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Next Meeting – Thursday June 13th

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

June's meeting speaker:

What Do You Know About Roger Sherman, The Lesser-Known Father Of Our Country? The June Speaker Has Answers.

Atlanta Chapter First Vice President Mark Bell will bring a speaker to us for the Thursday, June 13th meeting who will identify and provide detailed facts on the life and service of Roger Sherman. The speaker is Jim Reason, an American History teacher at Duluth High School. In many respects, Jim is a renaissance man. He is active as the swim and dive coach at Duluth High School and is a Nationally Certified Teacher. In 2017, Jim received the "Top Teacher Award" from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. Join in this time of fellowship, learning experience and as always...a great meal from the Petite Violette Chef's kitchen.

Our Chapter in the Community

Atlanta Chapter SAR Will Observe A Summer Break Following The Regular June 13th Meeting.

Compatriots, I encourage each of you to remain active participants in Patriotic Events always, and especially those occurring in the months of July and August, when we do not have regular chapter meetings. These events provide opportunities to meet and become acquainted with other SAR members. Often we will learn what may be working for them to obtain new SAR applications and learn of successful event participation by their chapter members. SAR is a service organization that has tremendous impact in communities across the State of Georgia and America. Opportunities abound for our members to actively perpetuate patriotism, especially among young people, and older folks where it may be needed. Let's not assume that anyone has been taught to render the proper respect for the American Flag and it's traditional salute. We can share its greatness with those who are unaware or have never been taught these traditions. Compatriots, let's be very visible in our patriot role this summer. Attend events and become speakers for events when possible. Our story is the most patriotic story that can be told. It is up to each of us to do it!

**The next Atlanta Chapter SAR meeting will be Thursday,
September 12th, 2019.**

*Flag Day June 14th
Independence Day July 4th
Purple Heart Day August 7th
Patriot Day September 11th*

Terry Manning, David Noble, John Titus and Bill Goodman continue to represent SAR and the Atlanta Chapter with their many presentations to groups of all types.

During 2018 they presented 85 programs on behalf of SAR to over 3,600 individuals.

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 location.

JROTC AWARDS

Congratulations!

Cadet T. Warren, Arabia Mountain High School with ATL SAR member Leroy Mathews



Cadet Montavious, Martin Luther King Jr. High School with ATL SAR member Tom Gurley



Sydney Brown, Southwest Dekalb High School with ATL SAR member Eugene Wilson



Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Member Leroy Mathews, second from left, presents the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Towers High School Cadet Layla Watkins, with Towers HS Principal LaKeisha Griffith, left, and Senior Military Instructor LTC Ryan Calloway, right, at their Annual JROTC Award Ceremony, Wednesday, May 8th 2019 in Decatur, Ga.

Thank You

Atlanta Chapter Achieves 100% Coverage Of Assigned JROTC Units

The Atlanta Chapter SAR Compatriots were present, as representatives, at all 27 JROTC units in our area of responsibility. This was a great year, achieving 100 % of the coverage goal.

Compatriot Gregory E. Smith led this effort and his perseverance and encouragement gained commendable results. A total of 15 Atlanta Chapter Compatriots joined Greg in contributing their time and effort to make the JROTC Program successful! Without the support of these individuals the Chapter could not have covered the assigned schools, as JROTC school ceremonies overlap on the same days and times of other schools in our coverage area. Some members gave 150% of their time and effort.

Atlanta Chapter Commendations To:

**Gregory Smith
Al Adams
Bill Armstrong
Mark Bell
Bob Campbell
Henry Cobb II
William Goodman
Tom Gurley
Barrett Hanson
Bryan Lamar
Leroy Mathews
Rev. J.R. McAliley III
Barry Miller
John Titus
Vic Verdi
Eugene Wilson**

Job Well Done! Thank You All!

Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

Limited Supply of Books Remaining (there will not be more).

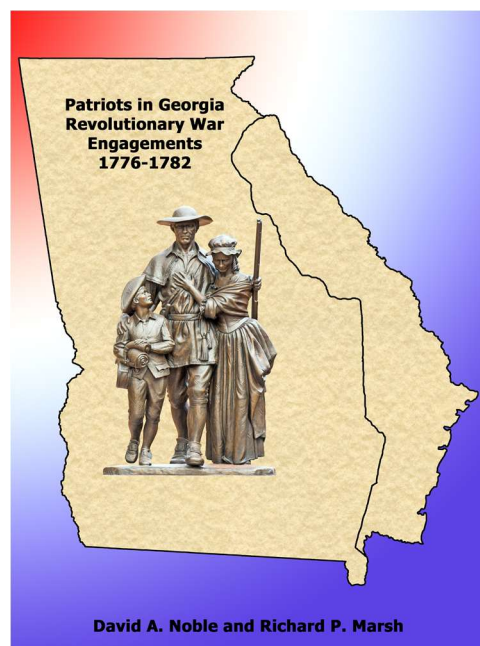
If you have been thinking about purchasing a book now is the time.

The proceeds from the book to the Atlanta Chapter are approximately **\$19,000**. 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 40 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 of 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), 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 not a comprehensive list of the locations without books.





2019 Chapter Officer Directory

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

President	Jim Freeman	jimfreeone@comcast.net
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Chaplain	John Titus	mojotitus@bellsouth.net
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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
Jim Freeman
Peggy Freeman
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
Charlie Newcomer
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. Our newest (47th) Atlanta Fellow is Peggy Freeman.

Veterans Respect Activities

Our chapter has begun a new project to purchase VA Canteen Coupon Books which patients can use in the canteen, coffee shop or cafeteria at the VAH, Decatur. These books will be distributed by the VA Volunteer Service at the hospital. At each meeting there will be a jar marked "\$ for VA Canteen Coupon Books" to accept donations. Please look for it and contribute a dollar (or more).

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, 2019, please report the details to our Chaplain John Titus (678-995-0874/mojotitus@bellsouth.net)



The following members have a birthday this month:

William Squires	2
Patrick Stoughton	10
James Thompson	17
Roderick White, Jr.	17
Cliff Judkins III	17
Paul Spencer, Sr.	18
James Noble	19
David Gordon	20
Davis Stitt	21
George Wysong, III	22
David Brown	26
William Pearson	26
George Smith	28

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

Upcoming Events



Members Mark Your Calendars For June 27 & 28

The Atlanta Chapter will be placing flags on all Revolutionary War graves in DeKalb and Fulton counties Thursday June 27 and Friday June 28. volunteers will meet in the Decatur First Baptist Church parking lot at 8:30 AM both days. The flags will be placed in DeKalb and Fulton counties on Thursday and Decatur Cemetery and Tucker on Friday. Atlanta Chapter Member Eugene Wilson is leading this event and is providing the placement flags. Atlanta Chapter SAR has invited Baron DeKalb DAR Chapter, Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and Elisha Winn CAR Society to join in placing the flags for the Friday event only...due to limited access to the cemeteries on Thursday. Each organization has accepted and will participate. Eugene Wilson is to be commended for an outstanding job.

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.

