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Next Meeting – Thursday March 12th

Regular meetings are held on the **second Thursday of the month except in February** when we meet on the Saturday closest to George 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....MARCH 12th

The Atlanta Chapter welcomes you to our March Chapter Meeting.

George Thurmond **will be the Guest Speaker on March 12th**. His program will be **“William Washington”**. **As commander of light dragoons, he led mounted troops in a number of notable battles in the Carolinas during the campaigns of 1780 and 1781 in the American Revolution.**

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

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

2020 Officers Installed by GA Society President



Georgia Society SAR President William B. Dobbs II, left, installs the 2020 Atlanta Chapter Officers



The Atlanta Chapter SAR Officers lineup for 2020

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



Terry Manning gives a Salute to honor George Washington during the program.

Awards Highlighted the February Celebration!



Ed Anderson receives the War Service Medal, left, and Bill Dobbs receives the LEO Commendation Medal, right.



Richard Marsh receives the Silver Roger Sherman Medal, left, and John Titus, right, receives the Distinguished Service Medal.



Ann Cobb and Clare Newcomer receive the Martha Washington Medal, left, and Elizabeth Wysong receives the Lynda Darragh Medal, right.

Fisher Craft Memorial Magnificent Performance Award



The Fisher Craft Memorial Magnificent Performance Award was given as Officer Recognition for 2019 Chapter Service

Distinguished Service Certificates



Distinguished Service Certificate were awarded as recognition for Chapter mentorship & leadership in multiple roles

Member Memorial



Atlanta Chapter Secretary Al Adams and Chaplin John Titus honor the names of Compatriots lost in the last year.

Douglas Theodore Stephens
Deceased January 21st 2019

Gary Randall Smith
Deceased April 16th 2019

Ernest Deurell Key, Jr.
Deceased July 11th 2019

Peter Ashton Lyon
Deceased September 5th 2019

William Patrick Smith III
Deceased January 23rd 2020



A photo Gallery of the 2020 Atlanta Chapter SAR George Washington Birthday Celebration can be found on the Atlanta Chapter SAR website at: <https://www.saratlanta.org/photo-gallery/nggallery/atlanta-chapter-meetings-2020/george-washington-birthday-luncheon-february-2020>

Elijah Clarke and Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Remembrance Day 2020



Bill Palmer Commands the Color Guard



Charlie Newcomer speaks to a large crowd of guests during the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony



Dr. David Noble speaks of updated information on the newly discovered Revolutionary War fort, located on what is now Elijah Clark Park

241st Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek



The Parade starts off on the beautiful Square in Washington, Georgia



Saturday Event of the Battle of Kettle Creek Reenactment. There is just too much to show and not enough space here. Check out our Galleries for the 2020 Kettle Creek as well as the Elijah Clark & Heroes of the Hornets' Nest 2020 on the Atlanta Chapter Website links provided below:

<https://www.saratlanta.org/photo-gallery/nggallery/celebrations/elijah-clark-heros-of-the-hornets-nest-2020>
<https://www.saratlanta.org/photo-gallery/nggallery/celebrations/241st-anniversary-of-the-battle-of-kettle-creek-revolutionary-days-2020>

Our Chapter in the Community

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

During 2019 they presented many 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.

New Year New JROTC Program Leaders



Because this photo is so nice we will use it twice!

JROTC Vice Chair Ed Anderson, left, and JROTC Chairman Barrett Hanson, right, officially took over the Atlanta Chapter JROTC Program when they met with Atlanta Public Schools Director of Army Instruction Col. Prentiss Baker USA Ret., center, at APS JROTC Headquarters at Alonzo A. Crim High School in Atlanta.

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 Cadet's 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 & positively promotes our Chapter in the Community!

VA Canteen Coupon Books Project a Success



John Titus at the Atlanta VA Medical Center

At the beginning of 2019, our Chapter decided to take on a new veterans respect project. It decided to raise money to purchase VA Canteen Coupon books to be given to the Voluntary Service Office at the VA Medical Center, Decatur, for distribution to needy veterans. The coupons can be used in the VAMC's cafeteria, coffee shop, or canteen. Over the course of the year, a total of **\$1,030** was raised which purchased 206 coupon books, each with a value of \$5. **The last of the books were delivered on December 12, 2019.** An example of their use was related by Wayne Bartley, Voluntary Service Specialist, who told Compatriot John Titus that on the day following our October delivery of 40 books, a homeless woman veteran with two children sought help. Our donated coupon books were used to provide the family with a meal before linking them with other services. **Thanks to all of our members for your generosity.**



2020 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 22, 2020, to February 20, 2021, are as follows:

President	Gregory Smith	atlantasarflags@bellsouth.net
1st Vice President	Barry Miller	vpatlsar@gmail.com
2nd Vice President	Charlie Newcomer	canewcomer@att.net
Secretary	Al Adams	moveradams@aol.com
Treasurer	Richard Marsh	rparmarsh1@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 2020

The Atlanta Chapter Is Proud to Welcome 2 New Members so far this year & we have many more SAR Applications in the works!

Paul Leon Anderson

Melvin Rhodes

The Atlanta Chapter has lost a Compatriot in 2020. Please keep Bill's family in your prayers!

William Patrick Smith III

NSSAR # 185256

23 JAN 2020

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 Fellow is Barry N. Miller. We thank all of our Atlanta Fellows for their support and encourage others to join their ranks!**

Upcoming Atlanta Chapter Events



241st Anniversary of the Battle of Brier Creek Weekend Friday, March 6, 2020

We will have two presentations 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
with the following schedule for each.

- ★ Dr. John Derden will share ideas for upcoming tours and present an overview of the history of the battlefield and the direction to be taken to ensure a maximum acquisition of the findings on the site and its preservation
- ★ Steve Burke will share his lifetime collection of Revolutionary period artifacts - weapons, clothes, etc.
- ★ Don and Pat Thomas' *Traveling Trunk* will be on display. The Thomas' will explain the uses of the many items included.
- ★ Tommy Christopher will demonstrate cooking on black iron at the tent encampment.
- ★ Brier Creek Militia under the command of Steve Burke will fire a 3-round volley using flintlock rifles.
- ★ Artillery commander Steve Burke will fire a 3-round volley using his 6-pounder Naval cannon.





BRIER CREEK CHAPTER and WIREGRASS CHAPTER

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

invite you to attend the

241st ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRIER CREEK

Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

Brier Creek Battlefield and Memorial Site

Brannens Bridge Road
(on right, 100 yds north of Brier Creek landing/bridge)
Screven County, Georgia

Coordinates N 32° 48.328° W 81° 28.294°

SAR, DAR, C.A.R., other patriotic and lineage societies, chapters, and the general public are invited to the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Brier Creek. Continental, militia, or period attire is encouraged.

To participate in the Wreath Presentation, please complete and return the registration form no later than Monday, February 24, 2020, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program.



241st ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRIER CREEK

Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

Wreath Registration

Name of Wreath Presenter _____

Organization _____

Office or Title of Presenter _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

Will also Participate in the Color Guard _____ Musket Firing _____

Please complete and mail by Monday, February 24, 2020, to assure listing in the
Ceremony Program.

Mail to: Jane Durden, PO Box 478, Swainsboro, GA 30401-0478

Email: hsdurden@bellsouth.net

The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc.

Invites you to join in celebrating the Battle of Brier Creek at the

Annual Meeting and Dinner Friday, March 6, 2020

First United Methodist Church
201 N. Main Street
Sylvania, GA 30467

Speaker: Dr. Ryan McNutt

“An Archeologist’s Perspective of the Development and Preservation of Brier Creek”

Dinner Cost: \$35.00 per person

Please make your checks payable to the BCRWBA, Inc.

Annual Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Mail to:

John Fitzner, Treasurer

505 N. Main Street

Sylvania, GA 30467

Please include your email address.

Dinner reservations must be received by February 28, 2020

For questions contact: Dianne Fitzner, Chairman

Cell: (912) 978-0888

NOTE: Those wishing to sit as a group or family please designate on your RSVP.
Tables seat six (6) and will be assigned by number.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Please designate those with whom to be seated: _____

Upcoming Patriot Grave Marking Events

*The Captain John Collins, Piedmont,
and Button Gwinnett Chapters,
Sons of the American Revolution*

**Request the honor of your presence at the dedication
of graves commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldiers**

*John Clark, John Hames
and George Bradford*

**Saturday, April 4, 2020
11:00 A.M.**

*Marietta National Cemetery
500 Washington Avenue, Marietta, Georgia 30060*

*Please call 770-579-2748 or email ecagle1@bellsouth.net
by April 1, 2020 if you would like to present a wreath*



Directions:

*33° 57' 5" N
84° 32' 27" W*

Please bring a chair

The Atlanta Chapter SAR Invites You



*Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Captain John Collins Chapter
Mount Vernon Chapter And other chapters yet to come*

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

*Invites you to attend the dedication of grave markers
commemorating the service of Patriot soldiers*

Lazarus Mallard (B-14) Andrew Walthour (E-24)
Thomas Stevens (C-11) John Baker

Benjamin Andrew

*In conjunction with the St. John's Parish Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Colonists*

*Sunday, April 26, 2020
2:00 p.m.*

*Midway Cemetery
US Highway 17 South
Midway, Georgia 31320*

Please consider joining us that morning for the yearly church service at the Midway Church at 11:30 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds. The church is located across from the cemetery.

The Midway Museum, located next to the church, will be open for tours on Sunday as well as their family history center, which contains information on families who settled in the area.

Nearby Richmond Hill (19 miles north) and Hinesville (11 miles west) have many chain hotels and restaurants.

This will be the fourth of several annual markings that will eventually mark the 18 Patriot Graves that can be located with their individual markers and potentially another 30+ unmarked patriot graves in this cemetery.

Participation Response – 2:00 PM Program Sunday - April 26, 2020
(Please print or type)

Name:

Title:

Chapter:

Organization:

Location of Residence:

Wreath Presenter:

Color Guard:

11:30 AM Church Service _____

2:00 PM Program _____

Musket Salute:

Will also attend the 11:30 AM Church Service:

Please send responses to:
ScottCollins1775@gmail.com

Or mail to:
Scott Collins
130 Cherokee Forest Drive
Athens, GA 30601-1052

*Henry Laurens Chapter,
Daniel Morgan Chapter
and Godfrey Dreher Chapters SC Societies Sons of
the American Revolution*

*Request the honor of your presence at the dedication
of graves commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldiers*

*Charles Hammond
Colonel Samuel Hammond
John Hammond
LeRoy Hammond*

**Saturday, May 2, 2020
10 A.M.**

*Hammond Family Cemetery
908 W Martintown Road
North Augusta, South Carolina*

Please send registration to:

***Ted Walker
207 Chalk Bed Road,
Graniteville, SC 29829***

***or Email to twalkerj@bellsouth.net
Phone (803) 599-1654***



Please R.S.V.P. by 18 April 2020

*Washington Wilkes Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution*

Request the honor of your presence at the dedication
of graves commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldiers

*William Barnett (DAR Ancestor # AOO6496)
William Triplett (SAR Patriot # P-307114)
John Williston Talbot (SAR Patriot # P-301524)
Gannaway Martin (SAR Patriot # P-242093)
David Cresswell (SAR Patriot # P-141034)*

Saturday, May 2, 2020
2 P.M.

*Smyrna United Methodist Church
100 South Smyrna Church Road
Washington, GA*

Please call: Lou Harris
lou@wlhadv.com
404-909-4762
Thad Broome
ttbvbb@nu-z.net



Veterans Respect Activities

Our chapter began a new project in early 2019 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 we 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, 2020, 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:

Stephen Schroeder, Sr.	4 th
Brian Brown, Jr.	5 th
Henry Cobb, II	9 th
Bob Campbell	10 th
Charles Moran, Jr.	10 th
Baxter Bedell	10 th
Bruce Maney	13 th
Timothy Murphy	13 th
John Henry, Jr.	15 th
Ford Pierson	16 th
Paul Anderson	17 th
Stephen Allgood	17 th
Mark Bell	22 nd
James Toney	24 th
Melvin Rhodes	25 th
Gregory Miller	25 th
Edward Floyd	25 th
Richard Williams	27 th
Brian McKinney	28 th
William Skinner	29 th
Eugene Wilson	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.

Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782

If you have been thinking about purchasing one of these books, 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 printed, the chapter has distributed almost all 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.

