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Next Meeting – Thursday, September 11th @ Noon

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

Program speaker: John Wesley Hines Sr. “The Overmountain Men”

This presentation will cover a group of American frontiersmen who lived west of the Appalachian Mountains, particularly in what is now East Tennessee and southwest Virginia. They played a crucial role in the American Revolutionary War, notably in the Southern campaign at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

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.

June Atlanta Chapter Meeting



Georgia Society SAR 1st Vice President William “Bill” Tankersley delivers the June Program.

The Atlanta Chapter SAR was honored to have the Georgia Society 1st Vice President William “Bill” Tankersley as our June Program speaker. Bill is a native of Columbia County, GA and retired from the Columbia and Richmond County Schools after 30 years. He currently teaches at North Augusta High School in SC. Bill joined the SAR in 2013 through the William Few Chapter in Augusta and is a founding member of the Little River Chapter in Lincoln. He has served as a Region VP for several years & serves as chapter Registrar.

Georgia Society 1st Vice President William “Bill” Tankersley’s June Program, “A Horse Named Independence”, covered Tankersley’s 4th great-grandfather and patriot, John Tankersley, a Captain of Militia from Spotsylvania County, VA. After the Revolutionary War, he moved to Columbia County, GA.

The program covered the life and Patriotic service of Captain John Tankersley, but also educated members on how useful Revolutionary War pension records and period newspaper articles can be. For example, you may not be able to find a pension record of the patriot you are searching for, but your patriot may be mentioned in the pension record of another soldier stating when and where both patriots served so also run a keyword search on the name.

During the luncheon we also presented the Atlanta Chapter President’s Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriots Al Adams, Bill Goodman and Joey Blackmon for giving their time to support the Chapter’s 2025 JROTC program. From March through May these compatriots presented the SAR Bronze JROTC Medals & Certificates to cadets at local High Schools JROTC Awards Ceremonies throughout Dekalb and Fulton Counties.

Compatriot Paul Anderson was presented the SAR “In Memory” Certificate in honor of his late brother & Atlanta Chapter Compatriot Joe Lewis Anderson Sr. who passed away last December. Later this year, Paul will present the certificate to his brother’s widow.



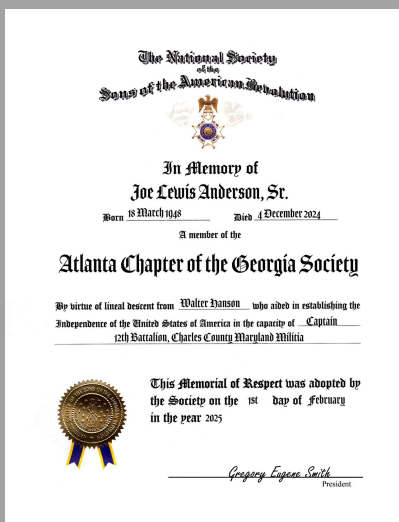
Georgia Society 1st VP William “Bill” Tankersley, left, poses with Compatriots Bill Goodman, Al Adams and Joey Blackmon after they received the Atlanta Chapter President’s Certificate of Appreciation for their support during the Atlanta Chapter’s 2025 JROTC program.



Left: Georgia Society 1st Vice President William “Bill” Tankersley, left, poses with Compatriot Paul Anderson, center, as he is presented the SAR “In Memory” Certificate by Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith, right, in honor of Anderson’s late brother & Atlanta Chapter Compatriot Joe Lewis Anderson Sr. who passed away last December. Paul will present the certificate later this year to his brother’s widow. The Andersons joined the NSSAR through Patriot Walter Hanson who was a Captain of the 12th Battalion of Charles County Maryland Militia.

Not pictured is Rev. Edward M. Anderson Sr. who is their older brother and currently serves as Chaplain of the GASSAR. Photo below left, the SAR “In Memory” Certificate.

Photo below right: Door Prize winners for June were Compatriots (left to right) Bill Goodman, John Titus, Ken Thomas, John Havick and John Hines Sr.



Patriot & Compatriot Graves



Above: Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith, left, Ron Tims, center, and Atlanta Chapter Flag Respect Chairman Wm. Patrick “Rick” Smith IV, right, gather at the Historic Decatur Cemetery on June 27. Below left, Flag Respect Chairman Wm. Patrick “Rick” Smith IV places a flag on his father’s grave at the Historic Decatur Cemetery. Below right, Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith, left, and Atlanta Chapter Flag Respect Chairman Wm. Patrick “Rick” Smith IV, at the grave of Patriot John Hays who served both North Carolina and Virginia during the Revolutionary War.

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 in Fulton & Dekalb Counties. This year,

the Graves Committee visited 8 Metro Atlanta Cemeteries containing 16 Patriot Graves and one Veteran of the War of 1812. We additionally placed 4 flags on Atlanta Chapter Compatriot graves located in the Historic Decatur Cemetery and one flag on the grave of Ann Parks Kirkpatrick, daughter of Revolutionary War Soldier Hugh Park.



Washington's Grave Marking at Mount Vernon



During June, the Atlanta Chapter was given a once in a lifetime opportunity to support the June 12th SAR Patriot Grave Marking of General George & Martha Washington at Mount Vernon by making a contribution toward the ceremony and the live NSSAR wreath. It remained at the tomb throughout the day along with red carnations laid by participants during the 250th anniversary ceremony honoring the U.S. Army. *(Photo left)*

More than 150 SAR compatriots, distinguished guests, and representatives from patriotic organizations gathered at George Washington's Mount Vernon to celebrate Flag Day and the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army. The event was hosted by the George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which honored the birth of America's first national institution and its enduring legacy.

June 14, 1775, marked the Continental Congress's call for the enlistment of expert riflemen, sparking the formation of the Continental Army. Just one day later, on June 15, General George Washington assumed command, bringing unity, vision, and resolve to the newly formed force that would carry a fledgling nation to victory. The day's commemorations began at sunrise at Mount Vernon where SAR presented a Flag Certificate to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. Secretary General Michael Elston led the ceremony, joined by Historian General Jeffrey Thomas, NSSAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, Scot Bryant, and guardsmen.



Dignitaries gathered for a poignant wreath-laying ceremony and a series of remarks. Speakers included National SAR officers and leaders from allied organizations, such as The American Legion, the NSDAR, and the Children of the American Revolution. The voices represented the full spectrum of our American patriotic tradition.

Compatriots from at least 15 states—including Alabama, Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Rhode Island, and West Virginia—joined their brethren from host state Virginia to show unity in purpose and shared reverence for American military heritage. The keynote address was delivered by Lieutenant General Leslie C. Smith, U.S. Army (Retired)



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
Major Philip Cook 1812 Chapter
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
Ocmulgee SAR Chapter**



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



Patriot Grave Marking

The Col. William Few and Washington Wilkes Chapters

Sons of the American Revolution

Request the honor of your presence

At the dedication of grave markers

Commemorating the service of Revolutionary War Soldier

Stephen Day

Saturday, August 2, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Please R.S.V.P.

Before July 30, 2025

If you plan to lay a wreath.

706 294-3022 or

Email: asmithserve@gmail.com



*The Market at Columbia County Government Complex
1005 Market Street
Evans, Ga 30809*

Next to the Performing Arts Center
Please provide your own chair

245th Anniversary of the
Battle of Camden

Saturday, August 16th

10am Commemorative Service
& Wreath Laying
Camden Battlefield, Pavilion Area
1606 Flat Rock Road

11:30am Wreath Laying
Honoring the Camden 12
Old Presbyterian Burying Ground,
Quaker Cemetery ~ 713 Meeting Street

12-1pm Drop-in with Chef Justin Cherry
McCaa Tavern, Historic Camden
222 Broad Street

R.s.v.p. to JohnCGoodwiniii@gmail.com



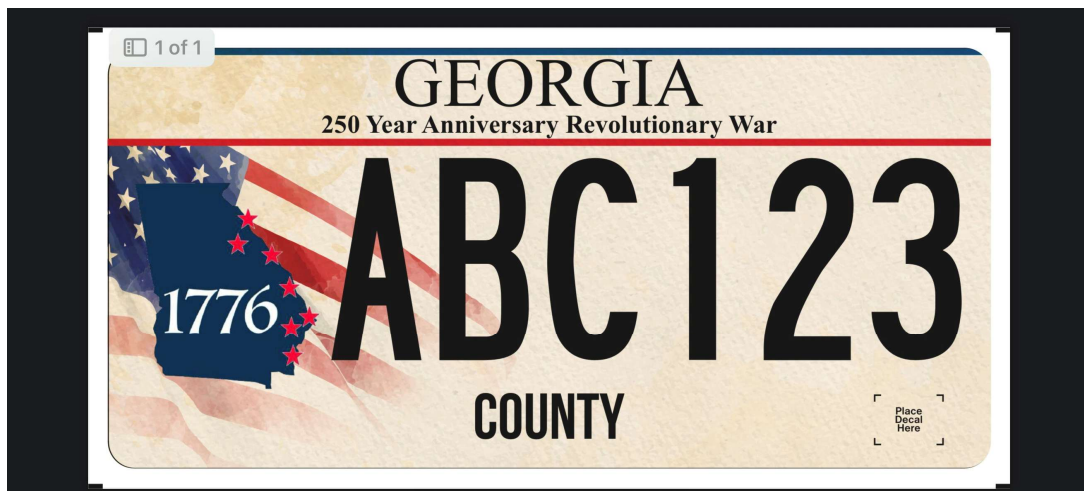
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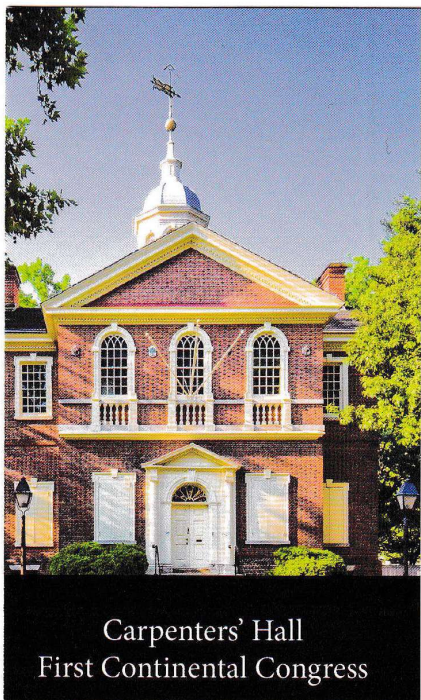
Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter



Daughters of the American Revolution
Hobkirk Hill Chapter
Joseph Kershaw Chapter



Georgia will have a special license plate to commemorate the United States' 250th anniversary from 2026 through 2030. The design was selected from submissions by Georgia middle school students. The bill authorizing the license plate specifies that it will be in addition to the regular license plates and will be available from January 1, 2026.



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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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?

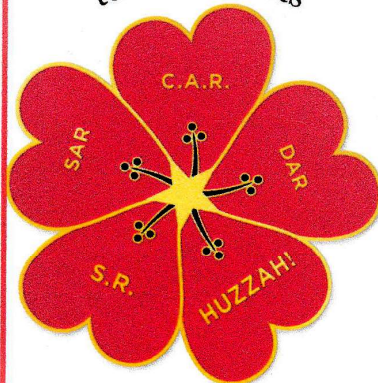
Where does your American story begin?

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>			

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:



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

Atlanta Fellows

Edward Moses Anderson Sr. 2025

Joe Lewis Anderson Sr.

Paul Leon Anderson

G. Kathryn Anderson

Al Adams

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

Loy 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 Wysong

George Kearsley Wysong 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.

