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Next Meeting – Thursday December 12th

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....DECEMBER 12TH

The Atlanta Chapter welcomes **Past Georgia State and Past Atlanta Chapter President Terry Manning as our December 12th guest speaker**. His newest program addresses "**The Cherokee War of 1776**," a subject seldom addressed in Revolutionary War history.

Petite Violette Restaurant is the meeting site...time 12:00 noon....Thursday, December 12th. You are invited to hear this outstanding speaker, enjoy fellowship with your fellow Compatriots and have a great lunch!

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, December 12th!

As Sons of the American Revolution, we have accepted the responsibility of maintaining and promoting patriotism. Meeting and joining in this unified goal is an excellent way to work together in a common cause. We are free because our patriot ancestors set the example for us to follow....freedom, whatever the cost.

Atlanta Chapter SAR 2020 Dues!

Please don't risk losing your membership to the SAR. Dues are now being collected for 2020 and must be received no later than December 15, 2019. If not received by the deadline, you will be dropped from the SAR rolls effective January 1, 2020 and must complete the reinstatement process to regain your membership.

If you have not received your dues notice or cannot locate it, please contact our Treasurer, Richard Marsh at rmarsh1@att.net or 770-492-1072.

Additionally, your dues notice provides the opportunity to: donate \$200 to the Chapter to become an Atlanta Fellow (provides funds for special projects sponsored by the Chapter), contribute \$25 or more to become a Friend of the Library (supports the SAR Library in Louisville, KY); or contribute any amount for the purchase of coupon books to be used by Veterans at the VA hospital to be used in the hospital canteen. Please consider your support of any of these great causes.

Atlanta Chapter SAR Installs New President



**Gregory Smith, right, takes the Oath of Office of President Atlanta Chapter SAR,
From Past Georgia State Society President Charlie Newcomer, left**



**Gregory Smith Installed as President Atlanta Chapter SAR By
Past Georgia State Society President Charlie Newcomer**

Great Speakers...Enhance Atlanta Chapter Meetings...Presenting Excellent, In Depth Program Topics And Discussions



Dr. David Noble

The Atlanta Chapter was honored to have another outstanding speaker for November. One of our own Compatriots, Dr. David Noble, whose topic was: Kettlecreek Battlefield Revisited.

The legends of the battle of Kettle Creek say that 340 brave Patriots marched and defeated 750 British soldiers at the battle of Kettle Creek. Recent Archaeological work gives evidence for a different description of the battle. About 310 Patriots in groups of about 50 men performed a mounted charge that resulted in the defeat of about 300 poorly trained British regulars (Militia like) in about one hour. Facts and maps illustrated the new battle description!



Atlanta Chapter SAR Proudly Welcomed a New Inductee during the November Meeting!

The unusually Cold November day in Atlanta did not slow the growth currently being experienced by Sons of the American Revolution and the Atlanta Chapter.

In March 2020, the chapter will commemorate its 121st Anniversary, as the state's largest and oldest chapter.

New applicants are anxiously awaiting their formal acceptance into the NSSAR



New Member John Parham Rabun Jr., left, with Sponsor Dr. David Noble, right Patriot Ancestor Francis Fontaine who was a private of South Carolina Killed in Action.

Member Supplementals

Richard Marsh – Patriot, Moses Mehaffey

George Kearsley Wysong III – Patriot, John Lewis Wysong

Our Chapter in the Community

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.

At the Oconee Veterans Park in Athens



Charlie Newcomer, left, and Bruce Maney, right, represented the Atlanta Chapter, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, with a wreath presentation & Color Guard support, during the Veterans Day Program at The Oconee Veterans Park in Athens.



Johns Creek Elementary School Veterans Day program



Atlanta Chapter Color Guard Member Terry Manning commands a youth Color Guard at Johns Creek Elementary School during their Veterans Day program.





Compatriots thank you for your recent contribution and support remembering and honoring our military veterans on Wreaths Across America Day. East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, with over 350 veteran gravesites is the assigned cemetery, located at 87 Scenic Highway in Lawrenceville. You are invited to attend and participate in the placement of the wreaths on the graves. The date is December 14th at 12:00 Noon. Sponsor Wreath Cost: \$15.00 each. Checks mail and payable to: Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR, PO Box 172 Bethlehem GA 30620 or pay online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/ga0265p.

The Atlanta Chapter has also donated \$150 which will sponsor a total of 15 wreaths (Normally \$15/wreath, but buy two get one free with sponsor code).

The event is December 14, 2019 and the GASSAR sponsorship is Marietta National Cemetery.

More info can be found at their site <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.

If you would like to represent the Atlanta Chapter, present and participate, please coordinate with Bill Kabel at: flytier44@comcast.net

Service Opportunities Available To Atlanta Chapter Members

The Chapter Nominating Committee is now actively offering opportunities to members for service in 2020 leadership roles. The term of service is one year and will allow you to gain knowledge and grow regarding the organization in which you now serve. Share your willingness for your name to be placed in nomination with one of the committee members, Henry Cobb, Terry Manning or Al Adams. They will assist you in finding a position or committee on which you may serve.



2019 Chapter Officer Directory

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

President	Gregory Smith	atlantasarflags@bellsouth.net
1st Vice President	Vacant	
2nd Vice President	Charlie Newcomer	canewcomer@att.net
Secretary	Al Adams	moveradams@aol.com
Treasurer	Richard Marsh	rmarsh1@att.net
Registrar	David Noble	danoble10@att.net
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bob Campbell	gingerbob@bellsouth.net
Chancellor	Ed Floyd	floyd7@bellsouth.net
Chaplain	John Titus	mojotitus@bellsouth.net
Historian	Henry Cobb	whc2gt@yahoo.com

New Members in 2019

The Atlanta Chapter has added 14 New Members so far this year

Edward Moses Anderson	Harry Greene Balance	Julius Wayne Dudley
David Allan Gordon	Lewis Adams Gordon	Barrett Hanson
Gavin Charles Johnson	William Bryan Johnson	Barry Neil Miller
Timothy Charles Newmyer	Preston Lawrence Polun	John Parham Rabun
Benjamin Joseph Remsa	Howard Clinton Sweet	

The Atlanta Chapter has lost 4 members in 2019 please keep their families in your prayers!

Peter Ashton Lyon	NSSAR # 111354	5 SEP 2019
Ernest Deurell Key, Jr.	NSSAR # 86469	11 JUL 2019
Gary Randall Smith	NSSAR # 192909	16 APR 2019
Douglas Theodore Stephens	NSSAR # 171309	21 JAN 2019

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
Barry N. Miller
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 D. Schroeder
Kathleen Ann Schroeder
William Smith III
Ben Statham
Penn Templeman
Bruce D. 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 Atlanta Fellows is Barry N. Miller. We thank all of our Atlanta Fellows for their support and encourage others to join their ranks!**

JROTC PROGRAM

The Atlanta Chapter is always looking for Volunteers for our Chapter JROTC Program.

During March through May each year, JROTC Units sponsored by our SAR Chapter, in Fulton County, the Atlanta Public School System and the DeKalb County Public School System conduct their Annual JROTC Awards Ceremonies. We are responsible for 27 JROTC Units. At these Ceremonies Atlanta Chapter SAR Members Present SAR JROTC Bronze Medals to deserving Cadets at their Local High Schools. No speech is required by our SAR Members & it is as easy & simple as showing up and shaking the Cadets hand when told to!

Please let our JROTC Program Chairman know if you would like to help. It is an opportunity that is rewarding for all involved & our name gets out in the Community!

Upcoming Atlanta Chapter Events

Elijah Clarke and Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Remembrance Day



Elijah Clarke and Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Remembrance Day



Friday, February 7, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Elijah Clark State Park

2959 McCormick Highway
East of Downtown Lincolnton, GA. 30817
(706) 359 - 3458
GaStateParks.org

Come when you can.

- 10:00 a.m. **Living history at restored cabin and Elijah Clark Museum-**
Colonial lifestyle demonstrations - period music –
musket and cannon firings - traveling trunk display- book signings
- 12:00 p.m. **Free chili luncheon and dessert buffet**
- 1:30 p.m. **Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony**
Featured speaker this year is noted author, genealogist, and amateur archeologist Dr. David Noble with updated information on the newly discovered Revolutionary War fort, located on what is now Elijah Clark Park land, and commanded by Kettle Creek hero and original Wilkes County Militia Commander Colonel John Dooly. A wreath ceremony at Elijah Clarke's grave follows, and regional color guard and militia units will combine to bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion. Wreath request forms will be sent at a later date.

Indoor facilities are available in the event of inclement weather.

Park entry fees will be waived for attendees and special discounts will be offered for 2-night cabin rentals at the park. Elijah Clark Park is an easy half hour drive to Washington, GA and Kettle Creek Battlefield for the other weekend Revolutionary War Days activities.

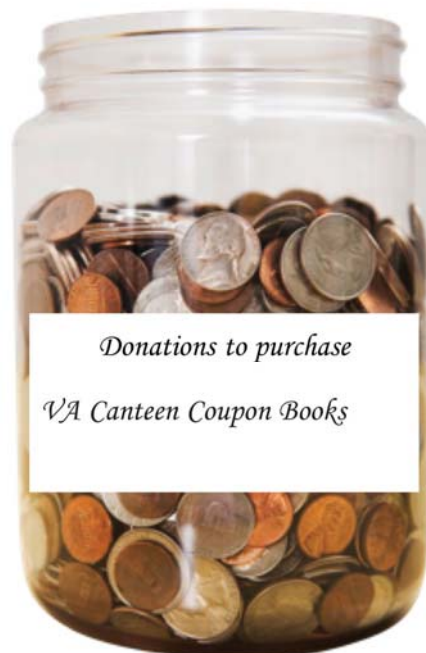
Veterans Respect Activities

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](tel:678-995-0874)/mojotitus@bellsouth.net)





The following members have a birthday this month:

Kenneth Thomas Jr.	1 st	James Reid Jr.	1 st
William White	3 rd	Ignacio Taboada	6 th
Thorne Winter, III	7 th	William Armstrong	11 th
Charles Dickerson Jr.	12 th	Kenneth Griffiths	14 th
Stuart Brady	15 th	Willam Goodman	15 th
Stephen Davidson	16 th	David Paschall	17 th
Charles Lord	19 th	Delbert Smith Jr.	20 th
Benjamin Remsa	21 st	Charles Brockett	21 st
John Henry Sr.	23 rd	John Creasy	23 rd
Julius Dudley	31 st		

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.

Petite Violette Increases Meal Cost

It was such a pleasure to see many of you earlier this month at our chapter meeting at Petite Violette. Chapter meetings enable our membership to join together over a delicious meal while furthering the importance of Patriotic Service, educational programs and personal recognition through our highly successful SAR chapter. We strive to serve the Metro Atlanta Community through Patriotism & our Chapter Meeting give all members the opportunity to share their thoughts, desires and concerns as well as to let the membership know what we are doing in the Community.

After providing our meals at the same price for nearly three years, Petite Violette recently informed our Board of Managers that, they need to increase our rate due to their increased costs. This increase will be in the amount of \$ 3.00 extra to the amount we pay currently.

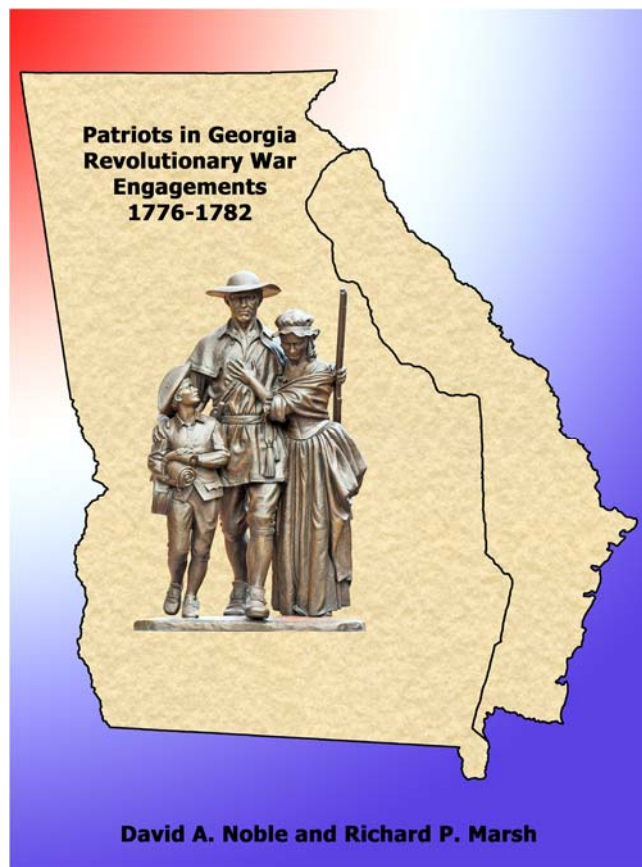
We recognize how pleased our members have been with the food, service and the convenient location Petite Violette has provided us each month. In addition, we understand that businesses must periodically adjust their pricing due to inflation, and therefore feel this is an acceptable increase. **Effective with our Thursday, December 12th 2019 meeting, attendance at the chapter meeting will increase to \$25.00 per person.**

Please feel free to reach out to me directly should you wish to discuss further or have any concerns.

Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

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 20 books remaining.**



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.

