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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Team Effort

By William A. Greenly

NOW I HAVE TIME to step back and take a breath after our Charter Banquet on Oct 5. Congratulations to everyone on helping create the Robert Forsyth Chapter. This really was a team effort. I'm still getting comments from compatriots around the state who attended our coming out party. They were very impressed with our chapter and its members! Again, congratulations. Job well done. People have told me we are the largest chapter they've ever seen chartered with 55 members at the date of charter.

And now we have to get to work full steam ahead. We have a Flag Certificate to present, grave markings to attend, some state and national events to attend, and plan for 2014.

As we move forward, we will be asking our committee chairman to give a minimum of a quarterly report on their efforts to keep our members informed.

On Oct. 5, the chapter presented a wreath at the Murray McAfee grave marking in Villinow, GA. On Oct., 12, the chapter presented a wreath at the John Milledge grave marking in Augusta, GA.

On Oct., 15, Ed Rigel, Jr., Dan Miles, Sr., Charles Meagher, Christopher Russo and I accepted a Veterans Day Proclamation from the City of Cumming. Ed Rigel and I presented the colors for the meeting. On Oct. 26, I represented the Chapter at the State

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Joining the Ranks

New chapter officers installed at charter banquet

The Robert Forsyth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its charter banquet on Oct. 5, 2013 at The Reid Barn in Cumming.

More than 100 members, guests and dignitaries attended the banquet. The

New members included two brothers and seven sets of fathers and sons.

dignitaries included H. Ford Gravitt, Mayor of Cumming and R. J. (Pete) Amos, Chairman of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

Also in attendance were three national officers: Lindsey Cook Brock, Secretary General; J. Michael Tomme, Registrar General; and Col. Robert F. Towns, Historian General. Six Georgia Society state officers: James E. Stallings, Sr., President; Roger Coursey, Senior Vice President; Robert A. Sapp, Registrar; Roger Lamb, Chaplain; Milus Bruce Maney, Central Region Vice President; and Don Ray Thomas, Northeast Regional Vice President, were in attendance, as well as seven past presidents of the Georgia Society.

The evening began with the dignitaries being piped in by bagpiper John Mortison of the Piedmont Chapter, followed by the posting of the colors by members of the Georgia Society Color Guard.



From right: Allen Greenly, Thomas R. Davis, Edward P. Rigel, Jr., William W. Walker, John E. Flikeid, Christopher Russo, Charles Meagher, Daniel P. Miles, Sr., Rolland Jarrell, Timothy Bassett, and Matthew T. Patton.

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After dinner, the program began with the Chartering Ceremony for the Robert Forsyth Chapter conducted by James E. Stallings, Sr.,

President of the Georgia Society and J. Michael Tomme, Registrar General. During

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BANQUET

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the Chartering Ceremony, Allen Greenly was inducted as the first president of the new chapter. After his induction, President Stallings presented President Greenly with the Sons of the American Revolution Meritorious Service Medal for his work on behalf of the Georgia State Society.

The Chartering Ceremony was followed by the Induction Ceremony of 23 new members into the National Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted by chapter President Greenly, J. Michael Tomme and Robert A. Sapp. The new members included two brothers and seven sets of fathers and sons. Member's wives pinned the Sons of the American Revolution rosette on their husband's and sons' lapels as part of the ceremony.

Subsequently the installation of officers was led by James E. Stallings, Sr. with assistance from J. Michael Tomme. Inducted as officers were Thomas R. Davis, Vice President; Edward P. Rigel, Jr., Secretary; William W. Walker, Treasurer; Christopher Russo, Registrar; Daniel P. Miles, Sr., Sergeant-at-Arms; John E. Flikeid, Chaplain; Charles H. Meagher, Chancellor; Roland Jarrell, Historian; Timothy Bassett, Genealogist;

and Matthew T. Patton, Editor.

President Greenly then made a few remarks, noting that in March, the chapter had, 11 members to help

form new chapter. Membership has grown steadily.

The chapter is being chartered with 55 members.

Now the chapter is being chartered with 55 members, and there are seven more potential members.

President Greenly presented Joyce Mortison, a member of the Chestatee River Chapter, and Melissa Danielsson, a member of the Martha Stewart Bullock Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Medals of Appreciation for their work helping with the new members of the Robert Forsyth Chapter.

Joyce Mortison was responsible for recruiting four new members and Melissa Danielsson was responsible for recruiting 18 new members.

President Greenly then presented Cumming Mayor H. Ford Gravitt the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his 44 years of public service.

The evening concluded with the Retiring of the Colors by the Georgia Society Color Guard followed by the Charter Chapter Flag Presentation Ceremony.

President Stallings presented the new chapter with a set of flags including



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Celebrating the Newest Chapter of the SAR

Top: The posting of the colors. John Mortison, Paul Prescott, Ed Rigel, Jr., Tom Owen, Larry Guzy, Bruce Maney and Ed Rigel, Sr. Middle left: President Greenly presents City of Cumming Mayor H. Ford Gravitt the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his 44 years of public service. Middle right: President Greenly displays the framed charter certificate for the Robert Forsyth Chapter. Bottom left: Bagpiper John Mortison of the Piedmont Chapter opened the evening's ceremonies. Bottom right: Representatives of the Georgia State Society were in attendance.

the American Flag, State of Georgia Flag and the Sons of the American Revolution Flag.

By all measures, the events of our charter celebration night were deemed a success. ■

Past Chapter Meeting Speaker Lineup

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| ☆ April | Edward P. Rigel, Sr. | Reluctant Rebels: Georgia in the Revolution |
| ☆ May | Terry Manning | Sea Power in the Revolution |
| ☆ June | Col. Geo. Thurmond | William Washington |
| ☆ July | Bruce Maney | Etymology of Sayings |
| ☆ Aug. | Joe Pugh | Baron DeKalb (at right) |
| ☆ Sept. | Larry Guzy | Robert Forsyth |
| ☆ Nov. | Frank Clark | Robert Forsyth |



To suggest a future speaker, please email bamatram@bellsouth.net.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR VETERANS

In our active support of those Veterans who have served our country, and in recognition of Veterans Month, please bring one or more of the following items to the Dec. 12 chapter meeting. Veterans Committee member Bill Kabel (our speaker) will take them to the Atlanta VAMC to distribute.

- Magazines less than six months old
- Books
- Toiletries
- Tube socks



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This publication is the newsletter for the Robert Forsyth Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is printed four times per year: February, May, August, and November. It is distributed to current and prospective chapter members and to certain officers of the state and national organizations and to certain officials of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Golden Corral at 2025 Market Pl. Blvd., Cumming, GA 30041.

Prospective members are always welcome at monthly membership meetings. Men, eighteen years of age and older, who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests are urged to contact the Chapter Registrar, Christopher Russo at 770-315-6348, via email at guido139@yahoo.com or any other chapter officer.

Deadline for the Next Issue:

The deadline for material for the next issue is **Jan. 10, 2014**. In addition to the material, please include hi-resolution imagery. Please direct all inquires or suggestions regarding *The Marshal* to Editor Matthew T. Patton at 215-285-0920 or via email at matthewtpatton@yahoo.com.

Growing Through Our Chapter Committees

The Robert Forsyth Chapter of the SAR aims to have a high level of growth in membership and is committed to various programs that benefit its current members and attracts future members. We strive to be a civic and social community leader. You can help us achieve this growth and meet our goals through serving on a chapter committee. For more info, call Chapter President Allen Greenly at 404-788-8824 or email wagreenly@gmail.com.

| Committee | Chair and Co-Chair |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Americanism | John Flikeid |
| CAR | Unfilled |
| Color Guard | Allen Greenly and Ed Rigel, Jr. |
| DAR | Frank Clark |
| Eagle Scout | Ed Rigel, Jr. |
| Education | Charlie Woods and Carl Jackson |
| Flag Respect | Ed Rigel, Jr. |
| ROTC/JROTC | William Walker |
| Knight Essay | Unfilled |
| Medals /Awards | Allen Greenly and George Thurmond |
| Picnic | Charles Cox |
| Rev. War Graves | Frank Clark and Christopher Russo |
| Public Safety | Mike Jones |
| Proclamations | Mike Jones |
| Publicity | Matthew T. Patton |
| Rumbaugh Orations | Unfilled |
| Veterans | Unfilled |

Deadline Nears for 2014 Membership Renewal

Now is the time to write and mail your check for the 2014 membership dues. To ensure all info on members is current for the production of our Annual Directory, please provide your current info with your membership renewal. If you are a dual member, only \$25 chapter dues is required. If you are a life member, your dues are \$38. Dues not paid by Dec. 31 will mean you become inactive and must be reinstated to be current. Our goal is 100 percent renewal!

- Regular member: \$68 total (Chapter \$25; National \$35; State \$13)
- Junior member: \$15 total (Chapter \$5; National \$5; State \$5)
- Dual member: \$25

Please make your check payable to: "Robert Forsyth Chapter, SAR" and mail to: William W. Walker, Treasurer, 3190 Bunting Run, Cumming, GA 30041.

Questions? Call 770-366-3866 or e-mail bwalker@triple-w.com.

Welcome to Our Charter Chapter Members



Name, Membership No., Patriot Ancestor

Charles Findlay Cox, 187427, Issac Holland
 Niles Eric Danielsson, 175157, Seth Doan(e)
 Thomas Ray Davis, 160480, Jonathan Davis
 Scott David Eastin, 188866, Thomas Eastin
 William Travis Eastin, 188867, Thomas Eastin
 John Eric Flikeid, 188034, John Mintum
 Jack William Roland Flikeid, 188035, John Mintum
 William Allen Greenly, 172564, John McCabe
 Donald Austin Hairston, Sr., 188026, Joseph Morgan 2nd
 Matthew Donald Hampson, 188287, Zackquill Morgan
 Milo Clark Hampson, 188288, Zackquill Morgan
 Donnie DeWayne Hand, 186325, Samuel Hand
 James Harold Henderson, 188423, Robert Henderson
 Jerry Philip Henderson, 188424, Robert Henderson
 Jonathan Scott Henderson, 188425, Robert Henderson
 Stephen Andrew Henderson, 188426, Robert Henderson
 Charles Seamore Hunt, Jr., 77689, Amos Love
 Joel Clayton Hustis, 188082, George Jewell
 Justin Carl Jackson, Jr., 188430, William Cotton
 Justin Carl Jackson III, 188431, William Cotton
 Adam Smith Jackson, 188432, William Cotton
 Roland Jarrell, Jr., 188033, Nathan Arendall
 David Ben Johnson, 188428, Griffith Johnson
 Christopher William Johnson, 188429, Griffith Johnson
 Newell Malcom Jones, 171098, James McIntire
 Larry Lee Knight, 187784, Seth Manis
 Edward Stewart Martin, 179666, Noah Pratt
 Asa Marion McMillian, 177437, Samuel McMillian
 Hugh Marion McMillian, 177436, Samuel McMillian
 Charles Haywood Nixon Meagher, 188473, Henry Whitner, Sr.
 Daniel Pierce Miles, Sr., 187126, John Shank, Sr.
 Daniel Pierce Miles, Jr., 187127, John Shank, Sr.
 Matthew Thomas Patton, 169879, William Cloyd
 Carl Eugent Ray, 137462, Daniel Boone
 Dr. Edward Paul Rigel, Sr., 169695, Lambert Smith
 Edward Paul Rigel, Jr., 171318, Conrad Heyer
 Christopher Michael Russo, 188359, Charles Word
 Jerold Bradley Sanders, 188427, Edward Sharp
 Merrick Theobald Theobald, Sr., 188285, Duncan (MacMullin) McMullen
 Merrick Theobald Theobald, Jr., 188286, Duncan (MacMullin) McMullen
 Col. George E. Thurmond, 148732, Ruben McLeroy
 Glen Alan Trembley, 188475, Andrew Creveling
 Logan Wilson Trembley, 188476, Andrew Creveling
 Connor John Trembley, 188477, Andrew Creveling
 William Wesley Walker, 163487, David Barton
 Wesley "Butch" Orlando Wills, 180387, Leonard Wills
 Charles William Woods, 187426, Lewis Green, Jr.
 James Alan Yoho, 188203, Casper Larrick
 Sam Larrick Yoho, 187547, William Sanford

Looking Back on Chapter Events



A Veterans Day proclamation was presented by the Cumming City Council on Oct. 15. Foreground (l to r): Christopher Russo, Edward P. Rigel, Jr., Allen Greenly, Daniel Miles, Sr., Charles H. Meagher. Background (l to r): Council member Lewis Ledbetter, Mayor H. Ford Gravitt, Council Member Rupert Sexton, Council Member Quincey Holton and Council Member John D. Pugh.



The William Few Chapter of the Georgia Society SAR held a grave marking at the historic Summerville Cemetery in Augusta, GA on Oct. 12. The grave marker dedication was co-sponsored by the John Milledge Chapter SAR and the College Hill, Augusta, and Nancy Hart chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Georgia Society Color Guard and Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia were also on hand. John Milledge served in the War of 1812, was also governor of Georgia, as well as a United States Senator. Allen Greenly represented the Robert Forsyth Chapter and presented a wreath at the dedication.



On Oct. 5, we honored Compatriot Alfred Murray McAfee, Jr., a member of the Piedmont Chapter, with a grave marking. Color guard in the background: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Bob McLesky, Ed Rigel, Sr. Compatriot McAfee was born Dec. 8, 1946 and passed away on July 15, 2012.

Photos/courtesy Aldo Nahid (top), middle photo supplied, Wait Woliver (bottom).

CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTIONS

Sharing Peace Through My Faith

By John Flikeid

THE EASIEST ANSWER of why I joined SAR is certainly the best: my mother's lifelong dedication to DAR. And, as my



mother did the lion's share of raising my brother and me (my father was a Naval Officer, and away at sea much of the time), I've always been close to her. Perhaps, with her aging, I've sought to be even closer.

Not being one who has spent much time studying history outside of my poli-sci degree, if I were to pick an era in our history I have been most drawn to, it would be the American Revolutionary War. It is possible that may be due to our family living in the UK from 1975-1979 – yes, during the American bicentennial. I was extraordinarily homesick for the U.S. of A. at the ripe ol' age of 12, and I think that left its mark, being away from my country, and the imagined festivities of the birthday of our nation. I believe it is that time, as well as my father's career (21 years) in the U.S. Navy that made me the patriotic citizen I am today.

When I consider the gifts God has given to this country, from the endless landscapes, resources, and not to be underestimated freedom, has there ever been a place that has had the opportunities the United States has?

As to the Chaplaincy, when Allen Greenly put the word out for officers, I rapidly sought out the Chaplain role within our Chapter. Why? Certainly my faith has always been my peace, my refuge from the busy and often conflict-filled world. It is where I ground myself, and return to in order to level-set my thoughts, words, and actions. I seek to share this peace, and lend comfort to our chapter, and our chapter's families. To reaffirm the principles our founding fathers built this great country on, and to serve Him.

I have been blessed in my life with many gifts, and have had instances where I have been drawn closer to my faith due to particular situations. These encounters, though difficult, have given me glimpses of God's powers and peace.

I pray I may appropriately serve our Chapter, and God in His service, and our Chapter. ■

Upcoming Chapter Events & Color Guard Schedule



- **December 12:** Chapter meeting with guest speaker Bill Kabel, presenting information about how we contribute meaningfully to Veterans. (See p. 2 for more info about how we encourage chapter members to participate in a drive to help patients at the Atlanta VAMC).
- **January 18:** Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens (Chesnee, SC).
- **January 24-25:** GASSAR Annual Conference (Duluth, GA). Visit www.georgiasocietysar.org to register before Dec. 31.
- **February 8-9:** Kettle Creek Weekend (Washington, GA).

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Board of Managers meeting in Barnsville.

We started the journey to build this chapter in 2012. In February, we had 11 members. Today we have 53, with two applications at National, three completed applications waiting on signature and seven in the works. Together, we have attained our goal of starting a new chapter. Now it's time make our chapter the best in the State of Georgia. And only by working together will we reach this goal. ■