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PRESIDENT'S DISPATCH



Growth & Involvement

By Alan Greenly

It is hard to imagine that one quarter of another year has come and gone. It seems like yesterday we were celebrating the holidays.

Each year we set new goals for the chapter. This year, I want to focus on growth and involvement.

When we talk about growth, what we are saying is we want to attract new members to our chapter. We can also bring back members that have dropped their membership for one reason or another. In the past, we have grown organically. By this I mean our new members have come from people that hear about us or that we have talked to. This year, I want to try some different approaches.

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2017 Robert Forsyth Chapter Officers are sworn in and welcomed by GSSAR President Wayne Brown.

2017 WEATHER DELAYED ANNUAL BANQUET

By Emil Decker, Editor. On January 7, 2017, the Robert Forsyth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held their third annual Dinner meeting and Installation of Officers. Only we didn't. Bad weather intervened, and the event was postponed until February 9. Because of the delay, however, some members may not have been able to attend, attendees were confused about the time of the social hour, dinner, and meeting, and some arrived later than expected. The event was a success by any measure.

The location was the same as the year before, Tam's Backstage, in the old Cumming School Building. The room was called to order, guests introduced, and after the traditional Pledge of Allegiance, the SAR Pledge, and a Blessing by John Flikeid, the food was attacked swiftly and, being surrounded by members and guest alike, surrendered to the advancing army by forks and spoons.

Platefuls of captive vegetables, meats drenched in rich sauces, and rolls were taken prisoner and back at the stockade of tables, consumed.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

One approach I want to try is "Bring a friend night." I want everyone in the chapter to talk to a friend, coworker, church member, relative, or neighbor and invite them to one of our meetings. Offer to pick them up and drive them to and from the meeting so you get to spend more time with them one on one. During the summer, I would like to put on one or two genealogy workshops at the library. We can advertise in the library and the newspaper. I will work with Bob Sapp to put these workshops on. When people come, we can also talk to them about the SAR. Now that we have settled on a meeting day, time and place, I want to make sure this gets in the local newspaper every month. Our meetings are now the second Thursday of every month at the Golden Corral. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Remember, you don't have to eat dinner to attend the meeting. You can just come for the meeting. (Cont. page 10)

Florida was more active in the War than many believe:

In fact three signers of the Declaration of Independence were held prisoner in St. Augustine for 42 weeks...

Three Cheers for Home Depot:

Huzzah!

Home Depot offers Current & Former Military personnel a Discount on Purchases.

Huzzah!

They are the location of our Flag Collection Bin, & now.....

Huzzah!

They have reserved some parking space up front for those brave persons who were wounded in combat.



ANNUAL BANQUET (CONT.)

After the sumptuous repast, the Head Table was piped in, reintroduced, and our guest speaker, who is no stranger to us all was introduced. Alan Greenly, having recently passed the mantle of State President off, gave our gathering an introduction to the "14th Colony". Yes, that's right. The fourteenth Colony. You see, Florida was given to the British back in 1764 by the Spanish, after the Britain, having captured Havana Cuba during the Seven Years War. Havana was critical to Spanish shipping, so at the end of the conflict, by treaty, Florida was traded to Britain to regain possession of Havana. The British, knowing the tension and possibility of the 13 colonies joining in a united front, divided Florida into East and West Florida. Both remained loyal to Britain, though the United States attempted several sorties to try and oust them from Florida. Ultimately, the British returned possession of Florida to Spain, who held it until 1821.

Chapter business was conducted after the presentation. First order of business was to finalize the return of second Thursday as our meeting date, and the Golden Corral as the location. The outgoing President's remarks included the 2016 Annual Report.

(See 2016-17 Operations Report on page 4)

The installation of the 2017 officers was next, with a swearing in by the new GASSAR President, Wayne Brown. 2017 officers included: Vice President: John Flikeid Secretary: Ed Rigel, Jr. Treasurer: William Walker Historian: Gary Page Genealogist: Tim Bassett Chaplain: Byron Tindall SGT-at-Arms: Ed Hooper Chancellor: Charles Meagher Registrar: Chris Russo and Editor: Emil Decker.

Georgia President Brown then installed our new Chapter President, Allen Greenly. After a few brief words from Allen, our new Chaplain, Compatriot Tindall gave the Benediction. The food, festivities and fellowship was wonderful at this year's meeting, and if you missed it, you missed a great time. Perhaps next year you can join us.

PHOTOS FROM THE 2017 MEETING AND BANQUET



Members & Guest gathered round the tables for excellent food and fellowship.

Right:
GASSAR
President,
Wayne
Brown gives
the oath of
office to
incoming
Chapter
President
Allen Greenly



Piper John Mortison pipes in the Head Table, led by Wayne Brown



Lydia Darragh Medal was presented to Brandy Rigel for her support to the President.



Alan Greenly bestows a presentation on the 14th colony, Florida.



Awards handed out at the event included: (Left to Right) Edward Hooper, awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman medal, John Flikeid, also awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman medal, and Emil Decker, awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.

2016 OPERATIONS REPORT

(BY FORMER PRESIDENT ED RIGEL JR.)

Membership beginning January 1, 2016: 46 regular members. Added two new members, reinstated two members who had been dropped for non-payment of dues, and added one member by transfer in, giving us a year-end total of 51 members.

In the National Contests, we reported 3,269 points in the Americanism contest, compared to 3,032 for last year, an increase of 7.2%. We reported 4,315 points in the President General's Cup contest, compared to 2,190 for last year, an increase of 97%. We reported 7,393 points in the Stark Award contest, compared to 7,717 last year, a decrease of 4.4%.

In Youth Award areas, the chapter presented four Eagle Scout Certificates and had one entry to the Chapter's Eagle Scout Contest, who won second place in the state contest. We had two entries to the Knight Essay Contest, and our Chapter winner also won second place in the state contest. We had 140 entries to the Brochure Contest, and our Chapter winner once again won second place in the state contest. We recognized one JROTC outstanding cadet.

Our Education Outreach program made its first presentation to a group of twelve students and parents. We have been contacted about presenting at South Forsyth High School and Shiloh Point Elementary School later this year.

We collected over 1100 flags for retirement and presented one Flag Certificate.

The Chapter sponsored its first Patriot Grave Marking in cooperation with the Lyman Hall and Joseph Habersham Chapters. This would not have been possible without the help of Compatriots James and Phil Henderson. We will also sponsor another Patriot Grave Marking next April in cooperation with the Marshes of Glynn Chapter.

At the 2016 National Congress, the Chapter won the USS Stark Memorial Award for Chapter with best record of service to Veterans during the past year among Chapters with 10-49 members. The Chapter also received twelve stars for our Patriot Biography flag streamer.

At the Georgia State Society Annual Conference, the Chapter received several honors. We were recognized as a Georgia Society Distinguished Chapter for meeting 9 of 10 goals in program areas such as membership recruitment and retention, chapter reporting, Flag respect, Board of Manager attendance, scheduling regular meetings, community involvement, and youth program activity. For that we received a certificate and flag streamer.

We were awarded a Certificate and Streamer as a President General's Chapter of Excellence for earning more than 4,000 points in the PG Contest, and a Certificate and Streamer as a President General's Chapter of Distinction for increasing our PG Contest score by more than 20%.

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Did you know

our meeting location and dates have changed? We now meet every second Thursday at "The Golden Corral" in Cumming. 6 p.m. Dinner, 7 p.m. meeting.

2016 OPERATIONS REPORT (CONT.)

We received a Certificate for marking a Revolutionary War Patriot Grave.

We also received, for the second year in a row, the BG Robert L. Scott, Jr. Veterans Award (25-49 members) for supporting the SAR Veterans initiatives.

Chapter awards presented at Annual Banquet:

- Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to Ed Hooper and John Flikeid.
- Lydia Darragh Medal presented to Brandy Rigel
- Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service presented to Emil Decker



Compatriot Edward Rigel, Sr. takes final inspection of troops as Commander of the Georgia Color Guard during Anniversary celebration of Kettle Creek in Washington town square.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO.....???

While not very tactful, often the choice to do or not do something is based on the price one will pay with regard to that given endeavor. This article, (or rather two articles), poses this question for two subject matters that have a bit in common. What does it cost to.....??

What, or whether who are the Georgia Fellows and what does it cost to become one?

From time to time there are requests for funding for projects, activities, supplies, or equipment that are not included in the annual budget. Committees or officers may have valid needs for funds in addition to the budget. Therefore, the Georgia Society Fellows Program was established for the purpose of funding or reimbursing worthy activities, events, or needs of the Georgia Society that are considered to be valid expenditures not included in the annual budget. ¹

Georgia Fellows are persons who choose to distinguish themselves or who are recognized or memorialized by others by a special purpose contribution to the general fund of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (GASSAR). Designation as a Georgia Fellow is not limited to members of GASSAR. Georgia Fellows may also be other members of SAR, friends, relatives, spouses, or other individuals, living or deceased, having an interest in furthering the goals of the Georgia Society or those that are being recognized or memorialized. ²

For the purpose of being designated a Georgia Fellow a contribution of \$250 or more is required. Contributions may be made incrementally until they reach the amount of \$250 or more. Contributions will be acknowledged by letters from the Georgia Society Fellows Board.

Contributions under the same name in excess of \$250 will also receive contribution acknowledgements. A contributor may designate themselves or designate another person a Georgia Fellow. ³ (Cont. page 6)

What does it cost to purchase a Uniform to become a member of the Georgia State Color Guard?

In order to participate in the Georgia Color Guard, one must become an active attendant to various events held across the nation. National, State level, and local events are held throughout the year honoring patriots, recognizing our nation's birthday, battle anniversaries, or Hero's of the independence movement. To draw the most recognition, crowd enjoyment, and provide an authentic salute to our patriot forefathers by presenting flags, wreaths, and marching in parades, we choose to do so in uniforms of the period.



Uniforms come in two basic styles. Continental Soldier and Militia. One is more familiar sight wise, while the other is more flexible and easier to produce or purchase. Since the militia were truly your citizen soldiers, who picked up their arms and (Cont. page 6) **5**

The Georgia Fellows (Cont.)

Georgia Fellow funds that have been collected are available for request to cover expenses, both personal and of organizations. A few examples from 2016 include Traveling Trunk reimbursements, printing costs for posters, book purchases, bookmarks, and other such items purchased, created, or otherwise provide the SAR.

There is currently a standing approval for \$100 stipends towards the purchase of a Continental Soldier or Militia Uniform. The stipend is paid to members joining the State Color Guard upon proof of purchase of such an outfit and confirmation by the State Color Guard Commander that such uniform has been obtained and worn at a State or National Color Guard event. (This is the tie to the other “What does it cost to....” article.)

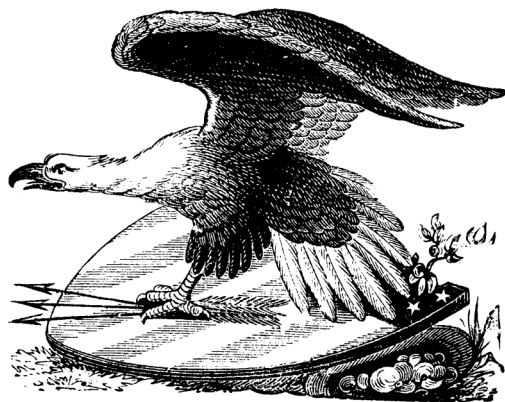
Think about it. You can become a Georgia Fellow by contributing \$250 to the program. In fact, I am not sure how irritated the committee would be, but you do not have to contribute all the funds at once. Even sweeter, (I am almost certain) you can deduct the donation on your taxes (we are approaching that season). This is a great way to help support chapters and members around the state to do the good works of the SAR.

Need one last option? Don't join the Georgia Fellows! Instead, honor someone else by making them a Georgia Fellow. It can be someone living or deceased. Male or Female. Friends, relatives, spouses or anyone you wish to honor can become a Georgia Fellow. Contributions will be acknowledged by letters from the Georgia Society Fellows Board.

¹ 23.5.1 GEORGIA SOCIETY FELLOWS PROGRAM Purpose:

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What does it cost to purchase a Uniform (Cont.)

rushed off to fight when the enemy was in the area, their uniform is mostly traditional clothing of the period. One can vary the cut, style, and complexity of the uniform to suit one's taste, and pocket book. The Continental soldier's uniform is more difficult to make, and harder to find, though several options do exist.

Jas. Townsend has a completed Continental coat with pockets and lining. They also sell a version without pockets and no lining. \$185 - \$385. A cheaper version may be available at Heritage Costumes; the word “costumes” should provide a warning. Many costumes are for stage productions, and things like elastic waist bands are common. Not really what we are looking for. That being said, you can find complete uniforms there. \$140 - \$240. Many other sutlers are available, and a few are listed later in this article:

<http://www.heritagecostumes.com/Revolutionary-War-Uniforms-cl26/>

http://jas-townsend.com/coats-frocks-jackets-c-72_1_85.html

NOTE: GASSAR representatives are in the process of coordinating a special / custom order with Jas-Townsend for a uniform set that matches current member uniforms, (Tan trim instead of the red “Lottery Uniform” trim). Contact Wayne Brown, President Georgia Society if you are interested in this opportunity.

Before you decide what you want, perhaps it would be good to familiarize yourself with the clothing of the colonial period. My recommendation is to do some online research. Colonial Williamsburg website is a good starting point. Each piece of clothing is described, pictured, and it gives one a good starting point to determine what is necessary, and what is optional.

<https://www.history.org/history/clothing/men/mglossary.cfm>

First option, though the least applied method for acquiring both types of uniforms, is through the “Look Ma,....I made it myself” route. This method involves finding and purchasing patterns of the time period, (late 18th century), procuring appropriate cloth, proceed with cutting, pinning, sewing, altering, etc. till you have a uniform. Perhaps less cost in dollars, but much more cost in time. (Cont. page 7)

What does it cost to purchase a Uniform (Cont.)



Let's look at patterns. Patterns can be found from various locations. Some are costume patterns provided by the standard pattern makers like Butterick, Simplicity, McCall's, or Vogue. Some of these are true and faithful to reproduce patterns for authentic clothing. Others may look ok at first glance, but are really costumes, and not faithful reproductions. Special patterns can be had from online companies that cater to reenactors. A couple of places I have found patterns for the period are:

http://jas-townsend.com/patterns-c-69_71_40.html

<http://www.amazondrygoods.com/categories/historic-patterns/mens/18th-century.html>

<http://www.crazycrow.com/mountain-man-rendezvous-patterns>

<http://www.wmboothdraper.com/>

Prices run from \$10 - \$20 on average for the reenactor grade patterns. These patterns provide fewer instructions than most modern clothing and costume patterns, so you might find it easier to go with premade clothing items. If you are confident of your skills, or that of your seamstress, then you can proceed to fabrics.

Stay with natural fabrics like cotton, linen, and wool. Buckskin can work in some cases, but I would suggest starting with the former cloths. Solid colors were common, as well as patterned cloths, but stay away from too exotic a material to begin with. Frontier militia would have sturdy, plain work clothes that would wear well.

By now, you probably have decided that sewing is not for you. What can I get that is ready to wear? Actually, quite a bit. There are sutlers who sew and sell excellent clothing at many reenactment venues. Some of the SAR events coincide with reenactor events. Guilford Courthouse in N.C. comes to mind. They have ready to buy, or can custom sew your uniform within a few weeks after receiving your order. Many have a web presence, and can be found online. Jas. Townsend & Son, Smoke and Fire Company, Crazy Crow, Bethlehem Trading Post, and Fort Downing all come to mind, but there are so many more. These are easy to find with a simple Internet search. Type the name above into a search box and follow the results.

Others may be found in the Smoke and Fire Company Quarterly newspaper. It's only \$15 a year, and gives location information on many reenactor events throughout the US, from Mountain Men Rendezvous, Native American Pow Wows, French and Indian War reenactments, and even British Roman Legions. Interesting articles and lots of ads / sutlers to be contacted.

<http://www.smoke-fire.com/smoke-fire-newspaper.asp>

You can spend lots of money if you have it, and jump right in, but to start small you need a few chosen items. In the next edition of the Marshal, we will look at a typical militia uniform, the easier and cheaper route to take. *(Cont. next issue)*



Do you have a great idea for an article for the Newsletter? Tell the Editor about it. Better yet, why don't you write it up and submit it.

Patriot Bios wanted: If you have information about your patriot, we would love to help craft an article around them. Write an article or ask for help. We can have you published in no time at all.

CHAPTER & COMMUNITY NEWS

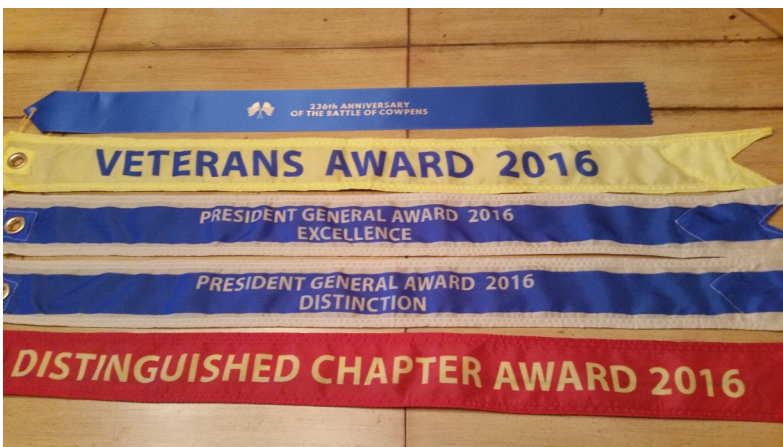


(Above) Compatriot Ed Rigel Jr. salutes the widow of US Marshal Patrick Carothers. Marshal Carothers was killed while trying to apprehend a fugitive in south Georgia. (Below) Mrs. Carothers receives the Posthumous Law Enforcement Commendation Medal on behalf of her husband. (L-R) Compatriot Tom Davis, Ed. Rigel Jr., Mrs. Carothers, & Chris Russo.

Compatriot Ed Rigel Jr. presents the Chapter Knight Award & State 2nd place winner her certificates and checks. Pinak is an 11th grade student at Lambert High School, Forsyth County.



Gary Davison, Principal of Lambert High School, receives a Flag Presentation Certificate on the same day.



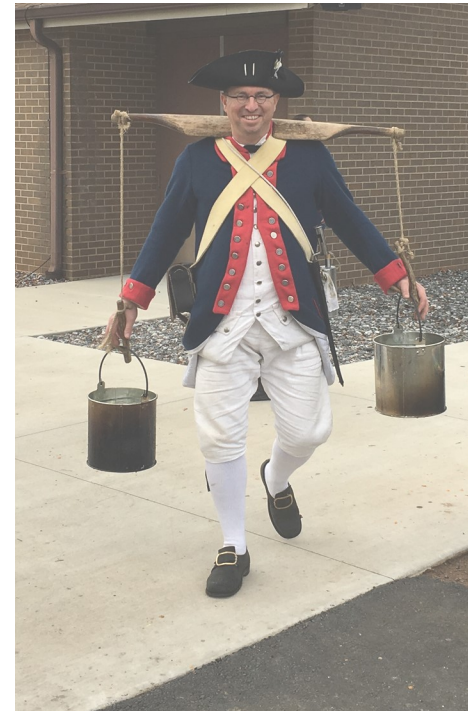
Streamers collected by the Robert Forsyth Chapter since our previous edition included the 2016 Veterans Award, the President General's Award of Excellence, Distinction, and the Distinguished Chapter Award.

CHAPTER & COMMUNITY NEWS

(CONT.)



Lt. Donnie Daves, Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for service rendered to the Cumming community and Forsyth County. Pictured (L-R) Compatriots Chris Russo, Emil Decker, Officer Daves, Ed Rigel Jr., & John Flikeid.



Right Top to bottom: Participants at the Cowpens Anniversary Ceremonies included Reenactors, who set up camp at the National Park. Demonstration of weapons, camp life, and many items of interest occurred during the day, fascinating kids and adults alike.

SAR Ceremonies at Cowpens included a Wreath Laying Ceremony around the monument in front of the Visitor Center.



Compatriot Emil Decker leads a group of 4th grade militia volunteers in the steps required to load and fire a musket during a traveling trunk visit to Shiloh Point Elementary School.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

What good is attracting new members if we can't keep them or get them to come to our meetings? Yes, we will find some that want the certificate to hang on the wall and have no other participation with the chapter. We need to change the way we work with new members.

As part of the National program, I want to start a mentoring program for our new members. What does a mentor do? The mentoring program starts when a person expresses an interest in joining the SAR. The mentor will become the guide for this prospective member and work with him and the Registrar or the person doing the application to ensure that the application is getting the right amount of attention. Once the application is complete the mentor will take the new member under his wing to ensure the new member gets the most out of the SAR. The mentor will call the member between meetings to make sure the new member will be at the next meeting. The mentor will discuss the various programs the chapter works on and explain the importance of each program. The mentor will encourage the new member to find something the chapter does that interests him and get him involved through the chairman of a committee or an officer. We need to pay attention to our new members and make them feel welcome and wanted.

Making our presence known in the community is another way to attract new members. We are all very busy, but there are some things we can do. We have all been remiss on getting proclamations from the county government. This is not only published in the newspaper, but is also shown on TV. There were some very good ideas that came out at our last meeting. Marching in parades is a great idea and will certainly get our chapter noticed. Our biggest issues is that only three of us currently have uniforms.

I do have good news on the uniform front. Our State President Wayne Brown has made a deal with Jas. Townsend and Sons (jas-townsend.com). They are going to start making uniforms for us. These will not be the polyester uniforms that Ed and I have, instead they will be made of wool. The coat will be the same dark blue, but the buff will be more of a camel tone. They will also do the pants, shirt, waist coat, shoes and hat. If you are interested, please email Bill Palmer, the State Color Guard Commander, at bpalmer867@comcast.net.

Let's make this a banner year for our chapter! I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

William Greenly, President Robert Forsyth Chapter

MY FIRST COMMEMORATION

(BY JOHN FLIKEID)

Like any organization, or job, you get out of that group what you put into it. Perhaps it's a cliché, but SAR is no different.

As I stepped into my new role of Vice President, what occurred to me was: I need to be more active, and be a better representative of what it is to be a member of the Robert Forsyth Chapter, GASSAR. But what does that mean?

One way, I finally determined, was to attend some of our regional GASSAR events, such as the commemoration of the battle of Kettle Creek.

Certainly I had heard Allen Greenly and Ed Rigel talk about Kettle Creek since I joined the chapter, but I had never been.

So, I said to my wife, "let's go to the commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek!" She said, like all good wives, "How far, and what's involved???"



DAR Monument on War Hill, Kettle Creek Battlefield

I suggest we go up the night before, stay in the potentially quaint town of Washington, Georgia, attend the banquet that night, rise the next morning, view the patriot's parade, and a few more events. She said she was in. By luck, we secured a room at the historic Fitzpatrick Hotel (Ed Rigel, Jr. commented later that he was shocked we could book a room so late in the year).

As we approach the date for the weekend's events, I start thinking about why I know the area name: Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia? So I consult my go-to spreadsheet where I keep on my patriot lines, and there it is in grey and black: Job Callaway, died, 1804, Washington, Wilkes, Georgia. Service Description: FURNISHED SUPPLIES. Aha! So, completely coincidentally, I have chosen to attend my first commemoration of a battle of the Revolutionary War, and it's in the same town as one of my patriot ancestors. And yes, "Callaway" is the same family as we know from Callaway Gardens, and golf equipment juggernaut, Callaway Golf (no, no residuals or free clubs here. . .). Also, it's possible our new chapter Chaplain and I share a lineage.

The town is like so many in Georgia: a quaint town square, surrounded by historic buildings and antebellum homes. Beautiful. And so full of history.

At the happy hour before the banquet Friday evening, we chat with SAR and DAR members from the region. Even had the National Secretary chat with us for quite a while. The speaker that evening, Dr. Joseph B. Harris, spoke of the efforts under way to develop the battleground into a National Park, with interpretive areas explaining to visitors the various aspects of the battlefield.

After breakfast, we take only a few steps outside our hotel on a gorgeous morning, to view the parade of patriots. Personally, to see the great variety of uniforms, militia outfits, and lady's wardrobes (one complete with a corn cob pipe and a rifle – I'm not messing with her. . .), was an incredible spectacle to behold. Truly, what I saw, seemed like my perception of a good representation of the many faces of those who took part in securing the liberty of our country.

After the parade, behind the courthouse, we observed a brief skirmish down in a small valley. The sight of the soldiers facing each other, as they surely would have, truly gives you a glimpse into a scene repeated so many times in The Revolution.

That afternoon, attending the commemoration of the Battle was moving: sitting high on a hilltop, surrounded by color guard members, dozens of wreaths, and fellow participants. As representatives of chapters (C.A.R., DAR, SAR, and others) names were read by Ed Rigel, Jr., each walked under a "parade" of swords from local Junior ROTC members. Truly a magnificent sight.

Our attendance of this event certainly has caused a sea change in my feelings and duty to our chapter. My membership means more to me today than it did before the event. It's more of an honor, it is now a more richer meaning to be a member of the Robert Forsyth Chapter, GASSAR.

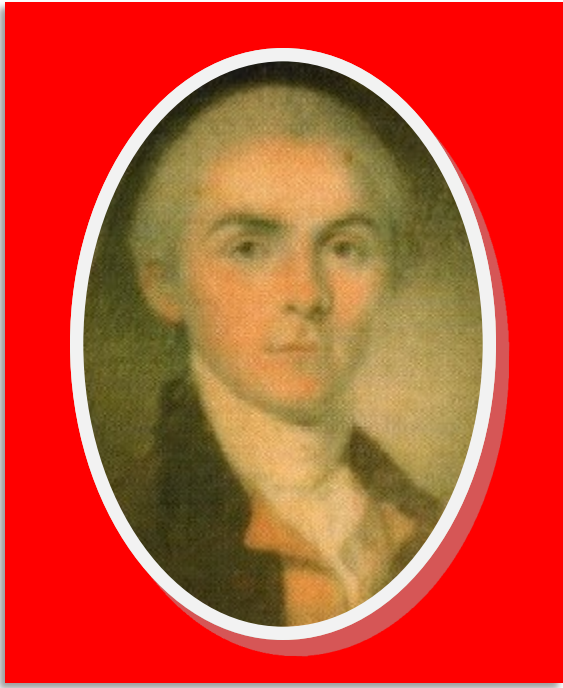
Attending events such as this is but one step in my journey in SAR. I must do my part to be a better member.

For me, my journey will mean driving the activities that make for a healthy chapter, such as attending grave markings, public safety award presentments, and special observances and wreath laying. It means developing new ideas to secure the future of our chapter (flag retirement receptacles, fund raising). It means drawing more members into this rich experience called the Revolutionary Way, which has blessed us each with liberties known nowhere else on this earth.



Compatriot Alan Greenly walks through the Honor Guard formation from Greene County School System. Sabers raised and lowered in salute as each C.A.R., DAR, and SAR representing their respective chapters in the Commemoration Service at War Hill.

SAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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.

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 chapter officer.

Deadline for the Next Issue:

The deadline for material for the next issue is May 25, 2017. In addition to the material, please include hi-resolution imagery. Please direct all inquires or suggestions regarding *The Marshal* to Editor Emil L. Decker at 706-482-8248 or via email to: eldecker@windstream.net.

Event	Date	Location	Level
Halifax Resolves	Apr. 12, 2017	Halifax, NC	National
Robert Forsyth Chapter Mtg	Apr. 13, 2017	Golden Corral, Cumming, GA	Local
Patriot / Compatriot Grave Marking	Apr. 15, 2017	Winterville, GA	State
Patriots Day	Apr. 22 – 23, 2017	St. Simons Island, GA	State
Colonial Worship	Apr. 23, 2017	St. Simons Island, GA	State
BOM Meeting	Apr. 29, 2017	Barnesville, GA	State
Rev. War Veteran Wall Memorial Dedication	Apr. 30, 2017	Carrollton, GA	National
Patriot / Compatriot Grave Marking	May 6, 2017	Tallapoosa, GA	State
Robert Forsyth Chapter Mtg	May 11, 2017	Golden Corral, Cumming, GA	Local
Thomas Creek Battle	May 13, 2017	Jacksonville, FL	State
Patriot / Compatriot Grave Marking	May 20, 2017	Wilkes Co., GA	State
Buford's Massacre	May 27, 2017	Lancaster, SC	National
Scout Day Marietta National Cemetery	May 27, 2017	Marietta, GA	State
Snellville Memorial Day Ceremony	May 27, 2017	Snellville, GA	State
Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Jun 17, 2017	Lincolnton, SC	National
Robert Forsyth Chapter Mtg	Jun. 8, 2017	Golden Corral, Cumming, GA	Local
127 th Annual Congress	Jul 7 – 12	Knoxville, TN	National
Robert Forsyth Chapter Picnic	TBA	Cumming, GA	Local
BOM Meeting	Jul 29, 2017	Barnesville, GA	State

WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS !

Since our last publication, we have the opportunity to welcome two new members to the Robert Forsyth Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Compatriot **Thomas Milton Slaughter** comes to us through his patriot, William Blakeslee. Admission date: September 23, 2016.

Compatriot **Byron Cheney Tindall** was admitted on February 10, 2017. His patriot ancestor is John Callaway.

WELCOME to both of you. We hope you will share your Patriot's Bio with us in a future edition of *The Marshal*.