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Next Meeting – Thursday May 11th

Mark your calendars for **Thursday May 11th** 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.

Highlights of April Meeting

The speaker for the April meeting was Jim Reason who presented a talk on Valley Forge.



Speaker Reason wins one of the door prizes, a map of Valley Forge

New Member

David Allen Heiden was inducted as a new member at the April meeting. Please welcome Dave as a new member. His ancestor was Captain Zeba Hunt of Connecticut.



Color Guard Commander Terry Manning pins the official Rosette on new member Dave Heiden's lapel

Essay Contest Winner Recognized

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest winner at both the Chapter and State levels was presented her medal and certificates along with checks from the Chapter and the State Society.

Lane Elder, a 12th grade home schooled honor student, wrote her essay on France's Influence in Early America.

To participate, students must submit an original 800- to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay is judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

Lane's essay is now in the competition at the NSSAR level against twenty-six other state winners where the first-place winner will receive \$5,000. Second place receives \$2,500 and third place receives \$1,000.



Color Guard Commander Terry Manning presents the State Society Essay Contest Winner medal to Lane Elder. Next to her is the Atlanta Chapter Essay Contest Chairman Al Adams and President Henry Cobb.

Lane has chosen Georgia Tech as her college and will be majoring in Literature, Media, and Communication (formerly named Science, Technology, and Culture). This program offers a thorough education in the different modes of representation that structure our increasingly technological and global world. By learning the modes of communication common to science, technology, and the humanities, LMC graduates are prepared to become leaders in education, business, and the arts.

Atlanta Chapter Member Passes Away

Atlanta Chapter member Paul Daniel Borowski resident of Decatur, GA passed away on April 12, 2017. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. His body was cremated. A memorial service is planned for Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Church of Our Savior, 1068 North Highland Ave., Atlanta, GA 30306.

Membership

The NSSAR Genealogist General reports that in 2016 the SAR received over 4,000 new applications with current approval time at 12 weeks after they are received at NSSAR. Supplemental applications are now averaging 22 weeks after receipt. NSSAR membership as of December 31, 2016, stood at 35,285.

Atlanta Chapter membership as of April 1, 2017, stood at 149 which makes us the **largest** Chapter in the State of Georgia and the 18th largest Chapter in the National Society.

Color Guard

We could use a few more members of the Atlanta Chapter Color Guard in uniform.



The cost of a militia uniform is much less than that of a Continental uniform. Since the militia outfit is usually purchased piecemeal, the following is an indicative cost (prices from James Townsend and Sons (Mar 2017)):

Fall or Fly Front Knee Breeches	\$115-150
18 th Century Work Shirt	\$45 plain, \$60 checked
Neck Stock	\$8.50
Hunting Shirt, canvas	\$65-\$120
Tricorn Black Hat, Wool felt	\$68 search website for TH-905
Stocking, heavy cotton	\$13
Leather Garters	\$8

Shoes, shoe buckles, suspenders, and accessories would be extra. The cost would be even lower if the outfit is bought locally. The above estimate totals about \$325 using the lowest price ranges provided. Now is an excellent time to outfit yourself while there is the opportunity to reduce the cost by \$200 by taking advantage of a \$100 stipend from the chapter and \$100 stipend from the State Society. We welcome you to participate in our own chapter's Color Guard at meetings in uniform. We also occasionally attend grave dedications, parades, flag retirement ceremonies, and historic site celebrations in uniform. Join the fun!

<http://jas-townsend.com/index.php>

GREAT NEWS – **The Continental uniform is now again available from GGoodwin by special order.** For help or further tips on choosing your style of militia attire, **talk to our Color Guard Commander Terry Manning for more information.**

New Revolutionary War Museum Opens

A new museum in Philadelphia had a Grand Public Opening on April 19, 2017.

The public opening of the Museum of the American Revolution occurred on April 19, 2017, the 242nd anniversary of “shot heard ‘round the world” at Concord that ignited the Revolution. The opening ceremony stretched across Philadelphia’s historic area, starting at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution at Washington Square, moving to Independence Hall, and then concluding on the Museum’s entrance plaza at Third and Chestnut Streets. With national, regional, and local media coverage already confirmed, the opening will convey the rich Revolutionary history of Philadelphia as well as announce the opening of a new, national institution. The opening also created a celebratory procession that resonates throughout the historic area, highlights our great landmarks and events, and enables people to see and participate in many places.



Photos from the museum

Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

The proceeds from the book to the Atlanta Chapter are already exceeding \$12,800. 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. Out of 300 books the chapter has distributed 186. **There are only 114 books remaining.**

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: www.saratlanta.org

Volunteers needed

The Chapter could use two or three volunteers to help identify which libraries in Georgia **Do Not** yet have a copy of the book. This would entail identifying libraries within the various Georgia Counties and contacting them to find out if they have a copy of the book. This would then give us a list to point people to who wish to make a donation. Please let Henry Cobb, David Noble or Richard Marsh know if you can do this.

Our Chapter in the Community

JROTC Recognition – Through April 19th the Chapter has presented medals and Certificates to three JROTC members. There will be additional ones presented in the coming weeks. Tom Gurley could use some assistance in this worthwhile endeavor. No speech required. Please contact Tom at tbgurley@att.



Al Adams presents Certificate and medal to Cadet Kyler at Chamblee High School

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
Vice President	Rich Williams	richwill1@hotmail.com
Secretary	Al Adams	moveradams@aol.com
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Registrar	David Noble	dannoble10@att.net
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Chancellor	Ed Floyd	floyd7@bellsouth.net
Chaplain	J.R. McAliley, III	jrmcalileyiii@aol.com
Historian	John Titus	mojotitus@bellsouth.net

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
Sam Chafin
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. **Newest Atlanta Fellow is Sam Chafin.**



Sam Chafin receives his Atlanta Fellow pin and certificate from President Cobb

Atlanta Chapter leads Search

David Noble of the Atlanta Chapter organized a search for the grave of Col. John Dooly in Elijah Clark State Park. Unfortunately, the search with the cadaver dogs proved unsuccessful on this outing. Below are some photos from the day's adventure and a link to a write up by David about his conclusions on where the body may be buried.





Who was Colonial John Dooly? Colonel John Dooly, born in Wilkes County, North Carolina, was an American Revolutionary war hero. He commanded a regiment at the Battle of Kettle Creek in 1779 and was reportedly killed at his home by Tories in 1780. Click here for a link to a Wikipedia article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Dooly.

David Noble's conclusions regarding Colonel Dooly's fate can be read found at:

<http://www.saratlanta.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/DoolyDeath.pdf>

Awards Presented in April

The following people were recognized for their service. Previously we did not have pictures of these recognition from our February George Washington Celebration.



Tom Gurley receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the JROTC program



Gregory Smith receives the Military Service Medal

Mentor Program

The National Society is encouraging chapters to implement a mentor program for new members.

Assuming the new member has at least some interest in learning about the S.A.R. (some don't) and his chapter, the focus should be on the neophyte's education and interest. This refers to insuring the new member receives information regarding the S.A.R. in general and the chapter in particular, and is able to spark some interest in the new member remaining active and even becoming involved in the chapter. Therefore, the mentor must have sufficient knowledge regarding both the S.A.R. and the chapter along with a good degree of both communication skills and empathy to be effective. He should endeavor to become a friend, if he is not already, of the new member and tailor his guidance to the member's desire to learn and be involved. The mentor should presume the new member is interested and wants to be a part of the chapter.

Please let chapter President Henry Cobb know of your interest in taking on this role in our chapter.

To date Henry Cobb and Al Adams have agreed to serve as mentors to new members.

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 Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings

Usually held the 2nd Thursday

May 11, 2017

Regular Monthly Meeting

Petite Violette Restaurant

Program- Robert C. Jones

Spies during the Revolution by Robert Jones

Parking

Some members have asked about parking at Petite Violette. They provide valet parking and there is some parking available at the office building next door at 2948 Clairmont Rd. Below is a photo of the path from this parking area at the first Visitor Parking sign to the restaurant.



May Birthdays

The following members have a birthday in May:

John Allgood	1 st
Benjamin Polston	1 st
Roderick White	7 th
George Hooks	9 th
Edward Rogge	13 th
Hank Sturgess	17 th
John White	23 rd
Vic Verdi	31 st

We are missing a few birthdays in our database. If you have a May birthday and it is not on the above list please let us know.

Upcoming State and National SAR Events

2017

- 8 Apr – Dual Grave Marking sponsored by Casimir Pulaski Chapter, Tallapoosa, 1100 hrs
15 Apr – Dual Grave marking sponsored by Athens Chapter, Winterville, GA 10:30 and 1:30
22 April – Frederica Days, SSI
23 Apr – Colonial Worship, SSI
29 April – GSSAR Board of Managers meeting in Barnesville, GA
30 Apr- Five grave marking Midway Cemetery, Midway, GA (*see invitation below*)
6-12 Jul – 127th Annual Congress, Knoxville, TN
2 Sep – Grave Dedication of Patriot Thomas Maxwell, Elbert County, GA
19 Sep - William Few Commemoration & Constitution Day– Augusta, Georgia St. Paul’s Church
9 Oct - Parade honoring the “Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA
18 Nov – Fort Morris State Park ceremony, Sunbury, GA
2 Dec – Battle of Vann’s Creek, Richard Russell State Park, Elbert County, GA

**Athens Chapter
Blue Ridge Chapter**

**Ocmulgee Chapter
Piedmont Chapter**

**Robert Forsyth Chapter
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution**

**Invite you to attend the dedication of grave markers
commemorating the service of:**

**Samuel Jacob T. Axson
Nathaniel Baker**

Daniel Stewart

**James Dunwoody
James Screven**

**In conjunction with the St. John’s Parish Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Colonists
Sunday, April 30, 2017**

**Midway Cemetery
US Highway 17 South
Midway, GA 31320**

**Contact:
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Cherokee Forest Drive
Athens, GA 30601-1052**