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Next Meeting – Thursday, September 10th @ Noon

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

Speaker: GASSAR Metro VP Shep Hammack

Program: “Don’t Just Belong—Get Involved! Serving, Participating, and Having Fun with the Georgia Society SAR”

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.

SAR at the 4th of July Parade



Atlanta Chapter Compatriots have been actively celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution across Georgia and the Southeast. On Saturday, June 27th, Compatriots gathered in Carrollton for the dedication of a Patriot Grave Marker honoring Captain Thomas Hinesley, recognizing his service and sacrifice during the American Revolution. On July 3rd, Atlanta Chapter members attended the America 250 Plaque Dedication Ceremony in Duluth, marking a milestone in our Nation's history. On July 4th, members of the Atlanta Chapter SAR proudly participated in the Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade, alongside the Mount Vernon Chapter SAR and the Atlanta Chapter DAR. The parade provided an opportunity to proudly represent the SAR and celebrate the principles of liberty and independence for which our Revolutionary ancestors fought. From July 10–16, Compatriots Ed and Paul Anderson represented the Atlanta Chapter at the 136th NSSAR Congress in Greensboro, North Carolina, connecting with Compatriots commemorating the 250th. The Summer GASSAR BOM was on July 25th in Barnesville.



**Dedication of Grave Marker
Honoring Revolutionary War
Patriot and Soldier**

Captain Thomas A. Hinesley

Saturday, June 27, 2026

11:00 am

Cross Plains Baptist Church
1356 Cross Plains Road
Carrollton, GA 30116

Sponsored by

Casimir Pulaski Chapter, GASSAR



**A Brief Biography of
Captain Thomas A. Hinesley**

1761 – 16 April 1834



Thomas Hinesley, born in 1761, Queen Anne County, Maryland, enlisted for military service in 1776, from Chatham County, NC. He served in the Revolutionary War from Chatham County, NC, pension no: NC-S31746. He was 16 years old when he entered service in September 1776 as an Ensign. He served 5 full tours of duty and was discharged as a Captain in October 1781.

He was enumerated in the 1790 US Federal Census living in Orangeburg District, SC. He lived in Tatnall County, GA, when he participated in the Georgia Land Lottery in 1805.

On August 26, 1814, Thomas Hinesley was awarded as fortunate drawer, a land grant as a veteran of the Revolutionary War for Land Lot #5, District 26, in Early County, GA.

After his death in 1834, in Carroll County, GA, his wife, Franky Hinesley, received his pension.

To their marriage, the following children are known: Alford Hinesley, 1794-1874; James M. Hinesley, 1809-; Miles P. Hinesley, 1814-; William Hinesley, 1815-; Alexander H. Hinesley, 1815-; David (or Davis) Hinesley.





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
Battle of Camden Commemorative Service	Kershaw, SC	August 15th	National
Jophn Stonecypher Chapter Inagural Banquet	Toccoa, GA	August 15th @ 10 a.m.	State
Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, SC	September 4-5 2026	National
Bushnell's Turtle Festival	Warrenton, GA	September 5-6 2026	Chapter
4 Patriot Grave Marking Deadwyler, Webb, Lovingood & Riley	Elberton, GA	September 12, 2026 @ 10 a.m.	State
Brier Creek Battlefield Association Banquet	Statesboro, GA	September 18, @ 6 p.m.	State
Patriot Grave Marking Jacob Mercer	Shady Dale, GA	September 19, 2026 @ 11 A.M.	State
George Washington Tomb Vigil	Mount Vernon, VA	September 19, 2026 @ 8-4 p.m.	National
Patriot Grave Marking Edward Williams	Rabun County, GA	17 October 2026 @ 1 p.m.	State
GASSAR BOM	Barnesville, GA	24 October @ 10 a.m.	State
Veterans Day	Various	November 11, 2026	National





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>			

Special Opportunity

★ for ★

C.A.R. Members

Application Fees and National Annual Dues Waived

The Sons of the American Revolution
is pleased to announce a special
membership opportunity approved
by the 2026 SAR Congress.



From August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027,
eligible male members of the Children of the
American Revolution may join the National
Society Sons of the American Revolution
with both the application fee and
national annual dues waived.

Approved
July 2026

★ Who Qualifies? ★

- ★ Approved male member of the
Children of the American Revolution
- ★ In good standing with the C.A.R.
at the time of submission
- ★ Age birth through 22
- ★ Application submitted between
August 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027

★ Continue the Legacy ★



This program offers an
outstanding opportunity
for young men in C.A.R.
to continue their patriotic
service and family heritage
through membership
in the SAR.

★ Interested applicants should contact their local SAR chapter
or state society for details. ★

Announced by the SAR Registrar General

JOIN US FOR THE

FIRST READING REENACTMENT

Georgia Patriots! You are invited to gather in Johnson Square on Monday, August 10, 2026, to hear Archibald Bulloch, president of the Provincial Council, read the Declaration of Independence aloud to our citizens.

This reenactment commemorates the 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration in Savannah. Watch our patriot reenactors march to the square, greet gatherers, and read the eagerly awaited document that changed the course of events in our fair city. This event is hosted by the Savannah US250 Commission with generous support from the City of Savannah.

JOHNSON SQUARE,
DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH

10:30 AM



SAVANNAH
savannahga.gov





Daughters of the American Revolution

Hobkirk Hill Chapter

Joseph Kershaw Chapter

246th Anniversary of the

Battle of Camden

Saturday, August 15th

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



HISTORIC
CAMDEN

Foundation

BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS SCSSAR



245TH ANNIVERSARY

BATTLE of EUTAW SPRINGS

COMMEMORATION



SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2026

A National SAR Recognized Event

Thursday, September 3rd

RECEPTION

Friday, September 4th

NARRATED BUS TOUR

FORT MOTTE, FORT WATSON AND BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS

DINNER WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Saturday, September 5th

PATRIOTIC PROGRAMS

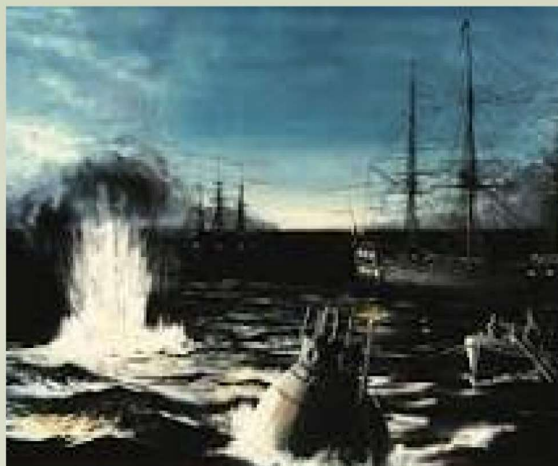
HISTORIC CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY IN EUTAWVILLE, S.C

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT MONUMENT SITE

FRANCIS MARION TOMB HONOR WREATH PRESENTATION

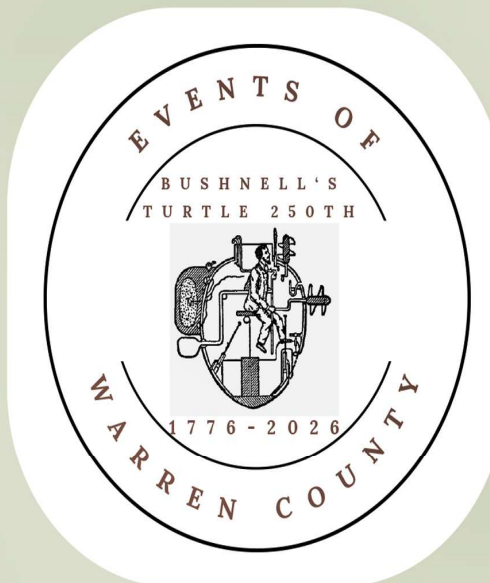
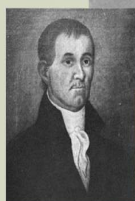
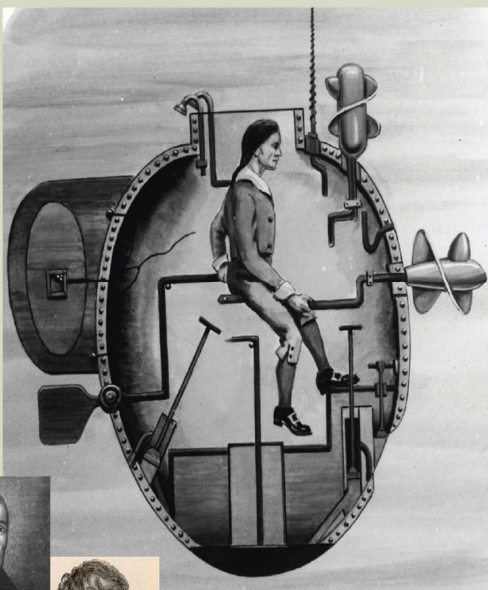


CONTACT DOUGLAS DOSTER AT: [DOSTERDOUGLAS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:dosterdouglas@gmail.com) OR 803-747-2111



BUSHNELL'S TURTLE FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS



BUSHNELL'S TURTLE
FEST
WARRENTON GEORGIA

September 5 and 6, 2026

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday Parade and Various Events and

Entertainments

Sunday Wreath laying

It began with a “Shot Heard Around the World,” but what about the

clandestine happenings: the plans, the missions, the intrigue, the inventions? What about the everyday people turned hero? Often, unsung heroes were the ones that would rather just live out life quietly afterwards.



Events of Warren County will be celebrating these men and the best place to start is literally in in our own backyard. Warren County is the last residence of **David Bushnell**, inventor of the **Turtle Submersible**.

He lived and worked in Warren County, going by the name of Doctor David Bush. He was a professor at the academy and was highly regarded. No one knew he was one of the few that worked alongside our founding fathers to defeat the British Navy.



Doctor David Bush was an academic and scholar, while David Bushnell was an inventor and patriot. Some feel that even in his later years he wasn't as unassuming as he seemed. In the end he passed away quietly in Warrenton and was buried in an unmarked grave. Only when the solicitor came to handle his belongings did the townsfolk realize that their beloved Dr. Bush was none other than



Sponsorship

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS. PLEASE, JOIN US IN TURNING THIS EVENT INTO A MAJOR SUCCESS.

Platinum Level Over \$2,000.00

Plaque of appreciation, Limited Edition Book plus the previous 3 levels.

Titanium Level \$1,000.00

Shout-out on various media plus Gold and Silver

Gold Level \$500.00

Banner plus Silver

Silver Level \$300.00

Name and thank you in fliers and a shout-out at the Ceremonies

More donation options on website

Thank you for your generosity

David Bushnell, compatriot of Lafayette, Washington, Jefferson and the others that helped to found our nation.



The inventor David Bushnell was the father of the first submarine used in battle, The Turtle. Named such because of its shape resembling two sea-turtle shells hooked together. The Turtle only saw one mission on September 6th, 1776. Although the mission was not completely successful, it did serve to shake up the British fleet enough to have them retreat out of the New York harbor.



C O N T A C T U S

<https://www.eventsofwarrencountyga.com>

tammyeeventsofwarrencounty@gmail.com

To learn more about the Atlanta Chapter's connection to David Bushnell & the “The American Turtle” visit A Forgotten Patriot – Remembered at the Atlanta Chapter SAR web site:

<https://www.saratlanta.org/bushnell-monument/>



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.

**September 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Deadwyler Cemetery.**

Patriot Joseph Deadwyler	P-145907 Cemetery ID C-0076311 DAR # A030987
Patriot Claborne Webb, Sr.	P-315141 Cemetery ID C-0076311 DAR # A-123643
Patriot Harmon Lovingood	P-239071 Cemetery ID Not Indexed DAR #A071989
Patriot James Riley	P-279292 Cemetery ID Not Indexed
Patriot James F. Nunnelee	P-257453 Cemetery ID C-0378590 DAR # A085192

(This will be #53, #54 #55 and # 56 for the Samuel Elbert Chapter).

Information to the property where the Ceremonies will be held. Ware Rd. Elberton, Ga N 34.07010, W-82.95617

Directions from Downtown Elberton: (Intersection of Highway 17 and Highway 77 go West on Hwy 17 toward Athens 6.6 Miles turn left on Ware Dr. The road is just past New Doves Creek Baptist Church. (We will have an SAR sign here.) The Cemetery is 2/10 miles on the left.

Directions from Colbert: Hwy 72 at Dollar General go East on Hwy 72 Toward Elberton 16.7 Miles turn Right on Ware Rd.

At Ware Rd. there is a sign for Georgia Stone Products, Broad River Quarry

Please bring your own chair.

Wreath Presenters & Descendants

Wreath Presenters

Register by September 9, 2026 to be printed in the program. Descendants - RSVP your attendance to be recognized during the ceremony.

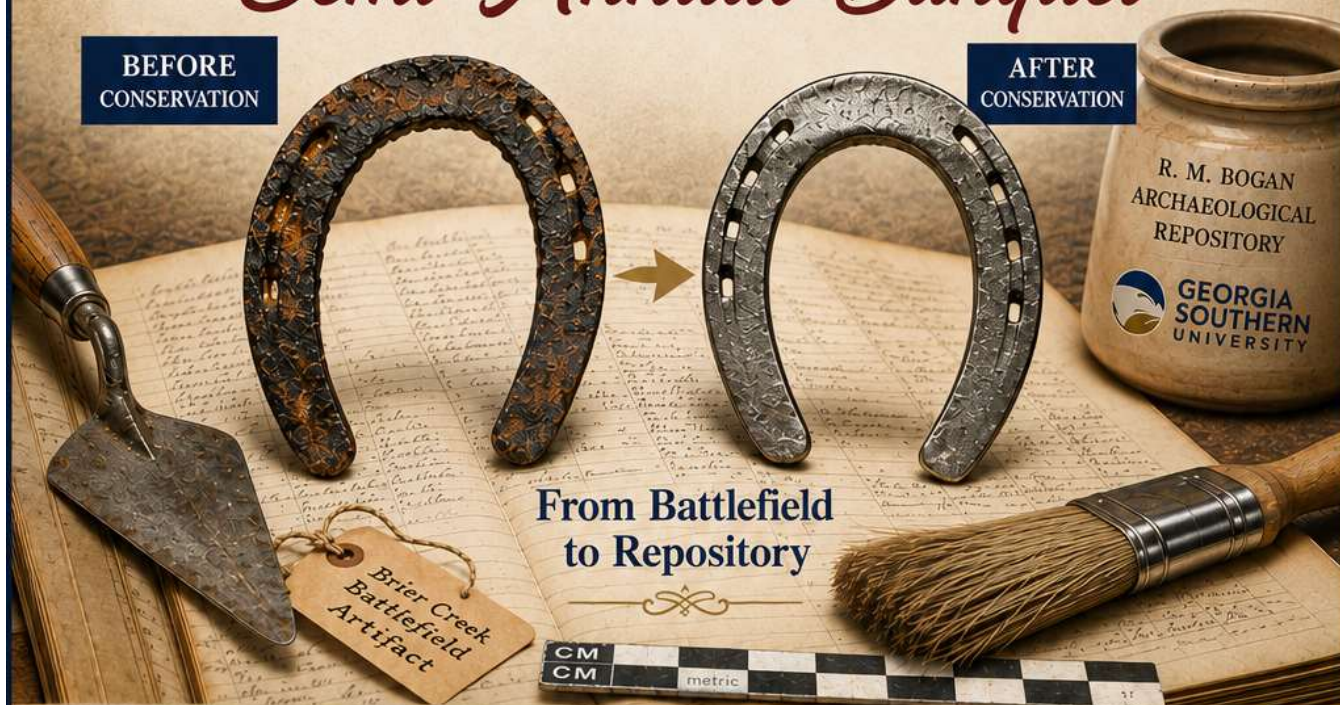
Note: Send this reservation to Attention: Russell Terrell 706-491-2714 or rbterrell58@gmail.com

BRIER CREEK REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLEFIELD ASSOCIATION

Semi-Annual Banquet

BEFORE
CONSERVATION

AFTER
CONSERVATION



From Battlefield
to Repository

The R. M. Bogan Archaeological Repository

Preserving Georgia's Archaeological Heritage

PRESENTED BY

Dr. Matthew Compton

Dr. Matthew Compton will provide an overview of the R. M. Bogan Archaeological Repository at Georgia Southern University. This state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to preserving and studying archaeological collections. The Repository houses thousands of artifacts that span up to 14,000 years of regional history, including artifacts from the Brier Creek Battlefield. It is one of only three such repositories in Georgia, providing expanded opportunities for research and student training.



DATE
**Friday,
September 18, 2026**



TIME
6:00–8:30 PM
Doors open & mingle
at 5:30 PM



LOCATION
**Forest Heights
Country Club**
3772 Country Club Road
Statesboro, Georgia



COST
\$50
per person



BUFFET DINNER MENU

Beef roast with caramelized onions in Dijon wine sauce, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, lemon-parmesan herb roasted red potatoes, roasted broccoli, southern green beans and garden fresh salad with dressings, dinner rolls with whipped butter & assorted desserts.



★ **RSVP Online:** briercreekbattlefield.org/products/
or mail your RSVP and payment (\$50 check) to:
BCRWBA • PO Box 603 • Swainsboro, GA 30458



Questions? Email Sherry Christopher: c_martell@msn.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE GRAVE
MARKING OF PATRIOT

Jacob Mercer

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

11:00 A.M.

**PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
CEMETERY**

**601 RAILROAD STREET
SHADY DALE, GA 31085**

Henry Walton, NSDAR

&

**George Walton Chapter
SAR, Georgia Society**

&

**Decendants of Jacob Mercer represented
through Chestatee River, NSDAR, and
Matthew Talbot, NSDAR**

**Following grave marking, a meal at the church Fellowship Hall
will be provided by descendants.**



**Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking
Event For Patriot Edward Williams**

**The Joseph Habersham Chapter SAR
requests your presence at the ceremony to honor
the military service of Patriot Edward Williams**

When - October 17, 2026, Saturday at 1:00 P.M.



**Where - Chechero Baptist Church
4973 Highway 76 East, Rabun County, GA 30525
GPS: Latitude: 34.84153N Longitude: -83.33462W**

**Contact Chapter Past President Lyn Cash (706) 982-4382 or
email cashlg@windstream.net by September 20, 2026, if your
Chapter/Organization would like to present a wreath. Please
provide your presenter's name, organization, and position title.**



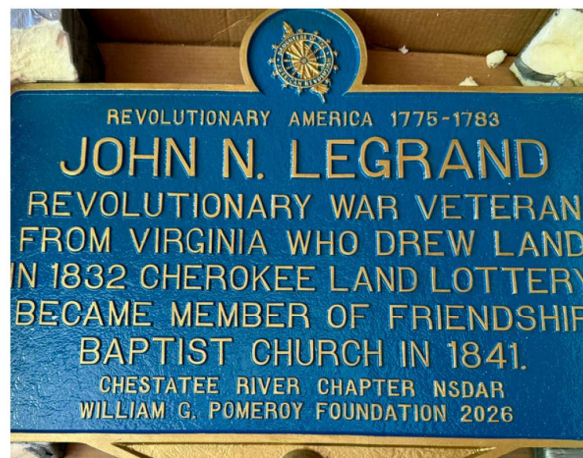
WILLIAM G. POMEROY FOUNDATION PATRIOT MARKER UNVEILING

Patriot John Nash LeGrand

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

2:30 P.M.

**Friendship Baptist Church cemetery
2250 Friendship Circle Cumming, GA**



**In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held inside
the church sanctuary.**





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 R. Miller
Joy Miller
Ted McMullan
Theodore Mullin
Lowrey McNeel
Joe Meyer
Charlie Newcomer
Alice Noble
David Noble
James Noble
Ray Patton
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Kathleen Ann Schroeder
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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!