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Next Meeting – 11:30am, Saturday, February 22nd
At the Druid Hills Golf Club 740 Clifton Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

Celebrating George Washington's Birthday

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 Terry Manning as John Paul Jones

The Atlanta Chapter is grateful to our compatriot and former Chapter President, Terry Manning who regaled us with a biography of the “father of the American Navy,” John Paul Jones. Manning dressed the part and presented effortlessly and in a compelling manner.



John Paul (later he adopted the surname Jones) was a Scottish-born American naval officer, often called the “Father of the American Navy.” He served in the Continental Navy during the Revolutionary War and became one of the U.S. military's greatest naval commanders. After starting his career in the British Merchant Navy, Jones fled to Virginia after killing a mutinous subordinate. He joined the Continental Navy in 1775, conducting several successful naval campaigns against the British, including the raid on Whitehaven and the Battle of Flamborough Head. After the war, Jones joined the Russian Navy and rose to rear admiral but was dismissed following a scandal. He died in Paris in 1792 at 45 years of age.

Scenes from our last meeting





In Memoriam



From Compatriot Gregory Smith:

Compatriots,

It is with great sadness that I inform you that our esteemed and dedicated Compatriot Albert Henley “Hank” Sturgess Jr. passed on Sunday, January 26th 2025 at the age of 103. Hank was a US Navy Officer who served during WWII. In 2007 he served as the President of the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, he will be missed.

He is survived by his son, Robert Henley Sturgess, daughter-in-law Anne Sturgess, granddaughter Frances Julia Sturgess, stepsister Eleanor Whitfield, cousin Jerry Mowell, and several nephews and nieces.

A celebration of Sturgess' life will be held:

Friday, January 31st at 10 a.m.
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
850 Mt. Vernon Highway, NW,
Sandy Springs 30327

In lieu of flowers, the family says contributions may be made in his name to the missions fund at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, where Sturgess served as deacon and elder.

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

Upcoming Events

**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 22, 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.

Al Adams
Edward Moses Anderson Sr
G. Kathryn Anderson
Paul Leon Anderson
Bill Armstrong
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
Ann Hays

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Don Kenagy
Charles Lord
Katherine Lord
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Charlie Maney
Ginny Manning
Terry Manning
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Korey Matthew Schroeder
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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.

