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#### **Next Meeting – TBA due to COVID-19**

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**

The April Atlanta Chapter SAR Meeting has been canceled due to Coronavirus pandemic & public gathering restrictions!

All Local, State & National NSSAR Events have been Canceled or Postponed. This includes all scheduled SAR Patriot Grave Markings.

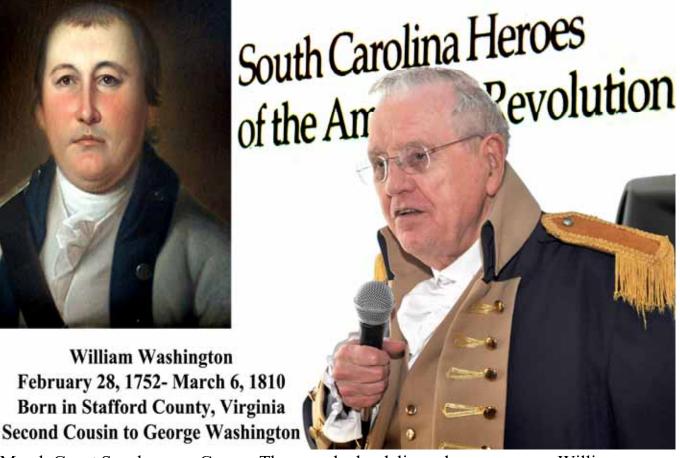
Please also note that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution headquarters will be closed during the Pandemic. It is a very fluid situation and we are attempting to stay abreast of the most recent changes. The President General approved this closure. Merchandise shipments, order processing, application reviews, record copy request, etc. will be suspended until they return. We will keep you up to date as information comes in!

On behalf of the chapter leadership, I hope you and all your loved ones stay well. We very much look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

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



William Washington February 28, 1752- March 6, 1810 Born in Stafford County, Virginia



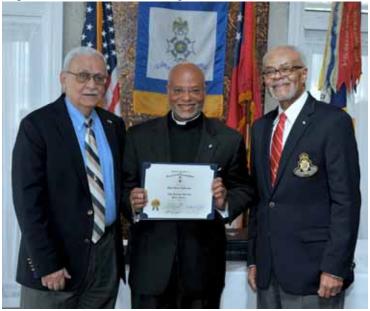
Our March Guest Speaker was George Thurmond who delivered a program on William Washington.



## **March New Member Induction**



Compatriot Ed Anderson, right, pins the SAR Rosette to the lapel of his brother Paul Leon Anderson, left, during the Ceremony.



Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Barry Miller poses with Paul & Ed Anderson

#### **March Door Prize Winners**



Paul Anderson and Eugene Wilson were our lucky door prize winners for the month of March.

#### **Brier Creek Flag Streamer Awarded to Atlanta Chapter**



Atlanta Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Charlie Newcomer presents a Flag Streamer to Color Guard Member Eugene Wilson for the 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Battle at Brier Creek

## 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.

## Atlanta Chapter Eagle Scholarship Award



David Noble poses with Atlanta Chapter Eagle Scholarship award recipient at the Court of Honor for BSA Troop 15 at Holy Cross Catholic Church



VA Canteen Coupon Books Project a Success Let's keep it going strong!



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** 1st Vice President Barry Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Charlie Newcomer **Secretary** Al Adams Treasurer Richard Marsh Registrar David Noble Sergeant-At-Arms **Bob Campbell** Chancellor Ed Floyd John Titus Chaplain Historian Henry Cobb

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#### Welcome New Members in 2020

#### The Atlanta Chapter Is Proud to Welcome 5 New Members so far this year & we have many more SAR Applications in the works!

John Henry Adams Paul Leon Anderson Melvin Rhodes

Stephen Douglas Schrodeder II Korey Matthew Schrodeder

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

William Patrick Smith III

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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 Conlev 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 Mever

**Charlie Newcomer** 

Alice Noble **David Noble** 

**James Noble Ray Patton Joyce Patton** Lov 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!

#### **Veterans Respect Activities**

#### Do you have Veterans Respect Activities to Report?

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 / mojotitus@bellsouth.net)

As reported earlier, our chapter began a new project last year to purchase VA Canteen Coupon Books for VAH patients to use in the canteen, coffee shop or cafeteria at the VAH in Decatur. The books we purchase are then distributed to patients by the VA Volunteer Service team at the hospital. Look for a jar at each meeting marked "\$ for VA Canteen Coupon Books" and donate a dollar (or more). It makes a huge difference!





Let's celebrate the following members with April birthdays:

Richard Marsh	4/1
William Gurley, Sr.	4/2
David Noble	4/3
Timothy Newmyer	4/4
Robert Schmidt	4/12
Charles Griffin	4/13
Daniel Meacham	4/16
Theodore Gordon	4/16
Charlie Newcomer III	4/18
Barrett Hanson	4/21
Gregory Smith	4/29

We are missing a few birthdays in our database. If your birthday is this month but 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 date. 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.

