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Next Meeting – Thursday, April 10th @ Noon

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

Program speaker: Compatriot Al Adams “The SAR - Being a Member & Our Programs”

Compatriot Adams will present what it means to be a Compatriot of the NSSAR and gives a synopsis of some of the many Patriotic programs offered by the NSSAR where participation is needed within the Atlanta Chapter to better serve our community.

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.

Speakers Enhance Atlanta Chapter Meetings



March Program Speaker Dr. David Noble informs Atlanta Chapter members on the proposed Cenotaph and placement at Elijah Clark State Park, flanked by the sketch, rear right, of the proposed Cenotaph and left, by a photo of the existing carved granite headstone for Elijah and Hannah Clark at Elijah Clark State Park.

Individual Donations may be made payable to:

"Little River Chapter SAR" with a note of "Dooly" at bottom.

Mail to: Mack Shealy, 1075 W. Lake Drive, Lincolnton, GA 30817

On February 14, 1779, Patriot militia, including those led by Colonel John Dooly, Elijah Clarke and Andrew Pickens, ambushed and defeated a Loyalist force led by Colonel James Boyd at Kettle Creek in Wilkes County, Georgia. The Patriots, despite being outnumbered, launched a surprise attack leading to a decisive victory for the American cause. The Battle of Kettle Creek was a significant victory for the Patriots, boosting morale and weakening Loyalist support in Georgia.

Dooly was later killed by Loyalists at his home in 1780, after being targeted for his Patriot leadership.

An existing headstone for Elijah and Hannah Clark, made of carved granite, was erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1924 at Elijah Clark State Park.

The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution led by The Little River Chapter SAR is working to now erect a proposed Cenotaph for Colonel John Dooly and his wife Diannah Mitchell with placement at Elijah Clark State Park. It will be the same size as the existing headstone for Elijah and Hannah Clark made of carved granite.

The quoted cost of the project is \$13,775 from Mr. Ron Clamp of the Cornerstone Dimensional Stone Company in West Columbia, SC. This company also created the Cenotaph for Dr. David Bush / Bushnell, creator of "The Turtle" submarine, placed in Warrenton GA by the Atlanta Chapter SAR. Currently, the GASSAR has about \$3,000 on hand for the Dooly Cenotaph.

After the program, the Atlanta Chapter voted to pledge \$ 2,000 for the project once all the permissions are completed.

March New Member Inductions



Atlanta Chapter 1st Vice President Al Adams, left, with new members Cole Hale and Michael Abraham and Chapter Registrar Joseph Blackmon



Chapter Registrar Joseph Blackmon, right, pins the SAR Rosette on the lapel of Cole Hale, left, as Michael Abraham, right, looks on during the March new member Induction ceremony.

During our March luncheon the Atlanta Chapter inducted two new members. First was Timothy Cole Hale, registered on 22 November 2024 by descent from Thomas Edwards and his Patriotic Service of Furnishing supplies to Virginia. Our second inductee was Michael Thomas Abraham, who was registered on 25 October 2024 by descent from Benjamin Bridge, a soldier in service of New Jersey, serving in the Continental Army under Capt. Joseph Lindley and Col. Baldwin's Regt. of Continental Artillery Artificers. Benjamin Bridge was born on 13 Oct 1748 in Morristown, New Jersey and married Elizabeth Hathaway on 9 March 1774 in Morris Township. The family later made their way to Ohio where Benjamin Bridge died on 17 April 1843 at the ripe old age of 94. He was buried at Knob Prairie Cemetery, Enon, Clark County, Ohio. His broken and worn tombstone can still be seen today and reads, "Benjamin Bridge. He died April 17, 1843, at the age of 94 yrs., 6 mos, and 4 days." Please welcome our newest Compatriots to the Atlanta Chapter!

SAR Military Service Veterans Corps



Joseph Blackmon, left, receives his National Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate from Atlanta Chapter 1st VP Al Adams

Joseph Blackmon received his SAR Military Service Medal from the Atlanta Chapter during our Washington's Birthday Celebration luncheon in February for his service in the United States Air Force.

This certificate differs as it comes from the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee. The SAR has a dedicated Veterans Recognition Committee that oversees the various Veterans Corps. The committee aims to ensure the legacy dimension of the SAR, be visionary and administratively sound, and expand the Veterans Corps to include service during periods of peace, war, and/or armed conflict. Thus, SAR recognizes military service through the issuance of medals and awards, including the War Service Medal and the Military Service Medals. The SAR also has other Veterans Corps for specific conflicts, including Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean Service, Vietnam War, Special Ops, and Southwest Asia (Middle East/Afghanistan) Veterans Corps. To join a Veterans Corps, an SAR member needs to complete the NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form and provide proof of service, such as a redacted copy of their DD-214. To get more information or to request the Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form, you can email VetCorps@sar.org

JROTC PROGRAM

The Atlanta Chapter is always looking for Volunteers for our Chapter JROTC Program.



Photo left, Atlanta Chapter President Gregory Smith, center, congratulates Cadet C'Eonna Risby, left, as he presents the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal & certificate with Midtown High School Senior Military Instructor Major Veleka Douglas USA, right, at their JROTC awards ceremony.

From March through May each year, JROTC Units sponsored by our SAR Chapter in Fulton County, the Atlanta Public School System and the Dekalb County Public School System conduct their Annual JROTC Awards Ceremonies.

We are responsible for 27 JROTC Units. At these Ceremonies, Atlanta Chapter SAR Members Present SAR JROTC Bronze Medals to deserving Cadets at their Local High Schools. No speech is required by our SAR Members & it is as easy & simple as showing up and shaking the Cadets hand when told to! Please let our leadership know if you would like to help. It is an opportunity that is rewarding for all involved & our name gets out in the Community. We cannot accomplish this without you! **Please Check out the last page of Tidbits for more JROTC Ceremony dates we need help covering in April!**



Photo far left, Bill Goodman presents the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal & certificate to Therrell HS Cadet Deandre Scott; Photo top center, Gregory Smith presents to South Atlanta HS Cadet Marcus Webb.



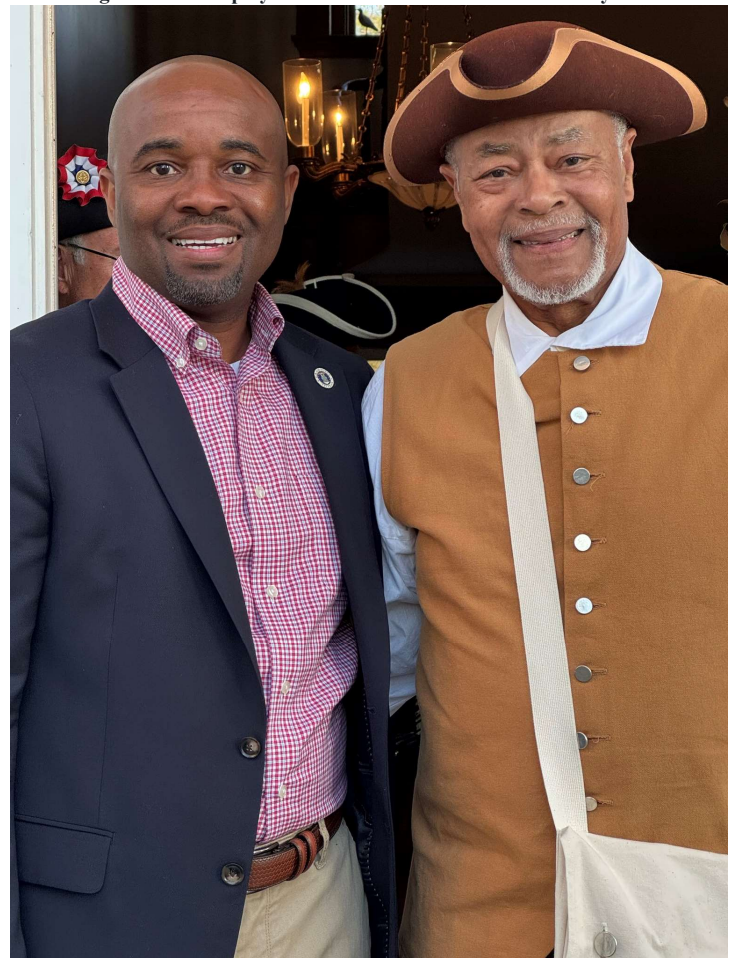
Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour in GA



Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Chaplain & Atlanta Chapter member Ed Anderson, left, poses with Charles Wissinger, right, who plays the role of General Marquis Lafayette to commemorate the Bicentennial of Lafayette's grand tour across Georgia. Anderson played the role of James Armistead Lafayette.

Georgia Society Chaplain & Atlanta Chapter member Ed Anderson had the once in a lifetime opportunity in March to take on the role of James Armistead Lafayette during several of the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour Visits throughout Georgia. Anderson even met Moses Delaney who is a descendent of James Armistead Lafayette. The Lafayette Trail Georgia 2025 started in Savannah on March 21-22 then headed to Augusta on the 23rd, Warrenton, Ga on the 24th, Sparta on the 25th and Milledgeville on the 26th where Ed met Moses Delaney. The tour proceeded on to Gray on the 27th, Macon on the 28th, Roberta on the 29th and finished the Georgia leg at Fort Moore on the 30th. The tour progressed onward to Alabama's Ft. Mitchell.

It has been said the Milledgeville venue was the crown jewel of the Georgia stops, offering an immersive and historically rich experience. Several dedicated Milledgeville citizens worked tirelessly to curate an itinerary that honored Lafayette's grand tour and showcased the city's pivotal role in Georgia's past. As Georgia's capital in 1825, Milledgeville was a hub of political and social activity during Lafayette's original visit. The historic Old Capitol Building, which served as Georgia's statehouse during Lafayette's 1825 visit, provided a fitting backdrop for the grand opening event. The evening of the 26th featured the 200th Anniversary of the Lafayette Grand Reception at the Rose Hill Mansion. This unforgettable evening transported guests back to the early 19th century, capturing the elegance and reverence of Lafayette's historic journey.



Georgia Society Chaplain & Atlanta Chapter member Ed Anderson, right, at the Rose Hill Mansion in Milledgeville, GA with Moses Delaney, left, who is a descendent of James Armistead Lafayette.

2025 Chapter Officer Directory

Chapter officers to serve February 22, 2025, to February 21, 2026, are as follows:



President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Registrar
Chancellor
Chaplain
Historian
Sergeant at Arms
Information Technology

Gregory E. Smith
Robert “Al” Adams
Jarvis Bronner
Robert “Al” Adams
Richard Marsh
Joseph H. Blackmon
Mark Bell
John Titus
Ken Thomas
Ben Jetter
Richard Marsh



2025 Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Officers

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. Donations toward chapter sponsored events such as Wreaths Across America also credit toward the Atlanta Fellow program.

Our newest Atlanta Fellows in 2025 is Paul Boshears. We thank all of our Atlanta Fellows for their support and encourage others to join their ranks!

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

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Joan Rigel

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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

April Special From NSSAR

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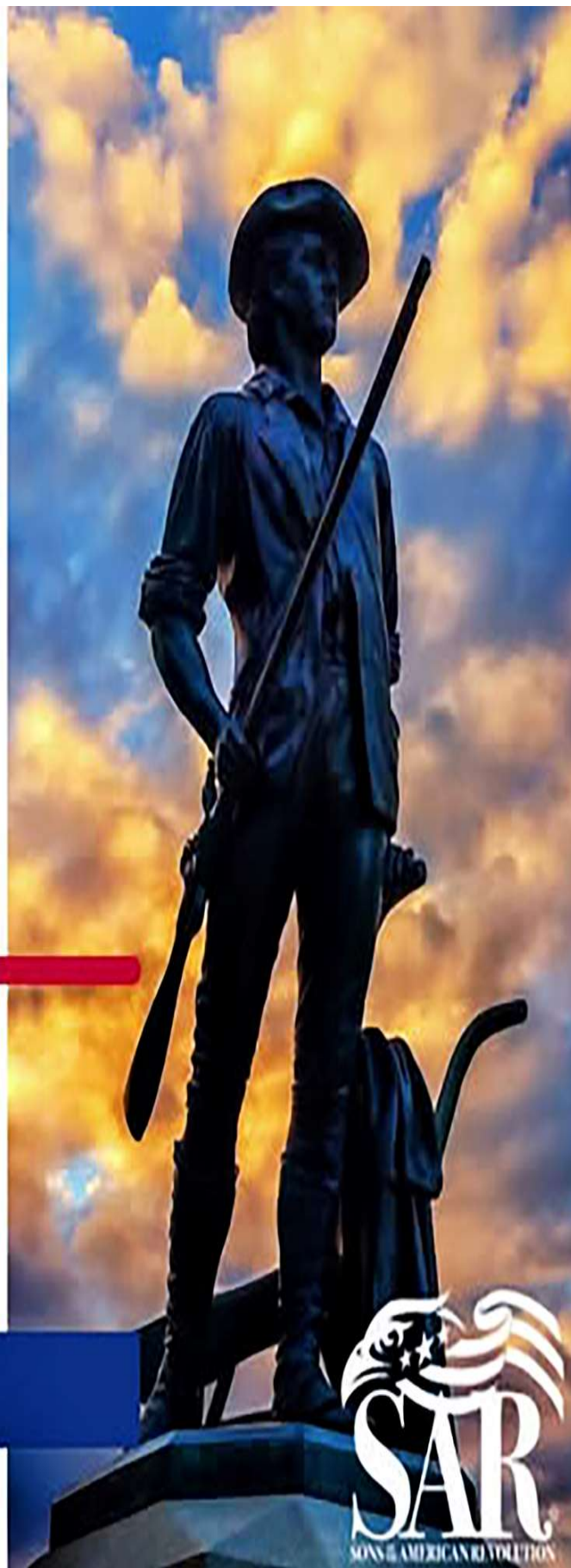
APPLICATION FEES

**FOR NEW MEMBER AND NEW JR.
MEMBER APPLICATIONS ONLY.**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
OR POSTMARKED ON THEIR WAY TO
NATIONAL IN THE MONTH OF APRIL.**

SAR.ORG/HOW-TO-APPLY

Family Plan applications beyond the initial app, 2-24 Established Lineage, Memorial, or Supplementals do not qualify for the discount.



Upcoming Events

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 ·



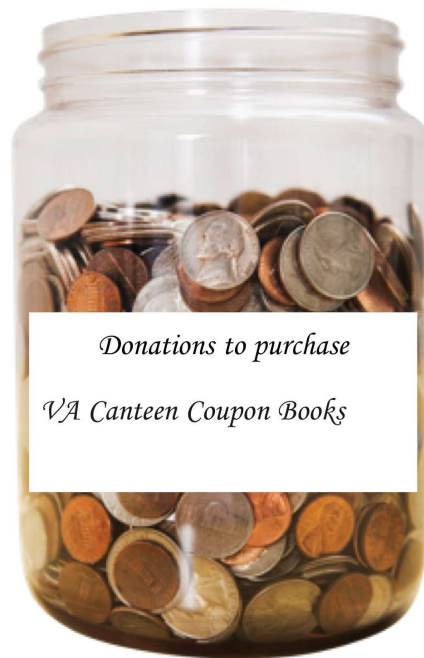
Veterans Respect Activities

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.



More Below

April JROTC Ceremony Dates

The JROTC Ceremony dates below still need Atlanta Chapter members to volunteer as SAR Bronze Medal presenters at the following Atlanta Public Schools.

Please reach out to the Chapter President Gregory Smith, or contact us through the “Contact Us” link @ www.saratlanta.org

Coretta Scott King Academy
Wednesday 16 April 2025

& B.E.S.T Academy
@ 9:30 a.m. Combined Ceremony

Douglass High School
Thursday 17 April 2025

@ 10:00 a.m.

Mays High School
Friday 18 April 2025

@ 9:30 a.m.

Chamblee High School
Monday 5 May 2025

@ 5 p.m.

