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Next Meeting Thursday February 9th @ 12:00PM

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

Chapter Awards Day Observance (*wives are encouraged to attend!*)

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.

Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution observe the month of February in honor of George Washington's Birthday

January Speaker David Wellons



Mount Vernon Chapter member David Wellons addressed the luncheon with his presentation: **“God’s Hand on America”**.

Compatriot Wellons, as of this publication, is currently the President of the Mount Vernon Chapter of SAR. At the time of his presentation, he served as Chapter Vice President. He began his talk by citing specific key Revolutionary battles in which the weather, terrain, or simple oversights by opposing forces, allowed for either an American victory, or prevented a major setback for American forces and its allies. These historical incidents or occurrences were unrelated to military strategy, logistics, manpower, or supplies.

However, by what some may call coincidence, a fortunate stroke of serendipity, or the stars aligned in America's favor... Compatriot Wellons called it "God's Hand on America." His examples, although focusing mostly on the Revolutionary War Era, and the early years of our young nation, he expanded his observation to as recent as World War II. For example: the simple oversight of Japan to target the oil tankers at Pearl Harbor which would have crippled the US Pacific Fleet.

What was most compelling about Compatriot Wellons' presentation was how he periodically posed the rhetorical question "*was it a coincidence or the hand of God - you decide.*" He did not state unequivocally that any historical incident, from which Americans derived the benefit, was the unquestionable result of the hand of Providence. Rather, he allowed his audience to draw their own conclusions based on the facts presented.



Induction of New Member



The induction of Compatriot **Nicolas Duane Bain** by Chapter President Barrett Hanson. Compatriot Bain is the descendant of Patriot Henry (Henrich) Keck who provided patriotic service to the state of Pennsylvania and signed an Oath of Allegiance in North Hampton County.



Atlanta Chapter Registrar Joseph Blackmon assisted with the induction by pinning the SAR Rosette on the label of Compatriot Bain.



Compatriot Bain displays his newly presented Membership Certificate and is warmly welcomed by the Atlanta Chapter membership.



As customary, our new member, Compatriot Bain, shared information about himself and/or his patriot ancestor, who, in his case, emigrated from Prussia modern-day Germany.



GASSAR Annual Conference



The GASSAR Awards Banquet was held on January 27th. Pictured above from left to right are: Gregory Smith and Barrett Hanson of the Atlanta Chapter, NSSAR President General C. Bruce Pickette (Alabama SAR) and Edward M. Anderson of Washington-Wilkes & Atlanta Chapter. Also present was Compatriot Charlie Newcomer of the Atlanta Chapter.



Special guest speaker National Society SAR President General C. Bruce Pickette (Alabama SAR) opening address.



Dr. David Ludley, Georgia Society SAR State President who presided, bestows an award to a DAR recipient.



The Annual Conference, which was held in Duluth, Georgia, was well attended by Compatriots statewide.



Atlanta Chapter member Charlie Newcomer (in tuxedo) was accompanied by his wife (not shown).



On Saturday the 28th, the Winter Board of Managers Meeting was held.



Participants in the Registrar Training Workshop led by Bob Sapp.



Induction of GASSAR Officers was also held at the Annual Meeting on Saturday 28th.



One of the inductees was Washington-Wilkes and Atlanta Chapter member Rev. Edward M. Anderson (left). He was inducted to the office of GASSAR State Chaplain. He is congratulated by GASSAR National Trustee Bill Dobbs.



Upcoming Patriotic Events

“Revolutionary Days”

**Celebrating the 244th Anniversary of The
Battle of Kettle Creek
Kettle Creek Battlefield Memorial**

Ceremony

Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 2:30pm

War Hill Road

Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR, other hereditary Societies and patriotic or historical organizations are invited to attend. Descendants and the public are especially welcome.

Submit request to participate in the Wreath Presentation no later than January 31, 2023, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program

Organization:

Name of Presenter:

Office or Title of Presenter:

Email Address:

Phone:

Due to rocky soil conditions and winds we do NOT use wreath stands at War Hill.

Mail to: Ed Rigel, Jr., 1608 Indian Way, Cumming, GA 30040

or Email: edrigel@gmail.com

Elijah Clarke Park Ceremony; “Heroes of the Hornets’ Nest ”

Our Atlanta Chapter has always been one of the primary sponsors in both planning and making a generous contribution to cover the cost of the ceremony. The Lincoln Co. Historical Society has agreed to cook the Chili again this year.

THE TIME WE START DISPLAYS AND CANNON FIRING IS 10:00AM ON FEB. 10TH. WE THEN BRAKE AND HAVE A FREE CHILI LUNCH UP THE HILL IN A BUILDING AT NOON. DR NOBLE WILL THEN GIVE A PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY THE WREATH CEREMONY AT THE GRAVE SITE AT 1:30.



Messages of Encouragement for Henry Cobb

(Friendly reminder)

Our Compatriot and friend, Henry Cobb, a former President of our Atlanta Chapter, has been going through some serious medical challenges for the last several months spending time in both the hospital and a rehab facility. His wife, Ann, believes cards and notes would lift his spirits and aid his recovery. Please send them to Henry Cobb, 1690 Harts Run, Chamblee, GA 30341. Ann will deliver them to Henry.

With thanks, John Titus, Chaplain



Officers 2023 Chapter Officer Directory

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

President	Barrett Hanson
1 st Vice President	open
2 nd Vice President	Charlie Newcomer
Secretary	Al Adams
Treasurer	open
Registrar	Joseph H. Blackmon
Sergeant-At-Arms	Marvin Jetter
Chancellor	Ed Floyd
Chaplain	John Titus
Historian	Jay McLenden
Information Technology	Richard Marsh

*** A questionnaire will soon be sent to our membership to inquire how the Atlanta Chapter can make our monthly meetings more appealing and enhance the likelihood of your attendance. We value your input and highly encourage your candid response. ***

Thank You!



Thank You to Our Atlanta Fellows

Atlanta Fellows

<i>Al Adams</i>	<i>Don Kenagy</i>	<i>Loy Reddick</i>
<i>Edward Moses Anderson</i>	<i>Charles Lord</i>	<i>Ed Rigel, Sr.</i>
<i>Bill Armstrong</i>	<i>Katherine Lord</i>	<i>Jean Rigel</i>
<i>Stuart Brady</i>	<i>Bruce Maney</i>	<i>Robert Miller Rogers</i>
<i>Richard K. Brown</i>	<i>Charlie Maney</i>	<i>Stephen D. Schroeder</i>
<i>Sam Chafin</i>	<i>Ginny Manning</i>	<i>Kathleen Ann Schroeder</i>
<i>Philip Clinkscales 999</i>	<i>Terry Manning</i>	<i>Stephen D. Schroeder 99</i>
<i>Henry Cobb</i>	<i>Richard Marsh</i>	<i>Karey Matthew Schroeder</i>
<i>John Coning</i>	<i>Barry N. Miller</i>	<i>Delbert Smith Jr.</i>
<i>Ed Conley</i>	<i>Joy Miller</i>	<i>William Smith 999</i>
<i>Phil Curtis</i>	<i>Ted McMullan</i>	<i>Gregory Eugene Smith</i>
<i>Jim Freeman</i>	<i>Lowrey McMeel</i>	<i>Ben Statham</i>
<i>Peggy Freeman</i>	<i>Theodore Mullin</i>	<i>Penn Templeman</i>
<i>Bill Goodman</i>	<i>Joe Meyer</i>	<i>John Titus</i>
<i>Gene Grasser</i>	<i>Charlie Newcomer</i>	<i>Bruce D. Wanamaker</i>
<i>Tom Gurley</i>	<i>Alice Noble</i>	<i>Eugene Wilson</i>
<i>James Hankins</i>	<i>David Noble</i>	<i>Mary Wilson</i>
<i>Joseph Hankins</i>	<i>James Noble</i>	<i>Richard Dean Williams</i>
<i>Pat Hankins</i>	<i>Ray Patten</i>	<i>Elizabeth Kearsley Wysong</i>
<i>Ann Hays</i>	<i>Joyce Patton</i>	<i>George Kearsley Wysong 999</i>
<i>Bill Hays</i>		



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 March meeting will be held on Thursday the 9th.

Speaker: Carter J. Wood – "The Hidden Meaning of Common Nursery Rhymes"

