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Happy New Year

Next Meeting – Thursday January 11

Mark your calendars for **Thursday January 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.

Upcoming Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings

Usually held the 2nd Thursday

January 11, 2018

Our speaker will be **Glenn T. Eskew**, a member of the Department of History at Georgia State since 1993. He teaches courses in southern history and is an author. His recent biography, "Johnny Mercer: Southern Songwriter for the World" received the Malcolm and Muriel Barrow Bell Award from the Georgia Historical Society. His topic will be: "**General Hugh Mercer: Martyr of the American Revolution**". Mercer served under his friend George Washington and died at the Battle of Princeton.

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 \$15,000. 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. Out of 300 books the chapter has distributed two thirds of the books. **There are less than 85 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

Some locations in Georgia that do not have a copy of the book are:

Dougherty County (Albany), Washington County (Sandersville), Gwinnett County, Laurens County (Dublin), Ware County (Waycross), Hart County (Hartwell), Coffee County (Douglas), Henry County (McDonough), Houston County (Perry), Lowndes County (Valdosta) and Oglethorpe University. If you are interested in purchasing a book for a library in one of these locations please contact Richard Marsh. This is not a comprehensive list of the locations without books.

2018 Dues

You should have received a notice for your 2018 dues. If not please check with Richard Marsh.

2018 dues were due by December 31, 2017

You may include a donation of \$25 to Friends of the Library along with your dues.

In October 2010, the NSSAR Library began operations in its new facility on West Main Street in Louisville's historic Museum District. The primary focal point of the collections is the Revolutionary War era but the collection includes other materials of a genealogical nature. To date, the library collection has grown to over 55,000 items and includes family histories, local, county and state records and genealogy materials, and access to the online databases of Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Fold3, and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

The Library's growth depends upon cash gifts as well as donations of family genealogies, Revolutionary War histories, county and state histories, and other books and items of genealogical content.

The SAR Library is a non-circulating, reference facility only. It is open free of charge to SAR, DAR, SR, and C.A.R. members, and spouses of SAR members, at any time and to the public for a fee of five dollars per day. **The Friends of the SAR Library (FOL)** was organized to assist the SAR Library in implementing its collection development objectives. These objectives include those books, manuscripts, microforms, and online services as needed to enhance and

expand the current collection. **If you didn't pay by the end of 2017 the State Society may be require that you to sign a reinstatement form.**

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee has been formed to nominate a slate of officers for 2018. The committee consist of the following members: **Al Adams (chairman), Terry Manning and Ed Floyd.** If you would like to be considered for an office please contact one of these members.

The proposed slate of officers presented by the committee is as follows:

President	Henry Cobb
Vice President	Bill Goodman
Secretary	Al Adams
Treasurer	Richard Marsh
Registrar	David Noble
Chancellor	Ed Floyd
Chaplain	J. R. McAliley, III
Historian	John Titus
Sergeant at Arms	Bob Campbell
Information Technology	Richard Marsh

Voting will be at the January meeting (the floor will be open for other nominations prior to voting).

December Meeting Highlights





December Speaker Former Chapter President Phil Curtis
Phil discussed the Medal of Honor and recipients.

Door Prize winners for November



Mark Bell wins a pair of Alexander Hamilton socks



Al Adams wins an amaryllis bulb



John Titus wins a Drummer Boy Christmas Ornament



Ken Thomas wins a George Washington Christmas Ornament



John Henry wins a fife

Supplemental Certificate

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.

New Atlanta Fellow



Phil Curtis receives his Atlanta Fellow certificate and pin

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.

Atlanta Chapter to be a Co-sponsor of the of the annual Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Elijah Clarke and John Dooly.

David Noble also continues his work with preservation and exploration of Revolutionary War battlefields. His major efforts continue on researching **Col. John Dooly's** home death and burial.

Flag Certificate Presentation

Atlanta Chapter member, George Wysong presents a Flag Certificate to the **City of Miami, Florida Police Department**



(Left to Right) City of Miami Police Department Assistant Chief Jorge Colina; Deputy Chief Ronald L. Papier; Chief of Police Rodolfo Llanes, Atlanta SAR Member George K. Wysong III, Assistant Chief Louis Melancon.



Atlanta Chapter financially supports Quilts of Valor

New Members in 2017

Member

William S Goodman
W. Michael Prince
Zachary A. Eller
Thomas J. Eller
Bob Schmidt
Jay Russell McLendon
Kenneth A. Griffiths
James H. Whitehead
Wade H. Whitehead
Davis Anderson
Hampton Anderson
Larry Cummings
Ian Cummings
Parker Vincent Mackall
Matthews M. Pierson
Matthew R. Zelif

Patriot Ancestor

Samuel Goodman
John Prince
Benjamin Singletary
Benjamin Singletary
Petrus Demaree
Travis McClendon
John Peck
John Whitehead
John Whitehead
John Whitehead
John Whitehead
Asa Cumming
Asa Cummings
John Bowman
David Lawyer
Jesse Summeral

Transfers into the Chapter

Member

David Heiden
William H. Scurry, Jr.
Scott Owen Fraser
Peter A. Lyon

Patriot Ancestor

Ziba Hunt
James Screven
Nicholas Firestone, II
Joshua Field

Membership Reinstatement

Member

David Hugh Collins
Huston Theodore Collins
Gregory Scott Miller
John Lemley*

Patriot Ancestor

Elish De Wolf
John Woodson
Isaac Hill
John Smith

*John Lemley is a dual member with Button Gwinnett Chapter

This brings our Chapter total to approximately 170 members as of December 31st. It will probably drop in size due to the fact that some members will not pay dues and be dropped from the active roster.

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/ whc2gt@yahoo.com](mailto:whc2gt@yahoo.com)) or our Historian John Titus ([678-995-0874/mojotitus@bellsouth.net](mailto: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
Vice President	Rich Williams	richwill1@hotmail.com
Secretary	Al Adams	moveradams@aol.com
Treasurer	Richard Marsh	rmarsh1@att.net
Registrar	David Noble	danoble10@att.net
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bob Campbell	gingerbob@bellsouth.net
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.

Al Adams
Bill Armstrong
Stuart Brady
Sam Chafin
Philip Clinkscales III
Henry Cobb
John Coning
Ed Conley
Phil Curtis
Bill Goodman
Gene Grasser
Tom Gurley
James Hankins
Joseph Hankins
Pat Hankins
Ann Hays
Bill Hays
Don Kenagy
Charles Lord
Katherine 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
Kathleen Ann 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.

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.

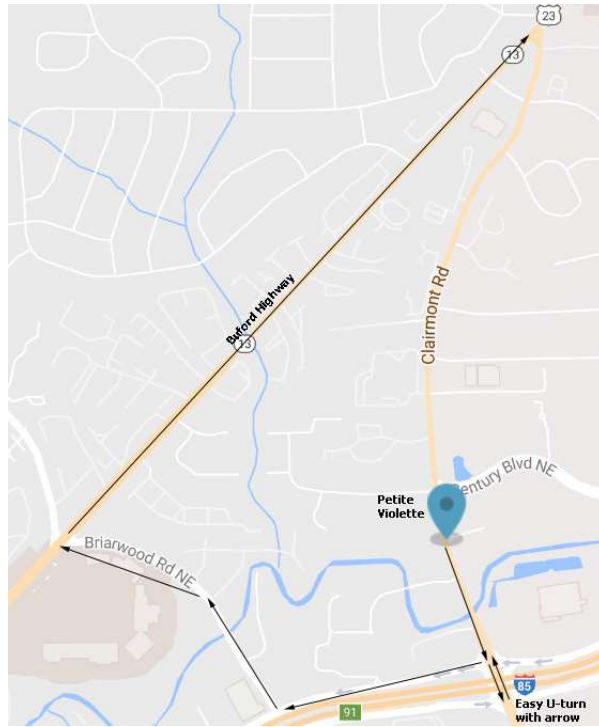
Parking

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.



January Birthdays

The following members have a birthday in January:

Thomas Eller	1 st
Loy Reddick	3 rd
Matthews Pierson	4 th
William Jones	6 th
David Collings	7 th
Mike Prince	10 th
James Cook	13 th
Todd Gurley	14 th
Sam Steger	23 rd
David Allee	24 th

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

Event Calendar

Upcoming State and National SAR Events

2018

27 Jan - Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers meeting State Officers Election, Sonesta Gwinnett Place Hotel 1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096; 10:00am **ALL MEMBERS MAY ATTEND AND VOTE ON STATE OFFICERS**

9 Feb – Heroes of the Hornet’s Nest Elijah Clarke and John Dooly Ceremony; Elijah Clarke State Park, Lincoln County, GA. Free Chili lunch at noon followed by ceremony. Rental cabins are available at a discount.

Save the Date

Our George Washington Birthday Celebration meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 24th at Ansley Golf Club. Details to follow.