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Next Meeting – Thursday, June 9

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.**

The program for the June meeting will be entitled **“George Washington- The Battle of Trenton”** and will be presented by **Jim Reason**.

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.

May Meeting

“The Southern Campaign February 1779”



The April meeting was highlighted by a program presented by our own **David Noble**. While researching the book entitled **“Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1775-1783”** David learned a great deal about the battles fought in Georgia. His program is entitled **“Southern Campaign- Feb 1779- Carr's Fort, Vann's Creek and Kettle Creek Battles.”** Dave gave an inside look at how the battles came to be and how they appear to have been contested using information from historical resources as well as forensic and archeological investigations made on the actual battle fields.

We were also joined at our meeting by **Metro Regional Vice President Jim Lynch**. He once again provided information about the lapel pins for **Vietnam Veterans** available from the VA. He also brought a supply of posters detailing the 64 counties in Georgia named for Revolutionary War Patriots. The posters can be used for a number of projects, especially in conjunction with the Traveling Trunk.

Jim Freeman Recognized by DAR

Major James N. Freeman of Lilburn, US Army, Retired, is the Georgia state winner of the **Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award**. Major Freeman was nominated by the **Lawrenceville Philadelphia Winn Chapter** of the DAR.

He is also the winner of the **Southeastern Division** (Alabama, Florida, Georgia Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee) and is now a national finalist.

The DAR Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award national winner will be announced at DAR's Continental Congress in Washington, DC, in June.



L to R: **Ida "Bea" Fischer**; Georgia DAR State Regent, **Jim**, and **Marilyn Wallace**, Chairman; DAR Service for Veterans

JROTC Medals Presented to 27 Cadets

The JROTC Committee, headed by Tom Gurley, has presented the JROTC Bronze Medals to Cadets at 27 metro high schools. 14 of the medals were presented in person by our Atlanta Chapter members. Thanks to David Gibson, David Rosinger, Terry Manning and Bill Perkins for their participation and dedication to this project.

More Chapter Activities

Eugene Wilson continues work on his project to locate the burial sites of Revolutionary Soldiers in this area. He has visited and photographed a number of the graves over the past couple of months.

Past President Terry Manning continues his work in the community with the Traveling Trunk.

There are a number of opportunities that are available to our Chapter membership. Each of the committees below is in need of help. A chairman is needed for some of the committees, but member volunteers are needed for all. Please check out this list and find a way to become more involved in the chapter activities.

Americanism – Compiles points on chapter activity contest earned in other SAR programs

C.A.R. Liaison – Serves as contact with local and state societies of the Children of the American Revolution

Newsletter – Publishes a regularly scheduled newsletter to inform and educate members on SAR activities

Publicity – Arranges for media releases within the community, to Hornet's Nest, and SAR Magazine

Education – Coordinates the outreach speakers bureau and school awards program and conducts lineage workshops

Flag Respect – Ensures Flag Certificates are regularly presented

Graves Dedications – Plans dedications for patriot/compatriot grave sites

Atlanta History Center Lecture

The Atlanta History Center presents the Elson Lecture by Eric Metaxas on his book ***If You Can Keep It: The Forgotten Promise of American Liberty***. During the drafting of the Constitution, as Benjamin Franklin was departing one evening, a woman inquired, "Well, doctor, what have we got — a republic or a monarchy?" The always witty Franklin responded, "A republic, madam — if you can keep it." *If You Can Keep It* is an analysis of the ideas of liberty and freedom that America was built around and the dire effect it will have on our country if we lose sight of these ideas. Eric Metaxas asserts that the American people have forgotten what it takes to maintain the world's most successful democracy and that it's time that we rededicate ourselves to the ideas that the founding fathers set forth in 1787. Admission for this lecture is \$10 for nonmembers.

When: Thursday, June 16

8 p.m.

Where: Atlanta History Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Road N.W., Atlanta, Georgia

Contact: Click below to purchase tickets.

<https://buytickets.atlantahistorycenter.com/WebStore/shop/ViewItems.aspx?CG=AHCCG&C=LECCAT>

Revolutionary War Monument at the National Infantry Museum

The Atlanta Chapter made an \$800 contribution toward this project

Related by Bob Galer

History. During a talk ten years ago with the Director of the old Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Coweta Falls chapter leaders were notified of Army plans to join with the city of Columbus and build a new Museum just off post; and before they left, the SAR had an invitation to sponsor a monument to the American Revolution on the grounds. The chapter accepted the challenge. President William Hay appointed Bob Galer, past South Atlantic NSSAR Vice President General and past Georgia State President as monument chairman. The Museum Foundation gave a choice spot at the head of the main Walk of Flags and pavers that led to the parade field and the WWII area. There was one hitch. The Army said we have a moratorium on monuments; none can be installed until a Supreme Court case is settled; that spot is on former Army property and the moratorium applies to you. The chapter wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Army requesting an exception, chapter members wrote Congressmen. The Secretary's timely response in effect lifted the monument ban in the case of the grounds of the National Infantry Museum Foundation. The monument was dedicated in 2009 after a fund drive raised enough to complete the structure and to provide a small surplus for future maintenance. The President General of SAR, David Appleby, attended as did representatives from other state societies of SAR a large Color Guard and the U.S. Army Fort Benning band.

dedicated to the Revolutionary War Infantryman, Americas First Soldier and honors thirteen colonies; prominent on the granite is a life-size Private of the Maryland Continental Line and on the back if a militia patriot soldier.



Built of Georgia granite and ten feet tall, it is



Because of its location adjacent to the parade ground also used by Fort Benning for graduation of infantry training classes each Thursday and Friday the SAR Revolutionary War monument is seen by an estimated 3700 visitors per week, most of them there to witness the graduation of husbands, wives, brothers, nephews, and friends from basic US Army Combat training. Many stop and view the SAR site, with many pictures being taken of graduates with the monument as background.

Starting in 2007 the members of Coweta Falls chapter began raising money from its members for a Revolutionary War monument to be built on the grounds of the new Museum. The drive gained momentum and eventually four other state SAR societies donated funds. \$11,500 was raised and the monument was dedicated in

2009. A year later the chapter raised \$5220, and added two designer benches. The current total for the monument is \$16,525. The recently completed fund drive raised another \$8,260 for more designer benches plus some other improvements. This project is still in process but is expected to be completed and paid for this year for a total of \$24,785 raised within SAR for the monument since 2007 when conceived.

Vietnam Veterans Recognition

From Florida Society President Raymond Wess

"I am planning an official welcome home to Vietnam War Theater and Vietnam War era veterans at our October BOM banquet. This is in conjunction with the President's Executive Order declaring a period of official welcome of Vietnam War Veterans from 2012 to 2025.

I would like to issue a Proclamation from the **Florida Society** and recognize each veteran with the 50th Anniversary pin from the National "50th Committee" in Washington DC.

I would like to invite any and all Georgia Compatriots to participate in this and I want your comments.

The dates for our fall BOM is Friday 14 Oct. and Sat. 15 Oct. The welcome home banquet will be Sat. 15 Oct. We are moving to a new venue, The Embassy Suites Orlando-Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road (spelled correctly), Kissimmee, FL 34746. All of this information including booking link can be found on our website, www.flssar.org. (click on the BOM button on the upper right) The rooms are suites accommodating up to four people and are discounted to \$139 plus tax. The room includes full breakfast for up to four people and free drinks from 5:30PM - 7:30PM each night. The location is four miles from Disney World. Our contract allows for the special price to be granted for three nights before and three nights after our event so this will be great for those wanting to attend any amusement parks. The rooms can be reserved now.

For those attending the meetings Friday and Saturday, the registration form will be posted later. It is possible to attend the welcome home banquet on Saturday night only without registering for any of the BOM meetings. The cost of the banquet will be \$40.00 plus gratuity. For those who might bring their wives, there will be a First Lady's Tea Luncheon on Friday at noon hosted by First Lady Cilla Tomme for the ladies only."

SAR National Congress Registration Reminder

Gentlemen,

Just an update so everyone is aware of what is happening on Congress. Please pass this on to your people who are going to Congress.

Congress registration is going well. However, Congress Late Fees begin on 10 June and there are a lot of people who have hotel rooms in Boston but have not done their Congress Registration.

Members can register by going to members.sar.org and then they will need to have their email address and password. If they do not have that and cannot enter into the site, they cannot register. They need to send an email to either Mike Scroggins (msscroggi@sar.org) or Bill Marrs (sartech@hot.rr.com) so they can change their password and they will have access.

If you have problems once you get into the registration process you can contact either of them or Paul Callanan (ltcmrsc@aol.com) and any of them will try to help you finish the process.

See you in Boston
Paul

Upcoming Event Calendar

Upcoming Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings

Usually held the 2nd Thursday

June 9, 2016

No Meeting currently scheduled for July and August

September 8, 2016

October 13, 2016

Upcoming State and National SAR Events

05 Jun – Warrior Classic, Lake Lanier Islands

11 June--Ramseur's Mill

4 July – Independence Day Activities:

8-13 Jul - 126th NSSAR Annual Congress

30 Jul – GA SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, 1000 hrs

3 Sep – Grave Marking Robert Walters, Sr., at Shoal Creek Bapt. Ch., Hart County, Morning

3 Sep – Grave Marking Moses Ayers, Old Reed Creek Church, Hart County, Afternoon

17 Sep-- William Few Commemoration, Augusta

18 Sep – Grave Marking for Compatriot Albert Sydney Johnson III, sponsored by the Athens Chapter SAR and Elijah Clarke and Rev. John Andrews Chapters DAR, Bishop, GA, 1400 hrs

01 Oct -- Compatriot Gosnell Grave Marking sponsored by Casimir Pulaski Chapter

7 Oct -- Kings Mtn

9 Oct – Savannah

15 Oct – Grave Marking sponsored by William Few Chapter:

19 Oct – Yorktown

22 Oct – GA SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, 1000 hrs

22 Oct – Grave Marking sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Griffin, 3:30:

29 October – Patriot James Rylee Grave Marking sponsored by Robert Forsyth, Lyman Hall and Joseph Habersham Chapters, Gillsville, GA

11 Nov – Veterans Day Activities:

Thanks to our Atlanta Fellows

Many thanks go to our Atlanta Fellows whose donations help support our extended outreach programs. 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 Clinkscapes *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.



2016 Chapter Officer Directory

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

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