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No Meeting in July or August Next Meeting – Thursday, September 8

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.**

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.

Have a Great 4th of July

JUNE MEETING

George Washington-Battle of Trenton



Jim Reason to the Chapter.

Our June meeting was highlighted with a presentation by **Duluth High School** History teacher **Jim Reason**. His talk detailed the importance of this battle at Trenton as the battle that allowed Washington to continue the fight for independence. A number of members have already expressed an interest in having Jim return for another of his presentations.

Vice President Harold Brooks introduced

Dr. David Noble was presented the Certificate for his 14th Supplemental Patriot ancestor.



Eugene Wilson Takes on American Flag Project



Eugene Wilson single handedly took on a project to place an **American Flag** on every known grave of a **Revolutionary Soldier in DeKalb County**. Eugene conceived the idea and with the help of friends carried it out. Over the last two weeks of June he placed a flag on the graves of **at least 15 known soldiers at eight different DeKalb locations** including **Nancy Creek Cemetery, Decatur Cemetery, Old Fellowship Cemetery, Macedonia Baptist Cemetery, Masters Cemetery and Cedar Grove Cemetery**. Each of the markings was documented with a photograph.

Eugene spent the early part of the year locating these graves and documenting their locations and conditions.

A great debt of thanks from our Chapter goes to **Eugene** for taking on this project.



Eagle Scouts

Atlanta Chapter Recognizes Four Eagle Scouts

On May 14, 2016, **David Noble** (in uniform) and **Richard Marsh** attended the **Eagle Court of Honor** and personally presented certificates to **Eagles Dixon Graves Hall II** and **Christopher Collins Staley**.

Certificates have been mailed to **Zachary Paul Goda** and **Chase Branum MacArthur**. Efforts will be made to personally present these certificates also when their Court of Honor is scheduled.



Activity Updates

Our Projects Move Forward

David Noble reports that the **State DNR** has approved the cadaver dog and ground penetrating radar study contracts at **Kettle Creek**. The dogs will start in the fall (hard for them to work in the heat) and the GPR will start in July. David hopes to soon take a group outing to the **Kettle Creek Battlefield**.

Richard Marsh and **David Noble** expect to should hear from the **Taylor Foundation** in July about the publishing date for the book "Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1775-1783." Get ready to purchase a copy for your favorite Library or Historical Society.

Past Chapter President Terry Manning continues his work with Education and Community Outreach with presentations to schools, genealogy groups, other hereditary societies and to organizations such as the Sheppard Spinal Center.

Membership

Membership Growth Continues

Chapter membership continues to grow. **Membership Chairman David Noble** reports that 14 applications have been mailed to the State Registrar. Another eight applications are awaiting signatures, and two more are almost complete.

Two New Atlanta Fellows

We welcomed two new members to the Atlanta Fellows in the month of June. Our newest chapter member, Richard Williams, became a Fellow at his first regular meeting. Also joining the Fellows was Ben Statham. 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 Clinkscales *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*

Ben Statham

Penn Templeman, Jr.

Bruce Wanamaker

Eugene Wilson

Richard Williams

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.

SAR Introduces New Web Site

Spread the word...

A Change is Coming!! A Change is Coming!!

The SAR Website will be undergoing a long awaited facelift. You will notice a different design and layout in the very near future.

The site will highlight the story of the SAR and feature a single login for members which will include multiple functions like the application system, the membership system, registering for events, making donations and of course shopping in Merchandise.

The switch will happen in an instant, but the information and pages will continue to be added over time. Don't expect to see everything on day one. If there is a question about a page or function, please feel free to contact the staff.

Please be sure to share this information with other officers and members.

Mike
Michael T. Scroggins
Director of Operations
The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

DAR

DAR Sets Guinness World Record for Letters to Our Troops

The DAR wants to thank all of our **Atlanta SAR Chapter members** and family members who wrote letter for this campaign.

HOORAY FOR THE DAR, FRIENDS OF DAR AND CITIZENS!!!

DAR HAS DONE IT -- we set a NEW GUINNESS WORLD RECORD -- "Most collected letters for our Active Military that are collected and mailed in one month."!!!! Their original goal was 10,000 letters -- DAR received 100,904 total letters for this Patriotic Initiative for supporting our Active Military!!

Final count of letters collected were 100,904 during our Continental Congress last week. What an outpouring of support for our military!

Thank you, thank you to ALL who took the time to write a letter to our deployed units, military personnel personally known to you and those serving at home and abroad overseas!!!! Great job everyone -- **you are now part of a NEW GUINNESS WORLD RECORD -- and you did it by just writing ONE LETTER to our MILITARY!!!** This is one for the history books and our memories for sure.

So incredibly proud of everyone who participated and more importantly those who will be receiving these letters -- our ACTIVE MILITARY -- NOW THAT'S A MAIL CALL TO REMEMBER!!!

DAR Boxing Parties for Marines and Navy Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, July 9th at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Roswell Visitors Center (corner of Historic Roswell Square) Boxing Party for our Marine Scout Sniper Platoon, 2nd Battalion 7th Marines in Iraq. Come out with your box items for our care packages for our 200 Marines (all men in unit) to help sort, pack and ship the goodies to them for their morale, care and support while they are on this deployment. **If I haven't already talked with you or received an email from you -- PLEASE let me know if you will be attending or donating items or postage the BOXING PARTY.** I will need your help as community members to help make this event another successful one for our Marines. It is a family oriented event and is open to our friends of the community from other organizations - welcome to attend. (inside event)

What to Bring to either Boxing Party:

- wear comfortable clothing (either patriotic or camouflage-wear) and sneakers as we will be bending, reaching and carrying items
- bring some good quality packing tape as we will need to tape the boxes and seal the boxes -- don't get cheap tape as it tends to shred and fray may cause box to become opened in shipping
- scissors
- Sharpie Markers - to write on sorting bags
- Variety of sizes of Ziploc bags for sorting small foods or the assorted toiletries
- Large Flat Rate US Postal Service boxes - size 12" x 12" x 5 1/2" -- these are FREE to pick up from your local branch of the Post Office, you might be able to get a carton of these boxes
- Any of your **Box Items for care packages: any morale items, food/snacks or assorted toiletries**
- Any monetary donations for postage for shipping costs (each box is \$20/per box to be shipped overseas) **Checks made payable to: MSB NSDAR with memo: Project Patriot Postage**
- patriotic volunteer spirit

Saturday, July 23 at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Roswell Visitors Center (corner of Historic Roswell Square) Boxing Party for our Navy Nurses, Doctors, Corpsmen and Sailors aboard USNS MERCY, hospital ship during their cruise deployment. Come out to help sort and pack box items for their care packages to support their morale, care and support for their cruise. **Again, let me know if you plan on attending or donating items or postage to this Boxing Party.** As a community help make this event a successful one for our Navy Medical Personnel. It is a family oriented event and Friends of the DAR and organizations of community may attend. (Inside event)

Save the Princeton Battlefield

State President Allen Greenley asked that this letter be distributed to our membership. More information about saving the Princeton Battlefield can be found at the website www.SavePrinceton.org

Friday, June 24, 2016

Sons of the American Revolution

Re: Princeton Battlefield – General George Washington’s Victory - Help Save This Hallowed Ground!

Dear Compatriot,

I have attached copies of the letters and enclosures that I sent Monday, June 13th, 2016, to The President of the United States and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie.

(Excerpts from: Battle to Save a Battlefield by George F. Will, Washington Post, April 8, 2016 - copy enclosed)
“(Princeton N.J) One of history’s most important battles happened here on a field you can walk across in less than the 45 minutes or so the battle lasted. If George Washington’s audacity on Jan. 3, 1777, had not reversed the patriots’ retreat and routed the British, the American Revolution might have been extinguished...The ground, on which patriots’ blood puddled on that 20-degree morning, has been scandalously neglected by the State of New Jersey. Now it is being vandalized by the Institute for Advance Study (“IAS”) , which has spurned a \$4,500,000 purchase offer – more than \$1,000,000 above appraised value...The battle to save this battlefield, one of the Nation’s most significant and most neglected sites, is not yet lost. The government in today’s Trenton, and in the city named for the man who won the 1777 battle, should assist...”

Please, please help all of us, the Save Princeton Coalition ("SPC") which includes the American Assoc. for State and Local History; the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati; the Civil War Trust; The Cultural Landscape Foundation; the National Coalition for History; the National Parks Conservation Assoc.; the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the Princeton Battlefield Society, the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Battlefields Trust (UK) and the Royal Tigers Assoc. (UK), in finding a solution that will accomplish a win/win for:

1. America -Save the Princeton Battlefield land future generations of Americans, who owe so much to General George Washington and the patriots who fought there!
2. IAS - Acquire alternative suitable land to build their faculty housing and realize a \$1,000,000 profit!

If the SAR has not sounded the alarm and asked our members for emergency action to help save Maxwell’s Field on the Princeton Battlefield, I plead with you to persuade the SAR to join the SPC in the fight to save this hallowed ground, as General Washington did, January 3rd, 1777.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming

Upcoming Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings

Usually held the 2nd Thursday

No Meeting currently scheduled for July and August
September 8, 2016
October 13, 2016

Event Calendar

Upcoming State and National SAR Events

- 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
- 24 September – Chartering Ceremony Mount Vernon Chapter, evening
- 30 Sep – NSSAR Fall Trustee/Leadership Meeting
- 01 Oct – NSSAR Fall Trustee/Leadership Meeting
- 01 Oct Compatriot Gosnell Grave Marking sponsored by Casimir Pulaski Chapter:
- 7 Oct Kings Mountain
- 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 November – Veterans Day Ceremony, Oconee Veterans Memorial Park, Watkinsville, 1100 hrs
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day Activities
- 19 Nov -- Fort Morris

Board of Managers



2016 Chapter Officer Directory

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