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Next Meeting – Thursday October 10th

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

NEXT MEETING....THURSDAY....OCTOBER 10TH

October 10th Meeting Program

The October 10th meeting program will be presented by Compatriot Eli Stancel, a member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR...His Topic: *“The War of 1812 in North Georgia And the Birth of Peachtree Road”*. Eli's family roots in Gwinnett County are traceable to the 1790's. This is grass roots history of a metro-county...come, you will enjoy the program and the SAR fellowship.

Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Recognizes Atlanta DAR Member As Recipient Of The *Bronze Good Citizenship Medal* At The September 12th Chapter Meeting.



GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD: The Atlanta Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) have honored Dee Camerio of Lilburn with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Award. This Medal was authorized in 1895 and recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their community or state. Ms. Camerio is past Treasurer and Chaplain of the Atlanta chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The Medal was presented in recognition for her service for military veterans and their families. As a Veteran's Administration accredited claims agent, she has voluntarily helped over 200 veteran families with claims for VA benefits. Jim Freeman, president of the Atlanta Chapter SAR which is the oldest chapter in the state of Georgia, made the presentation.

OUR CHAPTER ACROSS THE STATE

Atlanta Chapter members had a presence across the state of Georgia, as they participated in Constitution Week events and ceremonies on Tuesday, September 17th. We commend all of our Compatriots who actively participated in these events.



Compatriot Charlie Newcomer, 2nd Vice-President of Atlanta Chapter, traveled to Augusta and performed the wreath laying, representing Atlanta Chapter at the grave site of Patriot Colonel William Few. Several GSSAR Chapter representatives were present for this ceremony.

Our Chapter in the Community



Members gathered on the grounds at Johns Homestead Park, in Tucker, GA, a local historic site, on Tuesday, September 17th. The event commemorates the date of September 17, 1787, when thirty-nine delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, signed the U.S. Constitution. Constitution Day is now an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the U.S. Constitution and those who have become United States citizens.

The ceremony began with the members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, followed by the Preamble to the United States Constitution. The group celebrated this important document and the freedoms it gave us, by ringing the bells at 1:00 PM for one full minute.

Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution play significant roles in America's perpetuation of patriotism, including honoring and respect for the U.S. Flag and the preservation of America's single most important document, the U.S. Constitution.

It's Dues Time Again!

Dues notices will be sent out in early October. Please watch your email inbox. Also, when sending in your dues, please take a moment to review the personal information we have on file for you and make any updates on the printed form and return it with your check. Your prompt reply is greatly Appreciated.

New Members

Member

**Henry Green Balance, Jr.
Edward Moses Anderson, Sr.
Barry Neil Miller
Dr. Julius Wayne Dudley
Timothy Charles Newmyer
Howard Clinton Sweet, III
LTC William Bryan Johnson
Gavin Charles Johnson**

Patriot Ancestor

**Willis Balance
Walter Hanson
Lewis T. Miller
Walter Hanson
Peter Newmyer
Ebenezer Adams
Moses Spencer
Moses Spencer**

Junior Member

Preston Lawrence Polun

Bernard Huntzinger

Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

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

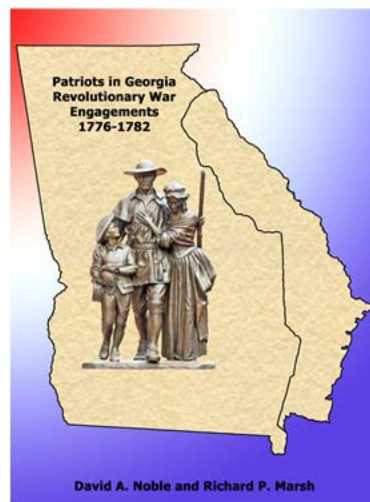
If you have been thinking about purchasing a book now is the time.

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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Chancellor	Ed Floyd	floyd7@bellsouth.net
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Historian	Henry Cobb	whc2gt@yahoo.com

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:

Howard Sweet, III	5th
John Lemley	5th
Paul Wright	6th
Joseph Scherberger, Jr.	7th
Larry Cummings	8th
Joseph Alexander	8th
James Comstock	13 th
John Titus	14 th
Ian Cummings	25th
Ignacio Taboada	29th
John Creasy, Jr.	29th
Kyle Murphy	30th
Donald Martin	31th

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.

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.

