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Next Meeting via ZOOM – Saturday, February 20th @ 1:00PM

2021- A New Century of Service for our Chapter as We Turn 100!

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, when 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 on Saturday, February 20th @ 1:00PM

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, AT&T trusted senders list, etc.).

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 Member



New Atlanta Chapter Member Philip William Catalano Jr. displays both his SAR Member Certificate as well as a Flag Commendation presented on Saturday, January 23rd, our first presentation of 2021. Philip joined the SAR through his Patriot Ancestor, Benjamin Andrew Sr. of Georgia.



Atlanta Fellow Certificate Presented



Ed Anderson displays his newly presented Atlanta Fellow Certificate with his wife Kathryn, at Elijah Clark State Park in Lincolnton

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. We're also grateful for several members who have started making incremental donations toward becoming Atlanta Fellows. The following list may not include some recent donations.

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.

We thank all of our Atlanta Fellows for their support, and encourage others to join their ranks!



Atlanta Fellows

2021



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

Stephen D. Schroeder II

Korey Matthew Schroeder

William Smith III

Gregory Eugene Smith

Ben Statham

Penn Templeman

Bruce D. Wanamaker

Eugene Wilson

Mary Wilson

Richard Williams

Elizabeth Kearsley Wysonq

GASSAR Meritorious Service Medal



Richard Marsh, left, with Georgia Society SAR President Bill Dobbs, right, as seen Feb. 2020



On Saturday, January 30th during the Annual Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Conference, held via Zoom this year, Society SAR President Bill Dobbs announced that our very own Atlanta Chapter SAR Treasurer & Information Technology officer Richard Marsh has been awarded the Georgia Society SAR Meritorious Service Medal. Richard serves the Georgia State Society as the Information Technology Committee Chairman. Compatriot Marsh has been instrumental in the establishment of the online dues payment pilot program, which the Atlanta Chapter participated in last year. The Program is expected to go state-wide during the next dues season. Richard also manages the Georgia Society SAR Web Site and built the 2022 SAR National Congress web pages. The 2022 National Congress will be held in Savannah, Georgia during July 2022. Congratulations, Compatriot Marsh!

Fisher Craft Memorial Magnificent Performance Award Covid-19 Edition



As Atlanta Chapter President, Gregory Smith presented some of the highly sought after Fisher Craft Memorial Magnificent Performance Awards in person to Chapter Members during filming of upcoming Zoom events. Above, 1st Vice President Barry Miller and Past President Terry Manning display their certificates during a very chilly Saturday afternoon. Snow was actually in the air! In the photo on the left, we caught up with Charlie Newcomer, who is all smiles receiving his Certificate, before filming parts of the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Ceremony at Elijah Clark State Park in Lincolnton, GA.

The Fisher Craft Memorial Magnificent Performance Awards are awarded by the Chapter President each February during our Chapter's George Washington Birthday Celebration & Awards Luncheon Ceremony to Atlanta Chapter Officers and advisors as a thank you for their performance & guidance throughout the last year. The Awards are given with Spirit & Humor as a

Memorial to the memory of Dr. T. Fisher Craft, a 1993 Atlanta Chapter President who had legendary wit, great humor and & what many now call Fisherisms! This year the award sports a Covid-19 cell as a reminder of 2020 & a New Mexican Zia as a tribute to my Spanish Patriot Ancestors who served at the Royal Santa Fe Presidio. Many Thanks, gentlemen! GE Smith

Take Notice

242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek Revolutionary Days

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Event

Sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

www.GaSocietySAR.org

Friday - February 12th, 2021 - VIRTUAL – Georgia Event

Elijah Clark State Park – 2959 McCormick Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30817

1:30 PM – Virtual Ceremony on ZOOM - Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony

Many of the events that happen as part of the commemoration will be done via video and inserted into the Virtual Zoom event to attempt to make the commemoration as realistic as possible. A virtual wreath ceremony will be part of the ceremony.

This is separate from the Saturday wreath registration.

Wreath registration is to be made with das1842@icloud.com by February 7th at 6:00 PM with your details

For Zoom link contact RickReese68@att.net prior to February 7, 2021 with your details.

CANCELLED – The dinner hosted by the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc. (KCBA), Georgia Society SAR and Kettle Creek NSDAR that is normally on Friday night has been cancelled. KCBA's website is – www.kettlecreekbattlefield.com (Do not use the .org site)

Saturday - February 13th, 2021 – VIRTUAL – National Event

ALL EVENTS NORMALLY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY WILL BE VIRTUAL

10:00 AM – VIRTUAL CEREMONY on ZOOM

Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek

Many of the events that happen as part of the commemoration will be done via video and inserted into the Virtual Zoom event to attempt to make the commemoration as realistic as possible. A virtual wreath ceremony will be part of the ceremony. (The Parade is CANCELLED)

Wreath registration and Zoom registration link – Due by February 10, 2021

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddYBqs-NG03gWanoW-bZX6zXsJo91USiQK2juu9pQp2FznvA/viewform?vc=o&c=o&w=1&flr=o&usp=mail_form_link

Sunday - February 14th, 2021 - CANCELLED

CANCELLED – The Colonial Memorial Service will not be held this year.

Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Onsite Filming



Event Coordinator Atlanta Chapter SAR 2nd Vice President Charlie Newcomer III welcomes guests & gives Closing Remarks at Elijah Clark State Park during the filming of the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Commemoration to be delivered via Zoom on February 12th 2021. The pre-filming event was held on Friday, January 22nd 2021 and will be used during the February Zoom Commemoration Event.



Atlanta Chapter JROTC Vice Chairman Rev. Edward M. Anderson Sr. gave the Invocation & Benediction during the event.



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/Buttontown 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: _____

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

Veterans Respect Activities

The role of the Veterans Respect Committee is to pursue opportunities for and encourage activities to honor and recognize current service members and veterans of past service. A wide range of activities falls under this charge.

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 veterans graves.

We are aware that many of our Atlanta Chapter members have been involved in such activities, but 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, 2021, please report the details to our Chaplain John Titus (678-995-0874/mojotitus@bellsouth.net). Thank you.

More on VA Donations during Pandemic



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
gary.hoyt.sar@gmail.com
(678) 880-6280

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:



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

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

Slate of Chapter Officers 2021-2022

President	Barry Miller
1st Vice President	TBD
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	Gregory Smith

A vote was held via Zoom at the January Chapter meeting on the Proposed Slate of Atlanta Chapter Officers for 2021-2022

Service Opportunities Are Always Available to Atlanta Chapter Members



The Chapter Nominating Committee is actively offering opportunities to members for service in 2021 & 2022 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 had 3 members receive 4 Supplemental Patriot Ancestor Certificates in 2020:

Member	Patriot Ancestor
Kenneth Harrison Thomas Jr.	John Parker of NC
Kenneth Harrison Thomas Jr.	Nicholas Chapman of NC
George Kearsley Wysong III	Captain Zachariah Forrest of MD
Kendall Jerome Zeliff Jr.	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 Have Welcomed 24 New Members in 2020
We also have 30 more SAR Applications in the works for 2021!

New Member

John Henry Adams
David Craig Anderson Sr.
Paul Leon Anderson
Perry Dwight Benson III
Richard Kenneth Brown
Philip William Catalano Jr.
Jeffrey Lucio Cimbalo
Matthew Scott Eads
Nathan Frank Eads
Rory Eli Flint
Robert Curtis Hill
Gary Mattox Johnson
Taylor Mattox Johnson
James Chadwick Ulmer Jones
John Robert Lyons
Michael David Mallary
Melvin Rhodes
Korey Matthew Schroeder
Stephen Douglas Schroeder II
Adam Brandon Warren
Kevin Ryan Warren
Camden Joseph Young
Walter Ross Young II
Walter Ross Young III

Patriot Ancestor

Daniel Ridley of MA
John Robinson of NC
Walter Hanson of MD
Abraham Bergey of PA
John Howard of SC
Benjamin Andrew Sr. of GA
Richard Crowder of VA
James Pittman of GA & VA
James Pittman of GA & VA
Peter Borders of NC
Jacob Rudy of VA
Thomas Fortson of VA
Thomas Fortson of VA
James Williams of SC
Samuel Gilmore of MA
Calvin Mallory of CT
Walter Hanson of MD
Michael Crose of VA
Michael Crose of VA
Juan Vives of LA
Juan Vives of LA
John Young of VA
John Young of VA
John Young of VA

Compatriots lost in 2020 Remembered

The Atlanta Chapter lost 5 Compatriots in 2020. Please keep their families in your prayers!

William Patrick Smith III	NSSAR # 185256	23 JAN 2020
Philip Kerry Curtis	NSSAR # 137579	9 JUL 2020
James Franklin Panter	NSSAR # 134646	16 JUL 2020
Victor Gay Verdi	NSSAR # 199917	20 DEC 2020
Brian Sperry Brown Jr.	NSSAR # 158394	27 DEC 2020

Atlanta Chapter SAR Presidents

The First 100 Years

1921 & 1922	Allan Waters	1983	Harry M. Stanley Jr.
1923 - 1930	William M. Francis	1984	John W. Collins
1931 & 1932	Dr. Jasper I. Beeson	1985	Andrew S. Davis
1933*	Dr. George T. Brown	1986	PG Robert Vance Jr.
1934 & 1935	Dr. George T. Brown	1987	Fredrick C. Felt
1936	None	1988	Pembroke Williams
1937	Dr. Asa G. DeLoach	1989	R. McBride Pryor Jr.
1938	Reuben A. Garland	1990	Kenneth Howell
1939	Dr. Asa G. DeLoach	1991	Dyre Eubanks
1940 & 1941	John D. Humphries	1992	Walter W. Turrentine
1942 & 1943	Augustas M. Roan	1993	Dr. T. Fisher Craft
1944 - 1949	McWhorter Milner	1994	Jack W. Newton
1950	Arthur W. Falkinburg	1995	Robert Landram
1951 - 1953	Dudley Clark Fort	1996	William C. McCullough
1954 & 1955	William P. Robinson	1997	Dr. G. Revis Butler Jr.
1956	Dudley Clark Fort	1998	Alvis M. Weatherly
1957 & 1958	William B. Shartzler	1999	John B. White Jr.
1959	Noah Langdale	2000	Allan J. Koman
1960	Vivian L. Bray	2001 & 2002	Edgar C. Long
1961	Hugh G. Head Jr.	2003	James F. Panter
1962	T.C. Lithicum	2004	Phillip W. Potts
1963	David H. Ansley	2005	Philip K. Curtis
1964	Hugh H. Howell Jr.	2006	George Holden Jr.
1965 & 1966	John R. Strothers Jr.	2007	Albert Henley Sturgess
1967	Wallace I. Gates	2008	Edward T. Floyd
1968	Joseph H. Brown	2009	William G. Hays
1969 & 1970	T. Carlton Carter	2010	R. Carlisle Young
1971	John F. Turner	2011	Wood M. Hughes
1972 & 1973	George W. Torbert	2012-2015	Terry E. Manning
1974	Benjamin E. Holland	2016	Robert Al Adams
1975 & 1976	PG James R. Westlake	2017 & 2018	William Henry Cobb II
1977 & 1978	George E. McNally	2019	Jim Freeman (term incomplete)
1979	John H. Pitts III	2019	Gregory Eugene Smith (partial)
1980 & 1981	Coney B. Padgett	2020	Gregory Eugene Smith
1982	John W. Loud		

* Starting in 1933 Atlanta was listed as a separate chapter of the Georgia Society in NSSAR records.



The following members have a birthday this month:

William Ranck	1 st
David Gibson	4 th
Thomas Montgomery	6 th
Arthur Hammond	6 th
Jack Walz	10 th
Phillip McLaughlin	20 th
Johnny Black II	23 rd
Marion Lamar	25 th

Thank You Atlanta Compatriots

As this edition of Tidbits is my last as editor, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Atlanta Chapter Membership. You entrusted me as your Chapter President for the last 16 months. It has been a great honor, privilege, and pleasure to serve you & the Metro Atlanta Community in this capacity. Few are given the good fortune to serve such a large and prestigious SAR Chapter such as ours! Thank you so much for this wonderful & memorable time in my life!

During this Covid-19 pandemic our Chapter continued to grow, we had more SAR Members approved into our Chapter than any other Chapter in the State of Georgia. At the same time, we even retained nearly all of our Chapter members.

As the Atlanta Chapter SAR enters a new Century of Community Service, I see a bright future for our Patriotic organization and hope through education we can continue to honor our Patriot Ancestors of the past through generations of the future!

Gregory Eugene Smith

Atlanta Chapter President

November 14th 2019- February 20th 2021

