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Next Meeting via ZOOM – November 12th @ 11:30 a.m.

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 CHAPTER MEETING Via ZOOM November 12th @ 11:30 a.m.

All Chapter announcements and notices are sent via email from chapternews@saratlanta.org. To ensure that your emails are not blocked by your email provider, please take a few minutes to add this address to your trusted senders list even if you have been receiving correspondence. If you are not sure how to do this, simply Google “trusted senders list” for your provider (e.g. gmail trusted senders list or att trusted senders list). We want to be sure we can keep in touch with you.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



New Atlanta Chapter Members in October



(Left Photo) Taylor Mattox Johnson poses with his father Gary Mattox Johnson, right after receiving his NSSAR Member Certificate this last week. Gary was approved by NSSAR in August. (Right photo) David Anderson Sr. smiles as he displays his NSSAR Member Certificate this week.

October Signed Applications at NSSAR



Michael Southern, left, signs his NSSAR application at the Briarcliff Post Office at Williamsburg Village before mailing it off to the Georgia Society Registrar. Christopher Green, right, poses with the Atlanta Chapter Wreath as he attends an SAR Patriot Grave marking ceremony Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Dawsonville, GA. Christopher also signed his SAR application earlier that same week.

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony



The Atlanta Chapter SAR participated in the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony, held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 for Patriots Solomon Palmour & Edmond Singleton at the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Dawsonville, Georgia. During the event Atlanta Chapter President Gregory E. Smith presented the Atlanta Chapter Wreath as well as the New Mexico Society Wreath. The Event marked the first Georgia Society SAR Patriot Grave marking since the Covid-19 Pandemic began.



It's Dues Time as Atlanta Chapter Enters the 21st Century!

At the time of this newsletter, approximately 120 of our 170+ members have paid their dues for 2021. A second dues notice was emailed to all members with outstanding dues on October 18th. If you did not receive your notice, please check your spam folder, or reply to this email if it is not there. To help ensure that you get all correspondence from the Chapter, please take a moment and add chapternews@saratlanta.org to your trusted senders list.

The Georgia Society is pleased to announce that effective September 1st, Atlanta Chapter members may now pay their 2021 dues online on the GASSAR website. This has been launched as a pilot program with seven chapters, Atlanta being one of the seven. Paying your dues has now become a simple process involving only a few clicks of your mouse.

- **Registration will be required first:**

- Accounts are managed within the website by email address. Therefore, only one account per email address may be established. There are accommodations for paying for family members or others using the same email address available in the website's menu.
- Registration can be done at www.gasocietysar.org/login or by using the "Members" menu entry on the home page.
- Enter contact information, NSSAR and GASSAR numbers, chapter affiliation and member type. Note: If the member is currently a Junior member and will turn 18 prior to January 1, 2021, the member should register as a regular member.
- Access to your contact information can only be made through your account. You will not be able to see anyone else's information.
- Member will also create a username and password. **IMPORTANT!!! The security of your personal information is only as secure as the password you create.** Please select a secure password.
- Once submitted, the submission will be reviewed for accuracy (correct numbers and member type). Any errors noted will be corrected if possible prior to account activation. If error cannot be reconciled, the member will be contacted which will delay account activation.
- Once approved, member will receive an email indicating account approval.
- Login and pay your dues! Dues are to be received no later than December 1, 2020 this year.

- **Payments**

- The payment system is handled outside of the GASSAR website by PayPal, a very secure and trusted worldwide platform to handle financial transactions.
- On the login screen you have two options for payment:
 - Login to your PayPal account and pay with PayPal
 - Use your credit/debit card as a guest without a PayPal account

It is hoped that this will greatly simplify your dues paying experience. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Marsh at saratlanta@gmail.com

Johns Homestead Park Work Day



Left to right, standing: Jay McLendon, Susan Hagood, Marilyn Bryan, Madeline Griffin, Janet Eve, Lee Camp, David Gibson, Judy Gibson, Donna Brown (Baron DeKalb Chapter Regent) kneeling: Dot Mears and Diana Rosen

Many thanks to all the DAR and SAR volunteers that turned out for our Johns Homestead Park Day of Service workday on Saturday October 10th. The Friends of Johns Homestead Park were very grateful for the work our group completed: vines/weeds were pulled away from the Homestead buildings, trail maintenance, and careful disposal of the very invasive Japanese Chafflower plants. We should be seeing work started on the homestead very soon, now that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners has voted on and approved the transfer of \$100,000 of Parks Bond funds allocated for the homestead house stabilization between DeKalb County and the City of Tucker. We are also working with the Friends of JHP on the resubmission of their application for a Georgia Historical Marker. The GA Historical Society really liked the application that was submitted on July 1st; however, they requested the application be resubmitted in time for the July 2021 deadline with details regarding the 1821 Georgia Land Lottery and the resultant impact to the Indian communities. The JHP parking lot is almost complete; until it is available, continue to park at Rehoboth Baptist Church parking lot and use the sidewalk to get to the park. Thank You! Marilyn Bryan (Baron DeKalb Chapter NSDAR)







Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary

Purpose

The Georgia Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary assists the Georgia Society SAR and the National Society SAR to further their goals and objectives of inspiring patriotism and informing others of the contributions of our revolutionary ancestors. Auxiliary members support the 35 Georgia SAR chapters through such activities as helping with meeting preparations, chapter banquets, service projects, grave markings, commemoration events, fundraising, etc.

Membership

According to the Bylaws, membership in the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary is open to wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, aunts, nieces, and other women related by marriage or bloodline to members in good standing in the SAR or deceased members who were in good standing.

Meetings

There is one Auxiliary meeting per year which takes place during the Georgia SAR Annual Meeting in January.

Dues

The cost to join the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary is \$25 for a lifetime membership.

Benefits of the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary

- You also become a member of the National Ladies Auxiliary SAR without additional dues.
- You may wear the official Georgia and National Ladies Auxiliary SAR pins (can be purchased for \$15 each).
- Your membership supports important Georgia and National SAR projects.
- There are no required meetings to attend.



2020 Georgia Society Ladies Auxiliary Officers

(home city/associated Georgia SAR chapter)

President	Deborah Dobbs (Covington/George Walton Chapter) – 2nd from left
1st Vice President	Brenda Jessel (Newnan/Marquis de Lafayette Chapter) – 3rd from left
2nd Vice President	Malone Moore (Columbus/Coweta Falls Chapter) – center
Secretary	Marguerite Cagle (Marietta/Captain John Collins Chapter) – far right
Treasurer	Linda Reese (Roswell/Piedmont Chapter) – 2nd from right
Chaplain	Nancy Burdick (Hartwell/Athens Chapter) – Linda Reed substituting – 3rd from right
Parliamentarian	Leslie Watkins (Gainesville/Button Gwinnett/Atlanta Chapters) appointed not pictured

We welcome new members! Use this [application](#) to join.

For more information, please contact me at 404-786-9433 or dldobbs@bellsouth.net.
Thank you.

Deborah Dobbs, Georgia Ladies Auxiliary President 2020

Lifetime Membership & Update (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: _____ Lifetime Membership Dues \$25.00

Georgia Ladies Auxiliary Pin \$15.00 (check if you would like a pin)

(Pin pictured above)

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____

Check Number: _____ (Your check is your receipt)

Mail your completed application and check payable to GASSAR – Ladies Auxiliary to:
2020 Ladies Auxiliary President

Deborah Dobbs
3166 Floyd Street, NE
Covington, GA 30014

Received by: _____

WALGREENS is NOT participating with us this year for Flu Vaccines.

STICK IT TO THE FLU



All enrolled Veterans **DO NOT** have to pay for the vaccine at participating pharmacies (see below).

Veterans must present a government-issued identification (e.g., Veterans Health Identification Card or Driver's License) to receive a flu shot at no-cost to the Veteran.

VA will pay for standard dose (quadrivalent) and high-dose flu shots.



Participating Pharmacies Starting September 1st

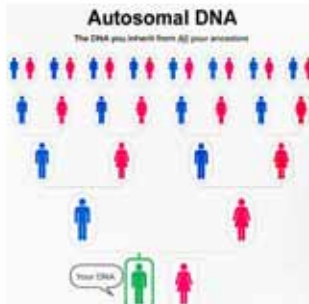
CVS	Kroger
Costco	Wegmans
Safeway	Walmart

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>

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

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](https://www.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:

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 18 New Members In 2020.
We have more than 20 more SAR Applications in the works!

New Member	Patriot Ancestor
John Henry Adams	Daniel Ridley of MA
David Craig Anderson Sr.	John Robinson of NC
Paul Leon Anderson	Walter Hanson of MD
Perry Dwight Benson III	Abraham Bergey of PA
Richard Kenneth Brown	John Howard of SC
Jeffrey Lucio Cimbalo	Richard Crowder of VA
Rory Eli Flint	Peter Borders of NC
Gary Mattox Johnson	Thomas Fortson of VA
Taylor Mattox Johnson	Thomas Fortson of VA
James Chadwick Ulmer Jones	James Williams of SC
John Robert Lyons	Samuel Gilmore of MA
Michael David Mallary	Calvin Mallory of CT
Melvin Rhodes	Walter Hanson of MD
Korey Matthew Schrodeder	Michael Crose of VA
Stephen Douglas Schrodeder II	Michael Crose of VA
Camden Joseph Young	John Young of VA
Walter Ross Young II	John Young of VA
Walter Ross Young III	John Young of VA

Compatriots lost in 2020 Remembered

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

Service Opportunities Available To Atlanta Chapter Members

The Chapter Nominating Committee is now actively offering opportunities to members for service in 2021 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.



Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11

Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of “the war to end all wars” and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

But then World War II and the Korean War happened so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word “armistice” to “veterans” so the day would honor American veterans of all wars. Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy. For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October. On Oct. 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held.

Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978. (US Dept. of Defense)

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
Edward Moses Anderson
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
Joy 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
Robert Miller Rogers
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 Joy Miller.** We thank all of our Atlanta Fellows for their support and encourage others to join their ranks!





**Día de Muertos runs through
Monday November 2nd**

**November 3rd is Election Day
&
Thanksgiving Day is
Thursday,
November 26th!**

The Day of the Dead

(Día de Muertos) is a holiday celebrated in Mexico and elsewhere associated to the Catholic Celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. It is commonly portrayed as a day of celebration rather than mourning.

The Origins of Thanksgiving!

The history books will tell you that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the pilgrims in 1621. Not true.

Thanksgiving was actually first celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered. A second similar "Thanksgiving" celebration occurred on American soil on April 30, 1598 in Texas when Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

About 55 years before English Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, Spanish settlers founded the city of St. Augustine in La Florida. When they came ashore on Sept. 8, 1565, the group celebrated with a Mass of Thanksgiving and then shared a meal with the native Seloy tribe, according to the National Parks Service.

The story of Florida hosting the country's first Thanksgiving meal has been circulating for years and confirmed by local historians, including the late Michael Gannon and Rodney Kite-Powell with the Tampa Bay History Center. Both confirmed it was Spanish explorer Pedro Menéndez de Avilés who hosted the first Thanksgiving.

Gannon was actually a priest and historian in 1965 in St. Augustine and oversaw the creation of the Great Cross. The statue is on the site of the first Thanksgiving feast in North America, the Florida Historical Society's Dr. Ben Brotemarkle wrote in 2018.

Kite-Powell echoed the history during a recent episode of The Zest podcast with WUSF. He said about 800 settlers took part in the feast alongside the local tribe. The city's first pastor, Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, documented the meal and said the native people imitated the actions of the Spanish settlers.

As for what the settlers and Native Americans ate, both historians and the National Park Service agree it wasn't mashed potatoes, stuffing or cranberry sauce.

The first Thanksgiving meal most likely consisted of what the Spanish settlers had left on board their ship, like salted pork, garbanzo beans, hard biscuits and red wine. If the Seloy tribe contributed to the meal, the group might also have had turkey, venison, gopher tortoise, squash and various fish.



The following members have a birthday this month:

Samuel Chafin Jr.	2nd
Theodore Mullin	5th
Jacob Lee	8th
John McMullan	8th
Huston Collings	10th
James Hilleary	10th
Jay McLendon	11th
Eugene Grasser Jr.	13th
Harry Balance Jr.	14th
Frank Wrenn III	19th
Travers Stultz Jr.	21st
John Thompson Jr	23rd
Shep Hammack	26th
Scott Fraser	27th
Barry Miller	28th
Alan Koman	28th

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.

