

Report to the Vice President General South Atlantic District

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution  
April 2, 2016

**Membership:**

Number of Society Members -- 1 Jan 2016 -----1,612

New Member since 1 Jan 2015 ----- 16

Reinstatements-Transfers since 1 Jan 2015 -- 21

Total Additions since 1 Jan 2015 ----- 37

Deceased since 1 Jan 2015 ----- 5

Transfers out since 1 Jan 2015 ----- 0

Total Losses since 1 Jan 2015 ----- 5

**Active Membership as of 1 April 2015**

**Reported to National Society SAR ----- 1,644**

Plus Dual Members ----- 24

Active Membership as of 1 April 2015

TB Reported to GASSAR Board of Managers 4/25--- 1,668

Membership Categories as of 1 April 2015:

Regular Members ----- 1,535

Junior Members ----- 59

Junior Life Members --- 4

Emeritus Members ----- 4

Regular Life Members - 42

Dual Members ----- 24

Total Membership --- 1,668

**New Member Applications:**

Since 1 Jan - 31 Mar 2016, there have been a total of 50 applications / supplemental received by the State Secretary.

**New Chapter Development:**

At the present time there are two new chapter developments under consideration.

**Reinstatements:**

Number Pending at NSSAR as of 31 Mar 2016----- 21

**Color Guard: 31 March 2016**

61 Color Guard Members participating of which (2) are *rookies*.

42 CG Members marched in the Kettle Creek Parade on 14 February 2015

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41 CG Members participated in the 236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program for the NSSAR event at the Kettle Creek Battlefield War Hill Memorial on 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2015.

51 State and National events are presently on the 2015 Color Guard calendar of which 8 have been completed as of 2 April 2015.

A 2016 budget revision has been proposed and has been submitted to the GASSAR Executive Committee for review.

#### **Education Outreach and other Activities:**

The Georgia Society's presentations to elementary and middle school students are continuing to enhance the education of those students in their studies of the Revolution and Colonial Life. The chapter Americanism Poster and Brochure Contests entrants will be judged at our Spring BOM on 23 Apr 2016.

#### **Kettle Creek Revolutionary Days, NSSAR Sanctioned Historic Site Event:**

The 237<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek was a tremendous success during the weekend of 12-14 Feb 2016. Annually sponsored by the GASSAR in Washington, Georgia, this National SAR program drew great crowds. There were 35 militia in attendance with muskets which included a large contingent from South Carolina. Also, Color Guard attendee's included flag bearers from FL, GA, SC, and NC.

Participants: City of Washington, Wilkes County Government Officials and Commission Chairman, Fire & EMS Personnel, Chamber of Commerce, AFJROTC Cadets, Combined Band of the Washington-Wilkes County Comprehensive Schools, 250+ Parade participants and an estimated (Chamber of Commerce) 350+ spectators.

Battlefield Ceremony: Over 300 on site, 86 wreaths presented, Secretary General NSSAR in attendance, Representative Jody Hice of Georgia's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District participated. Three NSSAR General Officers in attendance.

Sunday morning Tenth Annual Colonial Worship Service was held at Phillips Mill Baptist Church. The GASSAR Chaplain, Compatriot D. Allen Smith, presided at the Service.

#### **Report of the GASSAR Registrar**

##### **Application Status 31 December 2015**

Year-end 2015 application status:

Received as of December 31, 2015 -----	317
NSSAR has approved a total of -----	220
NSSAR Pended applications -----	16
GASSAR Registrar Pended -----	45

Pended applications of the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2015 were primarily due to either insufficient fees or lack of documents.

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**Application Status 31 March 2016**

Applications (Supplemental & Primary) received	-----	85
Reviewed and sent to NSSAR 69%	-----	50
NSSAR approved applications in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	-----	0
Applications pending by State Registrar 20%	-----	17

**Special Chapter or State Initiatives:**

- 23-24 Jan 2016, GASSAR Annual Conference in Duluth, GA attended by President General Thomas E. Lawrence, South Atlantic District Vice President Edward P. Rigel, Librarian General Bruce Pickett, Secretary General J. Michael Tomme and Treasurer General Larry Guzy.
- 12-14 Feb 2015, 237<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Battle of Kettle Creek.
- 19-20 Feb 2016, 77<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of the Georgia State Society of the National Society Children of the American Revolution in Macon, GA.
- 26-27 Feb 2016, NSSAR Trustees/Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY.
- 11 March 2016, as a guest of the GSS NSDAR, I attended their Annual State Conference and Banquet in Augusta, GA. I presented greetings from the GSSAR, provided comments and donated GASSAR budgeted funds (\$500) to the GSS NSDAR State Regents Project and for the preservation of Meadow Garden. Additionally I addressed the GSS NSDAR Officers/Members about continuing our partnership towards improving membership and other joint programs.
- 19 March 2016, Florida Society SAR sponsored the 2nd memorial ceremony for the Battle at Thomas Creek in Jacksonville.

*Respectfully submitted,*

William A. Greenly, President  
Georgia Society SAR

**South Atlantic District Report  
2nd Quarter 2016  
Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**

**Current Membership as of 27 June 2016**

Active Membership.....31 March 2015.....1,668  
Active Membership.....27 June 2016.....1,718

73 New Members approved since 01 Jan 2016  
38 Reinstatements since 01 Jan 2016

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20+ New Members applications at National with (20 additional)  
applications scheduled to be sent by the 2nd of July.

Active Membership.....31 Dec 2015.....1,612

**WE WILL exceed** our 2015 Membership numbers by the close of the year.

**Special Events**

02 April 2016, as the GASSAR President, I attended the South Carolina Annual meeting in Columbia, South Carolina where I brought greetings from the GASSAR.

16 –17 April 2016: GASSAR Historic Site & Celebrations Event

This Georgia Historic Site event honors the American Naval victory over the British in in the Frederica River and of course, Patriots Day (April 19<sup>th</sup>).

We had the largest turn-out to date for this Georgia premier event on St, Simons Island. Attendance from Public, the Educational System, Government, the Georgia Society membership and hereditary organizations was high. U. S. Army JROTC Cadets provided honors with saber salutes, living history had everything including mounted personnel and the parade gathered momentum as public along the route joined in the celebration. This year's event also had a cannon made from a fire hydrant which was provided by Steve Burk of the Wiregrass Chapter. Of course this weekend venue was topped with "our" repeated visits to area Sea Food Restaurants.

13-14 May 2016, as the GASSAR President, I attended the Florida Annual meeting in Orlando, Florida where I brought greetings from the GASSAR.

29-30 April 2016, as the GASSAR President, I attended the North Carolina Annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina where I brought greetings from the GASSAR.

*Respectfully submitted,*

William A. Greenly, President  
Georgia Society, SAR