



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch May 2023



A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Our May 11, 2023 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. **We had 22 members and 21 guests in attendance.** We would love to see all members and their guests at a future meeting! **We had DAR members from four 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, Emily Tindall and Sue Ford; William Day - Regent Debbie Bush, Registrar Debbie Kyle, and Jane Moore; Chestatee River - Kris White; Martha Stewart Bulloch - Beth Wessell.**

In Recognition of Memorial Day - we began our meeting with Compatriot Jim Freeman presented the Missing Man Table Ceremony



Each item on the Missing Man Table represents the emotions and feelings reserved for those who did not come home. The ceremony symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. All Americans should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call to serve and fought for our freedom with honor.

The symbolism of the Missing Man Table.

The table is round, to show our everlasting concern for our missing men.

The cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.

The single red rose; displayed in a vase, reminds us of the lives of these Americans and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith while seeking answers.

The red ribbon symbolizes our continued determination to account for our missing.

A slice of lemon reminds us of their bitter fate; captured and missing in a foreign land.

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.

The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return, alive or dead.

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.

The glass is inverted, symbolizing their inability to share a toast.

The chair is empty, the seat that remains unclaimed at the table.

The Missing Man Table and all ceremonial items were prepared and set up by Jim and Peggy Freeman.

Major Jim Freeman, U.S. Army (retired) served his first tour in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, as a Forward Air Controller, flying over 200 combat missions. His second Vietnam tour was served with the First Air Cavalry Division as a Combat Infantry Commander. It was on this tour that he was severely wounded and was the lone survivor of a North Vietnamese rocket attack on the Division Hospital. One of Jim's most prestigious awards was presented in June of 2015. The Office of Strategic Services Medal was presented by the U.S Special Warfare Center for his joint service with the U.S. Army and CIA, forty years after his Vietnam Service.

An unexpected Compatriot attendee for the May meeting was Color Guardsman, and Past Chapter Secretary Eldon Evans. Eldon underwent cancer surgery on Monday, April 10th and returned home on Sunday, April 16th. Due to his surgery and planned treatments, Eldon has stepped down as Chapter Secretary. We were all thrilled to have him join us. Please keep Eldon and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



President's Message:

We are making great progress in recruiting new members into the Button Gwinnett Chapter – we have inducted 10 new members through May – with 5 more planned for June, and at least 7 applications in progress. **We are currently at 89 members and I would love to reach the 100 member mark by the end of the year – but we are running out of time.** I have recently sent an application and paperwork to our Registrar Harold Ford to have my grandson William Gray Jacques become a Junior Member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. If you have sons, grandsons, brothers, or male cousins please recruit them to our chapter! I am continually recruiting through DAR Chapters to have our wonderful ladies bring their husbands, sons, grandsons, male cousins and even sons-in-laws into the Chapter.

As you have seen in the Button Gwinnett Dispatch Newsletter we have been extremely active in supporting numerous initiatives including presenting Eagle Scouts with SAR Certificates, presenting SAR JROTC Medals at 9 Gwinnett County High School; making donations to the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. (the #1 Society in Georgia & the #2 Society in America); presenting SAR Heroism Medals to Gwinnett County police officers; recognizing members of the Daughters of the American Revolution with Martha Washington and other Medals for their efforts in the community and help in growing the Button Gwinnett Chapter. We also present new Button Gwinnett Chapter members with an SAR Rosette which costs \$15 per inductee; The Button Gwinnett chapter assumes the dinner expense for our monthly speakers who are not members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter – especially considering that they are not compensated for their presentation, time or travel expenses. Finally, we are also beginning the Gwinnett County Revolutionary Patriot Grave Markings based on the work of Compatriots Bruce Maney and Eldon Evans.

Our \$20 per year annual chapter dues can only provide a portion of the funding and we would appreciate your consideration in making a tax-deductible donation to any of these initiatives.

We have been successful already this year in raising additional specific donations for the Elisha Winn Society of \$500. We can certainly look at adding an administrative fee of \$15 or more to new member applications to cover the chapter cost of Rosettes and application mail expenses. At prior meeting locations – where we collected cash from members to cover the meal cost, we added a few extra dollars to the expense which helped cover the meal costs of our speakers. I am proposing that we collect \$2 from each member attending our monthly meeting to cover our speaker's meal expense.

Although this is not one of my favorite topics – as President of our Chapter, it is my responsibility to suggest these ideas to our members. Thank you for your consideration. Tom

The highlights of the evening were:

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

Christopher Douglas Bradfield is a descendant of Patriot Jonathan Cone who was a Sergeant in the New Hampshire Militia under Captain Wiloughby in Col David Webster's and Col Jonathan Chase's Regiments in 1777 (Chris's lineage is through his Father Francis Frank Leslie Bradfield, Jr.) Nat#225973 Ga#8689 ACN#106524 approved 4/14/23

Chris's wife Stacy and his two daughters Emma and Maddie assisted in the induction ceremony of their father Chris. President Jacques Present Emma and Maddie with 250th SAR Anniversary coins while Stacy pinned the SAR Rosette on Chris's lapel. Emma and Maddie's Applications are in process for them to become members of the Elisha Winn Society Children of the American Revolution.



President Jacques presented Emily Ann Tindall with the Martha Washington Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate as the Past Elisha Winn Society Sr President C.A.R.



This is the 2nd time Emily has received the Martha Washington Medal from the Button Gwinnett Chapter. She is wearing her Martha Washington Medal on her right side which the Oak Leaf will be attached to.

President Jacques presented Compatriot Ralph Galpin with his SAR BRONZE 250TH ANNIVERSARY MEDAL



Noah Tindall brought greetings from the Elisha Winn Society as Honorary Organizing President of Elisha Winn Chapter, the current GA C.A.R. State Chaplain, and The National Chairman Southeastern Region Day of Service Committee. Noah is also a Jr Member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter and the Georgia State Color Guard. Noah received a certificate from the Button Gwinnett Chapter recognizing the Elisha Winn Society as the #2 Outstanding Society in the Nation and as the 1st Place - C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Society. Additionally; the Button Gwinnett Chapter presented Noah with a check for \$250 from individual donations within the chapter and President Jacques presented Noah with a 250th SAR Anniversary Coin. A cash collection for donations was taken during the business portion of the May 11th meeting and the proceeds will be donated to the Elisha Winn Society during the July Button Gwinnett meeting.



**The evening's program was
"Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon McAlmont Wassell" by John Wassell**

Dr. Wassell was memorialized in a 1944 movie by Cecil B. DeMille and starring Gary Cooper, titled "The Story of Dr. Wassell".

John R. Wassell, Jr. is the grandson of Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon McAlmont Wassell. John was born in Little Rock Arkansas, attended, and graduated from the University of Arkansas. John Graduated from Naval Officer Candidate School in May of 1967.

He served aboard the USS Providence, guided missile cruiser and 7th fleet flagship during Viet Nam War. The ship was homeported in Yokosuka Japan.

John was accompanied by his wife Beth, who is a member of the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR Chapter in the Roswell area. Their son was born while John and Beth lived in Japan. Following military service, his family moved to Florida where their daughter was born. John's occupation was in the insurance industry. He retired from Blue Cross and Blue Shield in 2012 and moved to Johns Creek to be close to his 2 children, their spouses, and 4 grandchildren.

John enjoys hiking and traveling with his wife.



Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 1st Vice President Ray Kyle presented Mount Vernon SAR Chapter Compatriot John Wassell with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation and a 250th SAR Anniversary Coin from President Jacques.





Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President and Kettle Creek Battlefield Association Inc., Chairman of the Board - Walker Chewning gave an update on efforts to purchase additional property around the Kettle Creek Battle Field. More to come on this topic which he presented at the spring GASSAR Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville.



Updates from the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR Registrar

New member applications approved but not yet inducted:

None

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)
- Andrew McConney
- Marty Bush

New Member applications in Process:

- Matthew Henson – in process
- Mark York – in process
- Curtis McGill – in process
- William Gray Jacques – Junior Member Grandson of President Jacques

Supplementals at State:

- Don McCarty & David McCarty – 3 supplementals each

Supplementals in process :

- None

Supplementals Summary:

- Ralph Galpin – 2 @ National – Joseph Hurd, Gilbert Townsend Vail (Pended)
- Raymond Kyle – 3 @ National - Spencer Mottram Ball (John Sledge, Fletcher Sullivan – pended)
- David Sikes – 2 @ National – William Cone, Simon Smith
- Gordon Lee Woodard – 1 @ National James Gaines, Sr.

Rejoined Button Gwinnett Chapter/Transfer in progress:

- Robert W. Rooker - Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), U.S. Army; Sr. Army Instructor, Discovery High School Army JROTC (*In Process of transferring membership from Florida*)

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 – Tom Jacques
([DAR meetings - William Day May 6, Philadelphia Winn May 21](#))
- Traveling Trunk – Tom Jacques
- Grave Marking – Don McCarty
- Eagle Scout – David Patrick
- JROTC – Tom Jacques ([complete for 2023](#))
- Color Guard – Bill Palmer
- Publicity – Don McCarty

Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

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"
Oct 12 - Leslie Strickland Watkins: "What Is and Who Are the NSDAR?"
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"
Mar 14 - Emil Decker: "Marquis de Lafayette"
Apr 11 - Tom Jacques: "Traveling Trunk"
May 9 - Gene Ray: "Daniel Boone"
Jun 13 - Mark Anthony: "The Revolution As Told By Its Flags"
Jul 11 -
Aug 8 - David L. Wellons: "God's Hand On America"
Sep 12 - Terry Manning: "America's First Spy Ring"
Oct 10 -
Nov 14 - Jim Freeman - TBD
Dec 12 - Installation of 2025 Chapter Officers

Upcoming Events

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
Jul 29 - Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers - Barnesville
Aug 16 - Robert Forsyth SAR Chapter - Double Patriot Grave Marking (Details needed)
Oct 7-8 - Elisha Winn Fair
Oct 9 - Snellville American Legion Post 232 - 2nd Annual Cpl. Jonathan Ayers Golf Tournament
Heritage Golf Links Tucker
Oct 21 - Fort Daniel Frontier Faire 10:00am - 4:00pm
Oct 21 Grave Marking for Patriots Philip Isley and John Bagby at Fairview Presbyterian Church
Lawrenceville 2:00 pm
Nov 11 - Shriners color guard event
Dec 16 - Wreaths Across America

**BUTTON GWINNETT
CHAPTER**

Georgia Society

**Sons of the
American Revolution**

**“Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon
McAlmont Wassell”**



May 11, 2023

www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org

Frontier Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 20 - Patriot Grave Marking Capt. William York Yorkville Cemetery Rockmart, GA 11am
- May 26 - Snellville Historical Cemetery flag placement 9:00am
- May 27 - Eternal Hills Memory Gardens flag placement 9:00am
- May 27 - Memorial Day Event at Snellville 4:00pm - at Veterans Memorial (Color Guard & Muskets)
- May 29 - Color Guard Memorial Day Watkinsville 11:00am
- May 29 - Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial Lawrenceville 1:00pm
- Jun 10 - Flag Day Lawrenceville American Legion (Color Guard)
- Jun 28- Jul 2 - DAR 132nd National Congress Washington, DC
- Jul 13-20 - NSSAR 133rd National Congress Orlando Florida
- Oct 21 - Grave Marking for Patriots Philip Isley and John Bagby at Fairview Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceville 2:00 pm

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- March 14 - Emil Decker: Topic to be chosen later

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

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SAR PLEDGE

MISSING MAN TABLE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

*Tom Jacques
Harry Kitchings
Boece-Hamrick TBD
Noah Tindall
Jim Freeman
Tom Jacques*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

New Member Induction

- Christopher Douglas Bradfield - National #225973
- Patriot Jonathan Cone ACN #106524

Tom Jacques

Medals & Certificates:

- Ralph Charles Galpin - Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal
- Noah Andrew Tindall - Patriot Grave Marking Certificate
- Emily Ann Tindall - Martha Washington Oak Leaf Cluster

Greetings from Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.

- Noah Tindall - Elisha Winn Society Honorary Organizing President, current GA C.A.R. State Chaplain and National Chairman Southeastern Region Day of Service Committee.
- Certificate & Check from Button Gwinnett to Elisha Winn

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Ray Kyle

*“Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon McAlmont Wassell”
by John Wassell*

Business Section:

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
TREASURER’S REPORT
REGISTRAR’S REPORT
COMMITTEE REPORTS
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
SAR RECESSIONAL
BENEDICTION
ADJOURNMENT

*Jaryd Green
Gordon Woodard
Harold Ford
Committee Chairs
Tom Jacques
Tom Jacques
Jack Martin
Harry Kitchings
Tom Jacques*

May 6, 2023 – Color Guard Captain Bill Palmer, President Tom Jacques, 1st VP Ray Kyle and Chaplain Harry Kitchings presented Colors at the William Day DAR chapter meeting where new officers were installed By Georgia DAR State Regent Betty Harrah.

Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques presented outgoing Regent Debbie Bush with the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate. Bill Palmer & Ray Kyle were in Continental uniforms and Tom Jacques & Harry Kitchings were in Militia attire.



May 21, 2023 - Philadelphia Winn DAR chapter meeting:

GSSDAR State Regent Betty Harrah brought greetings to the final chapter meeting until Fall. The following Button Gwinnet SAR Chapter Members presented colors - Continental Uniforms Commander Terry Manning, Immediate Past President Don McCarty, 1st VP Ray Kyle, 2nd VP Jack Martin; Militia President Tom Jacques. Button Gwinnett Secretary Jaryd Green and compatriots Scott Jacques, Noah Tindall and Don Schmidt were also in attendance. This was a dual meeting with the Philadelphia Winn DAR and Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. - where the Elisha Winn Society installed new officers.



May 20, 2023 - President Tom Jacques, 1st VP Ray Kyle, Immediate Past President Don McCarty, Compatriots Ralph Galpin and Harry Kitchings attended the Patriot Captain William York Grave Marking and Dedication ceremonies in the Yorkville Cemetery, Rockmart, GA, on May 20, 2023. Compatriots Galpin and McCarty were in Continental; Chaplain Harry Kitchings was in Militia along with President Jacques and 1st VP Kyle who fired muskets. President Jacques presented the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Wreath. Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques presented the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Wreath.

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American's Creed
I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of Justice, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

SAR Recessional
Until we meet 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.



Dedication of Grave Markers
Commemorating the Service and Life
Of the Honored Patriot

Captain William York
NDSAR Patriot #A032006 NDSAR Patriot # P-12822

Yorkville Cemetery
8329 GA 181
Rockmart, GA 30153
AJ024823, AJ490158
Gene Marker GPS

May 20, 2023 11:00 A.M.

Sponsored by

Captain Edward Hagin Chapter
Georgia State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
and
Captain John Collins Chapter, Georgia Society
Athena Chapter, Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Dedication of Grave Markers
Captain William York b. 1759 NC - d. 18 Jul 1827 GA

Welcome Dr. David L. Carter, Regent
Captain Edward Hagin Chapter DAR

***Presentation of Colors** Georgia Society SAR Color Guard
K. Scott Collins, Commander
Georgia Society SAR, Past President
Virginia Society SAR, Treasurer
Winn Chapter SAR, Regent

***Invocation** 11th Step Chapter
Captain Edward Hagin Chapter DAR

***National Anthem** Kaitlyn Hampton, Secretary
Captain Edward Hagin Chapter DAR

***Pledge of Allegiance** Deborah "Toby" Hester, Treasurer
Captain Edward Hagin Chapter DAR
Ann Jones, Sign Language Interpreter

***Posting of Colors** Georgia Society SAR Color Guard

***SAR Pledge** William Edelen, Vice President
Captain John Collins Chapter SAR

***American's Creed** Dean Gardner, Minister
Captain Edward Hagin Chapter DAR

Closing Dr. David L. Carter, President, Georgia Society SAR, brought by
Terry Gibbs, Regent Vice President, Northwest District
Dr. Woody H. Carter, Regent, Capt. Edward Hagin Chapter DAR

Introduction Captain William York Descendants - Beth Sperry, Member
Captain Edward Hagin Chapter DAR
Yorkville Board of Cemetery Association, Trustees

Biography Presentation Kaitlyn Hampton Taylor &
Chief Taylor &

Dedication of the Grave Markers
Dr. David L. Carter, President, Georgia Society SAR, brought by
Terry Gibbs, Regent Vice President, Northwest District
Beth Sperry, Member
Captain Edward Hagin Chapter DAR
Kaitlyn Hampton, Treasurer, President

Unfolding of Grave Markers
DAR Markers - Kaitlyn Hampton Taylor &
SAR Markers - Lorland Huber, Membership Committee
Captain John Collins Chapter SAR
Phyllis Taylor &

Presentation of Wreaths Wayne Brown, Past President, Georgia Society SAR
Captain John Collins Chapter SAR, Treasurer

***National of Colors** Georgia Society SAR Color Guard

***Market Salute** Georgia Society SAR Militia
Commander

***Taps** Justin Hampton
Caldwell Chapter SAR, The Dr. Peter Paul Hester
Member of Yorkville Chapter SAR

***SAR Recessional** Ken Roberts, President
Member Chapter SAR

***March Markers** Georgia Society SAR Militia

***Benediction** 11th Step Chapter
Captain Edward Hagin Chapter SAR

***Blessing Markers** Georgia Society SAR Militia

***Starting the Colors** DAR Society SAR Color Guard

***Pledge Stand** [Descendant]



A big thank you to William Edelen - VP / Registrar, Captain John Collins Chapter, Historian Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution – for allowing us to use his photos in our newsletter.

May 26 – Placing flags at OLD Snellville cemetery 9:00am

John Zeigler, Tom Jacques, Bruce Maney, Harry Kitchings, Bill Palmer, Don McCarty
Far right Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. members, Philadelphia Winn members Joyce
Goodbread, Regent Lynn Jacques, Maryland McCarty



May 27 – Placing flags at Eternal Hills Cemetery 9:00am

A SAR Flag Certificate, given in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the American Flag, was presented to Gregory Williams, General Manager of Eternal Hills Memory Gardens, by Tom Jacques, President of the Button Gwinnett SAR.

The ladies of Philadelphia Winn DAR and their friends always look better placing flags than our SAR members 😊 Far Left Kathy Schmidt (wife of Don Schmidt), center under flag Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, Maryland McCarty and Caitlen Green (wife of Secretary Jaryd Green). Far Right is a neighbor of Tom and Lynn Jacques who placed a flag on her grandfather's grave .



May 27 @ 4:00pm Memorial Day Event at Snellville at Veterans Memorial (Muskets) Button Gwinnett Color Guard Members – Bill Palmer commanding, Don McCarty, Ralph Galpin, Jack Martin, David McCarty, John Zeigler, Gordon Woodard, President Tom Jacques. Additional Color Guard members – Carter Wood and Bruce Maney



The 8th Annual

SNELLVILLE MEMORIAL CELEBRATION
FRIENDSHIP & HONOR

May 27th, 2023 – 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
John F. Kennedy*



Memorial Day at Oconee Veterans Memorial in Watkinsville, GA.

Button Gwinnett members in attendance: Bill Palmer, Continental Uniform, Don McCarty, Continental Uniform, Gordon Woodard, Militia Uniform (fired musket), Harry Kitchings, Continental Uniform and Ralph Galpin, Continental Uniform



Memorial Day at Dacula, GA.

Elisha Winn Society Children of the American Revolution were ready before the 9:30 line-up to participate in the 30th Annual Dacula Memorial Day Parade on May 29th. Thank you Elisha Winn for Remembering & Honoring those who gave all so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today! Other C.A.R. Society groups that joined Elisha Winn were Benjamin Fitzpatrick and Sukey Hart Societies. Together they handed out 1,000 American Flags! Also pictured in Militia Uniform is Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriot Wayne Stancel (2nd from right)



Eagle Scout Committee

Chairman David Patrick has informed the Button Gwinnett Chapter Board of Managers that the Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Lucas Servedio has been scheduled for Sunday, August 13, 2023. It will be held in the sanctuary of Duluth First United Methodist Church, 3208 Duluth Hwy, Duluth, GA 30096.

WORTH REPOSTING!

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

The Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. 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.



2023 JROTC events: - SAR Bronze Medals and Certificates were awarded

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

President Jacques Presented to Cadet Daniel Tejada at Discovery High School

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

No Candidate selected for 2023

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

Secretary Green presented to Cadet Kyle Lee Peachtree Ridge High School

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

President Jacques Presented to Cadet Michael Thomas at Bufford Comm Ctr

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

President Jacques Presented to Cadet Miguel Useche at Duluth High School

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

President Jacques Presented to Cadet Khem El at Sonesta Hotel

May 9 - Norcross High School (Army) - Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm at school

President Jacques Presented to Cadet Jonathan (JJ) Decarvalho at Norcross High School

May 11- Parkview High School (USMC) Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm at school

President Jacques Dropped Off Medal for Cadet LtCol Alberto Medina at Parkview

May 15 - South Gwinnett High School (Army) Awards Ceremony (Bill Palmer)

Past President Bill Palmer Presented to SSG Christopher Day at South Gwinnett

We hope that you joined us for the June 10th Meeting where 5 members of the Stoecker family were inducted, where Ray Anderson, our 94-year-old WW II veteran, received his supplemental certificate for Patriot Hugh Rogers, and where our Georgia State SAR President, Dr. David Ludley, presented a program on “Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works.”