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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

Our speaker will be **Dr. Leslie Steven Leighton**. He is a retired Physician who also has a PhD in history from Emory University and is currently an instructor at Georgia State University. He will be speaking on the French in the American Revolution.

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.

Save the Date

Memorial & Dedication of the Bronze SAR Member Marker for

Compatriot Thomas Fisher Craft

11:00 a.m., Friday, October 6, 2017

Decatur Cemetery

229 Bell Street

Decatur, GA 30030

The Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and the Craft and Trott families invite your attendance to mark the grave of Compatriot Fisher Craft with the Bronze SAR Member Marker. Fisher served the SAR in a variety of officer and committee leadership positions, including Vice President General, Trustee of the Switzerland Society, Georgia National Trustee, Georgia Society State President (1996-1997), and Atlanta Chapter President (1993). From 1993 through 2017 he was awarded no fewer than 18 SAR medals and Oak Leaf Clusters, including the National Minuteman Medal in 2003 and the Georgia Patriot Medal in 2003. He was active in numerous other lineage societies and was particularly active within the SAR as a Registrar and in programs supporting the SAR National Library, the Washington Memorial Genealogy Library in Macon, the Atlanta History Center Library, and other genealogy collections in Georgia.

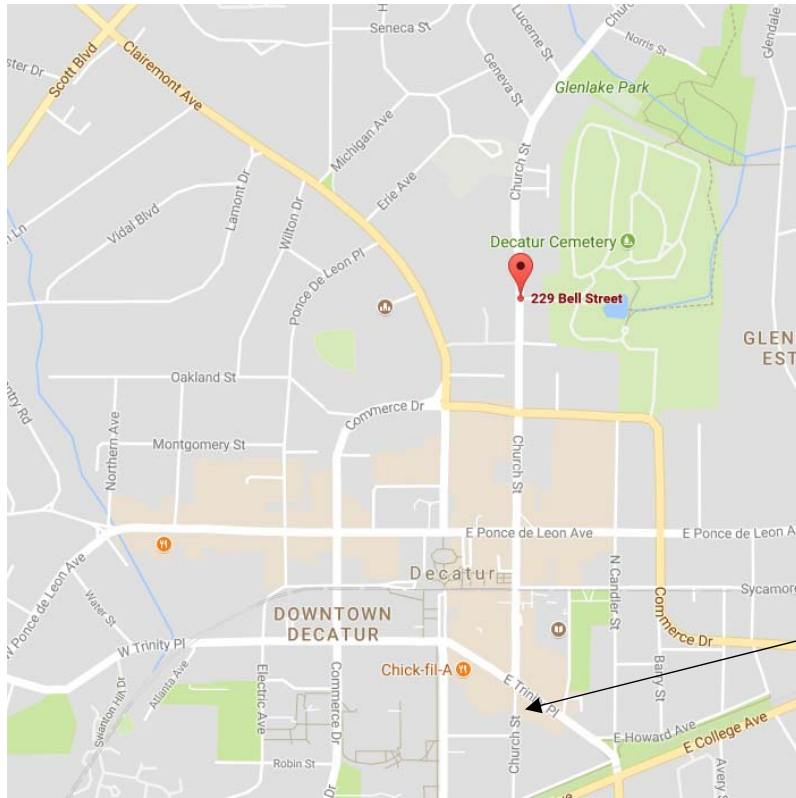


Fisher was a graduate of Mercer University, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a recipient of the Master of Arts degree in organic chemistry at Emory University and an MS degree in sanitary engineering and a PhD in nuclear engineering at Georgia Tech. He is survived by wife Laurel Craft, daughter Deana Craft Trott and her husband Gary David Trott, two grandsons, and two great-grandsons.

Following the dedication, arrangements have been made for those planning to eat lunch in the local area to gather at Twains Brewpub, 211 E. Trinity Place (at the intersection with Church Street), Decatur 30030. Members of the Georgia Society Color Guard and Elijah Clarke Militia Unit will be guests of the Craft and Trott families for lunch.

(Bell Street is a short street near downtown Decatur at the intersection with Church Street on the same side of Church Street as the nearby Super 8 Motel. There is no sign on Church Street directing you to the cemetery. Parking is recommended along the one-block Bell Street and on the cemetery road immediately to the right as you enter the cemetery as the grave site is nearby the Bell Street entrance and overlooking the city cemetery pond.)

We hope you will be able to attend.



Twains
211 E.
Trinity

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 90 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 were sponsors of the **grave marking for Thomas Maxwell** on September 2, 2017 in Elbert County, GA



Al Adams a descendant of Thomas Maxwell addresses the crowd



President General Larry Guzy



State President Wayne Brown



Members of the State Color Guard stand behind the Maxwell monument



Henry Cobb and Al Adams stand behind the Atlanta Chapter wreath

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.

Veterans Respect Activities

The role of the Veterans Respect Committee is to pursue opportunities to honor and recognize current service members and veterans of past service. A wide range of activities fall under this charge. Some examples are:

- hours served in the VA Hospital (VAH) Volunteer Service,
- visiting a veteran in a VAH, nursing home or private home,
- donating personal care items to a VAH or nursing home serving veterans,
- donating publications to a VAH,
- organizing an outing for one or more veterans,
- participating in a veteran's funeral as a participant, pallbearer, or attendee,
- attendance at Revolutionary War Veteran's Grave Marking,
- participating in placing flags or wreaths on veteran's graves.

We are aware that many of our Atlanta Chapter members have been involved in such activities, but do not know the extent. We would like to gather information on such efforts. If you have been involved in any such activities since January 1, 2017, please report the details to our President Henry Cobb ([404-664-8204](tel:404-664-8204)/whc2atlsar@gmail.com) or our Historian John Titus ([678-995-0874](tel:678-995-0874)/mojotitus@bellsouth.net).

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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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

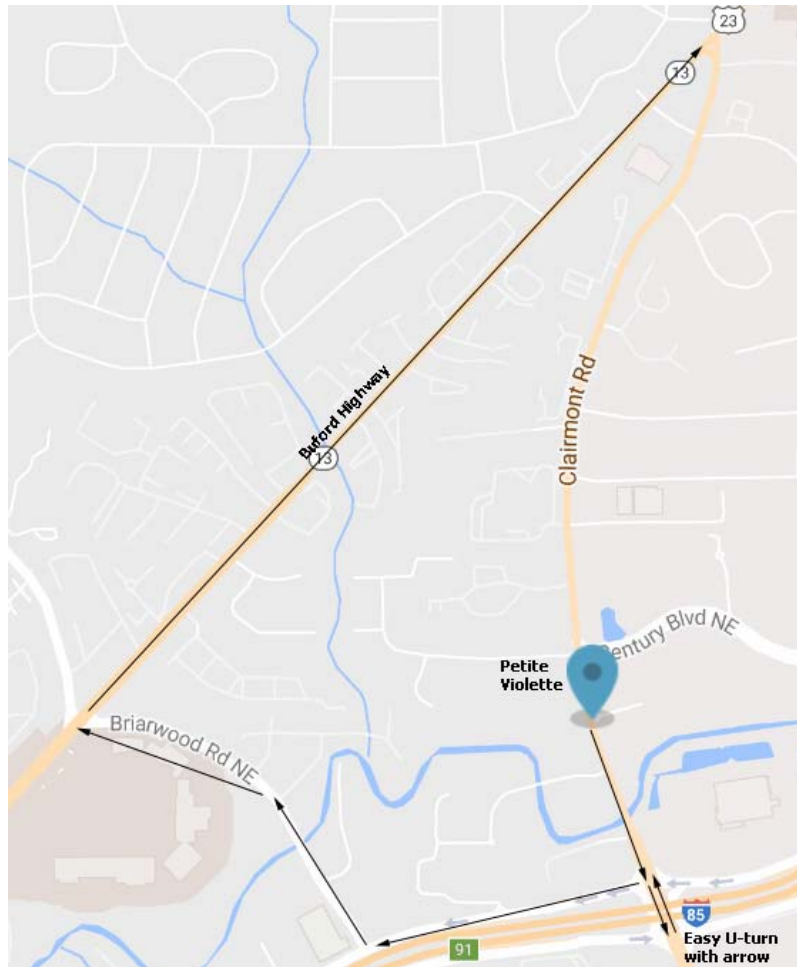
Some members have asked about parking at Petite Violette. They provide valet parking and there is some parking available at the office building next door at 2948 Clairmont Rd. Below is a photo of the path from this parking area at the first Visitor Parking sign to the restaurant.



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.



September Birthdays

The following members have a birthday in September:

Douglas Stephens	7
Wayland Moore	8
Malcolm Griffin	9
Joseph Monica	12
Andrew Thompson	13
Burton Martin, Jr	14
Woody Hays	14
Tom Gurley	20
Harry Haisten	23
John Montgomery	26

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

Event Calendar

Upcoming State and National SAR Events

2017

02 Sep – **Grave Dedication of 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

06 Oct – Fisher Craft grave marking, Decatur Cemetery, 299 Bell St., Decatur, GA

07 Oct – Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC

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

19 Oct – Yorktown Days, Yorktown, VA

28 Oct – State Society Board of Managers meeting, Barnesville, 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