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## Next Meeting – Thursday, March 10

Mark your calendars for the next regularly scheduled chapter meeting at the **Petite Auberge Restaurant** in the Toco Hills Shopping complex at 2935 N. Druid Hills Road NE in Atlanta at noon. Regular meetings are held on the **second Thursdays of the month** except in February when we meet on the Saturday closest to Washington's birthday and in July and August when we do not schedule a regular meeting. **Exact change or a check for the lunch fee of \$20 will be appreciated.**

**Brandt Ross** will speak on “**Abigail Adams.**” Mr. Ross has a BA from Marshall University and was Managing Partner at Corporate Finance Associates, Inc. of Southeast Atlanta, specializing in mergers and acquisitions. For 22 years, he held senior management positions becoming President and COO of Corbin, Ltd. He has served as a board member of the Third National Bank, The United Way, Family Services and several Chambers of Commerce. He was President of Marshall University Business School Advisory Board and helped found their internship program. His hobbies include 12-stringed guitar and folk music, history, genealogy, and baseball. He currently volunteers as a folksinger in retirement homes and as a financial arbitrator.

Remember those **soda can tabs, Labels for Education, and Box Tops for Education** for donation to the **Children of the American Revolution, magazines and toiletries for veterans at the VA Hospital, paperback books for the USO, and history and genealogy books** for our fund raising Traveling Book Store. A drop-off point at the table next to the registration table is set up to receive your donations.

### Kettle Creek

## Donation to Kettle Creek Battlefield Association

Thanks and kudos to our members for the \$3,000 donation to Kettle Creek Battlefield Association for the Ground Penetrating Radar search for the Revolutionary War Graves. This proved the cadaver dogs were correct and the results are being used to apply for future grants. We will know by April 1st. As one reward, I will be glad to take members on a guided walking tour of the Battlefield. We will be walking in the woods on trails (not graveled until August). These trails are over 1 mile long, up and down hill and on leaf covered ground. It is a 2 hour drive from Atlanta and we can car pool. The tour would take about 1 hour. The battle lasted between two to four hours. The British Militia under Col. Boyd and Maj. Spurgen had 700 men on horse and were attacked by the Patriots 340 men on horse under Cols. Pickens, Dooly and Clarke. I will have maps that show all phases of the battle. It is best to go before all the leaves are on the trees to see the whole battlefield. We can go during the week or on the weekend or both. I would like to keep it to 10-15 people per trip. May I suggest leaving at about 9AM, touring 11-12.30 and then lunch in Washington GA (8 miles away) or we can have a picnic. We can return to the site after lunch on the way home if you like. There are no restroom facilities. Please email me at [fishingnoble@gmail.com](mailto:fishingnoble@gmail.com) if you are interested and the best date and time for you. I will then give the best options at our March meeting.

Sincerely,  
Dave Noble

# Washington's Birthday Celebration with State President Allen Greenly

Photos by Gene Grasser

A gathering of 65 members and guests enjoyed our annual **Washington Birthday Celebration** on February 20 at the **Cherokee Town & Country Club**. The event included the induction of our new officers and the recognition of many of our members and guests for their service during the year. However, this was really an occasion to honor **Terry Manning** for his four years of dedication as **President of the Atlanta Chapter**.

The invocation was given by **President Terry Manning** after which the colors were posted by the **Chapter Color Guard** comprised of **Color Guard Commander Jim Hankins** along with **Compatriots David Noble and Tom Gurley**. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by **President Manning**, and the **SAR Pledge** was led by **Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Campbell**.

Introductions of special guests included **Past SE District VP General Charlie Newcomer** and his wife Clare. Representing the **Georgia Society SAR** was **State President Allen Greenly** and **First Lady Jane**. Also present were **Past State Presidents Terry Manning and Charlie Newcomer**. **Past Atlanta Chapter Presidents** in attendance were **Phil Curtis (2005)**, **Al Sturgess (2007)**, **Ed Floyd (2008)**, **Bill Hays (2009)** and **Terry Manning (2012-2014)**.

Many of the local **DAR Chapters** were represented as well. Members were present from the **Atlanta Chapter, Baron DeKalb, Fort Peachtree, Hightower Trail, Joseph Habersham and Philadelphia Winn Chapter**. Many of the representatives are wives of our members. The wives are instrumental in many of the Atlanta Chapter's activities during the year. We owe them a great Thank You.

**State President Allen Greenly** honored us with his attendance. His greeting recognized the long history of accomplishments of the Atlanta Chapter and gave us encouraging words to continue that tradition as a leading chapter within the **Georgia Society SAR**. New members at the meeting had the opportunity to be installed by **President Greenly**.

**President Manning** presented the program entitled "**George Washington and the Newburgh Conspiracy**," an entertaining story in which Washington saved the republic with a pair of spectacles.





Following the program **State Society President Greenly**, with the assistance of **Registrar David Noble**, inducted new members into the Atlanta Chapter. Those inducted were:

**James Manuel Cook**, a 7<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of **Patriot Thomas Lee**, a Captain in the service of North Carolina.

**Malcolm Bradley Griffith**, a 7<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of **Patriot John Griffith**, a Private in the North Carolina Militia.

**Woodfrin Grady Hays**, a 7<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of **Thomas Hays**, a sergeant and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Virginia service.

**Ignacio Luis Taboada**, a 6<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of **Patriot Thomas McKean**, with patriotic service from Pennsylvania and Delaware and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. **Compatriot Taboada** is unique in that he celebrates a Spanish heritage and is Honorary Vice Consul of Spain.

**President Manning** then presented a supplemental Ancestor Certificate to **Compatriot David Noble** as a descendant of **Patriot Joseph Stewart** of New York militia service.

The **Atlanta Chapter** has a recent history of funding a variety of projects across Georgia, greatly due to contributions from members or their families participating in our Atlanta Fellows Program. **President Manning** recognized recent **Atlanta Fellows Henry Cobb** and **Gene Grasser** with their certificates. He then presented **Compatriot William Smith III** as our 34<sup>th</sup> **Atlanta Fellow**.

A somewhat spontaneous part of the day was the passage of a motion for the **Atlanta Chapter** to make an \$800 donation to the **National Infantry Museum**. The **Coweta Falls Chapter SAR in Columbus**, Georgia, had asked us to donate toward their project to finish the granite work additions to the SAR Monument at the **National Infantry Museum**. While a \$2,000 request was made, a motion was passed to support the project in a smaller amount and accept donations from individuals in the chapter. **President Manning** has personally sent a \$200 donation to the project.

A highlight of the meeting was the announcement of the gift to the **Atlanta Chapter** by retiring **Color Guard Commander Jim Hankins**. Among our few tangible resources is our **Color Guard Flag Collection**. We have been pleased to see our flag collection grow to four for use at meetings. As a parting gift, Compatriot Hankins, having noted the battered condition of our long serving flag poles and **American Flag, has contributed a new set of poles, spear heads, and a new American Flag.**

**President Manning** also announced that **Compatriot Eugene Wilson** has his militia outfit “in the mail” and will be joining the **Color Guard** in March.

**President Manning** recognized all of the **DAR** member who were present and thanked them for allowing us to participate with them jointly in about 25 events during the year. He also thanked them for the many referrals of potential members for SAR.

A tribute was paid to **Compatriot Jerry Church** who passed away in 2015.

**President Manning** then presented a number of awards to members of the Atlanta Chapter.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim Freeman – The Outstanding Citizenship Award** for outstanding work on behalf of their chapter in an area not otherwise covered by other types of recognition.

**Compatriot Jim Hankins – The Military Service Medal** for the service of military personnel that were not required to be involved in combatant service as recognized by a campaign medal, but who served their country honorably and gave up a period of their youth to the continued preservation of our country’s freedoms.

**Compatriot Richard Marsh – The Bronze Chapter Distinguished Service Medal** for one member each year who in the opinion of the Chapter President has significantly contributed to the success of the chapter during the year. A member may not be awarded the medal more than once. Prior members in receipt of the award are **Guyton McCall** (deceased) 2009, **Terry Manning** 2010, **David Noble** 2012, **Jim Hankins** 2013 and **Ed Conley** 2014.



**Peggy Freeman – Lydia Darraugh Medal** for a Chapter President to present annually to a female who significantly helped the President for the current year of his term and during the two years leading up to the current term. This chapter medal may only be presented once to a person in their lifetime. Some prior recipients are **Ann Hays** (2009), **Ginny Manning** (2013) and **Alice Noble** (2014).

**First Lady Ginny Manning – The Daughters of Liberty Medal** which may be presented more than once in the form of an Oak Leaf Cluster, and recognizes a woman with significant contributions to the SAR, one who has been honored in previous time frames for their work with SAR and who once again deserves such recognition.

The **2015 Atlanta Chapter Officers** were recognized with the “**Awesome Awards**” presented by **President Manning**. Those officers were **President Terry Manning, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Fisher Craft, Secretary Al Adams, Treasurer Jim Hankins, Registrar David Noble, Sergeant-At-Arms Bob Campbell, Chancellor Ed Floyd, Chaplain Harold Brooks, Historian Terry Manning and Color Guard Jim Hankins.**

The **Bronze Roger Sherman Medal** was presented for active completion of four, and sometime more, years of service in as a Chapter Officer to **Al Adams, Bob Campbell, Ed Floyd, Terry Manning, David Noble, Harold Brooks and Fisher Craft.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim Freeman** thanked and presented **Certificates of Appreciation** to the following Committee Chairs:

<b>Tom Gurley</b>	<b>JROTC Chairman</b>
<b>Jim Hankins</b>	<b>Color Guard Commander</b>
<b>Richard Marsh</b>	<b>Eagle Scout Chairman</b>
<b>David Noble</b>	<b>Membership Chairman</b>
<b>Terry Manning</b>	<b>Chairman DAR Liaison, Education, Flag Respect, Newsletter, Fund Raising &amp; Publicity</b>

The **Bronze Roger Sherman Medal** was presented to recognize **Bill Hays, Jr.** as **Chairman of the Nominating Committee** currently and as a member since 2012, and to **Jim Hankins** in his third year of combined officer, committee, and chairman positions.

**President Manning** then gave his **Farewell Address and State of the Chapter** in which he gave a big **Thank You** to the **Atlanta Chapter** for allowing him to serve as **Chapter President** for the past four years. He looks forward to a year in which he hopes to drop his SAR events from 135 in 2015 down to a more manageable 50 in 2016.

He then thanked **Bill Hays** for sponsoring our visit to **Cherokee**, his wife, **Ginny**, for her help in preparing the meeting and **State President Allen Greenly and his wife** for their attendance.

At that time **State President Allen Greenly** administered the **Oath of Office** to the new officers who were in attendance. **President Al Adams, Treasurer Henry Cobb, Registrar David Noble, Sergeant-At-Arms Bob Campbell, Chancellor Ed Floyd and Historian Terry Manning.** Three of the new officers, **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Chaplain Harold Brooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Fisher Craft and Secretary David Rosinger,** were not able to attend. They will be sworn in at a future date.



Outgoing **President Manning** then passed the **Atlanta Chapter Charter and the Chapter's Sacred Soil Keepsake** to incoming **President Adams**. Also, most appropriately was given a "Help Wanted" sign to solicit the Chapter member's much needed help.



**President Adams** thanked **Terry Manning** for all of his work and for the path that he had blazed for four years. Since **Past President Manning** had already received every SAR Medal and Certificate available for service, he was presented with a gavel plaque in appreciation for his four years as President.

Four time **Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Bill Hays**, presented **Terry** with an engraved bell for his use to summon his wife **Ginny** whenever he felt the need. Most in attendance were pretty confident of where the bell would end up if Terry so much as reached for it with that idea in mind. There was an overwhelming feeling of thanks to **Terry** for all that he has done in leading to the doubling of membership of the **Atlanta Chapter** in his four years as **President** and guiding it to the many accomplishments of the Chapter during his tenure.



**President Adams** encouraged the membership to become more involved with the many opportunities of service that are available and in need of help. He thanked the **wives of the members**, many of them DAR members, who work with our Chapter to make us so much more effective. He wants to make sure that the dreams that were hatched for a spin off Chapter are not lost, and that the Atlanta Chapter will follow those ideas to become a more project oriented chapter and not just be a chapter that has a monthly meeting. To be a chapter that continues to take on projects like the **Bushnell Monument**, the database of Soldiers in **Revolutionary Battles in Georgia**, the **Sacred Soils Project** and the locating of graves at **Kettle Creek**.

The **Color Guard** was called forward for the **Color Guard Change of Command**. Outgoing **Color Guard Commander Jim Hankins** was thanked for his dedication and enthusiasm during his Command. **Past President and incoming Color Guard Commander Terry Manning** presented **Commander Hankins** with a gift that he might always remember his service to the **Atlanta Chapter** and the Chapter's admiration for his dedication to the SAR.

The closing ensued with **Chancellor Ed Floyd** leading the SAR Recessional, **Past SE District VP General Charlie Newcomer** giving the Benediction and the **Atlanta Chapter Color Guard** Retiring the Colors. The meeting was adjourned.

#### Project Patriot

## Project Patriot Update Care Packages Have Arrived

OOH RAH!!! Our Marines from the 1st Battalion 7th Marines, Baker Company sent pictures of them enjoying our CARE PACKAGES from the January 30th Boxing Party!!! Our friends from the Roswell Rotary Club, SAR and all of our DAR Members joined forces to pack 220 boxes filled with morale, support and care items.

After a month, our boxes finally arrived to our Marines just a few days ago. (Boxes sent to US Postal Service, then through customs and military transports then over to our guys in the unit)

We heard from 1stSgt Lopez from our Unit -- we have some very happy Marines with all of our boxes.

Below is the email from 1stSgt Lopez about our boxes:

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*"Hi! Sorry for the late reply. As you could imagine, it has been super busy around here and checking personal email is a luxury. We received your packages just the other day and let me tell you, they were AWESOME! The Marines loved them. They were filled with so many amazing goodies. We didn't know how to sort through them. By far the best care packages we have ever received. They totally boosted the morale of our company. But honestly, what I have noticed the most is the genuine smiles I see on my Marines faces when they hear from you, the home front. I can't express to you the vital role your organization plays in the success of our mission. Without the love and support from you guys, this deployment would not be the same.*

*Our sincere thanks are extended out to you and everyone that helped make this possible. On behalf of all the Marines of Baker Company, thank you for your love and support, and staying Semper Fidelis during this deployment.*

*1stSgt Lopez (Baker 8)*

#### Atlanta Fellows

# Atlanta Fellows Participation Climbs to 34

Many thanks go to our Atlanta Fellows whose donations help support our extended outreach programs. William Smith III was recognized as our 34<sup>th</sup> Atlanta Fellow at the recent Washington Birthday celebration. Thanks go to our existing Atlanta Fellows who have made additional donations, including donations made by or on behalf of spouses of members of our chapter. Several members have also started making incremental donations toward becoming Atlanta Fellows. The following list may not include some recent donations.

Stuart Brady

Philip Clinkscles *III*

Henry Cobb

John Coning

Ed Conley

Gene Grasser

James Hankins

Joseph Hankins

Pat Hankins

Ann Hays

Bill Hays

Don Kenagy

Charles Lord

Bruce Maney

Charlie Maney

Ginny Manning

Terry Manning

Richard Marsh

Ted McMullan

Lowrey McNeel

Joe Meyer

Alice Noble

David Noble

James Noble

Ray Patton

Joyce Patton

Loy Reddick

Ed Rigel, Sr.

Joan Rigel

Stephen Schroeder

William Smith *III*

Penn Templeman, Jr.

Bruce Wanamaker

Eugene Wilson

The Atlanta Fellows are members, spouses, businesses, and other organizations that support unbudgeted projects of the Atlanta Chapter with a \$200 donation. Such donations have supported our Sacred Soils Displays, Bushnell Monument dedication, VA Hospital portico project, and Flag Receptacle program. Donations toward chapter sponsored events such as Wreaths Across America also credit toward the Atlanta Fellow program.

## Donation to Revolutionary War Monument

### **Revolutionary War Monument at the National Infantry Museum**

Many thanks to the members of the Atlanta Chapter for an \$800 contribution to assist in expansion and maintenance of the Revolutionary War monument at the National Infantry Museum. Many people appreciate it very much and it will be put to good use –every penny.

Bob Galer  
Monument Chair



## Membership

# Membership Growth Continues

Membership Chairman David Noble reports that: I have mailed in one application and have 19 more applications completed and in mailing envelopes. These only need signatures, a check or a birth certificate to complete. I am working on 14 more applications. Our Chapter is in good shape in the new members category.

## Brier Creek

From the SAVANNAH MORNING NEWS

## Judge Rejects Kinder Morgan's Palmetto Pipeline Appeal

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The pipeline is expected to cross the Revolutionary War battle site at Brier Creek in Screven County, GA, where an estimated 150 Americans died and are buried to this day.

By [WALTER C. JONES AND MARY LANDERS](#)

ATLANTA — The Texas-based energy company planning to build a 210-mile pipeline through east Georgia suffered a setback in court Tuesday when a judge rejected its appeal of a state decision to deny the pipeline developer the right of eminent domain.

Attorneys for Kinder Morgan had asked a Fulton County Superior Court judge to overturn state Transportation Commissioner Russell McMurry's denial last May of the company's application for the power to seize property from owners unwilling to sell. The so-called eminent-domain authority allows utilities to avoid costly detours by requiring a judge to set a fair price for rights-of-way across the seized property.

Kinder Morgan has said it plans to invest \$1 billion in what it calls the Palmetto Pipeline, which would carry up to 7 million gallons of gasoline, diesel and ethanol a day from Belton, S.C., to Jacksonville. Its route through Georgia parallels the Savannah River and then turns south, crossing every coastal county and five major rivers.

Judge Kimberly M. Esmonds Adams issued her decision Tuesday, ruling against the pipeline company.

“Having concluded that the record does support the commissioner's decision, and in the absence of any proffer by Palmetto as to how some different procedure or additional evidence would have changed the commissioner's decision, this court finds that the commissioner's decision is adequately supported by the record evidence and therefore affirms the decision of the commissioner and denies Palmetto's petition for review,” she wrote in a court order signed Monday.

Also on Monday, the House of Representatives voted 165-2 in support of a bill designed to stall the pipeline by imposing a moratorium until July 2017, while new procedures are written.

GRAVE MARKING

# Grave Marker Commemorating the Service of Revolutionary War Soldier William Wiggins, Jr.

The Ocmulgee Chapter and The Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Request the honor of your presence At the dedication of the SAR Grave Marker Commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldier William Wiggins, Jr.

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 at 2:00 PM Oaklawn Cemetery 720 South Camellia Boulevard (GA Hwy 49) Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Wreath Presenters: Send Name, Organization, Position and State Association no later than March 21 to Ray Crumbley, Ocmulgee Chapter, 172 Lake View Drive N, Macon, GA 31210 OR RCrumb9234@bellsouth.net 478-737-1985

**Directions:**

From the north: Take I-75 South to Exit 149, GA Highway 49 South. Pass through Fort Valley (GA 49 is Camellia Boulevard) approximately 1.5 miles to the Oaklawn Cemetery on the right. Enter through the southernmost entrance.

Board of Managers



## 2016 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 20, 2016, to February 18 or 25, 2017, are as follows:

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<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Fisher Craft	<a href="mailto:tfcraft@bellsouth.net">tfcraft@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	David Rosinger	<a href="mailto:drosinger@yahoo.com">drosinger@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Henry Cobb II	<a href="mailto:whc2gt@yahoo.com">whc2gt@yahoo.com</a>
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<b>Historian</b>	Terry Manning	<a href="mailto:temanning@aol.com">temanning@aol.com</a>