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Next Meeting Thursday December 14 @ 12:00PM

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

Program speakers: Atlanta Chapter Members - “My Most Memorable Christmas and Why”

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.



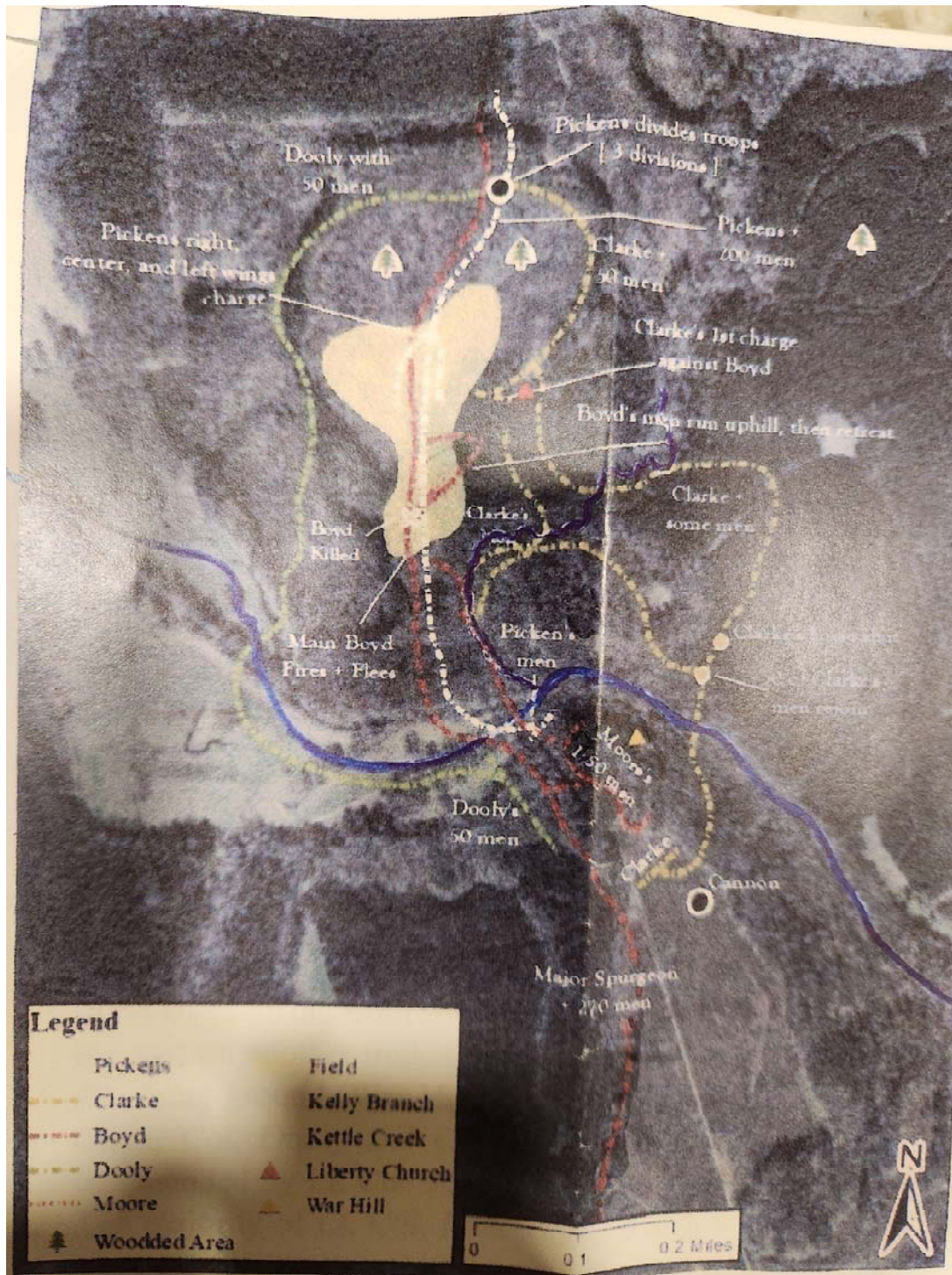
Program Speaker Dr. David Noble



Atlanta Chapter's own Dr. David Noble, was our October meeting presenter. A recognized subject matter expert, Dr. Noble described the "Battle Sequence at Kettle Creek" which was fought on February 14, 1779 in Wilkes County, Georgia. This battle was important because it was the first major victory for Patriots in the back country of Georgia during the American Revolutionary War. With handouts supplied to the members, which included an historical map of the immediate and surrounding battlefield, Dr. Noble chronicled the series of events that lead to the Patriots decisive victory and scattered a Loyalist militia force on its way to British-controlled Augusta.

It was Col. John Boyd, who commanded the 700 Loyalists who crossed Kettle Creek on a wagon road. At about 10 AM, on February 14, 1779, Dr. Noble recounted, "Patriot Col. Andrew Pickens with about 300 Whig Militia arrived at the northern end of the battlefield on horse. John Dooley with 50 Georgia Militia on horse were on the right flank; Lt. Col. Elijah Clark and 50 Georgia Militia on horse were on the left flank. Col. Andrew Pickens of South Carolina with 200 men on horse advanced in the center with Maj. Andrew Hamilton on the right flank, Capt. McCall in the center and Col. Pickens on the left flank."

After being fired up, and killing four men, Compatriot Noble, noted, “Col. Pickens’ men started a mounted charge with Lt. Col. Clark from the top of Old Liberty Church Hill, forcing Col. Boyd and about 75 men to run 100 yards down the hill where Maj. Hamilton’s men fired three shots, mortally wounded Col. Boyd. The remainder of Boyd’s men fled across the creek.



(Map courtesy of Dr. David Noble)

As Col. Pickens crossed Kettle Creek on the road, it was stated that “Lt. Col. Clark and his mounted men Loyalists, running around the southernmost hill, killing at least 22 with swords and hatchets.

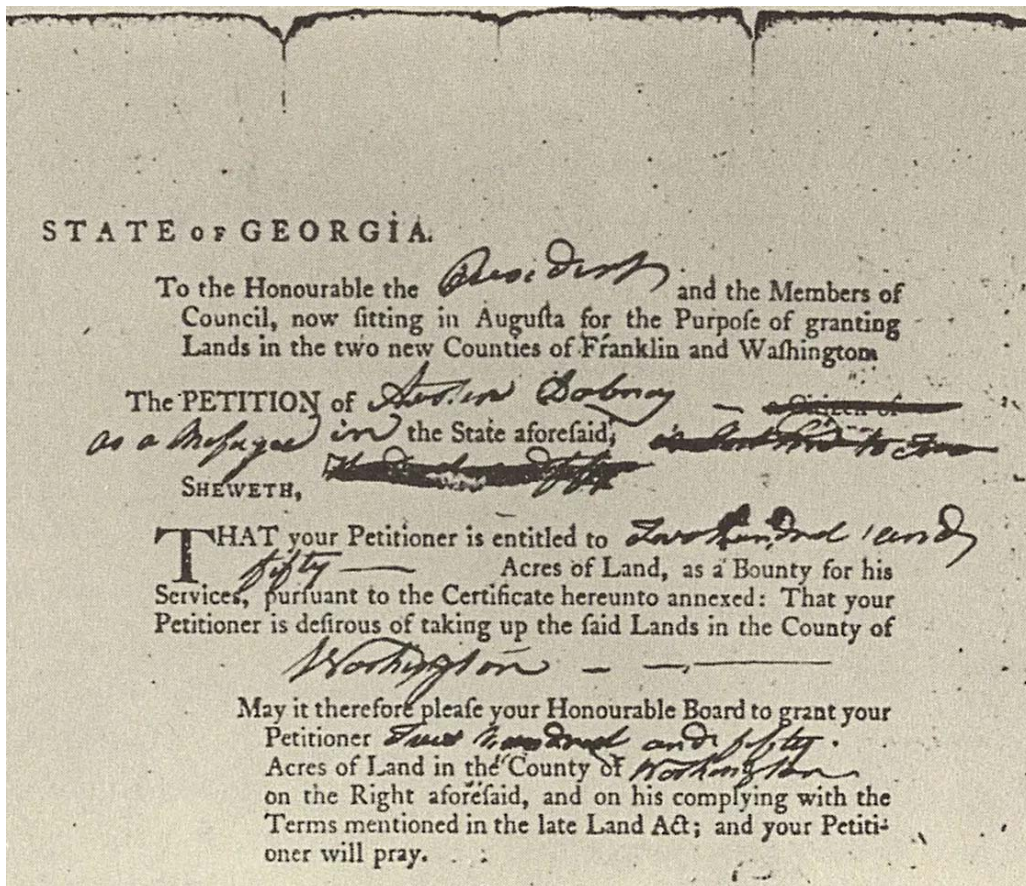


Clark's horse was shot out from under him as he started to cross from the east on another trail. The battle on the north side lasted 20 minutes. On rising ground (War Hill) on the south side of Kettle Creek, Lt. Col. Clark, Col. Dooly and Col. Pickens surrounded about 150 Loyalists commanded by Lt. Col. John Moore, killing about 25 and capturing 75.

(Portrait of Elijah Clark courtesy of American Battlefield Trust)

Dr. Noble explained that “the majority of Lt. Col. John Moore’s men under Maj. John or more south on a hill (long ridge) attempting to get to Loyalists Capt. McGirth’s camp on Little River. The battle on the south side lasted 40 minutes.” Ultimately, the cost of the battle was “about 7-14 Patriots were killed, 18 wounded; 23 Patriot prisoners released. Loyalists lost about 50 killed, 225 captured and an additional 270 escaped.”

During his discussion, Compatriot Noble also mentioned the historical significance of Patriot Austin Dabney. Dabney served as an artilleryman under Elijah Clarke and is believed to have been the only Black soldier to take part in the Battle of Kettle Creek.



Land Grant to Austin Dabney - *Courtesy of New Georgia Encyclopedia*



A Certificate of Appreciation presented to Dr. David Noble in recognition of his outstanding support to the Atlanta Chapter.



Compatriot Noble was also awarded the Liberty Medal in recognition of outstanding service in the recruitment of new members.



In Recognition of Veterans Day



On November 12, 2023 at the Historic Mark Tabernacle Baptist Church in Washington, Ga. where Rev. Larry Hill serves as Pastor (standing right), Honorable Mayor Bill DeGolian (kneeling) and Rev. Ed Anderson GASSAR State Chaplin. **Evans “Mr. Duck” Moore** was honored with a late Veterans Day Celebration. Mr. Duck Moore, as he is called, is 106 years young and a living veteran of World War II. The congregation was honored and privileged to see and listen to him speak about his life experiences. “Mr. Duck” enlisted in the Army on July 11, 1942. On an earlier occasion, he stated he enlisted in the Army due to hearing the often quoted expression, “the Army will make a man out of you”.

As a 123 pound, five-foot, five-inch young man, he was sent to Fort Benning for rigorous basic training. He discovered, however, that the rigors of being the son of a sharecropper had adequately prepared him for the physical demands of basic training and a fit and successful man in the Army. After Fort Benning, “Mr. Duck” was sent to Camp Wheeler, in Macon, Georgia for assignment, then to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He is the father of three children, with 2 surviving and 14 adult grandchildren and with many great-grandchildren. His son Albert, after graduating from the University of Georgia followed his dad’s example of serving in the military. Now a

retired Air Force Major, he served more than twenty years in the military and now lives in Boston, Mass. During the winter months, Albert often makes his way home to Washington, Georgia, to spend time with his dad.



Wounded Warrior Award



On December 3rd, Atlanta Chapter Past President presented the Wounded Warrior Coin & Certificate to Ron Tims.

Tims is a USMC Marine who served in Vietnam, volunteering at the age of 21 from his home State of Tennessee. He was awarded two Purple Hearts while serving. The first after being shot and the second after a land mine exploded killing a Marine in front of him and sending shrapnel back in his legs breaking both. This wound would send him stateside for recovery, which took over a year before he was able to walk again.

Thank you, Veteran Ron Tims, for your service and personal sacrifice to this nation!



The Wounded Warrior Certificate & Coin can be presented to any member of the U.S. Military injured in the line of duty. SAR membership is not required for presentation.



Certificate of Membership



Atlanta Chapter Member George Wysong III displays his Certificate of Membership in The National Society of the Washington Family Descendants after proving his lineage to his 8th GGF Colonel William Ball which was approved in November 2023.-

Colonel William Ball (c 1615- 1680) who was married to Hannah Atherold was also the grandfather of Mary Ball mother to General George Washington (1732-1799).

Oconee County Veterans Day Event



HONOR OUR PATRIOTS

2023 Veterans Day Program

Saturday, November 11 • 11:00am

Oconee Veterans Park

3500 Hog Mountain Road • Watkinsville, GA

- Welcome and Introduction: Jim Alexander
- Presentation of Colors: Athens Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution
- Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Dory Brown
- Star Spangled Banner: Mrs. Joy Boskoff
- Prayer: Reverend Larry Davison
- Recognition of Gold Star Families: Reverend Larry Davison
- Guest Speaker: LTC Raquel Durden, Army, Ret.
- Recognition of Veterans in Attendance
- Special Presentation: Reverend John Andrew Chapter, NSDAR
- Presentation of Wreaths
- Taps: Mr. Alex Boskoff

"Freedom" Eagle Co-sponsor: Reverend John Andrew Chapter, NSDAR

Veterans Day Flag Sponsor: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Baker

Memorial Landscape Sponsored by Ruppert Landscape

The Oconee Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. is not part of, or endorsed by, the
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Yaarab Shrine Masonic Veterans Day Evening



YAARAB SHRINE Honors Veterans



On the 11th of November, Yaarab Shrine will recognize all Masonic Veterans within Yaarab Shrine Jurisdiction. There will be music along with a meal, there will be NO CHARGE for the Veteran and his guest. Ill Sir Robert Hampton Potentate of Yaarab Shrine, wants to show special appreciation for all our Masons who have served our Country. Show your pride in your service and attend this special event.

There is limited seating so send in your reservation as soon as possible to ensure you a seat.

Our guest Speaker

Carter J Wood is a ninth-generation veteran of the US Army with twenty-two years of active and reserve service in enlisted and commissioned capacities. He is retired from the corporate world and from Gwinnett County Schools Operations Division.

Carter serves the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution as President of the Lyman Hall Chapter in Gainesville near where he lives with his wife Linda of 56 years. He also serves as a member of the state Color Guard.

He is a Mason and Sojourner, which led him to serving as the National Secretary for the US Masonic Scouters Association. Carter serves the Military Order of World Wars as the National Chair for Boy Scouts. He is a private pilot and a licensed Ham Radio operator.

He is a continuing Lecturer with Brenau University's Life and Leisure Institute and is registered with the Georgia Historical Society Speakers Bureau.

Apart from that, he is a fifty-year volunteer with Boy Scouts where he serves as a Territory Lead for nineteen Councils from Savannah to Louisville. He presently serves as the NE Georgia Council Commissioner.

Carter and Linda have two children, five grandchildren and one (so far) great grandson who is gorgeous, brilliant, and charming. Their family is spread out over various states and continents due to their current military service.

Date: November 11th, 2023

Cocktail Hour: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Program: 7:00 p.m. Dress: Men: Military Uniforms or Sport Coat/tie, Ladies: Semi Formal

FOR INFORMATION: Rick Conn - 678-873-3491

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out this form below and return by October 30, 2023
Mail to: Yaarab Shrine, 400 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30308
or Fax: 404-875-0319

Attention: Veterans Program

(No reservations will be accepted at the door)

Veteran: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____

Phone #() _____ Email: _____





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Just a Friendly Reminder...



WE WANT YOU!

~To Please Pay Your Dues~

*Compatriots, it is time to pay your 2024 dues. If you have already done so, **thank you** and please disregard this Friendly Reminder from your Uncle SAM.*

A Christmas Message to Compatriots



As we enter the Holiday Season, which is often filled with traveling, shopping, and visiting family and friends, I would like to personally wish you and yours a safe and enjoyable journey to your various destinations. I hope that you find peace, comfort, and joy in all your social exchanges during this sacred season. Amid the constant flurry of activity, which is so common during this season, we all are challenged to reflect on, and give thanks for, life's most essentials: those gifts which cannot be bought! And finally, as we enter the New Year, we hope and pray for a fruitful, productive, and bountiful harvest of our labor, activities, and commitments.

Respectfully submitted,

Barrett Hanson

***National Society Sons of the American Revolution
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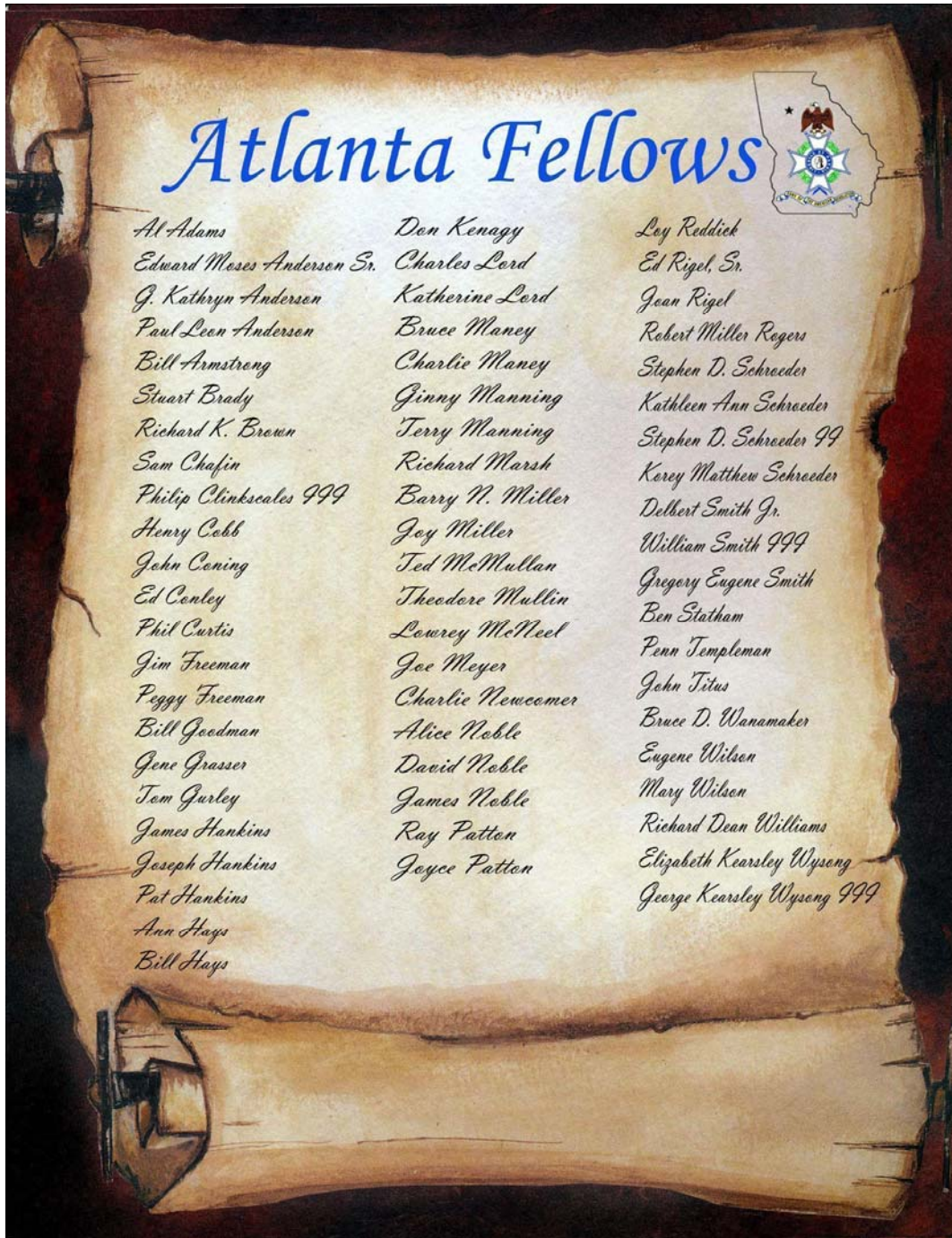
Slate of Officers 2023 Chapter Officer Directory

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	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.

