

THE  
BUTTON GWINNETT  
DISPATCH



February 2019

*Button Gwinnett Chapter*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*



**Our next meeting is Thursday,  
March 14th 2019  
Northwood Country Club  
3157 Club Drive  
Lawrenceville, GA 30044**



## February's Speaker

# Leslie Watkins

Leslie presented a program titled "SAR Women-More than just Camp Followers." The program, as its title entails, highlighted the various roles that women played during the revolution. Some of these Patriots were spies, some fought disguised as men, others manned artillery, and many served by nursing the sick and the wounded. At the conclusion of the program goodie bags of candy were distributed along with application forms for the SAR Ladies Auxiliary.



February's Speaker  
Leslie Watkins



Photo by Bennie Koon

After the presentation, Mel Buck presented Leslie with a Certificate of Appreciation.



## February Meeting Highlights

**Secretary's Report:** Last month's minutes were emailed to BGSAR members and a copy was placed on each table for review. Motion to accept was made by Bill Palmer, seconded by Gordon Woodard and approved by the members.

**Treasurer's Reconciliation:** A monthly financial reconciliation was placed on all the tables and presented by Gordon Woodard showing a current funds available balance of \$4,781.76. Gordon announced that the Chapter Budget for 2019 has been presented to and approved by the Board of Managers. A motion to accept the report was made by Ralph Galpin, seconded by Bruce Maney and approved by members.



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**Veterans Committee:** Bennie Koon announced that the Veterans Appreciation week will occur in the second week in February. Bennie, Bruce Maney and Harry Kitchings will attend the Lawrenceville VA Clinic and greet veterans and serve refreshments on February 15. He has not received the new 2019 forms and scoring for the USS Stark Award points.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Compatriot Bill Palmer and Compatriot Bruce Maney have reviewed our Chapter By-Laws and Constitution and presented recommendations for proposed changes and updates. They have presented draft documents and recommendations to the Board of Managers. At the last BOM meeting, the drafts were discussed. This work will continue at the next BOM meeting. After revisions are accepted by the BOM, proposed changes will be brought before the Chapter membership for discussion and acceptance.

John Goodwin reminded attendees that there are several Chapter committee positions open for volunteers an opportunity to step up their participation.



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**Americanism Committee:** The new forms and scoring criteria for 2019 has not yet been distributed from National for Americanism and President General's Streamer. Bruce Maney reported on some of the recent activities by the Chapter Members.

If you have made any donation to the NSSAR Foundation, Library, Museum, etc. please let Bruce Maney know as we receive an Americanism point for each dollar donated.

**Color Guard:** Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer, commented about recent and upcoming Color Guard activities. In January, the Color Guard participated in the Anniversary of the Battle at Cowpens and the Daniel Morgan remembrance in Spartanburg SC, the GSSAR Annual Conference and in recent days, Elijah Clarke and Kettle Creek celebrations.

**Chapter Library:** Mike Watkins has the library available and is also accepting donations to the library.

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### Presentation of Streamers:

**John Goodwin presented several streamers for Chapter Awards  
which were presented at the GSSAR Annual Conference  
Battle of Cowpens  
Battle of Kettle Creek**



Photo by Bennie Koon

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### Presentation of Supplements:

- Ken Keown – Patriot Thomas Watkins



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WOW!

**Certificates, Medals and Presentations:** President John Goodwin announced the following individual and chapter awards presented at the GSSAR Annual Conference in January.

### Individual Awards

Bill Palmer – Patriot Medal

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Leslie Watkins – State Medal of Appreciation

Harry Kitchings – State Chaplin of the Year

Eldon Evans – Color Guard “Rookie of the Year”

Eldon Evans – Bronze Patriot Grave Marking Medal

Bennie Koon received special recognition for outstanding service to veterans through the Stark awards work

### Button Gwinnett GSSAR Chapter Awards

Distinguished Chapter

Membership Award

Billy Thompson Americanism Award – Chapter of Excellence

President General’s Award – Chapter of Excellence

1 White Star – Compatriot Grave Marking Award

3 White Stars – Patriot Grave Marking Award

CAR Liaison Award



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Photos by Bennie Koon





## February Meeting Highlights-Applications

New applications approved since January Chapter meeting:

Thomas Smith

Mark Smith

Thomas Lacy

Supplementals approved since January meeting: None

New applications at National:

Tom Rees

David McCarty

Donald McCarty

New applications at State:

Ray Kyle

New applications turned in since January meeting: None

Supplementals:

Bruce Maney - 1 @ State

Eli Stancel - 1 @ State

John Goodwin - 1 @ State

John Green - 3 @ State

Ken Keown - 1 @ State

Harold Ford - 1 @ National

# February Updates

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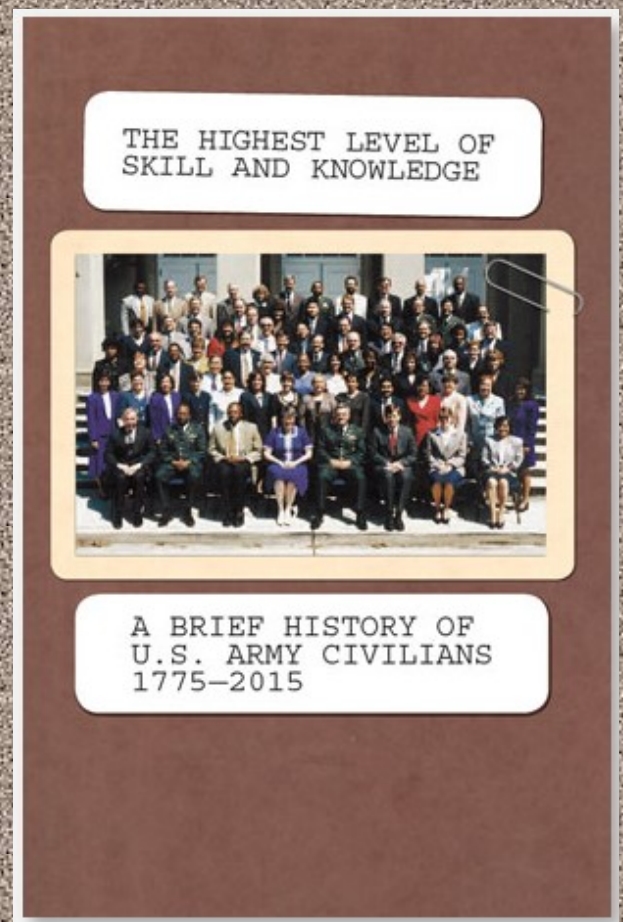
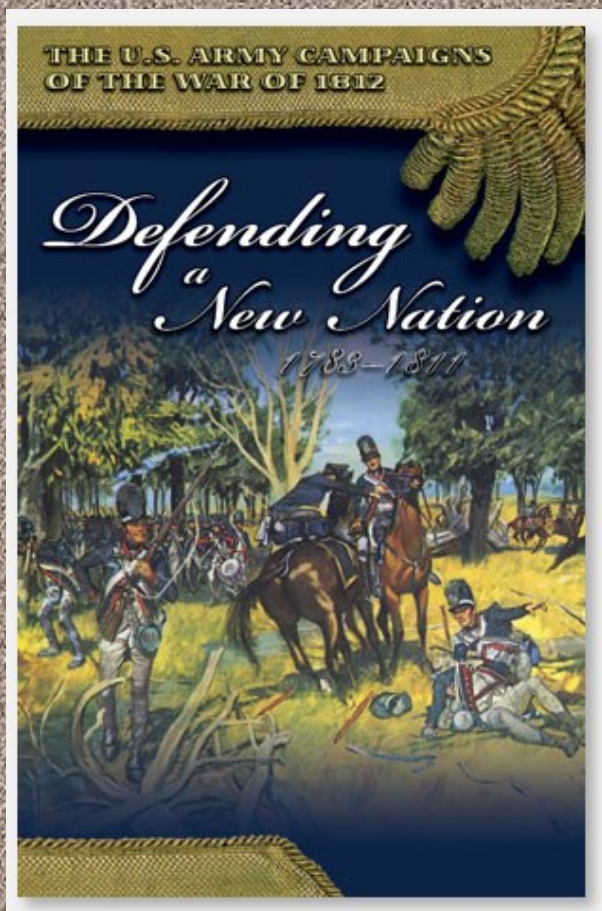



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# Monthly Info and Tips

The US Army's Center of Military History offers over 600 publications for free at the below site. They cover a variety of engagements, conflicts, and campaigns. They can be viewed as a pdf or downloaded to a tablet for reading.

<https://history.army.mil/catalog/browse/title.html>





# January Quiz Answer

Concerning the attempt to capture West  
Point;

Where was British Major Andre captured?

Tarrytown, New York.

Winning answer by Stewart Woodard.



# New Quiz/Challenge

Submit 1 photo of the most unique American Revolutionary site you have visited.

## Upcoming Events



Mar 14 - Button Gwinnett Chapter meeting

Mar 16 – Battle at Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro NC

Mar 30 – Battle at Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL

Apr 11 – Button Gwinnett Chapter meeting

Apr 13 - Frederica Days, St. Simons Island, GA

Apr 27 – GSSAR State BOM, Barnesville, GA

Apr 28 – 5 Patriot Grave Markings, Midway, GA



## Newsletter Info

**If you have any photos, stories, or other items please send them in for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.**

**We would love more info and stories to share.**



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