

Take Notice

245th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek Revolutionary Days

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Event
Sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
www.GaSocietySAR.org

Friday – February 9, 2024

Elijah Clark State Park – 2959 McCormack Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30817

10:00 AM – Kick off at the restored cabin and Elijah Clark Museum with a variety of demonstrations on colonial lifestyle, colonial attire, a Traveling Trunk display, period dulcimer music, and cannon and musket demonstrations. Authors of new period books will be on hand for book signings. SAR Color Guard members will bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion.

12:00 P.M. - A free indoor chili cookout and dessert buffet at noon will be served compliments of the Elijah Clark State Park, Lincoln County Historical Society, Chapters of the Georgia Society SAR; Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR.

1:00 PM – Please arrive for Wreath Presentation Check-in.

1:30 P.M. – Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Wreath Ceremony at Elijah Clarke's grave. Regional color guard and militia units will combine to bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion. The ceremony will be held in indoor facilities at the park in the event of inclement weather. Augusta University Professor Emeritus of History Dr. Hubert van Tuyll will present "Could Britain have Won Part of the War? Geography, Strategy, and the War in the South."

Please use the FRIDAY, Wreath Registration form. – This is separate from the Saturday registration.

Park entry fees will be waived for attendees. www.GaStateParks.org/ElijahClark

Kettle Creek Battlefield, War Hill Road, Washington, GA 30673

Take a self-guided walking tour of the Kettle Creek Battlefield site and enjoy the marked trails and interpretive signs. The ceremony at the site is scheduled for Saturday at 2:30 PM.

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If you have available time, consider visiting the Washington Historical Museum and the Robert Toombs House to enjoy 18th century history and Battlefield Relics. For more information visit – www.washingtonwilkes.org

The **Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc. (KCBA)**, Georgia Society SAR and Kettle Creek NSDAR will host a dinner and Revolutionary War program in honor of the Kettle Creek Patriots. *Reservations are required and are to be made directly with KCBA.*

5:00 P.M. - Reception & Cash Bar

6:00 P.M. – Dinner

Please see the Friday Dinner Invitation. The event is hosted at the Washington Wilkes Country Club, 300 Country Club Drive, Washington, GA 30673. Dinner Reservation due by January 31, 2023 – KCBA, PO Box 729, Washington, GA 30673 - \$35.00 per individual

KCBA's website is – www.kettlecreekbattlefield.com (Do not use the .org site)

There will an address by Dr. Jeffrey Wells on “The Importance of the Georgia Backcountry in the Southern Campaign”.

Washington Little Theater

7:30 P.M. – Friday evening, the Washington Little Theater Company will present an entertaining, educational (and free) puppet play musical “The American Revolution: 1763-1789” in the Bolton Luncford Theater, 313 N. Alexander Avenue in Washington.

All items subject to change – updates will appear on the Georgia Society SAR website under the Calendar of Events.

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Saturday Morning – February 10th, 2024

A National Society SAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee Event

Washington Square in Historic Downtown Washington, GA 30673

9:50 A.M. – The Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia Honor Guard with Musket Salutes will raise the 1776 Colors of the Revolutionary War on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flagpole.

9:50 A.M. –12 Noon – Come experience Revolutionary Living History including demonstrations and performers. Located just off the square in Court Street Livery (16 W Court Street, Washington, GA) Look for the SAR Living History building signs. Various groups will have displays including one of colonial toys. Some refreshments will also be available.

10:10 A.M. – The Georgia Society SAR combined Color Guard & Militia will gather at the Revolutionary War monument on the Washington City Square to Salute and Honor the *Wilkes County Militia – (the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest)* and all Revolutionary War Patriots.

10:30 A.M. – Color Guard and parade participants gather behind the Courthouse for the assembly of the Revolutionary War Parade — ALL the public (Children & Grownups) are welcome to participate in the event as our National Colors and re-enactors lead us around Washington Square. **The Parade STARTS at 10:45 A.M.**

10:45 A.M. – The parade will start and will march two complete times around Washington Square and will end behind the courthouse at Fort Washington Park.

11:15 A.M. – Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia and other re-enactors with black-powder muskets will present a dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Fort Washington Park behind the Wilkes County Courthouse.

11:45 A.M. – The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard--Elijah Clarke Militia and others, will present arms and fire a thunderous musket salute as the Revolutionary War Colors are lowered and our Present-day National Colors are raised on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flagpole.

12:00 P.M. – Mary Willis Library – 204 E Liberty St, Washington, GA – Presentation on activities at the Battlefield related to the new grant.

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Kettle Creek Battlefield, 299 War Hill Road, Washington, GA 30673

2:30 P.M. – Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battlefield includes, Continental Army, Georgia Militia, Musket volley salutes, Wreath Presentations, SAR/DAR/CAR, Hereditary Organizations, Local, State & National officials, High School JROTC, students and public, place

wreaths to honor the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest -- the Wilkes County Militia for their 1779 Victory at Kettle Creek.

Please use the SATURDAY, Wreath Registration form. – This is separate from the Friday registration.

In the event of inclement weather this event will be held in the Washington-Wilkes Recreation Department Gym. Check for updates on the <https://gasocietysar.org/event/kettle-creek-wreath-ceremony/>

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Sunday Morning – February 11th, 2024

Washington, GA 30603

9:00 A.M. – Memorial Service – Join the Georgia Society SAR and the Kettle Creek Chapter, NSDAR in a Colonial Worship Service honoring the Wilkes County Militia (Heroes of the Hornets' Nest) and the SC Upper 96 Militia who together defeated the Loyalists at the Battle of Kettle Creek. As in the past, this Colonial Service is open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to participate.

The service will be held at The Episcopal Church of the Mediator located at 214 East Robert Tombs Avenue, Washington, GA 30673

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