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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 <u>atlantasarflags@bellsouth.net</u>. 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. NSSAR is busy processing New Member Applications as well as Supplemental Ancestor Certificates. The SAR Store is also re-opened & has a new marketplace & appearance. We will keep you up to date as information comes in.

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



Georgia Society SAR holds Summer BOM Meeting via ZOOM



Atlanta Chapter members were in attendance for the Summer GASSAR Board of Managers meeting Saturday, July 25, 2020 with 91 participants attending. This Zoom meeting was the Georgia Society's second meeting in this format due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Click on the link below to view the recording of the GASSAR Summer BOM meeting on YouTube. Note that the video is over three hours long as the link opened an hour early to get the 91 members on line in time for the BOM. The BOM Meeting actually starts right after the 52:30 minute mark.

Feel free to share this link with other compatriots not on the Georgia Society SAR BOM distribution list.

https://youtu.be/MVW9cPVUi-w

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony







The Robert Forsyth, Lyman Hall, and Blue Ridge Mountains Chapters, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, invite you to attend the dedication of grave markers commemorating the service of two patriot soldiers:

Edmund Singleton (P-290498) and Solomon Palmer (P-265004)

Saturday, October 3, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Bethel UMC Cemetery & Lumpkin Campground Pavilion 100 Lumpkin Camp Ground Rd S. Dawsonville, Georgia 30534

Requests to Co-Sponsor are being processed now.

Please R.S.V.P. by 25 September 2020

GPS: 34°21'52.6"N 84°02'33.0"W







Directions: From Gainesville, GA; North on Hwy 53 past Hwy 400...

or From Atlanta, GA; North on Hwy 400 to Hwy 53, turn North...

Continue North on Hwy 53 for . 35 mi. (Traffic Light) Turn Left onto Lumpkin Campground Rd. Church and Cemetery are on the Right. Turn Left into Campground area to reach pavilion. Large covered historic outdoor site provides for safe distancing as needed.

GPS: 34°21'52.6"N 84°02'33.0"W

Please R.S.V.P. by 25 September 2020 if you Plan to lay a wreath or participate in Color Guard / Militia.

Registration information:

Chapter
Contact Person
Address
Phone
Email
Presenter(s) Name

Please send registration to David Johnson at 4725 Connie Mara Suwanee, GA 30024 or Email: davidj0613@gmail.com
Phone 404-734-7804

Atlanta Chapter is Still Active during Covid-19 Pandemic as we Safely Honor 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.

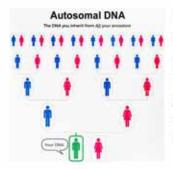
This year we visited 8 Metro Atlanta Cemeteries containing Patriot Graves and placed 17 flags on Patriot graves, one flag on a Veteran of the War of 1812 and eight Flags on Atlanta Chapter Veterans & Compatriot Graves. Three American Revolution graves were not accessible due to Covid-19.

DNA NEWS & the NSDAR

DAR Begins Accepting Autosomal DNA

Written by: Marilyn Mills, DAR Genealogist and Team Leader

July 31, 2020



Exciting news! DAR has begun to accept autosomal DNA (atDNA) and mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) in addition to Y-DNA as evidence of lineage submitted with DAR membership Applications within the first three generations! DAR staff genealogists will now consider Y-DNA, autosomal DNA and mtDNA evidence along with more traditional genealogical sources during the verification of member-related Applications. This change will primarily benefit adoptees and children of adoptees. The National Society has accepted traditional paternity (and maternity) tests for more than 20 years.

With this change in policy, DAR recognizes the importance of autosomal DNA in genealogical research, but also that commercial autosomal DNA tests alone, like Y-DNA evidence, are not definitive enough to prove exact relationships. DAR staff genealogists will only consider Y-DNA 37 Marker and autosomal test results when traditional documentation does not exist or cannot be obtained due to sealed records. MtDNA will only be used in conjunction with Y-DNA or autosomal DNA.

Y-DNA and autosomal DNA as evidence to support DAR Applications

DAR began accepting Y-DNA evidence on January 1, 2014, in support of new member Applications and Supplemental Applications. DNA evidence submitted along with other documentation will be considered along with all other source documentation provided to prove lineage. Like the Y-DNA requirements, autosomal DNA



cannot be considered as stand-alone proof of lineage. In some cases, applicants may be able to use mtDNA in conjunction with atDNA to clarify relationships particularly when half siblings are involved.

Those applicants wishing to submit Y-DNA or autosomal evidence as proof of lineage along with other traditional proof documentation must submit Y-DNA or autosomal test results from at least two test subjects following the Y-DNA criteria outlined in the guidelines and test requirements found on both the public and member websites. Test results for all parties should be uploaded in the NSDAR DNA Group Project at familytreedna.org.

More information on identifying the specific types of situations in which DNA can be accepted by the DAR, as well as the testing and reporting methods for the surrogate Y-DNA and autosomal DNA test subjects, is outlined at https://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy/dna-and-dar-applications.

Testing for DAR members has been established for those wishing to use the results for DAR Application purposes.

Family Tree DNA, the DAR's preferred testing partner, offers a special discount for DAR members when they join the

NSDAR DNA Group Project prior to ordering kits. Family Tree DNA is not the only provider of genetic genealogy tests, but it has the largest Y marker database in the world. The Y-DNA 37 test offered by Family Tree DNA includes a designated marker set that meets the reporting criteria outlined in the guidelines and test requirements for Using DNA Evidence for DAR Applications. For more information and to take advantage of this special offer, visit the DAR page of the Family Tree DNA website at www.familytreedna.com/DAR. Autosomal test results can be transferred from other companies to Family Tree DNA or a reduced-price autosomal DNA test called Family Finder, are also available: https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/nsdar/about. In most cases, one can also upload tests results from other companies to Family Tree DNA. https://www.familytreedna.com/autosomal-transfer



DNA and DAR online genealogy course

Many advances have been made in the testing and interpretation of DNA results for use as evidence in genealogical research, but the information is still very complex. With the new DAR policy, DNA test results can be used for evidence of lineage for DAR Applications or Supplemental Applications, but specific criteria must be met. To help navigate how individuals can use DNA evidence for a DAR application, the DAR is revising its existing

online genealogy class "DNA and DAR." This special DNA online course is like the other DAR Genealogical Education Program (GEP) online courses, but it does not require any prerequisite classes prior to participation.

The "DNA and DAR" online course will introduce the basics of DNA and applying DNA to genealogical research, along with the impact of DNA on the process of documenting a DAR application. The course will cover other topics, such as guidelines for using DNA for DAR Applications; case studies for determining whether DNA evidence is an appropriate avenue of research for a particular Application and the steps you would take to take the test and how to interpret the results; along with specific instructions for submitting the Application with either the Y-DNA or autosomal report. The "DNA and DAR" updated online course will be available on August 1 for anyone to participate and costs \$100. For more information and to enroll, visit the Genealogy Education Programs (GEP) website at www.dar.org/gep.

The DAR genealogy staff's DNA study group will continue to use all types of DNA evidence in its own research, as well as monitor developments in the science of genetic testing. As with any new endeavor, the initial procedures and expectations may change at a future time. These changes may be in response to new science, new interpretations of existing data or the workload of the genealogy staff.

Additional information for members and the public, including communication, educational materials, guidelines and procedures, can be found at www.dar.org/DNA. Since the use of DNA is complex, it cannot be adequately addressed on the phone. Inquiries should be sent to the administrators of the DAR DNA Group Project. https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/nsdar/about

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



Centennial Medal Set



Congress Lapel Pin



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 / 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 Na	ie			
Address				
Phone N	nber			
Email				
Check th	areas below where you are able to offer support:			
Cra	ss & Games (Leisure activities for Veterans)			
No	Perishable Food & Snacks (Food pantries/ Community Living Centers/Domiciliaries)			
Ch	Children's Games/Books/Toys (VA's Emergency Childcare Centers)			
Ub	Uber/Lyft Gift Cards (Non-elective appointments where transportation is unavailable, i.e. dialysis)			
Gre	Grocery Store Gift Cards (Homeless/Indigent Veterans)			
Flip	Flip Phones with Minute Cards (Homeless Veteran Clinical Checks)			
Мо	etary Donations - Click <u>HERE</u> to Donate Online through pay.gov			
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - Gloves, Gowns, Masks *Donated PPE must arrive in new, unopened/unused condition.				
Ot	er - Please Specify			
Quantity	Estimated Value:			
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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

2nd Vice President Charlie Newcomer

Secretary Al Adams

Treasurer Richard Marsh

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New Members in 2020

The Atlanta Chapter Is Proud to Welcome 6 New Members so far this year & we have more than 21 SAR Applications in the works!

John Henry Adams Paul Leon Anderson Melvin Rhodes

Stephen Douglas Schrodeder II Korey Matthew Schrodeder

James Chadwick Ulmer Jones

The Atlanta Chapter has lost 3 Compatriots in 2020. Please keep their families in your prayers!

William Patrick Smith III NSSAR #18525 23 JAN 2020 Philip Kerry Curtis NSSAR # 137579 9 JUL 2020 James Franklin Panter NSSAR # 134646 16 JUL 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 Mever **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 **Gregory Eugene Smith 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!





Pancho Villa Smith-Wysong, our National Dog Day Mascot

August 26th is Women's Equality Day which coincides with National Dog 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 Paym	ent:Amount Paid: \$25.00	
Payment by cash or c	neck:Check Number:	
	ation and \$25 check payable to: GASSAR – Ladies Auxilian	ry,
	Ladies Auxiliary President, Deborah Dobbs	
	Floyd Street, NE, Covington, GA 30014 Your check is your rece	eipt.



The following members have a birthday this month:

John Catchings	August 1st
Benjamin Polston II	August 1st
Korey Schroeder	August 2 nd
Douglass Covey Sr.	August 4th
Lewis Gordon	August 5 th
Robert Pauley	August 8 th
Matthew Haisten	August 9 th
Gregorio Taboada	August 16 th
Bruce Wanamaker	August 17 th
Brent McKinney	August 18 th
Stephen Schroeder II	August 21st
William Davis	August 22 nd
James Lee	August 26 th
Robert Wharton Sr.	August 26 th
Raymond Patton	August 26 th
William Smith V	August 28 th
Benjamin Dukes	August 29 th
Arthur Haynes	August 30 th

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.

