

# Atlanta Tidbits Ledger

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## Next Meeting – Thursday, April 14

Mark your calendars for the next regularly scheduled chapter meeting at the **Petite Auberge Restaurant** in the Toco Hills Shopping complex at 2935 N. Druid Hills Road NE in Atlanta at noon. 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. Exact change or a check for the lunch fee of \$20 will be appreciated.

The program for the April meeting will be our very own **David Noble** and **Richard Marsh** as they discuss their upcoming book. The title is: **Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1775-1783**. They will be showing pages of the book indicating how it was put together, some of the content and how members can use it and the electronic edition for their own education

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.

#### **MARCH MEETING**

## Abigail Adams -Woman of Valor

Our March meeting was well attended with a number of guests and prospective members. Among the visitors were Georgia Society Sr. Vice President Wayne Brown and Past State President Charlie Newcomer. Vice **President Brown** brought greeting from the **Society** and encouraged membership to continue the fine works that we have done so well in the past. Past **President Newcomer** brought his thanks on behalf of Kettle Creek for our recent contribution and assured our membership that our money and our efforts will be put to good use.





Past State President and Past Atlanta Chapter President Terry Manning installed two of our officers who were unable to attend the February George Washington Birthday Celebration. First Vice President and Chaplain Harold Brooks as well as Secretary David Rosinger were duly install.





Vice President Harold Brooks then introduced Brandt Ross who brought our entertaining and fast paced program on Abigail Adams – Woman of Valor.

#### **Membership**

# Membership Growth Continues

Our Chapter continues to be in good shape with strong membership growth. Membership Chairman David Noble has mailed in one application and has 19 more applications completed and in mailing envelopes. These only need signatures, a check or a birth certificate to complete. He is working on 14 more applications.

## **Compatriots Manning and Hankins Receive Quilts of Valor**



Compatriots Terry Manning and Jim Hankins are recent recipients of Quilts of Valor. The Quilts were presented by the local QOV in Lawrenceville on March 17.

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine:

The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and wellbeing.

The quilt had made this dramatic change.

The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing

The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it. I saw the name for this special quilt. It was a Quilt of Valor, a QOV.

## What Quilts of Valor Are

From the beginning, Catherine Roberts had definite ideas about standards of excellence for Quilts of Valor:

I knew a Quilt of Valor had to be a quality-made quilt, not a "charity quilt." Quilts of Valor would be the civilian equivalent of a Purple Heart award.



A Quilt of Valor had to be quilted, not tied, which meant hand or machine quilting. Quilts of Valor would be "awarded," not just passed out like magazines or videos. A Quilt of Valor would say unequivocally, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor" in serving our nation in combat.

## The First Quilt of Valor

The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) to a young soldier from Minnesota who had lost his leg in Iraq.

# **Dunwoody/Sandy Springs Chapter Meetings Announced Message from Organizing President Shep Hammack**

Our Atlanta Chapter certainly does not want to lose any of its membership. However, if you know of members or potential SAR members for whom an evening meeting might be a better fit, this new meeting place and time might work for them.

#### Compatriots,

Our very first meeting was a success in spite of the noise as we tried to compete with Saint Patrick's Day and March Madness. I hope that going forward, we will not have to deal with this level of noise. Thanks to each of you for attending. We should all give a big thanks to Compatriot Rusty Redding who led the pledges and Compatriot Bill Floyd who was our acting secretary. They each had very tough jobs due to the noise level. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th at the Hudson Grille, 6317 Roswell Rd NE in Sandy Springs. We will start at 1800 hours with food and fellowship followed by our speaker and business meeting at 1900 hours. Note that this is a Tuesday night and moving forward, future chapter meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

I hope to get out within the next few days a survey so we can begin the process of selecting our chapter name. If you have any name suggestions, please get it to me ASAP so that they can be included on the list.

We are still working on our next program and I will send more complete details soon.

Again please bring anyone who you feel would be a prospective member in the SAR. Let's spread the word and set a record on how fast a new chapter can grow.

Yours in patriotism,

Shep Hammack, Organizing President

#### **Community Outreach**

## **Past President Manning Continues His Community Education Work**

Past President Terry Manning continues his work in the community, although he says it is on a somewhat reduced scale. On April 1 he is doing a Traveling Trunk program at Loganville Elementary School for four 4th grade classes. On May 14 he is giving a lecture at the Athens Library on use of military records to find family history information, and on May 25 he is presenting a program on the history of the Liberty Bell for the Dames of Court of Honor in Atlanta.

# 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.

**Stuart Brady** 

Philip Clinkscales III

Henry Cobb John Coning Ed Conley

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

Penn Templeman, Jr.

Bruce Wanamaker

Eugene Wilson

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.

## **Upcoming**

## **Upcoming Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings**

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

April 14, 2016 May 12, 2016

June 9, 2016

No Meeting currently scheduled for July and August

# Let's Celebrate Patriots Day - April 15, 16 & 17, 2015 St. Simons Island, GA

April 19th marks a significant date in the founding of our nation — the beginning of the Revolutionary War when British Regulars fired on American Minutemen at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. Also, three years after the "shot heard 'round the world," the Georgia Continental Navy captured three British ships in the Frederica River on April 19, 1778.

We hope that you can join us this year to commemorate these two events of the American Revolution. If so, please respond ASAP— to <a href="wframsaur@aol.com">wframsaur@aol.com</a> with copy to <a href="mailto:StevenHinson61@comcast.net">StevenHinson61@comcast.net</a> OR Mail: Steven Hinson; 456 Moss Creek Lane, Brunswick, GA 31520; Tel: 912-258-2033

## Friday, April 15th

5:00pm – Hospitality - Holiday Inn Express, 299 Main Street, St. Simons Island - Lodging: \$110.00 Queen or King; Ask for DAR/SAR rate; tel# 800-787-4666 and 912-634-2175.

## Saturday, April 16th

10:00am – Patriotic Memorial Ceremony – SSI Casino, 550 Beachview Drive

Flag Bearer	Musket Salute	Wreath Presenter
Presenter Name_		
Organization		
Title		
Location		

- 11:45am Parade of Patriots St. Simons Pier Village Antique Fire Truck, SAR Continentals and Militia; CAR, DAR & SAR; JROTC Units; Boy & Girl Scouts and Students
- 12:00noon Colonial Festival SSI Casino & Neptune Park Twenty Exhibits and Children's Colonial games until 2:00pm

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am- Colonial Worship Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, 2906 Demere Rd-Many worshippers will be dressed in Colonial attire; hymns & sermon will reflect the culture of Revolutionary America in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

#### **Event Calendar**

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

- 2 April Grave Marking for Patriot William Wiggins, sponsored by Ocmulgee Chapter, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ft. Valley
- 9 Apr Grave Marking for Compatriot Lt. Col. Richard Maltbie sponsored by Button Gwinnett Chapter, Georgia National Cemetery, Canton
- 16 Apr Frederica Days, St Simons
- 17 Apr Colonial Worship Service, St. Simons
- 17 April -- Watkinsville Historical Society History on the Lawn, Watkinsville, 1300 1700
- 23 April GA SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville 1000 hrs:
- 24 April Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation "Spring Ramble", Collins Street, Acworth, GA, 1000 1400 hrs
- 30 April Patriot James Rylee Grave Marking sponsored by Robert Forsyth and Lyman Hall Chapters, Hall Co
- 7 May Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL
- 11 May Buford's Massacre Reenactment, TBA in South Carolina, 0800 hrs (filming for the SC SAR educational videosneed militia and colonial women
- 14 May Patriot Elias Baker grave marking sponsored by the Rome Chapter, Chattooga County, Camp Hamby on Hair Lake Rd Summerville, GA 1430 hrs
- 21 May -- Compatriot Gosnell Grave Marking:
- 28 May Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery, 0830 hours
- 30 May Memorial Day Activities:
- 11 June--Ramseur's Mill
- 4 July Independence Day Activities:
- 8-13 Jul 126th NSSAR Annual Congress
- 30 Jul GA SAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, 1000 hrs
- 17 Sep-- William Few Commemoration, Augusta

### **Board of Managers**



## **2016 Chapter Officer Directory**

Chapter officers to serve February 20, 2016, to February 18 or 25, 2017, are as follows:

**President** Al Adams 1st Vice President Harold Brooks 2nd Vice President Fisher Craft **Secretary David Rosinger Treasurer** Henry Cobb II Registrar David Noble **Sergeant-At-Arms** Bob Campbell Chancellor Ed Floyd Chaplain Harold Brooks Historian **Terry Manning** 

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