

Sons of the American Revolution



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GASSAR President Quarterly BOM Report: October - December 2022

Activities of the Past Quarter:

October 6, 2022: The Battle of King's Mountain, Gastonia, N.C.; South Atlantic District In-person Presidents Meeting. We voted on which national candidates we would endorse, a few of whom spoke to us in person. I was glad to also be joined in that meeting by our Treasurer Scott Collins in his important role as both Georgia and National Color Guard Commander, along with other members of his Color Guard. Afterwards we ate at an Olive Garden and I was able to pick the brain of our Genealogist General, who sat down with my wife and me.

October 7, 2022: The Battle of King's Mountain. The next morning we made our way to South Carolina, for the mighty King's Mountain itself, to commemorate the decisive battle of the same name, where American forces buttressed by the largely Scotch-Irish "Over Mountain" patriots, surrounded and overwhelmed the British forces that were dug into the mountain. The "high ground" was not the place to be that day!

October 11, 2022:

1 PM: I held a very productive ExCom Zoom meeting.

6:30 PM: I participated in a well-run meeting of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter that evening.

November 3, 2022: I held another ExCom meeting, planning several vital goals and activities for the upcoming BOM meeting in Barnesville on November 5th.

November 5, 2022: The BOM meeting itself was quite productive, including a visit by the South Atlantic District Vice President General, who presented special awards to several veterans present. The Fall BOM is also the meeting at which we hear from several of the National Candidates, whether in person, via Zoom, or by proxy, with several of our officers standing up and speaking for them. It was a very informative meeting. We then voted on which candidates the Georgia Society would endorse.

November 12, 2022: Participated in the Joel Early Chapter 20th Anniversary Celebration. The second week of November was also eventful for the Georgia Society, as I, Historic Sites Chair Bill Dobbs, and other Compatriots joined Steve Peace and the rest of the Joel Early Chapter for the 20th Anniversary Celebration way down near Iron City, Georgia, just short of the Florida panhandle. I was very impressed by the mobile Revolutionary War Museum down there, as well as by the Joel Early Meeting Hall. They were great folks that made us feel very much at home that evening, next to the cotton fields.

December 3, 2022: The Battle of Van's Creek Ceremony. Several of us travelled to near Elberton, Georgia, where we all participated in the Van's Creek Ceremony, facilitated by the Lyman Hall Chapter and the Samuel Elbert chapter. We all gathered in Richard B. Russell State Park in the Walter McNealy Pavilion. Afterwards, I very much enjoyed talking with the Compatriots who hosted the event, as they described the Native American former inhabitants of the area, as well as a great "Indian Mound" that, due to Russell Dam, ended up at the bottom of the broad water that the Walter McNealy Pavilion overlooks.

December 8, 2022:

12 Noon: I was honored to participate in two major chapter events. First was the DAR and SAR Holiday Luncheon at the Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville, Georgia, hosted by both the Colonel William Candler Chapter of the NSDAR and the Lyman Hall Chapter of the SAR. I served as the Speaker for the event, at the behest of my friend, Dr. Edward P. Rigel, Sr., well known as the "Ancient One," if only by his son. I presented my "Colonial and Revolutionary War Art and Related Works" discussion and slide show, and enjoyed a wonderful meal. Afterwards, new DAR members were inducted.

6 PM: Later that day, I travelled to a rather unique SAR Chapter site—The Flying Machine Restaurant at Brisco Airport field in Lawrenceville, Georgia. While at that event, I brought Greetings from the State Society and then performed the Induction Ceremonies for the new officers of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. What with the airplanes landing and taking off...and the female mannequins out and about, it has to be the most unique meeting place in Georgia. I was very grateful as well that Dr. Rigel graciously offered me respite in his home, in between the two events.

December 13, 2022: Participated in the monthly Marquis de Lafayette Chapter meeting, which provided a fine Christmas Social after its regular monthly meeting in the Fayetteville Courthouse. We all wore Christmas sweaters and filled bags with over twenty toiletry and other valued items, to give out to veterans and the Veterans Hospital, a very satisfying, charitable activity. Don't forget, another thing veterans need is your gently worn suits, to wear for job interviews. Compatriot Gary Hoyt of the Captain John Collins Chapter, who chairs the Veterans Committee, informed me that every one of the suits I had donated were very quickly claimed by vets, for the purpose of doing well at job interviews. I encourage you all to consider such donations.

December 15, 2022: From 7:30 PM on, I participated in a Zoom Meeting for the national America 250 Committee.

December 20, 2022: I participated in the Captain John Collins Chapter monthly Meeting. One event I also truly appreciate each Christmas season is the beautiful concert of Christmas tunes performed every December at the Captain John Collins Chapter meeting, by trombonists Harry Hagen and Rodney Pritchett. Wonderful! And to top it off, Rodney's gifted wife always closes the concert with her beautiful voice, this time, a lovely Gaelic tune.

In Patriotism,

Dr. David A. Ludley

Georgia Society SAR President