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Next Meeting – Thursday, October 9th @ Noon

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

Program speaker: John Titus “Benjamin Franklin - The Retirement Years”

This presentation will cover the last half of Franklin’s life and focus primarily on his roles as politician, diplomat and statesman. Franklin became wealthy through his successful printing business and the popular "Poor Richard's Almanack," enabling him to hire a partner to manage the daily operations while he focused on his passions. At the age of 42, his "retirement" involved significant public achievements, including his work as a diplomat, writer, inventor, and a key figure in the creation of the United States of America.

2026 Dues Season has started. Dues Notices have been sent out. Please check your email & Spam.

Remember those **soda can tabs** for donation to the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House; **magazines and toiletries** for veterans at the VA Hospital; and **paperback books** for the USO. A drop-off point at the table next to the registration table is set up to receive your donations.

September Chapter Meeting



Our Atlanta Chapter speaker for September was compatriot John Hines Sr., who delivered a program on the “The Overmountain Men”. Hines was inducted into the SAR in February 2025 during our George Washington’s Luncheon. Chapter leadership thanks compatriot Hines for his willingness to contribute to the Atlanta Chapter programs. During the luncheon we also had two compatriots who received NSSAR Supplemental Ancestor Certificates. Bill Goodman received his for proving his lineage to Patriot Absolom Bedell who was a Major under Col George Wells. Patriot Bedell was born in Pennsylvania, died in Greene County Georgia before 4 Oct 1802, and also served as a Justice in 1779-80. Atlanta Chapter Historian Kenneth Thomas, Jr. received two NSSAR Supplemental Ancestor Certificates for proving his lineage to Patriot ancestors Robert Brooks and Nicholas Christenbury. (below) Supplemental Ancestor Certificates help others to join the SAR, by providing a proof document & cited sources making it easier for new members to connect to a Patriot.

Compatriot John Wesley Hines Sr. (above) delivers the September program on “The Overmountain Men” who played a crucial role in the American Revolutionary War at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., right, speaks after receiving two NSSAR Supplemental Ancestor Certificates for Robert Brooks and Nicholas Christenbury, while compatriot Bill Goodman looks on, left.

Patriot Robert Brooks was from Mecklenburg Co., Virginia, and supplied food to the patriot forces as his patriot service qualification. He died in Mecklenburg County, VA, in 1806, leaving a large number of descendants who had even by then trickled on down to Edgefield Co., SC and later on to Georgia. Brooks is direct ancestor to Kenneth's maternal Grandfather, Joseph H. Brooks, III. Nicholas Christenbury, most likely born in Virginia, was living in Caswell County, NC, on the Virginia line, during the Revolutionary War. His patriot service is based on his applying for a land grant there, and to do so, you had to swear an oath supporting the patriot cause. After the Revolutionary War he moved to the Charlotte, NC area by 1790 and died there in 1813-1814. He left a large number of future descendants who are the subject of a book and for many decades a family reunion. This is the first line anyone has joined SAR on him, thus opening up a new line for many others to use to join.



September door Prize winners were, left to right, Al Adams with an SAR America 250th Pin; Kathryn Anderson won the Paul Nagel book, "Descent from Glory", about the John Adams family; Edward Anderson Sr. also won an SAR America 250th Pin; and Joey Blackmon won the Bill O'Reilly book, "Killing England". Please remember to check out the Calendar of events as there are many opportunities for involvement in SAR activities like Patriot Grave Markings and the Liberty Tree Memorial at the Carter Center on October 16th. Remember you are always welcome at any SAR Event!

Lincolnton 5 Patriot Grave Marking



On Saturday the 27th of September our Atlanta Chapter Co-Sponsored a 5 Patriot Grave Marking ceremony at St. Paul's Church in Lincolnton, GA. The Dedication Ceremony designed to honor the Revolutionary War Service of Patriots Hezekiah Bussey, Zachariah Spires, William Norman, Moses Jones and Isaac Cliatt, was originally to take place in the Church Cemetery, but due to pouring rain was held inside the Church Fellowship Hall. Still, the ceremony had all the usual wreaths, Color Guardsmen flags & muskets, minus the white smoke and tantalizing aroma of spent Black Powder from canon & musket fire. Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith presented the Atlanta Chapter Wreath and GASSAR Chaplain Edward M. Anderson Sr. gave the Invocation & Benediction.



Upcoming 2025 Events



From the GASSAR Hornet's Nest

Event	Location	Date	Status
Fall Leadership	Louisville, KY	Oct 2-4, 2025	National
Grave Marker Dedication	Fort Benning, GA	Oct 6, 2025 10:00	State
Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC	Oct 7, 2025 9:00 am	National
Siege of Savannah	Savannah, GA	Oct 9, 2025 8:00 am	State
250th Anniversary Navy and Marines	Philadelphia, PA	Oct 11-13	National
Liberty Tree Memorial for President James Carter	Carter Center, Atlanta, GA	Oct 16, 2025 2:30 pm	National
25th Anniversary Captain John Collins Chapter	Marietta, GA Country Club	Oct 17, 2025	State
GASSAR BOM	Barnesville, GA	Oct 25, 2025 10:00 am	State
Grave Marker Dedication (5) Patriots	Sugar Hill, GA	Nov 1, 2025 11:00 am	State
Grave Marker Dedication (4) Patriots	Elberton, GA	Nov 8, 2025 10:00 am	State
Veterans Day	Various	Nov 11, 2025	National
Siege of Fort Morris – Come & Take it	Sunbury, GA	Nov 22, 2025 9:00 am	National
Wreaths Across America	Various	Dec 13, 2025	National

Come Join Us at the Carter Center Liberty Tree Dedication



Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 12 PM

Liberty Tree Dedication - Carter Center

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

October Patriot Grave Marking



A 3 PATRIOT GRAVES MARKING

Sponsored by the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR

**Request your presence at the Smith Family Cemetery
next to the Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 3500 GA
HWY 169, Evans County, GA. (Located 2 ½ miles south
of Belleville Community)**

Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.

The ceremony will honor the Revolutionary War service of

Patriot Henry Holland

Patriot Solomon Yeomans

Patriot Simon Smith

Cemetery GPS 32.11110, -81.97110

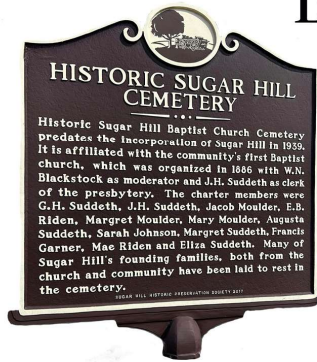
Attendees Are Suggested to Bring Chairs

WREATH PRESENTERS

By September 25, 2025, please contact Don McCarty at (404) 218-6624 or email donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net, if your Chapter/Organization would like to present a wreath. Please include your presenter's name, position title and organization.

November Patriot Grave Marking

**The Button Gwinnett, Blue Ridge, Joseph Habersham,
Piedmont, Robert Forsyth Chapter, &
Lyman Hall Chapter**



**Request the Honor of your presence at the
Patriot Grave Marking & Dedication Ceremony
Commemorating the Service of
Revolutionary War Patriots**



**Thomas Cox, P-348804
Joseph Curbow, P-348805
Lewis Dishon, P-331778
Stephen Harris, P-176032
Jesse Herring, P-343664**

**Saturday, November 1st 2025 @ 11 a.m.
Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery**

**The Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery is across the street from the Sugar Hill City Hall
at Sugar Hill City Hall, 5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill, GA 30518**

**If you plan to present a wreath for your organization,
Please RSVP Don McCarty by October 25, 2025
at: donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net
or call (404) 218-6624**



Nov. 8th 4 Patriot Grave Marking



The Samuel Elbert Chapter GASSAR, The Stephen Heard NSDAR Chapter and The John Benson NSDAR Chapter invite the GASSAR, NSDAR, and family descendants to attend a Four Patriot Revolutionary War Grave Marking Ceremony. On November 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Patriot John Cunningham

Patriot Moses Hunt

Patriot John Johnston

Patriot Thomas Carter

(This will be #49, #50, #51, and #52 for the Samuel Elbert Chapter).

Information to the property where the Ceremonies will be held. 1884 Coldwater Rd. Elberton, Ga 30635. Note: Correct GPS is N 34.22496 / W -82.83318 . If you put 1884 Coldwater Rd. in your maps you will be approx. 2/10 mile SE of the parking. You will need to park on the side of the road. There is limited parking on the owner's property. We do have to use the property owner's driveway.

Directions from Downtown Elberton: (Intersection of Highway 17 and Highway 77 go North 3.2 Miles turn right on HWY 368 (Lake RB Russell State Park Sign). In 2.4 miles bear left on Double Branches Rd. In 2.9 miles turn left on Coldwater Rd.

Directions from Hartwell (Benson St & East Howell St. turn right (south) at City Hall on Benson St./Hwy 77. Go 6.8 Miles turn left on Coldwater Rd. go by the Dollar General. Drive 4.8 miles the grave marking parking is approx. 6/10 miles past Coldwater United Methodist Church.

Please bring your own chair. The grave ceremony area is in a wooded area next with a personal road in the woods.

Wreath Presenters & Descendants

Wreath Presenters

Register by October 31, 2025 to be printed in the program. Descendants - RSVP your attendance to be recognized during the ceremony.

Note: Send this reservation to Attention: Russell Terrell 706-491-2714 or rbterrell58@gmail.com



On November 25, 1778, the British demanded Fort Morris to surrender.....



...to which the Patriots defiantly replied, "Come and Take It"

Fort Morris, Georgia's only Revolutionary Historic Site with earthworks, is located 7 miles east of I-95, Exit 76 - Island Parkway and Fort Morris Road (912-884-5999)

The Siege of Fort Morris

247th Anniversary
of the

"Come and Take It!" Commemoration

"A National Society SAR Event"

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 @ 10:30 am

Cannons, Period Dress and Militia!

"The public is Invited"

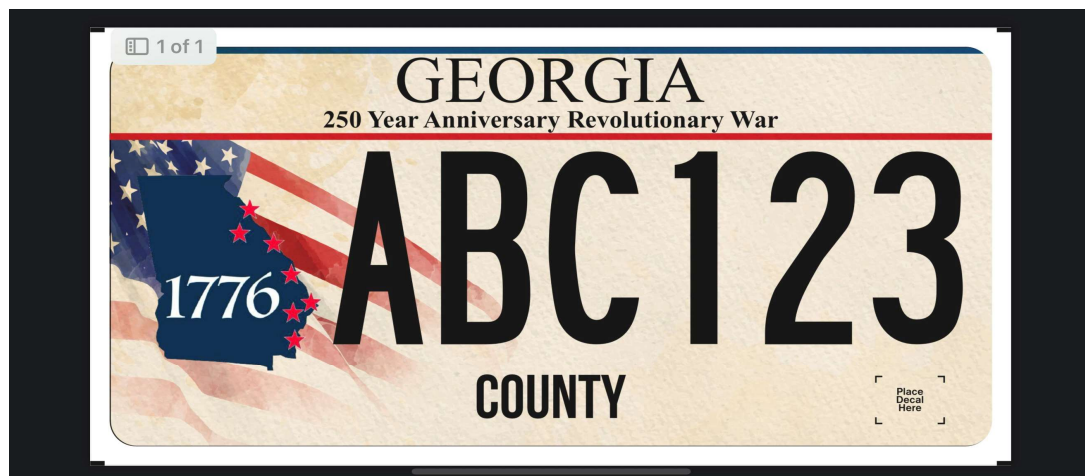
Sponsored by the
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Ga Society, SAR
Brier Creek Chapter and Militia, GA Society, SAR



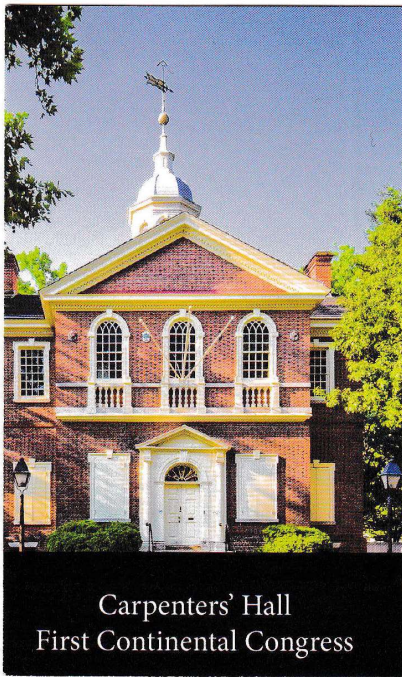
"Note: An entrance fee will be required by all attendees"



New Georgia Tag in 2026



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>			



BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK

LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT

13-15 FEBRUARY 2026

CALLAWAY HISTORIC SITE

2160 LEXINGTON RD. WASHINGTON, GA

Come be apart of history we are seeking
REENACTORS, LIVING HISTORIANS AND
HISTORIC SUTLERS

CONTACT 706-990-3159

RRENO@WGA.GOV

FOR REGISTRATION LINK AND MORE INFORMATION

NSSAR Congress 2026

136th SAR ANNUAL CONGRESS

Greensboro, NC

July 10 – 16, 2026



<https://ncssar.org/2026-national-congress/>

The Sons of the American Revolution National Congress is an annual multi-day meeting of members from across the country to conduct business, elect officers, learn, explore, and celebrate the achievements of individuals, State SARs, and Youth Contest Winners. North Carolina SAR is honored to host the 2026 Congress, in the 250th year of the Nation's Independence.

Make plans to attend the 136th SAR Annual Congress to be held at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons– Koury Convention Center, July 10 – 16, 2026, where we will be celebrating our Nation's 250th Birthday! Come walk in the footsteps of Patriots such as Major General Nathanael Greene and Lt. Colonel "Lighthorse" Harry Lee, where they stood toe to toe against Major General Charles Cornwallis.

Tours are scheduled for Old Salem, Historic Hillsborough, Guilford Courthouse National Military Park and Replacements, Ltd.

There are also five Grave-Marking opportunities planned, marking twenty Patriots. Those are just a few highlights of what to expect. Stay tuned to this page for further updates.

We look forward to seeing you in 2026!
Questions? Reach out to us at ncssar@yahoo.com



HOME REGISTRATION HOTEL SCHEDULE TOURS MERCHANDISE ATTRACTIONS
VOLUNTEER CONTACT US

137TH ANNUAL CONGRESS - 2027

New Orleans, Louisiana
July 9 - 15, 2027

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT IS HOSTING THE 2027
CONGRESS!



The Southern District states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee will host the 2027 Congress at the "New Orleans Marriott" located at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

CHECK BACK AS WE GET CLOSER TO 2027! We will be adding a merchandise link, a list of places to eat, a list of places to visit while you are in New Orleans, a list of scheduled Tours, a link to volunteer to work at the convention, and other information in the near future.

<https://2027congress.com/>

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.

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 Clinkscates 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.

