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Next Meeting – Thursday November 14

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....NOVEMBER 14

Program

The Atlanta Chapter is honored to have another outstanding speaker for November. He is one of our own Compatriots, Dr. David Noble, whose topic is: *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 will illustrate the new battle description.



Atlanta Chapter President Unexpectedly Resigns Due Health Issues.

Chapter President Jim Freeman has notified Atlanta Chapter Officers he will step down from his leadership role, effective immediately, due to personal health issues and impending treatment. This announcement closely followed the October 10th appointment of Gregory Smith to fill Mark Bell's unexpired term of First Vice President.

Jim was unable to attend the 3rd Quarter BOM Meeting in Barnesville on Saturday, October 26th. Greg Smith fulfilled the Atlanta Chapter President's responsibility attending his first BOM meeting as the Atlanta Chapter representative.

Note To The Chapter

"I thank you for giving me the honor of serving as Atlanta Chapter President, even for such an abbreviated period of time. I appreciate the support provided by my fellow officers, committee members and compatriots. It is you, who make Sons of the American Revolution great, while keeping American Patriotism alive and well "

In Gratitude...Jim Freeman

Atlanta Chapter SAR Proudly Welcomed New Inductees During The September And October Meetings.

The unusually hot Atlanta summer did not slow the excellent 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 one of the state's largest and oldest chapters. New inductees were anxiously awaiting the September return of chapter meetings and their formal acceptance into the National Society.

September 12, 2019 Inductees



Barry Neil Miller, Dr. Julius Wayne Dudley, Edward Moses Anderson, Sr.

October 10, 2019 Inductees



Timothy Charles Newmyer, LTC William Bryan Johnson

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

September Speaker:

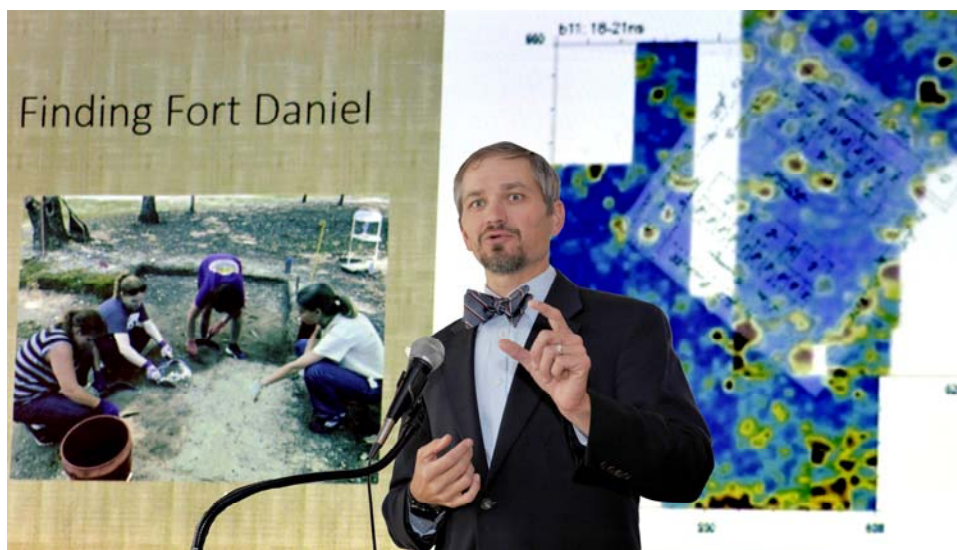
Compatriot Michael Henderson, a Button Gwinnett Chapter member, gave a well documented and organized presentation of his own “*Complex Journey Discovering an Ancestral Connection to Colonial Louisiana Slavery and American Independence*”, entitled: **Got PROOF!** The title for his book.



Michael Henderson

October Speaker:

Another Button Gwinnett Chapter member, Eli Stancel, shared a most interesting and informative presentation titled: "*The War of 1812 in North Georgia and the Birth of Peachtree Road*". His family has history in Gwinnett County dating back to the 1700's, with special emphasis on the Fort Daniel Historic Site.



Eli Stancel

2020 Dues Are Now Payable

OUR CHAPTER ACROSS THE STATE

Atlanta Chapter Supports *Wreaths Across America*

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.

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.

Important Decisions At October 26, 2019 BOM Meeting

(By Charlie Newcomer, Atlanta Chapter, 2nd Vice President)

It turned out to be a great day for Ft. Dooly and our Park Ceremony. There were several votes taken concerning our park ceremony and the research being done at Elijah Clark State Park for Ft. Dooly. The first one was for our request for a contribution from the Endowment Trust Fund.

President Collins reported that the vote was two for and one against. Don Burdick was the one against and he got up and spoke against the request in that he didn't think it met the requirements as being from an organization outside the SAR. He thought it was for an individuals own research project. I explained that the request came from the Friends of the park, which made the request, was a 501 C3 organization and they were handling the money to be paid out for the ground penetrating radar. The BOM members voted over whelming to approve the request. The trust fund is now valued at \$79,218.58 and has \$3,394.43 to distribute this year. There were no other requests for fund distribution.

The next vote was for the report that Chairman Jay Guest gave from the Historical sites and Celebrations Committee. He stated that the Committee had recommended that the park ceremony be moved to Sunday and that the Committee would recommend approval if they moved it. Rev. Alan Smith and I spoke against the recommendation. The BOM Members again voted against the recommendation with such an over whelming vote that no show of hands were required.

The next vote taken was to bring up Rev. Alan Smiths past motion to make the Park Ceremony a state event and include it along with the Kettle Creek Ceremony In future advertisements. Dr. Rigel voiced his opposition in that he felt it interfered with the National Event of the Kettle Creek Ceremony that was held the next day.

After much discussion President Collins asked the State Chancellor to render an opinion. He did and said that he didn't see how it would interfere with any of their activities in any way. A motion was made to bring the vote before the BOM Members and by voice vote, it once again passed. A vote was then taken by paper ballot and passed 36 or 38 (don't remember exact number) to 14 with two Members abstaining. Like I said it was a great day for Ft. Dooly research and the Park Ceremony.

Patriotically yours,

Charlie A. Newcomer, Coordinator

Elijah Clark Park Ceremony

Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

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

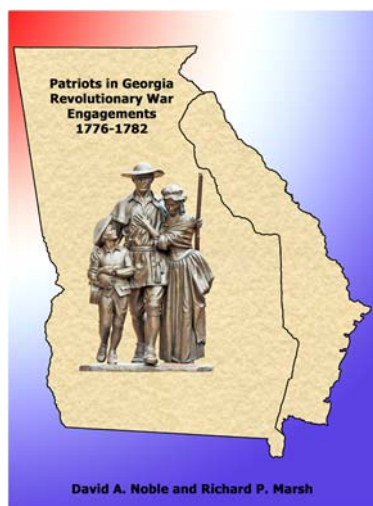
If you have been thinking about purchasing a book now is the time.

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 23, 2019, to February 22, 2020, are as follows:

1st Vice President	Gregory Smith	atlantasarflags@bellsouth.net
2nd Vice President	Charlie Newcomer	canewcomer@att.net
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Registrar	David Noble	danoble10@att.net
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Chancellor	Ed Floyd	floyd7@bellsouth.net
Chaplain	John Titus	mojotitus@bellsouth.net
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](tel:678-995-0874)/mojotitus@bellsouth.net)





The following members have a birthday this month:

Sam Chafin, Jr.	2nd
Ted Mullin	5th
Phil Curtis	6th
Jacob Kevin Lee	8th
John E. McMullan	8th
James Hilleary	10th
Huston Collings	10th
Jay McLendon	11th
William Smith, III	12th
Eugene Grasser	13 th
Henry Balance	28th
Frank Wrenn, III	19th
Travers Stultz	21st
John Thompson, Jr.	23rd
Shep Hammack	26th
Scott Fraser	27th
Barry Miller	28th
Alan Koman	28th
Jim Freeman	28 th

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.

