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Next Meeting via ZOOM – December 10th @ 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 December 10th @ 11:30 a.m.

Atlanta Chapter Compatriot Thomas Gurley will be our featured speaker for the Chapter meeting in December. His presentation will be on the Battle of Brier Creek. The Battle of Brier Creek was an American Revolutionary War battle fought on March 3, 1779 near the confluence of Brier Creek with the Savannah River in eastern Georgia.

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



Alice Clark Bogle Lyons displays her NSDAR Certificate of Patriot Samuel Gilmore, with her son new Atlanta Chapter member John Robert Lyons.

More about Samuel Jesse Gilmore, Sr. was born 11 August, 1765 to Tirrell and Hannah Cook (Gillmor) Gilmore. He married Reumah (Hartshorn) Hathorn in Wrentham, Massachusetts, January 10, 1788. They went on to have 10 children (4 boys and 6 girls) - in Holden, Maine. He was a Revolutionary War Veteran and was placed on the pension roll at Brewer, Penobscot County, Maine, for service as a private, 1780, in Captain Hunter's Company, Colonels Greaton and Jackson's Massachusetts Regiment. The only description of him was that he was quite stocky and weighed about 180 lbs. Samuel died 27 February, 1845 at Brewer, Penobscot County, ME.



Nathan Frank Eads displays his new member certificate with his father Matthew Scott Eads. Their Patriot Ancestor is James Pittman.



Robert Curtis Hill displays his new Member Certificate to his Patriot Ancestor Jacob Rudy.

New Atlanta Chapter Members as far away as Hong Kong



New Atlanta Chapter SAR Member Michael David Mallary displays his Member certificate to Patriot Ancestor Calvin Mallory, over the Victoria Bay skyline in Hong Kong. Mike is a History teacher living in Hong Kong who was approved by NSSAR on September 11th 2020 as a member of the Georgia Society, Atlanta Chapter SAR.

New SAR Logo Approved



Atlanta Chapter SAR Dues Deadline was December 1st

At the time of this newsletter, approximately 140 of our 170+ members have paid their dues for 2021. A “Final” dues notice was sent out on November 15, 2020 and contains all the information necessary to pay dues. 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

Wreaths Across America



This year the **Atlanta Chapter SAR** has donated \$ 150 for Wreaths Across America Day taking place this year at Noon on December 19th 2020 at the Marietta National Cemetery. By using the GASSAR sponsorship code our contribution buys 15 Wreaths for the event. There are 18,839 Veteran's Graves at this location. The event will be conducted simultaneously around the country at over 1500 cemeteries.

Thank you so much for supporting Marietta National Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!

Originally known as the "Marietta and Atlanta National Cemetery," the Marietta National Cemetery was established in 1866 to provide a suitable resting place for the nearly 10,000 Union dead from Sherman's Atlanta Campaign. Marietta National Cemetery was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on Sept. 18, 1998.

The Mission of Wreaths Across America's Program is to "Remember, Honor, and Teach" and the ceremonies are carried out with coordinated wreath laying ceremonies at 12:00 noon on "National Wreaths Across America Day" at national, veterans, confederate, regional, private, and local cemeteries, and at military bases throughout the country. In 2019, over one million wreaths were laid at over 1,600 locations.





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)

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|---------------------------|---|
| 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 |

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:

Chapter Officers 2020-2021

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

Proposed Slate of Chapter Officers 2021-2022

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| President | Barry Miller |
| 1st Vice President | TBD |
| 2nd Vice President | Charlie Newcomer |
| Secretary | Al Adams |
| Treasurer | Richard Marsh |
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| Sergeant-At-Arms | Bob Campbell |
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A vote will be held via Zoom at the January Chapter meeting on the Proposed Slate of Atlanta Chapter Officers for 2021-2022

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.

Approved Supplemental Ancestor Certificates

The Atlanta Chapter has had three members receive Supplemental Patriot Ancestor Certificates in 2020

Kenneth Harrison Thomas Jr. to Patriot Ancestor John Parker of NC
George Kearsley Wysong III to Patriot Ancestor Captain Zachariah Forrest of MD
Kendall Jerome Zeliff Jr. to Patriot Ancestor Daniel Zeluff of NJ

Completing Supplemental Ancestor Certificates not only documents your Patriot lineage for future Generations, but can also aid prospective Members in joining the SAR! Please continue your efforts to find additional ancestors who served the Patriot cause since this work is integral to the NSSAR Mission of identifying all Patriots who served in the American Revolution. These Patriot lines may allow others to link to proven records of their Ancestors, making their job easier and finding their cousin, you!

New Members in 2020

The Atlanta Chapter Is Proud to Welcome 23 New Members In 2020.
We have more than 25 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 |
| Matthew Scott Eads | James Pittman of GA & VA |
| Nathan Frank Eads | James Pittman of GA & VA |
| Rory Eli Flint | Peter Borders of NC |
| Robert Curtis Hill | Jacob Rudy of VA |
| 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 |
| Adam Brandon Warren | Juan Vives of LA |
| Kevin Ryan Warren | Juan Vives of LA |
| 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
Philip Kerry Curtis
James Franklin Panter

NSSAR # 18525
NSSAR # 137579
NSSAR # 134646

23 JAN 2020
9 JUL 2020
16 JUL 2020

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!





Christmas Day 800 A.D. Charlemagne is crowned "Emperor of the Romans" in Saint Peter's Basilica

**Hanukkah starts on Thursday,
December 10th & runs through
Friday, December 18th**

**Christmas Day is Friday,
December 25th**

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. It is also known as the Festival of Lights. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days. The festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum with nine branches, called a menorah. Each night, one additional candle is lit, until all eight candles are lit together on the final night of the festival.



The following members have a birthday this month:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Kenneth Thomas Jr. | 1st |
| James Reid Jr. | 1st |
| William White | 3rd |
| Ignacio Taboada | 6th |
| Thorne Winter III | 7th |
| Kenneth Griffiths | 14th |
| Willam Goodman | 15th |
| Stuart Brady | 15th |
| Stephen Davidson | 16th |
| David Paschall | 17th |
| Taylor Johnson | 18th |
| Charles Lord | 19th |
| Delbert Smith Jr. | 20th |
| Charles Brockett | 21st |
| John Creasy | 23rd |
| Walter Young III | 23rd |
| John Henry Sr. | 23rd |
| Julius Dudley | 31st |