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Next Meeting Thursday September 14th @ 12:00PM

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

**Program speaker: Leslie Strickland Watkins - “There’s an Herb for That:
Colonial Herbs and their Uses”**

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.



133rd Annual Congress



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held its 133rd Annual Congress in beautiful, sunny Orlando, FL. Congress was held from July 13th - 20th. On Thursday night, during the President General's Banquet, special recognition and awards were given to those surviving World War II Veterans who were still active SAR members. There were a total of six veterans recognized by the Georgia Society. Of those six, two distinguished veterans, we are proud to claim, are Atlanta Chapter members. They are: Compatriots William G. Hays, Jr. and Albert H. Sturgess, Jr. Compatriot 'Hank' Sturgess is an Atlanta Chapter Past President and turned 102 years young in May!

Atlanta news station FOX 5 aired a story on Compatriot Sturgess for his birthday in May, then on June 6 for the historic D-Day Invasion. During the interview, the SAR was also mentioned.

Provided by the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee in honor of the guardians of our freedom and liberty from World War II

133rd ANNUAL CONGRESS

Orlando Florida
July 13th - 20th, 2023

Thank you veterans:

WWII Victory Medal



Lest we forget.

★ ★ ★
**World War II
Veterans Corps
1941-1945**
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A grateful nation remembers!

Courtesy of the John Paul Jones Chapter, WA State

Our Active SAR

- ★ **ALABAMA** ★
Walter C. Dorsey
Elmer L. Field
Wayne H. Finley
Wiley W. Stanford Jr.
- ★ **ARKANSAS** ★
Jack R. Newton
Malcolm L. Osmer
- ★ **ARIZONA** ★
Philip W. Blake
Harvey J. Johnson
James E. Peterson Jr.
- ★ **CALIFORNIA** ★
Edward G. Comingore Jr.
James E. Halbert
Ernest P. McCullough
Lyle D. Phillips
Welbourne D. Sanford
Joseph N. Shelton
- ★ **CONNECTICUT** ★
Benjamin L. Jones
Dennis J. Murphy Jr.
- ★ **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** ★
South T. Lynn
- ★ **FLORIDA** ★
Silas K. Baker
Robert N. Burhans
Frank E. Cockerham
John L. Coker Jr.

- ★ **FLORIDA** ★
Richard N. Egbert
Robert F. Liebler
Donald R. Voorhees
- ★ **GEORGIA** ★
Frederick W. Buford Jr.
Joseph B. Harris
William G. Hays Jr.
Philip H. Moody
Robert A. Sapp
Albert H. Sturgess Jr.
- ★ **ILLINOIS** ★
Waylen L. Gunn
Edward R. Hodgman Jr.
Franklin P. Lewis Jr.
Clarence D. Richardson
Charles J. Sener
Robert H. Starrett
- ★ **INDIANA** ★
Seba H. Case
Richard W. Yarrling
- ★ **KANSAS** ★
I. Barney Ellis
- ★ **KENTUCKY** ★
Daniel W. Dockrey Jr.
Wallace R. Horine
- ★ **LOUISIANA** ★
James J. Bollich

World War II Veterans

- ★ **MINNESOTA** ★
Allen D. Shepernky
- ★ **MISSOURI** ★
Robert L. Bartlett
Justyn L. Graham
Burton W. Mayfield
George H. Phillips Jr.
- ★ **MISSISSIPPI** ★
Charles E. Holland Sr.
- ★ **NORTH CAROLINA** ★
James W. Brush
Mahly Davis Jr.
Richard W. Flynn
William E. Greene
Richard K. Worsley
- ★ **NEW JERSEY** ★
Charles R. Appler
- ★ **NEW YORK** ★
James T. Hays Jr.
Dana S. Johnson
Gordon W. Maycumber
Glenn Ohanesian
- ★ **OHIO** ★
Lee Marshall
- ★ **OKLAHOMA** ★
Paul J. McCann
Robert A. Woodrum
- ★ **PENNSYLVANIA** ★
Jeace F. Davis
John E. James Jr.
Robert M. Kimo MD
Gordon B. Noble
John E. Parker
Harry L. Porter
- ★ **RHODE ISLAND** ★
Charles L. Smith Jr.
- ★ **SOUTH CAROLINA** ★
Robert L. DeLoesch
Max B. Trout
- ★ **TENNESSEE** ★
Steve G. Ayers
James J. Jefferson
- ★ **TEXAS** ★
Hubert W. Cocklin
Paul F. Cooper Jr.
Richard T. Lee
- ★ **VIRGINIA** ★
Reginald B. Beane
Marvin W. Lee Sr.
Robert B. Murdock
Fred B. Satterwhite
William Waller Jr.
Cranston Williams Jr.
- ★ **WASHINGTON** ★
Arthur M. Haywood
- ★ **WEST VIRGINIA** ★
Harold L. Crist

Compatriots Hays and Sturgess are products of what has been called the Greatest Generation due to their level of sacrifice and service. These were the Americans who endured the want and woe of the Great Depression and the personal sacrifices of World War II. They were a generation forced into extreme poverty with no safety net for the unemployed. Therefore, many families were left homeless. Yet, as this nation began to emerge from the economic turmoil of the depression and World War II began, there was a culture of sacrifice - to serve.

According to the US Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, about 167,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are alive in 2023. That is only 1 in every 100 veterans. It is estimated that a few thousand D-Day veterans may be still alive; the youngest being in their late 90s. A few dozen made it to Normandy - amazingly! - for the 79th anniversary.

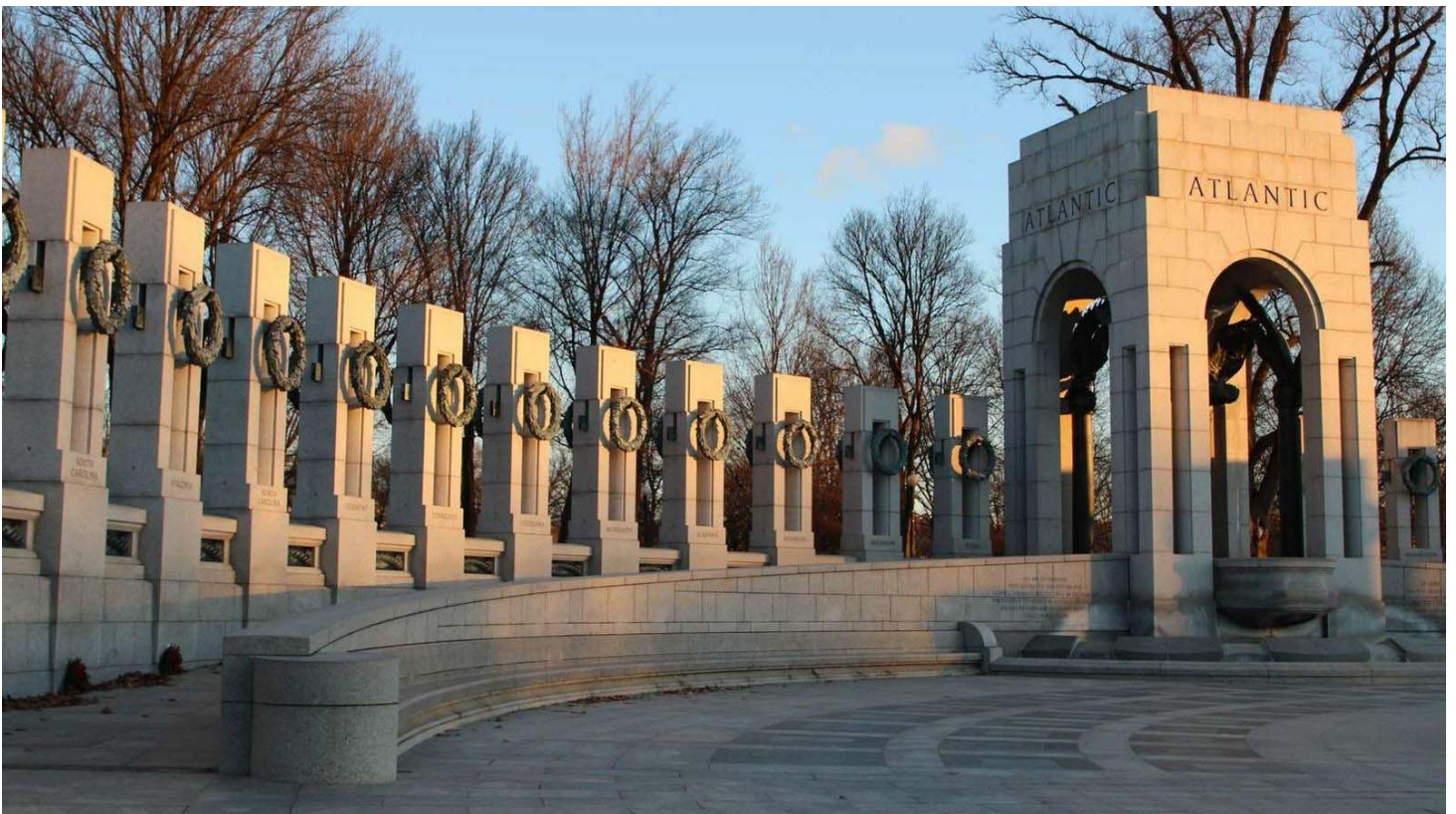
Neither Compatriots Hays or Sturgess were able to attend the SAR Congress in Orlando. However, they were recognized for their service to a grateful nation.

(Thank you to Atlanta Past President Gregory Smith and our Chaplain John Titus for their efforts in contacting these two valued Compatriots and/or their caregivers).

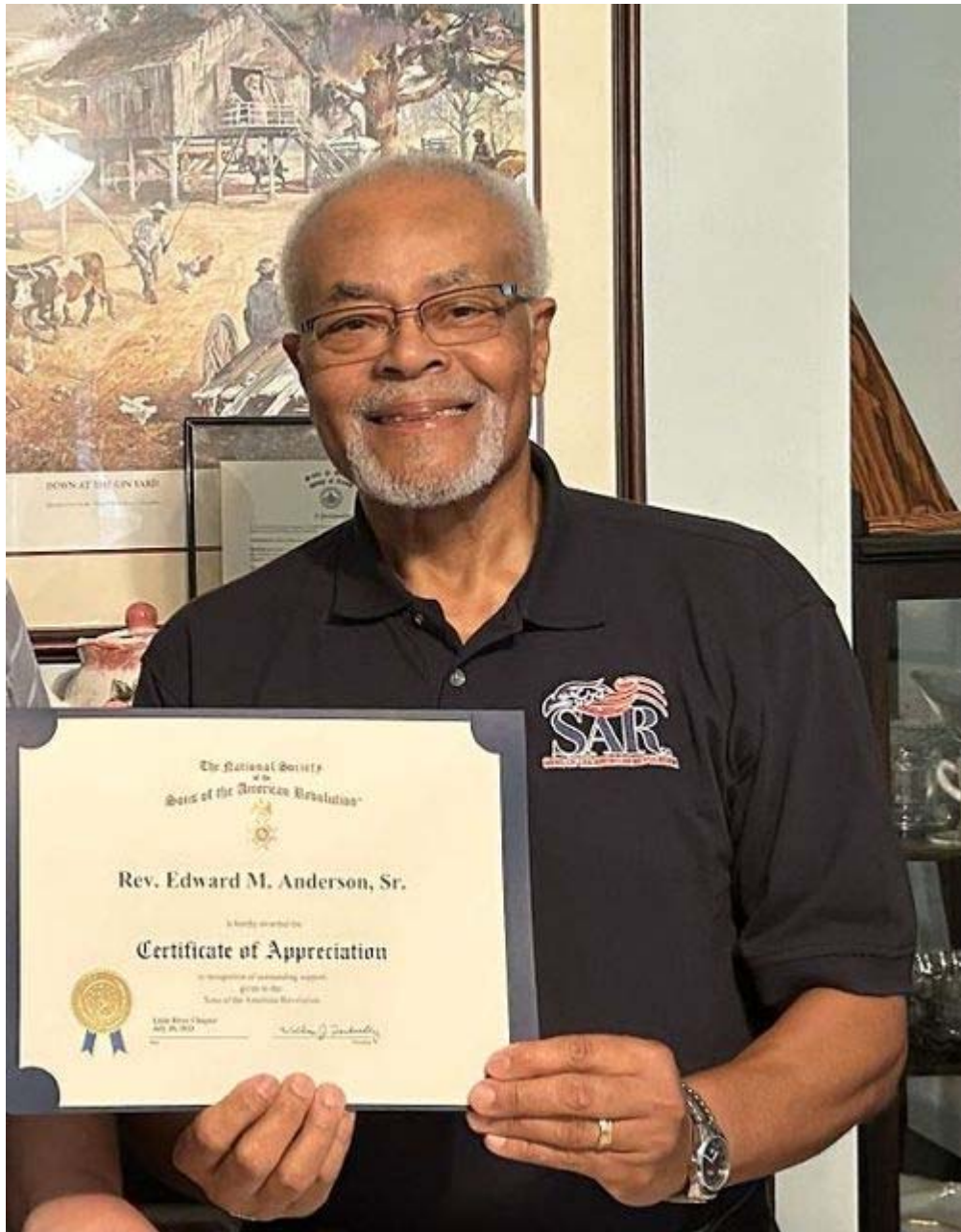
The entire FOX 5 story on Compatriot Sturgess can be viewed via the links below.

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/video/1230789?fbclid=IwAR2hgdIizsbClmhlqcos2yCJDibFarBHbZxeB9AVirraq21o7o1EOD1e5zQ>

[Veteran Remembers World War II on D-Day](#)



Guest Speaker Edward M. Anderson



Reverend Edward M. (Ed) Anderson Sr., GA Society SAR Chaplain, was guest speaker for the Little River Chapter Ga. SAR at their July 20 meeting. He is a member of the Atlanta Chapter SAR and is a dual member with the Washington-Wilkes Chapter. Rev. Anderson gave an outstanding presentation on the topic of Cemetery Mapping. He has worked very hard to map cemeteries in his native Wilkes County, GA. The Little River Chapter was delighted to have Rev. Anderson's wife, Kathryn, as a special guest. Washington-Wilkes Chapter SAR members David Chestnut (and his wife Linda) and Thad Broome joined them for the meeting as well.

GASSAR BOM Meeting



The Georgia Society SAR Summer Board of Managers Meeting was held in Barnesville, GA. on 29 July 2023.



The meeting began with the Invocation being led by Georgia Chapter SAR Chaplain Rev. Edward M. Anderson Sr. (*at microphone*).



Presentation of Colors by the State Color Guard led by Commander Scott Collin of Athens.





Dr. David Ludley, Georgia Society SAR State President, presided.



Presentation by the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary to Compatriot Ed Rigel, Jr.



GASSAR State Color Guard Commander Scott Collins presents an award to Rick Reese, Jr. who serves as Electronic Communications Committee Chairman.



Compatriot Rick Reese at work! For each quarterly Board of Managers Meeting, he ensures that the necessary electronic and technical arrangements are made to allow members to attend the meeting via Zoom.



In addition to Rev. Edward M. Anderson and Chapter President Barrett Hanson, also in attendance, was Atlanta's Past President Gregory Smith.



Closing Benediction by the State Chaplain.

James & William Dysart Dedication of a Grave Marker



On Saturday August 26, the dedication of a grave marker was held for Patriots James & William Dysart. The ceremony was observed in the pavilion at the historic Pine Log United Methodist Church in Rydal, Bartow County, GA.

Cenotaph

James and his son William both died on February 1, 1781 during the Revolutionary War Battle of Cowan's Ford, North Carolina. The men who were killed in that battle were buried at night, it is believed, in a mass grave at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Source: Find A Grave Memorial #14842423 for James Dysart, Pine Log United Methodist Church Cemetery, Rydal, Bartow Co, GA. <<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/14842423/james-dysart>>





Compatriot Gregory Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance, SAR Recessional and presented the New Mexico Society Wreath as well as the Atlanta Chapter Wreath on behalf of the president.





DAR Elizabeth Smith wife of Compatriot Gregory Smith.







Family members of Patriots James and William Dysart unveiling the granite memorial.





Gregory Smith, Atlanta Chapter Past President, second from left foreground, poses with (L-R) NSSAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, PG Larry Guzy, and Georgia Society President David Ludley, with the New Mexico Society wreath & the Grave Marker commemorating the Revolutionary service of patriot soldiers James and William Dysart, as SAR Color Guardsmen Craig Benton, left, and Ed Rigel, Jr. GASSAR 1st Vice President, right, looks on during the Patriot Grave Dedication Ceremony.

The New Mexico Society Sons of The American Revolution Co-Sponsored the event with the Robert Forsyth, Blue Ridge Mountains, & Button Gwinnett Chapters, Georgia Society, & The Etowah Chapter, NSDAR as part of the America 250th SAR Events Anniversary Program.

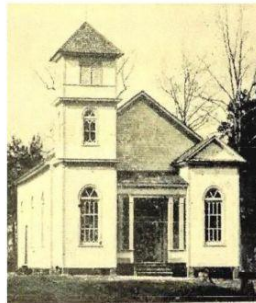
James Dysart, who was born in Ireland in 1727, and his son **William**, born in 1751, both served in the North Carolina Militia and were killed in action on 1 February 1781 during the Battle of Cowan's Ford in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.



The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter SAR, and Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR of the GA Society SAR

Request the honor of your presence at a Double Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot John Bagby and Patriot Philip Isley, who both fought at the 1781 Battle of Guilford Courthouse in NC. Patriot Philip Isley was an 1823 Founding Member of the Fairview Presbyterian Church, that is celebrating its 200th Anniversary.

When - October 21, 2023, Saturday at 2:00 P.M.



**Fairview Presbyterian Church Cemetery
857 Duluth Highway, Lawrenceville, GA, 30043**

Directions:

Latitude: 33.5806N Longitude: -84.0116W

Please contact Don McCarty (404)218-6624 or email donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net by October 14, 2023, if your Chapter/Organization would like to present a wreath, and provide your presenters' name, organization, and position title.

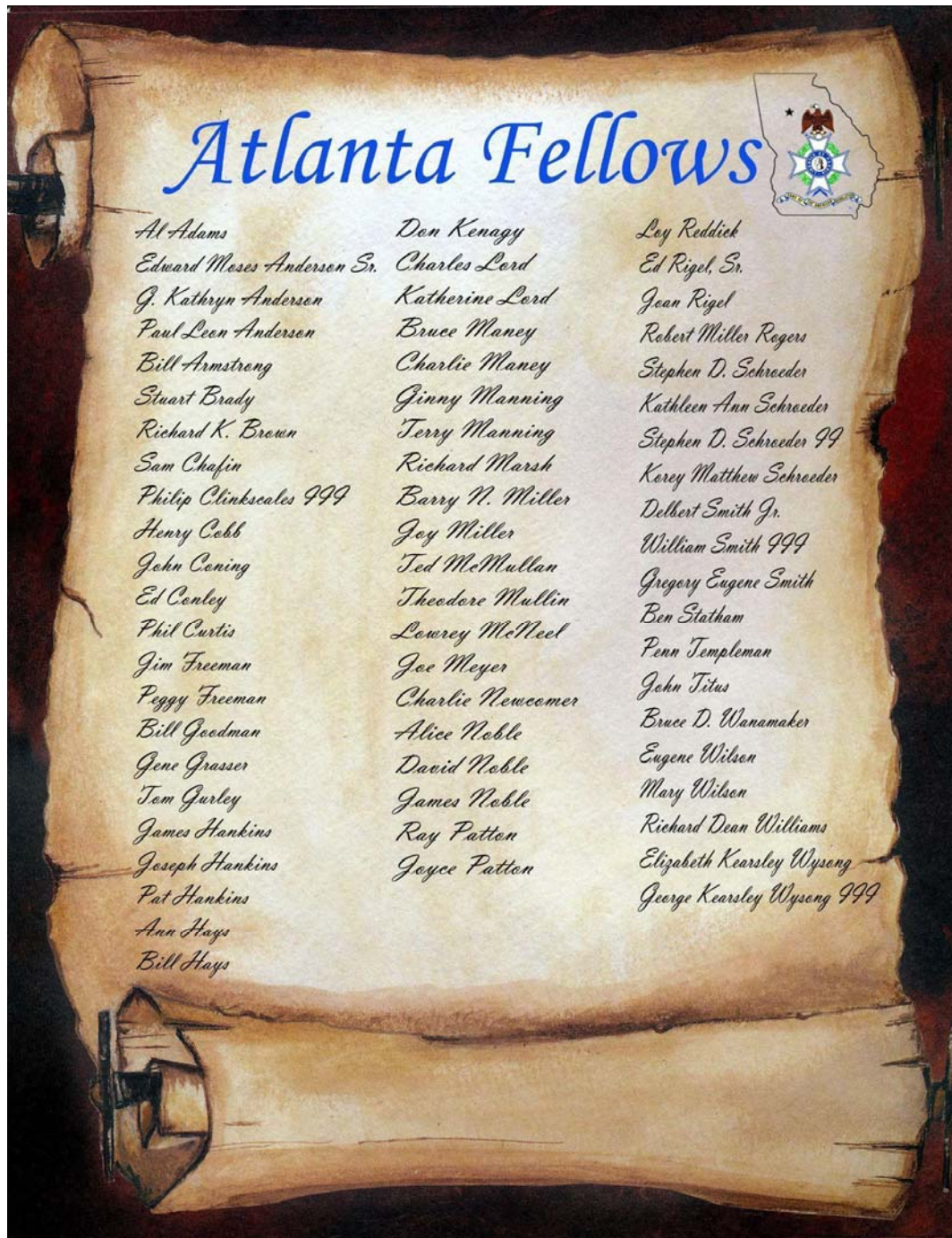


Slate of Officers 2023 Chapter Officer Directory

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	open
Secretary	Al Adams
Treasurer	Richard Marsh
Registrar	Joseph H. Blackmon
Sergeant-At-Arms	Benjamin Jetter
Chancellor	Open
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.

