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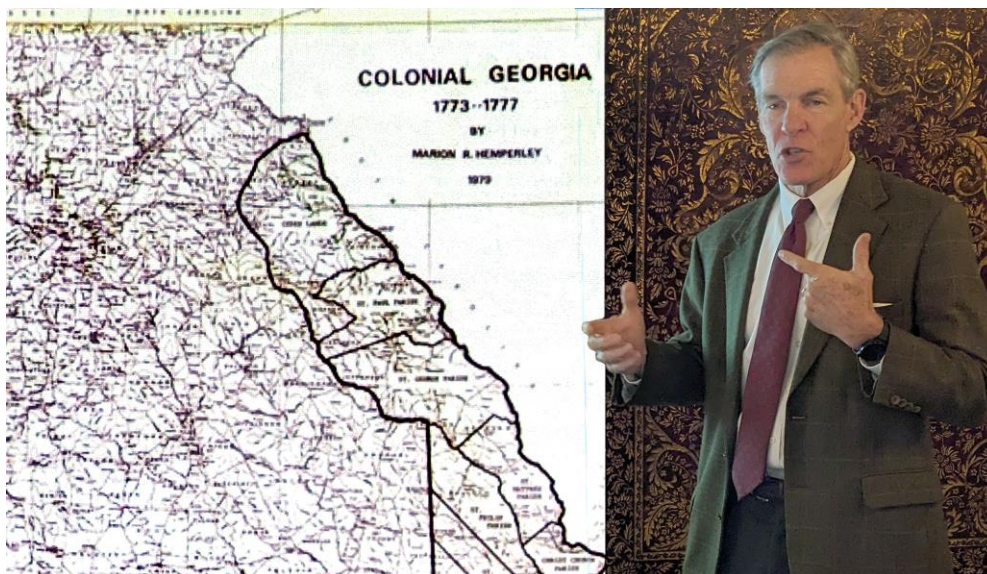
Next Meeting – 6pm, Thursday, December 12th
At the Petite Violette Restaurant 2948 Clairmont Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329

Program speaker: Compatriot Tom Gurley
**“2nd Siege of Augusta, post at White House, Hickory Hill,
Savannah River no man’s Land”**

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.

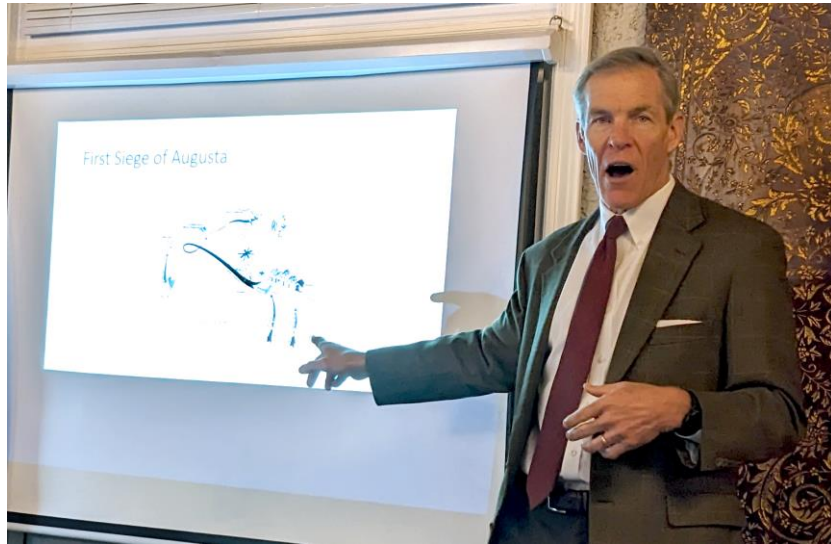
Remember those **soda can tabs, Labels for Education, and Box Tops for Education** for donation to the **Children of the American Revolution; magazines and toiletries for veterans at the VA Hospital; paperback books for the USO.** A drop-off point at the table next to the registration table is set up to receive your donations.

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



Compatriot Boyd Johnson discusses the first siege of Augusta

The Atlanta Chapter is grateful to our compatriot Boyd Johnson who shared a fascinating presentation of the first siege of Augusta. Johnson's presentation was made all the more remarkable by his seemingly extemporaneous manner of speaking, easily unwinding an in-depth discussion of the tactics and strategies employed by both the British and our Patriot forebears.



Johnson discussing the movement of forces in the first siege of Augusta.

The siege began when Elijah Clarke descended from his refuge in the hills of North Carolina, mustering a force of 600 men. For four relentless days, Clarke laid siege to the Mackay House, where British Rangers and Native American allies, sought shelter. In a timely stroke of fortune for Brown, reinforcements arrived in the form of loyalist forces from Ninety-Six, who came to lift the siege. Clarke's daring raid upon Augusta ignited a chain of events that would ultimately lead to the fateful clash at Kings Mountain in North Carolina. On October 7, 1780, the Patriots delivered a resounding victory on the slopes of Kings Mountain, forever altering the course of the Revolution.

We Welcome Our Newest Compatriot: Bruce Wilson Cotterman



Our Atlanta Chapter continues to grow as we welcome our newest compatriot, Bruce Cotterman, descendant of Jacob Kotterman. Compatriot Cotterman was inducted by Chapter President Boshears and was given his rosette by Registrar Joey Blackmon. Cotterman shared with us some details of his forebears' service to the Revolution and also their roles in establishing the territory that would one day become the state of Ohio. We look forward to many more years of Mr. Cotterman's fraternity and service.



Together, We Can Achieve More—Volunteer Today and Help Us Build a Stronger Tomorrow

Our Chapter has several open officer roles as well as volunteering opportunities. What's more—as we learned from Richard Marsh, our Treasurer, during his report—we **have the financial resources to support these roles and service projects.**

We are also seeking nominations for officers to serve in the 2025-26 season.

Officer Roles

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Secretary

Open Service Opportunities

George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest
Student Education
Senior Education
Flag Respect

Bowles Patriot Grave Marking



Sunday, November 17, marked the end of another beautiful Fall weekend in North Georgia. Compatriots of the Georgia Society SAR honored the service of Patriot Nathaniel Valentine Bowles who was in the Continental Line and is now buried in the Apple Valley Baptist Church Cemetery in Commerce, 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. Elizabeth Wysong represented the Atlanta Chapter NSDAR by presenting a wreath to honor Patriot Bowles.

Greetings were given by representatives from State and local National Society Sons of the American Revolution, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and National Society Children of the American Revolution. Remarks from two descendants of Patriot Bowles spoke of his Continental service, journey to Georgia,

and their family connections. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard was in full display with colors, a 3-volley salute, and Mourn Muskets before retiring the colors.

Above Photo: Atlanta Chapter SAR Past President Gregory Smith, right, poses with Georgia Society SAR President Edward P. Rigel, Jr, left, after the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony. Photo Right : Elizabeth Wysong poses with the Georgia Society Color Guard, led by NSSAR Commander Scott Collins.





Upcoming Events



On **December 14, 2024 at 12:00 pm** (Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony), Wreaths Across America will be at **Marietta National Cemetery** to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Location Information

GAMNCM - Marietta National Cemetery
500 Washington Ave
Marietta, GA 30060

Sponsorship and volunteering opportunities are available through the Wreaths Across America website:

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/14805/Overview/?relatedId=0>

Thank you so much for supporting Marietta National Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!



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

January 9th (Thursday) at noon

Speaker: Terry Manning

Topic: John Paul Jones

February 22nd (Saturday) at 11:30am

Washington's Birthday Celebration

Druid Hills Golf Club on Clifton Road

246th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek

Revolutionary Days

February 7th, 8th & 9th, 2025

On **Friday**, the **GASSAR Color Guard** will present the **Colors at a 1:30 p.m.** ceremony in Elijah Clarke State Park, and the GASSAR Militia will salute Col. Clarke with a musket volley.

Also, on Friday, the KCBA will conduct **tours of the Kettle Creek Battlefield beginning at 11 a.m.** and continuing throughout the day.

Saturday will be full of celebratory events beginning with the raising of the **Revolutionary War Colors at 9:50 a.m. and a Patriot Salute at 10:10** on the Washington town square.

Members of the GASSAR Color Guard and the Georgia Society Daughters of the American Revolution will portray American Revolution characters. Throughout the morning, visitors may talk to and take pictures with these living history performers. Colonial exhibits and demonstrations may be enjoyed in a building just off the town square.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the 10:30 parade, and participants will assemble behind the Washington Courthouse at 10 a.m.

At **11 a.m. an exciting battle re-enactment** will take place behind the courthouse.

At 1 p.m. the celebration will move to the Kettle Creek Battlefield for the **2:30 wreath laying ceremony**. The GASSAR Color Guard will present the Colors and the GASSAR Militia will conduct a musket salute to the patriots who fought at the historic battle. A wreath-laying ceremony will be held for all who wish to honor the Patriots who fought at the Battle of Kettle Creek, and the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution will conduct the 13 Flag Ceremony.

On **Sunday**, the **annual Colonial Worship Service will be at 9 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Washington**. This service is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

**The Board of Managers of the Atlanta Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
cordially invites you and your family
to attend our**

George Washington Birthday Celebration and Annual Meeting Luncheon



**Druid Hills Golf Club
740 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30307**

11:30 a.m., Saturday, February 22, 2025

Join us in celebrating a successful year in 2024.

In 2025 we look forward to honoring our patriot ancestors and family heritage, promoting patriotism, recognizing veterans, and encouraging education about the people, places, and events of the Revolutionary War.

The event will highlight a **delicious luncheon** and the **Atlanta member and chapter awards** received at the annual meeting of the Georgia Society SAR; **induction of new members; recognition of 2024 officers and chairmen and installation of chapter officers for 2025.**

Advance reservations are required and must be postmarked no later than February 10th. Please use the following reservation slip.

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 at 11:30 a.m. rather than noon.**



2024 Chapter Officer Directory

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

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.

