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Next Meeting Thursday January 11 @ 12:00PM

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

Program speakers: Atlanta Chapter Members - “How did you discover that you had a Rev.War. Patriot?” OR “Who encouraged you to join SAR?”

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.



My Most Favorite Christmas...



Compatriot Ken Thomas was our first presenter. His title was “*My Only Christmas Away from Home - A Picnic in Edinburgh Scotland, 1971.*”

In recognition of the Christmas Season, where the spirit of peace and goodwill towards all is a common refrain, we paused from our usual format of hosting a guest speaker. Instead, we solicited the participation of the Atlanta Chapter members to share with us their “Most Memorable Christmas and Why?” Their responses varied in terms of what made those by-gone celebrations so memorable. For some, it was the location, for others, the remembrance of late family members; and for others, an accompanying event which sealed the occasion forever in their heart and mind. The most common ingredient, however, among all the member presenters, was the taste of nostalgia!

Christmas is such a special time of the year that we all have enduring memories of the sights, sounds, and even taste of the season. Yes, there are traditional culinary delights - for better or worse! - which are reserved specifically for the Christmas Holiday, for example: white powered finger cookies; eggnog, with or without alcoholic libation; and who could forget the all-time family favorite, the Claxton Fruit Cake, made locally in Claxton, Georgia... *I said for better or worse!*



Our second presenter was Compatriot Rev. Paul Anderson who spoke on “*Christmas in Bermuda*”



Chapter Registrar, Compatriot Joey Blackmon shared with the chapter why “*Every Christmas is Memorable.*”



Next, was Dr. Noble, whose most memorable Christmas was entitled, *“Santa Came Out of the Sky In A Parachute.”*



Chaplain John Titus followed with *“A Special Gift for Molly’s Parents.”*



Our Sergeant-at-Arms Compatriot Ben Jetter shared with the chapter his story entitled “*Christmas Gift of a Lifetime.*”



State Chaplain Rev. Ed Anderson most memorable was “*Christmas 1968 with Parents and Siblings - while anticipating assignment to a combat tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam.*”



The final presenter was President Barrett Hanson, whose most memorable Christmas was the
"Lighting of the Rich's Christmas Tree - 1973."





In spite of a delightful lunch, member engagement, and the sharing of heart-felt memorable moments, with fellow Compatriots, we've come to the regrettable conclusion that this nation - our nation - is more divided now than it has ever been in recent history.

That is... HALF the country loves **CLAXTON FRUIT CAKE** and HALF the country hates them!

Where do YOU stand on this issue? How will YOU be judged by posterity?



New Member Inductions



The Atlanta Chapter was honored to induct one of our newest members, Compatriot Joseph Idous Chafin, Jr. who was sponsored by Joseph Blackmon. Compatriot Chafin is the descendant of **Patriot John Leftwich** who served as a Sergeant with service in the state of Virginia.





The Atlanta Chapter was also honored to induct Compatriot Michael Wildenhaus. Compatriot Wildenhaus is a descendant of **Patriot Jacob Ludwig Snider** who served as a Lieutenant in the state of Virginia. Registrar Joey Blackmon served as Wildenhaus sponsor.

Atlanta Chapter Donation



Compatriot John Titus presenting 20 of the 200 VA Canteen Coupon Books to Sadarius Hill, Program Support Assistant, Center for Development & Civic Engagement. The Atlanta Chapter made the donation on December 18, 2023 at the VA Medical Center, Atlanta.



**The Board of Managers of the Atlanta Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
cordially invites you and your family to attend our**

George Washington Birthday Celebration and Annual Meeting Luncheon



11:30 a.m., Saturday, February 17, 2024

**~Druid Hills Golf Club~
740 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA. 30307**

Join us in celebrating a successful year in 2023. In 2024 we look forward to honoring our patriot ancestors and family heritage, promoting patriotism, recognizing veterans, and encouraging education about the people, places, and events of the Revolutionary War.

The event will highlight a **delicious luncheon** and the **Atlanta member and chapter awards** received at the annual meeting of the Georgia Society SAR; **induction of new members; recognition of 2023 officers and chairmen and installation of chapter officers for 2024.**

[Advance reservations are required and must be postmarked no later than February 10th.](#)

[Click Here to Access Registration Form](#)

Note that the regularly scheduled chapter meeting will **not be held** on the second Thursday in February and **the start time of this annual meeting is earlier at 11:30 a.m. rather than noon.**

LUNCH

MENU

Lullwater Salad

**With mixed greens, Candied Pecans, Goat
Cheese Crumbles, Dried Cranberry and
Champagne Vinaigrette**

Entrée

Chicken Picatta

Served with Roasted Garlic Gouda Mash and Asparagus

Dessert

Crème Burlee

Soft drinks, coffee & iced tea and rolls included with meal

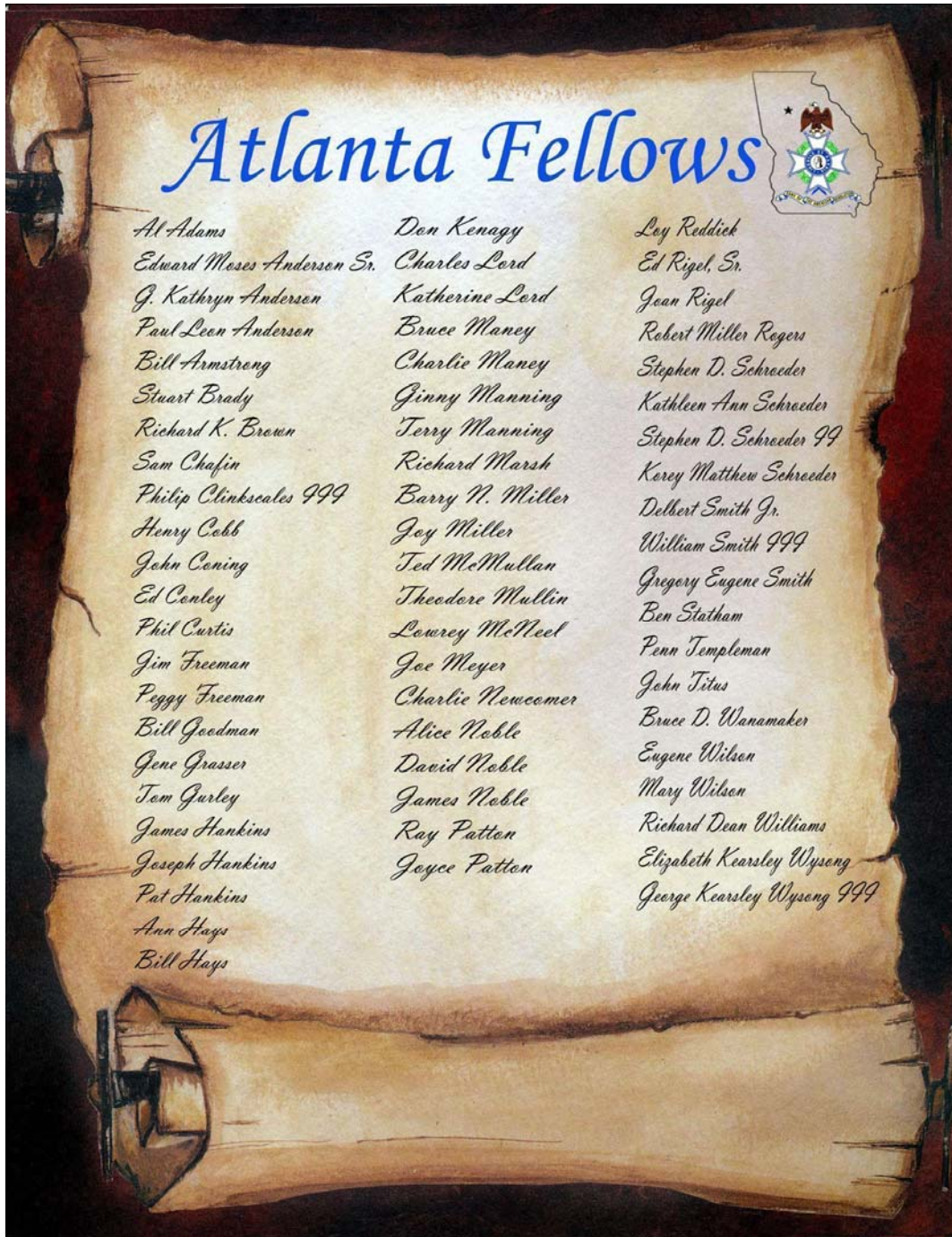
Slate of Officers 2024 Chapter Officer Directory

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	Open
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.

