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Next Meeting – Thursday, June 12th @ Noon

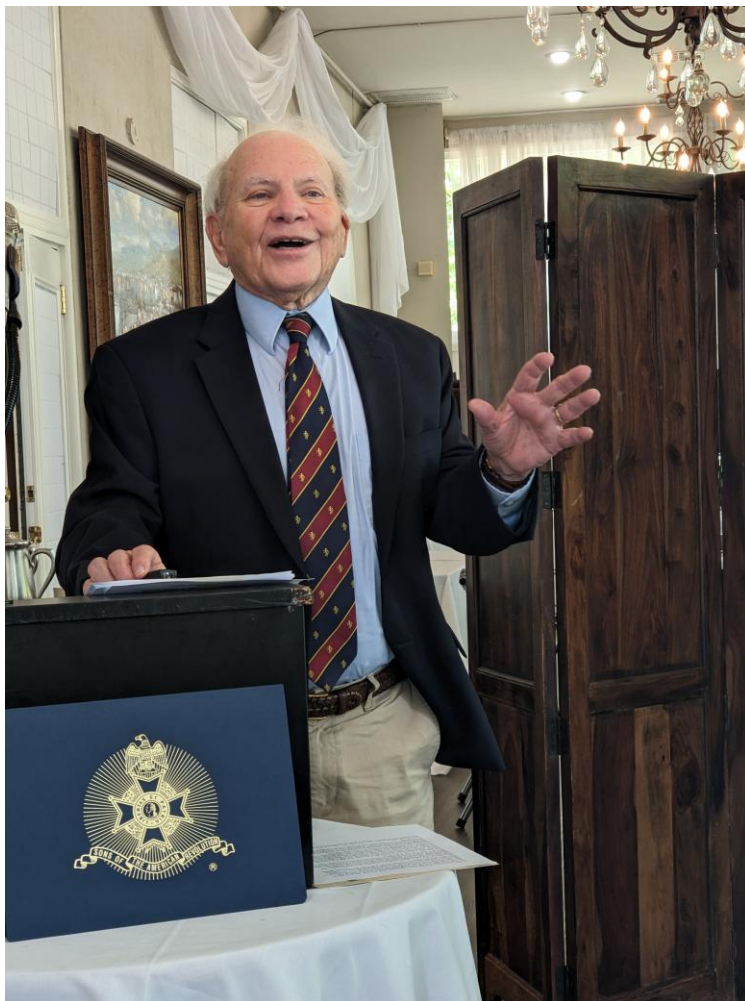
At the Petite Violette Restaurant, 2948 Clairmont Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329

Program speaker: GASSAR 1st VP Bill Tankersley “A Horse named Independence”

This presentation will cover Compatriot Bill Tankersley’s 4th great-grandfather and patriot, John Tankersley, a Captain of Militia from Spotsylvania County, VA, who moved to Columbia County, GA after the Revolutionary War.

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 May Atlanta Chapter Meeting



May was a busy month for the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution starting with 1st Vice President Al Adams presenting the SAR Bronze JROTC medal to Chamblee High School Cadet Sergio Romero. The next day, the Atlanta Chapter presented the SAR Bronze JROTC medal to Cadet Lawrence Fullo at Druid Hills High School.

Our May Atlanta Chapter luncheon program speaker was Mac Irvin with “The General and Augusta National”. He detailed how Ike was 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 throw his hat into the ring for the White House.

During the luncheon we presented several Military Recognition Awards to Chapter Compatriots: LTC Derrick Deeds received the SAR War Service Medal & NSSAR Southwest Asia Veterans Service Corps Recognition Certificate; SSG Ben Jetter, Jr. received the SAR Military Service Medal & Military Service Veterans Corps Recognition Certificate; and Capt. John Hines, Sr. received the NSSAR Military Service Veterans Corps Recognition Certificate. The Atlanta Chapter thanks them for their Military service.

The May Atlanta Chapter luncheon program speaker at Petite Violette Restaurant was Mac Irvin with “The General and Augusta National”



Compatriots SSG Ben Jetter, Jr., left, receives the SAR Military Service Medal for his service in the United States Army and LTC Derrick Deeds, center, receives the SAR War Service Medal for his service in the United States Marine Corps and deployment to Southwest Asia, from Atlanta chapter 1st Vice President Al Adams, right. The SAR War Service Medal, SAR Military Service Medal and the Veterans Corps Recognition Certificates are awarded after submitting your DD214 to the SAR Military Service Veterans Corps Recognition Program & Chapter leadership.



After Compatriots submit their Military Service record as proof of Military Service for the SAR Military Service/War Medals they are then enrolled into the NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition program. Above SSG Ben Jetter, Jr., left, and Capt. John Hines, Sr., center right, receive their NSSAR Military Service Veterans Corps Recognition Certificate, as LTC Derrick Deeds, center left, receives the NSSAR Southwest Asia Veterans Service Corps Recognition Certificate for their Military Service to the United States, with Atlanta chapter 1st Vice President Al Adams, right. To enroll in the NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition program, send your Chapter President your DD-214.

Memorial Day



Atlanta Chapter Chaplain Compatriot John Titus is shown at the Johns Creek replica of the Vietnam War Memorial, paying a personal tribute on Memorial Day to Captain Robert E. Harris, USMC with whom he served in the 2d Battalion, 6th Marines by saluting his sacrifice and service to our nation.

The Georgia Society SAR had a large number of Color Guard activities in May. Please remember everyone is invited to attend these. Some of the events held were: May 13th - Liberty Tree Marking in Demorest; May 17th - Mountain Laurel Festival in Clarkesville; and a very busy Saturday on May 24th with events held at the Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Snellville Memorial Day Ceremony and the Oconee Veterans Park Memorial Day Ceremony in Watkinsville.

Attendance at events like above are always greatly appreciated and a great way to become involved in the Georgia Society. Whether it be in attendance or as a member of the SAR Color Guard, find what part of the SAR appeals to you, then honor your Ancestors by being an active member in the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. All of the GASSAR events are detailed on the Georgia Society Website event calendar for 2025 and can be found at:

<https://gasocietysar.org/events/>

When attending any NSSAR event please send your Chapter President a photo and caption for inclusion in Tidbits!

May JROTC



Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Al Adams, right, with Cadet Sergio Romero Mendez, left, at Chamblee High School

250th Anniversary Lexington & Concord



Photo right, George Wysong, right, views Lexington's 2025 Patriots' Day Parade with daughters Alexandra, left, Cassandra, center, and wife Brenda, not pictured.

The reenactment of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride on April 18, 1775, kicked off the commemorative events, as he rode on horseback from Charlestown to Lexington to warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams of the impending British raid. His arrival set in motion the chain of events that led to armed rebellion on Lexington Green at dawn the next day, when British soldiers arrived on April 19, 1775.

On Saturday, April 19, the Lexington Minute Men conducted the 250th reenactment of the Civilian Evacuation and Battle of Lexington on the historic Battle Green. The dramatic portrayal was followed by Lexington's 2025 Patriots' Day Parade, celebrating the enduring legacy of the Revolutionary War.

According to the Lexington History Museums, on the night of April 18, 1775, more than 700 British soldiers set out from Boston to



In April, Atlanta Chapter member George K. Wysong (pictured left) traveled with his family to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Lexington and Concord—a four-day event honoring the historic moments that set our nation on the path to independence. On April 19, 1775, the "shot heard 'round the world" signaled the start of the American Revolutionary War, marking a pivotal turning point in history. Long associated with the Battles of Lexington and Concord, this defining moment is now commemorated annually as Patriots' Day. This National NSSAR Event was part of the America 250 Program, which commemorates a decade of the American Revolution. Participation in the 250th Anniversary events earns points toward the Bronze, Silver, and Gold NSSAR 250th Anniversary Medals.

The historic journey began in Boston, where the Sons of Liberty orchestrated a signal from the tallest church steeple to alert Concord of the British army's route of march. Two lanterns, displayed in the Old North Church steeple, signified that the regulars were crossing Boston Harbor ("one if by land, two if by sea"). As Paul Revere and William Dawes rode through the surrounding towns, others joined the effort, sounding alarms with ringing church bells and warning shots. Minutemen and local militia assembled on town greens, ensuring that by the time the British forces crossed Boston Harbor to Lechmere Point, word of their mission had already reached Concord.



Concord, determined to destroy a cache of ammunition and supplies meant for an anticipated conflict. As dawn broke the following morning, the Lexington town militia stood resolute, prepared to block their advance. The two forces faced off on the town common—then, a single, mysterious shot rang out. The British soldiers opened fire, and when the smoke cleared, eight Americans lay dead, ten more wounded. In that moment, the war for independence had begun.



Atlanta Chapter Places US Flags on Patriot Graves



Eugene Wilson, left, heads up a team to place U.S. Flags on Patriot Graves at the Historic Decatur Cemetery in 2019.

Mark your Calendar & Meet Us at the Historic Decatur Cemetery Friday, June 27th at 9 a.m. to place U.S. Flags on Patriot Graves!

Each year during the last week of June, the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Graves Committee prepares for the upcoming Fourth of July celebrations by placing fresh U.S. National Flags on all accessible known Patriot graves in our area of responsibility within the Metro Atlanta Region.

On Friday, June 27, the Atlanta Chapter Patriot Graves Committee dedicates the final day to honoring Patriots in the Historic Decatur Cemetery. This special event invites all Atlanta Chapter members and their families to help place flags on the Patriot & Compatriot graves located within this historic cemetery. Afterward, all are welcome to join the Graves Committee in marking four additional Patriot graves at the Old Fellowship Primitive Baptist Cemetery in Tucker, completing the group's grave-marking duties.

This year, the Graves Committee will visit eight Metro Atlanta cemeteries, honoring 16 Patriot graves, four Atlanta Chapter Compatriot graves and one Veteran of the War of 1812.



CHESTATEE RIVER CHAPTER, NSDAR

Invites you to

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE DEDICATION OF OUR
CHAPTER'S AMERICA 250!
COMMEMORATIVE MARKER AT
THE CUMMING CITY CENTER
VETERANS MEMORIAL**

Monday, June 9, 2025

11:00 A.M.

**LOU SOBH AMPHITHEATER
450 VISION DRIVE CUMMING, GA**

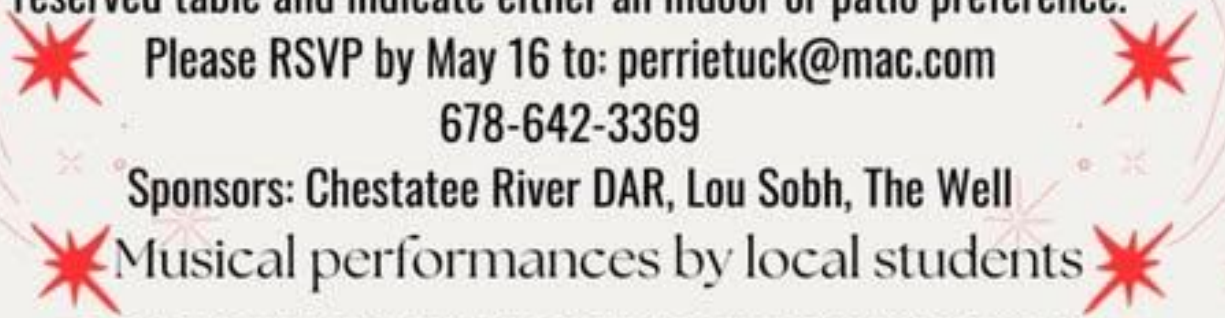
**All are invited to attend a reception that will follow at The Well Restaurant
located on the lower level of City Center.**

**The Well has also created a special America 250! -themed lunch menu.
If you plan to stay for lunch, please RSVP with the number in your party for a
reserved table and indicate either an indoor or patio preference.**

**Please RSVP by May 16 to: perrietuck@mac.com
678-642-3369**

Sponsors: Chestatee River DAR, Lou Sobh, The Well

Musical performances by local students



Patriot Grave Marking

https://www.virginiasar.org/washington_grave_donation



For those who are unable to attend the Patriot Grave Marking for George Washington at Mount Vernon on June 14, 2025, you can receive credit toward your SAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal for George Washington by contributing \$60 to help fund this ceremony.

These costs include a live NSSAR wreath to remain at the tomb throughout the day and carnations to be laid at the tomb by participants.

For those who would like to sponsor the ceremony in this way, please use the Blue link above to register your contribution. A letter will be provided to you verifying your financial assistance.

Your support is appreciated.

Join us for the SAR Army 250 National Commemoration on Saturday, June 14, 2025, honoring the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army! NATIONAL SPONSORED EVENT

Events will take place at George Washington's Mount Vernon and the National Museum of the United States Army.

Highlights include:

George Washington's Mount Vernon 9am–12pm

- 250 Ceremony @ 10am
- SAR Patriot Grave Marking for George and Martha Washington @ 11am
- Luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn @ 12 Noon

National Museum of the U.S. Army 2–5pm

- Exclusive Tour of New Revolutionary War 250 Exhibit 2–5pm

Army 250th Gala Dinner – Hosted by George Washington 6–9pm

On June 14, 2025, George Washington's Mount Vernon will host a special event to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States Army, including an SAR Patriot grave marking ceremony for George and Martha Washington. This event, part of the National SAR 250th Commemoration, will also feature a 250th ceremony, a luncheon, and a gala dinner.

<https://www.virginiasar.org/usarmy250>

250th U.S. Army Commemoration

Saturday, June 14, 2025 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM EDT

Category: NATIONAL SPONSORED EVENT



14th Annual Gwinnett Flag Day Ceremony

Saturday, June 14, 2025

10:00 AM

VFW Post 5255

368 Grayson Highway

Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Join us as we celebrate our Nation's
symbol of freedom with our 2025 theme:

"STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER"

Refreshments available before and after the ceremony.

www.GwinnettFlagDay.org

Follow us on Facebook: Gwinnett Flag Day

Flag Retirement Ceremony



The Robert Forsyth & Piedmont Chapters, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, invite you to attend our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony:

This is a special year for this annual event, in that it is the first time Flag Day is a NSSAR recognized National Event, and is also the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the US Army.

Please spread the word to all organizations, and any person who would like to attend a ceremony giving honor to our nation.

Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Ingram Funeral Home
210 Ingram Avenue
Cumming, Georgia 30040

Directions: One block from Downtown Cumming Courthouse Square. North on Hwy 9. Turn left on Ingram Ave.

The ceremony will be held in the Chapel.

For additional information contact: Emil Decker eldecker@weegrr.com

Genealogical & Historical Room Annual Research Day

Saturday, July 12, 2025

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Washington Memorial Library

1180 Washington Avenue, Macon, GA 31201

**Join us for a day of help from researchers who can
assist you with your genealogical questions.**

Presented by:



**Central Georgia Genealogical Society
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Mary Hammond Washington DAR Chapter
Sukey Hart DAR Chapter
Lt. James Monroe DAR Chapter
Lamar-Lafayette DAR Chapter
National Society United States Daughters of 1812
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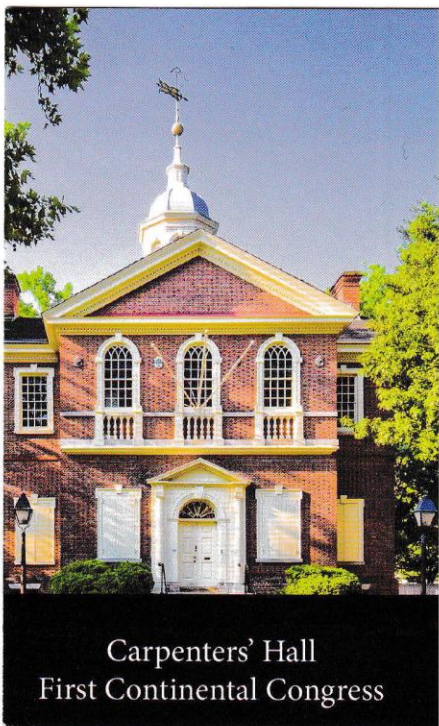


Don't forget pencils, paper and laptops.

**DAR, SAR & 1812 Questions: Sandra Darby (478)
747-7529**

**CGGS Questions: Georgette Lipford (478) 396-
3226**

No reservations required. Questions? Call (478) 310-2129



Carpenters' Hall
First Continental Congress

Image: Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia, home of the First Continental Congress (September 5 - October 26, 1774)



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www.sar.org

The Sons of the American Revolution
Commemorates the 250th Anniversary
of the First Continental Congress.

*"We ask but for Peace,
Liberty, and Safety."*

Our Mission

Quote: Excerpt from the Petition to King George III, October 25, 1774

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

Won't You Join Us?

This country was founded by brave men and women who were willing to sacrifice everything in order to create the country we love today.

Do you have what it takes to carry on that legacy?

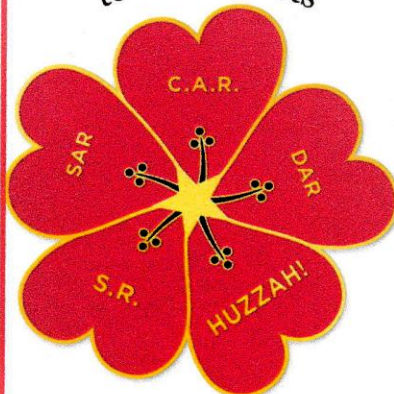
Where does your American story begin?

Let us help you find out.



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HUZZAH!
to our Patriots



2025-2026 Georgia C.A.R.

As we celebrate **America250**, families are traveling and exploring historical sites with the desire to learn more about the historical foundation of our great nation. There are not enough historians and docents to satisfy this emerging curiosity.

The Georgia State Project is an attempt to satisfy this desire for knowledge while also inspiring future patriots to rise up and be patriotic contributors to a brighter future.

Our goal is to raise \$12,500 to acquire historical story boards to tell the story of Georgia patriots at historical sites. To meet this goal we need 250 compatriots to give \$50.00 to keep the legacy of Georgia's patriots alive.

Support Georgia State Project
HUZZAH! to our Patriots



Sponsor the 87th State Conference
in LaGrange, GA at the
The Great Wolf Lodge

Link: <https://www.gsscar.org/2025-2026-state-project-theme>



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>			

NSSAR Proposed Bylaws by the VASSAR

A vote on the below by Congress Delegates will take place in July during NSSAR Congress

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April 28, 2025

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809 W. Main Street
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Secretary General Elston and Executive Director Michael Scroggins,

Please find enclosed proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society approved, adopted, and proposed by the Virginia Society pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution and Bylaw 35, respectively. These proposed amendments were considered at our annual meeting on February 8, 2025, and all but one (relating to the Genealogy Committee) were unanimously adopted and approved by our membership for proposal to the delegates at the next Annual Congress; the proposed amendment relating to the Genealogy Committee was also adopted and approved for proposal to the delegates at the next Annual Congress but not unanimously.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. Bylaw 7: Providing for a Financial Professional in the Role of Treasurer General
2. Article IV, Sec. 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws 3, 5A (new) and 6: Creating the Position of Executive Vice President General
3. Article III(5) of the Constitution and Bylaw 1: Memorial Membership
4. Bylaw 1: Provisional Membership
5. Bylaw 2: At-Large Membership
6. Bylaw 18: The Executive Committee
7. Bylaw 19: The Genealogy Committee
8. Bylaw 21: The Nominating Committee

In accordance with Article VIII of the Constitution and Bylaw 35, I respectfully request that you notify each of the General Officers, members of the Executive Committee, National Trustees, State Society Presidents and Secretaries of the proposed amendments no later than 45 days prior to the convening of the 135th Annual Congress in Uncasville, CT.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Weyler, Ph.D.

Amend NSSAR Constitution, Art. III and Bylaw 1 to expand the availability of memorial memberships.

Current Wording	Revision	New Wording
<p><u>Article III (5).</u> (5) a Memorial Member is a deceased male of the same family as a current member as defined in subsections (1)-(4), whose application and payment have been submitted in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society.</p> <p><u>Bylaw 1, Section 7.</u> Section 7. A memorial membership to the National Society shall be made available for deceased males of the same family as current members. The memorial membership application shall be on the same genealogical line and shall be connected by relationships not to exceed two generations removed from the line of the family member whose application upon which it is based (e.g. father, grandfather, uncle, grand-uncle, brother, son, grandson, nephew, or grand-nephew). The application fee, the form and the procedure for a memorial membership shall be the same as is provided for in these Bylaws. Assignment of National and State</p>	<p><u>Article III (5).</u> (5) a Memorial Member is a deceased male of the same family as a current member as defined in subsections (1)-(4), whose application and payment have been submitted in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society.</p> <p><u>Bylaw 1, Section 7.</u> Section 7. A memorial membership to the National Society shall be made available for deceased males at the request of a deceased male's relative by blood, marriage or adoption within two generations. of the same family as current members. The memorial membership application shall be on the same genealogical line and shall be connected by relationships not to exceed two generations removed from the line of the family member whose application upon which it is based (e.g. father, grandfather, uncle, grand-uncle, brother, son, grandson, nephew, or grand-nephew). The application fee, the form and the procedure for a memorial membership</p>	<p><u>Article III (5).</u> (5) a Memorial Member is a deceased male, whose application and payment have been submitted in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society.</p> <p><u>Bylaw 1, Section 7.</u> Section 7. A memorial membership to the National Society shall be made available for deceased males at the request of a deceased male's relative by blood, marriage or adoption within two generations. The application fee, the form and the procedure for a memorial membership shall be the same as is provided for in these Bylaws. Assignment of National and State membership number shall be as prescribed by the Registrar General.</p>

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Rationale: The memorial membership has been a popular way to preserve the memory and genealogy of eligible men who did not join the SAR during their lifetimes. The proposed amendment will expand the availability of memorial memberships beyond relatives of the current members of the SAR and will introduce new genealogical lines of descent for future generations.

Amend Bylaw 1, Section 2, to provide for the status of “Provisional Member” while an application is pending at national headquarters. Conforming amendment to Bylaw 22.

Current Wording	Revision	New Wording
<p>Bylaw 1, Section 2. An applicant for membership shall be sponsored by two members in good standing and he shall make oath that the statements in his application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. If the application be approved by a State Society, an Officer of that Society shall send such application, together with the admission fee, to the Genealogist General, who shall examine the claims of the applicant for eligibility. No applicant shall be admitted to membership until the Genealogist General approves the application.</p> <p>Bylaw 22, Section 5, Paragraph 2. In computing the amount of dues to be paid by the State Society for any year, all members of such State Society, as shown by the records of the National Society, shall be counted, whose names have not, prior to January 31 of each year, been certified to the National Society to have been removed from the membership roster of such State Society.</p>	<p>Bylaw 1, Section 2.</p> <p>(a) An applicant for membership shall be sponsored by two members in good standing and he shall make oath that the statements in his application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. If the application be approved by a State Society, an Officer of that Society shall send such application, together with the admission fee, to the Genealogist General, who shall examine the claims of the applicant for eligibility. No applicant shall be admitted to membership until the Genealogist General approves the application.</p> <p>(b) When an application has been received by the Genealogist General, the applicant shall be deemed a Provisional Member and may</p>	<p>Bylaw 1, Section 2.</p> <p>(a) An applicant for membership shall be sponsored by two members in good standing and he shall make oath that the statements in his application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. If the application be approved by a State Society, an Officer of that Society shall send such application, together with the admission fee, to the Genealogist General, who shall examine the claims of the applicant for eligibility. No applicant shall be admitted to membership until the Genealogist General approves the application.</p> <p>(b) When an application has been received by the Genealogist General, the applicant shall be deemed a Provisional Member and may</p>

	<p>participate in SAR activities and events, including holding <i>pro tempore</i> positions, other than president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, at the chapter and state level at the discretion of the chapter or state society. Provisional Member status ends when the application is approved or denied by the Genealogist General, or the application is withdrawn.</p> <p>Bylaw 22, Section 5, Paragraph 2. In computing the amount of dues to be paid by the State Society for any year, all members of such State Society, as shown by the records of the National Society, <u>excluding Provisional Members,</u> shall be counted, whose names have not, prior to January 31 of each year, been certified to the National Society to have been removed from the membership roster of such State Society.</p>	<p>participate in SAR activities and events, including holding <i>pro tempore</i> positions, other than president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, at the chapter and state level at the discretion of the chapter or state society. Provisional Member status ends when the application is approved or denied by the Genealogist General, or the application is withdrawn.</p> <p>Bylaw 22, Section 5, Paragraph 2. In computing the amount of dues to be paid by the State Society for any year, all members of such State Society, as shown by the records of the National Society, excluding Provisional Members, shall be counted, whose names have not, prior to January 31 of each year, been certified to the National Society to have been removed from the membership roster of such State Society.</p>
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Rationale: Chapters and state societies have repeatedly raised the problem of maintaining an applicant's enthusiasm for SAR membership from the time an application is submitted and the time the application is reviewed and approved at the national headquarters. By designating an applicant as a "Provisional Member" once the application has been approved at the state level and received at the national headquarters, the chapter can begin integrating the applicant into the chapter's meetings and other activities. The bylaw would also provide state societies and chapters with the option to allow Provisional Members to hold positions at the state or chapter level. This will be particularly helpful to struggling chapters who can make use of an enthusiastic, energetic applicant sooner than is possible at present.

The amendment to Bylaw 22 is to make it absolutely clear that Provisional Members are not counted as members from whom a state society is required to collect and pay over national dues.

Amend Bylaw 2, to provide for national at-large membership.

Current Wording	Revision	New Wording
<p><u>Bylaw 2, Section 8.</u> Membership in the National Society shall be through a State Society. There shall be no National Memberships At-Large.</p>	<p><u>Bylaw 2, Section 8.</u> Membership in the National Society shall be through a State Society. There shall be no National Memberships At-Large.</p>	<p>Renumber the remaining paragraphs to account for the deletion of Section 8.</p>
<p><u>Bylaw 2, Section 10.</u> A member in good standing may demit from the State Society of which he is a member in order that he may transfer to another State Society of his choice; provided that his membership shall continue in the former until he be accepted as a member of the latter.</p>	<p><u>Bylaw 2, Section 10 9.</u> A member in good standing may demit from the State Society of which he is a member in order that he may transfer to another State Society of his choice <u>or to become an at-large member of the National Society unaffiliated with a State Society</u>; provided that his membership shall continue in the former until he be accepted as a member of the latter <u>another State Society or by the National Society as an at-large member. An at-large member of the National Society, who is not a National Life Member or an Emeritus Member, shall be responsible for submitting his annual dues to the Treasurer General by December 31 of the preceding year.</u></p>	<p><u>Bylaw 2, Section 9.</u> A member in good standing may demit from the State Society of which he is a member in order that he may transfer to another State Society of his choice or to become an at-large member of the National Society unaffiliated with a State Society; provided that his membership shall continue in the former until he be accepted as a member of another State Society or by the National Society as an at-large member. An at-large member of the National Society, who is not a National Life Member or an Emeritus Member, shall be responsible for submitting his annual dues to the Treasurer General by December 31 of the preceding year.</p>

Rationale: Permitting a national at-large membership is consistent with the goal of retaining existing members. The current requirement that SAR members also be a member of a State Society results in National Life Members and Emeritus Members being dropped from membership on the nonpayment of *state* dues. Additionally, to the extent that there are members who would remain as members of the SAR if they did not have to maintain their membership in a chapter or State Society, this will allow the SAR to retain those members and the annual dues paid by those members.

Spanish Contributions to the American Revolution



Coming in September: History Symposium in Constitution Hall Exploring Spanish Contributions to the American Revolution

Written By: Pamela Wright, President General

With celebrations for the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding approaching, we are excited to announce another DAR event to commemorate this important milestone! Later this fall, in conjunction with the [Queen Sofia Spanish Institute \(QSSI\)](#) and the [Fundación Ramon Areces \(FAA\)](#), our National Society will host a free two-day symposium in DAR Constitution Hall, September 19-20, 2025!

Spain and the Birth of American Democracy: A History Symposium will explore the role Spain played in the American Revolution. Scholars and other experts will provide details about Spanish Patriots and their contributions to American independence. Less widely known facts about the Revolutionary War and Spain's involvement will be showcased, including Spain's secret aid to the colonies and the role of the Spanish Navy alongside the French against the British.

The symposium will be free and open to the public. We encourage DAR members near and far to consider joining us for the two-day event and please share information about the symposium to others who may be interested. Pre-registration is required for the symposium

DAR has long sought to focus more attention on the Spanish contributions in our country's fight for Independence through expanding genealogical resources and honoring Spanish Patriots with historical markers here in the United States as well as in Spain. Our two countries have a long history and as we enhance research related to Spanish Patriots in our own DAR resources, this symposium will help continue to expand knowledge about Spain's role in the founding of our country to DAR members and the public alike.

2025 Chapter Officer Directory

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



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Secretary
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Registrar
Chancellor
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Historian
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Robert “Al” Adams
Richard Marsh
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Mark Bell
John Titus
Ken Thomas
Ben Jetter
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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



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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.

