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Next Meeting – September TBA

Members: As this pandemic continues, we pray that you are well and staying safe. The Atlanta Chapter Board of Managers will continue to monitor the situation as we consider our decision on when we can meet in person safely for our regularly scheduled monthly Chapter Meeting.

Remember, if a Zoom meeting is scheduled, all Atlanta Chapter Members will automatically be sent a link to attend prior to the Zoom Program.

Non-members: To attend an Atlanta Chapter Zoom meeting, please send an email request to atlantasarflags@bellsouth.net. You will then be sent a link, password and detailed connection information. This will ensure a secure session.

Upcoming Regular Atlanta Chapter Meetings

NEXT SCHEDULED CHAPTER MEETING IN SEPTEMBER TBA

Please also note the National Society Sons of the American Revolution headquarters is now reopened. We will keep you up to date as information comes in.

I will look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



Atlanta Chapter SAR holds June Meeting Via ZOOM



The Atlanta Chapter SAR held our second Chapter meeting via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2020 with 16 compatriots participating in this online meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Our June Program was on The Battle of Cowpens. This American Revolutionary War battle was fought near Cowpens, South Carolina, on January 17, 1781. Patriot forces under Brigadier General Daniel Morgan and British forces under Lieutenant Colonel Sir Banastre Tarleton, were opposing forces in part of the Carolinas campaign. The battle was a turning point in the American reconquest of South Carolina from the British.



Tarleton's brigade was wiped out as an effective fighting force, and, coupled with the British defeat at the Battle of Kings Mountain in the northwest corner of South Carolina, this action compelled Cornwallis to pursue the main southern American army into North Carolina, leading to the Battle of Guilford Court House, and Cornwallis's eventual defeat at the Siege of Yorktown in Virginia in October 1781.

In the opinion of John Marshall, "Seldom has a battle, in which greater numbers were not engaged, been so important in its consequences as that of Cowpens."

Supplemental Ancestor Certificate Awarded



In mid-June Atlanta Chapter SAR President Gregory Smith met up with Atlanta Chapter Compatriot Kendall Zelif, Jr. at the Petite Violette Restaurant to present his recently approved Supplemental Ancestor Certificate to him. Compatriot Zelif, a U.S. Army Veteran who originally joined the NSSAR in 1969, has been a member of the Atlanta Chapter for over 10 years.

This Supplemental approved on June 5th 2020 was approved to his Patriot Ancestor Daniel Zelif. Shown above Compatriot Zelif proudly displays his newly approved 2020 Supplemental, with a Supplemental approved in September 2018 on his Patriot Ancestor Hannah Zelif, wife of Daniel Zelif, thus making this generation complete as a Patriot couple. This month marks the 360th year anniversary of their arrival to what would become the United States. The Flemish couple arrived in June/ July 1660 aboard the Gilded Otter, making port in New Amsterdam which was a 17th-century Dutch settlement established at the southern tip of Manhattan Island that served as the seat of the colonial government in New Netherland.

This Supplemental marks the eighth NSSAR Genealogy approved Patriot Ancestor for Compatriot Zelif.

Completing Supplemental Ancestor Certificates not only documents your Patriot lineage for future Generations, but can also aid prospective Members in joining the SAR!

SAR Flag Certificates of Commendation Awarded



On Tuesday, June 30, the Atlanta Chapter SAR presented two Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificates of Commendation to Georgia Power and also the Georgia Power Klondike Training Center. The two expertly framed Certificates were presented by Atlanta Chapter SAR Patriot Graves Committee Chairman Eugene Wilson while at the Georgia Power Klondike Road Facility.

Each year during June or July, Chairman Wilson places a new U.S. flag on the grave of Revolutionary War Veteran Lewis Stowers, as part of the Chapter's Fourth of July celebration. The Stowers grave is located on the Georgia Power Klondike Training Center property. Stowers (1764-1844) was a Private in the Virginia Continental Line.

Atlanta Chapter Honors Patriot Graves



Atlanta Chapter Patriot Graves Chairman Eugene Wilson places U.S. Flags on Patriot Graves at the Historic Decatur Cemetery



Each year, in preparation for the Fourth of July celebrations, the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Graves Committee places new US National Flags on all accessible known Patriot Graves in our area of responsibility within the Metro Atlanta Region.

This year we visited 8 Metro Atlanta Cemeteries containing Patriot Graves and placed 17 flags on Patriot graves, one flag on a Veteran of the War of 1812 and eight Flags on Atlanta Chapter Veterans & Compatriot Graves. Three American Revolution graves were not accessible due to Covid-19.

Guidance from NSSAR Genealogy Staff on DNA

New perspectives on the legal issues that surround the use and dissemination of DNA test results have resulted in numerous questions regarding our current and future DNA policies, and our acceptance of test results, which may involve multiple individuals.

There are concerns raised by staff and our executives regarding how we will deal with the issues of privacy and confidentiality.

The current policy on DNA allows use of DNA states: DNA evidence can only be used as one element of a genealogical proof argument that includes additional conventional proof of the lineage. None of the major tests -- Y-DNA, autosomal DNA, mitochondrial DNA, or X-DNA alone can prove a descent from a specific individual. DNA tests can show with high probability that two individuals are related but without traditional evidence, they fail to determine whether the person being considered is a specific individual, a sibling of that individual, a cousin of, or other relation to that individual. However, by combining the various tests and using techniques to support predicted relationships, coupled with traditional evidence, a case can be built to demonstrate relationships.

The legal issue arises with the requirement for the additional conventional evidence. The conventional evidence required includes proof of the applicant's lineage to the common ancestor where a DNA match is found, the proof of the lineage of all matches to that same common ancestor, and proof of the lineage from the common ancestor to the patriot ancestor. This involves documentation for the lineages claimed by all of the matches used, which includes their private information. Their permission for use is needed and we need to address how to insure the privacy of that information used. A genealogy subcommittee is being set up to prepare guidance on how to build a DNA Proof Argument and to look into the questions regarding the use of DNA and who has permission to access and share this information.

When we accept results of a DNA test as part of a proof argument, we are receiving the most private of information. While we may have the permission of the applicant to use his DNA results, we do not necessarily have the permission of the other family members who are included in those results. They may not be aware that the SAR is being provided a copy of their DNA results as documentation.

We need to establish procedures that protect those DNA results from becoming available to the public through Record Copy and Documentation Requests.

With these types of questions in mind, the President General has asked the Staff to put a hold on any further acceptance of DNA test results as proof of lineage documentation.

This will be in effect until such time as the Chancellor General and the Legal Advisory Committee have an opportunity to review the National Society's standing from a legal prospective.

The Genealogy Subcommittee will continue to work on guidance for the types of reporting that would be required for DNA review, but any acceptance policy would need to be reviewed and include safeguards for its legal aspects. In the meantime, the Genealogy Staff has been instructed to automatically pend any application that uses DNA test results as proof or as part of a proof argument, pending the legal review by the Chancellor General and the Legal Advisory Committee.

In the interim, those applications already submitted but not yet reviewed will be pended and shelved until the Policy decisions are completed. Since this change in policy retroactively affects applications already in the queue, the National Society is offering a refund of the National application fees for those applications already submitted but not yet reviewed if a withdrawal of the application is requested.

NSSAR 2022 Congress & Georgia Society SAR 100th Anniversary!

The Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (GASSAR) has been chosen to host the 2022 National Convention. To raise funds for this responsibility, the GASSAR is making available medals and lapel pins. There are two sets of medals and lapel pins that commemorate the Congress and the 100th anniversary of the Georgia Society. For those of you that are unaware, the original Georgia Society was the **Atlanta Chapter** and therefore the Atlanta Chapter shares this anniversary. Any of these items would make a great addition to your SAR attire. The medals and lapel pins are now available for sale on the GASSAR website www.gasocietysar.org

These are **Hot Items!** Get yours now before they're gone!



Centennial Lapel Pin



Congress Lapel Pin



Centennial Medal Set



Congress Medal Set

Our Chapter in the Community

We look forward to getting back to our normal activities as soon as practicable!

VA Canteen Coupon Books Project



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 continued generosity.

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)

More on VA Donations



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Dear Compatriots,

Veterans Committee members continue to receive inquiries about the new VA COVID-19 Needs List and Donation Form. The Atlanta VA Voluntary Service provided some guidance that would apply for VA Voluntary Service offices at all three of Georgia's VA Medical Centers.

With the exception Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) not new in the box, donation of any items on the VA needs list would be welcomed. Home made PPE simply cannot be used in a clinical setting. Gift cards for groceries, transportation, office supplies, personal care items and lodging would be used almost immediately, and many Compatriots have rewards points that could be converted into gift cards.

The new donation form and needs list are a step in the right direction in an era of social distancing. Most items on their needs list can be mailed to the VA Medical Center Voluntary Service office nearest the donor, saving long drives and complicated screening and check in procedures. Moreover, it assures that veterans in the donor's region are the people who benefit from the donation. Voluntary Service addresses are:

- Atlanta VA Medical System Voluntary Service; 1670 Clairmont Rd.; Decatur, GA 30033
- Carl Vinson VA Medical Center Voluntary Service; 1826 Veterans Blvd.; Dublin, GA 31021
- Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center Voluntary Service; 1 Freedom Way; Augusta, GA 30904

Cash donations can be sent via the VA's pay.gov link provided on the Donation Form. The link enables donors to make a direct deposit from their checking account or donate using a credit or debit card. Donors are offered choices as to how their donation is to be used -- a great feature of this well thought out program.

Please include a completed copy of the Donation Form with your gift to a VA Voluntary Service, so the gift can be reported to the VA National Headquarters. Also, be sure to retain a copy for your Chapter's donations records and a copy for yourself. These, and other donations or services to veterans are creditable for USS Stark Memorial Award points and Americanism points, which are recorded in your Chapter President's quarterly report to the GASSAR BOM.

Please let me know if you have comments or questions. In the meantime thank you for your generosity -- and please remember to stay safe out there.

Patriotically yours,
Gary J. Hoyt
GASSAR Veterans Chairman

VA COVID-19 Donation Form

In response to COVID-19, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has identified the emerging needs of Veterans, families and our first responders in VA facilities. The most critical of those are identified below. If you or your organization is in a position to assist, please contact us at VHACO10B2Astaff@va.gov.

Donor Name

Address

Phone Number

Email

Check the areas below where you are able to offer support:

Crafts & Games (*Leisure activities for Veterans*)

Non-Perishable Food & Snacks (*Food pantries/ Community Living Centers/Domiciliaries*)

Children's Games/Books/Toys (*VA's Emergency Childcare Centers*)

Uber/Lyft Gift Cards (*Non-elective appointments where transportation is unavailable, i.e. dialysis*)

Grocery Store Gift Cards (*Homeless/Indigent Veterans*)

Flip Phones with Minute Cards (*Homeless Veteran Clinical Checks*)

Monetary Donations - Click [HERE](#) to Donate Online through pay.gov

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - Gloves, Gowns, Masks

** Donated PPE must arrive in new, unopened/unused condition.*

Other - Please Specify

Quantity:

Estimated Value:



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

For more information visit
www.volunteer.va.gov or scan this code:





2020 Chapter Officer Directory

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

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| President | Gregory Smith | atlantasarflags@bellsouth.net |
| 1st Vice President | Barry Miller | vpatlsar@gmail.com |
| 2nd Vice President | Charlie Newcomer | canewcomer33@gmial.com |
| 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 2020

The Atlanta Chapter Is Proud to Welcome 5 New Members so far
this year & we have 19 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

NSSAR # 185256

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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 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!**



Happy
Birthday
America!
JULY 4TH

July 4th is Independence Day!

Drop some hints to your loved ones about what a great gift the NSSAR 2022 Congress and/or the Georgia Society Centennial Commemorative Medal sets and Lapel Pins would be!

And, while you're at it, if you're looking for a great gift for the woman who has everything, consider gifting her a lifetime membership in the Georgia Society's Ladies Auxiliary. The gift is a one-time \$25 expense - and includes no additional work! This is a great way to acknowledge the work she has already been performing, too.

Please Contact Deborah Dobbs
2020 Ladies Auxiliary President
dldobbs@bellsouth.net

**GEORGIA SAR Ladies Auxiliary
Lifetime Membership**

<http://nlasar.org/>

(Please print)

Name: _____ Husband's First Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Related SAR Member: _____

Type of Relationship (spouse, son, nephew, etc.): _____

His SAR Chapter: _____

Date of Lifetime Membership Payment: _____ Amount Paid: \$25.00

Payment by cash or check: _____ Check Number: _____

Mail your completed application and \$25 check payable to: GASSAR – Ladies Auxiliary,
Attn: 2020 Ladies Auxiliary President, Deborah Dobbs
3166 Floyd Street, NE, Covington, GA 30014

Received by: _____ Your check is your receipt.



The following members have a birthday this month:

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| Garland Conley, Jr. | July 1 st |
| Thomas Gurley | July 4 th |
| William Hays, Jr | July 9 th |
| James Panter | July 10 th |
| Harry Templeman, Jr. | July 13 th |
| Liam Gurley | July 13 th |
| Edward Anderson Sr. | July 18 th |
| Michael Chapman | July 18 th |
| Richard Whitner | July 25 th |
| Terry Manning | July 26 th |
| Neal Baker | July 27 th |
| John McAliley III | July 28 th |
| Alton Jones | July 29 th |
| Robert Adams | July 30 th |
| Ben Statham Jr. | July 31 st |
| Rick Smith IV | July 31 st |

We are missing a few birthdays in our database. Please let us know if you have a birthday this month and it is not on the above list.

