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# Hornet's Nest

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### The President's Dispatch



**George E. Thurmond**

This issue is the first chapter or state newsletter published since I have been a member of the Georgia Society that has not been edited by **Jack McCord**. Jack served us well and faithfully for the past eight years, first as Editor of the *Piedmont Piper* and later *The Hornet's Nest*. Jack received national recognition for both publications. He has earned a "retirement" and we wish him well in his leisure time to enjoy his hobby, boating.

Enter **Richard Andrews**, Editor. Richard is a member of the Coweta Falls Chapter and his journalistic services have already been engaged as Editor of *The Minuteman*, the

newsletter of the Coweta Falls Chapter. He is assisted by his lovely wife, **Peggy**, journalism major. The latest issue of *The Minuteman* almost beat me back home from the October 29 grave marking of Patriot Shadrack Rowe. We welcome Richard and his talent to keep us informed on state and chapter activities. I invite all to provide Editor Andrews with information about your chapter and committee activities in a timely fashion.

We have several items that merit your attention. First, I would like to see our largest attendance ever to join us at the Georgia Society banquet and annual meeting for the election of officers. I'm asking that each chapter bring a delegation to participate in these annual events. Registration information may be found on page 10 of this issue. Notice that our Ladies are encouraged to attend our annual memorial service. A Hospitality Suite is reserved for Saturday morning for the Ladies to have pastries, coffee or tea with time to join us for the memorial service. While we conduct our Board of Managers and Annual Meetings, the Ladies can repair to the Hospitality Suite for more coffee, tea and fellowship. We so much enjoy their support of our organization and look forward to their attendance. I would like to see all 29 chapters represented.

At our last Board of Managers meeting, I requested that we discard the use of the acronym GASSAR and use instead our real name – The Georgia Society. No one outside our society really knows us by our acronym, so let's add some class to "*The Award Winning Georgia Society!*"

At the start of my second term, I asked that "*We get Excited about the SAR*". From where I sit, it looks like you have been very excited and have participated in a record number of events. What an honor it is to carry on the tenants of *educational, historical and patriotic* activities that serve to keep the flame of the American Revolution alive. There are a

number of exciting events early in the year – the Battle of Kettle Creek, the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battles of Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse and the second annual observance of the Frederica Naval Action. Additionally, make plans to attend our Leadership Training program in Forsyth to be held on March 4, 2006. What great opportunities! Plan to be part of these special programs.

### Kettle Creek Celebration February 11<sup>th</sup> 2006

"If you want to feel proud to be an American, come to Kettle Creek. For it was here that a small group of Georgia and South Carolina Militia took on a British unit twice their size and prevailed by sheer courage and determination. Their leaders, Andrew Pickens and Elijah Clarke, would go on to further glory, but John Dooly would pay with his life for his role in this battle." , **George Thurmond**, President of the Georgia Society said recently when talking about the annual Kettle Creek Celebration.

The Revolutionary War Battle of Kettle Creek which substantially checked the British attack and subsequent domination of Georgia was fought February 14, 1779. The Georgia Society and Samuel Elbert Chapter, who sponsor the annual Celebration along with support from Kettle Creek DAR Chapter, encourage your attendance at this year's festivities, the 227<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on February 11, 2006, in Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia, and the nearby Kettle Creek Battlefield.

The highlight of the Celebration will be the Battlefield Memorial and Wreath Presentation Ceremony, beginning at 2:00pm on Saturday

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*The center of the fight for Independence in Georgia, Wilkes County, became known as "the hornet's nest" because of the stinging attacks made from there by the Georgia Patriots against the British and Tories.*

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# NEWS

of the  
*State Society*

## Christmas Message

As 2005 draws to a close, let me express my appreciation for all the time, energy and money that has been expended carrying out the objectives of our noble state society. I am reminded that this Christmas Eve will be the 222<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the return of George Washington to Mount Vernon, having served the prior eight years as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. What remarkable service to our newly established country!

Merry Christmas to all, George & Marty

## Donation to Washington Memorial Library

The Endowment Trust Fund of the Georgia Society has added 100 microfilm reels of early North Carolina records to the collection of the Genealogy Department of the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, GA. Under the direction of the department head, **Mr. Willard L. Rocker**, the resources of the library have grown to become the best genealogical search site in the southeast. Chairman of the Georgia Society library committee, **T. Fisher Craft, PhD**, noted that expansion of the North Carolina holdings is very important as the immigration pattern was southward, and a great many Georgians have connections in that area. Our \$1,200 investment will be invaluable to present and future researchers.



Compatriot **T. Fisher Craft, PhD** (left) presenting check to **Mr. Willard L. Rocker**

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afternoon. The Ceremony will feature the 434<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Signal Corps Band, Fort Gordon Ceremonial Detachment, Greene County High School Air Force Jr ROTC Honor Guard and the Continental Fife and Drum Regiment, dressed in period costumes. The keynote speaker will be **Nathan E. White**, Secretary General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Dressed in Revolutionary War uniforms, the nationally-acclaimed Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and the Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia will lead the SAR Color Guard from several other states to Present the Colors. We anticipate attendees at the Ceremony will exceed the over 400 people in attendance last year, including 65 who presented wreaths. These included CAR, DAR, SAR members and many descendants of battle participants.

Several activities are currently being planned, some of which are listed in the illustrated Announcement. **Walt Andre**, U.S. Army historian will describe the Battle of Kettle Creek, including a half-hour video, at the Mary Willis Library in Washington at 9:00am. He will then lead a guided tour of the Battlefield at 11:00am and noon. The walking tour will depart from the Kettle Creek Battlefield Monument, which is located eleven miles west of Washington off SR 44.

New "Revolutionary Days" activities this year include a Parade on Saturday morning, starting at 10:00am at the Library and ending in the historic Washington Town Square. The parade will include SAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia; costumed DAR, SAR spouses and CAR; local actors dressed as Elijah & Hannah Clarke, Martha & George Washington and musical groups. After a brief Ceremony at the Wilkes County Court House, the parade participants will provide Living History 'exhibits' in the patriotically-decorated Town Square. This activity should be great fun and provide entertainment for everyone.

Another new activity will be a "Kettle Creek for Children" discussion led by noted author, **Christine Swager** at the Mary Willis Library, starting at 11:00am. The nearby Washington Historical Museum will have an open house on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 5:00pm, and will display exhibits in the Kettle Creek room.

Elijah Clark State Park, in adjoining Oglethorpe County near Lincolnton, will sponsor a special program for Kettle Creek participants on Sunday, February 12th. Starting with a 2:00pm

Wreath Ceremony at the Gravesite of General Elijah Clarke, the Program will include a guided tour of the Elijah Clarke Memorial Museum, Film about Hannah Clarke and Pioneer Life, Living History Presentation by Hannah Clarke, Campfire activities & refreshments.



# In

## Memoriam

**John Howard Powell, Jr**  
September 12, 2005  
Rome Chapter

**James Francis Devitt, Sr**  
October 6, 2005  
Coweta Falls Chapter

**Col. James Collie McDonald, Jr.**  
December 29, 2005  
Coweta Falls Chapter

The Georgia Society SAR joins families and friends in remembering our beloved Compatriots who recently passed away.

Additional details, including lodging options, event directions, parking instructions, and arrangements in case of rain will be provided along with a description of each of the Revolutionary Days activities in January.

Georgia Historic Sites Committee Chairman Bob Galer stated, "Kettle Creek was significant because, early in the Revolutionary War in the South it demonstrated that several hundred Patriots could challenge a larger British-sponsored Loyalist force in a pitched battle, and through superior strategy, tactics, intelligence and organization for battle, defeat them. This carried great weight in the small colony of Georgia because most of the population were neutral or supported the British colonial rule."

Maps and directions to the Kettle Creek Battlefield may be found at [www.rootsweb.com/~gawilkes/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~gawilkes/).

Bill Ramsaur

## Report From The



## Georgia Society Color Guard

**Paul Prescott**  
Commander

The Georgia Society Color Guard had a record setting year! We were represented at 65 state and national events, 15 more events than last year. It is interesting that since 1993, when the Color Guard was formed, the number of events has increased every year except one. The Color Guard is becoming more visible and thus we are more in demand. The Col. Elijah

Clarke Militia Unit fired muskets in 14 events. The Militia added greatly to the enjoyment of the audience, the meaning of the ceremony, and the popularity of the Georgia Society Color Guard.

The highlights of the last Quarter were the Battle of Kings Mountain, the Siege of Savannah, and the re-interment of Casimir Pulaski's bones at the Pulaski Monument in Monterey Square in Savannah. The 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain started off with rather dicey weather. Seventeen color guardsmen from Georgia were present to represent the "Georgia 30" who fought there in 1780. The weather was kind to us and we managed to complete the ceremony as scheduled. The skies then opened up and drenched the area.

The Georgia Society Color Guard gathered in the dark and led a parade to the Siege of Savannah Battlefield. The battlefield had recently been acquired by the Coastal Heritage Society and is being reconstructed. A temporary

redoubt had been constructed, and that is where the ceremony was held.

The next two days were devoted to the re-interment of Casimir Pulaski's bones. On the first day, a Mass was held at the Cathedral of John the Baptist. The Mass was followed by a rather lengthy funeral procession through the streets of Savannah. The United States Army Color Guard led the parade followed by the nine members of the Georgia Society Color Guard. The funeral procession ended at Monterey Square where the interment took place. A memorial service was held the next day. The Pulaski Gideon was carried by **George Wheelless** at all of the events.

The Georgia Society Color Guard had a busy and enjoyable year. I hope that more Georgia Society members will get a uniform and join us.



The Georgia Society Color Guard at Kings Mountain



The Georgia Society Color Guard participated in the re-interment of Casimir Pulaski's bones



The Georgia Society Color Guard at the Shadrack Rowe Grave Marking



The Georgia Society Color Guard at the Past President General Robert Vance Grave Marking Rededication

*Message From the*

**Georgia  
Society  
SAR  
Chaplain**

**Pastor Dan Gates**

2005 is over ..! And to be quite honest, I'm not sure when that happened. Like so many Americans, perhaps I was too busy to take notice. Or maybe some unexplained phenomena crammed twelve months into a week or so. Whatever the case, it sure seemed like a short year!

But in looking back over the past year, I have been amazed at our Chaplaincy Corps. With 22 Chaplains commissioned in 29 Chapters, we have perhaps the most active Chaplaincy of any of the 50 states. Their activities find them, not just leading the prayers for their local Chapters, but involved in home visits, hospital care and visiting with Compatriot members who are confined to Nursing Homes around the state, making telephone calls, sending cards and letters.

Effective last year, a Chaplaincy Corps Certificate Of Merit was presented to the Chapters and Chaplains, which had accumulated 75 or more "activity points" during the year. Four such certificates were awarded in 2004. To date, six Chapters are on track to receive this annual recognition for 2005!

The Chaplaincy Corps also produced a "Chaplaincy Training CD" in 2005, which was made available to other State Societies. To date, more than a dozen State Chaplains around the country have asked for the CD.

Along with these activities, the Chaplaincy has sent dozens of letters of appreciation and encouragement to men and women serving on active military duty, with several being sent to Georgia Police Officers, Fire personnel and Emergency Medical Technicians thanking them for protecting us.

It has been a good year ..! The Chaplains thank all of you, Officers and Members of the Georgia Society, for your support during 2005. And we pledge to you our concern and care for the coming year.

*Dates to Remember*

Georgia Society President **George Thurmond** provides this list of dates important to all Georgia Compatriots.

**2006**

January 7	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA
January 14	Cowpens - 225th Anniversary	Chesnee, SC
January 21	Board of Managers Meeting - Holiday Inn	Forsyth GA
February 11	Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 22	George Washington's Birthday	
February 24-25	Trustees Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 4	Leadership Training	Forsyth, GA
March 18	Guilford Courthouse— 225th Anniversary	Greensboro, NC
March 25	Executive Committee Meeting	Alpharetta, GA
March 31, April 1	Board of Mangers and Annual Meeting	Atlanta, GA
April 19	Frederica Naval Action	St Simons Island
June 11-12	Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
July 1	Executive Committee Meeting	Site TBA
July 4	Let Freedom Ring	
July 29	Board of Managers Meeting - Holiday Inn	Forsyth GA

DAR Annual Meeting March 24-25, 2006

You are invited to "Revolutionary Days"

honoring the

**227th Anniversary**

**Battle of Kettle Creek**

Saturday, February 11, 2006

Wilkes County, Georgia, at the

**Kettle Creek Battleground**

ten miles from Washington, GA off SR 44

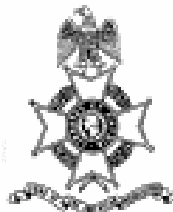
*Featuring...*

At 9:00 a.m.  
Movie and Lecture -  
Mary Willis Library

At 11:00 a.m.  
Assemble for a  
battlefield walking lecture  
U.S. Army Historians  
at Kettle Creek Battleground

at 2:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.  
227<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and Wreath Ceremony  
with the U.S. Army Band, at the  
Kettle Creek Battleground

*Descendants and the  
public are especially invited!*



Sponsored by  
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with support from Kettle Creek Chapter,  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
— Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia —

*Message From the*

## Georgia Society Secretary

**Kline O. Pugh**

**Reinstatements:** Members whose 2006 dues are received after January 15 by the State Secretary may be reinstated by sending National, State, and Chapter dues to their chapter treasurer; \$25.00 National, \$13.00 State, plus Chapter dues.

**Georgia Society Source Book:** The Source Book CD was last updated July 19, 2005. The next update is scheduled to be available at the January BOM. This will be an extensive update of over 150 sections.

**New Chapter Officers:** All Chapter Presidents should report their officers for 2006 to the State Secretary in January or as soon as they are elected or installed. Please give email addresses.

**National Life Membership:** Congratulations to **Bob Sapp**, President of the Piedmont Chapter, and **Rollin L. Miller** of the William Few Chapter, as the latest National Life members.

**NSSAR Policy on New Applications Based on Old SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. Approved Applications:** When descendants of present or former NSSAR members apply for membership based on the same lineage, and dates and/or places on the earlier application(s) are missing, the applicant is requested to supply as many of such dates and places as possible and submit a copy of the sources used to complete the information. The current standards of acceptability of documentation may be relaxed. The application will not be rejected, but may be delayed until a reasonable effort has been made to update the genealogical information.

When applications for new membership are based on older DAR or C.A.R. applications with missing dates and/or places, the applicant is required to complete the missing information and provide documentation of the additions. Current standards of documentation may be relaxed at the discretion of the Genealogist General. Applications are subject to rejection if not completed within one year of date of application.

**Amendment by 2005 Annual Congress:** Whenever an applicant for membership in the

# WELCOME

## New Members Since Last Issue of The Hornet's Nest

### Blue Ridge Mountains

Merle Gerald Stanton (memorial)  
Bruce Eldon Townsend  
John Stanton Wischmeyer

### Button Gwinnett

Michael Alexander Cain

### Casimir Pulaski

John Marschalk Berry  
William McDowell Berry, Jr.  
William McDowell Berry, III  
William McDowell Berry, IV  
James Wendell Smith

### Coweta Falls

Glenn Edmond Cartledge  
Richard Allen Hicks  
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Mark Allen Palmour, III  
Jack Bradford Stroud, Sr.  
William Wayne Whatley, Sr.

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Society is a lineal descendant of a present or former member of the Society whose application contains references to authorities or sources for the ancestor of that present or former member having been eligible as a Son of the American Revolution as provided in Article III of the Constitution, it shall only be necessary to establish the applicant's descent from such present or former member and to include such member's National Number; *provided that proofs satisfactory to the Genealogist General are on file at NSSAR Headquarters to establish the line of descent from the ancestor to the present or former member.*

Direct descendants of current or former SAR members, including sons, grandsons, nephews and great nephews only, may apply

using only a copy of their ancestor's SAR membership approved application and no additional proof may be required of the applicant to be approved for membership provided the ancestor's patriotic service is not in question and is fully documented. When his membership certificate is sent to him he may be requested to submit additional information about those ancestors listed on his SAR ancestor's application form.

Until and unless any requested additional proofs deemed necessary by the Genealogist General are provided, the line will be acceptable to direct descendants, including sons, grandsons, nephews and great nephews only, of the original SAR member, *and will not be useable by third parties for either original applications or supplemental applications.*

*Report From The***Georgia  
Society  
Registrar****Kendall Abbott****2006 – A New Beginning**

From what I understand from our President, this past year has been much lower in applications than has been in the past several years. Hopefully this is a temporary situation and applications will get back up to their normal trend for the Georgia Society.

Turn around time has been quite quick from National and we commend them for keeping up with us and keeping those communication channels open.

I would like to thank all the Chapter Registrars for their thoroughness in the recent applications and the patience for those who I have called needing additional information/proof. As always if I or **Bob Sapp**, State Genealogist, can be of assistance in helping to offer ideas for proof, please feel free to contact us.

Good luck with 2006 and let's see if we can continue to grow the Georgia Society with an influx of new members and get them involved in all chapters activities. New ideas for service to our communities and additional new members generally come from new Compatriots.

Kendall Abbott  
Registrar

**Georgia Society N.S.C.A.R.****Mike Tomme**

This year's Kings Mountain Event was to celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the important battle. The day was cool and wet. As the event got closer the skies began to part and the rains ceased until after the ceremony was completed.

This event was particularly special, as the "30 Georgians" were honored for their part in the battle. This battle was won by the Americans with the help of the Over the Mountain men. On September 25, 1780, over 1,000 men "mustered" at the Sycamore Shoals on the Watauga River in current day Elizabethton, TN. From there, they crossed the high mountains and dropped into the Piedmont of North Carolina pursuing Major Patrick Ferguson and his Tory Army.

A guidon was supplied by Casimir Pulaski Chapter President, **George Wheless** and the banner was supplied by **Bob Galer**. **Mike Tomme** carried the guidon and led the Color Guard into the ceremony. Each time a wreath from Georgia was presented, members of the Elijah Clarke Militia and Georgia Color Guard gave a present arms to honor those who fought there from Georgia.

We had three C.A.R. Societies represented from Georgia. They were: Button Gwinnett, John Funderburk, and Sukey Hart. Members were: **Sydney McRee**, State President, **Sarah Dorney**, **Daniel Dorney**, **Benjamin Dorney**, **Gaylon Anthony** and **Elizabeth Anthony**. Georgia was well represented not only by the C.A.R., but by the members of the DAR and SAR as well.

The C.A.R. Government Studies was held at the Museum for Patriotism. This was well attended. Business was transacted, and members were given an update on the budget. The nominating committee met to go over the slate of officers who have a desire to run for

office. Also, the State Project was discussed and Mike Tomme told everyone our goal was to hopefully get all the Revolutionary War records from the 13 colonies brought to Georgia. We have completed the task of getting the North Carolina records. These records are being housed at the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, GA.

The C.A.R. attended the grave dedication held by the Coweta Falls Chapter. This was for Shadrack Rowe. Members of the Lucy Spell Raiford C.A.R. Society participated in parts of the dedication as requested by Bob Galer of the Coweta Falls Chapter. At the end of the ceremony members **Charlie Newcomer** and Mike Tomme of the Elijah Clarke Militia Unit fired their muskets in honor of this Revolutionary War Veteran.

The C.A.R. attended the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Atlanta on November 11, 2005, with the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter. State President, Sydney McRee could not attend. Button Gwinnett members, Daniel, Sarah and Benjamin Dorney attended again this year with the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter. Benjamin and Daniel Dorney marched with the color guard and each of them got to call out the commands as the group marched up Peachtree Street. **Lynn Dorney**, **Cilla Tomme**, Sarah Dorney and **Doug Stansberry** rode on the Elijah Clarke Chapter float.

The C.A.R. attended the McDonough Parade on December 10, 2005, with the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter. Members from the Button Gwinnett Society were in attendance. Also, members from DAR Chapters Augustine Clayton and Starr's Mill attended. After the parade, everyone went to Mike and Cilla Tomme's home for the annual Christmas Party.

This has been a great 2005 and I look forward to 2006 being just as busy as 2005. Thanks for your support as I could not do this job without the support of C.A.R./DAR/SAR.

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Representatives of Button Gwinnett, John Funderburk, and Sukey Hart C.A.R. Societies at Kings Mountain with SAR members and the "30 Georgians" guidon.

## Georgia Society Genealogist

**Bob Sapp**

Genealogy – a study of family or a race. The approach to the study varies by the objective sought. The novice to the study seeks only the essential data – that of name and dates of birth, marriage and death. The goal seems to be to see how many names one can get into their data base. Along the way, one finds a connection to someone important, such as a Revolutionary patriot. Now begins the hard part – retracing the data accumulation to find the supporting evidence to prove the lineage.

The basic approach to a family study is to develop a history of the family. The essentials for showing family connections are thorough vital records: birth, death, and marriage records. However, this is not the stopping point in developing a good family history.

Information should be gathered about each subject to generate a portrait of the person. This could be the start of a legacy to hand down to your descendants – children and grand children.

Develop a research plan for each generation starting first with yourself. Too many applicants for SAR lack the first generation documentation of their own birth certificate. The research plan starts from the known – your birth certificate showing your parents – and progressing to the unknown – their parents. As you progress back each generation, you build on the known to find the unknown family members – a set of parents. As you follow this plan, a collection of data is gathered that provides evidence of the family connections. The collection of death returns gives an insight into the possibility or propensity of a genetic/hereditary disease or longevity. This is a good medical profile to

give to your doctor.

After gathering data and documentation for five generations you have information on thirty-two people including yourself. With further detailed research to provide material for a portrait of each person, a personal book of your ancestors could be generated. A portrait of 500 to 700 words for each person (this article contains about 400 words) and a few family pictures could generate a book of fifty or more pages. The book could be given to your children as a family legacy.

Have you thought of leaving your children a combined legacy – a narrative that shows their ancestral heritage combined with vignettes or short sketches of your personal experiences of growing up without television, computers, fast food and urban life? Why not start now?

Next time we will look at data sources.

### STATE NEWSLETTER HELPERS

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Compatriots **Billy Thompson, Hugh Rodgers, Dan Olds, Malcolm Forte** and **Richard Andrews**, along with DAR wives, **Mary Thompson** and **Peggy Andrews**, gathered for the afternoon to affix address labels and box *The Hornet's Nest* into proper sequence for mailing.

Since the state newsletter is now being written and mailed out of Columbus, Coweta Falls Chapter SAR volunteers are helping with the process. *The Hornet's Nest* is mailed to more than 1,300 members every quarter, and helping hands are welcome and appreciated.

A platter of homemade cookies made the task fairly pleasant, and everyone offering assistance with the first newsletter from Columbus seemed willing to return in the future.



Newsletter Helpers (left to right) **Peggy Andrews, Hugh Rodgers, Mary Thompson, Billy Thompson, Malcolm Forte** and **Dan Olds**

### Publicity Policy

1) The GASSAR Publicity Committee will select 4 chapters on a rotating basis to supply a chapter capsule of an event over the previous quarter for submission to **The SAR Magazine**.

2) Notification will be sent to the chapter president 2 months prior to the specific deadline as listed in *The SAR Magazine*.

3) Selection of the chapter event to be encapsulated will be left to the discretion of the chapter.

4) If a special event occurs that the chapter wishes to be sent, the chapter should notify the

Publicity Committee and the committee would then decide as to the changing of the schedule.

5) All capsules and any related photographs will be sent to the editor of *The SAR Magazine* by each chapter with a copy to be sent to the Publicity Committee.

6) This policy will not pertain to instances where either the editor of *The SAR Magazine*, the GASSAR President or other person solicits a specific article to the magazine from a compatriot or chapter.

There has been some confusion over this policy. To clarify, Point 5 is being changed so that **all submissions should first be sent to**

**the Publicity Committee Chairman for submission**

Final editorial decisions are solely at the discretion of *The SAR Magazine*. Some material has been sent recently that has yet to see print. The Publicity Committee is working with *The SAR Magazine* to confirm receipt of and usage of submitted articles.

Given the constraints of space and increased submissions from other chapters/state societies, it is crucial that the selected chapters be given priority in submissions.

**Mark Anthony**, Chairman



## Right on the Line

*Chuck Hyder*

Generals have tough decisions to make, and sometimes they work out just fine. General Washington's experience comes to mind. As an aide to General Braddock, he was well schooled in enemy formations and knew that the armies in Europe always conducted their campaigns by posting their elite, strongest and most able units on the right for the attack, while the left was conserved for the defense.

After the Continental Army defeated General Cornwallis in October 1781 in the lowlands of Virginia, General Washington thought it appropriate to hold a parade. He asked his staff if there was a contingent, or at least a few soldiers, still present from each state. The staff checked and duly reported there was, but the leaders were contending over which state would be posted on the right, the traditional position of honor, and first to pass the reviewing stand.

We're not sure of all the states' arguments, but at least, these follow. Massachusetts claimed it should be the first because the opening battle of the Revolutionary War – the shot heard round the world – was fired in Lexington, Massachusetts. Pennsylvania felt it should be on the right because the Declaration of Independence was approved there, the First Continental Congress and Valley Forge all

signify the paramount role of Pennsylvania. Maryland raised the matter of the first capitol at Annapolis and New York State had the largest city.

His own Virginia soldiers reminded him that Virginia was the most populated state. That Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and many notable leaders hailed from Virginia, not the least of which was the General himself also made it a likely choice.

George Washington paused and then spoke. What was his decision, you ask? He chose Georgia.

His selection was steeped in logic, pragmatism and military tradition. More significantly, it was a clever solution to a ticklish problem. Georgia, the southern most colony of the original thirteen was already positioned foremost on the right. Consequently, Washington avoided friction among his armies by forming up the remainder of his troops by colony in geographical order from South to North.

*Chuck Hyder, a member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, is a retired Army Signal Corps officer. He was the first professor of Military Science at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia and formerly served as Chief of Reserve Component Training Division, Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, U. S. Army Forces Command.*

## Eagle Scout Committee

*Charlie A. Newcomer*  
*Chairman*

The Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program is a powerful public relations and recruiting tool, certainly at the national and state levels but very definitely at the local chapter level as well. Recognition of the Eagles at the local level is a significant chapter program in and of itself, culminating in the generous scholarships which keep the program meaningful at the state and national levels of both the Scouts and the SAR.

The local chairman of the Eagle Scout committee annually awards certificates of recognition, writes congratulatory letters, and issues brochures explaining the scholarship contest to all new Eagle Scouts in his area, using the list given him by the local scout council. With the arrival of the material into scores of homes, scout families have the opportunity, often for the first time, to learn of the existence a local SAR chapter, and to appreciate immediately one of its good works.

As the chairman continues to deal with the Eagle Scouts, encouraging their participation in the scholarship program and rewarding entrants with badges, certificates, and in some instances local scholarships, the SAR and its programs become better known and appreciated among members of the local community.

Inquiries about membership in SAR often result from this contact with Eagle Scout families. The grassroots program of the local chapters can make a significant impact



### **C.A.R./SAR/DAR Christmas Parade Milledgeville GA**

"Red/white/blue bunting on a Big Red Truck, patriotic music, authentic Revolutionary dress

and enthusiastic Christmas spirit accompanied members of the Sukey Hart Society, C.A.R., Milledgeville, joined by C.A.R. members from the Button Gwinnett Society and the Lucy Spell Raiford Society; SAR members from the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter and the John Milledge Chapter, and DAR members from the Nancy Hart Chapter."



Attend the  
**Winter  
Board of Managers  
Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Forsyth  
Saturday  
January 21, 2006  
10:00 a.m.**

# Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution

## Combined Spring BOM & Annual Meeting

Registration and Reservation for Social Events

March 31—April 1, 2006

### Atlanta Marriott Century Center

2000 Century Boulevard, NE

Atlanta, Georgia 30345-3377

1 (800) 228-9290 or (404) 325-0000

(located just off I-85 North, Exit 91 (Clairmont Rd . Exit at Century Center))

Please enclose registration and activity fees for the following events:

#### **FRIDAY, March 31:**

Registration: 3:00-6:00 p.m. (SAR Member Only) \$25.00 \* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reception (Cash Bar): Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Banquet (Black Tie Preferred): 7:00 p.m. \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Members, wives, guests)

Guest of Honor: **President General Roland G. Downing**

#### **SATURDAY, April 1:**

Late Registration (SAR Members Only): 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Breakfast on your own

Ladies Hospitality: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Room 1504)

Memorial Service: 8:30-9:00 a.m. (Members, wives, guests)

Spring BOM Meeting: 9:15-11:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting: 11:00 am-12:00 noon,

Election of Officers and other Georgia Society business

Awards Luncheon: 12:00 noon to adjournment \$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Members, wives, guests)

Awards, Installation of 2006 Officers

New President's Remarks

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Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to Georgia Society SAR and mail along with this form by MARCH 13, 2006\* to

**Billy Templeton  
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Alpharetta, Georgia 30004**

\* Please Note: Late Registration payment after March 13: \$30.00 (Members Only)

## Georgia Society Celebrates 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain

Huzzahs echoed over Kings Mountain on October 7<sup>th</sup> as the "Georgia 30" wreath was carried forward to be laid at the foot of the War Department monument in honor of the Georgians who fought at the Revolutionary War battle of Kings Mountain in 1780

The three loud Huzzahs came from the throats of the Georgia Society Color Guard and the Col. Elijah Clarke militia unit lined up on Kings Mountain. It seemed to startle the throng of several hundred spectators and wreath-laying participants, not to mention the Superintendent and Park Rangers.

But there was more. General George Armstrong Custer of Little Big Horn renown would have been proud of the guidon carried by SAR **Michael Tomme** and guarded by **Brett Osborn**. They both escorted **Bob Galer** who presented the specially made "Georgia 30" wreath. The specially-constructed blue and white cloth guidon, patterned after that of Custer's 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, had "30" inscribed on the top half and "GA" on the bottom.

The top of Kings Mountain is shaped like a shoe, 500 feet long at the top and 100 feet wide. The march to Kings Mountain began with Patriots from the Carolinas and Virginia, old battle buddies of Col Elijah Clarke and the

Georgia Regiment who were defending themselves, their homes and families from the depredations of British-led Tory forces from Ninety Six, SC and Augusta.

Only recently has research, led by Brett Osborn, surfaced the fact that approximately 30 Georgians left the Georgia Regiment and joined the Overmountain Force moving to attack the Tories under Major Ferguson. The Patriots caught up with the British led force at their bivouac at Kings Mountain. In the ensuing battle Ferguson was defeated. The statistics were bad for the Loyalists: 225 killed, including Ferguson himself, 163 wounded and 698 prisoners taken. Friendly casualties were 26 killed, including one Georgian, and 62 wounded.

Kings Mountain led to another major battle at Guilford Courthouse, NC and set in motion a series of events that eventually led to the capture of British General Lord Cornwallis and his expeditionary Army at Yorktown, VA.

Other Georgia Society wreath presentations were the traditional State Society wreath, a Regional wreath, and nine Chapter wreaths. Over 90 organizations and descendants presented wreaths, a new record for SAR historic celebrations. The Daughters of the American Revolution were well represented, as were other state societies throughout the nation.

*Bob Galer*



(left to right) **Robert Galer, Brett Osborn** and **Michael Tomme** present the "Georgia 30" wreath at the 225th anniversary ceremony on October 7, 2005 at Kings Mountain National Military Park. The "Georgia 30" were the 30+ Georgians who joined the Overmountain men from the Carolinas and Virginia to defeat the British-led force of Major Patrick Ferguson in the Battle of Kings Mountain. Michael carries the blue and white "Georgia 30" guidon of the Georgia Society Color Guard

## Georgia Patriots Day Celebration April 19, 2006

**George Thurmond**, Georgia Society President stated, "The surprising victory of the little known Frederica Naval Action at St Simons Island on April 19, 1778 – three years after the famous "shot heard 'round the world" at Lexington, Massachusetts—was largely unknown until resurrected by the Marshes of Glynn Chapter last year. This was an incredible victory by an Army Colonel capturing three British Ships without loss of life for the Patriots!"

Members of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter are extremely pleased with the First Georgia Patriots Day Celebration last April and especially appreciate the support provided by Compatriots of the Georgia Society. More than two hundred DAR and SAR members from Georgia and Florida joined about two hundred descendants and locals to remember the naval victory and honor the services of Revolutionary War soldiers and sailors. All who attended contributed to improving the visibility and reputation of the SAR in Coastal Georgia and

had a great deal of fun in the process.

We encourage you to attend this year's festivities, the 228<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Frederica Naval Action**, on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, on St. Simons Island, Georgia. The Celebration will start with the Memorial and Wreath Presentation Ceremony, beginning at 10:00AM at Fort Frederica National Monument. Several additional activities are being planned, including a luncheon and tours of Revolutionary era sites on St. Simons and in Glynn County. The public is invited to attend the Memorial Ceremony, and descendants of the veterans of the Frederica Naval Action will be recognized in a special manner.

Additional details, including a description



Color Guards at the 2005 Georgia Patriots Day celebration.

of each of the Georgia Patriots Day activities, lodging options and event directions, will be provided during January.

Bill Ramsaur  
Marshes of Glynn Chapter

## Shadrack Rowe Grave Marking

The penetrating wail of bagpipes and the mournful notes of taps rolled over the Georgia countryside at the marking of the grave of Revolutionary veteran, Shadrack Rowe. As a dozen or so horses grazed nearby occasionally looking up in silent curiosity, Sons, Daughters and costumed Children of the American Revolution joined in a solemn ceremony sponsored by the Coweta Falls (Columbus) Chapter, SAR

It was a gorgeous October morning in Harris County, 20 minutes north of Columbus, with the temperature in the high sixties, sunny, and not a cloud in the sky. Altogether, a picture perfect scene of an outdoor ceremony in a grove of cedar trees that may have been there when Shadrack Rowe took up land on the site almost two centuries before.

The focus of attention by the approximately fifty spectators was the 12-man contingent of the highly acclaimed Georgia Society Color Guard. Their bright uniforms, most of the colonial variety, created a colorful backdrop. with United States and Georgia flags, and an SAR flag which was festooned with streamers awarded to the Georgia Society. Firing a musket volley were two members of the Col. Elijah Clarke militia company.

Spectators applauded two-year old **John William White**, descendant, when he came forward with his mother, and with an assist from Robert Galer, master of ceremonies, unveiled the SAR bronze marker. Then, C.A.R. members, dressed in costume, led the

attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, placed a miniature American Flag at the grave site, and presented a wreath for their Columbus Chapter, the Lucy Raiford C.A.R.

The Children and Daughters appeared in record numbers, easily out numbering SAR members on the program and in the audience. Many were in colorful costume. DAR



**John William White**, descendant of Shadrack Rowe, unveils the SAR bronze marker.

member, **Mary Thompson**, wife of **Billy Thompson** of the Coweta Falls Chapter and descendant of Rowe, presented a biography of the patriot and his children and also introduced his descendants who were present.

Presenting wreaths were the Georgia Society SAR, President **George Thurmond**; Coweta Falls Chapter SAR, President **William Hay**; Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, SAR, Registrar **Charlie Newcomer**; George Walton Chapter DAR, **Kitty Thompkins**, Regent;

Oglethorpe Chapter, DAR, **Sharon Ray**, Regent; Augustin Clayton Chapter DAR, **Rebecca West**, Regent; William McIntosh Chapter DAR, **Clare Newcomer**; Cheshire River Chapter, DAR and the Lucy Spell Raiford Society, C.A.R., **Arthur Hall**. All totaled, the nine wreaths created a colorful display.

**Paul Prescott** of the Piedmont Chapter commanded the Color Guard. In the uniformed ranks were **Jack Ferguson**, **Neil Gillis**, **William Hay**, **Terry Manning**, **Tom Porter**, **Robert Sapp**, **George Thurmond**, **George Wheelless**, **Rhett Williamson**, **Charlie Newcomer** and **Michael Tomme**. The latter two, members of the Col Elijah Clarke militia company, fired a musket salute.

After serving with North Carolina troops in the American Revolution, Shadrack Rowe took up land in Muscogee (later Harris) county. Fifty or so years ago his grave was located and marked by a Columbus DAR Chapter that had an active grave marking program. After that, it was largely forgotten, and the DAR Chapter went out of existence. Known but to a few, the site was re-discovered in early 2005 by Rowe descendant Mary Thompson and her



**Charlie Newcomer** (left) and **Michael Tomme** firing a musket salute.

husband, Billy. Fortunately, the present owner of the farm land had carefully preserved the Rowe family cemetery and the old DAR tombstone.

This was the seventh grave marked by the Coweta Falls Chapter and the second grave marked in 2005. As a result of an effort to acquaint descendants with the grave marking program of the SAR, three male Rowe descendants are being helped with SAR applications by the Coweta Falls lineage team leader, **Col. Richard Simpson**.

Bob Galer  
Graves Chairman



Commander **Paul Prescott** (left) with a detachment of the award winning Georgia Society Color Guard

## Marching in the Footsteps of Patriots

October 9<sup>th</sup> 2005, was crisp and cold in Savannah. The Sons of the American Revolution members assembled in the parking lot of the Visitors' Center for a wreath presentation ceremony on the site being reconstituted as the original Revolutionary battleground in the Siege of Savannah.

To the beat of a drum, the Georgia Society Color Guard contingent escorted the participants of the annual Battle of Savannah anniversary ceremony from Boundary Street to Louisville Road, thence up the hill towards the Spring Hill Redoubt on Battlefield Park. They followed the route taken by Allied forces in their dawn attack during the Battle of Savannah, October 9, 1779. Along the route, the procession would occasionally halt while a trained Savannah historian recounted over the loudspeaker what took place there during the battle.



The Georgia Society Color Guard formed up in the early morning to led a parade to the Siege of Savannah Battlefield.

Heritage groups like the Haitian-American Society took part, but the SAR seemed to predominate. The national SAR wreath was presented by **Lester Foster**, MDSSAR, while the state SAR wreath was laid by **Col. George Thurmond**. Local SAR Chapters, Altamaha, Casimir Pulaski and Coweta Falls also placed wreaths at the partially re-built Spring Hill Redoubt.

Uniformed Color Guard members present were **Paul Prescott**, **George Wheelless**, **Mike Campbell**, **Rhett Williamson**, **George Thurmond** and **Bob Galer**. They were

accompanied by **David Dukes, Sr.**, Regional Vice President and project officer for the Pulaski Jubilee.

At the concurrent Pulaski Jubilee, the SAR was represented by former President General **Stewart McCarty**, **David Dukes, Sr.**, **Paul Prescott**, **Richard Ramsaur**, **Bill Ramsaur**, **George Wheelless II**, **Rhett Williamson**, **Mike Campbell** and **Bob Galer**. The jubilee was in celebration of Brig. Gen. Casimir Pulaski, the Polish patriot who fought with the Allied Army and was mortally wounded during the battle. At a banquet held at the Savannah Convention Center, a proclamation was read making the Polish General an Honorary Member of the SAR. The declaration was read in English by **George Wheelless** and in Polish by a translator for the American Council for Polish Culture, which was a co-sponsor of the Jubilee. On the same occasion, Color Guard members **Wheelless**, **Campbell** and **Williamson**, dressed in uniform, helped dedicate the Casimir Pulaski room at the Convention Center.

On Monday, the augmented and uniformed

Foster with **Janet McCarty** and **Mary Jane Galer** honoring with their presence. The Savannah City Manager gave an address essentially stating that Savannah was wholly committed to continued support of the city's Revolutionary heritage. SAR members added their applause..

*Bob Galer*

## Award to Operations Sergeant of Army Band



Sargeant **Thomas Strayer** (left) receives award from Treasurer **David Titus**

Georgia Society Treasurer **David Titus** of the William Few Chapter, presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and certificate to Sergeant First Class **Thomas Strayer**, United States Army. The occasion for the presentation was the retirement luncheon for SFC Strayer at Fort Gordon, Georgia on September 8, 2005. The citation was for noteworthy achievement as Operations Sergeant for the 434th U.S. Army Signal Corps band in his support over the years to the Georgia Society. The citation also recognized his support to the Samuel Elbert Chapter during the annual observance of the anniversary of the Revolutionary Battle of Kettle Creek.

Color Guard escorted SAR officials and others for one block to a wreath presentation ceremony at the Pulaski monument in Monterey Square. Pulaski's remains had been interred there just a few hours before. This time, President General McCarty represented NSSAR with a wreath, and Vice President **Dukes** laid the Georgia Society wreath. SAR Chapters followed with their wreaths.

A luncheon hosted by the City of Savannah concluded the weekend of the Siege of Savannah/Pulaski Jubilee anniversary events. Invited guests were **McCarty**, **Galer**, **Dukes** and

## Katrina Contribution

The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross each received a contribution of \$200 for hurricane relief from the Compatriots of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

# NEWS

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## Georgia Society Chapters

### Lyman Hall

Two new members, **Donald Eugene Beals** and **Brian Lee Beals**, were inducted into the Lyman Hall Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the chapter's annual fall meeting at the Georgia Mountains Center.

Donald Beals, the father of Brian Beals, is ninety-seven years of age! He is now the oldest member of the chapter. He is also the oldest member of the Georgia Society. Earlier this year the chapter inducted its youngest member, age twenty-one.



(left to right) **Brian Lee Beals**, Chapter President **Hall Martin** and **Donald Eugene Beals**

### Blue Ridge Mountains

November 15<sup>th</sup> was a special evening, not only because the speaker was our State President, Col. **George Thurmond**, but because among the four new inductees was a gentleman who had worked diligently on his family genealogy during his ninety-five year life span. This legacy enabled his three daughters to become members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and his grandson, **John Stanton Wischmeyer**, to be one of the four SAR inductees this evening. Merle Gerald Stanton was honored as the first Memorial Member of the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter. Thus, his lifelong dream was finally realized.

**Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Wischmeyer**, **Mrs. Rick VanVleck**, and **Mrs. Russell Stauffer** with her daughter, **Amber Stauffer**, were present for this Induction Service in Blairsville. Following the induction of two regular members, **Bruce Eldon Townsend** and **John Stanton Wischmeyer**, one youth member, **Sean Bryan Callihan**, and one Memorial Member, Merle Gerald Stanton, a memorial service was held for Mr. Stanton under the direction of the chapter chaplain, **Harry Strickland**.

Candles were lit for the members who had died during the past two years. An additional candle was lit for Merle G. Stanton. Mr. Stanton was born November 30, 1908, and died August 4, 2003. Various officers presented tributes during the ceremony. A white rose was presented to the family. His daughters commemorated their father's work on the

family history by applying for his posthumous membership in the SAR. Dr. Silas Halsey was the patriot ancestor of Mr. Stanton and his grandson, John Stanton Wischmeyer.

In addition to the induction of new members, the chapter presented a Blue Star Banner to the family of **Sgt. Ryan Andrews Jackson**, who is on his second tour of duty in Iraq. His mother, **Mrs. Sandy Jackson**, and his grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jackson**, of Hiawasse, accepted the banner and told about Sgt. Jackson. This was the fourth family of a serviceman honored by the chapter this year.

The election of officers for the 2006 year was also held. Those elected are:

**Harry Strickland**, President

**Dr. Robert Wolfersteig**, Vice-President

**Malcolm Dillard**, Treasurer

**Dr. Robert Wolfersteig**, Secretary

**Joe McConnell**, Historian

**Harry Strickland**, Registrar and Chaplain

Installation of the new officers will be held at the January meeting. Twelve members and nineteen guests were present for the meeting.

The annual Christmas Dinner Party for members and guests was held at the home of **Carolyn and Bud Brazil** on December 6<sup>th</sup>.



(left to right) **Mr. John Callihan**, **Mrs. John (Robbi) Callihan**, **Sean Callihan**, **Mrs. Mel (Margaret) Wischmeyer**, **Mr. Mel Wischmeyer**, **Mrs. Rick (Phyllis) Van Vleck**, **Mrs. Russel (Denise) Stauffer**, **William O. "Bud" Brazil**, President.

## Piedmont

The last quarter of 2005 activities have been wide spread and aggressive. Every effort is being made to include more members in the chapter activities. The start of the quarter found four members at the Kings Mountain Battle Celebration. This activity was followed by a three day celebration in Savannah for the Pulaski Jubilee and the Battle of Savannah. Piedmont members assisted Georgia Society members in manning an information booth at the Georgia Council for the Social Studies conference in Athens, Georgia.

The Piedmont chapter continues to open new doors of opportunity for community service. Piedmont members attended American citizenship swearing in ceremonies at the federal facilities in Atlanta. Two of the ceremonies were at the Richard Russell Building where 87 and 164 new citizens were sworn in as Americans. The third was an administrative ceremony held in the M. L. King Building. What a special way to welcome the very newest members of this great nation. Many pictures were taken and many memories were emblazed on the hearts of these new citizens

Piedmont's Speakers Bureau has made

presentations at Elementary Schools and civic organizations. In addition, the first poster contest judging was held at Mt. Bethel Elementary School where about 180 posters were prepared by their fourth grade students.

Four Veterans Day activities were attended by Piedmont's Color Guardsmen. One activity was a Veteran's buddy program held at River



Piedmont Color Guardsmen with a new American Citizen at Richard Russell Building Federal Court at December Ceremony

Eves Elementary School where veterans were teamed with students. The students interviewed the veterans to prepare a report for the class. This activity was sponsored by the American Legion.

The newest Georgia city, Sandy Springs, celebrated its incorporation and installed its officers on November 30<sup>th</sup>. By special invitation, the Piedmont Color Guard had the privilege of opening the ceremony by presenting the Colors.



Piedmont Color Guard members with Navy Captain **Kenneth Curry** and Marine Sergeant **Manse Towery**. The five participated in presenting the Colors in the opening ceremony for the new city Sandy Springs.

## Button Gwinnett

The Gwinnett County War Memorial Museum was seeking to expand its display of the Revolutionary War. **Gene Bivings**, a director of the new museum on behalf of the Snellville American Legion, asked fellow Legionnaire **Terry Manning** for assistance in locating a uniform in the style of the revolution. A request by Terry to SAR compatriots resulted in Georgia Society past President **Jim Clark** donating his uniform to the museum. Compatriots **Paul Prescott** and **Mark Anthony** provided assistance in locating the uniform. It can be seen on display at the Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville, Georgia, with artifacts of each of America's wars. The Button Gwinnett Chapter, Snellville American Legion, and residents of Gwinnett County thank Jim Clark for his continuing efforts to bring recognition to our patriot ancestors.

**Michael Anthony Risko, III**, age 18, of Lawrenceville, was inducted this evening into the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Chapter President **Newton Walker Chewing** presented him with his membership certificate, while his mother, **Para Jolene Risko**, pinned a member rosette on his lapel.

A senior at Phoenix High School in Lawrenceville, Michael was a Georgia Governor's Honors Student for 2004. He is currently the only Gwinnett County High School student to be awarded a membership in the NSSAR.

Michael A. Risko, III is a ninth generation descendant of Colonel William Warner Kennon (March 04, 1751 - 1804), born in Chesterfield County, Virginia; died at Granville County, North Carolina.

Colonel Kennon was the husband of Elizabeth Harrison Kennon, sister of William Henry Harrison, the Ninth President of the United States.

Colonel Kennon served in the Revolutionary era as:

- Commissioner of Public Safety, Rowan County, North Carolina; 1774
- Member of the First Provincial Congress, in direct opposition to the Royal Government, - New Bern, North Carolina, August, 1774.
- Delegate and Signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration, May 20, 1775;
- Commissaire of the 1st North Carolina Regiment, commanded by Gen. John Ashe; 1776

Young Mr. Risko is the grandson of the late CWO-4 Michael A. Risko, and Mrs. Vivian Walker Risko, of Decatur, Georgia. Both of his grandparents passed away in 2004,

and were greatly missed at this event. CWO-4 Risko, a World War II veteran, and Bronze Star Medal recipient for the Korean War, served in the United States Army for 27 years, from 1942 - 1968. His grandmother was a member of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Terry Manning  
North Central Regional Vice President

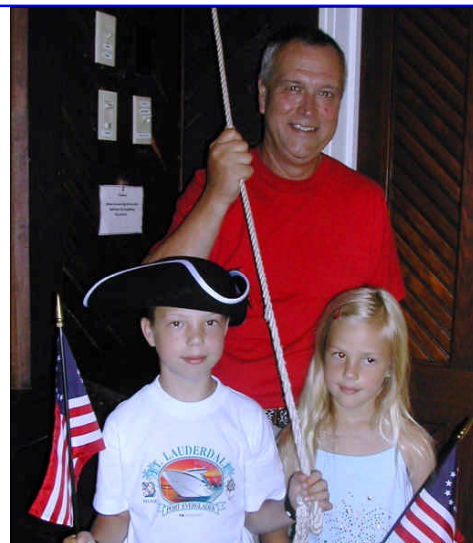


(left to right) **Michael A. Risko, Jr.**, **Para Jolene Risko**, **Michael A. Risko, III**, Chapter President **Newton Walker Chewing**.

## Marshes of Glynn



The Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution dedicated an SAR Compatriot Marker to the memory of Dr. Hurley D. Jones on November 15, 2006, at Oglethorpe Memorial Gardens on St. Simons Island. The Brunswick and Fort Frederica Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution assisted in conducting the Ceremony. Pictured above with some of Dr. Jones' family and DAR attendees are Marshes of Glynn Chapter members, (left to right), **Brent Taylor, Greg Hollis, Bill Ramsaur, Ed Ginn, David Dukes** (Georgia Society SE Region Vice President); and **Jack McDonald**.



Pictured above is **Greg Hollis**, Registrar of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, (with young recruits) tolling the bell at Christ Church, Frederica on St. Simons Island in connection with the "Let Freedom Ring" National Bell Ringing Ceremony. For Christ Church, Frederica's Independence Day Service on July 3, 2005, Greg Hollis, Choirmaster and Organist, arranged New England composer William Billings' "Chester" (*Let tyrants shake their iron rod*) for the organ, trumpets, and choir. One of the most popular songs of the American Revolution, "Chester" was considered by many to be our national anthem in the early days of our country. The attendees were moved and enjoyed this anthem—representing the true spirit of the Revolution.

## John Milledge



(left to right) John Milledge Chapter President **Robert L. "Buddy" Bridges, Jr.**, the Georgia Society, C.A.R., President **Sydney McRee**, Georgia Society SAR President **George Thurmond**

At the November John Milldge Chapter meeting the topic of guest speaker George Thurmond was the generals who served under George Washington.

## Hornet's Nest Deadline

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(left to right) **Shawn Mercer, Russell Walden**, Chapter President **Robert L. "Buddy" Bridges, Jr., Bob Mercer Bucky Kennedy**.

The John Milledge Chapter, installed four new members in September. Bucky was installed by his father, **Jimmy Kennedy**; Shawn, Russ and Bob were installed by the Chapter President Buddy Bridges.



## Rome

On Saturday, September 10, 2005, the Nanih Waiya Chapter, DAR marked the graves of Winston County, Mississippi Revolutionary War soldier Lt. William Tabor and his wife Susannah Tubb Tabor. A large group of Tabor descendants, DAR and SAR members and friends gathered at the Old Tabor Cemetery located off Young Crossing Road, four miles south of Louisville, Mississippi for this event.

The opening ceremonies included "America The Beautiful" sung by **Mary Tabor**, a prayer by **Rev. Mike Childs** and the posting of the colors by The Mississippi Society SAR Color Guard. These men, led by **John Taylor**, came from the area of Mississippi that had been greatly damaged by Hurricane Katrina so their attendance was greatly appreciated. Following the posting of the colors, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Harry Bernard Tabor**.

**Regent Betty Forster** introduced DAR state officers, other dignitaries and Tabor family spokesman **James Clark** from Rome, Georgia. Special commendations were presented to **Billy & Peggy Baker** for their help in restoring The Tabor Cemetery, which is located on their property.

**Regent Betty Forster** then introduced **James Clark**, a direct descendant of Lt. Tabor and a past state president of The Georgia Society SAR. Compatriot Clark gave a brief biography, filled with anecdotes, about Lt. Tabor and his wife. Lt. Tabor fought in battles at Camden, Cowpens and Kings Mountain. After his talk, compatriot Clark presented each officer of the Nanih Waiya Chapter DAR with the SAR Martha Washington Medal. These awards were authorized by the Rome Chapter SAR.

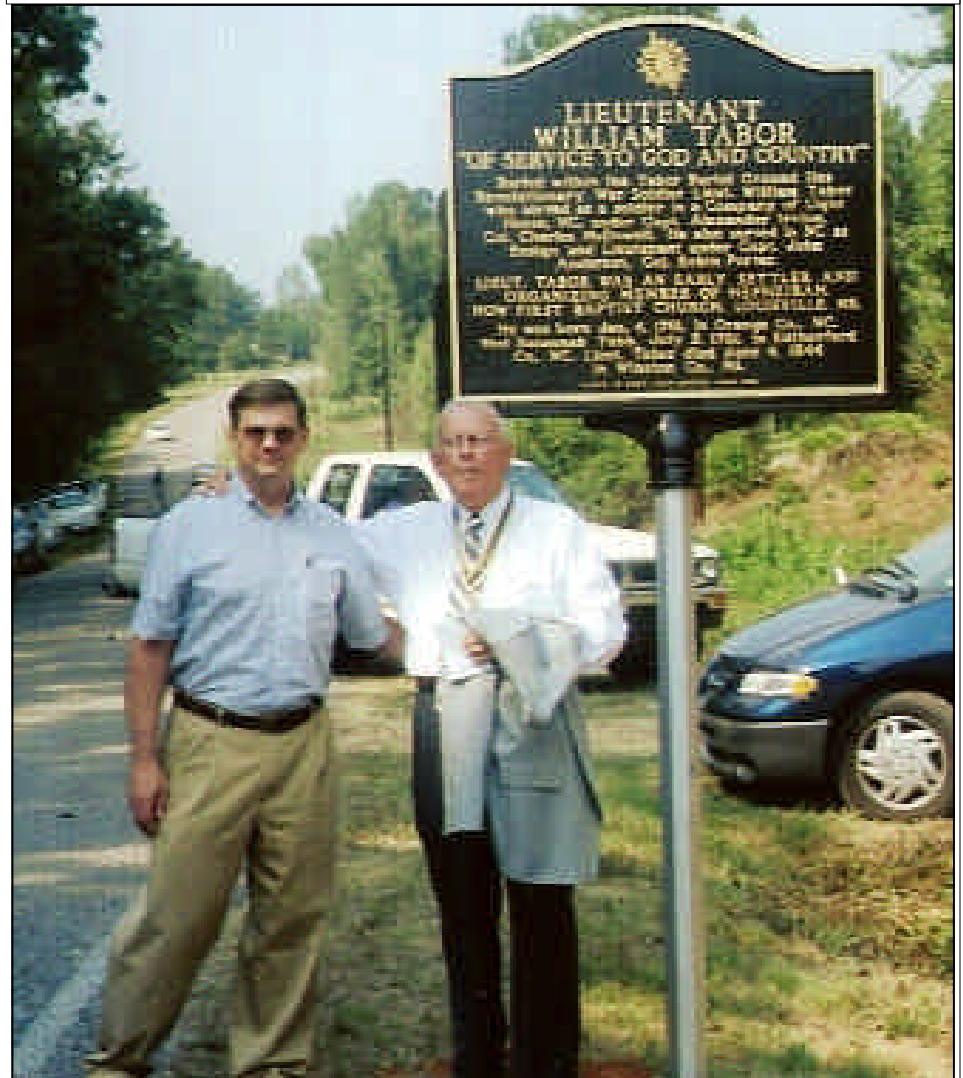
Graveside markers were then unveiled by **William E. Tabor III**, Louisville, Mississippi and **Pamela Twiner Thompson**, Rockwall, Texas. The ceremony moved to the highway where a historical marker in honor of Lt. Tabor was unveiled by compatriot **Greg Triplett**, Watkinsville, Georgia and a member of the Athens Georgia Chapter SAR. The colors were retired and the ceremony ended with Taps. After the closing ceremony, a reception for all attendees was hosted by the Nanih Waiya Chapter DAR at the home of member **Ramona Hughes**.

It was an honor for compatriots **Jim Clark** and **Greg Triplett**, along with several cousins, to finance the grave markers and the Highway Historical Sign for the DAR. Tabor descendants greatly appreciated the work of DAR historian **Mrs. Jean Smith** who served as chairman of this historical event.

Jim Clark  
Rome Chapter



A detachment of their Color Guard represented the Mississippi Society SAR at the ceremonies honoring Lt. William Tabor and his wife Susannah Tubb Tabor.



Compatriots **Greg Triplett** (left), a member of the Athens Chapter, and **Jim Clark**, a member of the Rome Chapter standing beside the highway Historical Marker. They participated in the ceremonies that honored their ancestor Lt. William Tabor

## Atlanta

**Meetings/Speakers:** The Atlanta Chapter, founded in 1921, is the oldest chapter in Georgia, consisting of approximately 150 active members. We meet at noon on the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at Jocks N Jills Restaurant, 4046 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia. A buffet meal is followed by a brief business meeting and a guest speaker.



Chapter President **Phil Curtis** gives address.

Programs and activities during the 4th quarter consisted of the following:

October, 2005: Our regular meeting was attended by 28 compatriots and 6 guests. Our speaker was **Dr. Paul Hudson**, Chairman of the Department of History at Georgia Perimeter College, who gave an address on Georgia's role in the ratification of the Constitution. Secretary **Fisher Craft** reported that he had delivered 437 magazines and books to the VA Hospital. A letter from former State President **John Gillette** was read to the chapter.

On October 29, 2005, the Chapter sponsored a Grave Marking Rededication at Arlington Memorial Park in Sandy Springs for the late Past President General and WWII hero, Col. Robert Vance. Attending were compatriots from a number of area chapters including Piedmont, John Collins, and the Philadelphia Winn Chapter of the DAR. Dignitaries included State President **George Thurmond**, Past President General **Jim Westlake** and the award winning Georgia Color Guard commanded by **Paul Prescott**. Special guests included Col. Vance's widow **Marilyn Vance**, her daughter-in-law, **Joyce Vance**, and **Laura Elizabeth Vance**, her granddaughter. A highlight of the occasion was the playing of "Amazing Grace" by bagpiper **John Mortison** and taps by **Art O'Connor**. Also attending were members of the Old Guard of the Gate City Guard, an historic military organization dating back to 1854 of which PPG Vance was a member. Members of the Atlanta Chapter in attendance included Fisher Craft, **Al Weatherly**, **Ed Conley**, **Revis Butler** and **George Holden** who all participated in the official ceremony.

November, 2005: Our regular meeting was

attended by 26 compatriots and 4 guests. Our speaker was **Dick Yarborough**, local humorist and columnist, who described his recent trip to Iraq where he spent time with the 48<sup>th</sup> Georgia Brigade.

On November 12, 2005, the Atlanta Chapter joined with the William Day Chapter of the DAR to host a luncheon at the historic homestead of the late Cecil Day in Duluth, Georgia. The event attracted compatriots from several chapters in the area. Attending on behalf of the Atlanta Chapter were Revis Butler, **Guyton McCall** and **Phil Curtis**.

December, 2005: We did not hold a regular meeting in December in favor of a Holiday Party on December 10, 2005, at the home of President Phil Curtis. Attending were more than 80 compatriots and their spouses or guests, including several members of our sister organization the Gen. Nathanael Greene Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution. The guests of honor were Past President General Jim Westlake with his wife Joyce and son Chris and State Secretary **Kline Pugh** and his wife Tricia. A grand time was had by all!



**Joyce Vance, Marilyn Vance, and Laura Elizabeth Vance** at the Vance bench.

Phil Curtis  
Chapter President



Admiring the Vance Bench are (left to right) past President General **Jim Westlake**, Atlanta Chapter President **Phil Curtis**, **Fisher Craft** and **Al Weatherley**. Members of the Georgia Society Color Guard are in the background

## Capt. John Collins

Member **Mark Bowen** participated in the first several days of the OVTA (Over Mountain Victory Trail Association) muster in Abingdon, Va. and march to Kings Mountain.

At our October meeting **Kendall Abbott**



**Mark Bowen** at General William Campbell's Grave.

spoke on the skills and tools needed to do research in cemeteries. On October 20th members of our chapter participated with Scout Pack 83 in a presentation of how to fold the flag and the meanings of each fold. Fourteen members of the Collins Chapter attended our picnic on October 22 in Cartersville. Good food and good camaraderie were enjoyed by all.

Saturday, November 5, we had another cemetery workday at the Allatoona Cemetery. Some members participated with and attended the Powder Springs United Methodist Church for a Veterans Day event on November 13th. We welcomed one new member **Jon Jay Banks** to our chapter at the November meeting. Guest speaker **Larry Guzy** introduced us to the "Spies of the Revolution".

At the December 5th City Council meeting in Powder Springs, the Capt. John Collins Chapter SAR presented a framed replica of the Declaration of Independence to **Mayor Pat Vaughn** and the Council for their continued support of America's Veterans and Troops. As discussed in the presentation, in today's climate there is the constant need for our local leaders to remind all of us that without the sacrifices of our military, past and present, we would not be

enjoying the freedoms that we too often take for granted. Through various activities during the year, including the fourth of July, Veteran's Day and Memorial Day, these gentle reminders keep it fresh in our minds.

On December 23rd we made a trip to the Veterans Hospital to deliver collected items for our Veterans.



**Kendall Abbott** and **Curtis McWaters** presented a framed replica of the Declaration of Independence to Mayor Pat Vaughn and the Powder Springs City Council.

## Joseph Habersham

The Joseph Habersham Chapter has reached their goal of 100% in presenting programs to every elementary school in their district. The program was started last year in just a few schools, and there was such a great response from the students and teachers that the Chapter decided to make an effort to present it to all elementary schools in their district with compatriot **Ted Smith** being a "committee of one" to accomplish this goal.



Members of the Joseph Habersham Chapter, SAR and Tomochichi Chapter, DAR presented programs to 100% of the elementary schools in their district

Chapter President **Bobby York**, Compatriot **Kline Pugh** and members of the Chapter Color Guard, **Perry Hendrix**, **Jim Patton**, **Richard Ramsaur**, **Ted Smith** and **Larry Whitfield** along with **Mrs. Patricia Pugh** and **Mrs. Joan Millar** of the Tomochichi Chapter DAR will make 36 presentations to

over 2,000 students in 25 schools in Habersham, Stephens, Rabun, White, Banks and Franklin Counties over the next few months.

The presentation includes information about the Revolution and prominent Georgians who played major roles in the War and the colony's drive for independence. Also included in the talk are facts and information about the flag and its "retirement", information about the Joseph Habersham Chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution. The students are told about food, clothing, tools, medicine, punishment, guns, ammunition, games and various other items involved in the everyday life of the soldiers. They are able to see and touch many of these items.

The ladies tell about the Tomochichi Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as the importance of the women's role during the war and this critical period of our history.

The Joseph Habersham Chapter recently presented 10 Year Service Pins and certificates to compatriots **Paul Cleiman**, Kline Pugh and **Dr. Max White**. Dr. White has a continuing membership of fourteen years. Also recognized was compatriot **James Crawford** for his forty-seven years. The Joseph Habersham Chapter was chartered in 1996. Several charter members will reach the ten year plateau in 2006.

The Chapter presented compatriot **James Robert (Jim) Patton** the Service to Veterans Award and medal. The award was presented to compatriot Patton for his dedication and service to area veterans and their families. Jim is currently serving as Commander of American

Legion Post 84 in Habersham County and Commander of the Disabled Veterans Chapter 15 in Rabun County. Jim assists veterans with transportation to the VA Hospital in Atlanta and, when needed, transports them to their regular doctor appointments. Visitations to the Veterans Hospital and Veterans Home are a common practice for Jim.

An active member of the Georgia Society Color Guard, Jim also serves in the Honor Guard for military funerals, having participated



Joseph Habersham Chapter President **Bobby York**, (left) presents Compatriot **Jim Patton** the Service to Veterans Award

on the average of 100 per year. He participates not only in Georgia but also in North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama.

Compatriot Patton is truly a deserving recipient of the award. And the Joseph Habersham Chapter salutes Patton for his ongoing service to veterans.

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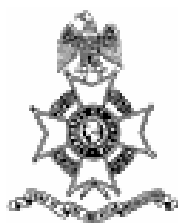
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