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Next Meeting – Thursday March 9th

Regular meeting day and place will resume in March. Mark your calendars for Thursday March 9th chapter meeting at the **Petite Violette Restaurant**, 2948 Clairmont Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329.

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.

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.

Atlanta Chapter Holds Annual Meeting

The Board of Managers of the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution hosted the George Washington Birthday Celebration and Annual Meeting and Lunch Cherokee Town & Country Club.

We meet on this special Saturday once a year to induct new officers, recap the chapter's and members' successes during the prior 12 months, and to celebrate the birthday of the Father of Our Country – George Washington.

Below listed are some of the highlights of the meeting.

New Chapter Officers Installed

New officers for the Atlanta Chapter SAR for the year 2017 were installed at the February meeting by State President Wayne Brown. They are:

President	Henry Cobb
Vice President	Rich Williams
Secretary	Al Adams
Treasurer	Richard Marsh
Registrar	David Noble
Chancellor	Ed Floyd
Chaplin	J.R. McAliley
Historian	John Titus
Sargent at Arms	Bob Campbell
Information Technology	Richard Marsh



State President Wayne Brown gives oath of office to new officers. They are left to right: Bob Campbell, John Titus, J.R. McAliley, David Noble, Ed Floyd, Richard Marsh, Rich Williams and Al Adams.



Al Adams turns over gavel to new President Henry Cobb

Other members were recognized with certificates and medals. Below is a list of the recognitions.

Al Adams receives the Past President certificate and pin.



Bill Hays presents Al Adams with Past President certificate and pin.

Charles Griffin Receives Chapter Distinguished Service Award

Atlanta member Charles Griffin was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Member award for his countless hours in assisting the chapter in recovering control of the website. Which had been an ongoing effort by the chapter for two or three years. Charles spent close to seven months of his spare time working on this project. Without his efforts, we might not have our new web site. The recovery of our website has been an invaluable tool for our chapter, especially with all that has transpired with David and Richard's book. Additionally we have received numerous membership inquiries that have led to new applicants.

The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service ("CMDS") is the highest medal that can be awarded by a Chapter President. The incumbent Chapter President may present one medal during his term at the Chapter's Annual Meeting, to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the president's administration. The Chapter President presents this Medal at his discretion; no other approval is required.



President Adams presents Charles Griffin with his certificate and medals

Terry Manning receives the Good Citizenship Award

The **Outstanding Citizenship Award** can be presented to a member who does outstanding work on behalf of their chapter in an area not otherwise covered by other types of recognition. Terry is not only involved with our SAR chapter, but also with many other organization throughout the area like the Gwinnett Council for Seniors. He has given presentations to well over 2000 people over the last years. To groups such as Suwanee Senior Living, the Dacula Rainbow Club, the Genealogy Study Group, the Gwinnett Quilters Guild, Sheppard Hospital, many DAR Chapters, other SAR chapters and other groups like Colonial Dames.



Al Adams presents the Good Citizenship Award to Terry Manning

Gregory Smith receives the Military Service Medal

The **Military Service Medal** recognizes 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. **Gregory Smith** is one such SAR member entitled to this recognition as a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served for 6 years' active duty in the US Army.

Officer Recognition

President Adams recognized the officers that served in 2016 with the **Magnificent Team Awards**

President	Al Adams
Secretary	David Rosinger
Treasurer	Henry Cobb
Registrar	David Noble
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bob Campbell
Chancellor	Ed Floyd
Chaplain	J.R. McAliley
Historian	Terry Manning

Committee Recognition

Certificates of Appreciation are hereby presented as follows.

Tom Gurley	JROTC Chairman
Terry Manning	Color Guard Commander
Terry Manning	Chairman: , Education, Flag Respect, Nominating
Richard Marsh	Eagle Scout Chairman
David Noble	Membership Chairman

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

The **Bronze Roger Sherman Medal** is awarded to committee chairmen for 3 years of service and most of those chairmen received their medal last year. The medal is also available to members who have served on the committee for four years. Hank Sturgess was president of the Chapter in 2007 and became Chairman of the Nominating Committee in 2008. Due to various circumstances, he ended up on that committee most years for the next 9 years. It is our pleasure to recognize **Albert Hank Sturgess**, as a member of the Nominating Committee for close to 10 years



Al Adams presents Hank Sturgess with certificate and Oak Leaf Cluster

New Member and Supplemental Certificates

William S. "Bill" Goodman was inducted as a new member at the February meeting. John Titus received a supplemental certificate for his third patriot ancestor. Please welcome Bill and congratulate John



Registrar David Noble, State President Wayne Brown, Bill Goodman, President Al Adams



Henry Cobb presents a supplemental certificate to John Titus

Member Memorials

The chapter was saddened to lose three members since our last Memorial Service. **Chaplain J. R. McAliley** offered a prayer of remembrance and **Secretary David Rosinger** called the **Role of Remembrance**.

George Lee Allgood

Deceased December 15, 2015

Walter Dorsey Stancil

Deceased December 8, 2016

Donald Louis Boney

Deceased January 20, 2017

Atlanta Chapter Co-hosted Hornet's Nest Commemoration

Hornet's Nest Commemoration Highlights Elijah Clarke Grave Dedication

The weekend of celebration for the **Battle of Kettle Creek** was especially exciting on **Friday, February 10, 2017**, when activities sponsored by the William Few and Atlanta chapters SAR, Elijah Clarke and William Heard chapters NSDAR, Friends of Elijah Clark State Park, and the Lincoln County Historical Society joined to sponsor a variety of activities at the

Elijah Clark State Park in Lincolnton, just east of Washington, Georgia. A regional Colonial Color Guard of militia and Continental Line participants from across the Southeast, including the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia Unit, joined the festivities with musket firings and representations of colonial lifestyle. The park is the site of the grave of Georgia's most famous Patriot fighter, Col. Elijah Clarke, whose grave will be marked by an SAR Patriot Grave Marker on this date.

The day kicked off at 10:30 a.m. at the restored cabin and Elijah Clark Museum with a variety of demonstrations on colonial lifestyle, including demonstrations of colonial attire, a Traveling Trunk display, period dulcimer music, and musket demonstrations. Authors of new period books were on hand for book signings: Dr. David Noble of *"Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782"* and Dr. John Turrentine of *"Defining the Founding Fathers and their Spirituality Examined"*.

The dedication ceremony featured remarks by Compatriot David Noble whose 832-page book released in December 2016 highlights 42 engagements and the men who fought them in Georgia during the Revolution. He spoke on recent studies at Kettle Creek that effectively locating the burial sites of many of the participants and re-writing the history of how that engagement took place.

Some photos from the event are shown below.





Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

David Noble and Richard Marsh's new book, **Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782** continues to be well received. David and Richard have made a number of presentations to SAR and DAR groups. The proceeds of this book will go 100% to the investigation, preservation and restoration of Revolutionary War battle sites in the state of Georgia.

The proceeds from the book to the Atlanta Chapter have now exceeded \$11,000. To put that into perspective, our Chapter would normally have less than \$1,000 per year available to fund the types of projects that these proceeds will fund. This is a monumental opportunity that David and Richard have made available to our Chapter and to the preservation of the 42 known battle sites in Georgia. Members are encouraged to purchase a book for personal use or as a donation to a library or other organization.

Introduction of the book to the public was greatly aided by a review by Compatriot **Ken Thomas** in his weekly Genealogy column in the December 4, 2016, *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*.

The Chapter has set a goal to get copies of this book into as many libraries and research facilities in Georgia and across the nation as possible. To achieve this, we are encouraging the purchase and donation of books. All net proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to preserve and support research Georgia Revolutionary War battle sites. Additional information about the book, including purchase and donation options, can be obtained at: www.saratlanta.org

Our Chapter in the Community

Terry Manning continues to represent SAR and the Atlanta Chapter with his many presentations to groups of all types. Terry has already scheduled nearly 20 appearances for the first quarter of 2017.

During the 2016 year **Terry presented** programs on behalf of SAR to **over 2,000 individuals**. It is not likely that any other individual in the State Society reaches more individuals on an annual basis than does Terry.

David Noble also continues his work with preservation and exploration of Revolutionary War battlefields. His major efforts continue at Kettle Creek while he is also exploring projects at Carr's Fort and other sites.

Contributions to SAR Programs

Contributions made by our members to SAR programs such as **Youth Program Endowment Funds, Public Service Program Endowment Funds, Center for Advancing America's Heritage, George Washington Endowment Fund, SAR Foundation, Friends of the Library, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association or the USO** count toward the Americanism Points for our Chapter. If you would like to have your contributions counted as part of our Chapter please let **Henry Cobb** know that you have made the contribution, or give the check to Henry so that he can forward it to National. There is no requirement that our Chapter receive credit, so do not feel obligated to let the Chapter know. The contribution is the important part. The chapter receiving credit is a very secondary benefit.



2017 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 20, 2017, to February 25, 2018, are as follows:

President	Henry Cobb	whc2gt@yahoo.com
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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.

Bill Armstrong
Stuart Brady
Philip Clinkscales III
Henry Cobb
John Coning
Ed Conley
Bill Goodman
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
Mary 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. New Atlanta Fellow is Bill Goodman.



Ben Statham, Rich Williams and Mary Wilson receive Atlanta Fellows certificates.

Member Help

Remember to Work on Your Supplemental Applications

In addition to the original application for membership into SAR, members are encouraged to find additional **Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots** in their family tree and to make a **Supplemental Membership Application** so as to have the Patriot or Soldier added to their record. **Henry Cobb** will endeavor to be available to answer your questions concerning a Supplement, and he will guide you through the process of filing the application.

Upcoming

Upcoming Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings

Usually held the 2nd Thursday

March 9, 2017
Regular Monthly Meeting
Petite Violette Restaurant
Program- Robert C. Jones

Mr. Jones is an author and speaker who served as President of the Kennesaw Historical Society for 21 years (1994-2015).

Robert has written 40+ books on various historical topics, including the Civil War, Revolutionary War, World War I & II, the War of 1812 and ghost towns.

Event Calendar

Upcoming State and National SAR Events

2017

- 2-4 Mar – NSSAR Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY
- 10-11 Mar – Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek, Sylvania, GA
- 18 Mar – Guilford Courthouse
- 25 Mar – Compatriot David Dukes Grave Marking, Wayne County
- 8 Apr – Dual Grave Marking sponsored by Casimir Pulaski Chapter, Tallapoosa, 1100 hrs
- 22 April – Frederica Days, SSI
- 23 Apr – Colonial Worship, SSI
- 6-12 Jul – 127th Annual Congress, Knoxville, TN
- 12 or 19 Sep -- 2017 William Few Commemoration – Augusta, Georgia St. Paul's Church