

# The Marshal

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## ROBERT FORSYTH AND PIEDMONT CHAPTER PRESENTS THE ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Members from various chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, as well as other civic organizations gathered at Ingram Funeral Home to retire over 2000 flags that were collected over the last year.



Taps was played by C.A.R. past president Will Timms; President Gary Page was the Master of Ceremonies, and afterwards, Compatriot Emil Decker presented Ingram’s representative Specialist Brittany Bustamante a Flag Retirement Certificate. Brittany was also presented a 250th Anniversary Challenge Coin by President Gary Page.

Video of this event is available at: <https://youtu.be/Zu2T0zoYqRc>

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## Community News

Below Left: Not one, not two, but three supplementals for J.C. Hustis. Since your lineage is already established so far back, the tracing from a different line starts at that branching, and a bit, at least, is already done. (How many ancestors do you have that participated in the great freedom movement?)

Below Right: J.C. was also awarded his Silver Color Guard Medal. Next in his sights.....Von Steuben.



Below Right: Scott Collins, National Color Guard Adjutant, State Color Guard Commander, and host of other titles was our guest speaker. You can imagine what he spoke on. Yep.... Being in the Color Guard. Lots of good info and right in step with President Vancura's goal of enlisting more bodies for the Color Guard and Militia. After the presentation, he also awarded two bronze Color Guard Medals, to Compatriots (L) Gary Page, and (R) Emil Decker.



Left: Eugene Bryant, receives his 5 year membership pin and certificate.





Left: Compatriot Ed Rigel Jr. presented the JROTC Bronze Medal to 1st Sergeant Andrew Burruss of the North Forsyth High School Marine ROTC program.

Below: Nothing like an authentic log cabin to set the mood for a 5<sup>th</sup> grader experiencing a presentation about life in the 1700's. Robert Forsyth's Chaplain Byron Tindall enlightened and educated over 500 Pickens County youth this day.



Left: Compatriot Emil Decker presented Lakeside Middle School student, Ethan Stanley, with a Good Citizenship medal.



Left: The SAR is an organization that prides itself on the lineage of our ancestors. We go back many generations to get to our patriot, but that link would be immediately severed, without our parent generation making it possible. Compatriot John Flikeid proudly poses with his father, another great Compatriot who proudly served.

Below: On Sunday May 29 of Memorial Day weekend, Northlake Baptist Church holds a Special Moment in memory and honor of those who gave their lives for our freedom. This year included a Flag Retirement of an old "48 star" flag from one of our collection bins. The American Heritage Girls Chapter from the church participated in the ceremony and were awarded a Flag Retirement Certificate for their help.



Below Left and Right: President Page inducted new members Steve Nelson and Alex Morris into the Chapter. One via Zoom. The other, Grandson of Eugene Bryant, was present along with his wife and proud grandparents.



## Book Review by Col. George Thurmond

### The Revolution Remembered

This book is a collection of carefully selected pension records from the National Archives. In 1832 Congress passed the first comprehensive pension act, providing a yearly grant to every man who had served six months or more. To be eligible, a soldier no longer had to be disabled or poor, and service in any military organization was satisfactory, as long as the service could be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

To qualify for a pension, a soldier had to indicate in his application the time and place of service, the names of units and officers, and engagements in which he had participated. The narrative was presented and sworn to in a court of law, and it had to be supported by the statements of two or more character witnesses, including a clergyman if possible. However, most applicants provided their “oral history” to a clerk or court reported who recorded the statements.

Some applicants were quite young – 10 years being the youngest. All obviously lived a long life some 50 years or more after the conclusion of the war. 79 selections were made from a study of the eight thousand applications on file. All are organized around the major events of the war, starting with New England and following the war as it traveled South.

Several narratives cover the Indian Frontier and Maritime Combat. Even spies behind the lines are included. This makes for interesting reading

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ISBN 0-226-13624-8, The University of Chicago Press, 1980  
Edited by John C. Dann, \$17.00

*George Thurmond*



### Ask the Expert:

With Lionel Hildebrand

If you have a question you would like to ask, please forward to the editor, [eldecker@windstream.net](mailto:eldecker@windstream.net). He will see that it gets to me.

Why weren't bow and arrows used in the American Revolution instead of muskets with slower reload times?

Interestingly, this was proposed by Ben Franklin, not because of reload times, but because the colonies were having trouble getting enough gun powder.

It wasn't practical. The problem with “bow and arrows” is that it involves a variety of weapons. A small hunting bow could be made relatively easily, and a person could learn to use it with a reasonable amount of training, but those bows were never broadly used in war. The limited range, accuracy and lethality against human targets just wasn't high enough.

Now, the longbow was very significant in battle. It's lethality and range could, at least, compete with that of early muskets. The problem was, the guy firing it couldn't just be some random guy, it had to be a skilled archer. That wasn't just a skill, it was a profession and a way of life. Case in point, you can tell the skeleton of a medieval archer because the training distorts the arm and hand bones in significantly visible ways.

If an archer is lost in war, you can only replace him by pulling an archer from another location. Training a new archer would be the process of years. Militiamen with muskets, on the other hand, could easily be replaced. You can pull any kid from a town or off a farm, put a gun in his hands, train him to use it for a few weeks, and having him fighting in battles in no time flat.

The ability to quickly raise armies and recover your losses is a big deal in warfare.

L.H.

## Stoddard's Stockade

*What a grind...work can be such hard labor. Well, at least it's honest. But then, we are talking about a Stoddard. Peter tells us about his 8th Great Grandpappy. (Peter previously wrote about Rev. John in "The Marshal, Edition 23")*

My paternal 9th great-grandfather is Rev John Warham of Dorchester MA & Windsor CT. At first Windsor was named Dorchester. Perhaps they had to use up some old letterhead stationery.

Here Warham is credited with founding the oldest parish in the New World.

<http://www.ctmq.org/the-oldest-parish-in-the-new-world>

How his second church in Windsor is older than his first church in Dorchester I do not know. Please do not confuse me with facts. The Dorchester MA Church is now Unitarian, and the Windsor Church is still Congregational. Perhaps that is the distinction.

What do you get when you cross a Jehovah's Witness with a Unitarian? Someone who knocks on your door for no apparent reason. (I assert that John Warham made that up.)

By all accounts I can find, Warham was the first ordained pastor in the New World, having arrived in Boston weeks before even the Winthrop Fleet. Some claim there was an Anglican chaplain in Jamestown VA. I choose not to believe that, because I have a thick New England skull and no Pastor ancestors from stinkin' Virginia.

Warham was also granted a grist mill in Windsor. At some point he parted with it, thinking it improper for a Pastor to have such a lucrative commercial enterprise. <https://windsorhistoricalsociety.org/warhams-mill/>

This is where confusion starts. It might have been a grist mill, and the almost always literate Puritan Pastor Warham got the spelling wrong.

The mill might still operate, except Yankees do not want to admit to making grits.



The Old Warham Mill, Windsor, Conn.

Established in 1640.

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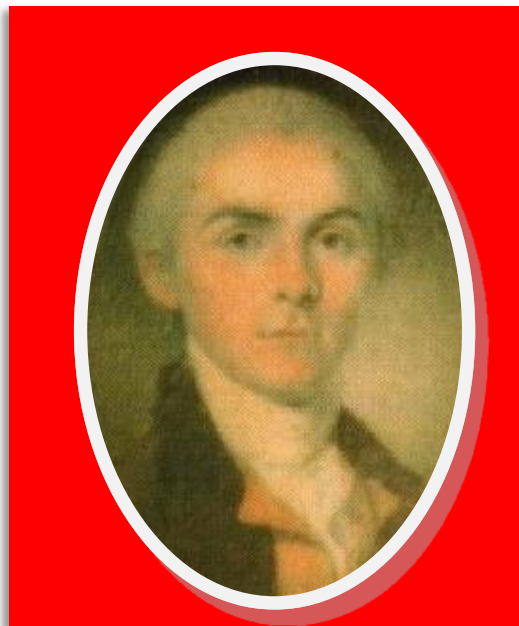
Almost always literate Lewis Grizzard might have meant that Southerners should give Northerners unbuttered instant grist to get rid of them.

Who among us has or has not had stone ground grist and red eye gravy for breakfast?

Stoddards descended from John Warham and were among the benevolent families known as the “River Gods” in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. <https://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/river-gods-connecticut-river-valley-create-world/>

*John Adams, on a visit to Middletown, CT in 1771, rhapsodized about Connecticut River Valley. “When I first opened into the Town which was upon the Top of a Hill, there opened before me the most beautiful Prospect of the River, and the intervals and Improvements on each Side of it,” he wrote. “... and on the right Hand is a fine level Tract of Land as rich as the Soil of Egypt.” Adams is also said to have rhapsodized about grits or grist, but his rhapsodize quote is lost to history.*





Robert Forsyth, First Marshal of the state of Georgia & first Marshal killed in the line of duty.



I, Peter Stoddard, am also kin to Abigail and John Quincy Adams, a story for another time. In 2021 I formed Yankee Redneck Media LLC for obvious reasons. I must now figure out how to create “Elon Musk” type wealth with Yankee Redneck Media. Perhaps I will launch a combination grist and grits mill.

*Peter Stoddard*

### The Marshal

This publication is the newsletter for the Robert Forsyth Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is printed quarterly and is distributed to current and prospective chapter members and to certain officers of the state and national organizations and to certain officials of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of each month at “The Golden Corral”, 2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming, GA 30041. Meal: 6:00 / Meeting 7:00. We are holding meetings in various locations at the present. Contact us for the most current information. 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, Charles Meagher at (404) 822-6428, via email at [chasm242@yahoo.com](mailto:chasm242@yahoo.com) or any chapter officer.

**Deadline for the Next Issue:**

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## SAR Calendar of Events

Event	Location	Date	Status
Independence Day	Various	Jul 4, 2022	National
National Congress 2022	Savannah, GA	Jul 8 - 15 2022	National
GASSAR BOM	Garden Patch Barnesville, GA	Jul 23, 2022	State
1 <sup>st</sup> Siege of Augusta	Augusta, GA	Sep 17, 2022	State