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Next Meeting – 12pm, Thursday, January 9th
At the Petite Violette Restaurant 2948 Clairmont Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329

Program speaker: Compatriot Terry Manning
“John Paul Jones”

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**. A drop-off point at the table next to the registration table is set up to receive your donations.

Great Speakers Enhance Atlanta Chapter Meetings
Presenting Excellent, In-Depth Program Topics and
Discussions



Compatriot Tom Gurley discusses the second siege of Augusta

The Atlanta Chapter is grateful to our compatriot Tom Gurley who shared a fascinating presentation of the second siege of Augusta. Gurley shared printed notes to illustrate his topic and spoke with the ease of a natural storyteller.



Gurley discussing the movement of forces in the second siege of Augusta.

General Andrew Pickens, Colonel "Light-Horse Harry" Lee, and Colonel Elijah Clarke launched a second siege against Augusta, targeting the British-held Fort Cornwallis. The British had over 600 soldiers stationed at the fort and nearby posts, while the patriots assembled a force of 1600 men. The patriots began the siege on May 21. Having only one cannon, the Patriots could not breach the fort's defenses, so Lt. Col. Lee suggested using a "Mayham Tower" to give their sharpshooters the high ground. After a failed attack by the British and a deceptive ruse to destroy the tower, the patriots planned a final assault but first received a surrender request from the British on June 5, marking a significant defeat for the British.

We Welcome Our Newest Compatriot: Jarvis Michael Bronner



Our Atlanta Chapter continues to grow as we welcome our newest compatriot, Jarvis Bronner, descendant of Matthieu Devaux dit Platillo. Compatriot Bronner was inducted by his uncle, LCDR

USN (ret.) Michael Henderson and was given his rosette by his mother, Jane (née Henderson). This was a very special induction ceremony for our chapter, one that we had been looking forward to for a few months. LCDR Henderson has the distinction of being the first African American to join the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, inducted in 2010. Henderson served the Button Gwinnett Chapter as both Vice President and was elected President in 2012. Former Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith introduced Henderson, listing not only his achievements but also relaying the fascinating history detailed in Henderson's award-winning memoir and genealogy, *Got Proof: My Genealogical Journey through the Use of Documentation*.



Former Atlanta Chapter President, Gregory Smith, introduces LCDR Henderson

Bronner was presented not only his certificate by his uncle, but was also given several emblems of membership unique to the SAR, as well as the recently minted Le Moyne de Bienville medal created to commemorate the 137th Annual Southern District Congress to be hosted in New Orleans in 2027. Bronner's mother, Jane, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and spoke also



about their forebears' service to the Revolution. We look forward to many more years of Mr. Bronner's fraternity and service.

You can learn more about Mathieu Devaux dit Platillo's fight for our freedom during the Revolution as well as his fight for the freedom of the enslaved woman he loved, Agnes, in episode 10, season 8 of the PBS series "History Detectives" (2010).

Left: Compatriot Bronner receives his SAR rosette from his mother during his induction ceremony.

Scenes from our last meeting





Together, We Can Achieve More—Volunteer Today and Help Us Build a Stronger Tomorrow

Our Chapter has several open officer roles as well as volunteering opportunities. What's more—as we learned from Richard Marsh, our Treasurer, during his report—**we have the financial resources to support these roles and service projects.**

We are also seeking nominations for officers to serve in the 2025-26 season.

Officer Roles

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Secretary

Open Service Opportunities

George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest
Student Education
Senior Education
Flag Respect

Serving Our Veterans

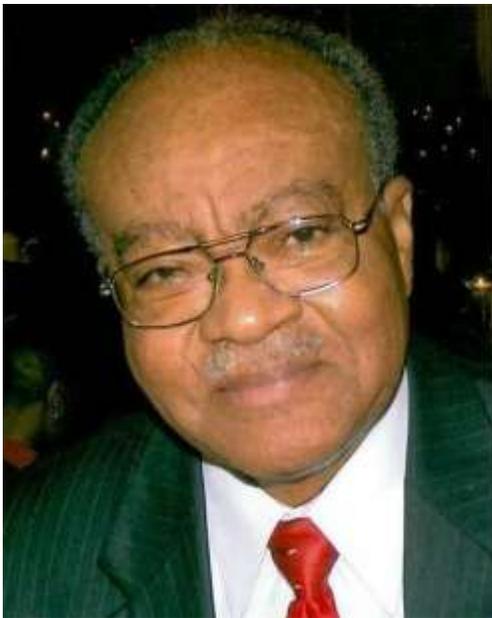
RIGHT: Chapter Chaplain John Titus presents a portion of the coupon books to Gwen Ramos, Chief of Civic Development and Civic Engagement at the VAH

Throughout this year our membership has made cash donations toward purchasing coupon books for our veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital. This year our chapter was able to fund 160 coupon books.

We are grateful to our Chapter's Chaplain, John Titus, for shepherding this initiative and, on December 16th this year, presenting our contributions to Gwen Ramos, Chief of Civic Development and Civic Engagement at the VAH.



In Memoriam



We mourn the loss of our compatriot Lt. Colonel Joe Lewis Anderson, Sr. who passed away December 4th. He has been interred in the Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury, NC.

He was an Army ROTC graduate from North Carolina A & T State University and was assigned to the Adjutant General Corps. After serving two years on active duty, he remained in the Army Reserves and retired as a Lt. Colonel.

He also had a long career with Eastman Kodak ultimately retiring as a Senior Human Resources Manager.

We thank Chapter Chaplain John Titus for conveying our deepest sympathies.

Upcoming Events



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference

January 31, 2025 & February 1, 2025

Hilton Atlanta Northeast
5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.,
Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092-3416
Phone: 770-447-4747

<https://gasocietysar.org/gassar-annual-conference-2025/>

There are two ways to register for the annual conference.

1. Register Online and Pay Online via PayPal
2. Register by USPS via hardcopy form

Both are available on the GASSAR website above.

Conference Hotel Information

Hilton Atlanta Northeast
5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092-3416

Reservation by Phone: 770-447-4747,
Use Group Code 900 (nine, zero and letter O)
Rooms: \$149 plus taxes (Rate guaranteed through January 21, 2025).

You may make your room reservation using the link available on the GASSAR website.
You may also call the hotel to make your reservation.

246th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek

Revolutionary Days

February 7th, 8th & 9th, 2025

On **Friday**, the **GASSAR Color Guard** will present the **Colors at a 1:30 p.m.** ceremony in Elijah Clarke State Park, and the GASSAR Militia will salute Col. Clarke with a musket volley.

Also, on Friday, the KCBA will conduct **tours of the Kettle Creek Battlefield beginning at 11 a.m.** and continuing throughout the day.

Saturday will be full of celebratory events beginning with the raising of the **Revolutionary War Colors at 9:50 a.m. and a Patriot Salute at 10:10** on the Washington town square.

Members of the GASSAR Color Guard and the Georgia Society Daughters of the American Revolution will portray American Revolution characters. Throughout the morning, visitors may talk to and take pictures with these living history performers. Colonial exhibits and demonstrations may be enjoyed in a building just off the town square.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the 10:30 parade, and participants will assemble behind the Washington Courthouse at 10 a.m.

At 11 a.m. an exciting battle re-enactment will take place behind the courthouse.

At 1 p.m. the celebration will move to the Kettle Creek Battlefield for the **2:30 wreath laying ceremony**. The GASSAR Color Guard will present the Colors and the GASSAR Militia will conduct a musket salute to the patriots who fought at the historic battle. A wreath-laying ceremony will be held for all who wish to honor the Patriots who fought at the Battle of Kettle Creek, and the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution will conduct the 13 Flag Ceremony.

On Sunday, the annual Colonial Worship Service will be at 9 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Washington. This service is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

**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**



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

11:30 a.m., Saturday, February 22, 2025

Join us in celebrating a successful year in 2024.

In 2025 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 2024 officers and chairmen and installation of chapter officers for 2025.**

Advance reservations are required and must be postmarked no later than February 10th. Please use the following reservation slip.

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.**



2024 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 17, 2024, to February 22, 2025, are as follows:

President	Dr. Paul Boshears
1st Vice President	TBD
2nd Vice President	TBD
Secretary	Al Adams
Treasurer	Richard Marsh
Registrar	Joseph H. Blackmon
Sergeant-At-Arms	Ben Jetter
Chancellor	Gregory Smith
Chaplain	John Titus
Historian	Ken Thomas
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.

Al Adams
Edward Moses Anderson Sr
G. Kathryn Anderson
Paul Leon Anderson
Bill Armstrong
Stuart Brady
Richard K. Brown
Sam Chafin
Philip Clinkscales III
Henry Cobb
John Coning
Ed Conley
Phil Curtis
Jim Freeman
Peggy Freeman
Bill Goodman
Gene Grasser
Tom Gurley
James Hankins
Joseph Hankins
Pat Hankins
Ann Hays

Bill Hays
Don Kenagy
Charles Lord
Katherine Lord
Bruce Maney
Charlie Maney
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Terry Manning
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Kathleen Ann Schroeder
Stephen D. Schroeder II
Korey Matthew Schroeder
Delbert Smith Jr.
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Ben Statham
Penn Templeman
John Titus
Bruce D. Wanamaker
Eugene Wilson
Mary Wilson
Richard Dean Williams
Elizabeth Kearsley Wysong
George Kearsley Wysong III

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.

