



# Atlanta Tidbits Ledger

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## Next Meeting – Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

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

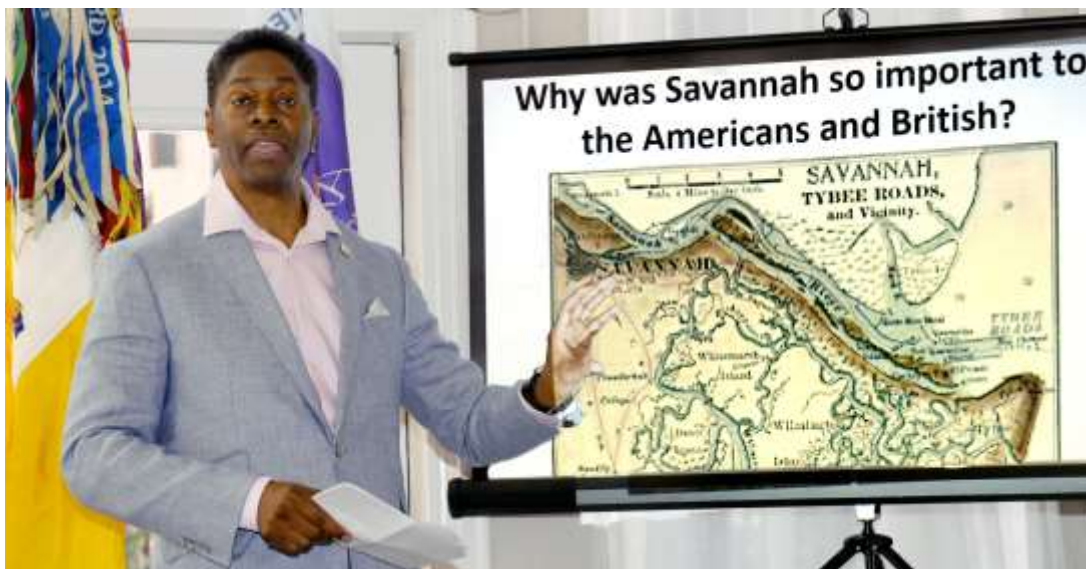
### Program speaker: Compatriot Boyd Johnson

“Georgia Government Collapses, Augusta Captured, Col John Dooly Murdered, and the 1st Siege of Augusta”

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.

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



Compatriot Barrett Hanson discusses the Battles of Savannah, October 1779

The Atlanta Chapter is grateful to our former Chapter President, Barrett Hanson who shared an enlightening discussion of the battle for Savannah in 1779. Hanson not only explained the challenges facing the combined American and French forces, he also gave some attention to the role of the Chasseurs-Volontaires from Haiti. These Black Haitian soldiers, under the leadership of Count d'Estaing, constituted the largest contingent of troops of African descent to fight in the American Revolution.



Members of the Atlanta Chapter attending to Compatriot Hanson's presentation.

Savannah was captured by the British at the end of December, 1778 and the Battle of Savannah was one of the bloodiest in our revolution. The British defenders under General Augustine Prevost, included Highland regulars, Hessian mercenaries, American Loyalists, a few Native Americans, and formerly enslaved African Americans seeking freedom through enlistment.

## Update and Request for Our Chapter's VA Canteen Coupon Book

Chapter Chaplain John Titus reports that we currently have about \$750 in our VA Canteen Coupon Book account.

**Our goal is to reach our usual \$1000 to buy these books for the patients at the VA.**

Please do speak with John at our upcoming luncheon or reach out to him to contribute to our account.



# 243<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Yorktown Victory



Wreath Laying Ceremony during the 243<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Yorktown Victory celebration



Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Chapter Members George Wysong III, left, Past President Gregory Smith, right, and Atlanta Chapter DAR member Elizabeth Wysong, center, along with George's wife Brenda Wysong, attended the 243<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Yorktown Victory Wreath-Laying Ceremony Saturday, October 19th 2024 at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, Virginia.

After this National SAR Event, George Wysong III and his sister Elizabeth Wysong, both members of the National Society of the Washington Family Descendants, marched with other NSWFD members and their spouses' in the Yorktown Day Parade to the Victory Monument where events included representative speakers from the US, France and Spain, as well as a special guest speaker, the Marquis de Lafayette. The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps also performed at The Victory Monument.





## Yorktown Day Parade to the Victory Monument



The NSSAR Color Guard lead by Scott Collins, left, marched in the Parade, NSWFD marched behind their banner with flags. The Parade also included several High school bands, JROTC units, branches of all US Armed forces, Spanish armed forces & French armed forces as well as French, Spanish and US Veterans Organizations, Patriotic Societies and many more!





# Yorktown Victory Monument



**The Yorktown Victory Monument is a monument erected in Colonial National Historical Park in Yorktown, Virginia, commemorating the 1781 victory at Yorktown and the alliance with France & Spain that brought about the end of the American Revolution and the resulting peace with England after the American Revolutionary War.**



# Spain Represented at Yorktown

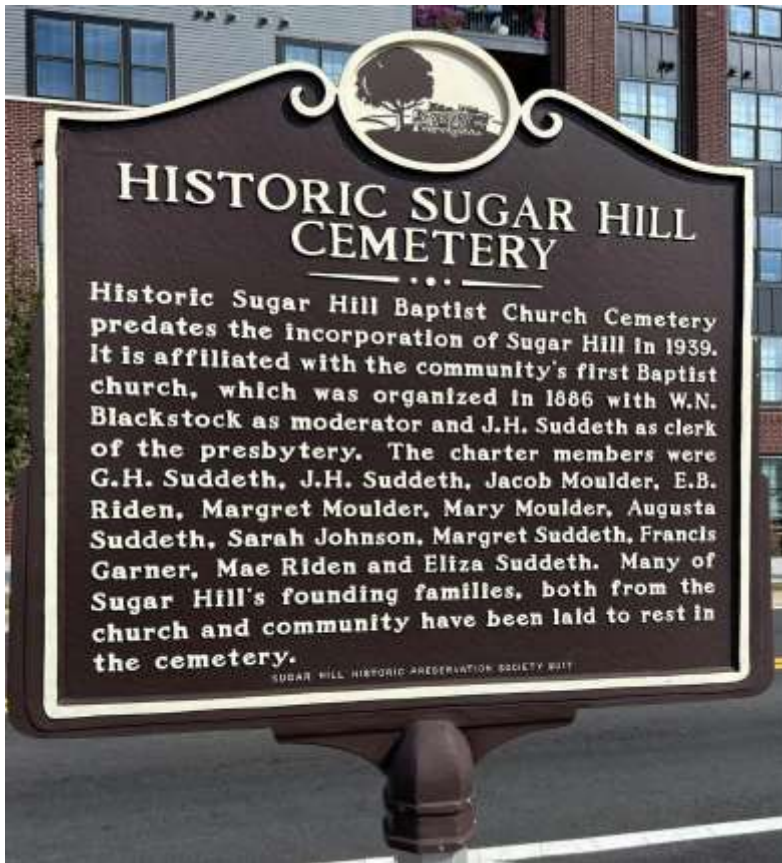


Spain was well represented Spanish Army, Navy, Air Force members as well as a descendent of Spanish Patriots of the American Revolution.





# Sugar Hill Patriot Grave Marking



Last Saturday was a beautiful day to be outside. Many members of the Georgia Society SAR started the day honoring two Patriots buried in Georgia. Atlanta Chapter SAR Past President Gregory Smith represented our Chapter & the New Mexico Society Sons of the American Revolution during the Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriots Enoch Benson & Isaac Horton at the Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery, Saturday, November 2, 2023 in Sugar Hill, GA. Elizabeth Wysong and Jane Bronner 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, Sugar Hill's Historic Preservation Society. Remarks from descendants of both Patriots Benson and Horton then summarized the 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 two Patriots. I encourage anyone who has not yet attended a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony to go and experience one first hand. Your attendance helps the Atlanta Chapter learn about and support Patriots of the American Revolution buried here right here in Georgia. It was the perfect way to start November!









# Upcoming Events



## Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference

**January 31, 2025 & February 1, 2025**

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

<https://gasocietysar.org/gassar-annual-conference-2025/>

## Monthly Meetings

**December 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at 6PM**

Speaker: Tom Gurley

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

**January 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at noon**

Speaker: Terry Manning

Topic: John Paul Jones



# Patriot Grave Markings



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](mailto:JamesPittmanDAR@gmail.com)

Provide Name, Chapter, Position



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](mailto:stevenhinson61@gmail.com) 912-258-2033**



# Our Membership in the Community

Our Chapter Historian, Ken Thomas, will be speaking on the evening of November 14<sup>th</sup> (6:30-7:30) at the DeKalb History Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Enjoy a presentation about the history of postcards, the different types of cards people collect, and how they can enhance the history of your community, your genealogy, and your travels.

This will be a ticketed event: \$5 for DHC members, \$10 for non-members.



## 2024 Chapter Officer Directory

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

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



*Left: Compatriot Joey Blackmon in Colorguard with our October visitor, Pendleton Boshears.*



# 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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**Joseph Hankins**  
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**Elizabeth Kearsley Wysong**  
**George Kearsley Wysong III**

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.**

