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Next Meeting Thursday November 10th @ 12:00PM

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

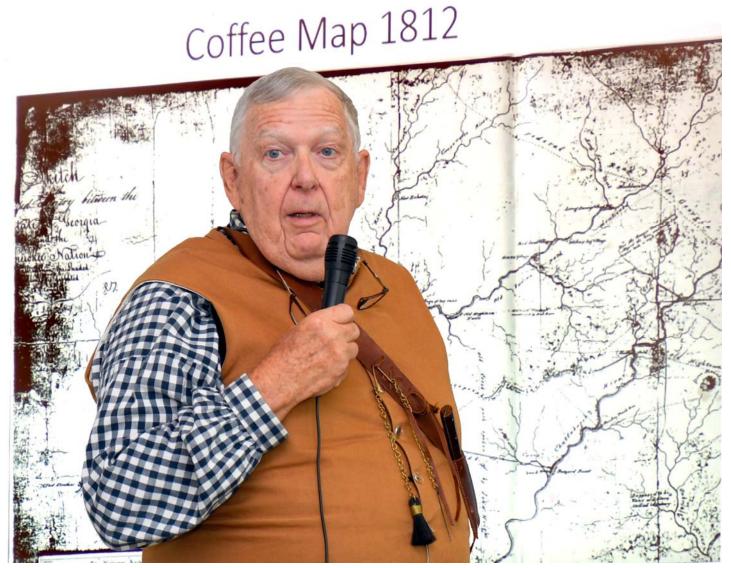
Program speakers: Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. - "Ancestors' Recognition Project: Honoring My Grandparents"

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;

Non-members: You're welcome to attend our monthly meetings scheduled the 2nd Thursday of the month with the above mentioned exceptions. The cost of the lunch is \$30.00 per person.



October Speaker Dr. David Noble



Atlanta Chapter member Dr. David Noble addressed the luncheon with his presentation: Atlanta and the Revolutionary War. He shared little known facts about Atlanta's role in the war and the physical locations of significant sites, most notably, the vicinity of the current Atlanta Water Works!

For generations, the Atlanta Public Schools have offered field trips to a facility which is vital to the functional infrastructure of its capital city - the Atlanta Water Works. This writer, a product of APS, fondly remembers touring the massive facility and wondering in amazement how such clean water was produced from such a stench-filled depository! However, early American History, to a certain extent, has been omitted, as it relates to the Atlanta Water Works and surrounding environs. Dr. Noble, through his presentation, reminded us, there is a whole body of historical research yet to be documented.



Atlanta Chapter Compatriots Eugene Wilson, Joey Blackmon, Past President Barry Miller and Dr. David Noble converse prior to lunch and the presentation.



Atlanta Chapter Chaplain John Titus (foreground).

GASSAR Fall BOM Meeting



Presentation of Colors led by Color Guard Commander K. Scott Collins of the Athens Chapter.





Dr. David Ludley, Georgia Society SAR State President, presided over the meeting held Saturday, November 5, 2022 in Barnesville, GA. Standing at his post (background) is State Secretary Gary Smith, Sr.



Compatriot Rick Reese (seated), Piedmont Chapter, serves as Electronic Communications Committee Chairman, handling all technical issues including accommodating those members who chose to attend via zoom.



Atlanta Chapter President Barrett Hanson in discussion with Compatriot Mike Tommie prior to the meeting call to order. Mike was one of many past and present state officers in attendance.



All motions, comments, recommendations, etc. are required to be made from the mike in the front of the room and ONLY AFTER the addressing Compatriot has stated his name and chapter affiliation.





A Veteran's Day Message

Veteran's Day provides us the opportunity to remember those individuals who have served for our country in many different roles for almost 250 years. This patriotic event started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on November 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, it was renamed "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars. As the Sons of the American Revolution, we honor our patriot ancestors as our nation's first veterans. We are grateful for the service and sacrifices of all veterans. Be sure and thank a veteran for their service this week and participate in a local event!

C. Bruce Pickette

President General, 2022-2023 National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

A Personal Reflection

As with many of my fellow Compatriots, our families are populated with scores of veterans who have served, and are still serving, in defense of our nation. I would like to share just one member of my family, whom I think would be fitting to recognize during this observance. He is a 96-year-old World War II veteran who currently resides in Detroit, MI. He **is** a member of "The Greatest Generation" in terms of their sacrifice and service.

Almon Hanson - US Navy, aboard USS Riverside transport ship of ammunition, dead and wounded servicemen. World War II. POB: Washington-Wilkes County, GA. DOB: 4/7/26.





2022 Chapter Officer Directory

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

President Barrett Hanson

1 st Vice President vacant

2 nd Vice President Charlie Newcomer

Secretary Al Adams

Treasurer Richard Marsh

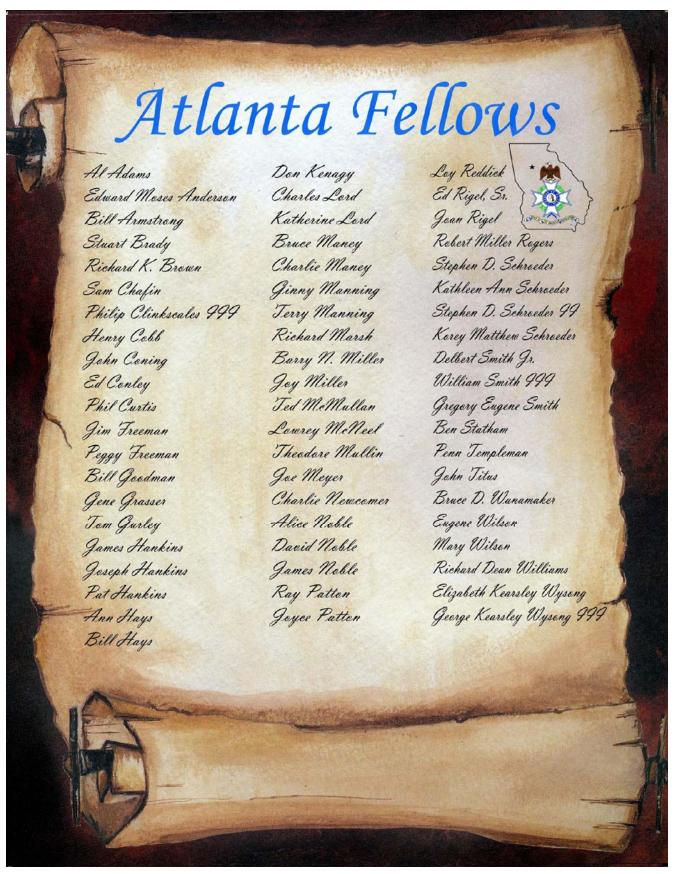
Registrar Joseph H. Blackmon

Sergeant-At-Arms Marvin Jetter

ChancellorEd FloydChaplainJohn Titus

Historian Jay McLenden **Information Technology** Richard Marsh

Thank You to Our Atlanta Fellows



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. 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. Donations toward chapter-sponsored events such as Wreaths across America also credit toward the Atlanta Fellow program. We are also grateful for several members who have started making incremental donations toward becoming Atlanta Fellows. We thank all our Atlanta Fellows for their support and encourage others to join their ranks.

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.

Please note:

Our December meeting will be held on Thursday the 8th.

Speaker: William S. Goodman – That Damned Presbyterian War: How the Irish and Scots-Irish Won the American Revolution



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