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Next Meeting – Thursday, October 8th @ Noon

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

Speaker: **Connie Soloway, Honorary Regent Old Noonday Chapter, DAR**

Program: “The formation of our National Archives and Presidential Libraries”

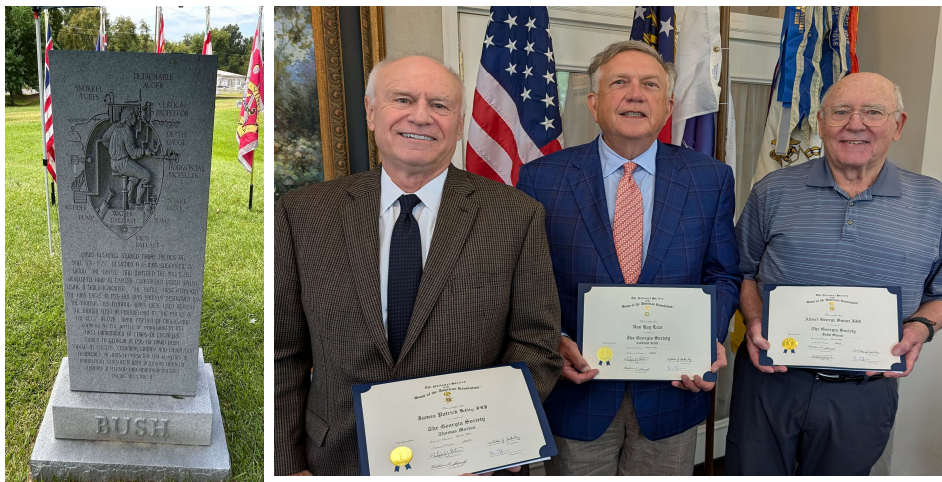
Remember those **soda can tabs** for donation to the Atlanta **Ronald McDonald House**; **magazines and toiletries** for veterans at the **VA Hospital**. A drop-off point at the table next to the registration table is set up to receive your donations.

September Luncheon



The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution continued throughout September for the Georgia Society SAR, with Compatriots participating in events honoring our nation's Revolutionary heritage. Among these events was the annual **SAR George Washington's Tomb Vigil** at Mount Vernon, Virginia, as well as the **Bushnell's Turtle Festival**, held in Warrenton, Georgia, on September 5th and 6th. Georgia Society Chaplain and Atlanta Chapter Compatriot Reverend Edward M. Anderson represented our Chapter during the weekend's activities, including participating in the wreath-laying ceremony on Sunday. (*Bushnell photo bottom left*) Atlanta Chapter Historian **Ken Thomas**, (photo above left), was our featured program speaker for September. Ken presented an informative and inspiring overview of the many SAR Patriotic, Educational, and Youth Programs offered and supported by the Sons of the American Revolution—programs that depend upon the involvement and participation of our Compatriots. Among the many opportunities available are the SAR High School Essay Contest, Elementary School Poster Contest, Middle School Brochure Contest, SAR Eagle Scout Contest, SAR High School Oration Contest, SAR Bronze JROTC Medal Program, SAR Youth Video Contest, and many others.

The SAR provides numerous opportunities to serve our communities, encourage and recognize America's youth, promote an understanding of our nation's founding, and honor the principles and sacrifices of our Revolutionary ancestors. The SAR has a place for you—you simply need to find the program that aligns with your interests, get involved, and have fun while serving. Just let us know & we will help you find the right program for you! During the luncheon, we were pleased to induct and welcome three new Atlanta Chapter Compatriots, (*photo left*) all of whom were registered with the NSSAR in July.



Our three newest Chapter members are:

Van Lear joined through his lineage to Patriot Conrad Lear, a non-commissioned officer and trumpeter who served under Colonel William Washington in the Virginia Line.

James Kelly III joined through his descent from Patriot Thomas Morton, a frontier ranger who served from Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

Albert Swint III proved his lineage to Patriot John Swint, who rendered Patriotic Service in the State of Georgia. Additionally, Compatriot Swint served in the United States Navy as a Naval Communications Officer aboard the USS Voge.

Please join us in welcoming our newest Atlanta Chapter Compatriots! We look forward to their participation and service as we continue honoring the legacy of our Revolutionary ancestors and preserving the principles of liberty and patriotism for future generations.

September **door prize winners** were Nelly Withers picking up a Mount Vernon Stainless Steel Tumbler, James Kelly III who chose an Evan Williams 1783 America 250th Commemorative Anniversary Edition Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey and Ken Thomas who picked up a nice-looking Mount Vernon, Virginia Shot Glass!

2027 Dues Notices have been sent!

2027 Atlanta Chapter Dues Are Now Due. By now, you should have received an email containing your dues bill for the 2027 SAR year. Dues are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.

Prompt payment helps avoid the additional expense and administrative burden to both you and the Atlanta Chapter that can result from having to complete the reinstatement process. Please review and print your membership form, make any necessary corrections, and return it with your payment.

If you have not received your dues bill, please contact Richard Marsh at saratlanta@gmail.com for assistance. Thank you for your prompt attention.



Compatriot Van Lear, center, speaks of his Patriot ancestor Conrad Lear, a non-commissioned officer and trumpeter who served under Colonel William Washington in the Virginia Line, as Compatriots James Kelly III, left, and Albert Swint III, look on after being inducted into the Atlanta Chapter SAR September 8th





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			
NSSAR Fall Leadership	Louisville, KY	October 1-3	National
Battle of Kings Mountain Commemoration	Blacksburg, SC	7 October 10 a.m.	National
Siege of Savannah	Savannah, GA	9 October 8 a.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
5 Patriot Grave Marking Hunt, Kehela, Liddell McRight, Morris	Sugar Hill, GA	7 November @ 11 a.m.	State
Patriot Grave Marking John Nash LeGrand	Cumming, GA	7 November @ 2:30 p.m.	State
Veterans Day	Various	November 11, 2026	National
Patriot Grave Marking William Carson	Warrenton, GA	14 November @ 2 p.m.	State
248 th Anniversary Siege of Fort Morris "Come and Take It"	Midway, GA	21 November @ 10:30 a.m.	National
Wreaths Across America	Lawrenceville, GA	19 December @ 11 a.m.	National



*Dues Season is Here
Don't Become A Drop!*



*Renew Your Membership
In the SAR Today!!*





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

GEORGIA ARCHIVES

LUNCH & LEARN



First in Our State

A Revolutionary Achievement

Michael Henderson

Author, Got Proof!

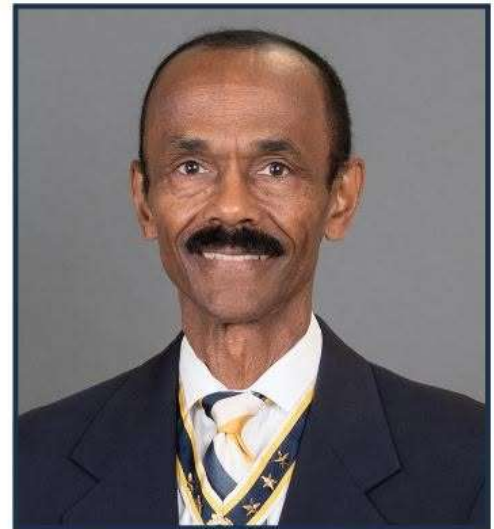


October 9, 2026
12 PM–1 PM



Georgia Archives

5800 Jonesboro Rd.,
Morrow, GA 30260



Free and open to the public. No registration required.



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Georgia Archives



GeorgiaArchives.org



**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**

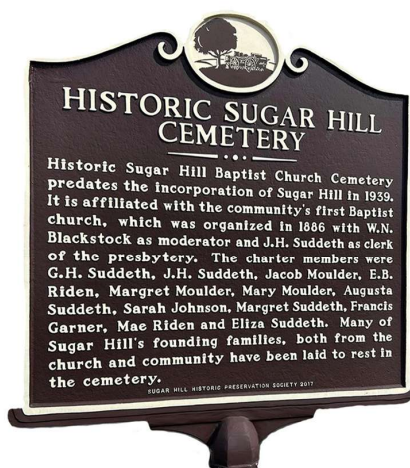
When - October 17, 2026, Saturday at 1:00 P.M.



**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 cashlynwood@gmail.com by October 10, 2026, if your
Chapter/Organization would like to present a wreath. Please
provide your presenter's name, organization, and position title.**

The Atlanta & Button Gwinnett Chapters



**5 - PATRIOT GRAVE MARKINGS &
2 - LIBERTY TREE DEDICATIONS**

**Requests your presence at City of Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery,
5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill, Georgia, 30518**

**Saturday, November 7th 2026 @ 11 a.m.
Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery**



The ceremony will honor the Revolutionary War service of
Littleton Hunt, b. 23 Mar 1741 d. 11 Mar 1843, NC Militia
Christopher Kehela, b. 1758 d. 25 Mar 1837, NC Continental Line
William Liddell, b. 1762 d. 23 Aug 1836, NC Militia
Mathew McRight, b. 2 Feb 1762 d. Nov 1832, SC Militia
William Morris, b. 1758 d. 8 Sept 1828, NC Militia

LIBERTY TREES

**In Recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the
American Revolution 1776 – 2026**

- **Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR** is Dedicating a Liberty Tree to One of Georgia's Signers of the Declaration of Independence – Button Gwinnett
- **Suwanee Creek Chapter NSDAR** is Dedicating a Liberty Tree to the Revolutionary War Patriots Who Called Gwinnett County Home
- For the Dedication of these Liberty Trees, National SAR considers this a National Event for Color Guard purposes.

FREE PARKING at Solis' Garage

1170 Temple Drive, Sugar Hill, GA, 30518

WREATH PRESENTERS & SAR CHAPTER CO-SPONSORS

By October 30, 2026, 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. SAR Chapters wishing to co-sponsor the Grave Marking Event should contact Don McCarty by October 1st.





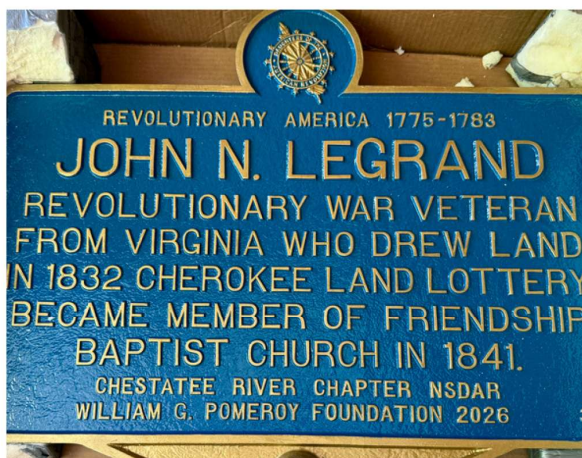
WILLIAM G. POMEROY FOUNDATION PATRIOT MARKER UNVEILING

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.**



Reception following



November 14th Patriot Grave Marking!

**As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of
American Independence, please join us in a
Grave Marking Ceremony honoring
PATRIOTS William Cason and Henry Pool.**

**Location:
775 Wright-Reese Road
Warrenton, GA 30828**

Saturday, November 14, 2026 @ 2:00 PM



Sponsored by the
Captain John Collins Chapter along with the
Brier Creek, Button Gwinnett, Fall Line,
John Milledge and Little River Chapters of the
Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution.

**For questions, contact President Jim Poole at
jimpool82@gmail.com**

**Wreath Registrations: Email Donald McCarty at
donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net PRIOR to November 1, 2026.**



Wreath Registration

***for the Grave Marking Ceremony honoring
PATRIOTS William Cason and Henry Pool
on November 14th at 2pm.***

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

Donald McCarty.

Email: donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net

Prior to November 1, 2026

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 ☐

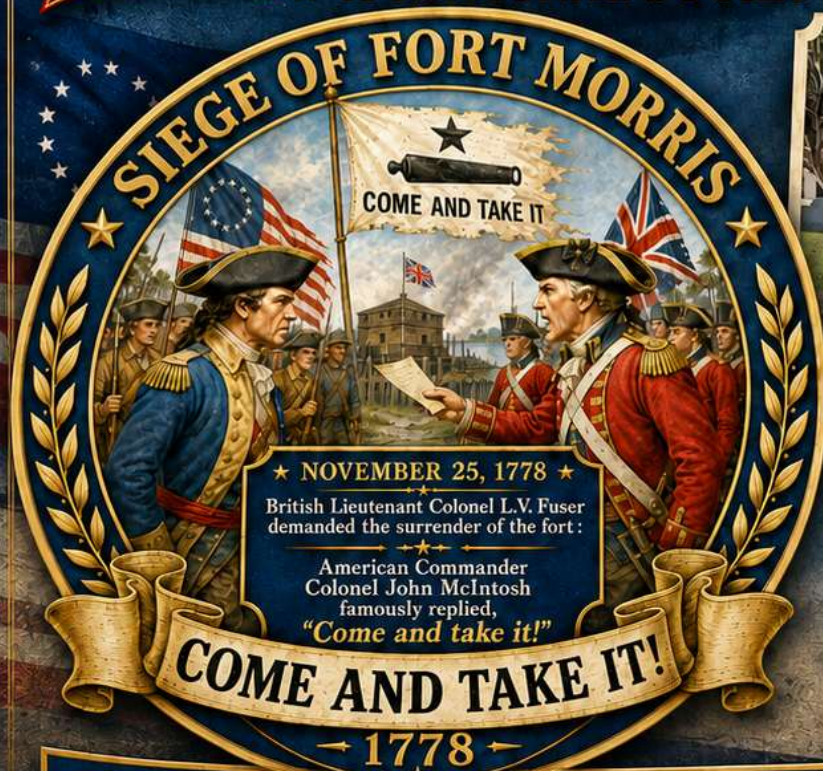
6. Phone #: _____

7. Email: _____

★ THE SIEGE OF ★ FORT MORRIS

★ 248th Anniversary of the "Come and Take It!" Commemoration ★

★ A NATIONAL SOCIETY SAR EVENT ★



On November 25, 1778,
the British demanded
Fort Morris to surrender...
to which the Patriots
defiantly replied,
"Come and Take It!"

Saturday, November 21, 2026 ★ 10:30 AM

★ CANNONS ★ PERIOD DRESS ★ MILITIA! ★

★ FORT MORRIS HISTORIC SITE

Georgia's only Revolutionary historic site with earthworks

7 miles east of I-95, Exit 76 – Island Parkway and Fort Morris Road • (912) 884-5999

Sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution,
Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Georgia Society SAR,
and Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution



GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

STATE PARKS &
HISTORIC SITES

★★ Note: An entrance fee will be required by all attendees. ★★



December 19th

WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA

Marietta National
Cemetery

REMEMBER ME



WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA

Honoring 250 Years of American Heroes



GA0057 - GEORGIA SOCIETY- SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Please help us Remember, Honor, and Teach on December 19, 2026 at 12:00 pm (EST) by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering, or inviting friends to help.

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Welcome to the GA0057 - Georgia Society-Sons of the American Revolution's Wreaths Across America Page.

On December 19, 2026 at 12:00 pm (EST), GA0057 - Georgia Society-Sons of the American Revolution will be helping Marietta National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Thank you so much for supporting the GA0057 - Georgia Society-Sons of the American Revolution and Wreaths Across America!

<https://wreathsassamerica.org/pages/47894/Overview/?relatedId=14805>



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference

January 29th & 30th 2027



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: -Link to be announced soon-

Tentative schedule of upcoming events

Events – Friday, January 29th:

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)

Events – Saturday, January 30th:

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 2027 Officers (Members and guests) (Business Suit, Uniform or Kilt)

You may 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
**2027 Annual George Washington Birthday
Celebration, Meeting & Luncheon**



Druid Hills Golf Club

740 Clifton Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 20, 2027

Join us in celebrating a successful year!

In 2027 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 J. Daniel McMichael 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 2026 officers. New members will be inducted and officers installed for the 2027 year ahead.

Advance reservations are required and must be postmarked no later than February 8th

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.



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
Robert Miller Rogers
Stephen D. Schroeder
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!