

Newsletter of The Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution



The Hornet's Nest

July - September 2022

The President's Dispatch



The Georgia Society SAR endured a sudden and shocking loss just a couple days after the end of our 132nd National Congress, which we hosted in Savannah this past July. The untimely loss of our beloved President Joseph Vancura to a fatal aneurysm brought on by Covid-19. Thus, I never imagined that I

would be writing this "President's Dispatch" as soon as I would be.

We began our postponed Summer BOM this year with a Moment of Silence in honor of President Vancura.

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Tribute to a President, Compatriot, and Friend

Joseph "Joe" Lawrence Vancura, Jr of Marietta, Georgia passed away suddenly at his home on Sunday evening, July 17, 2022. He had just returned from successfully leading the 132nd national convention of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) which was held in Savannah the previous week. In addition to his leadership role as the GASSAR State President, he served many other positions both at the state level and at the chapter level. Mr. Vancura was a Chapter Charter Member of Captain John Collins and a Life member of the National Society.

Joe was a man with varied interests and accomplishments. He graduated from Florida State University in 1994 with a BS degree in Finance.

He then attended the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business where he graduated in 1995 with an M.B.A. and after considering the relationship between finance and law, Joe pursued a law degree and graduated from the University of Georgia's School of Law with a Juris Doctor where Banking, Corporate Finance and Securities were his primary interests.

He passed the state bar in 1999 and then used his academic background, knowledge, experience, and natural leadership skills to become the Director of Accounting, Human Resources and



Operations at the Applied Resources Group.

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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.)

In Joe's honor, many Compatriots wore the Volunteer Shirts from this past National Congress, which Georgia hosted, in recognition of President Vancura's magnificent performance in piloting us through our record-setting National Congress in Savannah...and his superlative, unifying influence on us all throughout his all too brief tenure. Joe, you were in every sense our benevolent, worthy Commander. A true gentleman who left us far too soon.

We have nonetheless carried on, to the best of our abilities. Much was achieved at the postponed Summer BOM in Barnesville: an extended, productive meeting of discussion and debate, decision-making and planning, and the recognitions of our achievements through awards and certificates. And the Georgia Society continues to work effectively together—whether it be through Compatriot Bob Sapp's Chapter Registrars Workshop, the numerous Color Guard activities, grave-markings, historic celebrations, battlefield commemorations, educational outreach, youth activities, and so much more. And, speaking of our youth, the bright future of our cause was so well displayed at our BOM meeting by the eloquent Hope Frederick, President of the Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution, an amazing young lady.

My presentations on "Colonial and Revolutionary Art" at various chapters across the state this past year, as well as at the National Congress, continue to give me welcome opportunities to meet, get to know, and be impressed by so many of our fine Compatriots—brothers and sisters alike, devoted to the cause of Patriotism—and gratitude—for the United States of America. This Constitutional Republic. This One Nation under God...Indivisible!

I have visited such chapters so far as Blue Ridge Mountains, Marquis de Lafayette, Captain John Collins, Brier Creek, John Milledge, Piedmont, and others, with many more to come. Other events I participated in included Greetings and grave dedications and markings in LaGrange, along with a separate tribute to a fallen Compatriot, park bench dedications, and The First Siege of Augusta on September 17th, for which I was, also, graciously allowed to fire off two cannon-loads during the battle reenactment. Great fun. This was the 242nd Anniversary commemoration, and before the battle reenactment, inside the Kroc Center, I gave the initial Greetings from the Georgia Society SAR, followed by a wreath dedication ceremony, a Recognition of Descendants, and an excellent historical Battle Seminar by Military Historian Steven Rauch. We also supported the inspiring DAR Constitution Day at St. Paul's Church that morning.

And the Zoom Meetings have been plentiful, including the monthly Kettle Creek Board of Directors meetings and Congress Planning and Wrap-Up Meetings. I have also given out Congress awards at chapters for individuals who could not attend the Congress. I was most honored, and touched, to give out the Congress Medal in person to the mother and sister of our beloved, departed President Joseph Vancura, when I visited the Captain John Collins Chapter for their September meeting.

At the end of September, I led the Georgia delegation to the Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, fully participating in my role as GASSAR State President and as a member of such organizations as the SAR Magazine and Publication Committee within the History Committee. That first Thursday evening, we of the Georgia Society met together and broke bread, even drank a little wine, and supped together as a group at the Mi Casita on Fourth—an appropriate start to our busy meeting schedule.

I am also writing the current Georgia Society Quarterly Report for the South Atlantic District Presidents Organization, because, just two weeks after Leadership, I will be meeting with them again during the King's Mountain Event. At King's Mountain, S.C., I will of course be involved in several events, on behalf of the Georgia and National Societies. (Not to mention, countless Zoom meetings.) All leading up to our next BOM Meeting on November 5th, and the glorious Ft. Morris "Come & Take It" NSSAR celebration on November 19th, which will include PG Bruce Pickette! The Georgia Society SAR will have carried on--having experienced both the most difficult of trials and the best of rewards that life, and our Freedom, have to offer!

David Ludley
President,
Georgia Society

Joe Vancura

In addition to his academic accomplishments, workplace achievements, and love for history, Joe shared his passion through his service in the Sons of the American Revolution.

Joe enjoyed travel, music, and live theater. He often advised his friends to just attend their local theater, sit back and enjoy a live play.

His love for his dog and particularly his kitties was often demonstrated through personal conversations, but most of all, his love for his mother Kathy and sister Betsy came first.

Jared Ogden,





133rd NSSAR National Congress

Orlando, FL
July 13 - 20, 2023

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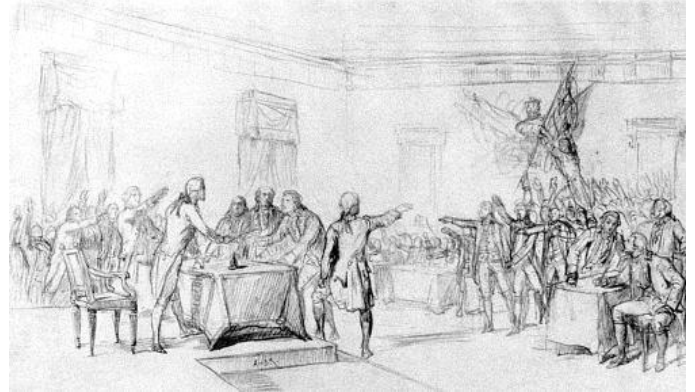
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(Thursday)



Event	Location	Date	Status
South Atlantic District Meeting	Gastonia, SC	Oct 06, 2022	District
Battle of Kings Mountain	Kings Mt. Nat. Park. SC	Oct 07, 2022	National
Siege of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Oct 09, 2022 6:45 a.m.	State
Compatriot Grave Marking	Marietta, GA	Oct 16, 2022	State
Victory at Yorktown	Yorktown, VA	Oct 19, 2022	National
Patriot Grave Marking	Braselton, GA	Oct 23, 2022	State
Patriot Grave Marking	Elberton, GA	Oct 29, 2022	State
Georgia Society BOM	Barnesville, GA	Nov 05, 2022	State
Veterans Day Oconee Co. Memorial	Watkinsville, GA	Nov 11, 2022 11:00 a.m.	National / State
Veterans Day Program	Snellville, GA	Nov 11, 2022 3:00 PM	National / State
Veterans Day	Various	Nov 11 Weekend	National / State
Joel Early chapter 20th Anniversary	Pending	Nov 12	State
Patriot Grave Marking	St. Simons Island, GA	Nov 18, 2022	State
Fort Morris Come and Take It	Sunbury, GA	Nov 19, 2022	National
Vann's Creek	Elberton, GA	Dec 03, 2022	State
Crawford County 200th Anniv. Parade & Musket Fire	Knoxville, GA	Dec 10, 2022	State
NSDAR Kickoff event for WAA	State Capitol Atlanta, GA	Dec 10, 2022 Noon	State
Wreaths Across America	Various	Dec 17, 2022	National



INDEPENDENCE DAY



Above and Right: Jack Dugger, Jared Ogden, and Pam Matthews, Past Regent of the Old Unicoi Trail Chapter, DAR, participated in the annual Veterans 4th of July Parade in Blue Ridge, GA. Jared Ogden gave the keynote address after the parade in the Blue Ridge Veteran's Park. Approximately 150 veterans and friends were in attendance. Jack Dugger both surprised and entertained the audience by extemporaneously demonstrating the proper way to thrust a bayonet.

Below Right: Editor Emil Decker from the Robert Forsyth Chapter was busy on the 4th. He attended the Cumming 4th of July Parade, with fellow chapter members and DAR / C.A.R. representatives, then hustled up to Jasper, GA where he joined up with Cherokee Chapter member Tom Turner to walk in the blazing sun at the Jasper parade. Forgive the sunglasses. Very, very necessary for a hot sunny 4th in Georgia



Left: Independence Day ceremony at the Declaration of Independence Georgia Signer's Monument in Augusta where Col. William Few member Erick Montgomery gave the featured presentation.



A reoccurring opportunity to appear as part of the pre-game ceremonies at the July 4th Atlanta Braves game. 13 muskets were gathered to salute the 13 original colonies before 41,975 fans.





3 Above: Members of the Elijah Clarke Militia and Georgia Color Guard participated in an Independence Day service for Home United Methodist Church in Forsyth County on Sunday, July 3.

Left: Steve Burke, Alton Reynolds and Alton McCloud, of the East Fall Line Region Continentals traveled 350 miles one way to Montevallo, AL to participate in the "American Village, Independence Day 1776 Celebration. Since 1999, the American Village has been committed to telling the stories of America's revolutionary beginning, to encourage citizens to cherish the founding principles of our Nation and the timeless ideals of liberty, inspiring our fellow Americans to serve our country as stewards of liberty.



Left: William Few Chapter President, Alan C. Smith, presented the Chapter Wreath at Independence Day Ceremonies in downtown Augusta. Attending Chapter members are shown in front of the Signers Monument following the ceremony.

Beneath the obelisk lie the remains of two of Georgia's signers of the Declaration of Independence - Lyman Hall and George Walton.

Below: On July 3, 2022 Piedmont Chapter Color Guardsmen Craig Benton, Jaime Ruff, Bob Sapp, and Ron Redner participated in the 20th Anniversary ceremony of the World Harvest Church's "Honor Our Heroes" celebration. Compatriot Bob Sapp, who has participated in all 20 annual ceremonies at the World Harvest Church, was honored for his service by Pastor Mirek Hufton.



Left: Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade saw Piedmont members Craig Benton and Ron Redner join with Bill Floyd from Mount Vernon Chapter, as well as the Martha Stewart Bulloch Society of the C.A.R.



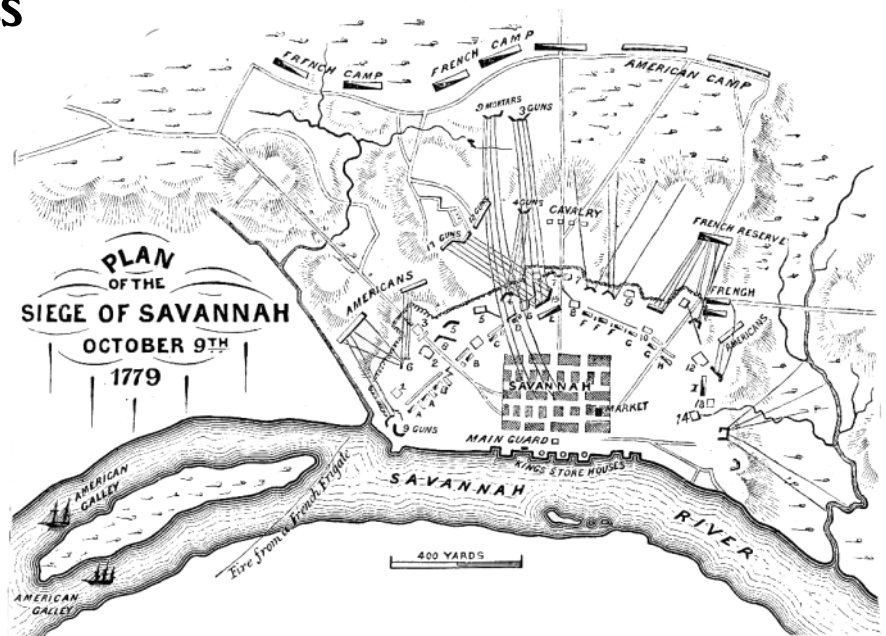
Left and below: Once again our Mount Vernon chapter participated in the annual Dunwoody 4th of July Parade. According to the Dunwoody Homeowners Association, it is the largest 4th of July Parade in Georgia, Members from the SAR and the DAR wanting to participate were to meet at Shep Hammack's home before the parade to help with finishing touches. The float is a trailer that is loaned to both the Piedmont and Mount Vernon chapters, with the DAR also sharing in the event. Atlanta SAR District VP Ron Redner drove the float in the parade. The parade started at 9 am from the All Saints Catholic Church off Mount Vernon Road.

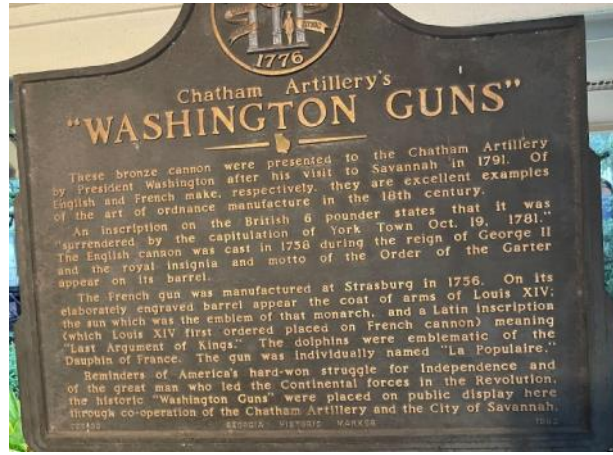
Shep Hammack, Bill Floyd dressed in uniform, with Randy Pollard in a Militia uniform. Chuck Olson was in his Army Reserve uniform.



132ND CONGRESS

Members of the Georgia Society BOM email distribution list received encouraging updates throughout the Congress from our President. I found these uplifting and helped me hype up for the coming day. I thought it would be an appropriate homage to the Late President of the Georgia Society as we cover the Congress held in Savannah. [Editor]





Left: Just down from the Congress Hotel were the Washington Guns. The marker reads: These bronze cannon were presented to the Chatham Artillery by President Washington after his visit to Savannah in 1791. Of English and French make, respectively, they are excellent examples of the art of ordnance manufacture in the 18th century.

An inscription on the British 6 pounder states that it was "surrendered by the capitulation of York Town Oct. 19, 1781." The English cannon was cast in 1758 during the reign of George II and the royal insignia and motto of the Order of the Garter appear on its barrel. The French gun was manufactured at Strasburg in 1756. On its elaborately engraved barrel appear the coat of arms of Louis XIV; the sun which was the emblem of that monarch, and a Latin inscription (which Louis XIV first ordered placed on French cannon) meaning "Last Argument of Kings." The dolphins were emblematic of the Dauphin of France. The gun was individually named "La Populaire." Reminders of America's hard-won struggle for Independence and of the great man who led the Continental forces in the Revolution, the historic "Washington Guns" were placed on public display here through co-operation of the Chatham Artillery and the City of Savannah.

Thursday July 8, 2022 - Good morning from Savannah! Georgia compatriots,

Good morning! I hope everyone is having a nice start to their day. I am writing to you from my room at the Hyatt Regency Savannah Riverfront. Bad weather in and around the area delayed some arrivals yesterday, but good to see Scott Collins, Allen Greenly, Mike Tomme, and others last night.

Today your planning committee will spend the afternoon stuffing the congress attendee bags (visitor's guides, Revolutionary War in Georgia brochures, pens, coupons, sun screen, etc.). Thank you to Wayne Brown and Ron Redner for the deliveries today. We expect compatriots to arrive in numbers starting tomorrow and continuing throughout the weekend.

Even though we are starting our Congress efforts, the business of the Georgia Society continues. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their reports for the BOM, and thank you to those that have confirmed attendance for July 23.

Wishing everyone a pleasant start to their weekend.

In patriotism, Joe Vancura, President 2022, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution



Thanks to all who submitted photos of the many events held during Congress. Special thanks to William Edelen, who provided a prodigious number, which are available to see at:

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!Ak-5T2blUzIkaGURuJvg3tqk-gLc?e=jkEcvN>



Saturday July 9, 2022 - Good Morning from Savannah Compatriots,

Good morning. I hope you all have had better outdoor weather than we have seen so far here in Savannah though it is helping to keep the temperatures under control....

Even though the shift of schedule means today is a 'free' day for most (i.e. no major events until tomorrow), we anticipate many compatriots and guests from around the country will arrive here at the hotel. Volunteers will be waiting to bring greetings from the welcome desk, and registration and credentials will be open for business. With it being a 'free' day, we hope to get as many through the doors as possible.

A very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers that were with us yesterday in the registration/credentials room. We had well over 25 or 30, mostly Georgia volunteers to help with making name badges and stuffing bags. On the name badges? That is a process....separate the card stock, put the male cards in clip on holders and the female cards in lanyards, lay them all out in alphabetical order on four desks, then go back and put green stickers on the first-time attendee badges. That took about 3 or 4 hours or so. And the bag stuffing was an incredible assembly line....lay out all the materials on a few desks, then work your way left to right placing the items in the bags. Brochures, handbooks, fans, pens, cookies, etc. When it was all said and done, almost 600 bags and tags!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!!

This evening I look forward to hors d'oeuvres and fellowship with all the volunteers, who have helped make this 132nd Congress a success already. Tomorrow, the 'big tour' to Fort Morris, then to Midway for lunch and the 5 patriot grave marking. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Then tomorrow evening the official host reception for all the attendees. That will be a big gathering!

GEORGIA - YOU HAVE RISEN TO THE CHALLENGE. I am so proud of our Society, so many of you and your chapters have given of yourselves, be it in time, donations, resources, you name it.

You have stepped up. Thank you.

In patriotism, Joe Vancura, President 2022, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution



Sunday July 10, 2022- Good morning from Savannah!

Gentlemen,

A blessed Sunday morning to you all.

Today compatriots will be loading up on buses and starting the 'long tour.' They will begin with a trip to Fort Morris, where they will take a tour of the site and hear about its patriotic history. Perhaps they will get 'a taste' of what our national Fort Morris Come and Take It program is like and visit us again in November? After that, they will board buses and head down to Midway, first for lunch at the Dorchester Civic Center. Afterwards, a quick trip 'across the street' will take them to the historic Midway Church, where we will commemorate the lives and service of five patriot heroes buried on the grounds. Participants will be placing carnations in lieu of wreaths. Many compatriots will be there outside of the tour - we could see close to 200 flowers! Now, let's just hope the rain holds off....and if not, no worries, we always have ways...

Tonight we officially welcome our guests to Georgia at our Host Reception. There are approximately 600 members and guests expected to be here over the coming days! Could it be a record????

Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful day. Know that your host committee thanks you for all your service to the SAR, and for making this possible.

In patriotism, Joe Vancura, President 2022, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution







Monday July 11, 2022- Good morning from Savannah!

Georgia compatriots,

Greetings!

I hope everyone had a nice weekend.

Yesterday was a wonderful day here in Savannah. The long tour to Fort Morris, Dorchester School, and Midway Church was, overall, quite a success. While the oppressive southern heat and humidity presented serious challenges for some, I am pleased to say that everyone is well and recovered. The timing at Midway could not have been better, as we wrapped up the end-of-service group photo as the rain drops began. Everyone loaded onto the buses just in time...well, save for the awesome Color Guardsmen who braved the downpour to break down the site. Thank you Georgia and National Color Guard - you are the glue that holds these programs together.

The Host Reception was also a great success. We had several hundred in attendance, with good food and fellowship. The room we are using is the ground level ballroom, which overlooks River Street on one side and the Savannah River on the other. So this provided really neat views of the comings and goings, of the tourists on the one hand and the port activities on the other. Pretty cool to see some of these ships move by. Anyway, it was a great turnout, with great food (omg, the hush puppies....)

THANK YOU Georgia Society. The host reception is our financial responsibility, and you made it all possible. I have had SO MANY folks come to me and tell me how impressed they have been with the Savannah settings, the hotel, and the hospitality and professionalism of the volunteers and members of GASSAR. Expect great pictures in the coming days and weeks!

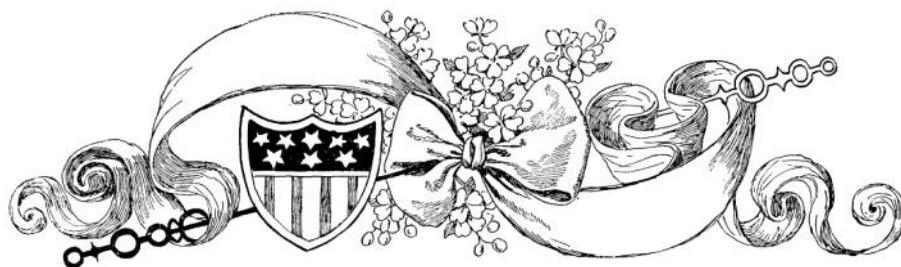
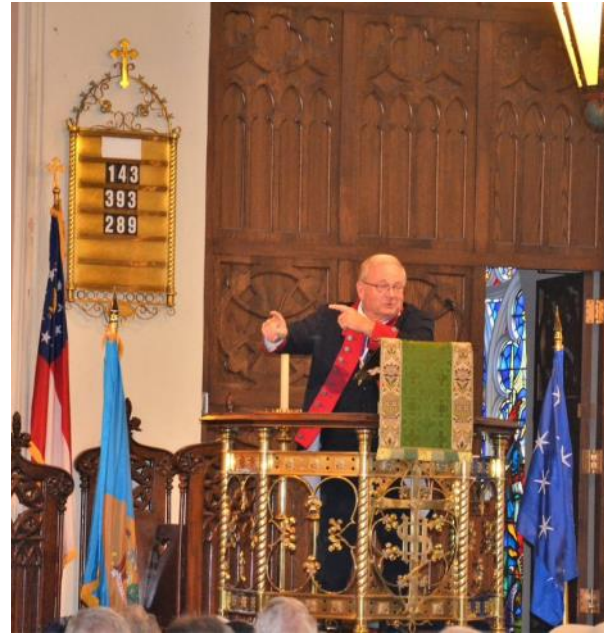
Today our major event is the Memorial Service from St. John's Church, just down the road from the hotel. This is a beautiful Anglican cathedral, and as with the memorial every year, it will be a full house. We will honor and remember those gentlemen of the NSSAR who have gone to rest. I hope everyone will take a moment today to do the same.

Tonight are the Rumbaugh Oration finals. It is always a pleasure to watch these amazing young men and women in action. It gives me great hope for the future! I hope to get some pictures out your way later. Again, be sure to look for more in the days and weeks ahead.

In patriotism, Joe Vancura, President 2022, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution







On this day in history, July 11, 1782, the British evacuate Savannah, Georgia as the American Revolution comes to a close. Georgia was the site of many bloody battles during the war, many between patriots and Loyalists who were their neighbors or brothers.

Georgia saw its first British troops in early 1776 when a fleet of British ships arrived at the mouth of the Savannah River to buy rice for the British troops which were then blockaded in Boston. Georgia patriots resisted the efforts to buy rice and the Battle of the Riceboats ensued. During the affair, Georgia's Royal Governor, James Wright, was taken captive. Wright eventually escaped and fled the colony with the British and their confiscated rice.

For the next two years, Georgia remained relatively peaceful and a provincial government developed. The entrance of France into the war in 1778 changed things for Georgia, however. England was forced to remove some troops from the northern colonies to send to defend British possessions in the West Indies. A new strategy was developed to take back the southern colonies based on the belief that there were large numbers of Loyalists in the south who would support the effort. Savannah was the first target and it was easily captured on December 29, 1778 by British Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Campbell.

The rest of the colony fell quickly, though the militia continually gave the British trouble. Governor Wright returned in July of 1779 and re-established the royal government, the only colony to have lost its royal government and then re-establish it. In September of 1779, a joint American/French attempt to retake Savannah failed with massive casualties to the French and Americans.

In December of 1780, after several large defeats in the south, the Continental Congress appointed General Nathanael Greene the new head over the Continental Army's southern department. Greene's leadership and skill quickly subdued the south. By the summer of 1782, the British had abandoned all of Georgia except for Savannah.

The surrender of General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown finally persuaded Parliament to end the war. As peace negotiations proceeded, the British began evacuating troops from the colonies. Orders arrived from New York on June 14 to abandon Georgia for good. Governor Wright was furious as General Alured Clarke made preparations to evacuate Savannah. Troops began leaving the city on July 11, headed to New York, St. Augustine and the West Indies. Governor Wright and other officials fled to Charleston.

Later that evening, Lieutenant Colonel James Jackson of the Georgia Legion marched into Savannah to reclaim their capital city. The Georgia House of Assembly met in Savannah on the 13th and took control of Georgia once and for all.

Tuesday July 12, 2022- Good morning from Savannah!

Georgia compatriots,

Here is to the kick off of a great Congress!

The Memorial Service was beautiful. When you are able to remember our past compatriots in an historic setting such as The St. John's Church, it means something even more special. I will be sure to share some photos before too long.

Last night we had wonderful young people giving their final historical Oration for the Rumbaugh contest. That winner will be announced today during the Youth Awards Luncheon. This luncheon is always sold out and well attended. I think we all take pride knowing that the future of our organization, and of our country, is in such capable, informed young hands.

Opening session today begins at 9am, with welcomes from guests and dignitaries. Usually that runs about an hour or so, maybe less. Then after a quick coffee break we will get into the morning business. After the Youth Awards lunch we will continue with afternoon session, where we will dive into the officer and committee reports further. Think of the BOM reporting process, but on a much larger scale. There will be some motions made and debates held, and the business of the SAR will continue along. Parliamentary procedure at work!

Tonight after dinner on your own, we gather for a great event. First we will begin with a ceremony to recognize six new Minutemen. The Minuteman is the highest award given by the SAR, given for long, faithful and outstanding service to the National Society. Only six compatriots receive this award every year. There will be a procession of prior Minutemen, introduced by class year, who will remain on the stage to welcome the newest compatriots to their ranks. Following that service, we will move into Recognition Night, where individual, chapter, and state awards are handed out. It is my honor as GASSAR President to receive these awards on behalf of our winners, and then present them at the July BOM next week.

And so the business officially begins!

In patriotism, Joe Vancura, President 2022, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution







Left: How cool is it to be a brand new member of the National Sons of the American Revolution, and have a National Congress be your first event you attend? (L-R) Emil Decker, Robert Forsyth Chapter, Preston Lewis, Marshes of Glynn Chapter, and Stephen Weaver, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter.

Compatriot Lewis received notification of Membership from National on Monday, and visited the National Conference in Savannah on Tuesday. Welcome brother.

Wednesday July 13, 2022 - Good morning from Savannah!
Georgia compatriots,

Happy middle-of-the-week

Yesterday was the opening session of Congress. There was a very large turnout, and all greetings were well-received. The morning session included the start of committee reports, which frankly can be rather bland. However, PG Wright limited reports to important addenda rather than re-hashing of information already provided in the reports filed at the end of June.

The Youth Awards Luncheon followed. Winners of the poster and brochure contest were announced. Then we received a welcome from the National CAR president, followed by recognition of the winners in American History Teacher, Eagle Scout, JROTC, Rumbaugh Orations, and Knight Essay contests. And again, I was overwhelmed by the quality, poise, maturity, and patriotism of the young winners. If you have not been to the Youth Awards Luncheon, and you find yourself at a future Congress, I encourage you to attend!

The afternoon session included passing of all the Bylaw amendments and a wrap up of committee reports. With no further business, Congress recessed early.

After dinner, we moved on to the Minuteman Awards ceremony and the Recognition Night. Georgia, along with several of our chapters, and one member, received awards. I look forward to delivering those on the 23rd in Barnesville!

Today we will move to nominations for general office, and balloting. At 3:30 the Georgia Society will host the dedication of the 250th Anniversary Bench in Johnson Square. A very special thanks goes to these individuals and chapters who contributed to the bench projects and the George Washington painting:

David Jessel, Emil Decker, Bill Dobbs, Stephen Weaver, Jay Guest, Scott Collins, Bob Sapp, Charles Rann, D. Alan Smith, Tom Hewett, Craig Benton, Sonny Pittman, Warren Alter, Al Finley, Wayne Recknor, Jane Durden, Thomas Hughes, Hugh Rodgers, Dan McMichael, John Trussell; Ocmulgee, Robert Forsyth, John Collins, Marquis De Lafayette, Athens, Piedmont, Edward Telfair, William Few, Coweta Falls, Valdosta, Fall Line, Marshes of Glynn, Cherokee, Atlanta, John Milledge, Washington-Wilkes, and Mount Vernon.

The President General's Banquet follows tonight at 7:00. And then tomorrow, we wrap up Congress with the Installation Banquet.

I wish everyone a great Wednesday!

In patriotism, Joe Vancura, President 2022, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution







To view the video of this ceremony, please click on the YouTube link below. Feel free to distribute this video to any interested individuals.

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Thursday July 14, 2022 - Good morning from Savannah!
Happy (sleepy) Thursday,

Well, just one more day to go. Last night we held the President General's banquet, where we honored and congratulated our general officers on a year well-served. The keynote speaker was Dr. John Derden, Professor Emeritus of History at East Georgia State College. Dr. Derden's topic was "It Started at a Bar." (The fight in Georgia, that is!) Following Dr. Derden, we heard from General Washington himself (i.e. Compatriot Dan McMichael!), telling us of his trials and tribulations, and especially of the warm reception he received when arriving in Savannah after the victory. Everyone looked sharp and had a great time.

Thank you to Scott Collins and all of his credentials team for their work this week - the fruits of the labor come to pass when no one disputes election results! Our new PG is C. Bruce Pickette of Alabama, our SG is John Dodd of California, and the contest for Treasurer General went to Dr. Darryl Addington of Tennessee. Congrats to all of them, (true friends of Georgia!) for their elections. And FYI, SG Dodd is excited to come to Kettle Creek and Elijah Clark Days in February!

Today we see the election of new Trustees, along with short tours to Parris Island and/or Mighty Eighth Museum. Tonight we will install PG Pickette, and unveil our thank you gift (you remember what it is!) to PG Wright, PG Pickette, and the society. We've been able to keep it under (literal and figurative) wraps.

Until tomorrow....

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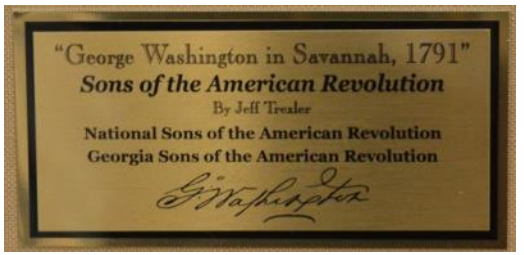


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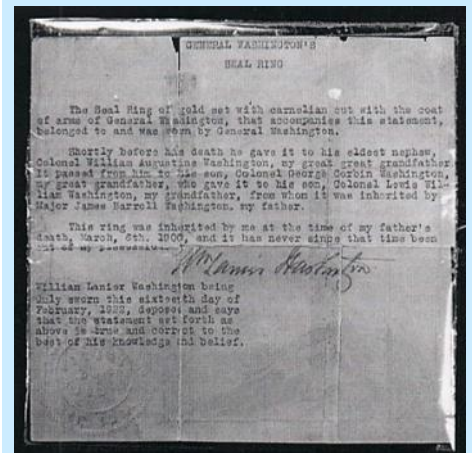




The George Washington Ring



The most valuable property owned by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is not its Headquarters property nor even its Endowment Fund. It is a small circular object, about seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, which rests in darkness, untouched for three-hundred sixty-four days of the year, emerging for only one night annually when a new President General is installed. It shares its space in a safety deposit box with the deed to the SAR Headquarters building, an insurance policy, some stock certificates, and an affidavit about the ring's own origins. The affidavit states, "The Seal Ring of gold set with carnelian cut with the coat of arms of General Washington, that accompanies this statement belonged to and was worn by General Washington."



This ring was donated to the SAR when SAR PG Messmore Kendall, died in 1959. The ring included an affidavit purported to verify its authenticity, signed by William Lanier Washington, a descendant of the country's first president.

Another ring, similar but slightly different, is claimed to be George Washington's ring, and is also known to exist. It was donated by the William Randolph Hearst family to Mount Vernon. Could Washington have had two of them?

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The George Washington Ring (Cont.)

There is no proof that George Washington ever used a seal ring and there is no proof that William Lanier Washington's item is authentic. Occasionally there is a skeptic who questions its authenticity, despite the affidavit of William Lanier Washington and the great care given by the SAR to the ring since it was originally presented to the SAR.

The ring itself is gold, with a thin band bearing a delicate shank. It is a perfect size ten on a modern mandrel. There is no maker's mark or any inscription whatsoever on the inside. On each outer surface, the metal of the side is deeply incised to give in raised relief a stem, three leaves, and a three-part bud or flower at the top, too worn to identify. The annulus of the crown is oval, surrounding and holding in place a light orange carnelian in which is incised the Washington crest: a shield with three stars at the top and two transverse bands beneath; surmounted by a crown containing a griffin; underlain by a ribbon bearing the Latin words "Exitus acta probat." These words come from line Eighty Five of the second *Heroides* of Ovid, and are translated literally as "*The outcome proves the deed.*" A common variation is rendered "*The end justifies the means.*"

A seal made using the Washington ring would show the griffin facing left and the words of the motto read properly from left to right. The original Washington crest, done in colored glass, can be seen in a window of what is now the buttery at Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, England, a mid-16th century Tudor hall house built by Lawrence Washington, the great-great-great-grandfather of George Washington.

In the spring of 2000, President General Howard Horne (1999-2000, 2001) contacted Balfour,

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Friday July 15, 2022- Good morning from Savannah!

Georgia compatriots,

That's it, you did it! Yesterday we voted in the Trustees, then brought Congress to a close. The tours to the Mighty Eighth and Parris Island were successes. And last night's Installation Banquet was delicious and enjoyable. We presented the incoming and outgoing PGs with their gifts (framed paintings and decorative plates), along with the gift of a painting to the Society at large.

Gentlemen, your hard work, service, and sacrifice paid off in spades. I have received numerous compliments on the fine, outstanding work that you have done to make this Congress a success. Truly, to paraphrase IOC head Juan Antonio Samaranch (remember him) - this was the Best Congress Ever!

A quick thank you to the guys who are here today to finish the take-down process and wrap up anything logistical. We appreciate the extra efforts.

That's it for me. I am on my way home later this morning. I look forward to seeing all of you in...oh man, I guess a eek? :) See you in Barnesville!

JV

In patriotism, Joe Vancura, President 2022, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution



The George Washington Ring (Cont.)

to see if the company could make an exact replica of the ring. He was referred to a company called Creative Molding, located in North Attleboro.

President General Bill Gist (1995-1996) picked up the ring at the bank, put the artifact in his pocket, and flew to North Attleboro. Gist said many times that he was scared to death something would happen to the ring while it was in his possession. Fortunately, nothing did.

The Creative Molding employees took measurements, created a mold, and generally did everything necessary to replicate Washington's ring. The company determined they could not cut the stone in its facility, however, if Creative Molding was to proceed, it would have to contract a company in Germany to cut the stone and then make the appropriate carving. The German company prepared twenty stones and shipped these to Creative Molding. In February 2001, ten rings were shipped to the SAR Headquarters with another ten held in stock should additional rings be needed in the future. The first ten cost \$1,200 apiece. Presidents General Gist, Horne, Russ Page (1998-1999), and Bruce Butler (2000-2001) received the first four rings. The SAR ordered the additional ten when Roland Downing was President General from 2005 to 2006, and these cost nearly \$2,000 apiece. Each President General personally pays the cost of his replica Washington seal ring.

If the SAR requests additional rings in the future, Creative Molding will have to start from their mold and have new stones carved. The replica of the Washington seal ring is presented to the incoming SAR President General after he has had the original Washington seal ring on his finger for a brief few minutes during his installation.

All living Presidents General are now permitted to purchase copies of the seal ring. These copies are not replicas as they are purposely made different in several respects from the original. Sardonyx, a much darker and more opaque stone than the original orange carnelian, is used for the seal. There are variations in the gold work and in the carving of the seal. On President General Horne's copy, the gold work is not as deeply sculptured and the oval seal is smaller and darker. The griffin has a serpent's tongue and streamlined wings on Horne's ring. There is no possibility of confusing a copy with the original. Additionally, for each ring Creative Molding has replicated, the company also makes a seal ring box in which the ring is stored for the Presidents General.

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Below: With President David Ludley presiding, there was over 125 in attendance representing over 35 chapters and over 2,000 members. Those EFLR members attending were: EFLR Vice President Bill Tankersley, Briar Creek Chapter dual member Alton McCloud, East Fall Line Chapter President Sandy Mercer, Wiregrass Chapter 1st Vice President Steve Burke, Patrick Carr dual member Dess Smith III, and the Four Rivers Chapter dual member John Tapley. Members were asked to wear their Congress Volunteer shirts as a gesture of respect for the Late Joe Vancura.



Right: Dess Smith was awarded the Liberty Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of new members presented at the 132nd Congress July 12, 2022; The SAR has recognized that many members do far more recruitment that, they may run out of space to place Oak Leaf Clusters.

A new medal has been created, and Dess Smith was awarded the Silver Liberty Medal in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of 100 to 199 new members presented at the 132nd Congress July 12, 2022. What's next for Dess? Why, the Gold Liberty Medal no doubt.



Color Guard by Bryant White. Pamela & Bryant, husband and wife, both artists, both musicians, paint artwork portraying scenes and occurrences of 18th Century America, focusing on the American Revolutionary War, the French and Indian War, as well as Eastern Woodlands Native Americans. Their art is available online at: <https://www.whitehistorcart.com/>

Right: The term color guard is more than an honorary title; unit and national flags were carried into battle to show a rallying point, as well as a sign of pride. To lose ones colors in battle was, and is, a great dishonor...this likely indicated a break

in the battle line, and perhaps the loss of the battle. The most stalwart troops were chosen to protect the colors, and defend a unit's honor.

Left: The Captain John Collins SAR Chapter recognized Compatriot Scott Collins for his effort and dedication to the Society in the many positions he has held and continues to hold. A token of this recognition was a framed painting by famed artist Bryant White and fittingly titled "Color Guard" one of the many facets of the SAR Compatriot Collins is dedicated to. Presented by Earl Cagle, Sr., Past President, Capt. John Collins Chapter.





Members of the Georgia Society attended and supported the DAR / C.A.R. Constitution Day event at Saint Paul's Church in Augusta on September 17, 2022.



CONSTITUTION DAY





Left and Below: The ceremony was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 605 Reynolds Street. The Ceremony began with a service inside the church with the Presentation of the Colors by the Georgia & South Carolina Society, SAR Color Guard. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, the Posting of the Colors was held. Then Greetings were given by the Georgia State Society, NSDAR, South Carolina State Society, NSDAR, Georgia Society, SAR and the South Carolina Society, SAR. After "A Life Well Lived" was read by LTC Sonny Pittman and God Bless America was sung by Sgt. Maj. Michael Culbertson everyone moved outside the church for the Presentation of the Wreaths. There were 47 presenters at the wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring Revolutionary War Patriot Colonel William Few, Jr. After the Wreath presentations, a 3-round volley was fired by the Elijah Clarke Militia, the East Fall Line Region Continental Militia and the Brier Creek Artillery. The Brier Creek Artillery fired their 'just built' 6-pounder Field Gun, their 2nd 'just built' 6-pounder Field Gun and their 8-pounder Field Gun. Then taps was played and a benediction.



Below: Members of the Mount Vernon Color Guard attended the Old Noon Day Chapter's (NSDAR) celebration of Constitution Day at the Old Town Athletic Club in Marietta Georgia on Saturday September 17, 2022. Members Rev. William Floyd, Tom Hewett and chapter Vice President David Wellons carried the colors at the event.





1ST SIEGE OF AUGUSTA

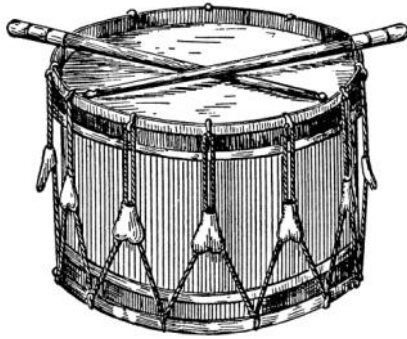


Right: Georgia Society President David Ludley proclaimed, "Having the time of my life, firing off one of two canon loads at the First Siege of Augusta events last Saturday." Maybe the *Militia Bug* has bitten, and a uniform is in the future?

Following the Constitution Day Event, the Commemoration of the First Siege of Augusta (September 12-18, 1780) was held on the site of the battle.







Right: Former GASSAR Presidents Bill Dobbs and Allen Greenly confer with current GASSAR President David Ludley.



FALL LEADERSHIP



Left: Getting together to eat seems to be a favorite pastime at Leadership. Members and wives from GASSAR at Mia Casita.

Right: Former GASSAR President David Jessel and First Lady Brenda Jessel seem to be enjoying themselves at Fall Leadership Conference.

BE IT REMEMBERED!

THAT on the 17th of October, 1781, Lieutenant-General Earl CORNWALLIS, with above Five thousand British Troops, surrendered themselves Prisoners of War to his Excellency Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Commander in Chief of the allied Forces of France and America.

LAUS DEO!

GRAVE MARKING CEREMONIES

MIDWAY CHURCH

NATHAN BROWNSON
 ANDREW WALTHOUR
 LAZARUS MALLARD
 MOSES ALLEN
 THOMAS STEVENS



Nathan Brownson served as a Surgeon, as a Deputy - Surgeon - General for Southern hospitals, and as a Captain in the Georgia Troops. He was a member of the Provincial Congress and served as Governor of Georgia. Nathan is buried at Midway Cemetery.

In 1784, Andrew Walthour was certified as a refugee soldier by Colonel John Baker. He was a rice planter along the coast and later established Walthourville. Andrew is buried at Midway Cemetery.

Moses Allen was commissioned Captain and Chaplain in the Georgia Continental Line in 1778. He fought at Alligator Creek on the Third Florida Expedition, 1778, at Bulltown Swamp, 1778, and Spencer's Hill (Midway), 1778. Moses was captured at Savannah in 1778 but not paroled to Sunbury with other Continental officers due to his "influential preaching and patriotic example." He was placed on the prison ship, "Nancy" in the Savannah Harbor and drowned while attempting to escape in 1779.

Thomas Stevens served as a private in the Georgia Troops. Thomas is buried at Midway Cemetery.

Lazarus Mallard was born in 1748, in Dorchester County, SC. It is unknown when Lazarus moved to Midway, but, he received a land grant for 100 acres in St. John Parish. A grant of 100 acres implies that he was unmarried at the time.

Lazarus Mallard served as Private in the St. John's Riflemen, part of the Georgia Militia, under the command of Colonel John Baker. May 1776, their name was changed to Liberty County Militia. He was certified as a "refugee" soldier (fought in South Carolina) by Colonel John Baker on March 22, 1784; and received Warrant #1306 for 100 acres in Goshen, Georgia.

Lazarus was active in the Midway Congregational Church, including service as a Deacon from 1896 until his death on March 12, 1814, and was buried in Midway Congregational Church Cemetery on Row B, Grave 14.

Inscription on tombstone reads: "Sacred to the memory of LAZARUS MALLARD, born in SC, died in Midway, GA in the 66 year of his age. His natural disposition was benevolent and cheerful; not prone to give offense, unapt to be offensive. In deportment, courteous and social, generous and just. Of understanding, prompt and respectful. What he possessed, he enjoyed; what he enjoyed, he imparted; his house was the stranger's home. His piety by which he adorned the office of Deacon, was active, enlightened and sincere."

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. Looking back to July - September, 2005, with George Thurmond as editor, Compatriot Ted Spangler wrote about John Stark.

John Stark The Hero of The Rail Fence

by Edward C. (Ted) Spangler

A renowned hero of the French and Indian War, John Stark stepped forward again to serve during the American Revolution. Stark is perhaps best known for his successful rout of British General John Burgoyne during the Battle of Bennington. Two years before this infamous battle, however, Stark played an integral part in the Battle of Bunker Hill.



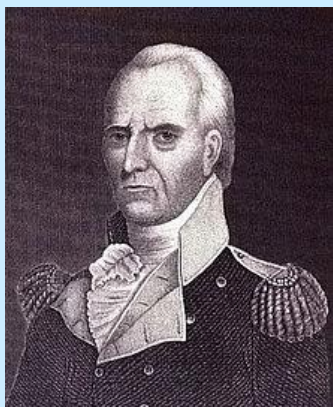
On June 16, 1775, over one thousand men marched to the Charlestown Neck Peninsula near Boston. American General Artemis Ward ordered the fortification of Bunker Hill, a flat-topped knoll on the north end of the peninsula. Sometime later, field commanders William Prescott and Israel Putnam reached a decision to fortify Breed's Hill on the south end first. Their men worked through the night to build an earthwork bastion. As the sun rose, British ships anchored in Boston Harbor saw the newly-constructed fort. The British quickly planned a four-sided attack to cut Breed's Hill off from both reinforcements and retreat.

With the battle imminent, Putnam was able to petition General Ward for additional soldiers. Colonel John Stark of the New Hampshire regiment arrived with two hundred fresh troops. As he surveyed the scene, Stark recognized a serious flaw in the American defense. A small area of beach was unsecured. He saw that an enemy column could advance unseen until it was behind American lines. Stark sent his men to build a stone wall in the sand. British General Sir William Howe planned a head-on attack on the strip of beach protected by John Stark and his men. Howe did not believe the American defense could stand up against a massive attack. The British marched four abreast toward the wall where Stark's men were lined up in three rows.

Waiting until the British infantry reached a marked location fifty yards away, the Americans began firing into the advancing troops. Row one dropped back to reload as the second round of American soldiers fired into the advancing enemy. Howe and his men retreated briefly before initiating a second identical attack. Again, the British were soundly pushed back. After a third similar attack, the British withdrew, leaving ninety-six dead on the narrow beach.

Howe regrouped. He planned his next attack toward a fortified rail fence just above Stark's line. This time, however, the British soldiers halted suddenly and opened fire. Stark commanded his men to fire on the fixed targets. Once again, Howe's men were pushed back. A final attack was initiated using fresh British troops. The British plan was to hold John Stark in place. Both sides exchanged fire and held their positions. Meanwhile, other British troops took over the fort as the Americans ran out of ammunition. Stark stayed in position until it was clear that Breed's Hill had fallen. Stark and his men continued to direct fire as they dropped back in a slow retreat. These men were credited with providing steady cover as the colonial troops withdrew to Bunker Hill.

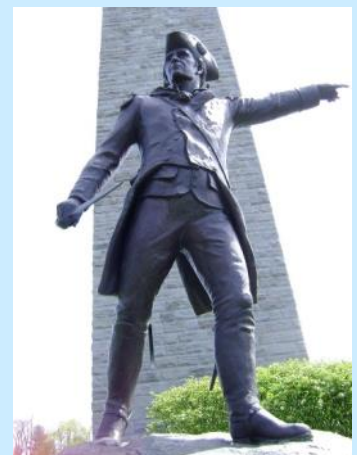
For his part in the Battle of Bunker Hill, John Stark was promoted to colonel. Initially hailed as a horrible defeat for the Americans, this battle was gradually seen as a kind of victory. The Battle of Breed's Hill showed the Americans that, with additional planning and organization, the British Army could be defeated. Freedom from English rule was attainable.



He became widely known as the "Hero of Bennington" for his exemplary service at the Battle of Bennington in 1777.

It has been said that of all the Revolutionary War generals, Stark was the only real Cincinnatus because he truly retired from public life at the end of the war.

In 1809, a group of Bennington veterans gathered to commemorate the battle of Bennington. General Stark, then aged 81, was not well enough to travel, but he sent a letter to his comrades, which closed "Live free or die: Death is not the worst of evils." The motto "Live Free or Die" became the New Hampshire state motto in 1945.



**The Button Gwinnett Chapter, GASSAR,
National Society of the Sons
of the American Revolution**

Requests the honor of your presence at the dedication
of the grave commemorating the service given to the SAR
as Chapter Secretary and Chapter Newsletter Editor, by

**Compatriot
Charles Anton "Gus" Gustafson Jr.**

**Sunday, October 16, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

**Mountain View Park Cemetery
410 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, GA, 30064**

Please contact Eldon Evans (404) 663-5811 or email eldonevans@bellsouth.net by
October 10, 2022, if your Chapter/Organization would like to present a wreath,
providing him the presenter's name, organization, and position title.

Directions:

Latitude: 33.5778N Longitude: -84.3352W



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

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

Captain William Mackintosh

Friday, November 18th, 2022
2:00 p.m.

Sinclair Plantation Cemetery, Oakland Plantation Road
Saint Simons Island, GA

Please RSVP by November 10th, 2022
If you plan to attend, Carnations will be available for \$5.00
In lieu of a Wealth

Space is limited.

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

Directions to the Grave Marking on the Back


Captain William Mackintosh
SAR Patriot #: P-240502
Find-A-Grave Memorial Number: 157089782

Note 1: Recommend what ever you wear to the grave marking, do not wear again on Saturday. Put the outfit in a sealed bag. The area will be sprayed before the event.

Note 2: We will be providing transportation from the blacktop to the gravesite as this road is dirt and recently cleared. Walk is about 100 yards.

PLEASE CARPOOL
Use this address for GPS 225 Aledru Way, SSI

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





Fort Morris 17th Annual "Come and Take It!" Commemoration
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, November 19th, 2022 at 10:00am



Fri, Nov. 18th, at 5:00pm – Hospitality & Lodging: Holiday Inn Express, 4601 Hwy 17; Richmond Hill; Exit #87 of I-95; Call (912) 756-6668 ask for the Sons of the American Revolution Rate- (code SOR) \$149.00 for rooms with a King-size bed or two Double-sized beds. The cut-off date for special rate is September 23rd, so if you want to participate, reserve now.

6:30pm - Dinner: Love's Seafood Restaurant, 6817 Chief of Love Rd (912) 925-3616)

Sat, Nov. 19th at 10:00am – Fort Morris- Sunbury Memorial Ceremony; Fort Morris Historic Site, 2559 Fort Morris Rd, Midway, GA 31320 Exit #76 off I-95 (912) 884-5999; CAR, DAR & SAR Chapter Representatives will receive a "Come and Take It!" Flag Streamer.

12:00 noon - Lunch: Sunbury Crab Co, 541 Brigantine-Dunmore Road (912) 884-8640

Number of Reservations: Friday Dinner: _____ Saturday Lunch: _____

Name(s): _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Participation: Flag Bearer: _____ Musket Salute: _____ Wreath Presenter: _____

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Name of Wreath Presenter: _____ Location of Residence: _____

To ensure recognition in the printed program, please respond ASAP –
stevenhinson61@gmail.com or Mail to: Steven Hinson, 128 Deerfield Dr, Brunswick, GA;
 (912) 258-2033

What's With the Black Powder Shortage?

problems, and panic buying. Our semi-annual planned black powder purchase has run afoul of this predicament, as many of you may have already realized. Some stores in certain areas around the country may have powder, while others do not, or even will not carry it. Those that have some powder may be pricing it much higher than in previous years.

After investigating, I found that our mutually agreed upon supply-chain observations were not entirely to blame however. After nearly 220 years, the last black powder manufacturer in America **CLOSED ITS DOORS!** Hodgdon Powder Company, the owner of GOEX, announced the immediate closure of its Camp Minden, Louisiana facility in a statement on Sept. 28, 2021.

"Effective immediately, Hodgdon Powder Company, Inc. has decided to cease manufacturing operations at the company's Camp Minden, Louisiana site while evaluating strategic options for the black powder business," Hodgdon stated in its release. "The business will wind down operations while an evaluation process on the future of the black powder business takes place."

On June 18, 2021, a fire broke out at the GOEX Camp Minden facility. While no one was injured, it may have played a role in Hodgdon's decision. Black powder is extremely dangerous to manufacture, which causes endless liability issues for the company. Some aspiring DIY-ers make powder themselves, but it is indeed a dangerous endeavor. [YouTube at your own risk!](#)

There are several modern black powder alternatives. Most are plagued with ignition and accuracy issues. Pyrodex is made with additives that make it safer to ship, and this may contribute to some of the problems using this substitute, while stores do seem to have quantities of it.

"Strategic options for the GOEX and Olde Eynsford brands of black powder, along with the manufacturing capabilities, will include a potential sale of the business," the release said. "All affected employees will be retained through Dec. 31, 2021, to assist in an orderly closing of the site and receive severance commensurate with their years of service to the company."

In 1802, DuPont opened its original US black powder facility in Delaware along the Brandywine River. By 1912 the need for black powder had grown, and DuPont opened another production plant in Berlin, Pennsylvania.

The Berlin plant supplied black powder for the US Military from WWI through Vietnam. Yes, as late as the Vietnam era, field artillery shells used black powder for their ignition systems. Smokeless powder being the primary gunpowder for cartridges during these years, it seems many artillery shells and aerial bombs still relied on black powder in their ignition systems. The US Army procured over 8 million pounds of black powder from 1967-1968.



In the 1970s, the Berlin plant became part of GOEX. In 1997, GOEX manufacturing was moved to an Army-owned facility in Minden, Louisiana. Camp Minden has a long history of military munitions manufacturing that lasted from 1942 to 1994.

Hodgdon Powder Company purchased GOEX on Jan. 1, 2009, and made it a point to update the black - powder manufacturing process, making it safer for employees and improving the quality of the product.

Schutzen Powder, a traditional black powder, is still imported into the US, but in very limited quantities. The most common imported brand of black powder found on American shelves is Swiss Black Powder, made by Schuetzen Powder Energetics, Inc.

Now you see why demand outweighs supply, making black powder harder and harder to find. But all is not lost. It turns out the 220-year history of GOEX making black powder in the United States has not ended after all, as it has merely suffered a temporary production gap. Estes Energetics of Penrose, Colorado, confirmed in an early 2022 release that its rumored purchase of the GOEX black powder brand and production plant has indeed been completed. On Jan. 31, Estes announced it has

acquired GOEX from Hodgdon, along with the Old Eynsford black powder brand, also produced at the Minden plant.

IF you were, or still are, a model rocket fan, (*I was an avid, but poor model rocketeer in the late 60's - early 70's*), you may recognize Estes as the manufacturer of rocket kits, and multiple sizes of model rocket engines. The release states, *"GOEX black powder also propels the model rocket motors of sister company Estes Industries, the leading model rocket brand, and supports the needs of the US Military."*

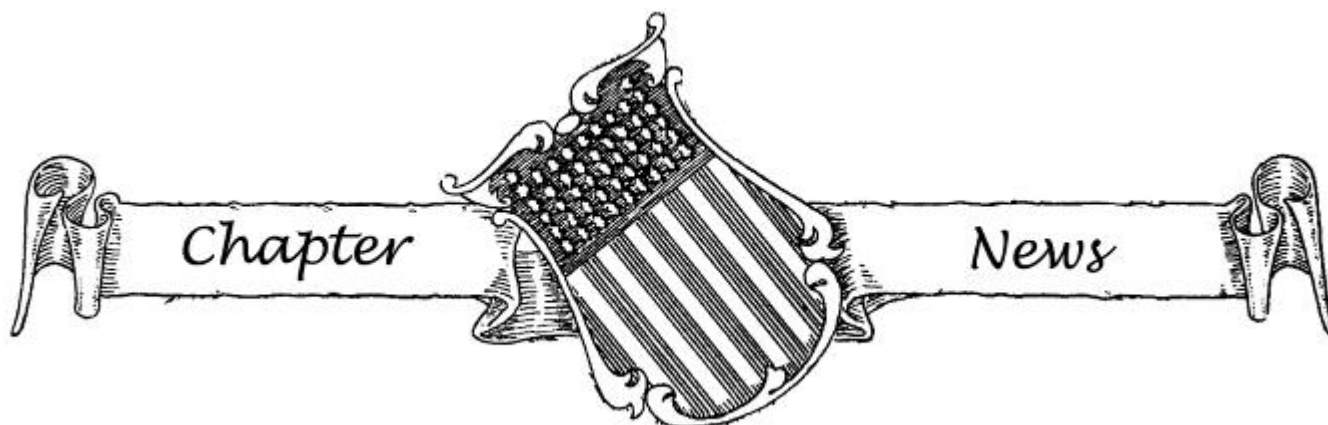
So when can customers expect to see the familiar red and black GOEX containers on store shelves and website inventories again? Unfortunately, there will still be a bit of a wait. You can expect to see new GOEX and Olde Eynsford cans in the fourth quarter of 2022, or perhaps the first quarter of 2023. Estes has informed distributors that there will be no change in product.

Even though there has been a bit of a wait, an American company will once again make black powder for all the hunters, sports shooters, reenactors, and Color Guards.

<https://freerangeamerican.us/black-powder-goex-plant-closure/>

<https://freerangeamerican.us/goex-returns/>





Athens

**NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN
REVOLUTION
APALACHEE CHAPTER**



2016 DEBUTANTES

**NATIONAL SOCIETY
SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
REVOLUTION
ATHENS CHAPTER**

DEBUTANTE BALL COMMITTEE

Apalachee Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Athens Chapter, National Society Sons of the American Revolution are pleased to announce that **The Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation** will be held on the evening of **Tuesday, December 27, 2022** in the Athens area at *The Thompson House & Gardens*, located at 1431 Atlanta Highway, Bogart, Georgia. Members of DAR and SAR are invited to sponsor a young lady to be presented as a Georgia Colonial Debutante. Please see important information, details, and the Debutante application on the following pages.

The Georgia Colonial Ball will be an elegant, formal affair. Attire for the Debutantes will be long, white Ball gowns with long, white gloves. All other ladies will wear formal evening attire of any color, other than white. Presenters will wear White tie and tails or White tie tartan. Escorts and Marshals will wear Black tie or Black tie tartan. Other gentlemen attending may wear White tie and tails, Black tie, White or Black tie tartan, or Continental Uniform. Medals and decorations are appropriate.

Following the Debutante Presentation, a sumptuous buffet supper will be served with an open bar provided. Attendees will enjoy dancing to music of the *Last Call Band*. All members of SAR, DAR, CAR and friends are cordially invited to attend. The cost of the ticket to attend the Georgia Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation is \$94.00 per person. Invitations and response cards will be sent at a later date.

Detailed information will follow for Debutantes and Parents, upon receipt of the completed [APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORM with FEE](#).

Names of escort and other participants will be requested at a later time.

For more information, or questions: Call or *E-mail* Robin Towns, Chair, Debutante Presentation

Phone: (706) 461-7291, Email: robintowns@aol.com [*Emails*, please type in subject line: **SAR Deb Ball**]

2022 Debutante Ball Committee

COL Joseph B. Neighbors III - Chair, Master of Ceremonies
Rachel B. Tribble - Regent, Apalachee Chapter DAR
David Lloyd Wiley - President, Athens Chapter SAR
Amanda F. Garnett, Joyce B. Patton - Vice Chairs, Debutantes
Vera D. Tucker - Ball Treasurer
Patricia B. Massey - Music, Videography & Photography

Robin R. Towns - Chair, Debutante Presentation
David Lloyd Wiley - Debutante Herald
Jackson W. Guest - Commander, Color Guard
Bonnell W. Lashley - Mother-Daughter Luncheon
Lynne S. Yarbrough - Bouquets, Decorations
Lena M. Wiley - Communications, Publicity

DEBUTANTE INFORMATION

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Qualified Debutantes should be young ladies who are in their seventeenth year of age and no older than 25, unmarried, and able to prove lineage to an ancestor who participated in the American Revolution. Daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and other relatives of SAR and DAR members, members of DAR, and members of CAR are eligible for presentation.

The Debutante fee is \$350, which will cover Ball and Presentation expenses, including the Ball ticket for the Debutante; her arm bouquet of one dozen roses; corsage for her Mother; diplomatic sashes for her Presenter, Escort, and Marshals; attendance at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon, held conveniently at Bogart Museum, for the Debutante and her Mother (or one guest); and her special Debutante gift.

In addition, each Debutante's family is requested to purchase Ball tickets for a minimum of five (5) attendees/guests, in addition to the Debutante, at \$94 per person, for a total of \$470. The five attendees include the Debutante's escort, parents, siblings, family, and friends. *(If this number presents a concern for the family, the committee will work with the family on the number.)* Of course, additional Ball tickets may be purchased, and each Debutante and her family will have the opportunity to invite those on their list. The deadline for ordering tickets is December 1, 2022.

Professional DAR Photographer Dwight Dover will photograph the evening's events and provide copies of all photos. A professional Videographer will video the entire evening's events and provide a video. Both items will be provided for each Debutante for the nominal fee of \$50 (due with Debutante Presentation fee).

For the prospective Debutante & her Parents:

The Debutante Presentation fee of **\$350**, plus \$50 photography & videography fee, for a total fee of \$400, may be paid in its entirety, when submitting the application any time before or on September 15, 2022

Alternate Fee Payment Plan:

Payment # 1 - \$150 deposit, due by September 15, 2022

Payment # 2 - \$150 payment, due by October 15, 2022

Payment # 3 - \$100 Balance due by December 5, 2022

For an application postmarked after December 3rd, the total fee is \$425.

Please complete the [APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORM](#) on page 3 and attach fee. The check should be made to: [Georgia Colonial Ball](#)

Mail Form and check to: **Georgia Colonial Ball Committee**
P.O. Box 48851
Athens, GA 30604

Advance Notice of Accommodations:

Special arrangements have been made with the [SpringHill Suites by Marriott](#), located at 3500 Daniells Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30606, for the participants and guests of the Georgia Colonial Ball. Well appointed suites (with two queens or one king bed, breakfast included) are available for a rate of **\$109.00 per night** (total \$128.17, including taxes) for **Monday, December 26th** and **Tuesday, December 27th**. Reservations at this rate can be made by calling the hotel directly at (706) 353-8484, or online at

[Book your group rate for Georgia Colonial Ball](#). Please make reservations early, but certainly by November 1st for the special rate. Mention [Georgia Colonial Ball](#).

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DAR~SAR GEORGIA COLONIAL DEBUTANTE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This information will be used in preparing the printed Program.*

Debutante's Full Name (NO initials please)

Father's Full Name [or alternate Presenter, if Father is unavailable to attend; NO initials]

Parents' full social names, as they should appear in the program,
[i.e. Mr. & Mrs. John Paul Jones, or Mrs. Smith Jones - NO initials]:

Mailing address: _____
Phone # _____

Parents' email address: _____

Debutante's email address:

School, College, or University: _____

Debutante's Revolutionary Ancestor and Colony of service:

Name: _____ Colony: _____

Debutante's C.A.R. Society (if a member)

Debutante's DAR Chapter (if Debutante is a member, OR in the application process)

Community Service [each Debutante should list at least one Community Service activity]

Other activities of interest (attach extra page if needed)

Fee of \$350 Debutante Fee + \$50 photography & videography fee. Total fee
\$400

Amount included: \$ _____

NOTE: This form may be completed in handwriting, but please write legibly.

Blue Ridge Mountains

Left: Jack Dugger successfully completed the documentation and induction into the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter his 102-year-old first cousin, Roderick R Dugger, Jr. Rod lives in the Havana, Florida area. He along with Jack descend from Patriot William Wiggins. William Wiggins, Jr and his father both signed the Georgia Declaration of Independence Petition for the Continental Congress held in Philadelphia on July 5, 1777, while living in the newly formed Wilkes County, Ga. William, Jr was granted Bounty Land of more than 800 acres in Washington and Wilkes Counties in Georgia for his services in the Georgia Line under Gen Nathaniel Greene.



Pictured with Jack and Rod Dugger at Rod's induction are Rod's daughter, April Penton, and Tallahassee Chapter President and Registrar, Don Wilham.

During WWII, Rod served in the US Navy in the European Theater of Operations. At 102-years-old Rod is certainly the oldest Compatriot inducted into the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter and possibly the oldest compatriot inducted into the Georgia Society.

Below: (L-R) Jared Ogden, Sidney Turner, President, and Ron Hill, presents the 'Quilt of Valor' to Patriot James Robert (Jim) Patton, of Clarkesville. Jim is a retired Petty Officer First Class with more than 20 years active duty with the United States Navy. Jim served in the Korean War, the Vietnam War and in Lebanon.

Jim served as Commander of American Legion Post 84 in Habersham County and as Commander of Disabled Veterans Chapter 15 in Rabun County. For many years Jim assisted veterans with transportation to the VA Hospital in Atlanta and, when needed, transportation to regular doctors appointments. Visiting veterans at the Veterans Hospital and Veterans Home has been a common practice for Jim for many years. He served in the Honor Guard for military funerals, having participated in an average of 100 ceremonies per year. He participated not only in Georgia but also in North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama. Jim, is truly a deserving recipient of the "Quilt of Valor". "Every stitch in this quilt was made with thanks for Jim and his service to our country." Hill remarked.

Hill remarks to Jim this handmade quilt is an expression of gratitude meant to thank and comfort you. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear to serve, whether in time of crisis or in time of peace.

The top of the quilt with its many colors, shapes, and fabrics, represents the communities and the many individuals we are.

The batting, the filler, is the center of the quilt, its warmth. It represents our hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace, and healing to the individual who receives it. The backing is the strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, our communities, and our nation. Each stitch that holds the layers together represents love, gratitude, and sometimes the tears of the maker.

Over 300,000 quilts have been made in the USA by both men and women to help comfort our Veterans.

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, as being one of the most active SAR chapters, even though it has a small membership totaling 38 individuals.





Left: The Northeast Georgia Veterans Society celebrated Constitution Day at Freedom Park in Cleveland, GA on Saturday September 17th with special recognition to President Sid Turner, Stephen Weaver and Ron Hill members of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution in providing handouts of a special pocket-sized edition of the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Music by Kurt Johnston, Posting of the Colors by White County JROTC color guard, three awards to White County students for their selected constitution essay from a total of 70 submissions and Ron Webb, President of Northeast Georgia Veterans Society delivered the Constitution Day address. Closing song "God Bless America" by Kurt Johnston.

Brier Creek

Right: Compatriot Dess Smith to present his program on the Battle of Cowpens, a Battle to Remember. The Cowpens battle was held on January 17, 1781. Brigadier General Daniel Morgan won the Battle of Cowpens, a decisive Revolutionary War victory over British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton. This American victory had an estimated 1,017 casualties with 149 Americans and 868 British."



Below: Compatriot's Steve Burke and Bernard Martin traveled to Thomson, GA to present their programs to the Thomson Guards SCV Camp at the McDuffie County Library at 7:00 p.m. There were about 35 in attendance. Steve presented his program on all the artifacts that he has fabricated from road kill and the many weapons that were used during the Revolutionary War period. He recognized Compatriot Woody Woodard, who was in attendance, for his input on Black Powder weapons and all of the Hog nosed skunks that he has provided to Steve to make skunk hats. Bernard also contributed to the presentation with his rendition of a "French Trapper".



Below Left: "It all Started in a Bar: Revolutionary Savannah". John Derden, member of the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro, presented the September meetings program. John focused on the significance and role of the port city in the American Revolution. He emphasized Savannah's strategic importance to both sides during the war made the town a focal point of several campaigns. He emphasized that the failed attempt by the combined French and American forces to retake Savannah in October 1779 led to what has been described as "the bloodiest hour of the American Revolution".



Right: The Swainsboro Exchange Club's president, David Davis, called on Exchange Club member Wilder Smith, Jr. to introduce Dr. John Derden who presented his program on the American Revolution. (L-R) David Davis, Wilder Smith, John Derden, and Steve Burke.



Above: Compatriot Steve Burke presented his program on "The Battle at Trenton". Steve told us that this battle was held on the early morning of December 26, 1776. General Washington had crossed the Delaware River with his Continental Army and attacked Hessian auxiliaries that were stationed at Trenton. The Hessian's were surprised, and the battle was very short. The Continental Army strength was 2,400 with the Hessian's at 1,500. Casualties and losses for the Continental army were 2 frozen to death and 5 wounded; the Hessian's were 22 killed, 83 wounded and 800-900 captured. A lot of the Continental Army's enlistments were up this month, but because of the great victory, it boasted the morale and most of the soldiers re-enlisted and new recruits were attracted to the ranks."



Right: The East Fall Line Region Vice-president Bill Tankersley presenting Mill Creek Chapter President Randy Jones with the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution "Samuel Adam's Congress Appreciation Award".



Above: "The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc. held its 2nd Semi - Annual Banquet on September 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Statesboro, GA. We had 51 attendee's present.

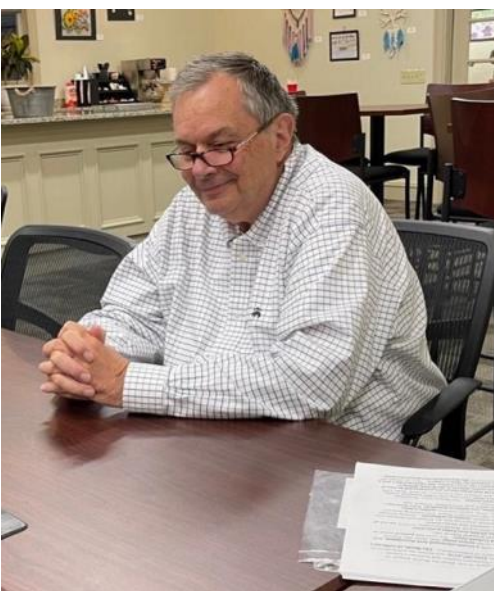
President Stephen Hammond presenting the update on the progress of protecting and identifying the Brier Creek Battlefield.



Right: General Nathanael Greene (Dan McMichael) Commander of the Southern Patriot Forces during the latter part of the Revolutionary War. His presentation was titled, "The Life and Times of Major General Nathanael Greene". General Greene talked about his early life growing up, the early years of the revolution and then his decisions and tactics in the latter stages of the revolution up to Yorktown.

Fall Line

Left: The Fall Line Chapter held its September meeting, at the Chamber of Commerce in Sandersville. Mike Lisenby's presented the "Battle of Sullivan's Island". Charleston's artillerymen repelled a powerful British Royal Navy Squadron on the 28 June 1776. The Royal Navy had 274 cannons and 2 mortars mounted on 10 British warships and 30 transports carrying 2,500 troops. The British Navy was under Commodore Sir Peter Parker and British troops were commanded by Major-General Sir Henry Clinton. The American forces had 6,500 troops commanded by Colonel William Moultrie. During the battle, the fort was struck by several thousand cannon balls, but the palmetto trunks used in the structure absorbed the shock of the strikes and the fort's structure remained intact. The American gunners were



protected by the sixteen-foot-thick sand and timber walls and suffered few casualties. American's casualties were 17 dead and 20 wounded. 7,000 British cannon balls were collected on Sullivan's Island after the battle.

Right: After Mike's presentation, Dual member Dess Smith III presented the Fall Line Chapter with 3 streamers from 3 different Georgia SAR events.



Fall Line Region Continentals

Members of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Pine Brook Nature Park, to participate in the event to Honor the 13 service members that were killed on August 26, 2021, in Kabul, Afghanistan. This year's event was attended by more than 60 people. The event opened with a welcome from John Tapley; the invocation was given by Rev. Willie Bush. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States led by Jim Dekle, remarks were made by John Tapley. Next the Remembering of the Service Members was held by John David Bailey and Shari Watt saying each member's name, then a bell being rung by Jim McCurdy after each. Gary Mason and Willie Roberson then carried a Banner with each service members name to the fence for the "Hanging of the Banner" assisted by members of the "Glad Garden Club". Commander Steve Burke then held the Flintlock and Cannon Salute with a 3-round volley, 21 flintlock shots and 9 cannon shots. Veteran Robert Nobles then played taps on his bugle. Afterward, Rev. Willie Bush said the benediction."

Below: Commander Steve Burke with (L-R) Alton McCloud, Woody Woodard, Tommy Chappell, Lee Herron, Don Bazemore, Wilder Smith, Dess Smith III.



Below: On Labor Day, several members of the EFLR SAR traveled to Ebenezer to participate in the annual "Heritage Day Festival" at Historic Ebenezer. This event is held each year with food, crafts, exhibits, demonstrations, activities and all are welcome with free admission. The Event is proudly presented by the Georgia Salzburger Society and the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rincon, GA. Steve Burke, dressed in his finest, displayed his many pelts and weaponry.



Right: EFLR chapters participating in this year's event was Brier Creek, Wiregrass, Little River, and the Henry Laurens Chapter of the SAR SC. Those members are Steve Burke, Tommy Chappell, Ted Walker, Neil Flanagan, Woody Woodard, Alton Reynolds, Jerry Lawson, Don Bazemore, Bernard Martin, John Joyner, Emory Fennell, Ben Creech, Alton McCloud, and not in photo is Allen Mincey & Lee Herron.



Below: Allen Mincey and his wife Stacy talked with the crowd and did some public education about the revolution. Starting at 10:00 and on each hour with the last being 2:00, our Brier Creek militia fired a 3-round volley with our flintlocks and the Brier Creek Artillery fired a 3-round volley with our 3 cannons followed on the 2:00 volley with Compatriot Don Bazemore playing taps on his bugle."



Right: Six Compatriots of the East Fall Line Region, traveled to Waynesboro, GA on Saturday, September 10, 2022, to march in the Farm-Fest Parade at 11:00. Lee Herron Brier Creek Chapter, Don Bazemore Brier Creek Chapter, Wilder Smith Wiregrass Chapter, Dess Smith dual member Patrick Carr Chapter, Bernard Martin Brier Creek Chapter and Steve Burke Wiregrass Chapter marched over 1 mile and demonstrated their 69 Cal., 75 Cal. and 50 Cal. flintlock's by firing them 8 times over the course of the route. Bernard Martin also had his just completed 6 - pounder field gun loaded on his trailer and pulled it just ahead of the marchers.



Four Rivers

Right: Dual member Dess Smith III presented his program on the Battle at Ninety - Six, A Frontier Crossroad. Compatriot Smith made a few comments about the battle and then showed an 11-minute video that was produced by the National Park Service."



Left: The Four Rivers Chapter held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, September 15, 2022, at Chatters Restaurant in Lyons at 6:30. With President George King presiding, we had 10 in attendance. The program for the evening was presented by Mike Lisenby. His presentation was on the "Battle of Sullivan's Island".

John Milledge



Left and Below: President Terry Lee Stair, John Milledge Chapter presented a flag certificate to Jacob Fried owner of Suds Club in Greensboro, Georgia.



Little River

Right: New member Jerry Lambert, MD (center) was inducted by Vice President Alton McCloud (left) at our August chapter meeting held at the Lincoln County Historical Society Groves-May House.

Below: William "Woody" Woodard gave a presentation on The Ferguson Rifle at our August chapter meeting.



Right: Alton McCloud, Woody Woodard, and Tommy Chappell join other East Fall Line Region members to honors those service members killed in Kabul, Afghanistan September 26, 2021 at a ceremony in Swainsboro on August 28.





Left: (L-R) Alton McCloud, Woody Woodard, Ben Creech, and Tommy Chappell attended the Salzberger Heritage Festival Day in Ebenezer, GA, on Sept. 3, and participated with the militia.

Below: On the afternoon of September 14, the Grovetown High School JROTC was in formation while Gary Smith Sr. taught them about U.S. Flag retirement. He then assisted them with a flag retirement ceremony and presented a certificate to the battalion from the Georgia Society SAR.



Right: At the September 15 chapter meeting, President Tankersley presented the NSSAR President General's Education Outreach Certificate to our Education Outreach Team on stage.





Left: Compatriot Gary W. Edwards received a certificate of appreciation for being our chapter meeting speaker. He gave an informative talk on some concepts that make our country different than other countries.

Below: Little River Chapter members with other SAR members from GA and SC formed the militia for the DAR Constitution Day event at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Augusta on Sep. 17.



Below: Tommy Chappell, Woody Woodard, Ben Creech, and Gary Smith Sr. are pictured along with Compatriots Steve Burke and Bill Palmer at the Siege of Augusta re-enactment on Sep. 17.



Lyman Hall

Lyman Hall Chapter will be at Mule Camp Market on October 7-8-9. This annual festival is

operated by the Gainesville Jaycees and will be at the 'Midland Greenway', 682 Grove Street.

Days/Hours Open: Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12pm- 5pm
No Admission fee. Our booth will be right beside the Colonel William Candler Chapter, NSDAR.



October 7-8-9

MIDLAND GREENWAY

Compatriot Grave Marking

Remembering one of our own—Compatriot James (Jim) Butterworth of Cornelia, Georgia passed away on March 28, 2020. On Saturday December 3rd at Yonah Memorial Gardens in Demorest we will conduct a Compatriot Grave Marking. Details will follow but please save the date.



Left: Judge James Newby Butterworth

Patriot Grave Marking

Patriot **Maher Shallet Hasty Lyle** served with the Continental Line in Virginia. On Sunday, October 23rd at 3pm Lyman Hall Chapter will join forces with the Casimir Pulaski Chapter of GASSAR and Abraham Baldwin Chapter, NSDAR to mark his grave.

Carpool if possible as parking is scarce. Bring a chair.

434 Tapp Wood Road, Bethlehem, GA
North from Hwy 53. approx 1/4 mile.



Wreaths Across America

Lyman Hall will again participate in the WAA on December 17, 2022 at the Alta Vista Cemetery.





Left: Lyman Hall President Carter Wood and dual member J.C. Hustis set up and attend the chapter meeting at Golden Corral in Gainesville.

Left: Compatriots Clint Daniel and Sid Hughes carried the Chapter's banner in the Braselton 4th of July Parade.



Below: Kids gathered to get a photo. They are from a school we hope to be able to soon visit for a Patriot Chest presentation.



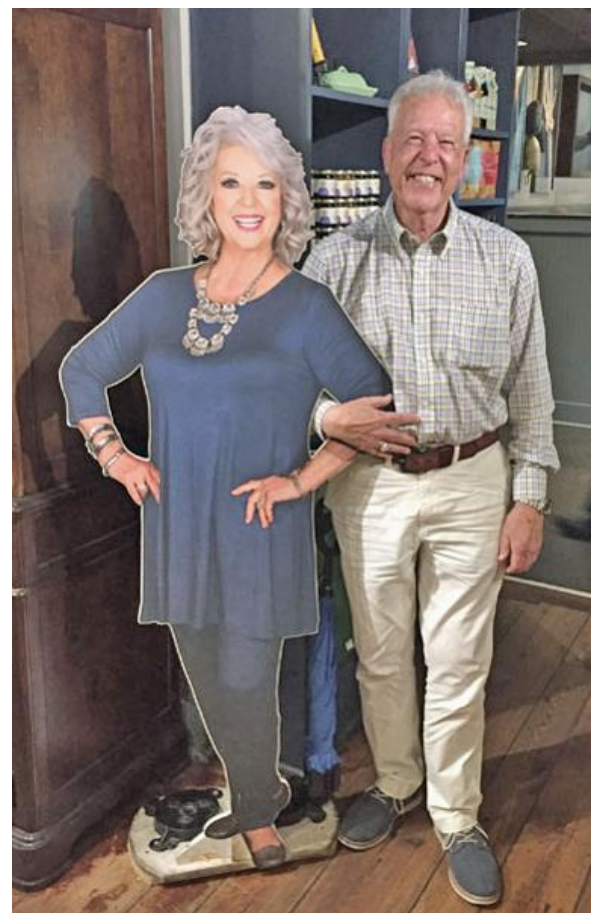
Mount Vernon

Right: Members of the Mount Vernon Color Guard carried the colors at the annual Johnson Ferry Baptist Church American Celebration on Friday and Saturday July 1st and 2nd. The ceremony was held at the East Cobb church at 7 pm each night and included a full choir and orchestra. It was an exhilarating event of patriotism. This concert has been performed for the past 27 years at the Church, with the exception of 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our Chapter Color Guard members included past Chapter President Bill Floyd, Chapter Genealogist & Registrar Tom Chrisman, and current Chapter Vice President David Wellons. The three flags that were carried were, the American Flag, the Hopkinson Flag, and the Georgia State Flag.

Attending the Annual Congress from the Mount Vernon Chapter were: Shep Hammack, Bill and Carey Floyd, Richard McCrary, Tom and Brenda Hewett, Chuck and Patsy Rann, and Ross and Marie Glover.

Below Left to Right: Chapter President Richard McCrary, GA Chaplain Bill Floyd, Shep Hammack, Tom Hewett, Brenda Hewett, Carey Floyd, Patsy Rann, Chuck Rann.



Right: Bill Floyd meets Celebrity Chef and manager of the establishment.



Left: September's program was presented by Compatriot Gene Ray.
 Gene's Topic: (His Ancestor) Daniel Boone
 Daniel Boone ~ b. Nov. 2, 1734 - d. Sep. 26, 1820 (86)
 Never wore a coonskin cap.
 Did not die at the Alamo.
 Family migrated to Pennsylvania seeking religious freedom.
 Daniel is the sixth child of parents Squire and Sarah.
 1750 - Squire leads family to North Carolina
 1755 - Daniel and John Finley serve with North Carolina militia in the French and Indian War
 1756 - Daniel marries Rebecca Bryan. They would have 10 children, seven of whom would marry and have children of their own. In all, Daniel and Rebecca had 68 grandchildren.
 1759 - Daniel moves his family to Culpepper, Virginia due to Indian attacks and again serves in the North Carolina militia.

Right: Past President Bill Floyd awards the War Service Medal to Carl Eugene ('Gene') Ray - US Navy / Vietnam.



Below Left: The Military Service Medal was awarded to Charles Clifford (Sunny) Lee, Jr. - US Air Force Reserve.



Below Right: Charles Clifford (Sunny) Lee, Jr. - US Air Force Reserve, was also awarded the Military Service Medal.



Ocmulgee

We unfortunately lost two very good men in the Ocmulgee Chapter in the last few months. President Bill Fuqua passed away suddenly due to heart issues on August 29th. Bill served several years as the Registrar of our Chapter and he diligently and patiently assisted our prospects to complete and file their applications to become SAR members. Being a member of the SAR Color Guard was also a passion for Bill and he served in that group with distinction. Bill agreed to accept the office of President in February, 2022 and was doing an excellent job as President. He was supported by his wife of 55 years, Diane Fuqua. He was respected and admired by all members of our Chapter. Bill was particularly excited at this year's George Washington Dinner in February to swear in his beloved son Bill Fuqua, as a member of the Ocmulgee Chapter. He graduated from the University of Alabama and was a member of the Million Dollar Band where he served as Drum Major for three years. Bill was a U.S. Air Force veteran with 21 years of service. Bill rose to the rank of Major in the Air Force and received numerous awards after completing 77 combat missions in Viet Nam. After his military service he worked as a pilot for commercial airlines for many years. For the last three years he drove a school bus for the Houston County School Board. He will be missed by all of those who knew and loved him.



Also with great sadness, our Immediate Past Vice President Billy Walker passed away on July 3, 2022, after a brief battle with cancer. In 1979 Billy received a Degree in Economics from the University of Georgia and in August of that year he married the love of his life Janet Butler. Billy was a retired business owner. He was a devoted and wonderful husband, father, Pawpaw, a loving brother, dutiful son and friend. He contributed in so many ways to the Macon Community such as with our own Ocmulgee SAR Chapter, the Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, the Macon Civic Club, the Grand Opera House and so many other organizations. Billy was a very talented singer and he shared this talent with his church and with the annual Macon Civic Club Show. He also dearly loved the woods at their cabin near Warm Springs, Georgia. Billy always had a smile and a kind word. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.





Left: The July 19th meeting of the Chapter was canceled. In its place the members were invited to attend the Play "1776" put on in Perry, Georgia by the Perry Players. A total of nine members and guests attended on opening night July 21st. At the invitation of the Play, three of our members appeared in Colonial Uniforms to greet the guests for opening night. See below Chuck Garnett, Bill Fuqua and Ed Trust.

Below: Four of our Color Guard Team, Chuck Garnett, John Trussell, Bill Fuqua and Ed Trust participated in a very large Color Guard for this year's July 4th Atlanta Braves Game.



Left: John Trussell presented the program for the August meeting which was a review of the NSSAR Congress that was held in Savannah, GA from July 10th to July 15th, 2022. A SAR Bench was dedicated in Johnson Square in Savannah. Also, there was an event held at Midway Church during the Congress where a combined color guard of 125 members offered a musket salute at the Midway Cemetery.

Right: John also gave a detailed history of George Washington's visit to Savannah, Georgia in 1791. A print of this event was displayed. The original artwork of this event will hang in the National Headquarters of SAR in Louisville, Kentucky. This artwork was planned and researched by our own John Trussell and painted by Jeff Trexler.



Patrick Carr Rangers

Right: Patrick Carr Rangers held their quarterly meeting at 7:00. With President David Hargrove presiding, we had 8 members in attendance. After a short program on the "Battle of Shell Bluff" by Compatriot Bill Tinley, dual member Dess Smith III presented David with the 240th, 2nd Siege of Augusta 1781 Streamer from September 2021.



Piedmont

Left: Cool characters at a hot event. Compatriots Craig Benton and John Wassell at the Piedmont Chapter annual picnic, July 16.



Right: Ron Redner at World Harvest Church "Honor Our Heroes" event on July 3.



Below: Craig Benton presented SAR recognition Certificates to 5 Boy Scouts on 8/29

Below: Past Piedmont Chapter President Allen Finley (2019-2022) received three significant awards for the Piedmont Chapter that were presented during the recent Congress in Savannah. These certificates and streamers are for 2021, and represent the following achievements of our chapter during Allen Finley's leadership.:

- Liberty Bell Americanism Award and Streamer (First place nationwide for chapter size 100 to 150 members)
- President General's Chapter Activities Award (First place nationwide for chapter size 100 to 150 members)
- The President General's Cup (First place nationwide for chapter size 100 to 150 members)



Robert Forsyth

Left: President Gary Page and V.P. Chip Van Alstyne presented an Eagle Certificate to Reagan Konecny of Troop 805, Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church, Cumming, GA.



Below: Milton Historical Society hosted the Traveling Trunk for an evening of looks and discussions of life in the 18th century, by J.C. Hustis and Emil Decker.



Right: Thanks to the efforts of J.C. Hustis and Emil Decker, the Chapter won the Ohanesian History Presentation Award during the National Congress held in Savannah. The award statement reads, "To the Chapter based upon member size whose members collectively, orally make the most presentations on any aspect of the American Revolution to classes or groups in schools (K-12) in their respective geographic service area."

In addition, the chapter received a \$500 check to further the outreach program.

Below: J.C. and Emil enjoy taking the traveling Trunk to Horizon Christian Academy, for they are still of the old school persuasion that allows us to fire muskets as part of the presentation. Kids love it! [Editor: Kids of all ages!]



Below: J.C. and Emil presented a Scout Certificate to Drew Covington Upon his ascension to the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Court was held at New Hope UMC, where his father is minister.



Right and Below: J.C. and Emil ended a busy September at the Hampton extension of the Forsyth County Library, where a lot of interest was generated by many home schoolers who came for the well advertised event. The thing I love about home schooled kids are the dedicated parents who support their kids, and encourage them to go the extra mile. These two young ladies even got dressed up for the event.



Wiregrass

Right: Courtney L. Terwilliger, Jr. was recognized before the 132nd Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, GA. President General Davis L Wright awarded Courtney with the "Emergency Medical Services Award" in recognition of dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions and / or performing beyond the duties normally called for within the Emergency Medical Service profession. This "EMS Commendation" was from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Below: On the fourth day of the 132nd Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Compatriot Wilder Smith, Jr. had no clue about the surprise that he would find out later that day. The Georgia Society SAR had decided to have a drawing for 2 replicas of flintlock pistols that were used during the Revolutionary War period, late 1700's. They both are 50 Cal. British made rifled barrel flintlock pistols. Compatriot Emil Decker was part of the committee that purchased the pistols and he decided to build a case for the pistols to go along with the drawing. Emil also did the lettering on the glass front of the case. One thing for sure, Compatriot Wilder will never forget the excitement when he was notified of his win and his brother, Dess, will never forget Wilder's hollowing "yes" and stomping his foot on the floor of his 5th wheel camper.



Above Right: Three members of the Wiregrass Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to Savannah to participate in the 132nd Congress National Society of the SAR at the Hyatt Regency. On Sunday, Compatriot Steve Burke traveled to Fort Morris and the Historic Midway Church Cemetery to participate in those 2 events while Compatriots Wilder and Dess Smith arrived at the Hyatt Regency to assist the 132nd Congress as "Day Captains". Wilder and Dess were asked to drive down to Fort Morris with a Compatriot's wife to pick her husband up who had passed out because of the heat. He had been dehydrated; by the time we arrived he was rehydrated and doing great. For the rest of the week, Dess, Wilder and Steve were able to be a part of the NSSAR Color Guard at the following Events: Color Guard Review (Mon), Color Guard at the Memorial Service (Mon), Color Guard for Opening Session (Tues), Limited Color Guard at Johnson Square (Wed - Steve), President Generals Banquet - Posting of Colors (Wed), and the Installation Banquet - Retiring Colors (Thurs)."



Above: Compatriot John Derden presented the program that he had presented before 600 SAR members at the 132nd Congress held in Savannah in July. Compatriot John's presentation was titled, "It all Started in a Bar: Revolutionary Savannah." He focused on the role and significance of the port city in the American Revolution. He emphasized that Savannah's strategic importance to both sides during the war made the town a focal point of several campaigns and that the failed attempt by the combined French and American forces to retake Savannah in October 1779 led to what has been described as "the bloodiest hour of the American Revolution". Compatriot Derden also stressed the importance of Georgia's role in the Revolution and pointed to the increasing emphasis by modern historians of the broader significance of the Southern campaigns in the eventual Patriot triumph at Yorktown in 1781."

Below Left: Compatriot Jim Dekle came forward to receive his brother's, Larry Carlton Dekle, membership certificate. Larry lives in North Carolina and was unable to attend our meeting.

Below Right: Mike Lisenby's presentation was on the "Battle of Sullivan's Island", South Carolina. This battle was successfully won by Charleston's recruit artillerymen against a powerful British Royal Navy Squadron on the 28th of June 1776. The Royal Navy had 274 cannons and 2 mortars mounted on 10 British warships and 30 transports carrying their 2,500 troops. The British Navy was commanded by Commodore Sir Peter Parker and the British troops were commanded by Major-General Sir Henry Clinton. The American forces had 6,500 troops commanded by Colonel William Moultrie. During the battle, the fort was struck by several thousand cannon balls, but the palmetto trunks used in the structure absorbed the shock of the strikes and the fort's structure remained intact. The American gunners were protected by the sixteen-foot-thick sand and timber walls and suffered few casualties - 17 dead and 20 wounded. 7,000 British cannon balls were collected on Sullivan's Island after the battle.





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)."



The Centennial Year of Georgia State Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Has been an active one in Georgia.



Left: Georgia C.A.R. State President Hope Frederick brought greetings to the 132nd National SAR Congress in Savannah, Georgia.

Below: Georgia State First Vice-President Joy Frederick, Second Vice-President Noah Tindall, and Recording Secretary David Jiminez joined with the C.A.R. National Officers and participated in Grave Markings, Memorial Service, Oration Contest, and the Youth Awards Luncheon.



Above: Georgia C.A.R. Second Vice-President Noah Tindall and Recording Secretary David Jiminez joining Georgia SAR Color Guard Scott Collins, C.A.R. National Chaplain Gabe Bobo, National Treasurer J. Bobo, and South Carolina State President Gray Bobo at the grave marking.



Right: Georgia SAR President Mr. David Ludley, Mr. Sony Pittman, and Mr. Robert Moore encouraging South Carolina and Georgia Junior SAR and C.A.R. members.



C.A.R. members from several GA Societies participated in multiple SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. events carrying out multiple duties. Below, Georgia C.A.R. State President Hope Frederick bringing greetings in Augusta.



Button Gwinnett SAR members participated in the Fort Daniel Frontier Faire and mentored Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Elisha Winn, and Sukey Hart C.A.R. members on flag etiquette and various colonial skills.

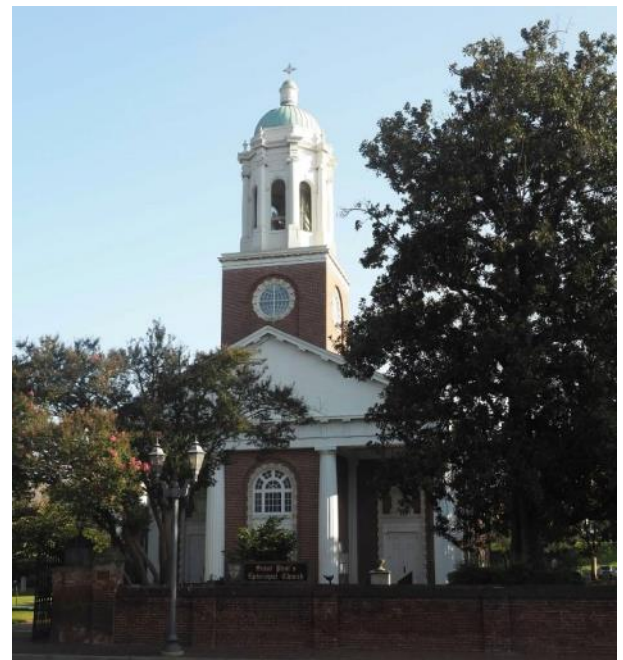
Above: Mike Watkins instructing members on soldiering skills.

Right: Eli Stancel with his C.A.R. company presenting colors for the Fair.





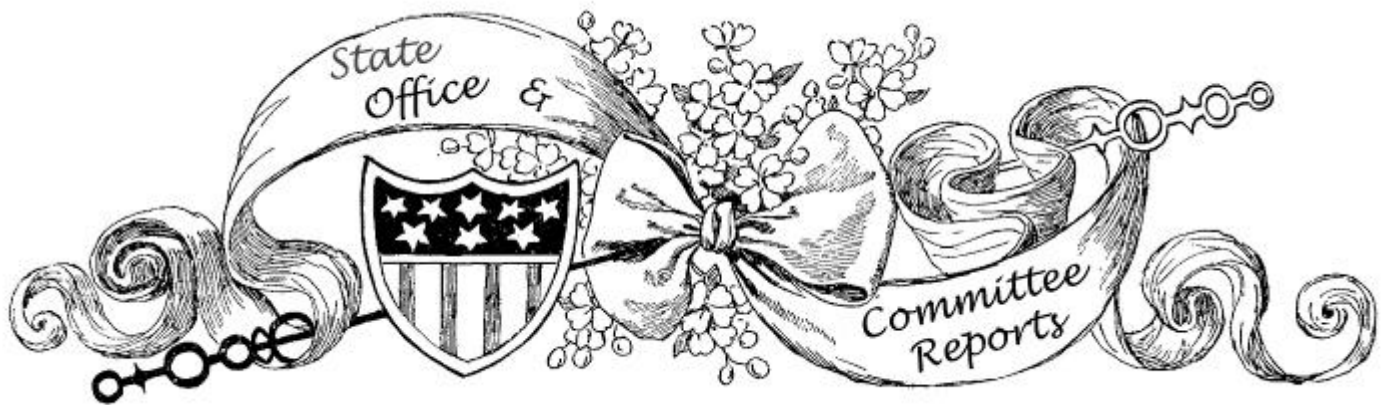
The DAR has been very active as well. They hosted the Constitution Day event in Augusta, and participated in the Siege of Augusta event, both held on the same day.





**Georgia Society
Deceased Members
July 01, - September
30, 2022**

Compatriot	Nat'l No.	Chapter	DECEASED
Kenneth Eugene HANNEL,	208174	Robert Forsyth	01 Jul 2022
William Otis WALKER	172345	Ocmulgee	03 Jul 2022
Joseph Lawrence VANCURA, Jr.	154909	John Collins	17 Jul 2022
Owen Kay YOULES	160040	Valdosta	11 Aug 2022
William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.	210842	Ocmulgee	22 Aug 2022
Sidney Gaines ADAMS,	199412	Samuel Elbert	13 Sep 2022
Richard Wayman OWEN	122323	Atlanta	15 Sep 2022
Ray Duane RUGGLES	166744	Capt. John Collins	26 Sep 2022



Secretary - Gary Smith



GASSAR Compatriots as of: 1-July-22:	2055		
Additions as of: 30-Sep-22		Losses as of: 30-Sep-22	
New Members	38	Transfer outs	2
Reinstatements	3	Deceased	8
Transfer ins	1	Dropped	1
Reinstatement-Transfers	1	Resignation	0
Total gains as of 30-Sep-22	43	Total lost as of: 30-Sep-22	11
Active Membership as of: 30-Sep-22			2087
Year to date Membership change 30-Jun-22			+123

All data from the NSSAR database.



**Georgia Society
New Members
July 01, -
September 30, 2022**

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Altamaha	02 Sep 2022	Kevin Dewayne EASON	Richard SASNETT	Jason Ronald DEAL
Atlanta	09 Sep 2022	Paul Jude HOLLIER	Jacques HOLLIER	David Andrews NOBLE
Button Gwinnett	15 Jul 2022	John Daniel MARTIN, Jr.	Martin MARTIN	Donald Henry MCCARTY, Jr
Cherokee	01 Jul 2022	Phillip Wayne BRACKEN	Providence MOUNTS	Dennis Kean McINTIRE
	16 Sep 2022	Daniel Phillip CIOMEK	Jesse DAVIS	Lloyd Stanley LEWIS, Jr.
Coweta Falls	15 Jul 2022	Plen Anderson FOX	Thomas FOX	Benjamin Blackburn FOX
	16 Sep 2022	Adam Bryce CHILDERS	Bazil PRATHER	Joseph Daniel McMICHAEL
Edward Telfair	09 Sep 2022	William Purvis TERRY, Jr.	John FISHER	Roger Warren COURSEY
	22 Sep 2022	Robert Dale BILLARD	John KROESEN	Roger Warren COURSEY
	22 Sep 2022	William Richard WARREN	James THOMAS	Roger Warren COURSEY
Four Rivers Patriots	09 Sep 2022	Ronald Victor HALL	Lewis HALL	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	09 Sep 2022	Daniel Hudson BROWN	Moses STEVENS	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Joel Early	23 Sep 2022	Buren Onley MOCK	Drury ROBERTS	Perry Stephen PEACE
John Collins	05 Aug 2022	Jackson Wade SHELL	Henry CAGLE	Earl Levaughn CAGLE, Sr.
	05 Aug 2022	Stuart Benjamin HAASE	Wells CHASE	William Stiles EDELEN, Jr.
Jos. Habersham	15 Jul 2022	Stanley Arnold HARVEY	James DILLARD	William Hughes RAPER
Little River	09 Sep 2022	Tommy Ray CHAPPELL	John CHAPPELL	William Joseph TANKERSLEY
Marshes of Glynn	01 Jul 2022	David Gordon LEWIS	Dempsey TYNER	Martin Douglas MOORE
	01 Jul 2022	Preston David LEWIS	Dempsey TYNER	Martin Douglas MOORE
	01 Jul 2022	Douglas Dryer TAYLOR	John HAYDEN	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS
	15 Jul 2022	David Gearold HOXSEY	John HOXIE (HOXSEY)	Bennie Larry WILLIAMS

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Marshes of Glynn	02 Sep 2022	Randolph Mills VALZ III	Adam CUNNINGHAM	James Steven HINSON, Sr.
	09 Sep 2022	David Gregory BUTTORFF	Isaac HOLMAN	James Hall BOATRIGHT, III
Mill Creek	26 Aug 2022	Robert Barry SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 Aug 2022	Mac Daniel SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 Aug 2022	Patrick Brian SULLIVAN, II	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 Aug 2022	Daniel Joseph SULLIVAN III	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 Aug 2022	Daniel Joseph O'SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 Aug 2022	Sean James O'SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 Aug 2022	Patrick Brian SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	26 Aug 2022	Robert Barryowen O'SULLIVAN II	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
	02 Sep 2022	Gary Brian Culver O'SULLIVAN	James ALEXANDER	DeSaussure Dugas SMITH, III
Ocmulgee	08 Jul 2022	William Jackson FUQUA IV	Philip CONDIT	William Jackson FUQUA, Jr.
Piedmont	01 Jul 2022	Atlee Thomas WAMPLER, IV	John HOUSTON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	01 Jul 2022	Atlee Stephen WAMPLER, V	John HOUSTON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	01 Jul 2022	Brendan Thomas WAMPLER	John HOUSTON	James Malcolm RUFF, Jr.
	09 Sep 2022	Luke Nguyen DEUTSCHMAN	Frederick SHAWHAN	Russell Todd DEUTSCHMAN
Robert Forsyth	05 Aug 2022	Stephen Andrew KILPATRICK	Ebenezer SARGENT	Charles Haywood Nixon MEAGHER

Total: 38

Graves - Bruce Maney



As of November 1st, during Calendar Year 2022, the Georgia Society SAR Chapters completed 21 Patriot Grave Marking dedications, and 2 Compatriot Grave Marking ceremonies. One additional SAR Patriot Grave Marking is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2022, by the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter.

November 18, 2022, the Marshes of Glynn Chapter SAR plans a Patriot Grave Marking for Major William McIntosh on Friday, November 18th at 2:30 p.m. in the Sinclair Plantation Cemetery, on Oatland Plantation Road in St. Simons, Georgia. GPS: 31.23385N, 81.35341W

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. THE FIVE PATRIOT NATIONAL PATRIOT GRAVE AND BIOGRAPHIES FORMS ARE NEAR COMPLETION BY COMPATRIOT SCOTT COLLINS.

September 24, 2022, the Button Gwinnett Chapter GASSAR, Birmingham Chapter ALSSAR, Dr. Elisha Dick Chapter VA NSDAR, and Cahawba Chapter AL NSDAR held 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. RECEIVED OCTOBER 01, 2022, THE CHAPTER'S REQUIRED GRAVE REGISTRY FORM, Source Book 10.10F.



Georgia Registrar South - Steve Henson

All applications received during the 3rd Quarter have been submitted or mailed to the GA Society SAR Secretary for processing. Currently there are 4 Southern Region applications that have been pended by the National Society SAR. National Society SAR. Compatriot Bob Sapp, former Ga Society Registrar is assisting me.

I am attending the Zoom meetings being help by Genealogist General Gary Green on Registrar Training and Compatriot Steve Hinson (IL) on PRS Updates. I also attended the Registrar Training conducted by Compatriot Bob Sapp via Zoom.

CHAPTER	Regular Applications		Supplemental Applications		Junior Applications		Memorial Applications	
	Current Qtr	YTD	Current Qtr	YTD	Current Qtr	YTD	Current Qtr	YTD
Altamaha		2						
Brier Creek	3	3						
Col Wm Few		1	1	1				
Edward Telfair	3	10		1				1
Little River		3	2	4				
Wiregrass	2	3			3	3		
John Milledge			7	7				
Fall Line				1		1		
George Walton								
Marshes of Glynn	2	9		1				
Ocmulgee		1						
Joel Early	3	6						
Four Rivers		2						
Valdosta	1	1						
Patrick Carr Rangers	1	1						
Mill Creek		6				3		
CHAPTER TOTAL	15	48	10	15	3	7	0	1
TOTAL APPLICATIONS CURRENT QUARTER:	28							
TOTAL APPLICATIONS PROCESSED YTD:	71							

Eagle Scout - William Coffeen



The Georgia Society can approve up to three compatriot applicants annually for the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award issued by NSSAR. **No applications have been submitted year to date.** Before the end of the year, I encourage chapters to submit applications to me for those members who are involved in Scouting and deserve such recognition.

As a reminder, the GASSAR college scholarship deadline for chapter participants is **December 31, 2022.**

Georgia Registrar North - Dennis McIntire



Chapter	Regular	Supplemental	Junior
Athens	6	3	2
Atlanta	5		
Blue Ridge Mountains	1		
Button Gwinnett	6	2	
Capt. John Collins	2	1	
Casimir Pulaski			1
Cherokee	1	1	
Coweta Falls		1	
Dalton	1		
Lyman Hall	10		1

Total processed this quarter: 44

Total processed year to date: 103

Medals - Wayne Brown



During the third quarter, the GASSAR Medals and Awards Committee approved recommendations for two Silver Roger Sherman Medals, two Silver Good Citizenship Medals, four State Meritorious Service Medals and processed one Service to Veterans Medal.

IT - Richard Marsh



The dues collection process is ready to kick off for 2023. If your chapter has elected to participate in the online dues process this year this document will serve as an information source should your membership have questions.

Chapters participating in the online dues collection include:

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

Online dues payments are optional. Members may still choose to send checks directly to the chapter. Submission of chapter dues payments to GASSAR must follow guidelines provided by the GASSAR Secretary. Funds received by GASSAR through the online process on behalf of the chapter will be paid via check monthly by the GASSAR Treasurer. Reports will be provided regularly by the GASSAR Secretary showing all online dues activity for your chapter. GASSAR incurs processing fees for online payments. These fees equal 3.49% of the transaction amount plus \$0.49 per transaction. Since these fees are not included in the National, State or Chapter fee structure, the fees are added to the amount charged for online payments.



Education Outreach - Rick Reese, Jr.

With many thanks to the efforts of the Joseph Habersham Chapter GASSAR, the Button Gwinnett Chapter GASSAR, and the William Day GASSAR for their creation of the “*SAR Living History*” video series designed for 3rd and 4th grade elementary school class teacher-led presentations to help keep the Revolutionary War period alive for their students. It is particularly useful where our presenters may not be able to have access to the schools as a result of cautionary measures imposed as a result of the pandemic. The producers of the video have agreed to share their excellent video with the other GASSAR Chapters. Please share this information with those in your chapter who are responsible for outreach education programs for elementary schools.

Click on the link below to view the “SAR Living History “ video:

<https://youtu.be/izckzVdNI0M>

SAR Video sequence timing:

00:00:57 Reasons for traveling to the New World
 00:03:34 The Way of Life in the New World
 00:32:36 People of the American Revolution
 00:43:03 Starting a Fire
 00:45:20 Tax Acts
 00:47:16 The Boston Massacre
 00:49:32 The Sons and Daughters of Liberty
 00:51:49 The Quartering Act
 00:52:28 The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere
 00:53:43 Lexington and Concord
 00:54:14 The Boston Tea Party as seen by George Hughes
 00:57:03 The Declaration of Independence
 00:59:22 The Battle of Saratoga
 01:00:44 The Battle of Kettle Creek
 01:02:16 Nancy Hart
 01:08:05 Savannah and Kings Mountain
 01:15:53 The Battle of Yorktown
 01:17:36 The Preamble to the Constitution
 01:18:20 The Bill of Rights and Amendments
 01:22:18 The Three Branches of Government
 01:23:45 The Flag and National Anthem



Flag Respect - Gary Smith

Background Statistic:

Percentage of Chapters currently reporting in accordance with - Admiral Furlong Award: **34%**
 (Award Criteria of 50% is NOT met) -

Flag Retirement Award: **8%** (Award Criteria of 50% is NOT met)

Highlights of the Most Recent Quarter:



On 14 September the Grovetown High School Army JROTC Battalion was trained in proper flag retirement and then retired 10 flags with 185 Cadets present. The GASSAR Flag Respect Chairman presented a GASSAR Flag Retirement Certificate.

On 29 September 2022 the John Milledge Chapter presented the flag certificate to Jacob Fried owner of Suds Club in Greensboro, Georgia

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>

We need **6** more Chapters to present a Flag Display Certificate to reach the 50% Admiral Furlong Award requirement. We need **15** more Chapters to present a Flag Retirement certificate to reach the 50% U. S. Flag Retirement Award requirement.

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	John Schull			
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			

Public Relations / Publicity - John Trussell

On July 4th, your GASSAR Color guard and Militia members were given the honor by the Braves leadership to perform a three shot volley at the opening ceremony of the Braves game in Atlanta, while standing in a line behind the pitcher's mound. At the conclusion of the ceremony, with the final volley, a group of Air Force Fighter jets flew in tight formation over the stadium, which brought the fans to their feet in loud applause! It was a very SPECIAL DAY!

Many thanks to these GASSAR members who participated in this important event- Scott Collins, Thomas Miller, Bill Fuqua, Ken Smith, Allen Greenley, Chuck Garnett, Gary Smith, Edwin Hendricks, John Trussell, Bill Summers, Don Loudermilk, Ed Trust and Bill Daniel. We hope to repeat this event in 2023, so now is the time to get involved with your award winning GASSAR Color Guard, Scott Collins Commander. For more information, contact.

Much work was done in preparation for the Savannah National Sar Congress. Many hundreds of hours of work were donated by your 2022 Georgia SAR Congress committee. Our hats should be off in salute to these many GASSAR members!

After much effort, I was able to locate a company that was willing and able to complete our order for a SAR Park bench in Tricentennial Park. Soon thereafter, the Congress planning committee decided to place a second bench, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of the USA in another Savannah location. We decided to place the second bench in Johnson Square which has deep Revolutionary roots. The Nathaniel Green monument is located there, plus a marker about Washington's 1791 visit. It is also next to Christ Church, where Washington attended services before he departed. These benches are a long-lasting legacy of our Congress and will provide great publicity for the SAR in the future years.

The bench projects required the approval of the Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Savannah City Council with many hours of work on applications, phone calls and hearings. It required a trip to Savannah and site prep to pick the locations and identify underground utilities. Thanks to Savannah area compatriots Robert Vinyard, Jeff Loomis, Lamar Davis, Paul Lester and Roger Coursey for their valuable assistance!

I wrote three 1,750 word articles about Savannah and the upcoming Congress for *SAR Magazine*. Hopefully these articles increased the interest and excitement for the Congress. It must have worked because we had the largest turnout **EVER** for a National Congress, due to the hard work of our planning committee and the strong support of our Georgia Chapters! Also, thanks to Paul Callanan for review of the articles and valuable input! I also wrote an article for *SAR Magazine* about "George Washington Slept Here" dealing with the facts surrounding his 1791 visit to Savannah. Lamar Davis also wrote a great story about the "*Siege of Savannah*". Thanks Lamar!

Four Proclamations were prepared for Savannah leaders to deliver at our Congress proceedings, including the Mayor, the County Commission Chairman and Governor Kemp. Thanks to George Thurmond, Bill Dobbs and the Governor's office for their assistance with this process!

A 1,500-word, one act play, "George Washington in Savannah 1791" was delivered by our own Dan McMichael at the Sar President General's Banquet. Dan did an excellent job acting as George Washington which was much appreciated by the attendees. Thanks to Paul Callanan, Mike Tomme, Alan Greenly, Roger Coursey and the entire Congress planning committee for their support of this presentation. You may see this one act play as a short chapter in a future book I'm writing about Washington's visit to Savannah and other locations in Georgia. The play is copyrighted but will be made available to any non-profit theater group who wishes to present it and promote patriotic ideals.

I did an interview with a writer for *South Magazine* on our Congress which was a big plus for our PR efforts, as it reached a wide audience. Thanks to Bill Dobbs for his assistance with this project! An interview with a writer with the Savannah's Morning News resulted in a front page photo and short story in the newspaper. This was great publicity for us to the people of Savannah!

While in Savannah, I arranged to deliver "George Washington in Savannah 1791" prints to The Coastal Heritage Society, The Savannah History Museum, and The Georgia Historical Society. A donation to Savannah City Hall is still pending for the near future, to be arranged by Bob Vinyard. These donations will leave a long-lasting legacy of our Sar Congress in Savannah.

The "George Washington in Savannah 1791" painting and prints was a big success! I worked on this project for several years and it is a "one of a kind" historically correct painting that will continue to provide funds and great publicity for National and Georgia SAR! I wrote a one-page historical background on the painting with George Washington's photo and signature that will be given with each print. Thanks to the Congress Planning Committee, all Georgia Sar members and chapters for their strong support of this project!

Moving to another topic of interest to our members, I arranged with artist Jeff Trexler to get a high-quality digital image of his Kettle Creek print. President Ludley and our executive committee have approved a plan to make prints available to our members on a prepaid basis so we can order just the number we need, so get your checks to Scott Collins by November 5th or bring checks to the Nov 5 Bom meeting. You can mail checks to Scott Collins, PO Box, 709, Athens, Ga. 30603-0709. Make a notation on the check that it's for the Kettle creek print. The prints will be on high quality 3m card stock paper, similar to the George Washington prints and the same medium size, 16x24. These are prints that are titled at the bottom with the artist name, but not artist signed or numbered. They are an excellent historical depiction of the Battle of Kettle Creek that you will be proud to own. The cost is 75.00 each- make checks payable to "Ga Society SAR". Thanks to Water Chewning and the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association for their support of this project. Also, thanks to GASSAR treasurer Scott Collins for his extra efforts to collect these print fees.

It started in Georgia with the Georgia Society, SAR, but is spreading across the USA due to your strong support! I'm talking about the 250th SAR park bench that was first produced in Savannah and will be a model for other SAR park benches across the country. National SAR History Committee Chairman Jeff Thomas was in Savannah and liked what we had done with the 250th bench and decided it would be a great national project. I volunteered to serve as Project Chairman for this effort.

I continue to send in news articles to Sar Magazine. Please send me your newsworthy items and photos asap. Also please send information to our very talented Hornets' Nest Editor, Emil Decker! Thanks to Dess Smith for his excellent work in reporting events in his area! Please let me know if I can be of service.

Veterans - Gary Hoyt



I attended a Memorial Service at the Lord and Stephens Funeral Home West Chapel in Watkinsville, GA, for eight veterans whose cremains had never been claimed. Attendees at this Partners in Patriot event nearly overflowed the chapel. The next day, the Committal Ceremony for the eight veterans was held at the Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA. Flags were folded by official military honors teams from the Army and Marine Corps. Attendees overflowed the committal shelter.

I have received information and a tutorial from GASSAR Veterans Committee Chairman Scott Giltner regarding the VA's new Compassionate Contact Corps. This information has been distributed to the BOM Distribution List.

Here is information about the 2022 Wreaths Across America Campaign. Our Group ID is: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/GA0057

The closing date for wreath orders is November 29, 2022. Wreaths Across America Day will be observed on December 17, 2022.

When a GASSAR member or chapter references our Group ID and orders two wreaths, a complimentary third wreath will accompany their shipment. For example, if a chapter orders eight wreaths at \$15 per wreath the order total will be \$120 and 12 wreaths will be shipped to the designated cemetery.

The Marietta National Cemetery is the default shipping destination for wreaths. However, individuals and chapters have the option to specify any other qualifying cemetery in Georgia or out of state (such as Arlington National Cemetery).

When you begin filling the alternative cemetery field an auto fill feature should drop in the full cemetery name and code. There may be a slight delay as the program searches its cemetery database.

If you experience any difficulty placing your order please call WAA Liaison Richelle Bergson at 1-207-618-5348.

The Georgia Society is very highly ranked nationally for its participation in Wreaths Across America. Any individual or chapter ordering four wreaths will pay \$60 and the designated cemetery will receive six wreaths. The \$60 donation surpasses the 50 point minimum necessary for a chapter to become a Stark Award Participant.

This is a win-win opportunity. Supporting Wreaths Across America is an ideal way for a chapter to become a Stark Participant, and visiting a National or other Cemetery where veterans' gravesites have been adorned with wreaths is an unforgettable experience.

You will be notified when planning is completed for Wreaths Across America Day on December 17. In the meantime, best wishes for the success of your efforts to honor our nation's veterans.

ROTC/JROTC - David Jessel



All chapters sponsoring JROTC Units should encourage their Units to participate in the Enhanced JROTC (Outstanding Cadet Essay Contest) Program for 2022-2023. OC Nominating Packages need to be sent to me by COB 2 December 2022. *If I can assist you in this regard, please contact me.* On 31 Aug 2022, by email, I disseminate guidance and directions to all GASSAR Chapters on how to submit a strong OC Nomination Package. Chapters can purchase an Chapter OC Medal at the NSSAR Store.

SAR Silver ROTC Medals Packages have been purchased by GASSAR. Chapters that presented these awards should report this activity on Form 10.06.0F Chapter Report to BOM and PG/Americanism Report. Chapters should not purchase Silver ROTC Medals, this is done by GASSAR.

Every SMI in your AO should know the name of the JROTC POC (Point of Contact) within your chapter. Chapters need to purchase SAR Bronze in support of JROTC Units located in their AO (Area of Operations). Chapters normally presented Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC Units in the Spring. Recipients are selected for this medal by the Senior Military Instructor (SMI). Chapters should report these presentations on Form 10.06.0F Report to BOM & PG/Americanism Rpt.

The Georgia Society SAR supports three DOD (overseas) JROTC Units (Kadena HS Okinawa Japan, Vicenza HS Italy, and Shape HS Belgium – Shape HS).

Editor - Emil Decker

The 3rd quarter was filled with ups and downs; excitement and travesty; I hope that, in my coverage of events, readers do not misinterpret my renderings as anything but informative and respectful.

In the First Quarter, I presented an article entitled "Gun Control and the SAR". It was not intended as a political piece, but was interpreted as such by some, who gave feedback to that effect. I appreciate both positive and negative feedback, for it lets me know how I am doing; what might be a valid change recommendation; and encouragement to continue as editor of the finest Society newsletter in the National organization.

The piece mentioned above was intended to inform members, especially those who enjoy participating in militia firing exercises, of on-going changes that may, or may not, affect events they plan to attend, and the status of their position under ever changing laws. The intent was not to focus on the current administration, though the caricature drawings by "Baldy-2" Baldowski did feature them.

Just this week I saw another article that relates to the issue at hand. Have new laws changed or even stopped reenactments from happening? You can read for yourself, and determine how this might apply to us in the future...or not.

Criminal possession of a ... musket? New gun laws throw a wrinkle into an old tradition. {Buffalo News]

https://buffalonews.com/news/local/criminal-possession-of-a-musket-new-gun-laws-throw-a-wrinkle-into-an-old-tradition/article_f5ab3018-2f84-11ed-afb8-57620da08503.html

Will this affect the SAR and its events? Who can say, but one may want to keep abreast of issues that might.

Also in the forthcoming edition, is an explanation as to why I have not procured black gunpowder in my latest attempt to provide a mass purchase for those militia members who have often joined in on such an acquisition.

Remember, your contributions to the Newsletter are always appreciated. While I simply cannot attend all events due to a variety of reasons, however much I would like to....(I am NOT Scott Collins...) [Note: the preceding is a "tip of the tricorn", not a disapproving comment, to Scott's voracious appetite for Revolutionary participation, and his unending effort to help out whenever; where-ever he is askedand he is asked often; Kudos to Scott Collins, holder of multiple offices and positions].

If I am not at an event, I cannot take a photo, or write as thoroughly about an event I did not attend. It is up to you to provide those insights and photos. A special thanks to those photographers who capture so many special moments and make them available to the masses, such as William Edelen has done during Congress, and other occasions. Thanks to all.

The previous and the next BOM have been delayed, however The Hornet's Nest will publish in its normal timeframe. Submissions for the Quarter should arrive within the next 15 days for inclusion. Committee and officer reports that traditionally wait till just after the BOM will not make the publishing schedule. Maybe some early submissions would be in order???

We are on schedule to complete this year's activities and celebration with the 4th quarter The Hornet's Nest. Your photos, articles and insights can help make the next quarter's publication the best ever!

The Re-sieging of Savannah: An Un-historical Fiction

My wife is a fan of historical fiction. An author, like Georgette Heyer or Lindsey Davis, will take a known historical setting, research it thoroughly, then set characters into the scene that might have been, could have been there, and produce a story with plausibility that makes it a delight to read. Then there is pure fantasy.

Savannah is widely accepted as a haunted location. Usually, the city ranks among the top 5 haunted places to visit in the U.S. Haunted sites usually fall into the category of former penitentiaries, graveyards, battlefields, old historic houses, or hotels, where stories of the dead, but not gone, catch the fancy of people who believe they saw something, and embellish the tale. Many locations have become tourist attractions, and Savannah, having scenes fitting almost all these categories, is a prime spot for such supernatural phantasms.

I have combined the above, the coming of autumn with Halloween, and our 132nd Congress, to create a non - historic - supernatural accounting of the events held in Savannah. I hope you enjoy the retelling, and that I do not offend anyone with my rendition of what occurred there. I know it remains a story filled with sadness for the Georgia Society.



As everyone must remember the immortal tale "The Legend of Sleepy Hallow" by Washington Irving, a tale of the headless Hessian, you cannot doubt my tale of other paranormal entities existing and haunting citizens even today. With overseas origins, but with local burial, British regimentals bent on avenging their Colonial demise in far away Georgia determined to haunt present day populations must be expected. With the news that a Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution would be held in Savannah, British ghosts who haunt the ramparts of the redoubts near the Savannah History Museum took great exception. The spirits began to plan an assault that would dismay the enemy gathering there, driving them away from Savannah yet again.

Their attack began on Sunday, at the opening GASSAR ceremony at Fort Morris. They intended to parley with the SAR to give up, and go home, abandoning the Congress. With little time to spare, the Georgia Elijah Clarke Militia, bolstered by continental and militia members from across the U.S. assembled and fired a three-round volley in the direction of the ghostly attack. Three, being a significant warding number for apparitions, caused them to reconsider, and leave to plot a new advance.

Later that same day, the ghosts returned to Midway Cemetery, thinking the ground there would be ripe for their revenge. There they encountered the very patriotic graves of many war veterans, and so paused to reconsider attacking on such hallowed ground. The first patriot was honored by the reading of his Bio and a subsequent firing. They waited. The second patriot was likewise honored, and they began to fidget. The third and fourth were honored, and their ghostly ranks began to dwindle. By the fifth reading of patriotism, their ranks were scattered. The final three-volley shots sent them, as in the words of that immortal ballad, well..... "They ran through briars, and they ran through the brambles; they ran through the bushes where a rabbit couldn't go; They ran so fast the hound couldn't catch 'em..." They returned to their redoubt to plan another blow.



"Ichabod Crane pursued by the Headless Horseman", by F.O.C. Darley, 1849

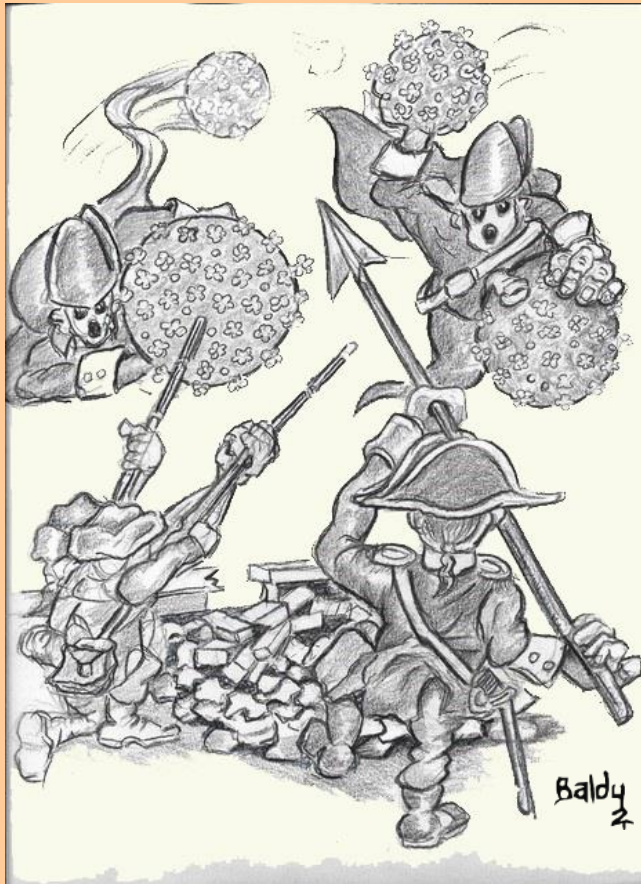
The following day, the Memorial Service at St. John's Church kept the ghosts away, due to the very sacred ground upon which the occasion was held. Who wants to go against a church full of patriotic individuals, honoring those compatriots who passed during the previous year. Best stay far from this hallowed event.

It was the day in history, July 11, 1782, when the British evacuated Savannah, Georgia as the American Revolution came to a close. On this day, their British comrades left them in foreign soil, as they sailed home. The British ghosts were prone to lay low and grumble on this day, all things considered.

The Hotel was heavily guarded with soldiers representing many units of the American resistance.

Militia and members of the Continental line, dressed in multiple uniforms lined the meeting hall. As the Opening Ceremony commenced, the ghostly attackers delayed yet again. Through the many committee meetings, they found the resolve of the membership too strong to risk a move. Perhaps if they waited for an opportunity outside the hotel.





watch, as the transfer of power would occur at the final feast. Transfers would obviously spell weakening of an enemy.

It surely would succeed. Little did they remember that this peaceful handover had a historic background, with solidarity among the members who approved the change of command. Both Color Guard and President General retirement and inauguration were accomplished without incident. What was going wrong? It was then they realized their insidious attack would take time. The convention would be over before the true effects would be felt. The British apparitions were defeated in Savannah.

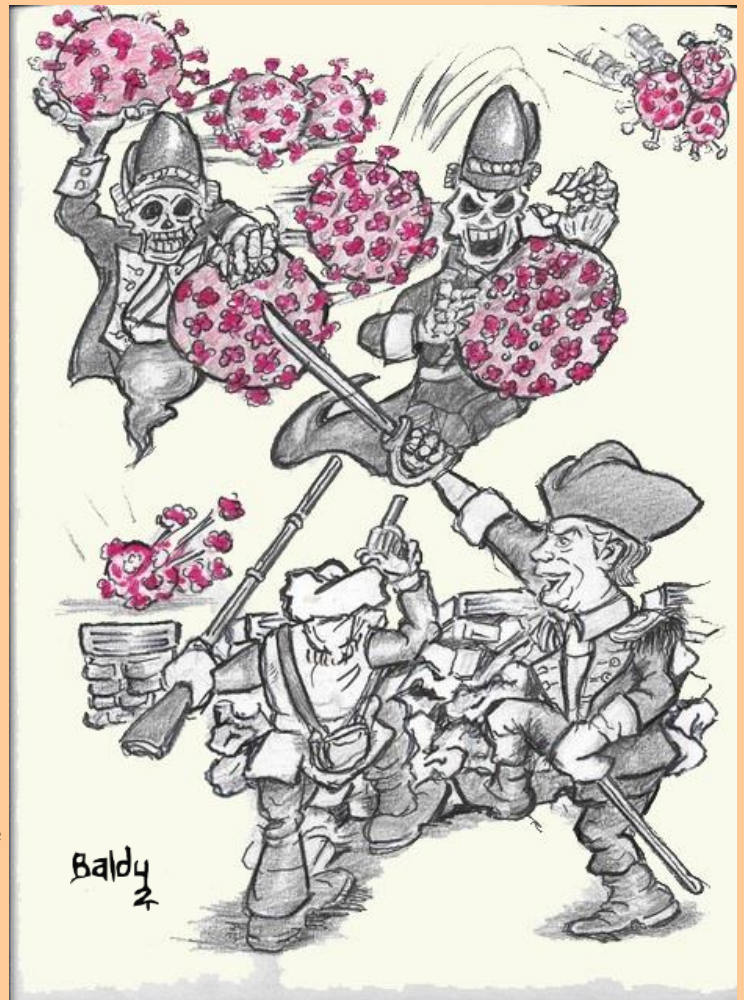
With ultimate failure, they went back to their redoubt to rest and stew over their unsuccessful attempt to drive away the invaders. Their defeat was not total and had inflicted some hurt upon their targets. Soon after returning home, many attendees of the Congress were stricken ill by the final gestation of the virus attack. While many felt minor symptoms of the disease, one victim was profoundly affected. The Georgia Society President, was singled out for a vicious assault. The President had led the Georgia delegation in hosting the Congress. He had marched forth on each campaign, offering his support and strength to the forces battling the attempts to foil the gathering. He was their prime target.

That opportunity came with the Johnson Square bench dedication. Disrupt the service, and the colonial descendants would flee. Rains came pouring down just as the fellowship gathered to assemble for the ceremony. British ghosts cackled with glee, as they encouraged more rain to fall as the program began. But the crowd did not retreat. Instead, from under cover of umbrellas, they continued with the commemoration, spiritually breaking the assault, and driving the rain away. Even though the wool clad Color Guard were drenched, their resolve was not shaken. The ghosts melted away, as did the rain.

Then the American forces went on the offensive. The apparitions had noticed that a bench was placed outside their redoubt, but surely the invaders would not deign to mark their territory. But the American's second assault on the fortification did occur. The Color Guard assembled, crowds gathered, and the leadership led the ceremony to completion, within the ghost's own backyard. They were furious.

Then one scheming individual among their spectral cabal suggested a new attack. Biological. Surely if the recent pandemic was any indicator, all they had to do was introduce the virus among the assembled. As the compatriots gathered for the President General's Banquet they crowed with delight since so many were assembled, elbow to elbow. Their plan would work, they proclaimed.

As the Congress wound to an end, they once again gathered to



Upon returning home, the evil virus, fully activated and now began to do its evil work.

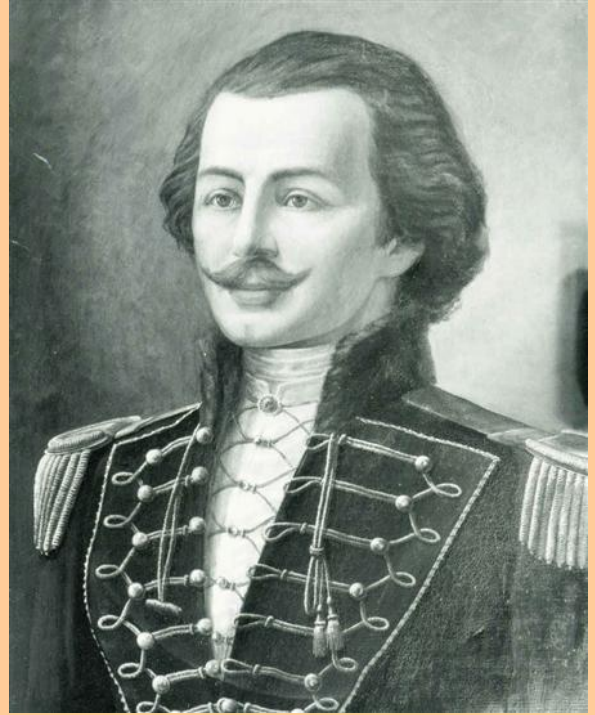
Within a day, the mighty president was struck low, and the entire nation of compatriots were in a state of shock and mourning. History would show that even the great victory achieved at the 132nd Congress would be stained with this one action. However, the memories of the compatriots would long outlast this one bitter blow. The Georgia President will be remembered for his valiant stand against the forces of the supernatural, during the 132nd Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution.

If you happen to go down to the Savannah waterfront, on a cold, wintery night, when it is very quiet, perhaps you can hear the sound of Casimir Pulaski, from out of the river, chuckling at the defeat of the British ghosts, grumbling and fuming from within their redoubt.

E.L. Decker

"I came here, where freedom is being defended, to serve it, and to live or die for it."

-Casimir Pulaski



I asked Mr. Baldowski for a self portrait, so everyone would know who I so closely work with when it comes to caricatures. Everyone.....Meet Ken.

