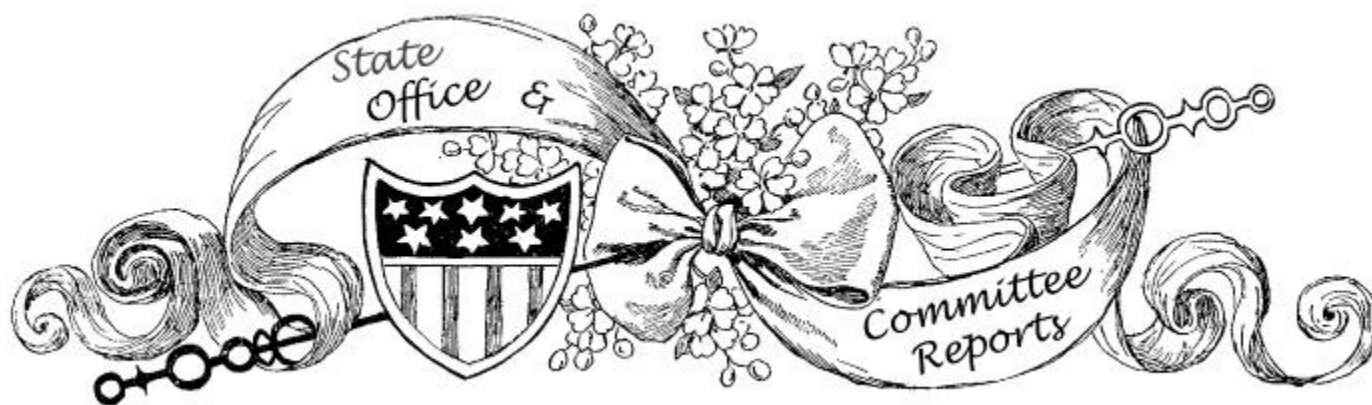
More photos from the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at the Greer Family Cemetery in Statham, GA.





Left: Members of several DAR Chapters assisted in reviewing and determining the status of a sample the flags collected for the Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Chapters' Retirement Ceremony.

Below: Photo opportunity at the retirement.





Georgia Society Deceased Members January 01, - June 30, 2022

Acts of God prevented the listing of the First Quarter Secretary's report. It is listed here with the 2nd Quarter's as well.

Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED	Compatriot
Donald Bruce BALDWIN Sr,	159132	Casimir Pulaski	01/05/2022
Donald Jackson GORDON	179489	Casimir Pulaski	01/13/2022
Lawson Jackson MCCONNELL, Sr.	159130	Samuel Elbert	01/15/2022
Richard Lee RICHTER	162954	Rome	01/17/2022
Elton Farrell HINSON Jr.	192301	Marshes of Glynn	01/25/2022
John L. FOSTER Jr.	216392	Joseph Habersham	01/29/2022
Frank Harley NEEL Jr.	184576	Joel Early	02/02/2022
Thomas Latimer GLENN, SR	183857	Athens	02/12/2022
William Foye RAMSAUR	158629	Marshes of Glynn	02/19/2022
Richard Mills JUSTICE	171594	Marshes of Glynn	02/25/2022
Forrest Clark JOHNSON, III	100479	LaGrange	03/24/2022
William Richard LECHNER	185102	Marquis de Lafayette	04/02/2022
Irvin Bartow MIXON	222180	Edward Telfair	04/15/2022
David Allen HEIDEN	200995	Atlanta	04/19/2022
Dennis Robert WOLFE	167469	Button Gwinnett	04/29/2022
Thomas Frank SIGMAN, Jr.	145416	Samuel Elbert	05/02/2022
Harold Charles MOBLEY,	180018	Four Rivers Patriots	05/13/2022

Secretary - Gary Smith

GASSAR Compatriots as of: 1-Jan-22: 1964

Additions as of: 30-Jun-22

New Members	91
Reinstatements	12
Transfer ins	2
Reinstatement-Transfers	4

Losses as of: 30-Jun-22

Transfer outs	2
Deceased	16
Dropped	0
Resignation	0

Total gains as of 30-Jun-22 109

Total lost as of: 30-Jun-22 18

Active Membership as of: 30-Jun-22

2055 Year to date Membership change 30-Jun-22 +91

All data above is from the NSSAR database. The attachments provided are from the GASSAR Database and discrepancies are being corrected daily. Thanks to ALL who are making efforts to take care of Georgia Compatriots.



New Members



**Georgia Society
New Members
January 01, -
June 30, 2022**

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Altamaha	08 Apr 2022	Joshua Demory FENN	John WINN	Jason Ronald DEAL
Athens	05 Apr 2022	Frederick Holdren BOYLES	Lewis ANDERSON	
	05 Apr 2022	Douglas Adam HAMMOND	John GRIFFTH	
Atlanta	28 Jan 2022	Jeffrey Ross TEBBETTS	Phillip TIBBETTS	David Andrews NOBLE
	11 Mar 2022	Mark Thomas WHITMIRE	Frederick THOMPSON	David Andrews NOBLE
	11 Mar 2022	Thomas Sirous Lee WHITMIRE	Frederick THOMPSON	David Andrews NOBLE
	11 Mar 2022	Frank Harold BULLARD	Thomas BULLARD	David Andrews NOBLE
	25 Mar 2022	Benjamin Milton JETTER, Jr.	John GUILD	David Andrews NOBLE
	08 Apr 2022	Marvin Wendell BROWN	Absalom HOOPER	David Andrews NOBLE
	10 Jun 2022	James Ellis Perez BATEMAN	Vines COLLIER	Gregory Eugene SMITH
	10 Jun 2022	Michael Joseph STUCKEY	Benjamin SKINNER	David Andrews NOBLE
	10 Jun 2022	Peter Corbin MOISTER	Hezekiah WOOD	Gregory Eugene SMITH
Blue Ridge Mtns	18 Feb 2022	Thomas Harold WESTBROOK	Thomas WESTBROOK	Jack Powell DUGGER
	13 Jun 2022	Justin Pryor TURNER	Wilson MADDOX	Sidney DuBose TURNER
Brier Creek				
Casimir Pulaski	11 Feb 2032	Danny Lynn DERRISO	Danny DERRISO	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	20 May 2022	Gary Nelson HART	Joseph HART	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
	24 Jun 2022	William Peter JACOBSEN III	Egbert HAYWOOD	James Edward CARLTON, Jr.
	24 Jun 2022	William Mitchell GOODE	Warren STOWE	George Herman WHEELLESS, II
Cherokee				
	21 Jan 2022	Brendon Sanders Brell WADE	Malcolm RAFFERTY	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
Coweta Falls				
	21 Jan 2022	Spencer Franklin SEALY	Peter SEELEY	Danny Nelson GINTER
	18 Feb 2022	Laurence Eli WHISNANT	Laurence WHISNANT	Roger Wayne BUTERBAUGH
	08 Apr 2022	Roger Dean BAILEY	Frederick ADERHOLD	Joseph Daniel McMICHAEL
	24 Jun 2022	Michael Nebinger HENLEY	John LEWIS	Hugh Irmon RODGERS
Dalton				
	15 Apr 2022	Roger Otto BOWMAN, JR	John BIRD	John Wesley BRINSFIELD
Edward Telfair				
	14 Jan 2022	Larry William HADWIN, Sr.	Joseph ANDERSON	Roger Warren COURSEY
	21 Jan 2022	Joseph Edwin ROBERTS	Lewis ROBERTS	Roger Warren COURSEY
	11 Feb 2022	Craig Stewart BUNKER	Craig BUNKER	Roger Warren COURSEY
	11 Feb 2022	George William DAVENPORT	George DAVENPORT	Roger Warren COURSEY
	11 Mar 2022	Anthony Monroe McBRIDE	John ABERNATHY	Roger Warren COURSEY
	08 Apr 2022	Michael Wayne ROUSH, III	Phillip ROUSH	Roger Warren COURSEY

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Edward Telfair	15 Apr 2022	William Ollie GILES, JR	Henry JOHNSON	Roger Warren COURSEY
	22 Apr 2022	Michael Wayne ROUSH	Phillip ROUSH	Roger Warren COURSEY
	22 Apr 2022	Michael Wayne ROUSH, Jr.	Phillip ROUSH	Roger Warren COURSEY
	22 Apr 2022	Joshua Michael GARNER	Phillip ROUSH	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 Jun 2022	Richard John MOORE	James WILCOX	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 Jun 2022	Michael Edward WARREN	Daniel HENSON	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 Jun 2022	Coolidge Anderson ROSS	Elijah ROSS	Roger Warren COURSEY
	10 Jun 2022	Julius Frost ROSS	Elijah ROSS	Roger Warren COURSEY
Fall Line				
	10 Jun 2022	Eli Marshall JORDON	Cornelius JORDAN	Sanders Garner MERCER, Jr.
George Walton				
	11 Mar 2022	James Richard NORTON, Jr.	John BANKSTON	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Joel Early				
	24 Jun 2022	David Leon DUMAS	George DISMUKES	DeCody Brad MARBLE
John Collins				
	24 Jun 2022	William Stiles EDELEN III	Edward EDELEN	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
	24 Jun 2022	Justin Thomas SHEPHERD	Onesimus FUTCH	Wayne Lambert BROWN
	24 Jun 2022	Jason Matthew SHEPHERD	Onesimus FUTCH	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
	24 Jun 2022	Alexander Marshall Hamilton SHEPHERD	Onesimus FUTCH	Robert Van BLACKWELL
Jos. Habersham				
	01 Apr 2002	James Alford STAPLETON, Jr.	John BURTON	William Hughes RAPER
Little River				
	29 Apr 2022	Bobby Gene FELDER, SR	Henry FELDER	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
	10 Jun 2022	Jerry Alan LAMBERT	John LAMBERT	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Marquis de Lafayette				
	08 Apr 2022	Matthew Allen McCLANAHAN	Ralph STEWART	Michael Christopher SANDERSON
	08 Apr 2022	Paul Allen McCLANAHAN	Ralph STEWART	Michael Christopher SANDERSON
	08 Apr 2022	William Chase McCLANAHAN	Ralph STEWART	Michael Christopher SANDERSON
Marshes of Glynn				
	11 Feb 2022	Clayton Alexander BARRINGER	Clayton BARRINGER	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	08 Apr 2022	John Craddock KAUFMAN	Thomas MCALLA	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	10 Jun 2022	Anthony Malone COWART, Jr.	Benjamin SKINNER	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
Mill Creek				
	14 Jan 2022	Garryowen Brian O'SULLIVAN, III	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	14 Jan 2022	Garryowen Brian O'SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	14 Jan 2022	Gary Brian SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	14 Jan 2022	Donal Mor Connor O'SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	11 Feb 2022	William Conner PERRY	William PERRY	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Piedmont				
	21 Jan 2022	Robert Joseph SAUNDERS	John DUCKWORTH	Allen Ray FINLEY
	18 Feb 2022	Edward Joseph KLAAS, II	Edward KLASS	Ronald Willard REDNER
	08 Apr 2022	Jackson Lee WALLIS	David COOPER	Ronald Willard REDNER
	22 Apr 2022	Bill Franklin LINDLER	Richard LEADBETTER	Robert Alvyn SAPP
	24 Jun 2022	William Connor CHAPPELL	John CHAPPELL	Glenn Franklin KIRK, Jr.
	24 Jun 2022	William Scott CHAPPELL	John CHAPPELL	Glenn Franklin KIRK, Jr.
Robert Forsyth				
	24 Jun 2022	Alexander Martin VAN ALSTYNE	Leonard VAN ALSTYNE	Kenneth Bennett VAN ALSTYNE, III
Rome				
	24 Jun 2022	David Cecil UNDERWOOD	William UNDERWOOD	Mark Wilbur EASTERWOOD
Valdosta				
	08 Apr 2022	John Anthony BAKER	Robert CULBERTSON	Michael Maxwell BLACK

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William Few	24 Jun 2022	Karl William KNICK	William KNICK	Joseph Henry KNICK
Wiregrass	21 Jan 2022	Kelly Daniel KOHOUT	Jacob DARDEN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	21 Jan 2022	Christopher Michael KOHOUT	Jacob DARDEN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	21 Jan 2022	Ronan Pierce KOHOUT	Jacob DARDEN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	21 Jan 2022	Dylan Flynn KOHOUT	Jacob DARDEN	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	04 Feb 2022	Solomon Jacob Tyson LEONARD	Valentine LEONARD	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	04 Feb 2022	James Ivy DEKLE	Henry FONTAINE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	04 Feb 2022	Larry Carlton DEKLE	Henry FONTAINE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	05 Feb 2022	Jimmy Pierce LEONARD	Valentine LEONARD	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	04 Feb 2022	Michael Kent Leonard, Jr.	Jacob Leonard	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	11 Feb 2022	Weston Reid PAGE	Weston PAGE	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	Total: 79			



Senior Vice President - David Ludley

April 2, 2022: Patriot Captain John Venable Grave Marking in Jackson County, Georgia. At the invitation of Dr. and General Donald Burdick, I represented the Georgia Society SAR, giving the Greetings from GASSAR and also presenting the Dedication of the Grave Marking.

April 3, 2022: Participated in the 7pm Zoom Meeting of the Congress Planning Committee.

April 12, 2022: Attended and served as chapter vice president at the monthly meeting of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.

April 19, 2022: Participated in 11:30am Zoom ExCom Meeting. I also put together and composed minutes for the meeting, sending these out afterwards.

April, 2022: At the behest of President Joe Vancura, I sent out requests to all the GASSAR Regional Vice Presidents, asking that they let me know the names of individuals that will be attending the upcoming Quarterly BOM Meeting in Barnesville. This was to encourage better attendance by all 35 Chapters at the BOM Meeting.

April 20, 2022: Participated in a (Rescheduled) Congress Planning Zoom Meeting at 7pm.

April 23, 2022: Participated in person at the Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting at the Garden Patch in Barnesville, GA. I also reserved and made arrangements for the meeting space in advance, as part of my duties as Senior Vice President.

April 30, 2022: At the request of President Joe Vancura, I represented the GA. Society SAR for the Dedication of the Memorial Grave Stone, commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Patriot Joseph Breed, at the Shadowlawn Cemetery in LaGrange, Georgia, at 11am. I performed the Dedication of the Grave Stone and later presented a wreath on behalf of GASSAR.

April 30, 2022: Later, I participated along with Compatriot George Thurmond and others in the Grave Dedication for Compatriot Don Crawford McClanahan at a different part of Shadowlawn Cemetery in LaGrange, along with the Georgia Color Guard under the command of Compatriot Scott Collins.

May 1, 2022: Participated in 2022 Congress Planning Zoom Meeting at 7pm.

May 10, 2022: Attended and served as chapter vice president at the monthly meeting of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.

May 15, 2022: Participated in 2022 Congress Planning Zoom Meeting at 7pm.

May 21, 2022: Representing GASSAR, I gave a presentation to the John Milledge Chapter at noon in Milledgeville, Georgia, on "Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works." It was well received, and Chapter President Terry Stair kindly sent out an email through the BOM Google Group, recommending it to other state chapters.

May 22, 2022: Participated in 2022 Congress Planning Zoom Meeting at 7pm.

May 24, 2022: Participated in the first of regular one-on-one Zoom Meetings with President Joe Vancura, during which we discussed various tasks for me to perform in my role as Senior Vice President. These Zoom Sessions also provided me with additional insights and background to help prepare me for my potential leadership service next year.

May-June, 2022: Among the tasks assigned to me by President Vancura, I sent out requests to the five Regional Vice Presidents in charge of Chapters that we have identified as not having posted any information on their Chapters on the GASSAR website. I was to ask that said Chapters forward relevant information, such as meeting days and times, meeting locations, and any other information, to Compatriot Richard Marsh. I did.

June 5, 2022: Participated in 2022 Congress Planning Zoom Meeting at 7pm.

June 7, 2022: Participated in regular, informative, one-on-one Zoom Meeting with President Joe Vancura.

June 11, 2022: Canvassed Peachtree City neighborhood with Compatriot Clark Perrin, presenting six Flag Display Certificates.

June 14, 2022: Attended and served as Acting President (due to the absence of the regular president) at the monthly meeting of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.

June 15, 2022: Participated in 2022 Congress Planning Zoom Meeting at 7pm.

June 21, 2022: Participated in regular, informative, one-on-one Zoom Meeting with President Joe Vancura.

June, 2022: At the request of President Vancura, as Senior VP, I sent out a reminder on the BOM Google Group email, for any Chapters to be sure to contact Richard Marsh with any additional information about their Chapters to be posted on the GASSAR Website.

June, 2022: As part of my Sr. VP duties, I made advance reservations and arrangements for the July 23rd BOM Meeting at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville, Georgia.

June, 2022: In addition, in June I will also remind Regional Vice Presidents to once again submit at least one name for each of their Chapters of who will be attending the July BOM Meeting and representing their Chapters.

June 21, 2022: Attended the monthly meeting of the Captain John Collins Chapter by Zoom.

June 23, 2022: Participated in the Zoom NSSAR History Committee Meeting at 7pm.

June 26, 2022: Participated in 2022 Congress Planning Zoom Meeting at 7pm.

June 28, 2022: Participating in 11:30am Zoom GASSAR ExCom Meeting.

Electronic Communications - Rick Reese, Jr.



Activities:

Planned activities for July:

Photograph and film the 250th Anniversary SAR bench dedications in Tricentennial Park and Johnson Square Park in Savannah during the NSSAR Congress.

What we hope to accomplish going forward:

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

Library - Hugh Rodgers



At the beginning of June, 2022, the Georgia Society FOL membership remained strong but with some decline in chapter membership as chapters concentrated on preparations for the National Congress in Savannah.

Chapter Members: 7

Georgia Society: 1

Compatriots & Friends: 63

Total: 71

An increase in individual FOL memberships allowed the Georgia Society to retain its lead of state societies. Along with our seven Life Memberships, this is an excellent achievement to take to the National Congress in July.

Thanks to all compatriots, society officers and chapter presidents for your strong support of this program. Please remember that your \$25 FOL membership renews yearly on your anniversary date. As an FOL you are making an investment in future membership growth of the SAR. Keep up the good work.

Flag Respect - Gary Smith



Highlights of the Most Recent Quarter:

42 Flag Display and 3 Flag Retirement certificates were issued this Quarter.

The Little River Chapter held a Flag Retirement Class and Ceremony on 14 May 2022 with 12 Girl Scouts from Troop 20028, 2 Cub Scouts from Pack 56, 2 VFW Post 12190 Auxiliary Members at 5161 Thoroughbred Way Grovetown, GA 30813

The Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Chapters held their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10:00 AM at Ingram Funeral Home 210 Ingram Avenue Cumming, Georgia 30040

A video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/Zu2T0zoYqRc>

Plans for the Next Quarter:

Chapters are encouraged to obtain and present flag display and retirement certificates that can be purchased for \$4.00 through the SAR Merchandise Department at (502) 589-1779 and on web at: <https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=flag%20certificate>

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
					
Athens	Glenn Cowan	Jonny Bridges	Shane Laflam	Zack Tankersley	Andrew Brooks
Captain John Collins	Mark Cheatham				
Coweta Falls	Freddie Blackmon				
Little River	William Woodard		Maryetta Beck		
Marshes of Glynn				Britt Hannon Skyer Dione Tommy Brooks Chris Russom 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 Scott Cook
Ocmulgee	Dustin Mobbs				
Piedmont		Gabe Benmoussa			



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:	2	1		1
Fall Line:		1	1	
Four Rivers:	2			
Little River:	3	1		
Marshes of Glynn:	2	1		
Mill Creek:	6		3	
Ocmulgee:	1			
Joel Early:	3			
Wiregrass:	1			
TOTAL	22	4	3	1
Total Applications Received and Processed:		31		



Georgia Registrar North - Dennis McIntire

Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior	Memorial
Atlanta:	5			
Button Gwinnett:		3		
Capt. John Collins:	1			
Casimir Pulaski:	1			
Coweta Falls:	1		1	
Dalton:		2		
Marquis de Lafayette:	1			
Piedmont:	1			
Robert Forsyth:	1			
TOTAL	11	5	1	
Total Applications Received and Processed:		17		



Veterans - Gary Hoyt

It has been a very busy quarter. I attended Grave Marking Ceremonies for Patriot Captain John Venable in Jackson Co.; Patriots John Clark, John Hames, and George Bradford at Marietta National Cemetery; Patriots Benjamin Andrew, John Baker, Daniel Roberts, Robert Sallett, and Samuel Stevens at Midway Cemetery; Patriot Joseph Breed at the Shadowlawn Cemetery in LaGrange, GA; and Patriots James Greer, Shearod Thompson, and William Wilson. at the Greer Family Cemetery, Statham, GA.

I also attended the Ft. Frederica Naval Action Celebration at St. Simons Island, GA, the Quarterly GASSAR BOM meeting at Barnesville, GA.; placed a virtual wreath at the Arlington National Cemetery gravesite of Air Force LTC Frank D. (Bruiser) Bryant, Jr.; was guest speaker at the Button Gwinnett Chapter's monthly meeting; and for Memorial Day, I visited the Georgia National Cemetery and placed coins on the headstones of family members, friends and Compatriots who rest there.

I attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony sponsored by the Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Chapters, and multiple Zoom meetings for the NSSAR Veterans Committee.



Eagle Scout - William Coffeen

Our committee has received 11 requests for letters of commendation year-to-date. This modest number reflects the fact that many chapters are receiving requests directly instead of those received by the State. All requests to the State are quickly passed on to chapters who have active Eagle Scout programs, or the chair fulfills the request himself if no chapter support presently exists. Please forward to me any photos of Eagle Courts of Honor, etc. your chapter may participate in and I'll get them posted on our Georgia website. If your chapter is unfamiliar with how to set up a recognition program, please contact me at billcoffeen@gmail.com or call me at 770-757-8147.

The Georgia Society can approve up to four compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. No applications have been submitted year to date. Therefore, I encourage all chapters to submit an application to me for those members who are involved in Scouting and deserve such recognition. You may download the application from the Na-

tional website or contact me. Once completed, forward the application accompanied by a check made out to the SAR for \$20 and send it to my attention at 3799 Westwick Ct., Kennesaw, GA 30152

To my knowledge the following chapters (17% of all State chapters) do not presently have a chairman for Eagle Scout Recognition. The good news is that more chapters are participating than ever before.

George Walton
LaGrange
Patrick Carr Rangers
Rome
Washington-Wilkes
Wiregrass

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

As a reminder, the King college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is December 31, 2022. All chapter winning entries should be forwarded to me. It is essential that all 2022 applicants use the updated application documents now available on our National website.



IT - Richard Marsh

Online Dues Collection:

Three previously non-participating chapters have chosen to participate in the online dues collection process for 2023 and brings the total to 24 out of the GASSAR's 35 chapters. They include Dalton, Ocmulgee and LaGrange. The remaining 11 chapters not participating either opted not to participate or did not respond to an invitation sent to those chapters.

The website in general continues to have many areas of outdated or missing information. After several years of asking, we still have numerous chapters that have never submitted anything. It can be as simple as meeting information, a link to your website or anything else. If you are one of the missing chapters and you are not sure what to submit, look at some of the other chapters. Beyond these areas, I ask that anyone visiting our site and notice something that needs improvement or have ideas for additional content to please contact me.



Source Book - Ed Rigel Sr.

2nd Quarter Activity:

Follows is a list of SourceBook sections updated, revised, added or deleted in the 2nd Quarter 2022:

- 8.1 Rules of Protocol.doc
- 8.2 Protocol Ranking at SAR Functionms.xls
- 8.3 Order of Precedence for Heritage Societies.docx
- 8.4 Priority of Selection of Delegates to NSSAR Annual Congress.doc

State and Chapter Officers, State Committee Chairs and Members, are encouraged to review sections in the SourceBook pertinent to their area and either submit suggestions for improvement and/or proposed revisions to Source Book to the Committee for consideration.

Of greatest need are updated Chapter Histories, some of which have not been updated in at least a decade.



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

GASSAR 2022-2023 school year Brochure Contest Guidelines.

Brochure theme:

Select: One of the Nation's Five Foundational Documents:

- 1. Articles of Confederation;**
- 2. Declaration of Independence;**
- 3. Constitution;**
- 4. Federalist Papers**
- 5. Bill of Rights.**

GASSAR 2022-2023 school year Poster Contest Guidelines:

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

themes of the SAR for this contest, "Revolutionary War Person or Persons" in school years ending in an odd number will be the general topic. The specific options for topic selection for the GASSAR poster contest will be ONE of these:

George Washington Benjamin Franklin Sybil Ludington Patrick Henry John Adams

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

"27.4.0 Georgia Society SAR Elementary School Poster Contest" and "27.4.1 Entry Form for back of Poster"



Graves - Bruce Maney

GASSAR Chapter Grave Ceremonies completed in Calendar Year 2022

Capt. John Venable at the Venable Family Cemetery, Galilee Church Road, Jackson County, GA.

Patriot John Clark, Patriot John Hames, and Patriot George Bradford at the Marietta National Cemetery.

Patriot Benjamin Andrew, Patriot John Baker, Patriot Daniel Roberts, Patriot Robert Sallett, and Patriot Samuel Stevens at the Midway Cemetery on Ocean Highway in Midway, Liberty County, Georgia.

Patriot Joseph Breed at the Shadow Lawn Cemetery, 210 New Franklin Road in LaGrange, GA.

NO GRAVE REGISTRY FORM 10.10F SUBMITTED. A GASSAR SOURCE BOOK #10, CHAPTER REPORTS – 10.10F REQUIREMENT.

Compatriot Don McClanahan, also at the Shadow Lawn Cemetery, 269 East Bacon Road in the cemetery, LaGrange, GA. *NO GRAVE REGISTRY FORM 10.10F SUBMITTED. A GASSAR SOURCE BOOK #10, CHAPTER REPORTS – 10.10F REQUIREMENT.*

Patriot James Grier, Patriot Shearod Thompson, and Patriot William Wilson, at 1:00 P.M. at the Greer Family Cemetery, 1052 V.M. Osborne Road, off State Route 53, Statham, GA.

Patriot John Strange at the Strange Family Cemetery on State Route 51 in Franklin County, GA.

GASSAR Chapter Grave Ceremonies planned for the remainder of Calendar Year 2022

July 10, 2022, a FIVE Patriot Grave Marking for Patriot Moses Allen, Patriot Nathan Brownson, Patriot Lazarus Mallard, Patriot Thomas Stevens, and Patriot Andrew Walthour at the Midway Cemetery on Ocean Highway in Midway, Liberty County, Georgia, GPS 31.8060750, 81.4309220.

September 24, 2022, 11 A.M. (Alabama-Central Time Zone), Button Gwinnett Chapter GASSAR, Birmingham Chapter ALSSAR, Dr. Elisha Dick Chapter VA NSDAR, and Cahawba Chapter AL NSDAR plan a Patriot Grave Marking for Patriot Michael McCarty at the Franklin Family cemetery on McCarty Town Road in Quinton, Jefferson County, Alabama. GPS: 33.3534N, 87.0757W.

October 16, 2022, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR plans to conduct a Compatriot Grave Marking for Charles A. "Gus" Gustafson, 2 P.M. Sunday, Mountain View Park Cemetery, 410 Whitlock Ave, Marietta, GA. GPS: 33.3778N 84.3352W. Compatriot Gustafson's service given to the SAR included serving as Chapter Secretary, and Editor of the Chapter's Monthly Newsletter.

October 23, 2022, Lyman Hall Chapter and Casmir Pulaski Chapter plan a Patriot Maher S. Lyle Grave Marking at 2 p.m. at the LYLE Family Cemetery, 360 Tapp Wood Road, Hwy 53 south of Hoschton, Jackson County, GA, GPS: 34.05777N 83.71289W.

October 29, 2022, Samuel Elbert Chapter SAR plans a Patriot Samuel Higginbotham Grave Marking, time to be announced, at the Higginbotham Family Cemetery, Brewers Bridge Road, Elberton, Elbert County, GA, GPS: 34.143409N 82.873534W.

In response to inquiries about the COMPATRIOT GRAVE MARKING MEDAL detail information was provided in the April 3rd Patriot Graves Committee BOM report. Please contact me if you would like for me to resent that report to you or your Chapter.

Historic Sites & Celebrations - Bill Dobbs



Gentlemen, we have a number of Historic Celebrations and events ahead of us. The LaGrange Chapter is once again active and they are gearing up for a number of functions with respect to the Marquis de Lafayette's visit to LaGrange. These coincide nicely with our 250th Celebrations!

The 242nd Anniversary of the First Siege of Augusta will be held on Saturday, September 17 in Augusta. Stay tuned for info.

On November 19th, we will be at Fort Morris, in Sunbury, celebrating "Come and Take It." As you know, this event is now recognized by National.

Vann's Creek will once again be celebrated on December 03, 2022. The event is held at Richard B. Russell State Park in Elberton, GA. Although celebrated in December, the Encounter took place on February 11, 1779, just days before Kettle Creek. Although our small forces were defeated, we

killed many and cause great numbers to return to their home. This greatly helped our victorious Battle of Kettle Creek.

Please keep February 11, 2023 open for the Battle of Kettle Creek Celebration. We are in need of golf carts and ATV's to assist with transporting guests. We also need six members from a Chapter to provide parking assistance at Monument Hill.

I will be requesting a budget increase for Historic Sites and Celebrations due to the increased lodging costs involved in hosting these Officers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to serve on the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. We are also searching for someone to replace me as Chairman of the Committee for 2023. If you are interested, please contact President Vancura or Sr. VP Dr. David Ludley.

ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel



Cadet Griffin J. DeFoor AJROTC White County High School, GASSAR's nomination to the NSSAR National Competition finished in Top 10. He was sponsored by the Joseph Habersham Chapter. Congrats!

Knight Essay - Terry Gibbs



The 2022-2023 Knight Essay Contest commences this calendar year with the beginning of school in August of 2022. Contestants enter the contest through the nearest SAR Chapter. The deadline for entries at the Chapter Level is December 1, 2022. A reminder to that effect will be sent to BOM email distribution system at that time. In the meantime, the summer is an excellent time for prospective contestants to begin their research for their essays.

The Georgia Society SAR winner for the 2021-2022 competition was Maddox Lewis, a 9th grade honor student at Fellowship Christian School in Roswell, Georgia. Maddox's essay was titled "We the People: The Words That Changed America". Maddox was sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter. He was awarded a medal, a cash scholarship of \$550.00 and a recognition certificate at the Georgia Society Annual Meeting on January 29, 2022.

The Georgia Society Runner-up was Avery Scott, a 12th grade honor student at Tattnall Square Academy in Macon, Georgia. Avery's essay was titled "Our Freedom of Speech". Avery was sponsored by the Ocmulgee Chapter. She was awarded a cash scholarship of \$400.00 and a recognition certificate.

In the 2021-2022 Knight Essay Contest more than 300 essays were submitted nationwide at the chapter level. This year's National winners are:

1. Jiayang Lin, Empire State Society -- Political Partisanship in the Fledgling Republic -- \$6,000
2. Benjamin W. Caldwell, Maryland Society -- Charles Carroll of Carrollton: Citizen, Signer, and Statesman -- \$3,000
3. Austin Q. Sarker-Young, Delaware Society -- Abigail Smith: A Decisive Influence on John Adams -- \$2,000
4. Matthew Breier, Connecticut Society -- Joseph Warren: A True Patriot Lost -- \$500
5. James Schultz, Kansas Society -- Nathanael Greene and the Legacy of the "Fighting Quaker" -- \$500

Each of the National winners have the option to designate their cash prize as tax-free if they elect to have their prize monies sent directly to their educational institution. The contest is open to any United States citizen and legal resident enrolled in the 9th thru 12th grades during the contest period. Students attending public schools and private schools are eligible as well as home-schooled students. The deadline to enter the upcoming academic year's contest in Georgia is December 1, 2022. Inquiries regarding rules and eligibility may be directed to terrygibbs237@gmail.com

C.A.R. Liaison - Robert Moore

This Liaison attended the national convention of the N.S.C.A.R. in Arlington, VA in April. He attended the senior national board meeting and other meetings during the weekend. This was the last year of his two year term as Senior National Officer, Vice President of the Southeast Region.

Chancellor - Chuck Olson

At the request of Pres. Vancura, I have completed my review of the Proposed Model Rules of Conduct and Discipline for State Societies which was distributed by NSSAR and placed it in a Google Drive. My recommendation for the adoption of the Model Rules, which have been adapted so that they conform to the wording and terminology of the By-Laws of the Georgia Society, have been forwarded to the BOM.

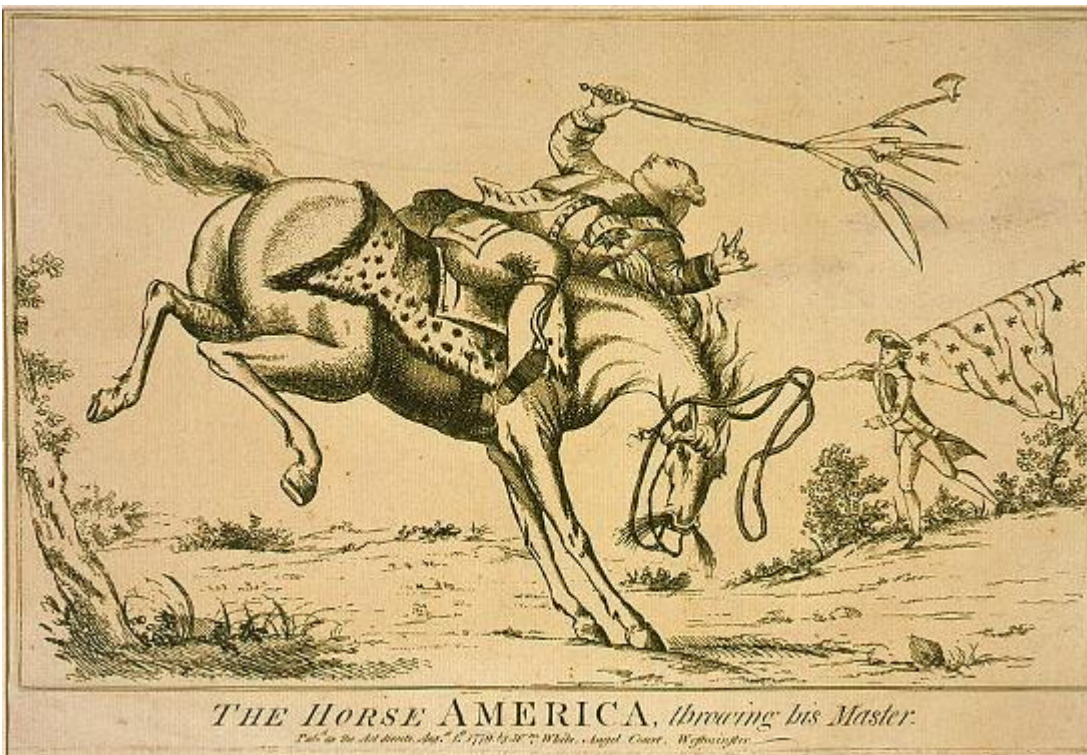
Editor - Emil Decker

The Hornet's Nest continues to bring you the latest, the greatest news from the Georgia Society's many marvelous chapters. National, State, and Chapter news is being compiled and will be made available right after Congress ends. If you participated in 2nd quarter events, I hope I have received photos, and articles from you. NO? Time is short.

I have very little to share from Memorial Day events, in spite of the fact that I know you were out there making the Society proud. But it seems this issue is positively bulging with Patriot Grave Markings. I am trying to insert a little bio about the Men we honor, so let me know if you like, or dislike the format.

Savannah will feature prominently in the 3rd quarter edition, as will the July 4th celebrations around the state. Assuming you send me evidence of your participation. Stay cool, stay safe, and

enjoy the up coming events.



TITLE: The horse America, throwing his master

CREATED/
 PUBLISHED:
 Westminster : Pubd.
 by Wm. White, 1779
 Aug. 1.

Print shows a horse "America" throwing its rider, George III.