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Next Meeting – Thursday, December 11th @ Noon

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

Program speaker: Compatriot Chuck Garnett, President of the KCBA
“Kettle Creek Battlefield Association & 250th Anniversary Celebration”

This presentation will cover the Battle of Kettle Creek, its significance in the Revolutionary War as a major blow to British strategy in the South, the history of the battlefield's preservation, and current projects, including the use of cutting-edge science and archaeology to study human remains found there. The site is unique because it serves as both a battlefield and a cemetery.

2026 Dues Season ends on December 31st All Dues Notices have been sent. 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**; **paperback books for the USO**. A drop-off point at the table next to the registration table is set up to receive your donations.

November Chapter Meeting



Atlanta Chapter Historian Ken Thomas Jr. delivers the November program on The Revolutionary War through his Ancestors' pensions.

Our Atlanta Chapter speaker for November was Chapter Historian Ken Thomas, Jr. who delivered an excellent program on the Revolutionary War through his Ancestors' pension records. During this program, Members heard the history of the Revolutionary War directly through the authentic "voice of the patriots" found in their pension records, which offers a unique and engaging perspective on the past. We also had two compatriots, Mark Whitmire and his son, Thomas, who were inducted into the Atlanta Chapter and received their New Member Certificates using Frederick Thompson as their qualifying Patriot. Thompson was from South Carolina, serving as a private under Captain Meredith, and Cols Martin, Armstrong and Phillips. Thompson's Georgia Pension application was dated July 1823 & he died in Georgia on 24 April 1842.

Our Chapter participated in a 5 Patriot Grave Marking on the 1st at the Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery as seen in below pages. We also attended a DAR Veterans Day celebration on the 8th in Buckhead with the Atlanta Chapter DAR. Chapter meetings and Patriot Grave Markings can be counted for the NSSAR 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program.



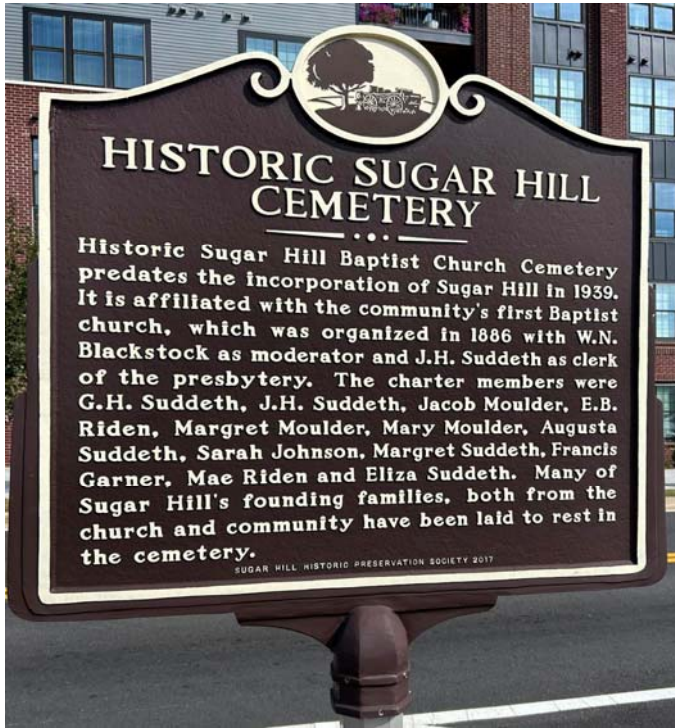
Atlanta Chapter Registrar Joey Blackmon, left, with New Members Thomas Whitmire and Mark Whitmire as they are inducted into the Atlanta Chapter, with 1st Vice President Al Adams, right. Their Patriot Ancestor is Frederick Thompson.



Door Prize winners were, left to right: Thomas Gurley who chose the SAR 250th Anniversary 1776-2026 Commemorative pin. John Titus picked up the Cokie Roberts book, "Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation", Thomas Whitmire received a Children's Healthcare Cheese board and Ken Thomas picked an SAR key chain. These Commemorative pins are part of the Decade of America 250th Program can be purchased online at the SAR Store @ SAR.org.

Remember to check our Calendar of Events for Wreaths Across America on Dec. 13th and the Georgia Society Annual Conference on Feb 6-7. Plan to attend "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest" at Elijah Clark State Park & Kettle Creek events on Feb. 13 & 14. Our Atlanta Chapter hopes you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. We look forward to seeing you Saturday, February 21, 2026 at our George Washington Birthday Celebration, Meeting and Luncheon. Advance reservations required.

Sugar Hill Patriot Grave Marking



The first day of November was a beautiful day in Metro Atlanta. Many members of the Georgia Society SAR started the day honoring five Patriots buried in Georgia. Atlanta Chapter SAR President Gregory Smith and 2nd Vice President Jarvis Bronner represented our Chapter & the New Mexico Society Sons of the American Revolution during the Grave Marking Ceremony for the 5 Revolutionary War Patriots at the Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery, Saturday, November 1, 2025 in Sugar Hill, GA. Elizabeth Wysong represented the Atlanta Chapter NSDAR by presenting a wreath to honor the Patriots. Greetings were given by representatives from National, State and local NSSAR, NSDAR and NSCAR, the Mayor of Sugar Hill, as

well as Sugar Hill's Historic Preservation Society. Remarks from descendants of the Patriots were given with summarized Biographies of each Patriot and their connection to Georgia. NSSAR Color Guard was in full display with colors and musket Salute. The Ceremony was a great experience, both well attended and executed. It was a perfect tribute to these five Patriots. I encourage anyone who has not yet attended a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony to go and experience one first hand. Your attendance helps support the memory of Patriots of the American Revolution right here in Georgia.



Atlanta Chapter SAR President Gregory Smith and 2nd VP Jarvis Bronner with GASSAR 1st VP Bill Tankersley





REVOLUTIONARY WAR
PATRIOTS
MEMORIAL SECTION

FOR THOSE PATRIOTS
WHO MOVED TO
GWINNETT COUNTY
AFTER THE WAR
AND DIED, THEIR
BURIAL SITES
SUBSEQUENTLY LOST TO TIME.

WE REMEMBER





Calendar of Events

From the GASSAR Hornet's Nest			
Event	Location	Date	Status
Wreaths Across America	Various	Dec 13, 2025	National
Georgia Annual Conference	Hilton Atlanta NE, 5993 Peachtree Ind. Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA	Feb 6-7, 2026	State
Heroes of the Hornet's Nest	Elijah Clark St. Park	Feb. 13, 2026	State
Kettle Creek	Washington Square & War Hill Park	Feb 14, 2026	National
Spring Leadership	The Galt Hotel Louisville, KY	Mar 5 - 7, 2026	National



Liberty Tree Project ...Website...QR Code



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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

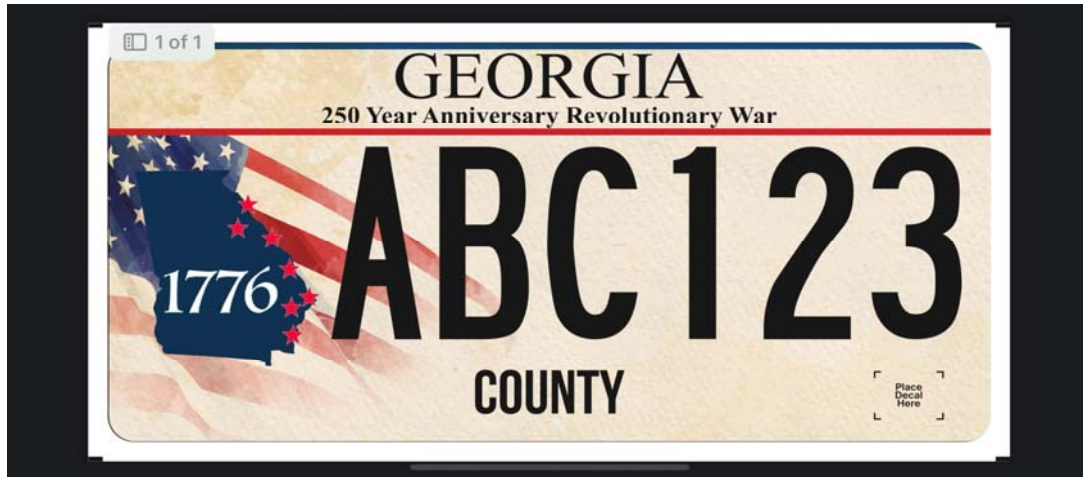


Sponsor the 87th State Conference
in LaGrange, GA at the
The Great Wolf Lodge



Update on the Colonel John Dooly Granite Cenotaph
With the carving now complete, as seen in photo on left, it is now ready for transport. It will be set in place at Elijah Clark State Park in time for the Heroes of the Hornets' nest Ceremony taking place Friday, February 13, 2026 at 11 a.m. Back in March, Atlanta Chapter SAR members voted on a cash donation of \$2,000 to support the then proposed granite Cenotaph for Colonel John Dooly and his wife Diannah Mitchell. The Dooly Cenotaph will ultimately stand next to the granite Cenotaph headstone of Elijah and Hannah Clark at the Elijah Clark State Park, near Lincolnton, GA. The total quoted cost of the project was \$13,775 from Mr. Ron Clamp of the Cornerstone Dimensional Stone Co. The Georgia Society SAR made this a reality led by The Little River Chapter SAR who has spearheaded this much needed project.

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.

VETERANS RESPECT & USS STARK REPORT

The following information is needed from Atlanta Chapter members to complete the Veterans Respect and the USS Stark Report for 2025. Atlanta Chapter members that have been involved in any of the below listed activities please report them to John Titus via email at: mojotitus@bellsouth.net.

If you have any questions, please ask. Thanks to those Atlanta Chapter members who have already reported activities.

Visiting a veteran in a hospital, nursing home or private home: please provide the member's name, name of person visited, place, date hours spent and miles driven to and from the visit.

Gift of personal care items to veterans in VAH, state hospital or state veterans nursing home: items, cost, miles driven, both ways.

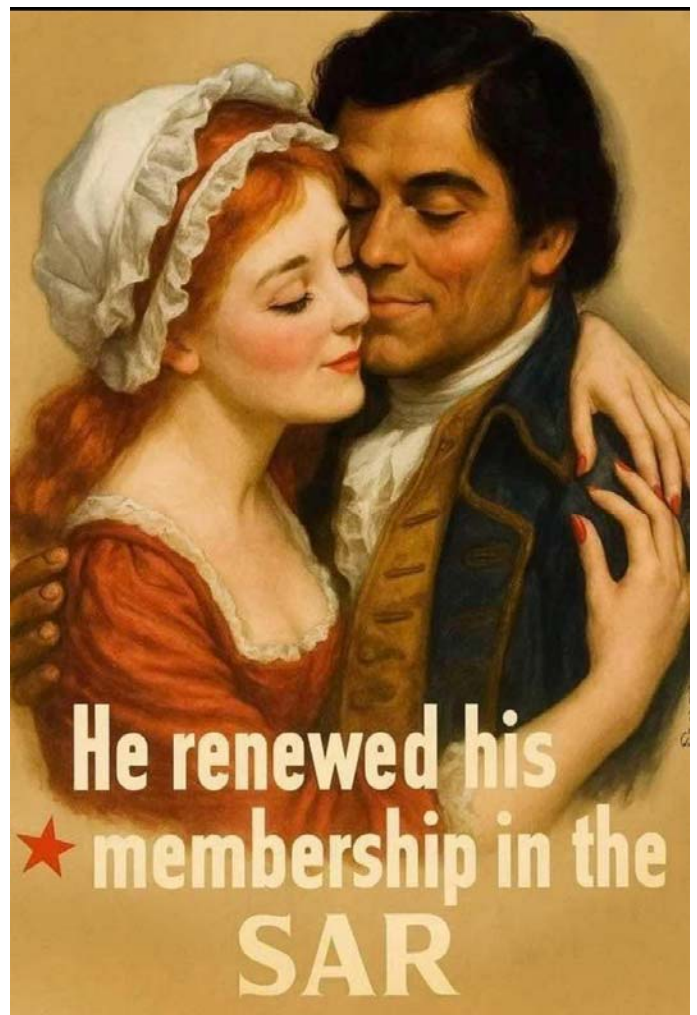
Publications donated to VAH, or VA Clinic, e.g., books, magazines: Number, purchase price, miles driven.

Activities recognizing or supporting veterans in cooperation with other organizations, e.g., Veterans Day event: Attire (colonial or civilian), hours, miles driven, both ways.

Participation in veteran's funeral: Attire (colonial or business), specific role (reader, pallbearer, etc., hours, miles driven.

Decorating veterans' graves with flags, wreaths, etc. locations, hours spent, miles driven. Thank you for your help!

Dues Reminder





Wreaths Across America Ceremonies Saturday, December 13, 2025

Proudly Sponsored by

*Philadelphia Winn Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution*



11:00 AM CEREMONY
Gwinnett Memorial Park
925 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville

2:00 PM CEREMONY
East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens
87 Scenic Hwy, Lawrenceville

REMEMBER the fallen. **HONOR** those who serve.
TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.



A WREATH sponsorship is \$17 each with 5 wreaths for \$85 being the most popular option. To pay online with a credit card, use the **BLUE BUTTON BELOW** or the **QR CODE** in the bottom right corner, or use **URL** www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/GA0265P, then select the cemetery location using the drop-down box.

Wreaths Across America and Philadelphia Winn NSDAR are 501c3 non-profit organizations. To pay by check and have your order placed for you, make a check payable to *Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR* and mail to Treasurer, Rose Horton, 767 Red Fox Ct, Lawrenceville, GA 30044.

Questions? Contact: Regent Randi Minor, 770-882-8108, RandiMD@gmail.com or

Honorary Regent Lynn Jacques, 678-332-9852, LynnJacques55@gmail.com.



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference



February 6 & 7, 2026



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

There are two ways to register for the annual conference.

Register Online & Pay Online @ <https://gasocietysar.org/>

Registering by USPS Link: <https://gasocietysar.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/REGISTRATION-FORM-2026.pdf>

Schedule of Events – Friday, February 6th:

12:00-5:30 pm	Registration
1:00-2:30 pm	Program TDA
3:00-4:30 pm	Program TDA
6:00 pm	Reception (Card/Cash Bar)
7:00 pm	Member Awards Banquet (Members & Guests) (Black Tie, Business Suit, Uniform/Kilt)

Schedule of Events – Saturday, February 7th:

8:00 – 8:20 am	Late Registration
8:30 am	Memorial Service (Members & Guests)
9:15 am	Winter Board of Managers Meeting (Members)
9:15-10:00 am	Ladies' Program
10:15-11:00 am	Ladies Auxiliary Annual Meeting
10:45 am	Annual Meeting: GA Society Election of Officers (ALL Registered Members Vote!)
11:45 am	Chapter and Youth Awards Luncheon & Installation of 2026 Officers (Members and guests) (Business Suit, Uniform or Kilt)

**Rooms: \$149 plus taxes (Rate guaranteed through January 21, 2025).
You may also call the hotel to make your reservation.**

The Sons of the American Revolution Atlanta Chapter Board of Managers

cordially invites you and your family to attend our
**2026 Annual George Washington Birthday
Celebration, Meeting & Luncheon**



Druid Hills Golf Club

740 Clifton Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 21, 2026

Join us in celebrating a successful year!

In 2026 we will continue honoring our patriot ancestors and family heritage, promoting patriotism, recognizing Veterans, and encouraging education of the people, places and events of the Revolutionary War.

Meet GASSAR President William "Bill" Tankersley and hear highlights of awards received by the Atlanta Chapter from the Georgia Society SAR. National Society & Chapter member awards will be presented along with recognition of 2025 officers. New members will be inducted and officers installed for the 2026 year ahead.

Advance reservations are required and must be postmarked no later than February 10th

Mailing information will be sent out in January

Note that the regularly scheduled chapter meeting will not be held on the second Thursday in February and the start time of this annual meeting is earlier.
Social at 10:30 a.m. with the program starting at 11 a.m.



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:**

- a. Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
 - b. 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)
 - c. Attending an Event (3 points)
 - d. 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:**

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

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

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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/>

SAR Premium Membership Medal

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE PRODUCTION OF A HIGH QUALITY REPLICA OF THE ORIGINAL 1890'S TIFFANY STYLE MEMBERSHIP MEDAL. THE NEW MEDAL IS STRUCK IN STERLING SILVER AND PLATED IN GOLD.



SAR Premium Miniature Membership Medal

SAR Premium Cuff Links



SAR Premium Tie Bar/Tack

Please contact the NSSAR Premium Membership Medal Project for a Price list & Order Form: Usina@aol.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.

