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## Next Meeting – Thursday November 9

Mark your calendars for **Thursday November 9th** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

November 9, 2017

Our speaker will be **Bill Goodman on South Carolina: The Second Revolution.**

**Also**



David Pedersoli Brown Bess Musket

[Learn about this Musket and an opportunity to purchase a lottery ticket to win one.](#)

# Highlights from the

## Memorial & Dedication of the Bronze SAR Member Marker for Compatriot Thomas Fisher Craft

He received the following SAR awards and recognitions:

Meritorious Service, Atlanta Chapter, 1993  
President Atlanta Chapter 1993  
Meritorious Service, OLC, Georgia, 1994  
War Service, Atlanta Chapter, 1995  
Liberty, National, 1996  
Silver Good Citizenship, Georgia, 1996  
Liberty, 1st OLC, National, 1997  
Bronze Good Citizenship, Rome Chapter, 1997  
Patriot, Georgia, 1997  
State Society President mid 1996-mid 1997  
Silver Council of State Presidents, National, 1998  
Meritorious Service, 2nd OLC, Atlanta Chapter, 2000  
Meritorious Service, 3rd OLC, Atlanta Chapter, 2002  
Liberty, 2nd OLC, National, 2002  
Minuteman, National, 2003  
Liberty, 3rd OLC, National  
Liberty, 4th OLC, National, 2005  
Liberty, 5th OLC, National, 2010  
Liberty, 6th OLC, National, 2011  
Bronze Roger Sherman,  
Atlanta, 2nd VP 2013-2014







Display of some of Fisher's awards and medals



Georgia Society Color Guard







Wreath Presentation



Firing of Muskets





## 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](http://www.saratlanta.org)

## 2018 Dues

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

**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.

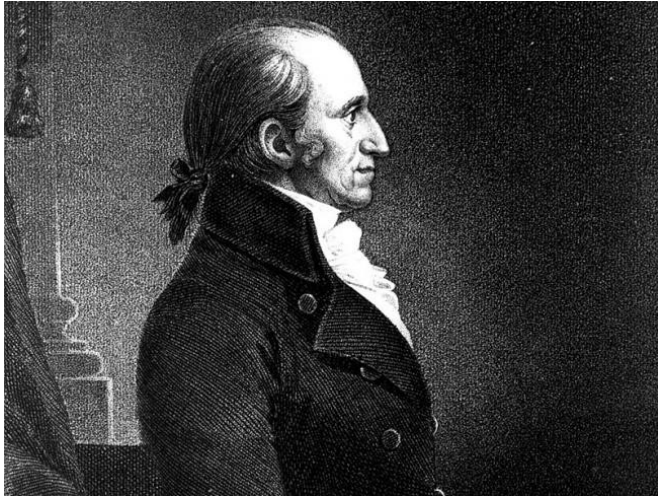
## Nominating Committee

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.

## October Meeting Highlights

Our guest speaker **James Jackson** was an early British-born Georgia politician of the Democratic-Republican Party. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1789 until 1791. He was also a U.S. Senator from Georgia from 1793 to 1795, and from 1801 until his death in 1806. In 1797 he was elected 23rd Governor of Georgia, serving from 1798 to 1801.

He discussed his experiences as a delegate from Georgia to the first Congress.



**October Speaker James Jackson**



**Georgia Representative James Jackson**



# New Members Welcomed

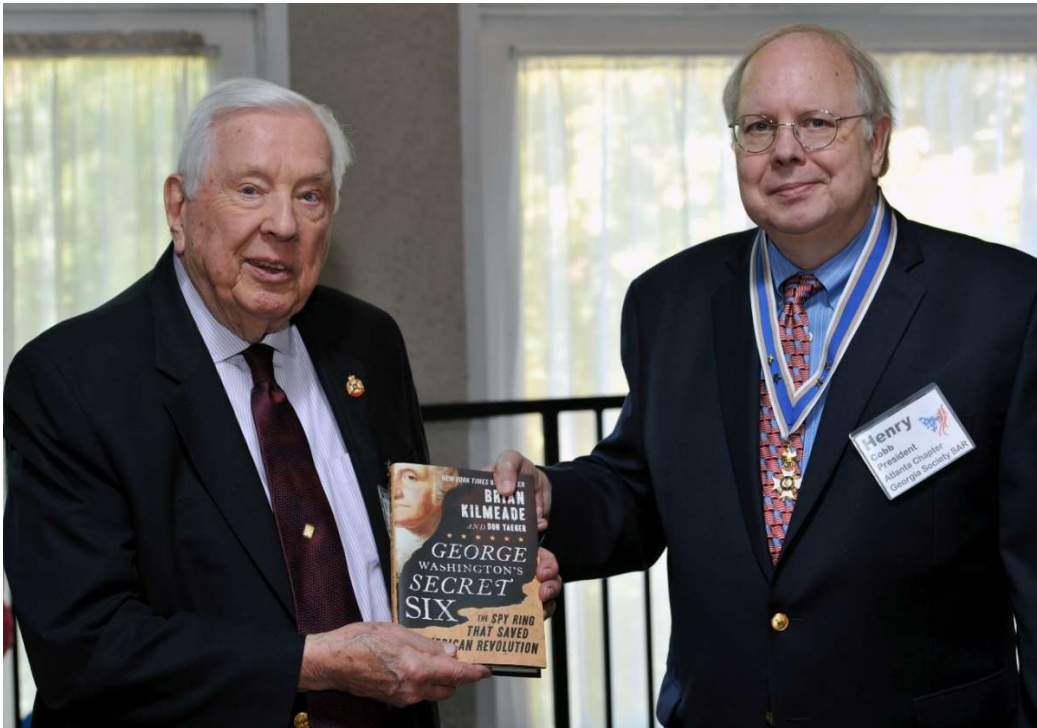
Two new members were installed at the October meeting. **Larry Cummings** and his son, **Ian Cummings** are our two newest members.



**Registrar David Noble pins on the Rosette**



# Door Prize winners for October



Hank Sturgess



Mark Bell

**Ian Cummings** also won a door prize which was a wooden car made by Fisher Craft in his workshop.

# 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.

Terry Manning was joined by Bruce Manney for a Traveling Trunk program at the Genealogy Study Group in Lawrenceville.





# Atlanta Chapter member receives award

Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. a member of the Atlanta Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution wins Award of Excellence for his Column's 40-year Run



(Photo by Steve Engerrand, Georgia Archives) Release date October 30, 2017

Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. shown above (in the middle) receives the Award for "Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History" from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council at the Georgia Archives on October 26, 2017. Pictured with Thomas are on the left, Dr. Tristan Denley, Executive Vice Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, and GHRAC Chair Dr. P. Toby Graham, of the University of Georgia, on the right.

The GHRAC annual awards cover books, student projects, and other historical and archival endeavors that show the use of an archives or otherwise documenting Georgia's history.

**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.

## Invitations

The members of the Atlanta Chapter have been invited to join the ladies of the Baron DeKalb Chapter NSDAR for their WWI Luncheon on Friday November 17, 2017 at the American Legion at 30 Covington Rd, Avondale Estates, GA 30002. The speaker will be Col. Wallace E. Steinbrecher of the Georgia National Guard. The cost is \$12.00 per person. If interested contact DiAnn Wheeler, Regent Baron DeKalb at 770 788-0222.

The DeKalb County School District & JROTC Cadets will Honor Veterans and hold a Drill Exhibition Friday, November 10, 2017. Further information may be obtained from their Flyer that can be viewed by clicking [Here](#)

## Essay Contest Winner for 2016-17



In April 2017 Color Guard Commander Terry Manning presented 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 won the contest at both the Chapter and the State Level and then went into the competition at the National level. Now that the judging at all levels is complete we can provide you with an opportunity to read her Essay.

To view the Essay, click [Here](#)

Potential contestants at the Chapter level for this Fall are encouraged to contact Al Adams.

## 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

### 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



# Transfers into the Chapter

## Member

David Heiden  
William H. Scurry, Jr.

## Patriot Ancestor

Ziba Hunt  
James Screven

# 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.

# 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)/ [whc2gt@yahoo.com](mailto:whc2gt@yahoo.com)) or our Historian John Titus ([678-995-0874](tel: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:

<b>President</b>	Henry Cobb	<a href="mailto:whc2gt@yahoo.com">whc2gt@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	Rich Williams	<a href="mailto:richwill1@hotmail.com">richwill1@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	Al Adams	<a href="mailto:moveradams@aol.com">moveradams@aol.com</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Richard Marsh	<a href="mailto:rmarsh1@att.net">rmarsh1@att.net</a>
<b>Registrar</b>	David Noble	<a href="mailto:danoble10@att.net">danoble10@att.net</a>
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b>	Bob Campbell	<a href="mailto:gingerbob@bellsouth.net">gingerbob@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>Chancellor</b>	Ed Floyd	<a href="mailto:floyd7@bellsouth.net">floyd7@bellsouth.net</a>
<b>Chaplain</b>	J.R. McAliley, III	<a href="mailto:jrmcalileyiii@aol.com">jrmcalileyiii@aol.com</a>
<b>Historian</b>	John Titus	<a href="mailto:mojotitus@bellsouth.net">mojotitus@bellsouth.net</a>

## 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 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 Fellows are **Katherine Lord, Kathleen Ann Schroeder and Tom Gurley**.

### **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.

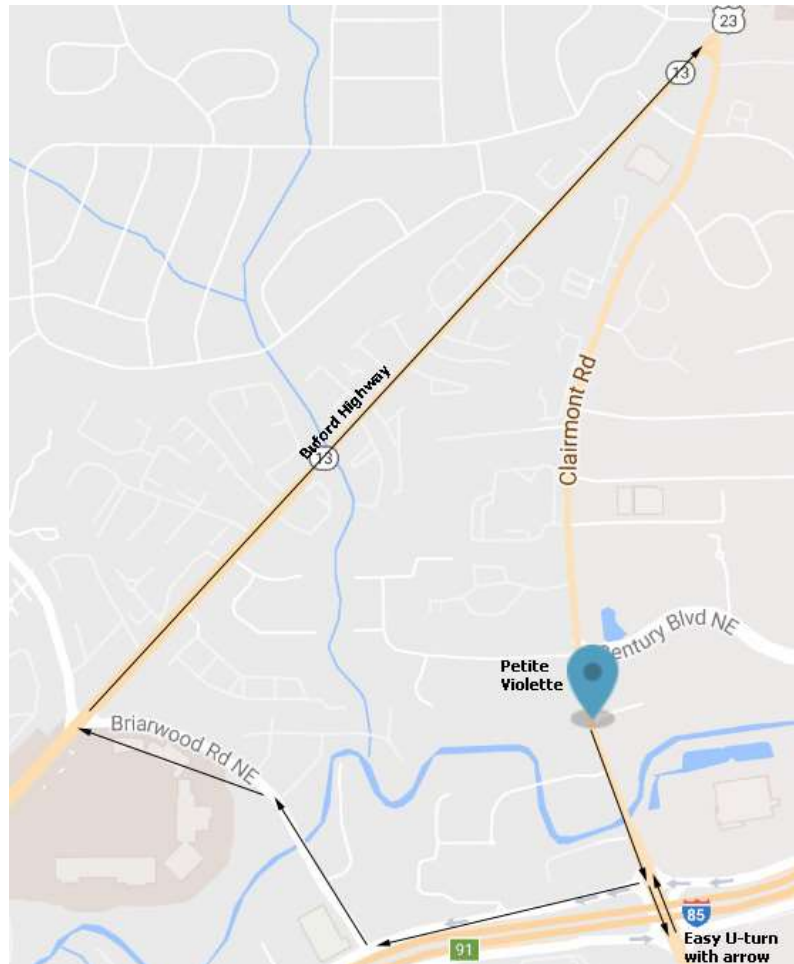
## **Parking**

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.



## November Birthdays

The following members have a birthday in November:

Sam Chafin	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Alton Jones	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Phil Curtis	6 <sup>th</sup>
Jacob Lee	8 <sup>th</sup>
Ted McMullan	8 <sup>th</sup>
Houston Collings	10 <sup>th</sup>
James Hilleary	10 <sup>th</sup>
Wade Whitehead	11 <sup>th</sup>



Jay McLendon	11 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Smith, III	12 <sup>th</sup>
Davis Anderson	12 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Grasser	13 <sup>th</sup>
Frank Wrenn	19 <sup>th</sup>
Travers Stultz	21 <sup>st</sup>
Hampton Anderson	27 <sup>th</sup>
William Hurst	27 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Lett	27 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Freeman	28 <sup>th</sup>

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

### **Event Calendar**

# **Upcoming State and National SAR Events**

## **2017**

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

## **Save the Date**

**Our George Washington Birthday Celebration meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>.  
 Details to follow.**