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Next Meeting – Thursday, May 8th @ Noon

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

Program speaker: Mac Irvin “The General and Augusta National”

This presentation will cover Ike as a cultural icon who almost certainly would never have been President without having been persuaded and assisted by a so-called “Gang” of friends, who were members of Augusta National Golf Course. These golf and bridge pals, including Atlanta’s beloved Bobby Jones, convinced Ike to return to the United States from Paris, where he was serving as the first commander of NATO forces, to throw his hat into the ring for the White House.

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.

The April Atlanta Chapter Meeting



The April membership meeting was an open discussion about the Atlanta Chapter’s past, present and future. A brief history of the National SAR, the Georgia Society, and the Atlanta Chapter was given by moderator, Al Adams. The idea was stressed that the Atlanta Chapter’s leadership was vital in many large projects and is part of our legacy. We discussed the Atlanta Chapter’s Sacred Soils Project, the Bushnell Monument construction, Kettle Creek, Heroes of the Hornet’s Nest celebration, Fort Morris Research, and our largest project to date, the book organized and written by David Noble and Richard Marsh, “Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1775-1783”. Discussion was held about future projects, and the membership was encouraged to get involved in Chapter & Georgia Society events either as part of committee, the Color Guard or by becoming an officer.

Above photo: Compatriot Daniel Meacham, left, is presented his NSSAR Supplemental Ancestor Certificate to Patriot Irby Hudson from Atlanta Chapter First Vice President Al Adams, right, during the April luncheon.

Atlanta Chapter Program Activities



Atlanta Chapter Compatriot, GASSAR Chaplain Ed Anderson at the BOM in Barnesville

April was a very busy month, including JROTC Ceremonies, the Georgia Society Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville, judging of the State level Elementary School Poster Contest, and judging the GASSAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. All this happening around Lineage Fortnight in DC. This year we also had the NSSAR April Special of 50% off of New Member Application Fees. The 50% off program was so successful our GASSAR secretary said the NSSAR Genealogy department is overwhelmed with new member applications. So, do not expect to see the discount again any time in the near future! The Atlanta Chapter even took advantage of the program signing a new member applicant!



Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith was a GASSAR judge for both the Elementary School Poster Contest & Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest held after the BOM in Barnesville, GA.



Five poster entries were submitted to GASSAR to be judged, photo left. The winning Elementary School Poster, above, was submitted by the Piedmont Chapter and will advance to the Nation competition held in July during 2025 NSSAR Congress.

The National Society SAR developed the Elementary School Poster Contest to help stimulate interest in and aid the study of American History in the 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade Curriculum (depending on the grade the subject is taught). This Contest also includes; Cub Scouts, Brownies, Children of the American Revolution and other youth organizations recognized by the NSSAR Council of Youth Programs Committee in addition to public, private, parochial, or home schools.

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

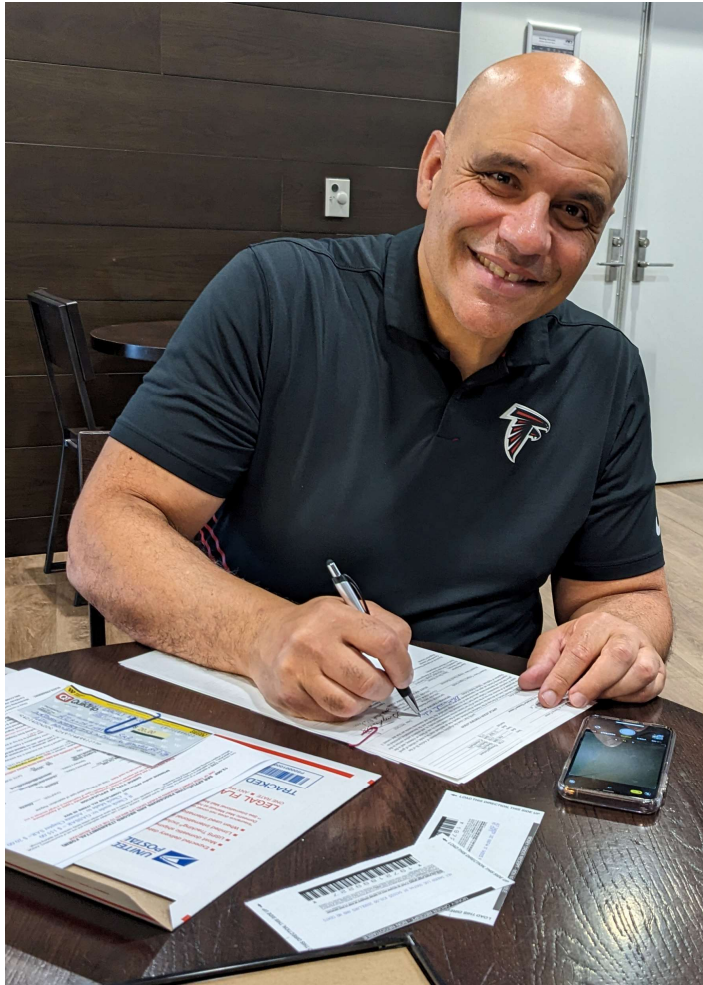


Rumbaugh Historical Oration Chairman Chuck Garnett, right, with GASSAR Oration winner, left, Asa Scott representing the Ocmulgee Chapter.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest invites all students attending 9th through 12th grades in public, parochial or private schools; or home-school students studying at the same grade levels. The preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local chapter level. Students have the opportunity to advance to the state or national levels where scholarships and cash prizes are awarded. It is our intent that the contest will continue to expand on all levels and bring the voices of our young patriots to greater light across our entire nation.

Participants must write an original oration of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. The oration must be delivered from memory and without the use of notes or any kind of props. The subject of the oration shall deal with an event, a personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War with a mention of our nation's 250th anniversary celebration. It is essential that each oration show the relationship it bears to America today. Evidence of historical research and creative presentation are also important. The oration will be judged based upon its composition, delivery, significance, historical accuracy and relevance to our 250th anniversary. Cash prizes are awarded at the Chapter level of \$ 100 from our Atlanta Chapter, State level prizes are 1st place \$ 550 and 2nd place \$ 400, and much, much more at the NSSAR National level. The contests usually begin at the local SAR chapter level, usually held in January. The Chapter winners then advance to compete at their state society contest. The GASSAR winner for 2025 is Asa Scott, who will advance to the National contest which concludes at Congress in July.

SAR New Member Applicant



Meet Nate Kelsey, left, director of Public Safety for AMB Sports + Entertainment, Atlanta Chapter's newest New Member Applicant for the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Nate's mother joined & was accepted as a member of the NSDAR in December of 2017 through her Patriot ancestor of Thomas Connor of Berks County Pennsylvania who was a Sergeant in the 11th Regiment of the Continental Line. Thomas Connor was born in County Donegal, Ireland in 1738 and died circa 1800 in Berks County Pennsylvania. It is amazing how many Atlanta Chapter members have proven Patriots from this area of Pennsylvania, including our own George K. Wysong III.

Nate is extremely excited to become an SAR member and is interested in becoming an active member of the Color Guard! So, keep him on your radar for a musket and uniform. Nate started his SAR application the last week of March, so we were able to get his application signed, then through the Georgia Society in time to take advantage of the NSSAR April program which discounted the New Member Application fees. However, his application was quite easy only requiring an acceptable NSDAR official Record Copy and a long form birth Certificate as proofs.

As an added bonus the Atlanta chapter went to Mercedes-Benz Stadium for Nate to sign his New Member SAR Application, so we also awarded our 4th Flag Certificate of the year to Mercedes-Benz Stadium on April 24th, below.



May JROTC Ceremony

The JROTC Ceremony date below still needs Atlanta Chapter members to volunteer as SAR Bronze Medal presenters. Please reach out to the Chapter President Gregory Smith, or contact us through the "Contact Us" link @ www.saratlanta.org

Chamblee High School Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 5 p.m.

April JROTC Ceremonies



Atlanta Chapter Registrar Joseph Blackmon, center, with Cadet Cameron Brown, left, and LTC Hayes, at Jackson High School



Photo above left, Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith, right, with Cadet Jahari Pierce, center, & LTC Powers, left, at Douglas High School. Photo above right, Atlanta Chapter past President Barrett Hanson with Cadet Justin Pointer at Booker T. Washington High School.



Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith, left, with Cadet Lea Holmes, right, at Carver High School on April 18th



Photo left, Cadet Jeremiah Smith with Atlanta Chapter Registrar Joseph Blackmon, right, at Mays High School the on 23rd of April. Photo above right, Cadet Randy Rios-Montoya, left, with Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith at B.E.S.T. Academy on April 16th.

Charlemagne Officers Installed in Washington DC



Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith stands with General Officers of the Crown of Charlemagne as they are installed Thursday April 10th 2025 in Washington DC



Order of the Crown of Charlemagne Historian General Gregory E. Smith with Elizabeth K. Wysong after being installed during the Annual Gala.

On Thursday April 10th 2025 our Atlanta Chapter SAR President had the honor of being installed as the 2025-2027 Historian General of The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne USA at their Annual White Tie Gala and Dinner at the Metropolitan Club in Washington DC.

The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne was organized in the United States on January 1, 1939 and incorporated in the District of Columbia on October 10, 1939. It is an independent patriotic and lineal society named in honor of the Emperor Charles the Great (742-814) and also named after an ancient noble and chivalric order in Europe which, according to tradition, was instituted by the Emperor in 802 to distinguish and honor his most valiant warriors who fought in the war against the Saxons.

Ladies and gentlemen are eligible for membership if they can prove beyond doubt their descent from the Emperor Charlemagne.

Applicants must be proposed in writing by two members or approved by the Admission Committee of the Order to whom they are known personally. Letters of proposal and endorsement are sent to the Registrar General, who, with the approval of the Admission Committee, will invite the prospect to become a member.



250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program

National Society, Sons of the American Revolution



The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers any event celebrating and promoting the 250th Anniversary. This therefore will cover any public events celebrating and promoting the 250th Anniversary in the period from 2014 to 2033. Forms may be submitted for multiple years Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. The awarding authority for each medal is as follows. The Bronze Medal is authorized and recorded by the local chapter. The Silver Medal is Authorized and recorded by the state society. The Gold Medal only is authorized and recorded by the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee. **Only Gold Medal applications should be submitted to the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee using the email address below:**

PLEASE SUBMIT TO: 250AnniversaryRecognition@sar.org.

Upon approval of the Gold Medal an email will be sent to the individual authorizing them to purchase the 250th Anniversary Gold Medal from merchandising.



➤ **Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:**

- Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
 - Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
 - Attending an Event (3 points)
 - Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)
- Points are cumulative. The maximum points that can be awarded for any one event is 28 points.

➤ **SAR Members may be awarded the Medals for achieving the following levels:**

- Bronze Medal: 25 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state.
- Silver Medal: 60 promotion points as certified by his state society.
- Gold Medal: 150 promotion points as certified by the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee.

➤ **Non-SAR members may also be awarded these medals:**

- The chapter may present bronze awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the state or national society for higher recognition.
- The state and district may present silver awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the national society for higher recognition.
- The national society may present gold awards to its Partners in Patriotism.

➤ **Streamer.** Streamers are available for chapters, state societies and districts to present to Partners in Patriotism for attendance or participation in a 250th Anniversary Event. i.e. Scouting Units, DAR Chapters, etc. They are available for purchase from merchandising at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Name of Candidate:		National Number:	
E-mail:		Phone:	
Type Submission:		Chapter:	
Name of Submitter:		State Society:	
Date Submitted:		Organization Size:	

<u>Event</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>	<u>Committee/ Sub-Committee</u>	<u>Date of Service</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>
	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>20</u>			
	<u>Planning/Non-Leadership</u>	<u>10</u>			
	<u>Attend Event</u>	<u>3</u>			
	<u>Attend in Colonial Attire</u>	<u>5</u>			



Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR

**GRAVE DEDICATION
AND
WREATH CEREMONY**

Honoring

*23 Revolutionary War
Patriots*

**Saturday, May 10, 2025
10am**

**Nazareth Presbyterian Church
680 Nazareth Church Road
Moore, SC 29369**



2025 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 22, 2025, to February 21, 2026, are as follows:



President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Registrar
Chancellor
Chaplain
Historian
Sergeant at Arms
Information Technology

Gregory E. Smith
Robert “Al” Adams
Jarvis Bronner
Robert “Al” Adams
Richard Marsh
Joseph H. Blackmon
Mark Bell
John Titus
Ken Thomas
Ben Jetter
Richard Marsh



2025 Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Officers

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. Donations toward chapter sponsored events such as Wreaths Across America also credit toward the Atlanta Fellow program.

Our newest Atlanta Fellows in 2025 is Paul Boshears. We thank all of our Atlanta Fellows for their support and encourage others to join their ranks!

Atlanta Fellows

2025



Al Adams

Edward Moses Anderson Sr.

G. Kathryn Anderson

Paul Leon Anderson

Bill Armstrong

Paul Boshears

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

Ginny Manning

Terry Manning

Richard Marsh

Barry N. Miller

Joy Miller

Ted McMullan

Theodore Mullin

Lowrey McNeel

Joe Meyer

Charlie Newcomer

Alice Noble

David Noble

James Noble

Ray Patton

Joyce Patton

Lou Reddick

Ed Rigel, Sr.

Joan Rigel

Robert Miller Rogers

Stephen D. Schroeder

Kathleen Ann Schroeder

Stephen D. Schroeder III

Korey Matthew Schroeder

Delbert Smith Jr.

William Smith III

Gregory Eugene Smith

Ben Statham

Penn Templeman

John Titus

Bruce D. Wanamaker

Eugene Wilson

Mary Wilson

Richard Dean Williams

Elizabeth Kearsley Wusong

George Kearsley Wusong III

Veterans Respect Activities

Our chapter has donated close to \$ 6,000.00 to the VA since this project began 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, 2025, please report the details to our Chaplain John Titus.

