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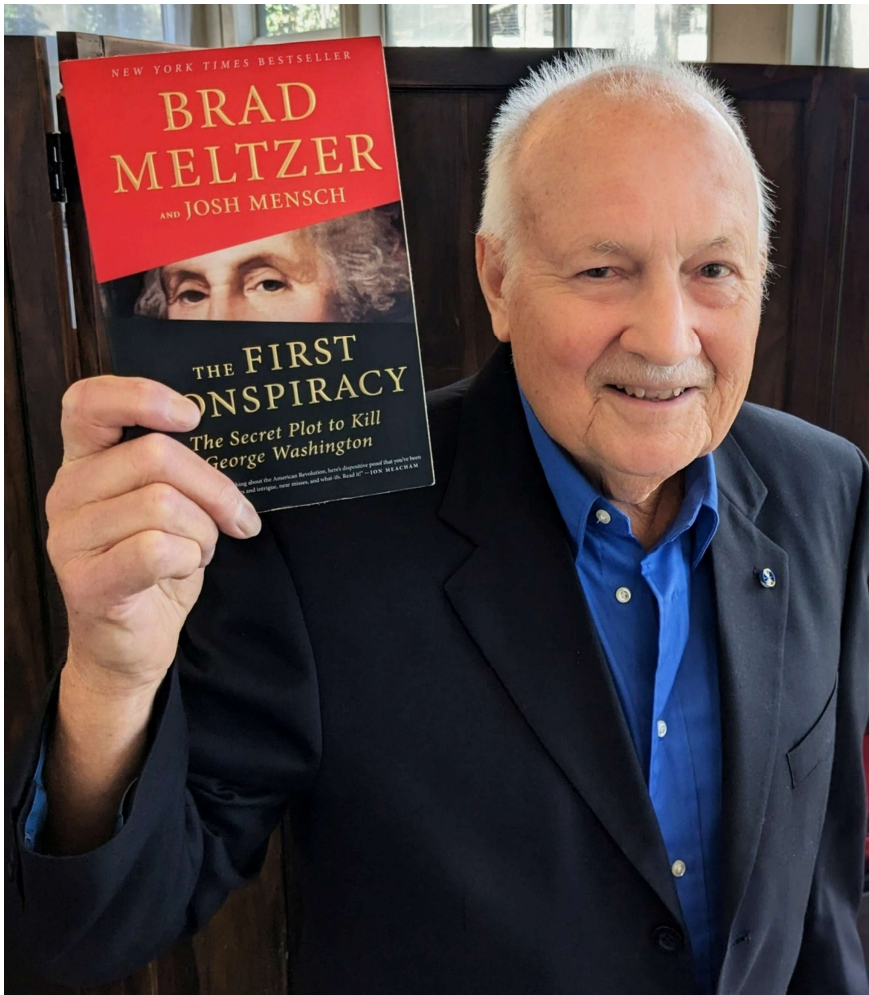
Next Meeting – Thursday, April 9th @ Noon

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

Speaker: Compatriot Chuck Olson Program: “The Colonial Courts in Georgia”

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

March Chapter Luncheon



Dr. John Havick Ph.D. presented “The Assassination Attempt on George Washington & the Early Action of the American Revolution”.

During the program, Compatriot Havick outlined a remarkable and little known piece of American history that became known as the Hickey Mutiny. It began in 1776 when an elite group of soldiers, known as Life Guards, were handpicked from regiments of the Continental Army to serve as George Washington's bodyguards. Washington trusted them; relied on them. But unbeknownst to Washington, some of them were part of a treasonous plan.

In the months leading up to the Revolutionary War, these traitorous soldiers, along with the Governor of New York, William Tryon, and Mayor David Mathews, launched a deadly plot against the most important member of the military: George Washington himself. The Hickey Mutiny culminated with the arrest of Life Guard Sergeant Thomas Hickey. The court martial testimony against Hickey was sufficient to convict him. He was sentenced to death and hanged on June 28, 1776. He became the first member of the Continental Army executed following a court martial.

During the luncheon, Compatriot William “Rick” Patrick Smith IV received the SAR Military Service Medal and the NSSAR Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate for his service with the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Cavalry Scout & earning the Parachutist badge. Compatriot Smith served 4 years in the U.S. Army starting in 1986 and served one year of Foreign Service. We congratulate Compatriot Smith on his Honorable Service to a grateful Nation and the SAR!

Above Photo: Atlanta Chapter member Dr. John Havick Ph.D. holds up a copy of the New York Times Bestseller, “The First Conspiracy, The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington” by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch. Dr. Havick, a dedicated educator for more than 30 years has authored three books, including a current five-star rated title on Amazon. His scholarship has been presented at conferences and professional meetings throughout the United States.

Military Service Medal & NSSAR Veterans Corps



Compatriot William "Rick" Patrick Smith IV received the SAR Military Service Medal and the NSSAR Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate for his service with the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Cavalry Scout.



Photo left, Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Al Adams, left, presents the President's Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. John Havick, Ph.D., right, for his Program Support as a speaker to the Atlanta Chapter. Photo above right, Atlanta Chapter 2nd Vice President Jay McLendon, left, and Atlanta Chapter Registrar Joey Blackmon, right, display their door prizes, the SAR 250th Anniversary 1776-2026 Commemorative pin. These Commemorative pins are part of the Decade of America 250th Program can be purchased online at the SAR Store @ SAR.org.

JROTC Awards Ceremonies



Join and support the Atlanta Chapter JROTC Committee in recognizing outstanding JROTC cadets across the Metro Area. Each year, the committee presents the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal & Certificate to selected cadets who demonstrate exceptional leadership, strong military bearing, and overall excellence.

The 2026 Atlanta Public Schools JROTC Unit Awards Ceremonies began in March, with Atlanta Chapter JROTC Chairman Col. Bruce Cotterman, U.S. Army (Ret.), actively leading the effort. On March 17, he presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal & Certificate to Cadet Armoni Brooks, above photo, at Therrell High School. The following morning, he continued the tradition at South Atlanta High School, where Cadet Marque Scott was honored with the same distinguished award.

These ceremonies highlight the dedication, discipline, and achievements of Atlanta's JROTC cadets, while reinforcing the importance of leadership and service in their development.

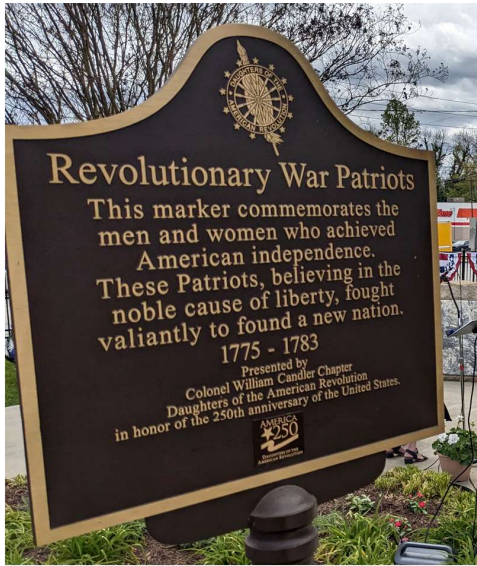
The Atlanta Chapter has presented the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal & Certificate to three High Schools in March: Therrell, South Atlanta and Jackson, now all completed. Seven schools are scheduled for April, BEST Academy, Tucker, Carver, Midtown, Douglas, Washington and Mays. Two Schools are scheduled in May. When the April photos arrive, we will post them in the newsletter.

Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony



Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Al Adams, left, NSSAR President General (2017-2018) Larry Guzy, center, and Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith, right, pose behind the Atlanta Chapter SAR wreath and the New Mexico Society SAR Wreath during a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Patriots Private Beal Baker and Private William H. Clark Sunday, March 29th 2026 at the Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville, GA. Please join us during our next Georgia Society event.







Calendar of Events 2026



250th Tags are now Available

Georgia now has 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 winning design was submitted by Georgia CAR member Eden Pethel, seen here at Kettle Creek, right.

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.

For this tag there are no additional fees, unless you want to get one before your normal renewal.

From the GASSAR Hornet's Nest			
Event	Location	Date	Status
Button Gwinnett An Early Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of "The Declaration of Independence"	American Legion Post 232 Snellville, GA	4 April 11:30 a.m.	State
Lyman Hall Birthday	Gainesville, GA	Apr 11, 2026 1 pm	State
250th Anniversary of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves	Halifax State Historic Site. Halifax, NC	April 12, 2026 1:30 p.m.	National
Patriots Day	Various	Apr 19, 2026	National
Frederica Naval Engagement	St. Simons Island	Apr 18 - 19, 2026 (TBD)	National
Memorial Day	Various	May 25, 2026	National
Flag Retirement	Cumming, GA	Jun 13, 2026	National
Flag Day	Various	Jun 14, 2026	National
Independence Day	Various	Jul 4, 2026	National
136th Congress	Greensboro, NC	July 10-16, 2026	National



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY
250TH
SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE
1776-2026

SPECIAL REDUCED REGISTRATION FEE

FOR NEW & JR. MEMBER
APPLICATIONS DURING **JULY 2026**

NATIONAL APPLICATION FEE:
\$76 IN HONOR OF 1776

— POSTMARKED —
JULY 1 — JULY 31, 2026

To qualify for the reduced fee, New Applications must be postmarked between July 1 and July 31, 2026.

Join the SAR to mark the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding and honor the patriot ancestors who secured American independence.

ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

- New Member Applications
- Jr. Member (New Lineage) Applications

EXCLUSIONS:

- Family Plan Applications ❌
- Memorial Applications ❌
- Supplemental Applications ❌

Respectfully,

Keith A Weissinger

Keith A Weissinger, MD
Registrar General

National Society Sons of the American Revolution





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:	

Event	Position	Possible Points	Committee/ Sub-Committee	Date of Service	Points Earned
	<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>			

LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION
AND
GRAVE MARKING AND WREATH CEREMONY



Liberty Tree

HONORING
7 Revolutionary War Patriots

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

10 AM

HISTORIC
OLD BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
CEMETERY

210 S 285

WOODRUFF, SOUTH CAROLINA 29388

PRESENTED BY

DANIEL MORGAN CHAPTER, SCSSAR
BATTLE OF COWPENS CHAPTER, NSDAR
SPARTANBURG COUNTY 250

RSVP TO REGISTER WREATHS-
MIKE MILLER (864)907-5355





Marshes of Glynn Chapter
Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution



*Four Patriot Grave Marking
Honoring*

◆ Captain John Cutler Braddock ◆

SAR P-119378 / DAR A013316

◆ Private Frederick Lamb ◆

SAR P-232439

◆ Patriot Thomas Stone ◆

SAR P-298755 / DAR A110321

◆ Patriot David Moses Vallotton ◆

Dedication Only. Marker will be unveiled in Savannah, GA

SAR P-309106 / DAR A116874



Friday, April 17th, 2026, at 4:15 p.m.

Historic Wright Square Colonial Cemetery
Egmont and Carpenter Street
Brunswick, Georgia

◆ Contact me for more information ◆

J. Steven Hinson

Stevenhinson61@gmail.com



Let's Celebrate our 248th
Anniversary
"FREDERICA NAVAL
ACTION"

April 19th - a significant date in the founding of our nation - the "shot heard 'round the world" at Lexington and Concord in 1775, and capture of British ships in Frederica River in 1778

Saturday, April 18th, 2026

10:00am - Memorial Ceremony - St. Simons Casino

550 Beachview Drive, St. Simons Island - SAR Color Guard with Revolutionary Flags, Patriotic Music, Wreath Presentations, Cannon & Musket Salutes and the Schooner Lynx.

11:30am - Parade of Patriots - St. Simons Village

SAR Color Guard, DAR & SAR, Revolutionary Re-enactors, JROTC Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Heritage Girls with Revolutionary Flags.

"Wreath and Hotel information will be distributed shortly"



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MARKED!



A journey through Georgia's
Revolutionary history.

— PREMIERING —

APRIL 23, 2026

www.gpb.org/podcasts/marked-the-podcast

With more than 2,000 roadside historical markers spread across our state, we're zooming in on twelve to explore the people, places, and moments that help to tell the larger Georgia story. As America celebrates its 250th birthday, *Marked!* looks at the unique, complex, and important role the 13th original colony played during America's revolutionary period.

 **gpb** April 2026

*Come join us in a ceremony dedicating
a granite marker honoring the*

**250th Anniversary of American
Independence, 1776 – 2026.**

**Mars Hill Cemetery
2850 Mars Hill Church Road
Acworth, GA 30101**

Saturday; May 16, 2026 @ 2:00 PM



Sponsored by the
Captain John Collins Chapter
Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution.

**To present a wreath, please complete the Wreath Registration
Form and email to President Jim Poole at
jimpoole82@gmail.com**

Wreath Registration

Ceremony for 250th Marker Dedication.

***For wreath presentations, please submit the below
information to:***

President Jim Poole

Email: jimpooler82@gmail.com

1. Organization: _____

2. Check one: SAR DAR C.A.R. Other

3. Presenter's Name: _____

4. Presenter's Title: _____

5. Color Guard Participation: YES NO

6. Phone #: _____

7. Email: _____

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!**



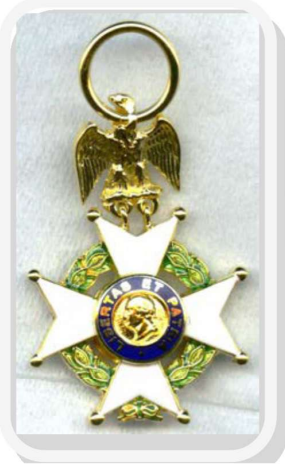
The Southern District states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee will host the 2027 Congress at the "New Orleans Marriott" located at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

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

2026 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 21, 2026, to February 20, 2027, are as follows:



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



Gregory Smith
Robert "Al" Adams
Jay Russell McLendon
Robert "Al" Adams
Richard Marsh
Joseph H. Blackmon
Mark Bell
John Titus
Ken Thomas
Robert "Al" Adams
Richard Marsh



2026 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

2026



Al Adams
Edward M. Anderson Sr.
Joe Lewis Anderson Sr.
Paul Leon Anderson
G. Kathryn Anderson
Bill Armstrong
Paul Boshears
Mark Bell
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
Barrett Hanson

Ann Hays
Bill Hays
Anthony Henderson
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
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Kathleen Ann Schroeder
Stephen D. Schroeder II
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, 2026, please report the details to our Chaplain John Titus.

Enjoy the SAR



Be sure to enjoy your time with the Sons of the American Revolution! Always make your patriotic service fun. We are here to honor our Patriot ancestors — and to have a good time doing it!