



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch April 2023



A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Our April 13, 2023 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 19 members and 17 guests in attendance. Sorry – No more Zoom meetings. We would love to see all members and their guests at a future meeting! **We had DAR members from three chapters join us: Philadelphia Winn** – Regent Lynn Jacques, 2nd Vice Regent Caitlen Green, Honorary Regent Peggy Freeman, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty, Ginny Manning, Mary Martin and Sue Ford; **William Day** – Regent Debbie Bush, Registrar Debbie Kyle, and Mary Kitchings; **Chestatee River** – Leslie Watkins and Kris White.

We began the meeting with President Jacques asking all in attendance to keep Compatriot, Color Guardsman, and past Chapter Secretary Eldon Evans in your thoughts and prayers. Eldon underwent cancer surgery on Monday, April 10th (Eldon returned home on Sunday, April 16th). Due to his surgery and planned treatments, Eldon has stepped down as Chapter Secretary.



The highlights of the evening were:

The induction of Jaryd Patrick Green as the New Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Secretary by President Tom Jacques



Jaryd is an attorney with Baker & Summy, PC. Although Jaryd was just inducted in February, he agreed to assume this very important role as chapter Secretary. Give Jaryd a big thank you and please look for ways you can support him in his new role.

President's Message:

We are making great progress in recruiting new members into the Button Gwinnett Chapter – we have inducted 9 new members through April – with 6 more planned for May, at least 6 applications in progress. Please consider a making a tax-deductible donation to Elisha Winn C.A.R. Society – either in cash at the BG chapter meeting or via check to treasurer Gordon Woodard.

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

Ronald David Sikes Jr. is a descendant of Francis Fontaine III who was serving in the Second South Carolina Regiment under Francis Marion before the British capture of Charleston - he joined the unit on 18 December 1776. After Charleston fell, Francis would serve in an irregular unit and was one of the last patriots to be killed in South Carolina during the war about 1780; (David's lineage is through his mother Martha Jane Collins) Nat#225223 Ga#8646 ACN#105433 2/10/23 David's wife Karen pinned his Rosette on his lapel. (left photo)

Karl Dwight Fitch is a descendant of Patriot David Fitch who was a Private under Capt. John Moore's (Bedford) co., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; (Karl's lineage is through his father Richard Orrin Fitch) Nat#225224 Ga#8647 ACN#105434 2/10/23 Karl's sister Kris Fitch White pinned his Rosette on his collar. (center photo)



Supplementals:

Brent Dodson National# 217201 State# 8564

Certificates:

None



Patriot Zachariah Warren – ACN# 104812

Paid Supply Taxes – Henry Co, VA

Patriot Abednego Hodges – ACN# 104813

Private VA Militia Under Captain Woodson
& Col Abraham Buford

Streamers presented to Sergeant at Arms John Zeigler:

2023 Battle of Guilford Courthouse *(from Ralph Galpin)*

**The evening's program was
"Madame Patriot - Stories of Women Who Served in Actual Combat in the American Revolution"
by Carter J. Wood**

Carter J Wood is a ninth-generation veteran of the US Army with twenty-two years of active and reserve service in enlisted and commissioned capacities. He is retired from the corporate world and from Gwinnett County Public Schools Operations Division. Carter serves the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution as President of the Lyman Hall Chapter in Gainesville near where he lives with his wife Linda of 56 years. He also serves as a member of the state Color Guard.

1st Vice President Ray Kyle presented Lyman Hall SAR Chapter President Carter Wood with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.



New member applications approved on April 20, 2023, but not inducted yet:

John Stoecker – apps at National for himself, his two sons, and two grandsons (5 total)

- **John Connelly Stoecker – Patriot Thomas Helm National# 225974, ACN# 106525**
- **Benjamin Stoecker - Patriot Thomas Helm National# 225976, ACN# 106527**
- **Christopher Stoecker - Patriot Thomas Helm National# 225975, ACN# 106526**
- **John William Stoecker - Patriot Thomas Helm National# 225977, ACN# 106528**
- **Winston Scott Law - Patriot Thomas Helm National# 225978, ACN# 106529**

Christopher Douglas Bradfield – Patriot Jonathan Cone National# 225973, ACN# 106524

New member applications approved:

- **See above**

Supplementals approved:

- **None**

New Member applications at National:

- **None**

New Member applications at State:

- Bruce Dean Craig – Jacob Bailey (Should be sent to National soon)

New Member applications in Process:

- Matthew Henson – in process
- Marty Bush – in process
- Mark York – in process
- Andrew McConney – out for signature
- Curtis McGill – out for signature

Supplementals in process :

- Don McCarty & David McCarty – 3 supplementals each in process

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
- Gordon Lee Woodard – 1 @ National James Gaines, Sr.

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 [National Convention April 21-23](#)
- DAR Liaison – Tom Jacques
([DAR meetings - William Day Apr 2, Philadelphia Winn Apr 16](#))
- Traveling Trunk – Tom Jacques
- Grave Marking – Don McCarty
- Eagle Scout – David Patrick
- JROTC – Tom Jacques ([See schedule below](#))
- Color Guard – Bill Palmer
- Publicity – Don McCarty ([Articles on Heroism Medals published in Gwinnett Forum Apr 25 and Gwinnett Daily Post Apr 27](#))

Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

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"
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Nov 9 - Terry Manning: "The Colonial Navy"
Dec 14 - Installation of 2024 Chapter Officers

2024

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Feb 8 - Cathy Hedges: "The American Legion"
March 14 - Emil Decker: Topic to be chosen later

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. (Jacques) **Complete**
Mar 31 - Central Gwinnett High School (Army) - Cadet Ball at 7:00 pm Trackside **Cancelled**
Apr 27 - Peachtree Ridge High School (Navy) Ceremony 5:00 pm at school (Green) **Complete**
Apr 27 - North Gwinnett High School (Air Force) 6:30 pm Buford Comm Ctr (Jacques) **Complete**
May 4 - Duluth High School (Navy) - Awards Ceremony at 6:00 pm at school (Jacques)
May 5 - Grayson High School (Army) - Military Ball at 6:30 pm at Sonesta (Jacques)
May 9 - Norcross High School (Army) - Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm at school (Tom Jacques)
May 11 - Parkview High School (USMC) Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm at school (conflict-date chg)
May 15 - South Gwinnett High School (Army) Awards Ceremony (Bill Palmer)

Upcoming Events

May 6 @ 10:30 am Greetings & Presenting Colors at William Day DAR Installation of Officers
May 8 @ 10:30 am - 1:00 pm - Battle of Pensacola - Galvez Days (FL) "Monday"
May 20 @ 11 am Patriot Grave Marking Capt. William York Yorkville Cemetery Rockmart, GA
May 26 @ 9:00 am Placing flags at OLD Snellville Historical Cemetery
May 27 @ 9:00 am Placing flags at Eternal Hills Cemetery
May 27 @ 4:00 pm Memorial Day Event at Snellville at Veterans Memorial
May 29 @ 11:00 am Color Guard Memorial Day Watkinsville
May 29 @ 1:00 pm Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial Lawrenceville
June 10 @ 10:00 am Flag Day Lawrenceville American Legion Post 5255
Jun 28-Jul 2 - DAR 132nd Continental Congress Washington, DC
Jul 13-20 - NSSAR 133rd National Congress Orlando Florida
Nov 11 - Shriners color guard event

**BUTTON GWINNETT
CHAPTER
Georgia Society**

**Sons of the
American Revolution**

**"Madame Patriot - Stories of
Women Who Served in Actual
Combat in the American
Revolution"**



April 13, 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 -	Jaryd Green
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 Chapter Secretary Induction -	Jaryd Green
New Member Induction	

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

Supplemental Certificates:

- Brent Dodson National# 217201 State# 8564
 - Patriot Zachariah Warren – ACN# 104812
 - Patriot Abednego Hodges – ACN# 104813

Certificates & steamers

- Battle of Guilford Courthouse

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION	Ray Kyle
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*"Madame Patriot - Stories of Women Who Served in Actual
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by Carter J. Wood*

Business Section:

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Jaryd Green
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

- 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 Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
- Apr 20-23 14 Patriots reinterment ceremonies April 20-22, 2023, in
Camden, SC (John Goodwin)
- Apr 20-23 N.S.C.A.R. National Convention Arlington, VA
- 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
- Sep ?? @ 2:00 pm – Grave Marking for Patriots Philip Isley and John
Bagby at Fairview Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceville.

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April 13, 2023

Chief McClure thank you for allowing us to join you this morning to recognize and honor three of Gwinnett County's finest - for saving the life of retired firefighter Scott Corley.

It is our pleasure to award the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Heroism to Sergeant Jeff Legg and Master Police Officers Tomas Rodriguez and Coty Stewart "in recognition of their outstanding actions to save the life of another, thus, exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors";

Would Sergeant Jeff Legg and Master Police Officers Tomas Rodriguez and Coty Stewart please come forward to receive their Medals and Certificates.

Thank you for your service to Gwinnett County and the United States of America.

Thomas L Jacques
 President – Button Gwinnett Chapter
 National Society Sons of the American Revolution



SAR honors three Gwinnett officer for saving a life



From left are Gwinnett County Police Chief J. D. McClure; Master Police Officers Tomas Rodriguez and Coty Stewart; Sergeant Jeff Legg; Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR President Thomas L. Jacques; Immediate Past President Don McCarty; and Past Vice President Raymond Ryke, Sr.

Three Gwinnett County Police officers were off duty at a Suwanee softball field on March 13, 2023, when they found themselves saving the life of Scott Corley, retired DeKalb County fireman. On April 13, the Button Gwinnett Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) honored Sergeant Jeff Legg, Master Police Officers Thomas Rodriguez, and Coty Stewart by presenting them with SAR Heroism Medals and Certificates.

Officers Legg, Rodriguez and Stewart were off duty at George Pierce Park, when Scott Corley was found unresponsive and reported to have no pulse. The officers shocked Mr. Corley twice with a defibrillator and applied CPR for some 13 to 14 minutes to save his life. In the presentation awards, Button Gwinnett Chapter President, Thomas L. Jacques, noted it is an honor to award the SAR Medal of Heroism to the three "in recognition of their outstanding actions to save the life of another, thus, exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors."

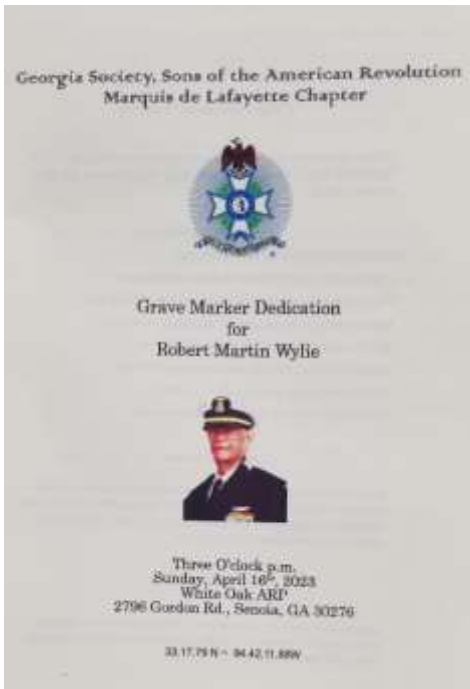


April 8th, 2023, - President Tom Jacques, 1st VP Ray Kyle and Compatriot Ralph Galpin attended the Grave marking for Compatriot Ryall S. Morgan - Cloy, Ga. Compatriot Morgan was National Society SAR President General (1972-1973). President General Bruce Pickett was in attendance making this a National event. Compatriot Galpin was in Continental and President Jacques and 1st VP Kyle were in militia and fired muskets. President Jacques presented the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Wreath. Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques presented the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Wreath. This was the 1st time Ray Kyle fired his musket in the Color Guard.

<p>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.</p> <p>Sons of the American Revolution Pledge We the 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.</p> <p>Sons of the American Revolution Recessional United we stand again, let us remember our obligations to our Forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an Independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.</p> 	 <p>Alabama Chapter & Edward Tallafe Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution</p> <p>Dedication of Grave Marker Commemorating the Service of Compatriot Ryall S. Morgan President General National Society Sons of the American Revolution (1972-1973)</p> <p>Ryall Cemetery 212-688 Morgan Circle Cloy, Georgia D'Wayne County, Georgia Saturday, April 8, 2023 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Alabama Chapter & Edward Tallafe Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution and Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution Dedication of SAR Grave Marker for Compatriot Ryall S. Morgan</p> <p>Welcome: *Presentation of Colors *Invocation *Pledge of Allegiance *Firing of Colors *SAR Pledge Introduction of Guests</p> <p>Greetings: David LaFley Jim O'Brien</p> <p>Remarks: Bruce Pickett Paul Olive Ryall Morgan</p> <p>President Georgia Society SAR President Alabama Society SAR President General National Society SAR Historian General National Society SAR Family Member</p> <p>*Please stand</p>	<p>Dedication of SAR Grave Marker Linn/Eug of Grave Marker Presentation of Wreaths *Removal of Colors *Musket Salute *Days *SAR Recessional *Worn Hatband *Recessional</p> <p>Bruce Pickett President General NSSAR Family Members of Compatriot</p> <p>Born 15 Nov 1901 Died 12 Jan 1982 Marker GP2 32,50618 -81,28930 President General (1972-1973) National Society Sons of the American Revolution</p>
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April 16th, 2023, - 1st VP Ray Kyle and Compatriots Ralph Galpin and Harry Kitchings attended the Grave marking for Compatriot Robert Wylie Senoia, GA who was a Past President of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter



April 16, 2023 - Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques, Immediate Past President Don McCarty, 2nd VP Jack Martin, Secretary Jaryd Green, and compatriot Jim Freeman attended the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR meeting.



Left to right - BG Secretary Jaryd Green & PW 2nd Vice Regent Caitlen Green, PW Honorary Regent Peggy Freeman & BG Compatriot Jim Freeman, PW Regent Lynn Jacques & BG President Tom Jacques, PW member Mary Martin & BG 2nd VP Jack Martin, PW Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty & BG Immediate Past President Don McCarty

Eagle Scout Committee

David Patrick delivered an Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate on behalf of the Button Gwinnett Chapter to the scout leaders for Owen Cameron King, BSA Troop 580, Lilburn, GA in March. Owen earned his Eagle Scout rank on 02/18/2023. At the request of the family, they asked that the certificate not be presented in person. Congratulations, Owen!

April 20-22, 2023 - Button Gwinnett 1st VP Ray Kyle and Past President John Goodwin participated in The Camden Burial Events. John Goodwin is also now the President of the Col Joseph Kershaw SAR Chapter in Camden, South Carolina



CAMDEN BURIALS
APRIL 20-22 & APRIL 23, 2023

WATCH OUR VIDEO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAMDEN BURIALS PROJECT

The Camden Burials *Schedule of Events*

Tuesday, April 18, 6-8 PM
Revolutionary War Center
Tuesday Talks: Battle Of Camden
Requires Registration

Wednesday, April 19, 12-1:30 PM
Revolutionary War Center
Lunch & Learn:
71st Highland Regiment in SC
Requires Registration

Thursday, April 20, 6 PM to Midnight
Historic Camden
Soldiers Lying In Repose

Thursday, April 20, 7-9 PM
Revolutionary War Center
Thursday Talks: Rout & Slaughter Enned
Requires Registration

**Friday, April 21, 12 AM-5 PM,
7 PM to Midnight, Patrons Only 6-7 PM**
Historic Camden
Soldiers Lying In Repose

Friday, April 21, 10 AM-8 PM
Historic Camden
Living History Camp

Friday, April 21, 10 AM-12 PM
Revolutionary War Center
Meet the Artist: Dale Watson
Requires Registration

Friday, April 21, 6 PM
Historic Camden
US Army Old Guard Concert
Requires Registration

Saturday, April 22, 9-10:30 AM
Historic Camden to Bethesda Presbyterian
Funeral Cortege

Saturday, April 22, 3 PM
Camden Battlefield
Burial Honors Ceremony
Requires Registration

Saturday, April 22, 11 AM-12 PM
Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Funeral Service

Saturday, April 22, 7 PM
Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Dinner Theater for Patrons Only

Exhibit Open Now through 2026 at Camden Archives and Museum
*From the Field of Battle:
Archaeological Artifacts from the Battle of Camden and the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill*



Update from John Goodwin on ceremony participation

Thursday - 4/20

* Attended School drive-by at Jackson Elementary school as they took the Camden-14 by each school in the Camden area for school children to view the bodies. The bodies were transported by Humvee.

* Begin setup of American Legion Post 17. This was the "base camp" sponsored by the SC Society to welcome and host all SAR members attending the Camden-14 events. Setup needed as President General to arrive mid-day.

* Viewed the Camden-14 bodies lying in Repose in the Cornwallis House under military guard. (I think that Ray also did this and did not report this below for his activities).

* Thursday evening - "Rout & Slaughter Ensued" program at Historic Camden. An educational session on the Battle of Camden leading up to the Camden-14 events. Attended by the community, SAR, and DAR members.

Thursday evening, we will be hosting a panel discussion on the Archaeology & Forensics of the Camden Battlefield starting at 7:00 pm. This is a sold-out program that you have pre-registered for and due to the high interest level throughout the community to attend the program we are reaching out to confirm that you are still coming next Thursday evening. Please confirm that you will still be in attendance for this program on April 20, 2023, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. We hope to see you there and look forward to an evening of learning together.

Friday - 4/21

* Complete setup of Post 17.

* Meeting with SC State Senior VP Ted Walker, Past State President Doug Doster, and PG Pickette on weekend events and plans.

* Tour of Bethesda Presbyterian Church (location of first services on Saturday) with my daughter (Claire DAR Member along with her husband) and PG and his wife Rita.

* Lunch with PG and his wife at my favorite local place across the street from the church.

Saturday - 4/22

* Funeral Cortege in Continental Uniform carried SAR 250 flag. National event. PG, 10+ states and commanded by National Color Guard Commander.

* Funeral Service at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in uniform. National event.

* Ray and I both attended a National Luncheon at Post 17. National event (PG, SC State President, and SC State VP in attendance). Many DAR Members were in attendance. This was an official SAR meeting. Ray DID NOT mention this in his notes below but he and his wife attended.

* I had dinner with PG, SC State Senior VP, two Past SC State Presidents, National Color Guard Vice Commander, Charles Baxley (Author and Historian), and wives (4 DAR members).

Sunday - 4/23

* Wreath laying ceremony at Quaker Cemetery. Sponsored by the Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter. PG, SC State VP, 10 states represented, 25 wreaths presented, and multiple DAR Chapters attended from KY to FL.

Color guard commanded by National SAR Color Guard commander. I was in Continental Uniform as the host of the event.

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 attended the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention on April 21-23 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, VA, across the river from Washington, D.C.

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R.) announced during their national convention in Washington, D.C., April 21-23, that our Elisha Winn Society earned the distinction of being the second "Most Outstanding Society" in the Nation.

The Society was one of nineteen societies that earned the National Gold Merit Award.

The national convention was attended by Eden Pethel and Noah Tindall. This was Eden's first time attending, she was selected to serve as a personal page to the National President and also joined Noah in participating in the chorus.

This year Noah was selected to serve as a flag bearer carrying the French Colors throughout the weekend.

As the Committee Chairmen announced winners of their contests, Eden and Noah were honored to represent the Elisha Winn Society and receive certificates for:

- 1st Place - C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations
- 2nd Place - American History, American Indian, Conservation
- 4th Place - American Heritage,
- 5th Place - Veterans, Public Relations

Elisha Winn members thank the Button Gwinnett SAR compatriots who have given their time, talents, words of encouragement, and finances to help the members be their best. If you have a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild under the age of 22 who would like to practice good citizenship, learn how to be good leaders, serve the community, and explore the early history of our nation, the Elisha Winn Society is the organization they should join.





April 29, 2023 - Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville, GA

Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques, Immediate Past President Don McCarty, and Compatriots Ralph Galpin, Harry Kitchings and Walker Chewning attended the Georgia SAR Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville, GA in person - 1st VP Ray Kyle and Treasurer Gordon Woodard attended via Zoom. Ralph Galpin carried the American Flag and Tom Jacques carried the SAR Flag while Harry Kitchings also participated in the Color Guard.

Lynn Baxter Jacques (Philadelphia Winn Regent & Georgia State Chair DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations) presented Georgia SAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins with a DAR Certificate of Appreciation and a DAR Challenge coin for Presenting Colors at the Georgia DAR State Conference at the Evergreen Conference Center, Stone Mountain, GA on Friday, March 24, which included Greetings by Georgia SAR President Dr. David Ludley.

Immediate Past President Don McCarty was recognized by Georgia SAR State Treasurer Scott Collins for becoming a Georgia SAR Fellow for donating \$250.

A big thank you to William Edelen - VP/Registrar, Captain John Collins Chapter, Historian Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution - for allowing me to use some of the photos he posted from the BOM meeting.




April 30, 2023 - Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques, Immediate Past President Don McCarty, 1st VP Ray Kyle, 2nd VP Jack Martin and Compatriot Ralph Galpin attended the Patriot Grave Markings (Five Patriots) in Midway, GA. All 5 members participated in the Color Guard - Jacques & Kyle were in Militia uniform and fired muskets, McCarty, Martin, and Galpin were in Continental and carried flags.

A big thank you to William Edelen - VP/Registrar, Captain John Collins Chapter, Historian Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution - for allowing me to use some of the photos that he posted from the Five Patriot Grave Markings in Midway, GA






Athens Chapter Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter
Burton Gwinnett Chapter Captain John Collins Chapter
Marshes of Glynn Chapter Robert Foreyth Chapter
of the
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Dedication of grave markers commemorating
the service of patriot soldiers
 Edward Ball Francis Coddington
 Philip Lowe John Roberts
 Samuel Spencer

In conjunction with the St. John's Parish Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Colonists

 Sunday, April 30, 2023
 2:00 PM
 Midway Cemetery
 US Highway 17 South
 Midway, Georgia 31320



**Getting ready for May
Memorial Day Flag Placements**

In 2022 - The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter assisted in placing more than 1,200 American flags on the graves of veterans at the Snellville Historical Cemetery and the Eternal Hills Memory Gardens in Snellville.

Snellville Historical Cemetery flag placement will be on May 26 @ 9:00 am.

Eternal Hills Memory Gardens flag placement will be on May 27 @ 9:00 am.

[We hope that you will join us!](#)



JROTC Medal and Certificate presentations (will be published in the May Newsletter)