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Next Meeting – Thursday June 9th

At the Petite Violette Restaurant, 2948 Clairmont Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329

Program speaker: Compatriot Eli Stancel “Oconee County History as told through Maps”

Regular meetings are held on the **second Thursday of the month except in February** when we meet on the Saturday closest to George Washington’s Birthday, and in July and August when we do not schedule a regular meeting.

Remember those **soda can tabs, Labels for Education, and Box Tops for Education** for donation to the **Children of the American Revolution; magazines and toiletries for veterans at the VA Hospital; paperback books for the USO;** A drop-off point at the table next to the registration table is set up to receive your donations.

Barrett Hanson Installed by GA Society President



Georgia Society SAR President Joseph Vancura, Jr., left, congratulates Barrett Hanson, right, after being installed as Atlanta Chapter President at Petite Violette Restaurant on May 11th 2022 in Atlanta.



Georgia Society SAR President Joseph Vancura, Jr., left, attaches the neck ribbon & Medal of the Chapter President on Barrett Hanson, right, as he is installed as the new Atlanta Chapter leader for 2022

After the sudden death of Atlanta Chapter President David Heiden on April 19th 2022, who was installed as President on February 19th 2022, Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Barrett Hanson stepped up to fill the vacancy left by Compatriot Heiden. Georgia Society President Sons of the American Revolution Joseph Vancura, Jr. attended the Atlanta Chapter SAR May Luncheon, Wednesday, May 11th 2022 at the Petite Violette Restaurant where he installed Compatriot Hanson as the new Atlanta Chapter President.

Hansen joined the Atlanta Chapter NSSAR in February of 2019 through descent of Patriot Walter Hanson (P-174719) who was a Captain serving in the 12th Battalion Charles County Militia in Maryland. Barrett Hanson has served as the chapter JROTC Chairman for three years, is an active guest speaker and very active in Historic preservation in Georgia. Hansen attended the Booker T. Washington High School JROTC Program in Atlanta and now enjoys serving his community through the SAR in such Programs like the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal presentations.

Great Speakers Enhance Atlanta Chapter Meetings... Presenting Excellent, In-Depth Program Topics and Discussions

Brockett Cabin Restoration



Rick Reese, Jr. discuss the Brockett Cabin Restoration

The Atlanta Chapter had the unique pleasure to have Rick Reese, Jr. discuss the Brockett Cabin Restoration as part of our program during the May Chapter luncheon at the Petite Violette.

Rick Reese, Jr. is Chairman of the Georgia Society Education Committee and a Past President of the Piedmont Chapter SAR. Below, Rick explains how the Cabin Restoration began.

“I gave a brief talk to my Piedmont Chapter compatriots in 2014 about my patriot ancestor, William Ebenezer Brockett. That talk was published in our Chapter newsletter, The Piedmont Piper.”

One evening two years later I received a phone call. “You don’t know me, but I want to talk with you about your 4th Great Grandfather, William Brockett”, said the caller.

That was Jeff Page. He had seen the Piper article and tracked me down. He told me of a project to find and relocate a Revolutionary War era cabin to Mount Juliet, TN. The property is owned by Beverly Elliott. The house they selected was my patriot ancestor’s house, the Brockett cabin. The Brockett cabin was purchased for that purpose.

William Ebenezer Brockett was born on 26 June 1748 in Wallingford, CT. Later he married Martha Ives in New Bern, NC. He was a Revolutionary War Line Captain serving 7 years in the battles of Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock in North Carolina, as well as the battles of Fishing Creek, and Rugley’s Mills in South Carolina.

I kept in touch with Jeff as the project proceeded. He emailed pictures of the disassembly of the cabin in Smith County, TN. He also sent me pictures of the reconstruction of the cabin in Mount Juliet. These were step-by-step images showing the fine work of the craftsmen participating in this effort to restore the historic cabin to its former stature with great attention to detail while using the construction techniques appropriate for the time period of the late 1780’s.

When the project was completed and cabin decorated with artifacts and replicas typical of the time period, Jeff invited my family and me to attend a celebration of the restored cabin in the form of a “Thanksgiving” type meal prepared in the cabin’s cooking fireplace. Everyone there had a great time, and enjoyed examining the authentic detail of the restored cabin.

Since I was there in my Revolutionary War uniform, I gave a talk to the assembled audience about what life was like during Revolutionary War era. It was really an impromptu “Traveling Trunk” program.

New Member Inductions



Georgia Society SAR President Joseph Vancura, Jr., left, awards Atlanta Chapter Member Benjamin Milton Jetter, Jr., right, his newly approved SAR Membership Certificate through Patriot John Guild, Jr. of New Jersey



During the March 2022 Luncheon, the late Atlanta Chapter President David Heiden, left, inducts Jeffrey Ross Tebbetts, center, into the Atlanta Chapter SAR through Patriot Philip John Tibbetts. Patriot Tibbetts served in the Continental Troops of New Hampshire and New York under Captains Brewster, Grant and Colonels Long, Frost and Titcomb.

Our Chapter in the Community



Georgia Society SAR President Joe Vancura Jr., center, smiles as he poses with Atlanta Chapter 2nd Vice President Charlie Newcomer, left, and Atlanta Chapter Past-President Gregory Smith, right, during a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Patriots James Greer, Shearod Thompson and William Wilson at the Greer Family Cemetery on Saturday, May 14, 2022 in Statham, Oconee County. Charlie Newcomer presented the Atlanta Chapter wreath and Gregory Smith, presented the New Mexico Society wreath.



National Society Sons of the American Revolution President General Larry T. Guzy, left, stands with Atlanta Chapter Past-President Gregory Smith, right, after a Patriot Graves Dedication commemorating the Service of three Revolutionary War Soldiers interned at the Marietta National Cemetery on Saturday, April 9th, 2022 in Marietta. American Revolutionary Patriots George Bradford, John Clark & John Hames were honored during the ceremony.

Upcoming Events

GASSAR Flag Retirement Ceremony

A last minute reminder that on Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. the Piedmont and Robert Forsyth Chapters will be hosting their **annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Ingram Funeral Home in Cumming, GA.** Mark your calendar & attend the event at the Ingram Funeral Home Chapel at 10:00 am. All chapters are welcome, DAR, C.A.R., Veteran groups, all comers.... to come participate.

Atlanta Chapter Patriot Graves US Flag Marking



Eugene Wilson, left, heads up a team to place U.S. Flags on Patriot Graves at the Historic Decatur Cemetery in 2019.

Mark your Calendar & be at the parking lot of Decatur Baptist Church on Friday, June 24th at 9 a.m.

Each year Atlanta Chapter Patriot Graves Committee Chairman Eugene Wilson leads a team of Compatriots and their families to place US National Flags on all accessible known Patriot and Compatriot Graves in our area of responsibility within the Metro Atlanta Region in preparation for Fourth of July celebrations. **We form up at the parking lot of Decatur Baptist Church at 9 a.m. then head over to the Historic Decatur Cemetery.**



2022 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 19, 2022, to February 20, 2023, are as follows:

President	Barrett Hansen
1st Vice President	vacant
2nd Vice President	Charlie Newcomer
Secretary	Al Adams
Treasurer	Richard Marsh
Registrar	Joseph H. Blackmon
Sergeant-At-Arms	David C. Anderson, Sr.
Chancellor	Ed Floyd
Chaplain	John Titus
Historian	Jay McLenden
Information Technology	Richard Marsh

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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.

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Veterans Respect Activities

Our chapter began a 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, 2022, please report the details to our Chaplain John Titus.

