Board of Managers Meeting: 12 May 2011
In attendance: President, Ed Rigel, Sr.; Vice-President/Chaplain Roscoe McMillan, III; Secretary John Beale; Treasurer, Ronnie Huff; and Historian Jim Parker. Dean Trimmer was also in attendance.

Highlights:
Treasurer: The Treasury balance is $1689.31. Four Compatriots made contributions to the Chapter that allowed the Chapter to make a $500 contribution to the NSSAR Center for Advancing America’s Heritage.
Registrar: Three applications have been approved – Milon Stone Christman, III, Thomas Patrick Crowell, and JW Allen. Compatriots Christman, and Crowell will be inducted at next meeting along with Paul Trimmer. Compatriot Allen will be out of town. Applications for Lyle Leteer and Montana Thrasher have been received by National.
Chaplain: Compatriot McMillan reported that Compatriot Leyda and his wife continue to struggle with health issues and asked that they be kept in our prayers.
President: Ed Rigel, Sr. presented a report on the Chapter’s activities since the last meeting. See below.

JROTC Committee: Compatriot McMillan reported that Compatriots Benton, McMillan, Parker, Rigel and Trimmer had presented JROTC Medals to eight high school students and a ROTC medal at NGC&SU.

Awards and Medals: At Compatriot Trimmer’s request, BOM authorized the presentation of a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to MSGT Jack Reese, director of the JNROTC program at Gainesville High School.

Americanism: Compatriot Rigel reported that the poster contest had been judged. The Chapter winner was submitted to the GASSAR competition but failed to place. He and Compatriot Rigel, Jr. will present the Chapter awards May 26th at Black’s Mill Elementary.

Next Chapter meeting: Thursday, May 26th, 6:30 PM, Elks Lodge.

Chapter Activities:

GASSAR Board of Managers: Compatriots Roscoe McMillan, Hall Martin, and Ed Rigel, Sr. attended the GASSAR BOM on April 9th and participated with the Color Guard.

Patriots Day Celebration: Compatriots Martin, and Rigel, Sr. attended the Patriots Day Celebration on St. Simons Island on April 16th following a evening of fellowship with twenty-five Compatriots and spouses. They marched in the parade through the Village and participated in the ceremony later in the morning. Compatriot Martin presented a wreath on behalf of the Chapter.
GASSAR Color Guard leading the
Frederica Days Parade through St. Simons Village

GASSAR Silver ROTC Award: Compatriot Jim Parker, representing the Georgia Society, presented the Silver ROTC Award to Cadet Pvt. Emilie B. Musto at the North Georgia College and State University ROTC Awards ceremony held on March 28th.

Bronze JROTC Medals:
Compatriot Tommy Benton presented the following Bronze JROTC Awards:
East Jackson County High School JROTC, Cadet Chris Retting
Jackson County High School JROTC, Cadet Melody Moore
Jefferson City High School JAFROTC, Cadet Maribel Rodriguez

Compatriot Parker congratulates
Cadet Private Musto
Compatriot Roscoe McMillan presented the following Bronze JROTC Awards:
East Hall High School JNROTC, Cadet Nathan Jablonski
Lumpkin County High School JROTC, Cadet Shane Jones, accompanied by Compatriot Dean Trimmer

Compatriot Dean Trimmer presented the following Bronze JROTC Award:
Gainesville High School JNROTC, Cadet Hosea Ramirez

Compatriot Ed Rigel, Sr. presented the following Bronze JROTC Award:
Riverside Military JROTC, Cadet Jonathan South

While at Lumpkin County HS, Compatriot McMillan presented the **GASSAR 2nd Place Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award** to the Lyman Hall candidate, Cadet Leslie Hebert

Compatriot McMillan oversees presentation of Bronze JROTC award to Cadet Shane Jones of Lumpkin County HS

Compatriot McMillan presents the **GASSAR 2nd Place Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award** to Cadet Leslie Hebert of Lumpkin County HS
Peace Officer’s Memorial Day/Police Week Proclamation:
In April, Compatriot Rigel, Sr. accompanied others from the GASSAR to Governor Nathan Deal’s office to receive a proclamation regarding Police Week.

In May, Compatriots Rigel, Sr., Rigel, Jr., Jim Butterworth, Hall Martin and Dick Trimmer attended the Gainesville City Council meeting to receive a Proclamation regarding the city recognition of Police Week. Police Chief Brian Kelly and several Officers were present and most appreciative of the Chapter’s efforts.

Later in the month, Compatriots Rigel, Sr., Rigel, Jr., Hall Martin and Dick Trimmer attended the Hall County Commissioner’s meeting to receive a similar Proclamation regarding the Sheriff’s Office and the local city Police Departments. That meeting was televised live on regional TV.
**Lyman Hall Traveling Trunk Debuts!**

The “Traveling Trunk” program is an initiative of the GASSAR Education Committee. The “Trunk” contains many examples of everyday items found during Colonial Times. Due to the generosity of the GASSAR Georgia Fellows Fund, Trunks were offered to Chapters for the low price of $125, less than half the cost of the items enclosed. Compatriot Rigel supplemented the contents of the Chapter’s trunk provided by the Education Committee with many items of his own from his previous reenacting days.

On May 13th, at the Myers Elementary School Patriotic Day Celebration, Compatriot Rigel debuted the Chapter’s Traveling Trunk. He made eight 30 minute presentations to each of the 4th and 5th Grade classes, about 250 students. The students were very attentive and the teachers applauded the presentations. Thank you notes from the students included the following comments: “Thanks a lot for coming on Patriotic Day we really enjoyed it. It was really exciting to see all the material you brought about the Revolutionary War”. “I loved the uniform you were wearing”. Lots of “Thank you for coming” and “Hope you will come back”. Several “Hope you will go to other schools”. (This writer had several personal favorites: “Your class was my favorite. Thank you!!!” and this closing, “Sincerely, Kayla, One of the students who loved it. PS loved your out fit.”) It was an exhausting day, but I don’t much remember that part of it. I’ll never forget the student’s attentiveness and their comments in their thank you notes. They were truly paying attention! EPR, Sr.)

The plan is to expand the Traveling Trunk program to other schools within the Lyman Hall Chapter jurisdiction in the 2011/2012 school year.

During a break for lunch, Atlanta Falcons OLB Stephen Nicholas entered the Media Center to have pictures made with a 3rd Grade class. Afterwards, teachers and guests asked to have their pictures made with Stephen. After a bit, Stephen asked, “Can I say who I want my picture made with? I want it made with that guy!”

The results!!

Compatriot Rigel with a class at the Myers Elementary School Patriotic Day.

This was the 29th consecutive Patriotic Day at Myers Elementary.