



## PRESIDENT'S DISPATCH



By John Flikeid

### The Sons of Revolutionary Sires? Or, Who is SAR?

I think we all have a general understanding of who SAR is, and some of the things we do, but I always think it's important to stay grounded, and revisit these areas of focus occasionally.

SAR is a local, state, national and international organization. We meet monthly as a chapter, quarterly as a State Society, semiannually for national leadership meetings, and annually for our National SAR Congress (in Houston July 13-18 this year).

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## APRIL/MAY: MONTHS OF GRAVE MARKINGS

By Emil Decker, Editor

The month of April included several grave markings [see article on Midway page 7. Ed.]. It continued to be busy in May as the Color Guard members honored our ancestors. We started with the first Saturday of the month in Wilkes and Taliaferro counties with a double grave marking. The first was John Callaway, who was buried in the Callaway Family Cemetery. You reach this location, as in many cases, by taking a dirt road. The family has done a great job of keeping this cemetery clean of weeds and brush (*not true for all old cemeteries. Ed.*) Both Chapter members John Flikeid and Byron Tindall trace their heritage back to the Callaway family.



Musket Salute at the John Callaway Grave Marking . Photo by Byron Tindall.

Following a Bar-B-Que lunch, the Color Guard reassembled just a few miles away across the Taliaferro (*pronounced "Toliver" Ed.*) County line at the Carter's Grove Baptist Church Graveyard. Patriot Owen Fluker, owned the land on which the church currently sits, and is one of the Georgia heroes who fought at the Battle of Kettle Creek. Fluker's cabin was moved closer to the church, and was incorporated into a modern home. A tour of the home was offered after the ceremony.

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## PRESIDENT'S DISPATCH (CONT.)

From a national perspective, the SAR website states: "The SAR is a patriotic, historical, and educational non-profit corporation, United States 501(c)3, that seeks to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, an appreciation for true patriotism, a respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of e pluribus unum."

And like other organizations, when we start to peel back the layers, we see what that really translates to, which leads to our state and local affiliations.

Some of the significant activities we hold in high regard in SAR include commemorating key battles of the Revolution, many of which were conducted within just hours of our chapter: Guilford Courthouse, Kettle Creek, Cowpens, Kings Mountain. In fact, on a recent road trip from Virginia, visiting my father, I drove past almost all of those in one afternoon.

Honoring those who served in the Revolution is another key activity we perform regularly. We do that by marking the grave of those courageous, and selfless Patriots with the symbol of SAR. These ceremonies pull together our state color guard, chapters from around the state, families of the Patriot, and others. A biography, if available, is read, and wreaths are presented to the patriot. There are so many of these ceremonies planned, that almost every weekend (except summer) has an event.

As we know, one of the greatest symbols of this country is our flag. It is a fairly simple piece of cloth that so many have fought, and died for. Therefore, it is deserving of our greatest honor. We honor this symbol in several ways. We recognize organizations who display it properly with a ceremony, and a certificate. We also collect flags that have served their duty, and must be retired. We do this by collecting worn or tattered flags at several Home Depot locations in our area, and performing an appropriate ceremony and retirement to honor these great symbols.

It seems in this day and age of social media, and our fast moving society, many people may forget about our country's core values, and those who sacrifice themselves for the good of their country.

We honor our veterans through a variety of programs such as the Veteran Corps, Compatriots who are veterans, our Veteran's committee works with VA hospitals, and finally, we collect both items and funds to support our veterans. Others we honor include Law Enforcement, EMT and Fire professionals who have exhibited selfless courage to protect the citizens of their communities without regard to their own health or safety.

Finally, but certainly not all-inclusively, we honor students who have shown dedication to their communities through good citizenship.

Contributions to your Chapter, and SAR. Like any organization, the level of fulfillment you receive out of SAR can, to a degree, be measured by the amount you apply to it. For some, a certificate showing your patriot and initial membership in SAR is sufficient. For others, traveling around to area schools delivering our "Traveling Trunk" is greatly rewarding. And for even others, serving their chapter, state or national society as an officer is their destiny.

We are all in different places in our lives, and have the ability, I hope, to contribute in different ways. From a financial or material contribution to veterans via the chapter, to an hour of service (Time, Talent and Treasure) to the chapter. Those Chapter Presidents who have come before me have established a strong foundation, and it is on me, our Board of Managers, and our members to propel our chapter to the next level, through our time and commitment.

So, VALUES, PATRIOTS and COMMUNITY: That is who SAR serves. We are indeed a dynamic, and vibrant organization that serves many important purposes of our nation, state and community.

Compatriots: Our chapter is indeed thriving, and your passion, and energy to propel us forward is always key to our future! One word, fellow Compatriots: ENGAGE!

(And now, the rest of the story....

The Sons of Revolutionary Sires was the predecessor of NSSAR. In 1876, a group of men in the San Francisco, California, area who were descendants of patriots involved in the American Revolution, formed this group, as they desired to keep alive their ancestors' story of patriotism and courage in the belief that it is a universal one of man's struggle against tyranny - a story which would inspire and sustain succeeding generations when they would have to defend and extend our freedoms.)

Yours in Freedom,  
John

## MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

*[It has been requested that we open up an opportunity to meet the members of our chapter with a biography of who they are and how they became members. Our first victim, er.... member is one of our newest, Chip Van Alstyne. Ed.]*

Kenneth B (Chip) Van Alstyne III was inducted at our February, 2018 meeting. Chip is a longtime resident of Atlanta having moved here in 1994 from Crystal River, FL to work for Georgia-Pacific.

He married his wife, JoAnn, in 2000 after they met working at Rock-Tenn Corp. JoAnn is currently a stay-at-home mom, having just completed her Paralegal Certification at Kennesaw State University and looking for an opportunity to put her new skills to use.

They have 3 children, Grace (16), Alex (14), and Genevieve (Genna, 10). All three attend schools in Forsyth County having lived in Cumming since 2005.

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## MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES (CONT)



As the son of a retired US Air Force Master Sergeant, Chip has lived all over the US and in Europe. He spent 7 years living in Germany and England and spent many vacations visiting his maternal grandparents in Northern Ireland.

Chip received his B.S. degree in Computer Science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1992. Chip currently works as a Pre-Sales Software Architect for IBM. In addition to being the Communication Chairman for our Robert Forsyth Chapter, he is an Assistant Scoutmaster for BSA Troop 143 at Johns Creek UMC, and a member of the men's group at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Suwanee. He is also a member of the Technology Association of Georgia.

In addition to his SAR membership, Chip is a member of the Holland Society of New York and can trace his Dutch lineage to his ancestor, Jan Martense, who came to New Amsterdam (New York) in 1652. Jan's son Martin's homestead is on the US Register of Historic Places in Canajohare, NY and was used as a fort when fighting natives as well as British Forces during the war.

Chip's Revolutionary ancestor, Leendert (Leonard) Van Alstyne was a private in the 7th Albany Regiment of the New York Militia under the command of his cousin, Col. Abraham I Van Alstyne, and his brother, Lt. Col. Phillipus Van Alstyne. He served with his remaining brother, Pvt Abraham A Van Alstyne.

Their brother-in-law, Gen. Samuel Ten Broeck ended the Revolutionary War as the Commanding Officer of all NY State Militias.

Chip can also trace his mother's family to Dutch roots, with them having come to Ireland as soldiers for William, Prince of Orange, in the 1680s. His mother's family continues their Loyalist traditions as proud members of the Northern Ireland Orange, Royal Black, and Apprentice Boys institutions in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

## 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.



There have been lots of 2nd Amendment questions floating around what with recent school shootings and other unfortunate news. I thought I would attempt to answer a few of them with reason and wisdom, and without snarky comebacks..... I don't think I can. Let's tackle a few.

If the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms, from the age of muskets and flintlocks, is the law; why do we not regulate modern assault weapons?

Ooh... I knew a kid who attacked someone with a deadly assault pencil. Maybe we should regulate those too. (I knew I couldn't stop the snark). First let me state that I will answer this question, in spite of the fact that, under your premise of something having not been invented yet, means that the 1st amendment only deals with free speech using articles from that period. Your question should have been hand written on parchment, using a quill pen you trimmed with a pen knife (do you even own one?) and given to a postal clerk who delivers on horseback.

Cannons, hand grenades, high capacity rapid fire weapons, airplanes and tanks (thanks to Leonardo Davinci) had already been considered and in some cases developed. Consider the following:

The Girandoni air rifle was an air gun designed by Tyrolian inventor Bartholomäus Girandoni circa 1779. The weapon was also known as the Windbüchse ("wind rifle" in German). The Girandoni air rifles mention lethal combat ranges of 125 to 150 yards and some extend that range considerably. The advantages of a high rate of fire, no smoke from propellants, and a low muzzle report. While the detachable air reservoir was capable of around 30 shots. (it took nearly 1,500 strokes of a hand pump to fill those reservoirs.)



Photo by Army Heritage Museum.

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# Midway Grave Markings

Midway Georgia was the site of a multi-grave marking ceremony on April 29, 2018. Robert Forsyth Chapter, along with the Athens, Brier Creek, Capt. John Collins, Marshes of Glynn, and the Wiregrass chapters, sponsored the marking of five patriot graves, in conjunction with the St. John's Parish Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists. Presentation of the colors at the annual Midway Church and Society, founded Aug. 28, 1754, followed by a picnic on the grounds preceded the afternoon grave marking.

Graves of Patriots Thomas Bacon, Joseph Quarterman, William Way, John Osgood, and Josiah Osgood were honored and commemorated with granite markers.



*Top Left: Color Guard files into Midway Meeting House  
Top Right: On the Grounds picnicking. Compatriots Greenly and Decker chow down.  
Above Left: Original Midway church was burned down by the British. This building was rebuilt in 1792.  
Above: Militia at "Present Arms"  
Left: One of five graves being marked.*

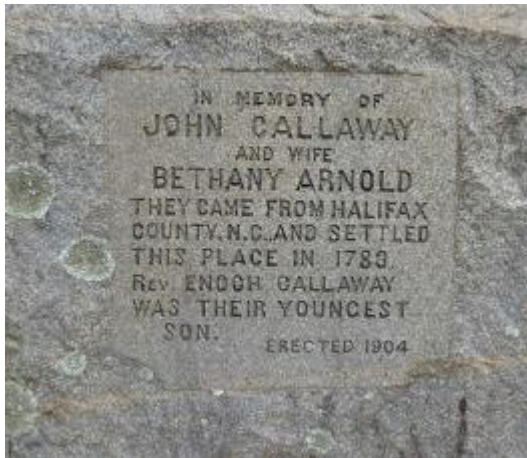
## Grave Markings in April / May (Cont.)



*Left: Callaway Family Cemetery. Georgia Society Color Guard march into position at the John Callaway Service.*

*Below: Georgia Society Militia perform "Mourn Muskets". The young lady with the trumpet played "Taps". Hearing her play was quiet moving.*

*Below Left: John Callaway Gravestone*



*Left: Owen Fluker Marker at Carter's Grove Baptist Church. The original grave site was on the Fluker homestead, and the memorial stone was moved to the church cemetery in his honor. The church sits on Fluker's original land grant.*

*Photo by Emil Decker*

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## Grave Markings in April / May (Cont.)



*Left: Original Fluker log cabin was moved next to the church, and added onto in a modern renovation.*

*Photos by Emil Decker*

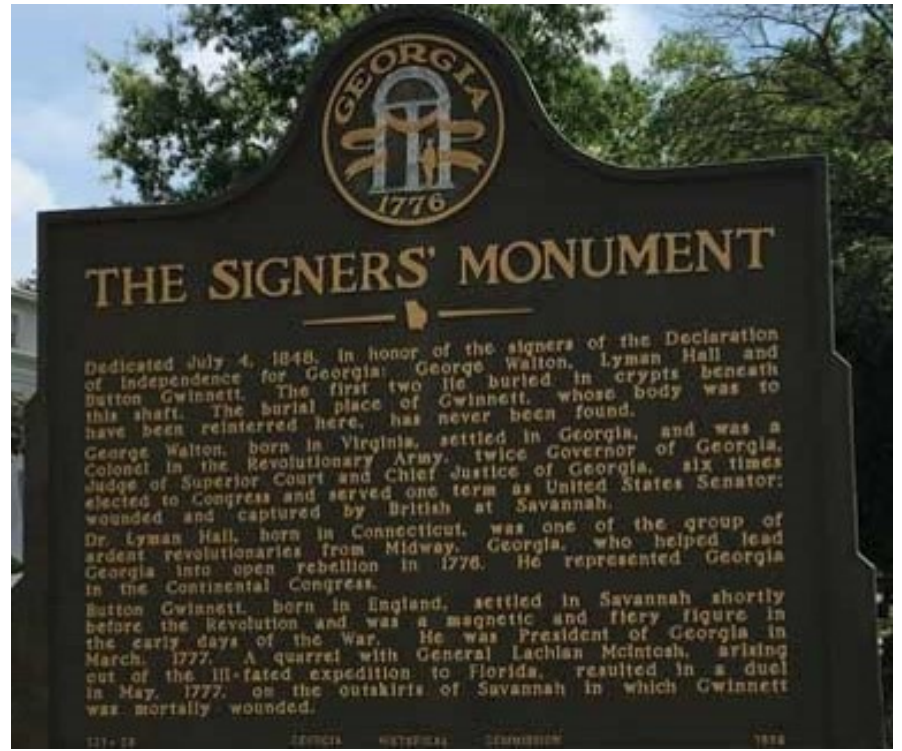


*Above: Behind a hinged wall panel, the original cabin structure can be seen. Overhead original whitewashed support beams remain visible from the living room. Fluker family portraits adorn the walls.*

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## Grave Markings in April / May (Cont.)

Saturday, May 19 saw several members of the Chapter in Augusta, marking the Signer's Monument. This monument recognizes and commemorates the three Georgians who signed the Declaration of Independence. Afterward, the gang looked for and found the grave of our Chapter's namesake. Robert Forsyth is buried in the Saint Paul's Cemetery that surrounds the church.



*Above: Signers Monument. Above Right: Georgia Historical Sign at the monument.  
Photos by Emil Decker*

*Right: Compatriots Allen Greenly, John Flikeid, & Emil Decker at Robert Forsyth's Grave.*

*Photo by John Flikeid*

# Chapter and Community News

## Life Saving Medal Presented to Cumming Elementary Nurse

By Emil Decker

Only one day after receiving a shipment of emergency first-aid kits, Kathy Gregory, the school nurse at Cumming Elementary was called upon to use one. A national incentive called “Stop the Bleed”, funded by the Georgia Trauma Commission, seeks to train individuals to assist with victims of traumatic bleeding situations. A student fell on the playground and received an open fracture. The fracture punctured the brachial artery, and the small student was losing a lot of blood very quickly. Because of her training and the kit, Kathy was able to save the students life and keep her stable till the EMTs arrived.

*Cumming Elementary School Nurse Kathy Gregory receives her medal from Compatriots Gary Page and Ed Rigel Jr.*



## Law Enforcement Medal Presented to US Marshal Victor Yearwood

By Tom Davis

When you are told that you cannot bring your camera or phone into the US Marshal's headquarters in Atlanta, there is just one thing you can say. “Yes Sir”. *[no photos of the presentation were made available by the Marshal's Office. Ed.]*

Members of the Robert Forsyth Chapter are proud of our chapter's namesake and his ultimate service to his country. We are the only SAR chapter allowed to recognize and award a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to a US Marshal. This year multiple members met at the Marshal's office in the Richard B. Russell tower to recognize for a fourth time, a US Marshal, Deputy Marshal Victor Yearwood.

Victor was a Navy corpsman. During his 8 year service he supported missions with the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions. After an honorable discharge, he served with the Cobb County Sheriff's Office. His team confiscated over \$2 million in currency and over 1500 lbs. of illegal drugs. Recruited by the Marshal service, Yearwood's medical training has been a focus during his tenure with the Marshals, but on Oct. 1, 2017, Deputy Yearwood showed the true value of his training and commitment.



Along with his wife, Deputy Yearwood was vacationing in Los Vegas, Nevada. Becoming aware of the mass shooting that occurred at a concert near the Mandalay Bay Hotel, Victor took it upon himself to make his way to a local hospital, where he identified himself, his medical qualifications, and volunteered to assist in any way he could. For the next 12 hours, he assisted the hospital staff triage and treat many wounded and injured concert-goers.

Deputy Yearwood's willingness to jump into a horrific situation and put his skills and training to work to help save lives, even while on vacation, speaks volumes about his character and dedication to duty. His actions that night in Las Vegas exemplifies the spirit of the US Marshals Service.

Attending the award ceremony were Compatriots John Flikeid, Gary Page, Ed Rigel Jr., Chris Russo, David Johnson, Ed Hooper, Emil Decker, and myself.



## Chapter and Community News (Cont.)



*Left: Compatriots Ed Rigel Jr., Allen Greenly, and John Flikeid present Bronze Citizenship Medals to South Forsyth Middle School students Olivia Shumbres and Samuel Davidson.*

*Photo by: Gary Page*



*Right: Compatriots John Flikeid & Ed Rigel Jr., present Bronze Citizenship Medals to Lakeside Middle School student Roshan Mohanty.*

*Photo by: John Flikeid*

*Below: Robert Forsyth members gather to march in the Cumming Steam Engine 4th of July Parade. Participants included (L—R) Eva Russo, David Johnson, John Flikeid, Emil Decker, Chris Russo, Gary Page, and Allen Greenly. Not shown but participating: Chip Van Alstyne & JC Hustis*

*Photo by: John Flikeid*

*[Note: David, Chris, & John all wearing militia/Continental uniforms. Way to go Guys! Ed.]*



# Chapter and Community News (Cont.) Cumming Steam Engine 4th of July Parade



Cumming Parade photos by Linda Decker

## Chapter and Community News (Cont.)

# Flag Retirement Ceremony

Once again we are indebted to the Home Depot and Ingram's Funeral Home for their participation in our Flag Retirement Program. Home Depot has given us space in their stores to place Retirement Bins, where customers can drop off flags that are no longer serviceable. Flags are collected and with the help of Ingram's, are reduced to ash as befitting our proud American symbol.



*Retirement Ceremony photos by Rick Reese*

This year over 1100 flags were retired at a ceremony in the parking lot of Ingram's Funeral home in Cumming. Cosponsored by the SAR Robert Forsyth & Piedmont Chapters, the event was well attended by DAR, C.A.R., and Scouting representatives as well.

*[Note: Received this email & photo from John Flikeid the other day. Ed]*

I was running into our local Home Depot in Cumming this morning, and saw a father and his little girls walking into the store. The girls, all dressed in their HD aprons, ready for a Saturday morning workshop. One was carrying a flag that looked a bit faded. As I walked in, they walked right over to our flag retirement receptacle.

I told them about our ongoing program with the retired flags, and asked for a quick picture.

What a great way to start a Saturday morning!



## Ask the Expert: (cont.)

With Lionel Hildebrand

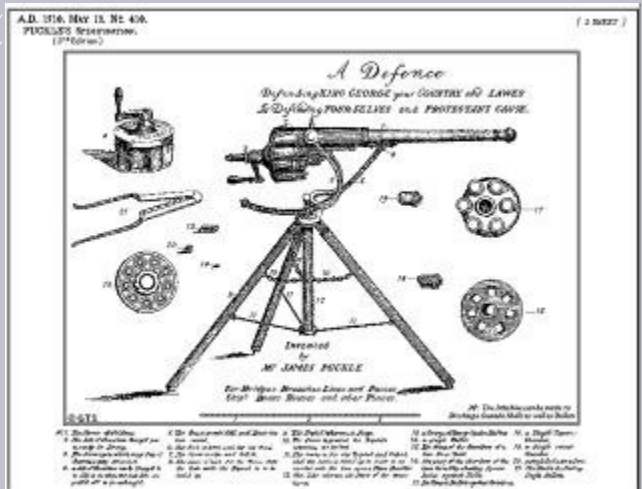
The Kalthoff had two magazines, one for powder and one for balls (some had a third for priming powder). A single forward-and-back motion on the trigger guard powered a mechanism that deposited a ball and load of powder in the breech and cocked the gun. Within one or two seconds, it was ready to fire again. A small carrier took the powder from the magazine to the breech, so there was no risk of an accidental ignition in the reserve. Early Kalthoff guns were wheellocks, but later they became flintlocks. Some carried six shots, but one claims in an inscription on its barrel to have thirty. They were too expensive to become a standard weapon. They are thought to have been used in the Siege of Copenhagen (1658-59).



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Ever heard of the puckle gun? The Puckle gun (also known as the Defence gun) was a crew-served, manually-operated flintlock revolver patented in 1718 by James Puckle (1667-1724) a British inventor, lawyer and writer. It was one of the earliest weapons to be referred to as a "machine gun" The Puckle gun was never used during any combat operation or war. But it existed.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puckle\\_gun#/media/File:Puckle\\_gun\\_advertisement.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puckle_gun#/media/File:Puckle_gun_advertisement.jpg)



The list goes on. It is inconceivable that the founding fathers were not aware of the concept that technology would continue to advance. If they had wanted to specifically restrict the 2nd amendment to muskets, they would have insisted on the word "musket". They deliberately chose the far more encompassing term "arms". And yes, that means swords, knives, laser pistols and stun guns.

### Is the Second Amendment a civil right?

No, the Second Amendment is not a right. The Second Amendment does not grant the right to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment specifically prohibits the government from enacting laws that infringe upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms. The Founding Fathers didn't intend for the

Constitution to grant any rights to anyone. The Constitution is an outline for how the government is intended to operate. The Bill of Rights is a list of rights that the government is very specifically precluded from infringing upon. That is, the specifically outlined rights in the first ten amendments are sacrosanct, and the Founding Fathers believed that they deserved specific protections from the very beginning. Technically, the phrases "Second Amendment Rights", "First Amendment Rights", etc. should be more properly phrased "Rights protected under the Second Amendment", "Rights protected under the First Amendment", etc.

### Should the Second Amendment be updated/clarified, or is it fine the way it is?

Yes, it should be updated to make it exceedingly clear to those who hate it. But only because so many idiots have slept through US History, Civics, and Social Studies classes. The only thing it needs is some mind-numbing clarity. A militia is formed of the people. Not states. The Supreme Court has ruled so not once or twice, but three times since its inception. Here are a few quotes from our founding fathers:

"A militia when properly formed are in fact the people themselves...and include, according to the past and general usage of the states, all men capable of bearing arm"... To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them." - Richard Henry Lee, Federal Farmer No. 18, January 25, 1788

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." - Samuel Adams, Massachusetts Ratifying Convention, 1788

"I ask who are the militia? They consist now of the whole people, except a few public officers." - George Mason, Address to the Virginia Ratifying Convention, June 4, 1788

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every country in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops." - Noah Webster, An Examination of the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution, October 10, 1787

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## Book Review by Col. George Thurmond

*[Colonel George Thurmond, Retired, is a dual member of the Piedmont and Robert Forsyth Chapters. We are happy to present his first review of an American Revolution book you are sure to enjoy reading. Ed.]*

### 1776

Carefully researched and presented by author David McCullough, this book goes into detail about the Continental Army from the time George Washington assumed command until the end of 1776.

With carefully crafted words, McCullough demonstrates he is a “master historian”, for he provides the reader with such clarity, that you feel that you are part of the story.

Nathanael Greene and Henry Knox are presented as early leaders who make significant contributions to the few successes for the Americans in 1776. However they, too, suffered setbacks during the early stages of the war.

What I found most interesting is the in-depth review of the siege of Boston and how the Continental Army was able to maneuver the British out of the “cradle of liberty”. However, New York would be a different story.

Leaving Boston (known in Massachusetts as Evacuation Day, March 17, 1776, the Patriots assumed that the British would immediately head for New York, but instead they sailed to Halifax.

It would be late July and early August for the British to take possession of New York where they remained until the end of the war. The next three months would see Brooklyn Heights, Harlem Heights, White Plains, Fort Washington and For Lee fall in rapid succession to the British.

Times looked bleak for the patriots and McCullough provides great insight into the leadership and determination of George Washington that the Continental Army survived to end the year with their great successes of Trenton and Princeton.

This is one of the best books that I have read on the American Revolution and is recommended for all who enjoy our history.

ISBN 0-7432-2671-2, Simon & Schuster, 2005 by David McCullough, \$32.

*[Amazon: Kindle Edition 13.99 / hardcover from \$8. Audible Edition from \$28. Ed.]*



### Robert Forsyth Picnic Photos

*Above: Charles Cox presented the Rodger Sherman medal for service to the Chapter.*

*Middle: Compatriot Decker quizzes members and guests on American Revolution trivia. A guest beat out the members for the prize.*

*Bottom: Guests and members attending the picnic.*

*Photos by Linda Decker*



# T.T.T. by Pres. John Flikeid

*[John proposed three ways compatriots could promote and further the efforts of the SAR within the Robert Forsyth Chapter and beyond. It was mentioned in Dispatch this issue, so we posted it again here. Thanks John.]*

Time
Participate in an educational program at a local school
Provide a SAR CD of educational material to a radio station, TV station or school.
Sponsor a C.A.R. society
Participate in a Public Service award program ( EMT, Law Enforcement, Fire )
Serve on a local or state school board
Sponsor a Public Service Program with an SAR related theme or purpose or for sponsoring a Lineage/Genealogy/ Historic Seminar
Presentation of a framed copy of an Historical Document relating to the American Revolution, Constitution, Bill of Rights or other significant Revolutionary War document or the presentation of a framed George Washington Portrait to a school or other public building.
Participation in a New Citizen Swearing In Ceremony.
Participation in special observances, ceremonies and historical events
Participate in a Patriot or Compatriot grave marking
Sponsoring a new chapter
Being a mentor to a new member
Attendance at a district, state and national meeting.
Talent
Write an article in the local paper on behalf of the chapter
Provide an American Revolution exhibit in a museum, school, library or public space.
Treasure
Purchase an ad in The SAR Magazine on behalf of the chapter
Contribute to the C.A.R.
Donations to Veterans Administration facilities or other Veterans organizations.
Contributions to the SAR (financial or non-financial)



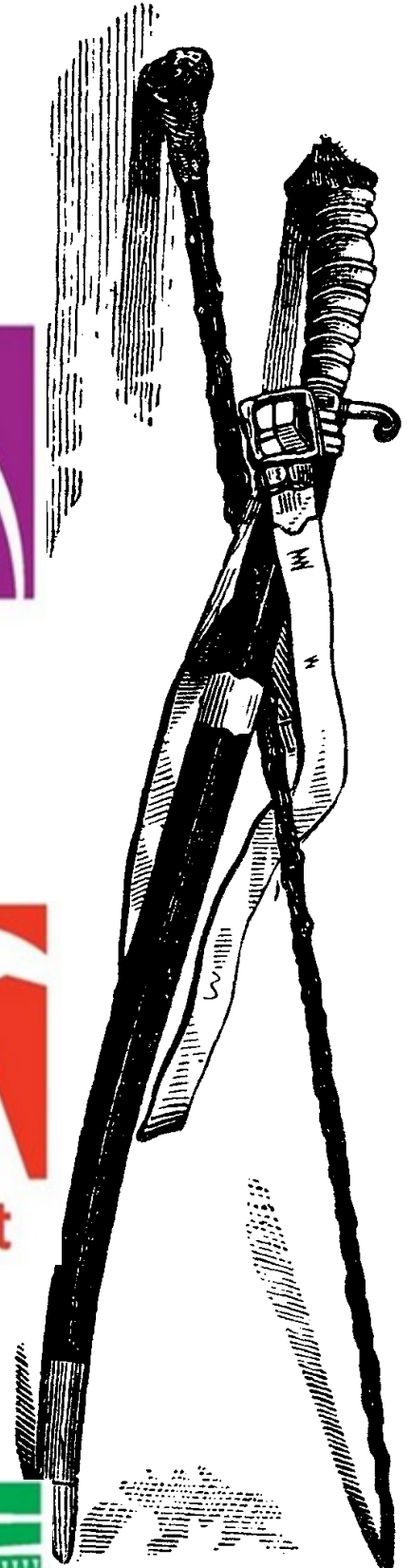
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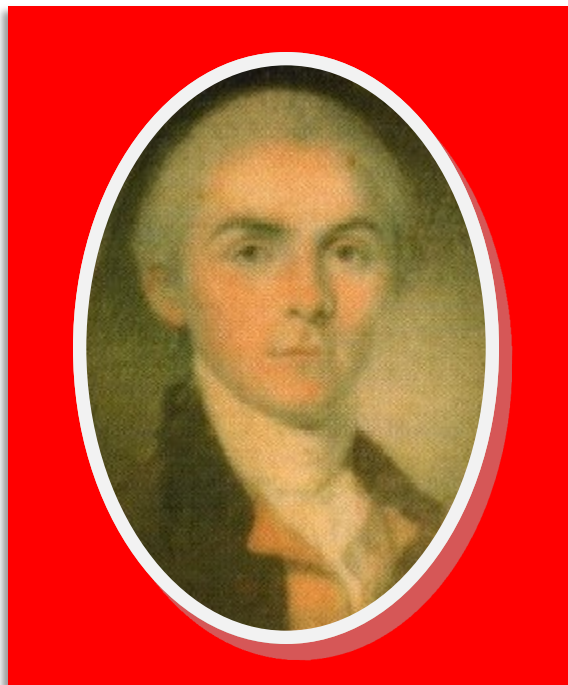


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# SAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Location	Level
Old Soldier's Parade	Aug 4, 2018	Alpharetta, GA	Local
Robert Forsyth Chapter Mtg.	Aug 9, 2018	Cumming, GA	Local
Genealogy Workshop	Aug 12, 2018	Cumming, GA	Local
Marquis de Lafayette Wreath Laying	Sep 8, 2018	LaGrange, GA	State
Washington Vigil	Sep 15, 2018	Mt. Vernon, VA	State
Constitution Day. St. Paul's Church	Sep 18, 2018	Augusta, GA	State
DAR Constitution Week Luncheon	Sep 22, 2018	Dunwoody, GA	State
(2) Compatriot Grave Markings	Sep 22, 2018	Canton, GA	State
Kings Mountain	Oct 7, 2018	Kings Mt, SC	National
Battle of Savannah	Oct 9, 2018	Savannah, GA	State



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

## 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 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.

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](mailto:guido139@yahoo.com) or any chapter officer.

### Deadline for the Next Issue:

The deadline for material for the next issue is Nov 30, 2018. In addition to the material, please include hi-resolution imagery. Please direct all inquires or suggestions regarding *The Marshal* to the Editor:

Emil L. Decker: Txt. at 706-482-8248 or via email to: [eldecker@windstream.net](mailto:eldecker@windstream.net).

## Ask the Expert: (cont.)

With Lionel Hildebrand

What about the line, "A well Regulated Militia"? Define regulated.

Using the term as used during the time period around the writing of the 2nd amendment, regulated means well maintained, in good working order. Regulated by the laws of physics (it goes bang when the trigger is pulled). It can also mean trained. (The NRA is the largest proponent and provider of gun safety classes, in spite of it being blamed for all gun woes). Regulated specifically does NOT mean government controlled.

Would it violate the second amendment to put a ban on bullets? After all, the Bill of Rights does not specify bearing a loaded gun.

And it would not be a violation to the first amendment to ban ink I suppose? Printing presses could still run paper through without using ink.... (duh). Yes, I suppose you can attempt taxing bullets to limit their purchase as well, but never underestimate the American citizen when it comes to protecting their rights.

I don't think I have "regulated" my weapons recently. Guess I will head down to the target range and let off a little steam. (we do still have steam, don't we???)

LH.



{ Opinions are my own; Quotes belong to those who said them.....Truths belong to everyone who is willing to accept them. }