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Next Meeting – Thursday, March 13th @ Noon

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

Program speaker: Dr. David Noble “Dooley and the American Revolution in Georgia, let us not forget”

Dr. Noble will present Dooley’s role in the Revolution and plans to erect a Cenotaph and placement at the Elijah Clark State Park. The story of Dooley has many twists that many have never heard.

A BOM meeting will be held directly after the Luncheon.

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.

2025 Chapter Officers Installed



Georgia Society Chaplain Edward M. Anderson, Sr., left, installs the 2025 Atlanta Chapter slate of officers with their oath of office, during the Atlanta Chapter’s annual George Washington’s Birthday Celebration, Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta. The 2025 Atlanta chapters officers are, from left to right. Mark Bell, Chancellor; Jarvis Bronner, 2nd Vice President; Richard Marsh, Treasurer & Information Technology; Gregory Smith, President; Kenneth Thomas, Jr., Historian; John Titus, Chaplain; Joseph Blackmon, Registrar and Al Adams, 1st Vice President (not pictured -Benjamin Jetter, Jr., Sergeant at Arms). During the Annual Celebration, A Salute to George Washington was given by Elizabeth K. Wysong. Al Adams and John Titus led the Members Memorial, we inducted 3 new chapter members and presented Service & Members awards.

George Washington's Birthday Celebration



Georgia Society Chaplain Edward M. Anderson, Sr., left, brings greetings for the GSSAR President Ed Floyd.



Photo Right, Dr. Paul Boshears, left, presents Ken Thomas Jr., right, with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal in recognition of Service to the Atlanta Chapter as our Chapter Historian in 2024 and his dedication as a featured speaker in monthly Chapter programs for the past four years. Photo left, GASSAR Chaplain Edward M. Anderson, Sr., Passes the Gavel to incoming Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith as he takes on the February 2025- February 2026 term.

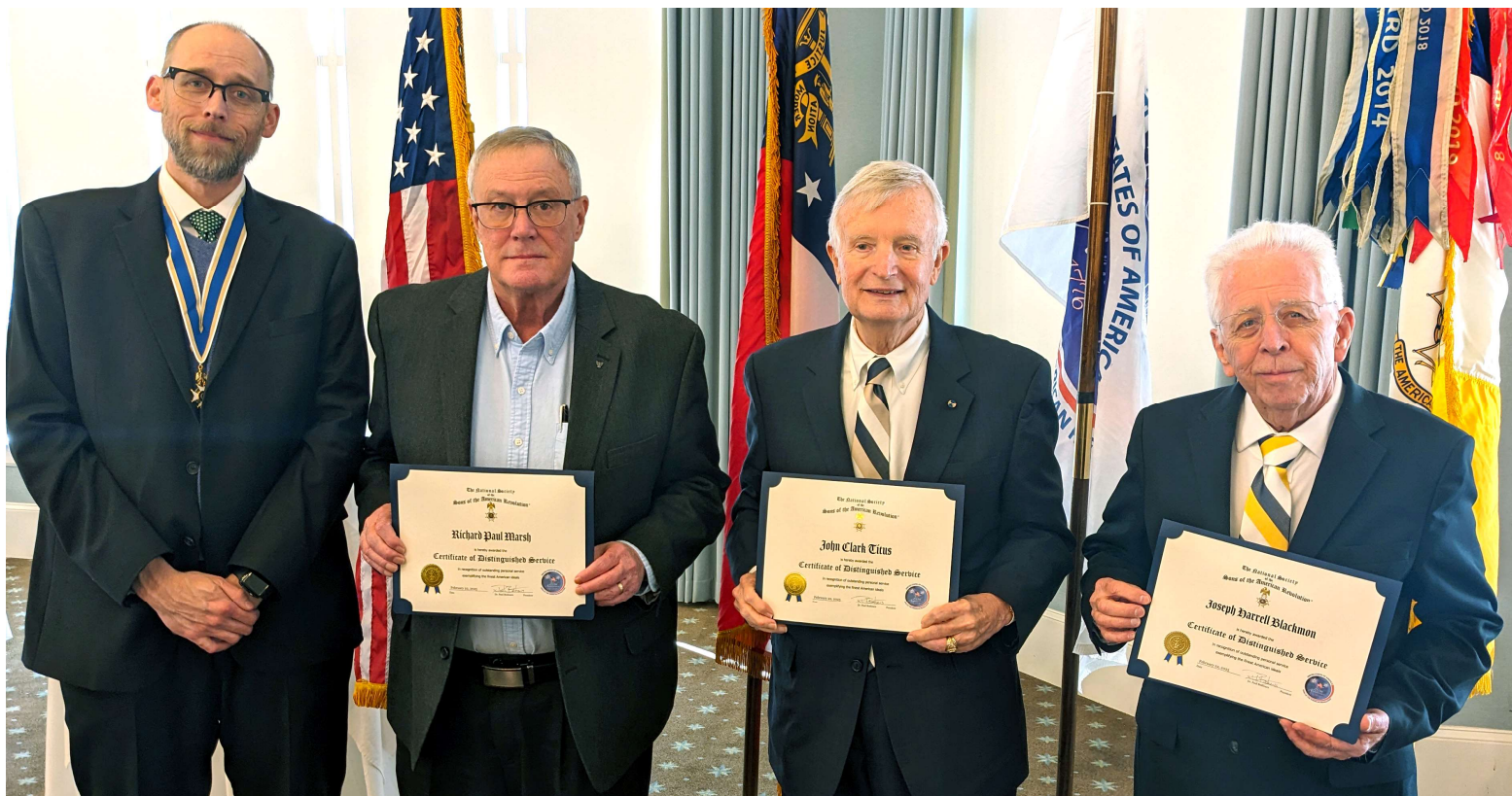


Military Service Awards



The SAR Military Service Medal may be presented to SAR members for service in the United States Military. Atlanta Chapter President Dr. Paul Boshears far left, poses with Compatriots Bruce Cotterman, left, Joseph Blackmon, center, John Hines Sr. The SAR has ensured that their devotion to liberty and freedom will not be forgotten. As is done with our Patriot Ancestors, the SAR maintains a roll of Compatriots who are Military Veterans of the United States.

Distinguished Service Awards



Chapter President Dr. Paul Boshears far left, presents Distinguished Service Awards to Richard Marsh, left, Treasurer & IT, John Titus, Chaplain, and Joseph Blackmon, Chapter Registrar, for their service during his term as Chapter President.

Membership Awards

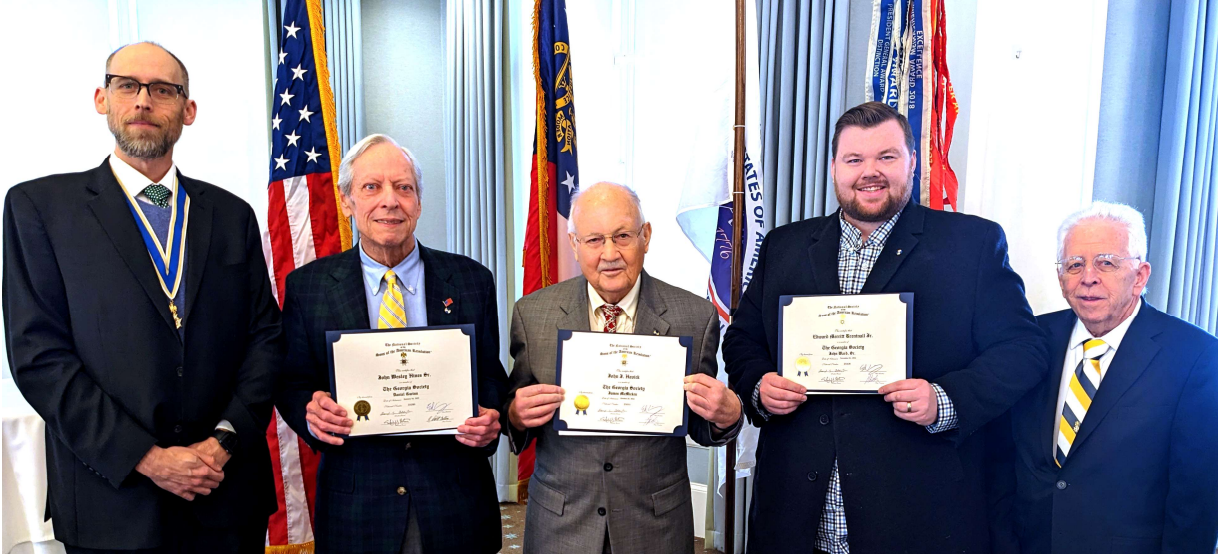


Chapter President Dr. Paul Boshears, far left rear, presents SAR Membership Awards to (left to right): Rev J.R. McAliley III, 12 Year award; Mark Bell, 10 year Award; Kenneth Thomas, Jr., 10 year Award; John Titus, 10 year Award; and Richard Marsh, 12 Year Award.

New Member Inductions



Chapter President Dr. Paul Boshears, far left, inducts New SAR Compatriots (left to right) John Hines Sr., John Havick and Edward Brentnall Jr. at the Atlanta Chapter's annual George Washington's Birthday Celebration.



Fisher Craft Performance Awards



2024 Atlanta Chapter Officers receive the highly coveted Fisher Craft Memorial Magnificent Performance Award, (left to right) Robert Adams, John Titus, Joseph Blackmon, Richard Marsh, Kenneth Thomas, Jr., Gregory Smith



Member Memorial

Atlanta Chapter Secretary Al Adams, left, and Chaplin John Titus, right, conduct the SAR Members Memorial Ceremony in honor of the memory of Atlanta Chapter Compatriots who passed away during the last year. They remain in our hearts and prayers.

Eugene Albert Grasser, Jr.
Deceased March 5th 2024

Joe Lewis Anderson, Sr.
Deceased December 4th 2024

Baxter Keith Bedell
Deceased September 17th 2024

Albert Henley Sturgess Jr.
Deceased January 26th 2025

Past President's Pin

Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Al Adams, left, presents Compatriot Dr. Paul Boshears, right, the SAR Chapter Past President's pin which is a symbol that represents his service as an SAR chapter Past President.

The Atlanta Chapter SAR extends its heartfelt gratitude to Paul for his exceptional dedication and leadership volunteering for the remaining 2024 term, filling a void when we needed it most. With enthusiasm and commitment, Paul stepped into the role as Chapter President, guiding our chapter. His tireless efforts and steadfast leadership were instrumental in navigating this challenging year. We sincerely thank Paul for his hard work and unwavering dedication, which made a lasting impact on our chapter.



Flag Display Recognition



Chapter Past President Dr. Paul Boshears, right, presents a Certificate of Commendation in display of the Flag of the United States to the Druid Hills Golf Club as Compatriot Jay McLendon, left, looks on.

This Sons of the American Revolution program locates, identifies and presents Flag Certificates to schools, individuals, organizations and businesses that display the American flag properly. The certificate contains a Betsy Ross flag that is now recognized as standard during the American Revolution despite its not gaining popularity until afterwards, and the current 50 state Stars & Stripes flag.

United States Flag Protocol

It is the universal custom to display the Flag only from sunrise to sunset on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The Flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The Flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right, that is, the Flags own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of the line.

The Flag should not be displayed on a float in parade except from a staff.

No other Flag or pennant should be placed above or, on the same level, to the right of the Flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the Flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy.

The Flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the Flag's own right and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag. The Flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the Flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the Flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. (cont., right)



Past President Dr. Paul Boshears presents a Flag Certificate to Compatriot Derrick Deeds

The Flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of unveiling a statue or monument, but it should never be used as a covering for a statue or monument.

In addition to this protocol, the general guidelines are 1) the US Flag should not be used as a form of advertisement, as is the case with some auto dealerships, 2) the flag should always be in good condition, not faded or torn, 3) the flag, if flown at night, should have a light directed at it during night time hours, and 4) the flag should not be flown subservient (lower in elevation) to other flags.

If you would like to nominate a Flag certificate recipient, or if you feel that your organization should be recognized, please contact us through our chapter web site under Flag Respect at: <https://www.saratlanta.org/flag-respect/>

GASSAR Conference



NSSAR President General Darryl Addington, M.D., right, presents Silver Roger Sherman Medals to Georgia Society Chaplain Edward M. Anderson, Sr., left, and Gregory Smith, Center in recognition of Service to the Georgia Society

Georgia Society Member Memorial

Georgia Society Chaplain Rev. Edward M. Anderson, Sr., left, conducts the Georgia Society Members Memorial Ceremony, with the aid of his brother and Atlanta Chapter Compatriot Paul Anderson, right, in honor of the memory of all GASSAR Compatriots who passed away during 2024. The Ceremony was a most somber occasion for the Atlanta Chapter and the Andersons because Compatriot Joe Lewis Anderson Sr., who passed on Dec. 4th 2024, is the brother of both Ed & Paul Anderson. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Anderson Family.



Atlanta Chapter at the GASSAR Conference



Kettle Creek Celebration



NSSAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, right, marches by the Wilkes County Courthouse as he leads the parade around Washington Square flanked by NSSAR Registrar General T. Brooks Lyles and the Georgia Society Color Guard.



At the Wilkes County Courthouse. Above right, the Georgia Society SAR Elijah 5 Colors of the Revolutionary War on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flagpole.

Kettle Creek Battlefield



The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, the Elijah Clark Militia & Airforce JROTC cadets render honors on War Hill



Left, Color Guard and Militia march into positions on War Hill. Right Photo, Georgia Society Chaplain Edward M. Anderson, Sr., center, offers a prayer to start the Kettle Creek program on War Hill, with GASSAR president Bill Floyd, left



Wreath Presentations



Last month, the National Society SAR commemorated the 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek, Georgia's most significant Revolutionary battle. Over two days in Washington, Georgia, Compatriots from the Southeast and various lineage societies gathered to honor the soldiers who fought and won against British forces. The weekend featured living history demonstrations, a parade with color guard and colonial attire, a battle reenactment with musket and cannon fire, a solemn tribute with wreath presentations, and so much more. Please consider attendance in 2026 & represent the Atlanta SAR.



Upcoming Events

BRIER CREEK CHAPTER and WIREGRASS CHAPTER

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Brier Creek Chapter, Wiregrass Chapter, Mill Creek Chapter
invite you to attend the

246th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRIER CREEK

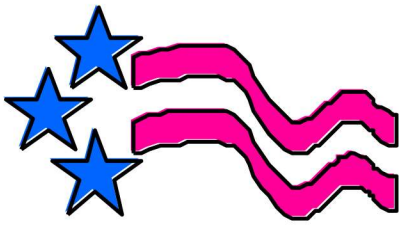
Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Brier Creek Battlefield and Memorial Site

Google maps to Brier Creek Battlefield or Set GPS to
Tuckahoe Wildlife Management Area
then down Brannen's Bridge Road for ½ mile
Screven County, Georgia

SAR, DAR, C.A.R., other patriotic and Lineage societies, chapters, and the general public are invited to the 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Brier Creek. Continental, militia, or period attire is encouraged.

To participate in the Wreath Presentation, please complete and return the registration form no later than Friday, February 28, 2025, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program.



246th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRIER CREEK

Saturday, March 8, 2025

ATLANTIC DISTRICT EVENT
NATIONAL EVENT PENDING, MARCH 1, 2025

Wreath Registration

Name of Wreath Presenter _____

Organization _____

Office or Title of Presenter _____

Email address _____

Will you participate in the Color Guard

Musket Firing

Please complete and mail by Friday, February 28, 2025, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program.

Mail to: Jane Durden, PO Box 478, Swainsboro, GA 30401-0478
Email: hsdурden@bellsouth.net

Liberty Tree Dedication



THE CAPTAIN JOHN COLLINS CHAPTER, GEORGIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, CORDIALLY
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

DEDICATION OF A LIBERTY TREE

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025, 11:00 AM.

MARS HILL CEMETERY
2850 MARS HILL CHURCH ROAD
ACWORTH, GEORGIA 30101

COORDINATES: 34.02440, -84.68250

SPONSORED BY THE CAPTAIN JOHN COLLINS CHAPTER,
GEORGIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
CONTACT: JOHNWMCASKILL@GMAIL.COM

Let's Celebrate our 247th Anniversary
"FREDERICA NAVAL ACTION"

April 19th - a significant date in the founding of our nation - the "shot heard 'round the world" at Lexington and Concord in 1775, and capture of British ships in Frederica River in 1778



Saturday, April 19th, 2025

10:00am - Memorial Ceremony - St. Simons Casino

550 Beachview Drive, St. Simons Island - SAR Color Guard with Revolutionary Flags, Patriotic Music, Wreath Presentations, Cannon & Musket Salutes and the Schooner Lynx.

11:30am - Parade of Patriots - St. Simons Village

Lighthouse to St. Simons Pier - SAR Color Guard, DAR & SAR Revolutionary Re-enactors, JROTC Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Heritage Girls with Revolutionary Flags.

SPONSORS

- Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution •
- Marshes of Glynn Chapter GA Society SAR •
- Brunswick Chapter, Georgia Society, NSDAR •
- Fort Frederica Chapter, Georgia Society, NSDAR •





248th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek

Saturday 10:00 AM, March 29, 2025
in Jacksonville, Florida*

The Florida Society SAR commemorates the 248th anniversary for the Battle of Thomas Creek (the Southernmost Battle of the American Revolutionary War). The ceremony will be held at Seaton

Creek Historic Preserve Park at 10:00 AM. If placing a wreath and/or participating in the color guard, please arrive no later than 9:30AM to register your wreath. The park is located off I-95 at Exit 366 then head west 2.5 miles on Pecan Park Rd. to 2145 Gold Star Family Parkway / Arnold Rd.). This new 3.4 mile road accesses the Jacksonville National Cemetery that connects with to the Lem Turner Road (US#1).

We will have a social and orientation meeting Friday evening at 5:30PM on March 28th at the Long Horn Steak House, 1366 Airport Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218 Both the Hampton Inn and the Marriott, SpringHill Suites are in this same complex, as well as a number of other hotels in the area. Organizations and participants will be announced during the ceremony. We are again honored to have our intriguing Compatriotic speaker Dr. Roger Smith of Colonial Research Associates, Inc. and our Patriotic Choral Group "Let Freedom Sing" plus various Patriotic and Civic Organizations. We are especially honored this year to have our friend and our South Atlantic District, NSSAR Vice President General from GA Scott Collins who will be bringing greetings from our National Society SAR. We are also honored to have our FLSSAR President James Gaskins bringing greeting and Florida DAR State Regent Elect Kim Zeman, for State Regent Cindy Addison. To assure your organization's recognition and to receive a flag streamer, please complete the following by February 15, 2025 and forward to:

David H. Ramseur (FLSSAR President 2011-12)
3733 River Hall Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904)-502-4819; DavidRamseur12@gmail.com

Society Name: _____

Chapter or Organization Name: _____

Will present Wreath: Yes _____ No _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Presenter (s) Name (s): _____

Title (s) (if applicable) _____

Will bring SAR flag for the Color Guard? Yes _____ No _____

Number of members from your group: _____: In Uniform /Militia/ Colonial Dress

Email: _____

Cell phone# _____

***Bad weather site: Motel Mtg. Room, 1351 Airport Rd., Jacksonville, FL**

Atlanta Fellows

2025



Al Adams

Edward Moses Anderson Sr.

G. Kathryn Anderson

Paul Leon Anderson

Bill Armstrong

Paul Boshears

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

Bill Hays

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

Lou Reddick

Ed Rigel, Sr.

Joan Rigel

Robert Miller Rogers

Stephen D. Schroeder

Kathleen Ann Schroeder

Stephen D. Schroeder III

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 Wusong

George Kearsley Wusong 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, 2025, please report the details to our Chaplain John Titus.

