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Next Meeting – Thursday September 14

Mark your calendars for **Thursday September 14th** 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.

Upcoming Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings

Usually held the 2nd Thursday

September 14, 2017

Summer Vacation

We will not have meetings in July and August. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Thursday September 14, 2017**.

Save the Date

The Atlanta Chapter will hold a **Grave Dedication** for our former member **Fisher Craft** on **Friday October 6, 2017 11:00** at the **Decatur Cemetery**. The **Georgia Society SAR Color Guard** has been invited to participate. **Details to follow.**

Atlanta Chapter Wins National Awards



The Atlanta Chapter was awarded the President General Robert B. Vance Award for 2016-2017

This award is presented to the Chapter Internet Web site which best represents the SAR, by providing the most useful information about activities and programs to our members and to the general public, using both a creative method of display and professional format

Georgia Society President Wayne Brown presents the certificate to Henry Cobb and Richard Marsh



Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

Wins the Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award for making a distinguished contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolutionary war era and its Patriots. Congratulations David and Richard.

State SAR President Wayne Brown presents the certificate to Richard and David



Liberty Medal

David Noble was awarded the Liberty Medal in recognition of outstanding services in the recruitment of new members.

New Scrapbook

In addition to the great Scrapbook being maintained by the Chapter's Historian, John Titus we now have a Scrapbook depicting the Chapter's efforts in placing a monument in the Warrenton City Cemetery commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Patriot Captain David **Bushnell**. Captain Bushnell was the inventor of the submarine, "**The Turtle**". This new addition was prepared by Alice and David Noble along with Terry Manning. Be sure to thank them. Both scrapbooks are available for your review at each of our meetings.

Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

Our book is now in the Library of Congress.

The proceeds from the book to the Atlanta Chapter are approximately \$14,500 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. Out of 300 books the chapter has distributed two thirds of the books. **There are only 93 books remaining.**

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

Patriot Grave Marking

The Atlanta Chapter along with the Samuel Elbert and Button Gwinnett Chapters of SAR and the Stephen Heard Chapter of NSDAR will be sponsors of the **grave marking for Thomas Maxwell at 11:00** on September 2, 2017 in Elbert County, GA. Directions:

On GA Highway 77 going North from Elberton, travel "about 10 miles"you will pass a large white church on your right....that is the Concord Methodist Church...continue on the Hartwell Highway and look for Maple Springs Road on your left (just before the Hart County Line). Turn left onto Maple Springs Rd. About 2-3 miles you will pass the Maple Springs Church on your left....continue straight and in about 2 miles turn right onto Twin Line Road. Travel about 2 miles and you will pass the Maxwell Cemetery on your left. (GPS: 34 deg 13.723 min North; -82 deg 55.253 min West.)

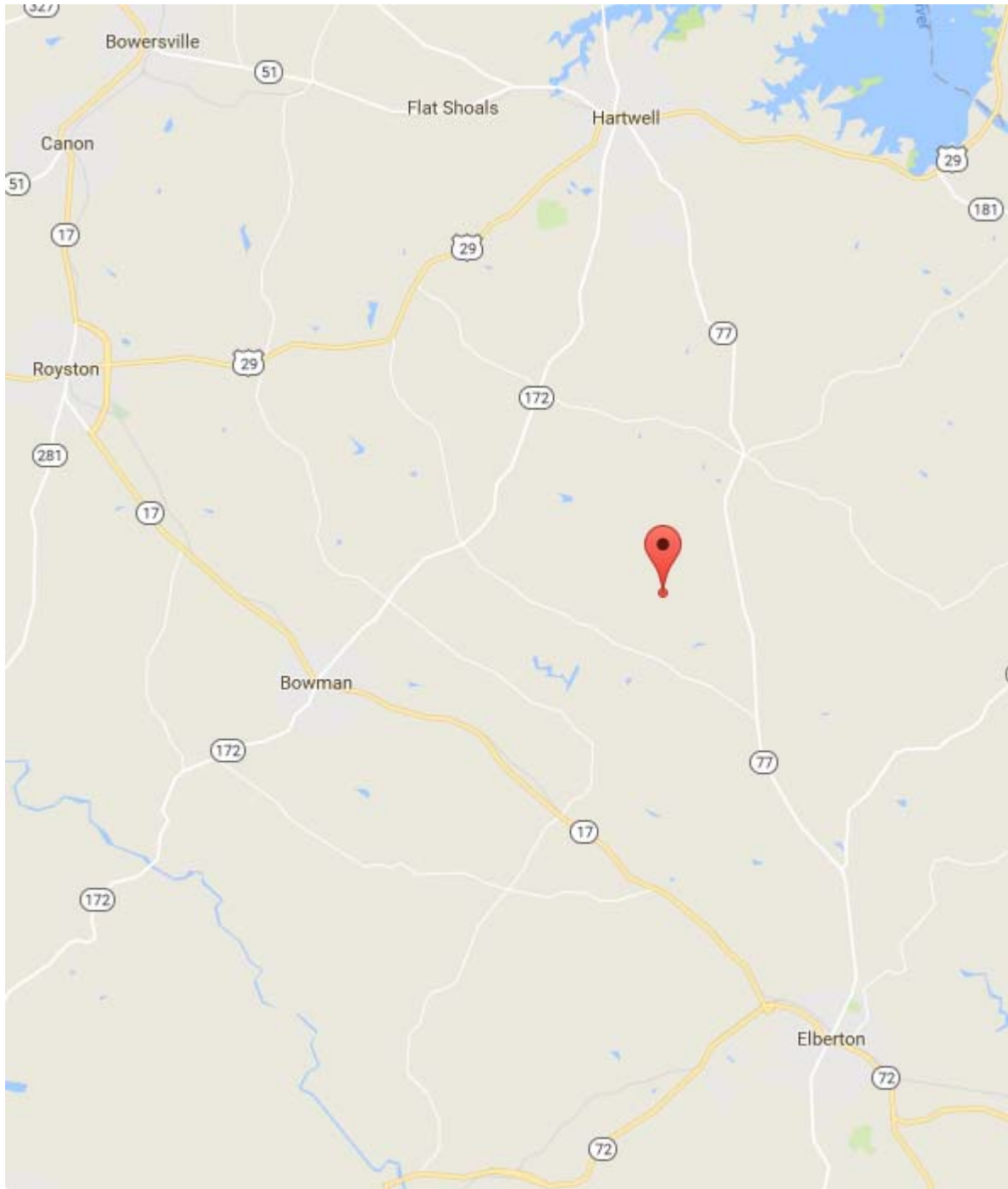
There will be a BBQ luncheon after the 11:00 am ceremony at the Concord United Methodist Church, 2503 Harmony Road, (On Hartwell Highway near the gravesite in Elberton, GA.-3 miles) in the Church's activity room. Cost is \$10. You should email your reservation to Larry Wilson at dlwilson@elberton.net or call 706-283-1627 **no later than August 25th.**

Bring your children or grandkids to see the Georgia Color Guard in action and to see the nearby Georgia Guidestones (the "American Stonehenge").

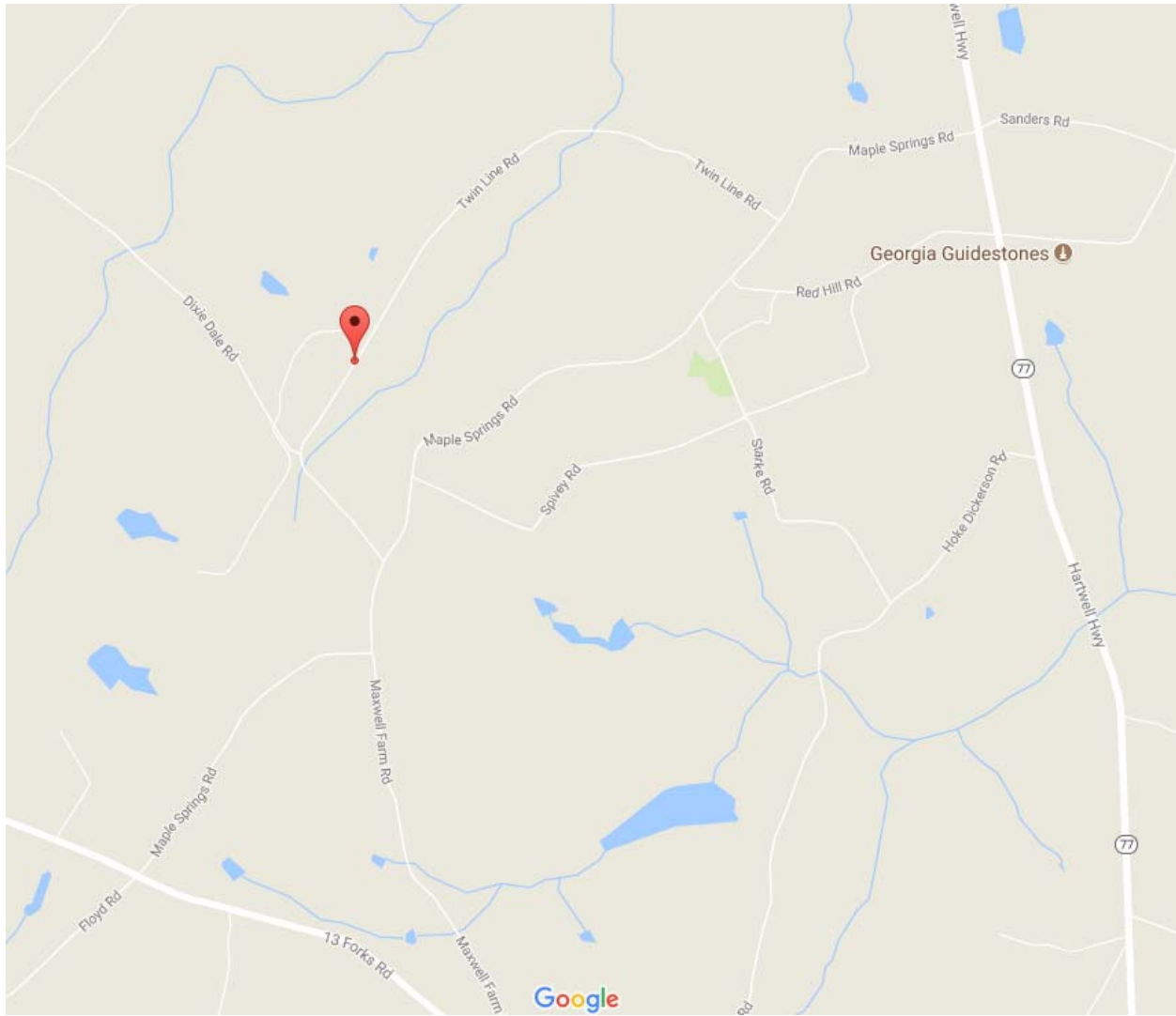
Here is a link to the Find-A-Grave site:

<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=34288690>

See maps below:



Approximate location between Elberton and Hartwell.



We hope to see you there.

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 made nearly 45 appearances for the first six months of 2017.

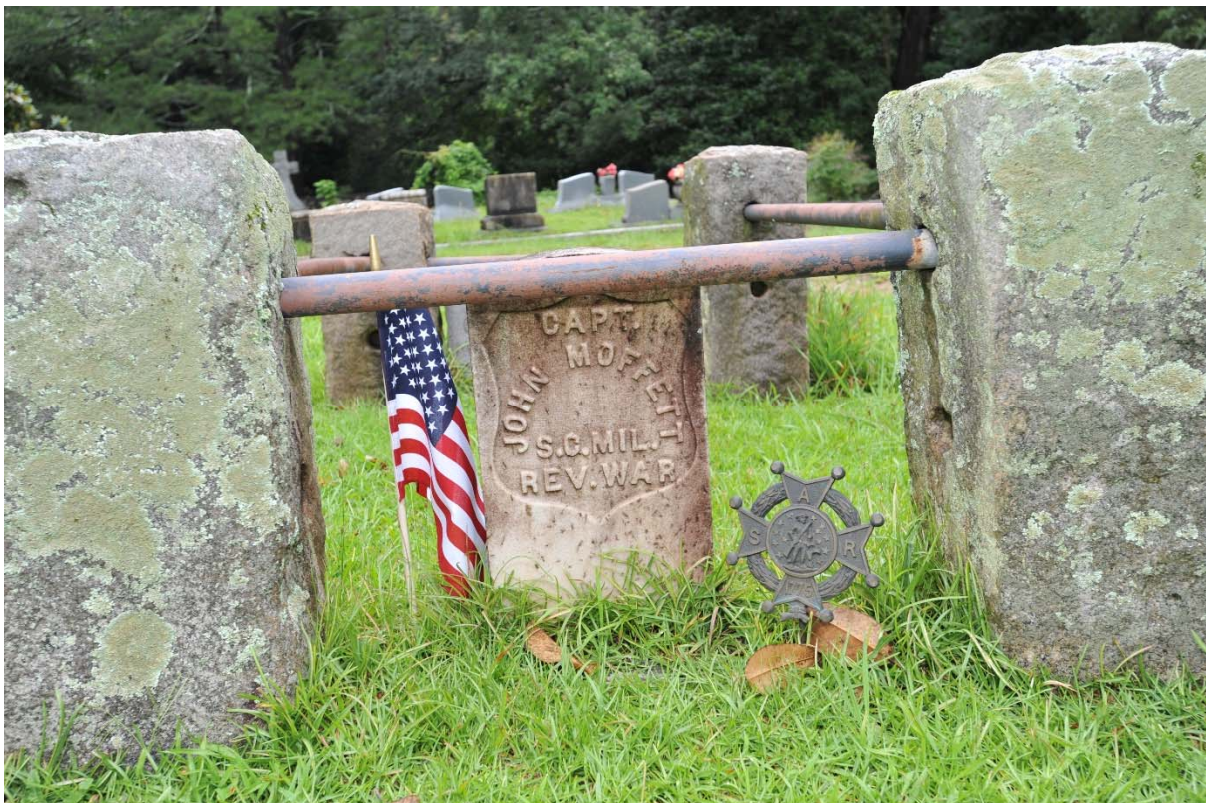
During the 2016 year **Terry presented** programs on behalf of SAR to **over 2,000 individuals**. It is not likely that any other individual in the State Society reaches more individuals on an annual basis than does Terry.

David Noble also continues his work with preservation and exploration of Revolutionary War battlefields. His major efforts continue at Kettle Creek and Briar Creek while he is also exploring projects at Carr's Fort and other sites. On June 29th and 30th Eugene Wilson, Henry Cobb, Greg Smith and Vic Verdi along with several ladies from the

Baron DeKalb Chapter of NSDAR placed American flags on the graves of Revolutionary soldier graves in DeKalb County and City of Atlanta in observance of July 4th. Photos from Friday June 30th are below.



John Hays



John Moffett



James McNeil



Edward Levell



Daniel Fones



Peter Cash



Graner Whitley



William Reeve

Sacared Soil Display has Permanent Home



Thanks to Bennie Koon, President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter of SAR, the Scared Soil display built by David Noble and Richard Marsh is now located at the **Isaac Adair House** part of the **Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center** in Lawrenceville, GA and will be used for the youth education program.

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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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
Phil Curtis
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. The newest Atlanta Fellow is **Phil Curtis**.

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.

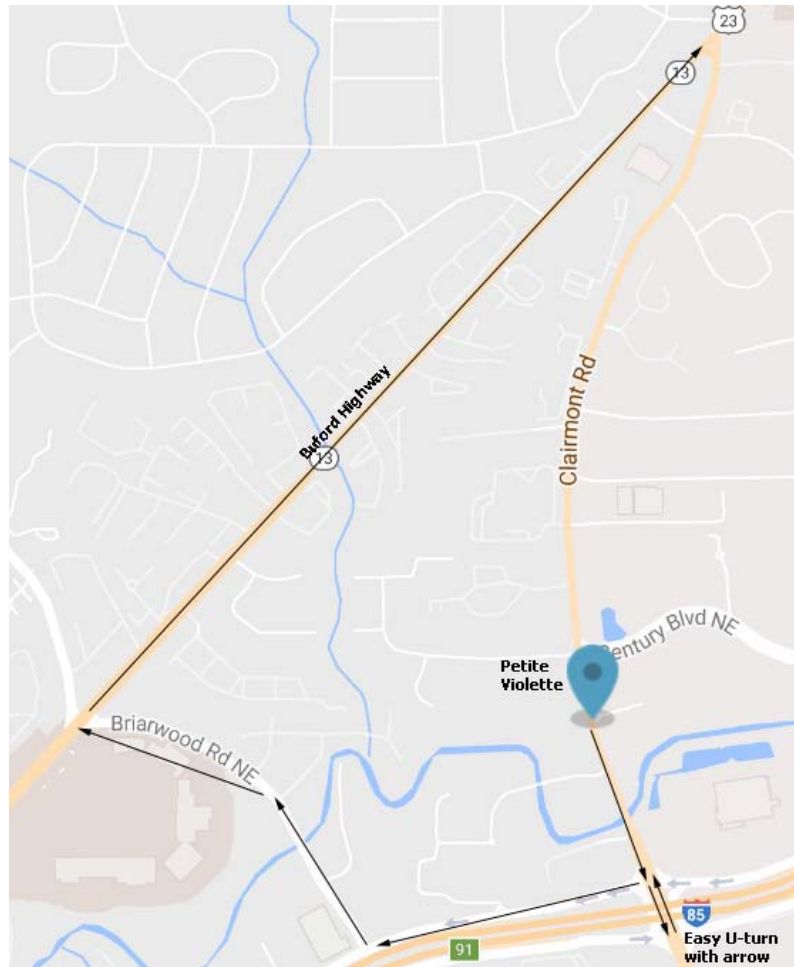
Parking

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.



Have you had a difficult time leaving Petite Violette to go back North on Clairmont Rd? If so here are a couple of potential solutions (see map below):

- 1) Exit to the right and get into the far-left lane as though you were going to get onto I-85 North, instead make a U-turn under I-85 on Clairmont.
- 2) Exit to the right and turn right as though you were going to I-85 South, stay in the far-right lane on the frontage road and then turn right onto Briarwood Road between the Life Storage building and REI. This will take you to Buford Highway where you can turn right which will take you back to Clairmont Rd.



Event Calendar

Upcoming State and National SAR Events

2017

02 Sep – **Grave Dedication Patriot Thomas Maxwell** 11 AM, Elbert County, GA Co-sponsored by the **Atlanta Chapter**

02 Sep – Grave Dedication William Bibb Key 2 PM Elbert County, GA

16 Sep - Mrs. J. Ralph Hampton Grave Marking Alta Vista Cemetery, Gainesville, GA

19 Sep - William Few Commemoration & Constitution Day– Augusta, Georgia St. Paul’s Church

09 Oct - Parade honoring the “Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA

29 Oct – Grave marking of Patriot Leonard Willis, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Dallas, GA

04 Nov – Grave marking of Patriot Elisha Hearn, Putnam County, GA

18 Nov – Fort Morris State Park ceremony, Sunbury, GA

2 Dec – Battle of Vann’s Creek, Richard Russell State Park, Elbert County, GA

August Birthdays

The following members have a birthday in August:

John Catchings	1
Ben Polston, II	1
Douglass Covey, Sr.	4
Matthew Haisten	9
Price Dickerson	9
Dick Smith	11
Bruce Wanamaker	17
Brent McKinney	18
Bob Wharton, Sr.	26
Raymond Patton	26
Jim Lee	26
William P. Smith, V	28
Ben Dukes	29
Arthur Haynes	30
Bill Perkins	31

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