

# **Atlanta Tidbits Ledger**

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### Next Meeting – Saturday, February 25 Reservations and Payment in Advance Required George Washington Birthday Luncheon (Registration Form Below)

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

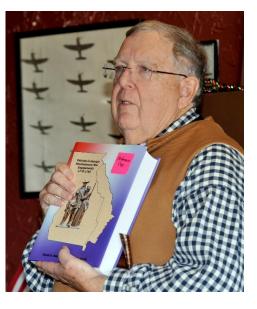
Regular meetings are held on the **second Thursdays of the month** except in February when we meet on the Saturday closest to Washington's birthday and in July and August when we do not schedule a regular meeting.

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.

## **Dr. David Noble Awarded Patriot Medal**

Atlanta Chapter's Dr. David Noble was honored at the recent annual meeting of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution with the Patriot Medal. This is the highest award given for service at the state level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received *ONLY* once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state level.

The medal is silver color and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The design for the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display.



## Atlanta Chapter to Co-host Hornet's Nest Commemoration

#### Hornet's Nest Commemoration to Highlight Elijah Clarke Grave Dedication

#### Friday Events Include Period Music, Cabin Tours, Free Indoor Chili Luncheon and desert, Penny Wreath Program, Book Signings, Kettle Creek Program, Remembrance Ceremony, & Grave Dedication

The weekend of celebration for the **Battle of Kettle Creek** will be 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 join 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, will also join 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 will kick 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 will be 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".

A free indoor chili cookout and dessert buffet at noon will be served compliments of the Friends of Elijah Clark State Park and William Heard Chapter NSDAR, followed by a wreath ceremony and grave dedication at 1:30 at the Elijah Clarke gravesite. The dedication ceremony will feature 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 will speak on recent studies at Kettle Creek that are effectively newly locating the burial sites of many of the participants and rewriting the history of how that engagement took place.

Those without wreaths to present of their own can participate in the ceremony in our popular Penny Wreath Program. Donate a penny when you check in and you'll be a part owner of a joint Partners in Patriotism Wreath representing all of the organizations that donated toward its purchase, allowing you to bring greetings on behalf of your particular chapter or group. In the event of inclement weather, an alternate indoor, heated building is available on site if needed.

Those interested in further camaraderie at the park may wish to visit one of the cabins hosting warm fires, snacks, and hospitality following the official ceremonies.

Those wishing to stay at one of the 20 lakeside cottages or at a campsite at the park will receive a special discount, probably 20% less for this special occasion (2-night stay required at the cottages). There are also a large number of chain motels in nearby Thomson, Georgia, on the Interstate close to

For further details or to ensure being listed in the official program of the grave dedication contact Charlie Newcomer (<u>canewcomer@att.net</u>) prior to February 1 with information on your name, title, and organization.

# **January Meeting Highlights**



**Fred Mobley** 

The January Atlanta Chapter meeting was held at our new meeting location, The Petite Violette Restaurant. Our old meeting location, The Petite Auberge Restaurant, closed after over 40 years. Our program was presented by Fred Mobley, Archivist, DeKalb History Center. He explained the types of items that are available for researchers use at the History Center. He also presented ideas about items that individuals or groups might want to donate to the Center in the future.

Three **new members** were inducted into the Chapter at the meeting. **Dr. John D. Hernry, Jr.**, son of our longtime member John Henry, was inducted. Also **Newton Quantz III** was present to be inducted. He also accepted the Certificate of Membership for his son **Newton Quantz IV**. We welcome these Compatriots into our membership and look forward to their involvement with the Atlanta Chapter.

In new business the Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of **officers for 2017** that it had reported at the November Chapter meeting. There were no further nominations from the floor. The slate was approved by acclamation. The new officers who will be installed at the February **George Washington Birthday Luncheon** are as follows: **Henry Cobb, President; Richard Williams, Vice President; Richard Marsh, Treasurer; Al Adams, Secretary; David Noble, Registrar; Ed Floyd, Chancellor; J.R. McAliley III, Chaplain; John Titus, Historian; Bob Campbell, Sergeant at Arms and Richard Marsh, Information Technology.** 

# **Atlanta Chapter Supports Friends of the Library**

The **Atlanta Chapter** is proud to report that **13 of its members** have made \$25 contributions to the **Friends of the Library** Fund. The Atlanta Chapter itself also made a donation.

The Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) was organized to assist the SAR Library in implementing its collection development objectives and to provide for the purchase of non-budgeted items such as equipment, supplies and new technology. The collection objectives include those books, manuscripts, microforms, and online services as needed to enhance and expand the current collection.

### 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 are already approaching \$10,000. 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 28 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 **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: <a href="https://www.saratlanta.org">www.saratlanta.org</a>

## **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.

Take Notice

238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek Revolutionary Days A National Society SAR Historic Site Event Sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution February 10, 11 & 12, 2017 Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

#### Friday—February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**12:00** Noon—**4:30** P.M.: Join U.S. Army Military Historian for a walking tour of the Kettle Creek site, 18<sup>th</sup> century history and Battlefield Relics. Tours start at the Federal Monument on War Hill at 12-noon, 1:30 P. M. and 3:00 P.M...

**6:00 P.M.:** The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Georgia Society SAR and Kettle Creek NSDAR will host a dinner and Revolutionary War program in honor of the Kettle Creek Patriots.

#### Saturday Morning-February 11th, 2017

**9:00 A.M**. The Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia Honor Guard with Musket Salutes will raise the 1776 Colors of the Revolutionary War on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole.

**9:00 A.M.—12-Noon:** Historical performers in the City Square, Georgia Society SAR Living History building with demonstrations, Mary Willis Library period display, Robert Toombs House Historic site with Period performers, Washington City Museum with the Kettle Creek Artifact Room.

**10:00 A.M.** The Georgia Society SAR combined Color Guard & Militia will gather at the Revolutionary War monument on the Washington City square to Salute and Honor the *Wilkes County Militia* - (*the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest*) and all Revolutionary War Patriots.

### Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Celebrating the History of the Battle of Kettle Creek &

#### **Our Heroes of the American Revolution**

#### Saturday-February 11th, 2017

**10:30 A.M.** Gather behind the Courthouse for the assembly of the Revolutionary War Parade— ALL the public (Children & Grownups) are welcome to participate in the event as our National Colors and re-enactors lead us around the City square. **Parade STARTS at 10:45 A.M.** 

**11:00 A.M.** Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia and other re-enactors with black-powder muskets will present a dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Fort Washington Park behind the Wilkes County Courthouse.

**11:45 A.M**. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard--*Elijah Clarke Militia* and others, will present arms and fire a thunderous musket salute as the Revolutionary War Colors are lowered and our Present-day National Colors are raised on the Square.

**2:30 P.M.** Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battlefield includes, Continental Army, Georgia Militia, Musket volley salutes, Wreath Presentations, SAR/DAR/CAR, Hereditary Organizations, Local, State & National officials, High School JROTC, students and public, place Wreaths to honor the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest--the Wilkes County Militia for their 1779 Victory at Kettle Creek.

**9:00 --- 5:00 P.M**. The Robert Toombs Historic Site and the City Museum will remain open for Visitors. Children & Uniform personnel are welcome Free of Charge.

#### Sunday-February 12th, 2017

#### 9:00 A.M. Join the Georgia Society SAR and the Local NSDAR Chapter in a Memorial

<u>Service Honoring the Wilkes County Militia (Heroes of the Hornets' Nest) and the SC Upper 96 Militia</u> who together defeated the Loyalists at the Battle of Kettle Creek. As in the past this Memorial Service is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate. Phillips Mill Baptist Church, 5479 Greensboro Road, Washington, GA 30673 (706) 678-7825

## **Atlanta Chapter Web Site Updates**

**Richard Marsh** continues his work to refine our new web site and to make it user friendly for our members as well as outsiders who might visit the site. Please visit the site and give Richard feedback about your experience. The more eyes that see it, the better his information and therefore the better his refinement can become.

Information for ordering a copy of David Noble and Richard Marsh's book is available on the website.

Richard continues to receive inquiries about membership, and the site proves to be more valuable each day.

Please send any comments and/or suggestions to Richard at saratlanta@gmail.com.

# **Membership Growth Continues**

Chapter membership continues to grow. As noted above, three new members were installed at the November membership meeting. We welcome them and others who are in the pipeline. We look forward to having their involvement in our ever growing chapter. Certificates have arrived for seven new members. They will be inducted as soon as they are able to attend a meeting. Another five applications are awaiting approval by National.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year our membership as reported by the State Secretary was 139. At the end of the year our membership had grown to 169. Thanks to all who have sponsored new members. Keep up the good work.

**Membership Chairman David Noble** reports that he continues to receive new applications and that several more new members will be coming soon. We are also receiving a number of membership inquiries from our newly revived website.



### **2016 Chapter Officer Directory**

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

President 1st Vice President 2nd Vice President Secretary Treasurer Registrar Sergeant-At-Arms Chancellor Chaplain Historian Al Adams

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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	Ted McMullan
Stuart Brady	Lowrey McNeel
Philip Clinkscales III	Joe Meyer
Henry Cobb	Alice Noble
John Coning	David Noble
Ed Conley	James Noble
Gene Grasser	Ray Patton
James Hankins	Joyce Patton
Joseph Hankins	Loy Reddick
Pat Hankins	Ed Rigel, Sr.
Ann Hays	Joan Rigel
Bill Hays	Stephen Schroeder
Don Kenagy	William Smith III
Charles Lord	Ben Statham
Bruce Maney	Penn Templeman, Jr.
Charlie Maney	Bruce Wanamaker
Ginny Manning	Eugene Wilson
Terry Manning	Mary Wilson
Richard Marsh	<b>Richard Williams</b>

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.

#### 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** is available to answer your questions concerning a Supplement, and he will guide you through the process of filing the application. David Noble and John Titus will receive additional supplementals at the January meeting.

### **Upcoming Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings**

Usually held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

February 25, 2017 – George Washington Birthday Reservations required Installation of new officers Cherokee Town and Country Club

> March 9, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting Petite Violette Restaurant **Program- Jim Reason**

Event Calendar

## **Upcoming State and National SAR Events**

2017
10-12 Feb – Kettle Creek Weekend
10 Feb – Elijah Clark Grave Dedication –Co-Sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter
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

The Board of Managers of the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution cordially invites you and your family to attend our

George Washington Birthday Celebration and Annual

Meeting and Luncheon



11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 25, 2017

Cherokee Town & Country Club 155 West Paces Ferry Road NW Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Join us in celebration of a successful year of activity in 2016 and as we look forward in 2017 to honoring our patriot ancestors and family heritage, promoting patriotism, recognizing veterans, and encouraging education on the people, places, and events of the Revolutionary War.

The event will highlight a **delicious luncheon** and the **Atlanta member and chapter awards** received at the annual meeting of the Georgia Society SAR on January 27-28, 2017; **induction of new members**; **recognition of 2016 officers and chairmen** and **installation of chapter officers for 2017** 

Advanced reservations are required and must be postmarked no later than February 17<sup>t</sup> Please use the following reservation slip.

Note that the regularly scheduled chapter meeting at Petite Violette **is not** held on the second <u>Thursday in February and the start time of this annual meeting is one hour earlier at 11:00 a.m.</u> <u>rather than noon.</u>

# **Reservation Form**



11:00 a.m., Saturday,

February 25 George Washington Birthday



Celebration

Name of SAR Member or Prospe	ective Member:
Name of Guest #1:	
Name of Guest #2:	
Name of Guest #3:	
Special Dietary Needs	
Make check payable to:	"Atlanta Chapter SAR"
Return with a postmark of Febru	uary 17 <sup>th</sup> or sooner to:
Henry Cob	b, 1690 Harts Run, Chamblee, GA 30341
Check #	Amount of Check (\$50/Person) = \$ (\$50, \$100, \$150, \$200, etc.)

Business suit, sport coat, or military uniform is required attire for gentlemen at this facility. Complimentary Valet Parking available.