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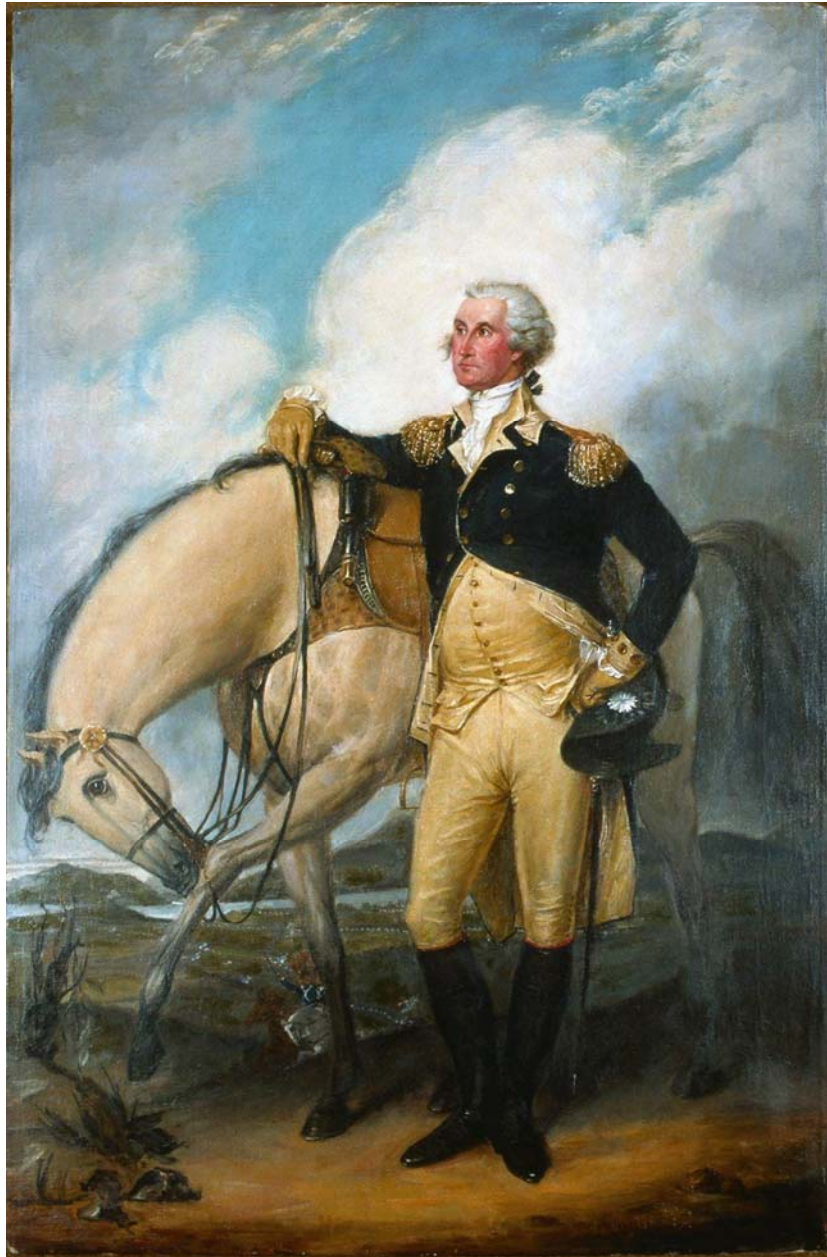
Program speakers: John Titus - “George Washington: The Final Years”

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.



George Washington's Birthday & Awards Ceremony



The GASSAR Atlanta Chapter February meeting commemorated the birthday of our nation's first president, George Washington. We began our meeting with a light-hearted reflection on the nation's first Commander in Chief with a short 10 point presentation called, "**George Washington - Little Known Facts.**" For instance, fact #1: **He created his own dog breed.** *George Washington loved dogs and fox hunting, so it was only natural for him to want to breed the perfect foxhound. Because of his work, he is occasionally called the father of the American Foxhound, according to Animal Planet. He owned 36 of these pups, and gave them unusually mushy names like Sweet Lips, Topsy, Venus, and True Love.*

Members Memorial



In solemn observance of Atlanta Chapter Compatriots who passed in 2022, we paused for a Member Memorial for **David Allen Heiden**, deceased April 19th 2022 and **Richard Wayman Owen**, deceased September 15th 2022. Compatriot Al Adams, on the left, who rang the bell in remembrance, and Chaplain John Titus read the memorial text.

Member Awards



Compatriot **Robert “Al” Adams** (left) received his **Ten Year Membership Award** and Compatriot **William Goodson** (right) received his **Five Year Membership Award**.



Once you are a member, you can submit proof of your lineage to other Patriot ancestors. These additional applications are called Supplemental Applications. Compatriot **Al Adams** received his supplemental **Ancestor Certificate** as a descendant of Reuben McLeroy who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of Private, North Carolina Militia.



The **Meritorious Service Award** may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful service to their National Society/District/State/Chapter. This award was bestowed to Compatriot **William Henry Cobb, II**. Our Chaplain John Titus was asked to accept this award in his absence and do the honor of presenting it to him.



Little Known Facts #2: Washington was in the whiskey business

In 1797, one of Washington's estate managers suggested he open a whiskey distillery at Mount Vernon. Washington agreed, and by the time of his death in 1799, the distillery produced nearly 11,000 gallons of whiskey a year, making it the largest producer in America at the time. The distillery still churns out a limited number of bottles each year using its original recipe.



The **Lydia Durraugh Award** - this medal is now authorized for a Chapter President to present annually to a female who significantly helped the President for the current year of his term and

during the 2 years leading up to the current term. This chapter medal may only be presented once to a person in their lifetime. I was most proud to announce the recipient as **Lorraine Hanson**.



Little Known Facts #3: With a 6-foot-2 frame, George Washington was our fourth-tallest President.

The tallest was Abraham Lincoln, 6 foot 4, and the shortest was James Madison, at 5 foot 4.



Chapter Distinguished Service Medal - The Chapter President may select one member each year who, in his opinion, significantly contributes to the success of the chapter during the year. A member may not be awarded the medal more than once. Past recipients include Dr. David

Noble (2012) and Richard Marsh (2015). I was honored to award for service in 2022 in my first term of office, the Distinguished Service Medal to Compatriot **Edward M. Anderson**. (*It is truly a noble deed to respond to a need once it has been requested. It is a nobler deed to witness the need and respond before the request is even made*). Pictured with Compatriot Anderson is his wife Kathryn Anderson (DAR).



Little Known Fact #4: He had only one original tooth by the time of his inauguration

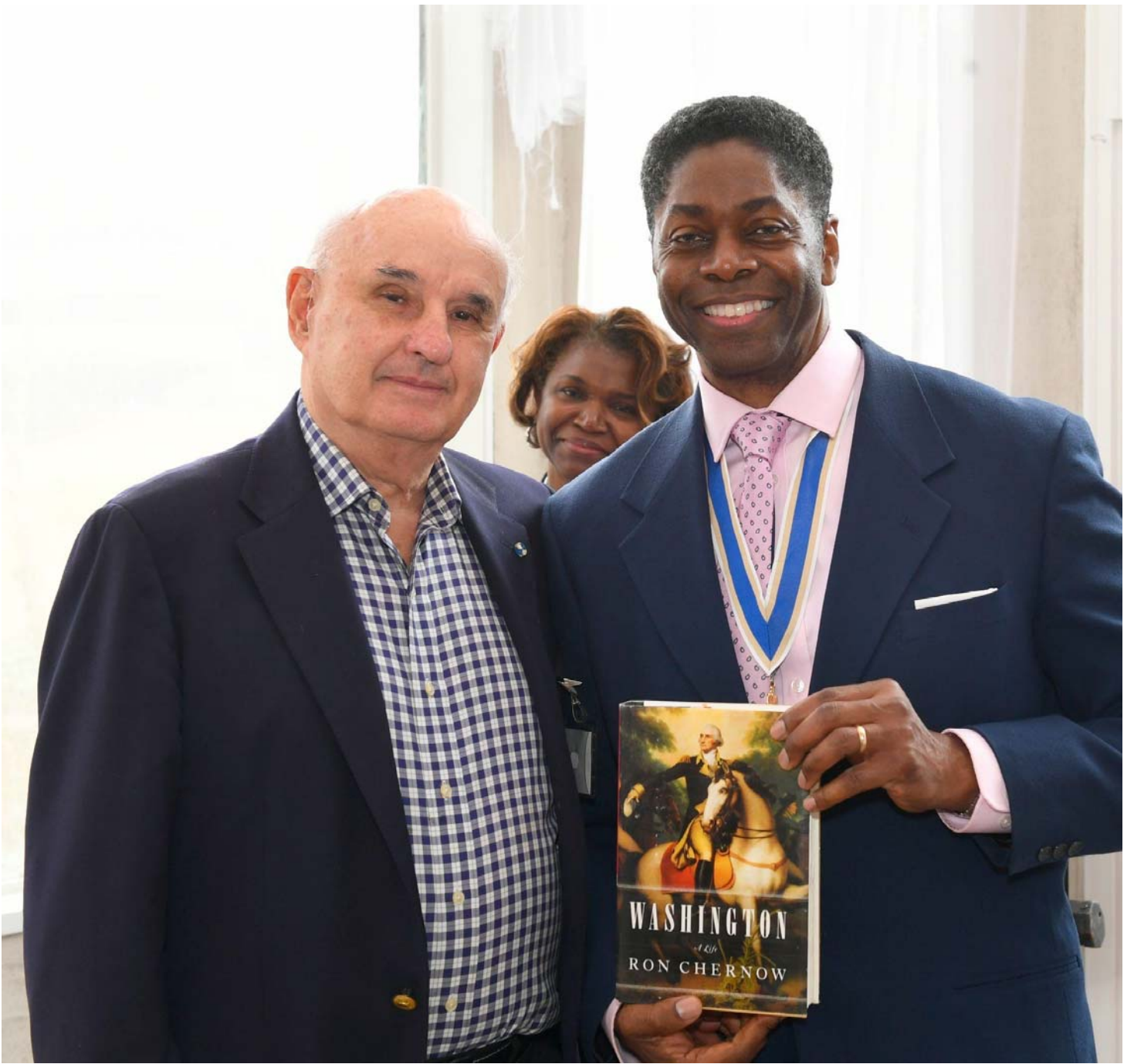
George Washington likely started losing his teeth in his mid-20s at a rate of one tooth each year. He suffered from a lifetime of toothaches, even though his dental hygiene was probably more sophisticated than other men at the time. By 1789, the year he was inaugurated, he wore a set of clacking, creaky dentures.



Compatriots Edward and Paul Anderson received their **Atlanta Fellows Certificates**.



Compatriot Benjamin Jetter was the winner of one of several raffles held for the members in attendance at February's meeting.



Another raffle winner was Compatriot Mark Bell.



Little Known Fact #5: His dentures were not made of wood

Although the wooden-teeth myth prevails, forensic anthropologists found that Washington's dentures were made from a combination of horse, donkey, and even human teeth, according to NBC. The dentures opened and closed by way of a heavy-duty spring. In order to keep his mouth shut and overpower the spring, Washington would have to keep his mouth clenched. This would have affected the way he looked and spoke.

Oath of Office



Installation of officers for 2023 was conducted by Gregory Smith, Past President Atlanta Chapter. Pictured above from left to right are: Joseph Blackmon, **Registrar**; Al Adams, **Secretary**; Richard Marsh, **I.T.**; John Titus, **Chaplain**; Barrett Hanson, **President**; Jay McLendon, **Historian**; Benjamin Jetter, **Sergeant at Arms**.



Elijah Clarke Day



Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Commemoration was held Friday February 10, at Elijah Clarke State Park in Lincolnton, GA. The event began at the restored cabin and Elijah Clarke Museum with a variety of demonstrations on colonial lifestyle, colonial attire, a Traveling Trunk display, period dulcimer music, and cannon and musket demonstrations. Authors of new period books were on hand for book signings and the SAR Color Guard members brought the usual pomp and circumstance to the occasion. A free indoor chili cookout and dessert buffet was served at noon compliments of the Elijah Clarke State Park, Lincolnton County Historical Society, Atlanta and William Few Chapters Georgia Society SAR; Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR. Noted local historian and Atlanta Chapter SAR Compatriot **Dr. David Noble** was the featured speaker.



By utilizing original/first-source documentation such as the *Draper Manuscript Collection: Thomas Sumpter Papers* and *Portions of Letters: Col. Pickens to Gen. Lee, 1811*, Dr. Noble demonstrated that some of the conclusions accepted as facts regarding the Battle of Kettle Creek were erroneous.



An attentive audience of SAR and DAR members during Dr. Noble's presentation with provided handouts.



Atlanta Chapter Compatriot Charlie Newcomer served as Event Coordinator and Master of Ceremony.



The attendees were granted the occasion to witness several robust rounds of musket and cannon fire.



The Benediction was done by State Chaplain Rev. Edward M. Anderson. The SAR Recessional was led by Barrett Hanson, President Atlanta Chapter GASSAR.



Hides, Hides and more Hides! Nearly every critter or canine that an American Revolutionary frontiersman could imagine was on display.



Compatriot and family on the cabin porch at the Elijah Clarke State Park. The frontiersman and war hero who led a force of pioneers in Georgia is buried on the property with his wife, Hannah.



A reconstructed log cabin displays colonial life with furniture and tools dating back to 1780. Pictured are a fabric loom (left) and spinning wheel (below). It is true that most women made most of the clothing their families wore, but few actually spun the yarn and fewer wove their own fabric. Why? Because imported fabric was cheaper and better than homespun and could be purchased in stores throughout colonial America and during the early decades of the federal period.



Colonial Williamsburg's textile curator Linda Baumgarten writes, *"Only in frontier areas was most clothing homespun and homemade - and even there, traders and storekeepers quickly penetrated the backcountry to make imported goods available."*



This reconstructed cabin/museum displayed all of the needed tools and furnishings required for frontier living. Most essential to every dwelling was a fireplace for cooking and warmth.



244th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek



On Saturday February 11th, the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard & Militia and parade participants marched in the Revolutionary War Parade around Washington Square in downtown Wilkes County, Georgia. Leading the parade from left to right are: John L. Dobb, Esq. Secretary General NSSAR; Scott Collins, Color Guard Commander; David Ludley, Georgia Society SAR State President. The parade ended behind the County Courthouse at Fort Washington Park.



The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard joined with the Elijah Clarke Militia to present arms and fired a thunderous musket salute as the Revolutionary War Colors were lowered and our Present-day National Colors were raised on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole.





The pageantry of the Kettle Creek Battlefield observance included Wreath Presentations, SAR/DAR/CAR, Hereditary Organizations, Local, State & National officials, High School JROTC, to honor the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest - the Wilkes County Militia for their 1779 Victory at Kettle Creek.



Induction in Miami



Atlanta Chapter SAR Member George Kearsley Wysong III, who is also a Miami Florida SAR Member, was installed as their Chapter President on Saturday, February, 18, 2023 during their George Washington's Birthday Celebration at the Miami Shores Country Club in Miami, Florida.



His sister, Liz Wysong, and her husband, Atlanta's Chapter Gregory Smith, were there for the induction & GW Birthday Luncheon. To the immediate right of Wysong is Rene Jewett, looking on in Colonial dress. He is a Retired Special Forces COL whom this writer and Gregory Smith met at the National Conference in Savannah, GA.

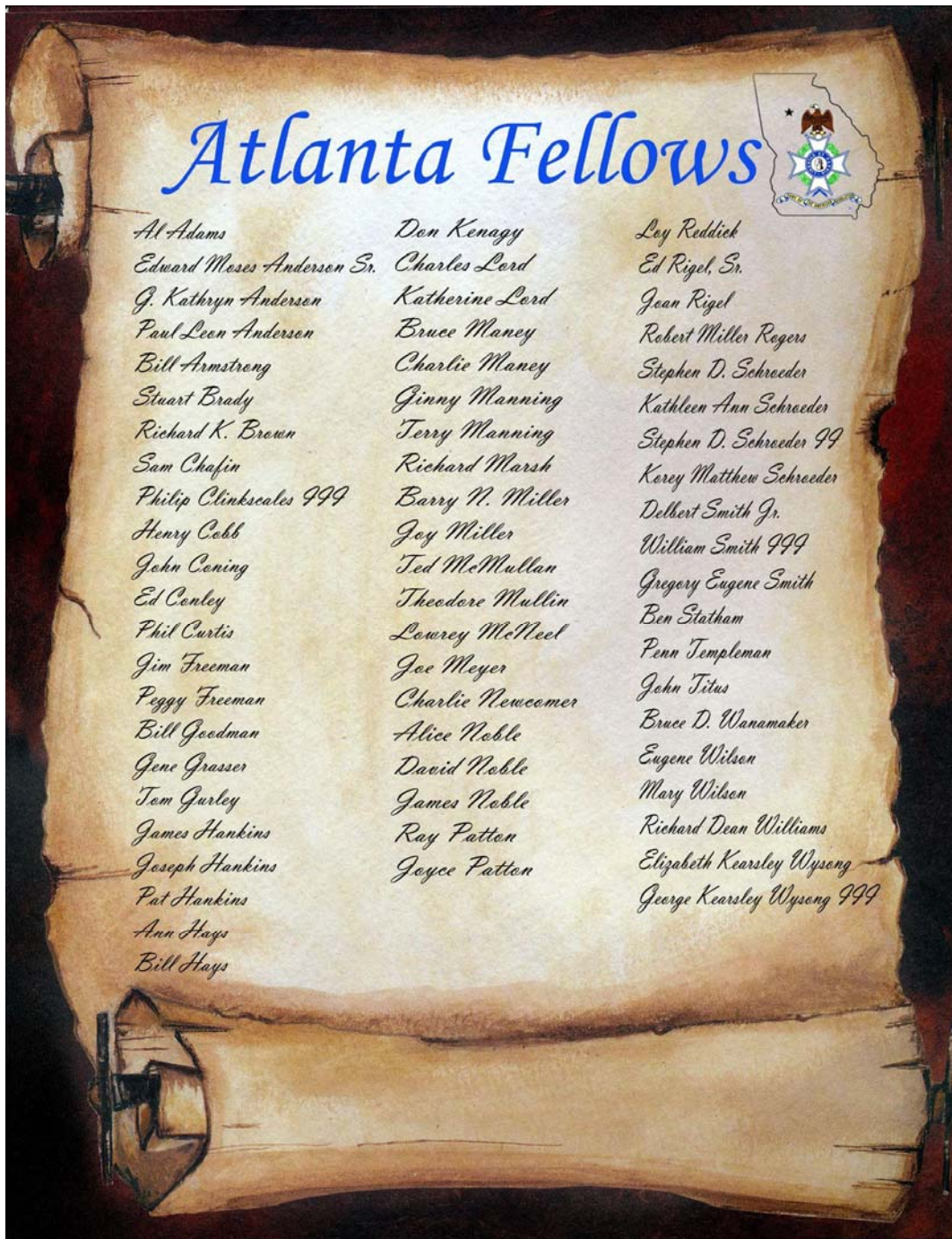
Slate of Officers 2023 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 9, 2023, to February 8, 2024, are as follows:

President	Barrett Hanson
1 st Vice President	open
2 nd Vice President	Charlie Newcomer
Secretary	Al Adams
Treasurer	Richard Marsh
Registrar	Joseph H. Blackmon
Sergeant-At-Arms	Marvin Jetter
Chancellor	Ed Floyd
Chaplain	John 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 April meeting will be held on Thursday the 12th.

Speaker: Carter Wood – "Secret Meanings of Common Nursery Rhymes"

