



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch March 2023



A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Our March 9, 2023 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 17 members and 14 guests in attendance. Sorry – No Zoom for the March meeting. We would love to see all members and their guests at a future meeting!

The highlights of the evening were:

The induction of the two newest Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Members was conducted by President Tom Jacques:

Donald Arthur Schmidt is a descendant of Patriot Robert Heath who was a private and ranger on the frontier under Captain William Bruce in the 2nd Battalion of the Washington County PA Militia (Don’s lineage is through his father Arthur Schmidt) Nat#224994 Ga#8639 ACN#105147 1/20/23. Don’s wife and Philadelphia Winn DAR Treasurer Kathy Schmidt placed the SAR Rosette on the lapel of Don’s shirt.



Supplementals:

None

Certificates:

None

Streamers presented to Sergeant at Arms John Zeigler:

- 2023 Heroes of the Hornet’s Nest Elijah Clark State Park
- 2023 Kettle Creek 2023
- 2023 Brier Creek 2023

President’s Message:

We are making great progress in recruiting new members into the Button Gwinnett Chapter – we have inducted 7 new members through March – with 2 more planned for April, 6 applications are at National and at least 4 applications in progress.

To build for our future I am requesting that any Chapter Members and individuals receiving this newsletter to please consider making a donation to the Elisha Winn C.A.R. Society. These boys and girls are our future SAR and DAR members. Our treasurer Gordon Woodard has agreed to manage donations made payable to Button Gwinnett SAR which will be transferred to the Elisha Winn C.A.R Chapter (honored at the 84th Georgia State C.A.R. Conference as Georgia’s Outstanding Society of the year). Gordon’s address is 3035 Cardinal Lake Circle NW, Duluth, GA 30096. Your consideration is appreciated.

The evening's program was "The Battle of Kettle Creek" by Dr. David A. Noble

Dr. Noble is a retired Periodontist who has been active in archaeology work and studying the history of the American Revolutionary War. He is the co-author with Richard Marsh of the book "Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782" published by the Atlanta Chapter Sons of the American Revolution - which he has been a member of for over 25 years.

The Battle of Kettle Creek was the first major victory for Patriots in the back country of Georgia during the American Revolutionary War that took place on February 14, 1779. It was fought in Wilkes County about eight miles from present-day Washington, Georgia. A militia force of Patriots decisively defeated and scattered a Loyalist militia force that was on its way to British-controlled Augusta.

1st Vice President Ray Kyle presented Dr. Noble with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.



New member applications approved but not inducted yet:

- Karl Dwight Fitch – David Fitch National #225224; ACN #105434 2/10/2023
- Ronald David Sikes – Francis Fontaine III National #225223; ACN #105433 2/10/2023

New member applications approved since the March Chapter meeting:

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Supplementals approved since the March meeting:

- Brent Dodson – Abednego Hodges; Zachariah Warren

New Member applications at National:

- John Stoecker – apps at State for himself, his two sons, and two grandsons (5 total)
 - o John Stoecker – Patriot Thomas Helm Rcd Nat 1/27/2023
 - o Benjamin Stoecker - Patriot Thomas Helm Rcd Nat 1/27/2023
 - o Christopher Stoecker - Patriot Thomas Helm Rcd Nat 1/27/2023
 - o John William Stoecker - Patriot Thomas Helm Rcd Nat 1/27/2023
 - o Winston Scott Law - Patriot Thomas Helm Rcd Nat 1/27/2023
- Christopher Douglas Bradfield – Patriot Jonathan Cone Rcd Nat 1/27/2023

New Member applications at State:

- Bruce Dean Craig – Jacob Bailey

New Member applications in Process:

- Matthew Henson – in process
- Marty Bush – in process
- Mark York – in process
- Andrew McConney – in process

Supplementals in process :

- None

Supplementals Summary:

- Ray Anderson – 1 @ National – Andrew Strain (Pended)
- Ralph Galpin – 1 @ National – Joseph Hurd, Gilbert Townsend Vail (Pended)
- Raymond Kyle – 3 @ National - Richard Harris, John Sledge, Fletcher Sullivan

2023 Committee Assignments Made to Date. If you would like to serve on one of these Committees, please contact Tom Jacques or the Committee Chair to participate.

- Audit – Tom Hopkins, Chairman, Harry Kitchings & Ray Kyle (Completed in January)
- Americanism – Mike Watkins
- Veterans – Jack Martin (Team Don McCarty)
- C.A.R. Liaison – Randy Tindall
- DAR Liaison – Don McCarty (Team Tom Jacques)
(DAR meetings - William Day Mar 12, Philadelphia Winn Mar 19)
- Traveling Trunk – Tom Jacques Sage School Mar 16, 2023
- Grave Marking – Don McCarty
- Eagle Scout – David Patrick
- JROTC – Tom Jacques (See schedule below)
- Color Guard – Bill Palmer
- Publicity – Don McCarty (An article on Macayla's Knight Essay has been published in Gwinnett History Magazine)

Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

Apr 13 - Carter J. Wood: "Madame Patriot - Stories of Women Who Served in Actual Combat in the American Revolution"

May 11 - John Wassell: "Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon McAlmon Wassell"

Jun 8 - Dr. David Ludley: "Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works"

Jul 13 - Robert A. "Bob" Sapp: "The Four Faces of the Declaration of Independence"

Aug 10 - Gordon Woodard: "Ten Days with George Washington"

Sep 14 - Mary Hamilton Williams: "Women From History"

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Nov 9 - Terry Manning: "The Colonial Navy"

Dec 14 - Installation of 2024 Chapter Officers

Upcoming JROTC events: Tom Jacques (Tom Hopkins resigned as chair due to personal issues)

Mar 16 - Discovery High School (Army) - Military Ball at 6 pm. (completed)

Mar 31 - Central Gwinnett High School (Army) - Cadet Ball at 7:00pm Trackside (cancelled)

Apr 27 - Peachtree Ridge High School (Navy) Awards Ceremony 5:00pm at school

Apr 27 - North Gwinnett High School (Air Force) 6:30pm Buford Community Center

May 3/4 - Norcross High School (Army) - Awards Ceremony 6:00pm at school

May 4 - Duluth High School (Navy) - Awards Ceremony at 6:00 pm at school

May 5 - Grayson High School (Army) - Military Ball at 6:30 pm at Sonesta

May 9 - South Gwinnett High School (Army) Awards Ceremony (Bill Palmer)

May 10 - Parkview High School (USMC) Awards Ceremony 6:00pm at school (Bill Palmer)

Upcoming Events

Mar 4 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Commemoration - Battle of Brier Creek

Mar 15 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Battle of Guilford Courthouse Comm GREENSBORO, NC

Mar 23-25, 2023 Georgia DAR State Conference Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain

- Georgia SAR State President Dr. David Ludley - requests members to staff a recruiting table -To date, Don McCarty and Tom Jacques have volunteered for the recruiting table

Mar 25 @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Patriot Grave Marking

for Patriot Thomas Glascock and Patriot William Glascock - Augusta

Mar 25 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Fort Hawkins 217th Birthday Celebration - Macon, GA

Mar 25 @ 10:00 am - 12:30 pm 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL

April 8 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Grave marking for Compatriot Ryall S. Morgan - Clio, Ga

Compatriot Morgan was the National Society SAR President General (1972-1973)

President General Bruce Pickett is expected to be in attendance - please attend if possible

Apr 15 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Frederica Naval Action - Patriots' Day Saint Simons Island, GA

Apr 16 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Grave Marking - Compatriot Robert Wylie Senoia, GA

Past president of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter

Apr 20-23 14 Patriots reinterment ceremonies April 20-22, 2023, in Camden, SC (John Goodwin)

Apr 29 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers Barnesville, GA

Apr 30 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Patriot Grave Markings (Five Patriots) Midway, GA

May 8 @ 10:30 am - 1:00 pm - Battle of Pensacola - Galvez Days (FL) "Monday"

May 29 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Memorial Day - State events to be updated

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Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution



March 9, 2023

www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org

Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

SAR Pledge

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

SAR Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.

Chapter Officers & BOM - 2023

President -	Tom Jacques
Immediate Past President -	Don McCarty *
First Vice President -	Ray Kyle
Second Vice President -	Jack Martin
Secretary -	Eldon Evans
Treasurer -	Gordon Woodard *
Registrar -	Harold Ford
Chaplain -	Harry L. Kitchings
Genealogist -	Brent Dodson
Sergeant at Arms -	John Zeigler
Historian -	Bill Palmer *
* Past President	

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM	Tom Jacques
INVOCATION	Harry Kitchings
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Ray Kyle
SAR PLEDGE	Jim Freeman
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Tom Jacques
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Tom Jacques
New Member Induction	
• Donald Arthur Schmidt - Nat# 224994 1/20/23	
• Patriot Robert Heath ACN #105147	

Supplemental Certificates:
• none

Certificates & steamers

- Heroes of the Hornet's Nest Elijah Clark State Park 2023
- Kettle Creek 2023
- Brier Creek 2023

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION Ray Kyle

"The Battle of Kettle Creek"
by Dr. David A. Noble

Business Section:	
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Eldon Evans
TREASURER'S REPORT	Gordon Woodard
REGISTRAR'S REPORT	Harold Ford
COMMITTEE REPORTS	Committee Chairs
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Tom Jacques
NEW BUSINESS	Tom Jacques
SAR RECESSIONAL	Jack Martin
BENEDICTION	Harry Kitchings
ADJOURNMENT	Tom Jacques



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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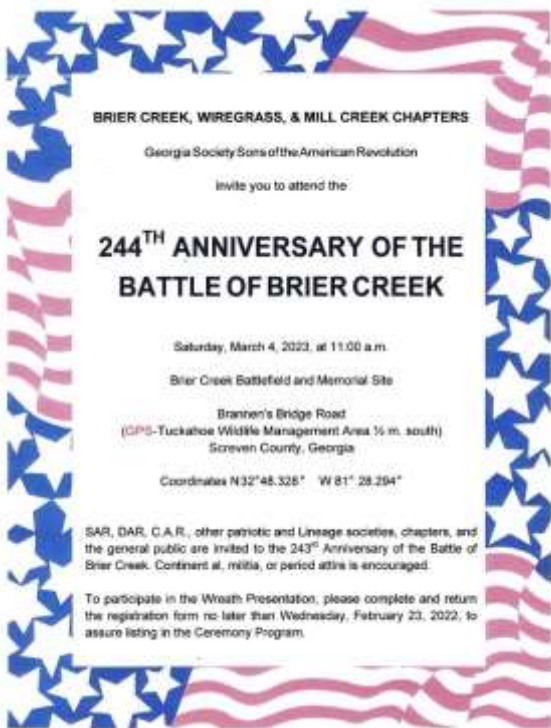
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March 4th, 2023, - 1st VP Ray Kyle and BG Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer and Compatriot Ralph Galpin attended the **244th Anniversary** celebration of the **Battle Brier Creek**. Commander Palmer and Compatriot Galpin were in Continental and 1st VP Kyle was in militia. 1st VP Kyle presented the Button Gwinnet SAR Chapter Wreath



March 15th, 2023, - Compatriot Ralph Galpin attended the **242nd Birthday** of The **Battle of Guilford Courthouse** at Greensboro North Carolina



March 12th, 2023 - Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques attended the William Day DAR Chapter meeting with first Vice President Ray Kyle and Chaplain Harry Kitchings. Immediate Georgia SAR Past President David Jessel brought greetings on behalf of the SAR and his wife Brenda Jessel (National Chair DAR/SAR/SR relations) presented the program for the chapter. Pictured (L-R) WD Vice Regent Susan Chastain, WD Regent Debbie Bush, BG Chaplain Harry Kitchings, BG President Tom Jacques, IPP David Jessel, Brenda Jessel, BG First VP Ray Kyle.



Bruce Maney and President Tom Jacques did a Traveling Trunk presentation at Sage School on March 16, 2023. We had 45 students and 4 teachers in attendance. This was our first presentation using Powerpoint to highlight the artifacts that we review with fourth grade students.



The Traveling Trunk Presented by The National Society Sons of the American Revolution



Members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution have proven their Lineage to a Patriot Ancestor who fought or provided aid for the founding of our Country.

The uniforms we are wearing today are samples of what our Patriots wore at the time



Trading with Native Americans – Skins, antlers, buffalo horn



March 19th, 2023, - Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques Brought Greetings to the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR and presented following Medals/oak leaves and Certificates to:

- 1) Honorary Regent Martha Ann Story was presented the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate (which had not been presented in 2020 due to Covid at the end of her administration)
- 2) Honorary Regent Kitty Watters was presented the Martha Washington Certificate and Bronze Oak Leaf (which should have been presented at the end of her administration)
- 3) Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques was presented her third Martha Washington Certificate and second Bronze Oak Leaf for her work on behalf of the Button Gwinnett Chapter and efforts as the Georgia DAR/SAR/SR relations.

Honorary Regent Ann Story received her Medal and Certificate at the Georgia DAR State Conference at Stone Mountain.



Past Button Gwinnett, Atlanta and Georgia SAR President Terry Manning presented a Program on James Oglethorpe founder of the colony of Georgia. He was presented a certificate of appreciation by First Vice Regent Randi Davis Minor.



Button Gwinnett Members in attendance: President Tom Jacques, Immediate Past President Don McCarty, 2nd VP Jack Martin, Secretary Jaryd Green and compatriots Jim Freeman and Terry Manning.

The following members were at Georgia DAR state conference Friday March 24 & Saturday March 25

Tom Jacques in Militia and Don McCarty in Continental uniforms staffing the SAR recruiting booth over 7 hours - with past President General Larry Guzy, Jim Freeman also assisted in the booth on Friday. Compatriot Randy Tindall set up the C.A.R. recruiting booth

DAR dinner Friday evening March 24

Bill Palmer and Mike Watkins presented flags as part of the color guard with commander Scott Collins.

Tom Jacques attended the dinner Friday evening and greeted Georgia SAR State President Dr. David Ludley and assisted with escorting him to his table before President Ludley brought greetings from the SAR.

Pictures were taken of State President Ludley with state color guard commander Scott Collins, BG president Tom Jacques, BG Color Guard commander Bill Palmer and Georgia and National DAR/SAR/SR Relations Chairs Lynn Jacques and Brenda Jessel.

Compatriot Jim Freeman always seemed to be surrounded by DAR Members.



State Conf March 23-25, 2023



March 25, 2023, the following Button Gwinnett Chapter DAR members attended the Grave Markings for the two Patriots— William Glascock & Thomas Glascock, Sr. - at 1:30PM at the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia:

Don McCarty - presented The Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath,

The following members served in the Color Guard:

Don McCarty & Ralph Galpin - Continental Uniform

Ray Kyle - Militia Uniform

Additional Members in attendance – Jack Martin & Stewart Woodard



Congratulations to the Elisha Winn C.A.R. Society - Georgia's Outstanding Society of the Year

The Elisha Winn C.A.R. Society was honored at the 84th Georgia State C.A.R. Conference as Georgia's Outstanding Society of the Year. Elisha Winn members will be heading to the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention April 21-23 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, VA, across the river from Washington, D.C.



April 1, 2023 – Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President presented Compatriot Noah Tindall with both the Bronze and Silver 250th Anniversary Medals. These are the first 250th Medals presented to ANY member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND

2023

N.S.C.A.R.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

APRIL 21-23

Thursday, April 20 Senior Board of Management Meeting	Saturday, April 22 Business Session Continues, Candidate Elections and Awards Banquet
Friday, April 21 Memorial Service, Reopening of the N.S.C.A.R. Museum, National Board Meeting and National Convention Begins	Sunday, April 23 Installation and Senior and National Board Meetings

ON-SITE VOTING ONLY

Watch your email and N.S.C.A.R. social media for more information.



March 17, 2023 - Gwinnett County Schools had a digital learning day and members were able to meet and pack 355 snack bags for the Food Pantry. This project counts towards the C.A.R. Day of Service. As you are able to participate in a service project, share pictures and description of how you served. We may not all be able to meet together, but our individual projects contribute to the collective goal. Elisha Winn members rock!



A bit of publicity for Macayla Hutsler our Button Gwinnett Knight Essay Winner

The Gwinnett Historical Society has published an article in their quarterly newsletter regarding the SAR Knight Essay contest winner Macayla Hutsler. The article is on pages 26 and 27. President Jacques also presented Macayla with the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter medal. We are all wishing Macayla success in her competition as a National Knight Essay Contestant.



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Hudson Nash House Preservation

&

Brian MacFoss Dedication
Lawrenceville, Gwinnett's County Seat
2022 Presentation Hall of Fame Inductees

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The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Color Guard had the privilege of presenting Colors in Honor of **Sergeant James L. Davis** who turned 100 years old on Saturday **March 31, 2023**. **Mr. Davis served in WWII and has seen so much change in his 100 years**. Happy Birthday! A special thank you for the attached pictures which distribution was approved by Snellville Mayor Barbara Bender.



**Time to Start April activities!
Paul Revere's Ride April 18, 1775**



The Shot Heard Round the World April 19, 1775

