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Next Meeting – Thursday, October 10th

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

Program speaker: Compatriot Barrett Hanson “Battle of Savannah 9 Oct. 1779”

Regular meetings are held on the **second Thursday of the month except in February** when we meet on the Saturday closest to George Washington’s Birthday, and in July and August when we do not schedule a regular meeting.

Remember those **soda can tabs, Labels for Education, and Box Tops for Education** for donation to the **Children of the American Revolution; 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.

Paul Boshears Installed as Atlanta Chapter President



Dr. Paul Boshears, as 2nd Vice President of the Chapter, will serve as President for the remainder of Dr. Noble’s term. Chapter officers serve from February 17, 2024, to February 20, 2025. We are grateful for Dr. Noble’s service to the Atlanta Chapter over the years.

Compatriot Boshears will shepherd the initiatives Dr. Noble put forward for the Atlanta Chapter to complete during his term:

1. Inform public and place a marker at Standing Peachtree (Atlanta Waterworks), for Revolutionary War Patriot expeditions 1776, 1778, & 1781.
2. Participate in procuring and placing a cenotaph (grave stone) for Col. John Dooly at the Elijah Clarke State park.
3. Help with the celebration of Capt. David Bushnell (inventor of the Rev. War Submarine "Turtle") in Warrenton GA.
4. Help with the celebration of the Battle at Kettle Creek (Feb. 14th, 1779).
5. Help with the celebration of the battle of Brier Creek (March 3, 1779).
6. Join with the STATE 250 Commission in their presentations (Think Color Guard in uniforms).

Great Speakers Enhance Atlanta Chapter Meetings... Presenting Excellent, In-Depth Program Topics and Discussions



Compatriot Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. discusses the battles at Kettle Creek and Brier Creek

The Atlanta Chapter is fortunate to have amongst its members an expert public speaker and historian, Kenneth Thomas, Jr. who shared an enlightening discussion of the battles at Kettle and Brier Creeks in 1779.



Members of the Atlanta Chapter as well as State Chaplain Edward Anderson and wife regard Compatriot Thomas's presentation.

Because the Battle of Saratoga in late 1777 changed the direction of the American Revolutionary War, the British began a program to pacify the southern colonies of Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia. This gambit to separate the South from the northern colonies began with the invasion of Georgia in 1778. Savannah was captured at the end of December, 1778 and so we can see the strategic value of this victory.

In Memoriam



We mourn the loss of our compatriot Baxter Bedell who passed away at his home September 12 last month. Baxter's passion for genealogy and history are exemplified in his membership to twenty-two lineage societies. We are told that many of his friends knew Baxter to be "a walking encyclopedia of knowledge." We are grateful for our time with Baxter and wish his family and friends peace.

We thank Chapter Chaplain John Titus for conveying our deepest sympathies.

Upcoming Events

Patriot Grave Marking



Lyman Hall and Robert Forsyth Chapters, GASSAR with James Pittman Chapter, NSDAR
Request the honor of your presence at the dedication of the grave marker for

Nathaniel Valentine Bowles

Patriot Soldier of the Continental Line

Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 3pm

Apple Valley Baptist Church Cemetery
4640 Commerce Rd (Georgia Rt15)

Commerce, GA 30529

GPS coordinates: 34.157063, -83.511627



If you wish to present a wreath,
please register before Friday,
November 15, 2024, via email to:

JamesPittmanDAR@gmail.com

Provide Name, Chapter, Position

Patriot Grave Marking

Sons of the American Revolution Georgia Society
Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Robert Forsyth Chapter
Edward Telfair Chapter and Button Gwinnett Chapter

*Invites you to a
Four Patriot Grave Marking*

Friday, November 22, 2024 at 3:00 pm
(Day before the Siege of Ft. Morris “Come and take it”)

Contentment Bluff Plantation Cemetery
Camp Kicklighter Rd (Shellman Buff)
Townsend, GA

Honoring

John Calder

Hammond’s Reg of Light
Dragoons, SC Militia and GA
Col. Elijah Clarke

James Gilligant, Sr.

SC Army/Militia
Commissioner of the Peace

Capt. James Nephew

Served in the Col. John Baker
Regiment Liberty Co., GA
GA Militia

Lt. Col. John Cooper

GA Troops

If you would like to present a wreath, provide your name, chapter,
organization and position.

Contact: J. Steven Hinson (GA) stevenhinson61@gmail.com 912-258-2033

Monthly Meetings

November 14th (Thursday) at noon

Speaker: Boyd Johnson

Topic: Georgia Government Collapses, Augusta Captured, Col John Dooly Murdered, and the 1st Siege of Augusta.

December 12th (Thursday) at 6PM

Speaker: Tom Gurley

Topic: 2nd Siege of Augusta, post at White House, Hickory Hill, Savannah River no man's Land.

January 9th (Thursday) at noon

Speaker: TBD

Topic: Gibbons Plantation, British Evacuations of Savannah, Last Fight at Delegal's Plantation, Skidaway Island.



2024 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 17, 2024, to February 20, 2025, are as follows:

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| President | Dr. Paul Boshears |
| 1st Vice President | TBD |
| 2nd Vice President | TBD |
| Secretary | Al Adams |
| Treasurer | Richard Marsh |
| Registrar | Joseph H. Blackmon |
| Sergeant-At-Arms | Ben Jetter |
| Chancellor | Gregory Smith |
| Chaplain | John Titus |
| Historian | Ken Thomas |
| Information Technology | Richard Marsh |

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.

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Many thanks go to our Atlanta Fellows whose donations help support our extended outreach programs. Thanks go to our existing Atlanta Fellows who have made additional donations, including donations made by or on behalf of spouses of members of our chapter. Donations toward chapter-sponsored events such as Wreaths across America also credit toward the Atlanta Fellow program. We are also grateful for several members who have started making incremental donations toward becoming Atlanta Fellows. We thank all our Atlanta Fellows for their support and encourage others to join their ranks.

Veterans Respect Activities

Our chapter began a project 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, 2022, please report the details to our Chaplain John Titus.

