

# Atlanta Tidbits Ledger

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#### **Next Meeting – Thursday May 10th**

Mark your calendars for **Thursday May 10th** 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

May 10, 2018

Our speaker will be National Society Sons of the American Revolution President General Larry Guzy. The President General is the chief executive officer of the SAR. He guides the policies, oversees SAR Headquarters' operations, and appoints the members of all the committees. He graduated from Jesuit Marquette University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. Compatriot Guzy served three years in the U.S. Navy on the USS *Independence* aircraft carrier. His topic will be "The Civil War the South Won".

### **National Society Website**

The National Society is in the process of receiving ideas about their website. This is your opportunity to express your opinion about things that you like, dislike or would like to see changed. You have until May 15th to submit your questionnaire. So, if you want to have your thoughts heard click <a href="here">here</a>.

### **April Meeting Highlights**

Our speaker for April was David M. Bessho, who served in the U.S. Army 1983-2011 in West Germany, South Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq. He spoke about **U.S. Army Civil Affairs Branch.** 



**David Bessho** 



Members of the Atlanta Chapter Color Guard

#### **New Members**

We had four **new members** inducted into the Atlanta Chapter at our April meeting. They were:



Marion Bryan Lamar, Leroy Lamar, III, Thomas Wood Montgomery, and Matthews Michael Pierson

#### **Door Prize Winners**



Alice Noble wins a whistle that she can use to call David



Matt Pierson wins a pencil sharpener

In addition, Greg Smith won a back scratcher.

# 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 65 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: <a href="https://www.saratlanta.org">www.saratlanta.org</a>

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

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



**Ann Hays** 

#### 2018 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 24, 2018, to February 23, 2019, are as follows:

President Henry Cobb whc2gt@yahoo.com Bill Goodman wsgmks@mindspring.com **Vice President** Al Adams moveradams@aol..com Secretary rpmarsh1@att.net **Treasurer** Richard Marsh danoble 10@att.net Registrar David Noble gingerbob@bellsouth.net **Sergeant-At-Arms** Bob Campbell Ed Floyd floyd7@bellsouth.net Chancellor 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 Hays Ray Patton Bill Armstrong Don Kenagy Joyce Patton** Loy Reddick **Stuart Brady Charles Lord** Sam Chafin **Katherine Lord** Ed Rigel, Sr. Joan Rigel **Philip Clinkscales III Bruce Maney Henry Cobb Charlie Maney Stephen Schroeder Ginny Manning** Kathleen Ann Schroeder John Coning **Ed Conley Terry Manning** William Smith III **Phil Curtis** Richard Marsh Ben Statham Bill Goodman Ted McMullan Penn Templeman, Jr. **Bruce Wanamaker** Gene Grasser **Lowrey McNeel Tom Gurley** Joe Meyer **Eugene Wilson** Mary Wilson **James Hankins** Charlie Newcomer **Joseph Hankins** Alice Noble **Richard Williams Pat Hankins David Noble** 

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. Our newest (46<sup>th</sup>) Atlanta Fellow is Charlie Newcomer.

**James Noble** 

### Our Chapter in the Community

**Terry Manning** continues to represent SAR and the Atlanta Chapter with his many presentations to groups of all types. During the first 3 months of **2018 Terry presented** programs on behalf of SAR to **over 1,100 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 on reserraching Col. John Dooly's home death and burial location.

#### **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) or our Historian John Titus (678-995-0874/mojotitus@bellsouth.net).



John Titus discusses Veterans Respect Committee

### **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.

#### **Flags on Patriot Graves**

Join us again this year as we place flags on Revolutionary Veterans Graves in observance of the Fourth of July in Atlanta and DeKalb County on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **JROTC**

Several members have presented JROTC medals at area High Schools.



Gregory Smith presents at Banneker High School



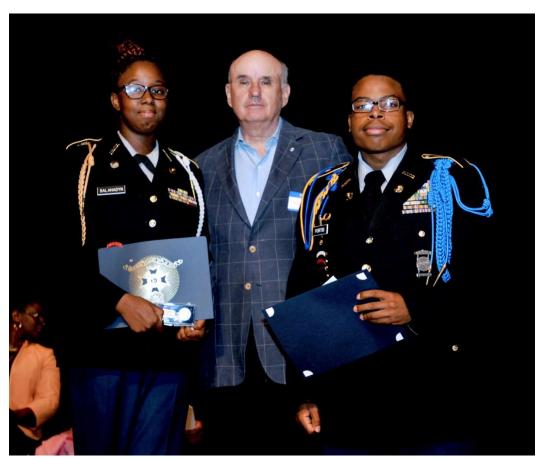
Gregory Smith presents at Frederick Douglass High School



Gregory Smith presents at Benjamin Mays High School



Henry Cobb presents at Chamblee High School



Mark Bell presents at Coretta Scott King High School and B.E.S.T. Academy High School



Gregory Smith presents at South Atlanta High School



J.R. McAliley presents at George Washington Carver High School



Vic Verdi presents at Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School



### **Membership**

#### **New Members**

Member Patriot Ancestor

Lynn Chadwick Butler Ichabod Marshall

Thomas Wood Montgomery John Morton

Matthews Michael Pierson (2017) David Lawyer

Leroy Lamar, III Joshua Wilson

Marion Bryan Lamar Joshua Wilson

Jonathan Louis Butler Joseph Humphrey

Philip Spencer King Elijah Horton

Sawyer Benjamin Allinger John Green

Carter James Allinger John Green

#### Transfer In

John Kirkpatrick Thompson, Jr. Hugh Rogers

John Kirkpatrick Thompson, III (junior member)

Hugh Rogers

#### Reinstatements

Charles Wesley Gollmar, II John Crawford

### **Supplemental Certificates**

Gregory Smith Cristobal Faustin Vigil

Gregory Smith Salvador de Jesus Motes Vigil

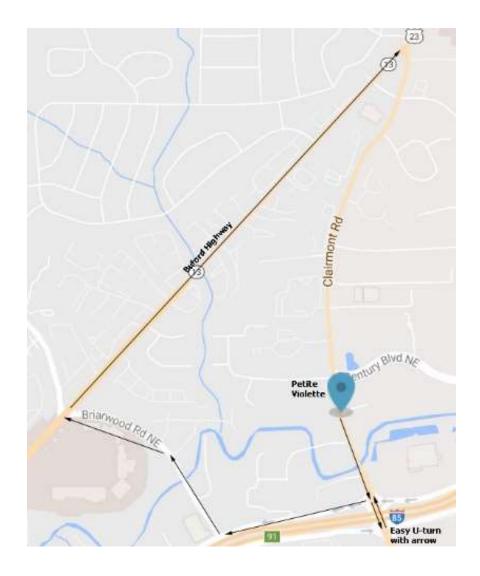
#### **Parking**

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 Uturn 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.



## **May Birthdays**

The following members have a birthday in May:

Ben Polston, III	1 <sup>st</sup>
Roderick White	$7^{th}$
George Hooks	9 <sup>th</sup>
Ed Rogge, Jr.	13 <sup>th</sup>
Hank Sturgess	17 <sup>th</sup>
John White, Jr.	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Vic Verdi	31 <sup>s</sup>

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

#### **Event Calendar**

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

#### **2018**

5 May – 11:00AM Grave Marking for Patriot John Callaway, Callaway Family Cemetery in Rayle, GA

5 May – 2:30PM Grave Marking for Patriot Owen Fluker, Carters Grove Baptist Church in Crawfordville, GA

19 May - 11:00AM Grave Marking – 3 Signers of Declaration of Independence, Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall and George Walton. The Signer's Monument at the intersection of Greene and Monument Streets in Augusta, GA.