



## The Button Gwinnett Dispatch June 2023

### A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

### National Society Sons of the American Revolution



Our June 8, 2023 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 27 members and 17 guests in attendance - this is our largest attendance in several years. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent Caitlen Green, Honorary Regent Peggy Freeman, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty, Ginny Manning, Mary Martin, and Emily Tindall; William Day - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent Debbie Kyle and from Chestatee River - Kris White.

#### Meeting Highlights:

The induction of the five newest Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Members through three generations was conducted by GASSAR President Dr. David Ludley:

John Connelly Stoecker, Benjamin Connelly Stoecker, Christopher Hans Stoecker, John William Stoecker and Winston Scott Law are descendants of Patriot Thomas Helm - who was a Lt in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in Capt Philip Francis Lee's Co, under COL Thomas Marshall



Pictured L-R: Tom Jacques (Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR President); (front row) Hannah Leigh Stoecker (Daughter of John Stoecker and mother of Winston Law); Benjamin Stoecker; Dorianna Stoecker (wife of Benjamin Stoecker); Winston Law; John W. Stoecker; Christopher Stoecker; John C. Stoecker; JoBeth Stoecker (wife of John C Stoecker, Mother of Benjamin and Christopher Stocker and Grandmother of John W Stoecker and Winston Law) Georgia State Society SAR President Dr. David Ludley.

**Patriot Thomas Helm - Lt 3rd Virginia Regiment;** John Connelly Stoecker -Nat# 225974, ACN# 106525, GA# 8690; Benjamin Connelly Stoecker -Nat# 225976, ACN# 106527, GA# 8692; Christopher Hans Stoecker - Nat# 225975, ACN# 106526, GA# 8691; John William Stoecker - Nat# 225977, ACN#

During this meeting, 94-year-old World War II veteran Ray William Anderson received his supplemental certificate for his Revolutionary War SAR Patriot Ancestor, Hugh Rogers, a soldier in the North Carolina Continental Line. Additional Patriots previously verified for Mr. Anderson were born in Ireland and served as privates in key battles in New Jersey and Virginia. This certificate was presented by Georgia State Society SAR President, Dr. David Ludley.



Ray William Anderson (second from right), a World War II Veteran, received his supplemental Certificate for his Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor, Hugh Rogers, and Raymond Francis Kyle, received his supplemental Certificate for his Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor Richard Harris.

Pictured L-R: Button Gwinnett Chapter First Vice President, Ray Kyle, Button Gwinnett Chapter President Tom Jacques, Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter Member Bruce Maney, Button Gwinnett Chapter Member Ray Anderson, and Georgia State Society SAR President, Dr. David Ludley.





## President's Message:

We are making great progress in recruiting new members into the Button Gwinnett Chapter – we have inducted 15 new members through June and we have at least 7 applications in progress. **We are currently at 89 members with the goal to reach the 100 member mark by the end of the year – but we are running out of time.**

In June we signed an application and paperwork from our Registrar Harold Ford to have my 22-month-old grandson William Gray Jacques become a Junior Member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter before the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party which took place on December 16, 1773 – which his 8<sup>th</sup> great grandfather Captain Joseph Read participated in. If you have sons, grandsons, brothers or male cousins please recruit them to our chapter! I am constantly recruiting through DAR Chapters to have our wonderful ladies bring their husbands, sons, grandsons, male cousins, and even sons-in-law into the Chapter.



Dinner at Frontera with friends and family before our meeting begins is always a fun way to start the evening.

Chaplain Harry Kitchings and his family were on vacation so Jim Freeman graciously performed the role of Chaplain for the evening. Did any of you know that Jim as actually an ordained minister?

This was the first event with our new SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag and I believe the first time our Button Gwinnett SAR Flag has been displayed with All of our Chapter Streamers since before Covid-19.

**The June 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting Program was titled:  
“Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works” by GASSAR President Dr David Ludley**

Born in Iowa, President Ludley has 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He is also much involved in Masonry, Church Council, and painting. He went to college in San Jose, California, and in Illinois, where he received his M.A. He became an administrator at Triton College in River Grove, Illinois: Coordinator and Supervisor of Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and GED Review--as well as continuing to teach a few classes, since he loved to teach.

He was hired in 1976 to teach full time at Clayton Jr. College in Morrow, Georgia--where he stayed for 36 years, as the college evolved into Clayton State University, and he attained the top rank of Professor Emeritus of Art History and English.

During that time, Dr. Ludley earned his Ph.D. at Emory University, and was often a featured speaker at the High Museum of Art and several other venues, including many conferences, the Georgia Pacific Auditorium and even Chick-fil-A Corporate Headquarters, in Atlanta.

He was admitted into the National and Georgia Societies of the SAR on June 23, 2010, with the assistance of past President General Larry Guzy, of course. Within the Captain John Collins Chapter, he served as Historian, Vice President, and President, once painting a portrait of George Washington and auctioning it off, to raise money for the chapter. He later became a full member of his local chapter, Marquis de Lafayette, retaining a dual membership with Captain John Collins. He served as GA. Society State Historian for several years, performing other services as well, such as designing the fund-raising Medal and Pin for the 2022 National Congress in Savannah, and serving on many committees. In 2021, he was chosen by the GASSAR Nominating Committee to be the next Senior Vice President, serving actively in this position, traveling across the state, until the sad passing of our President Vancura.

He then became State President. President Joe Vancura was a dynamic, successful leader, who cared deeply for the SAR and for those around him. To ready Dr. Ludley for the eventual presidency, Joe even met every other week on Zoom with him, one-on-one, to involve him fully in all aspects of the National and Georgia SAR innerworkings and projects. Dr. Ludley feels very indebted to President Vancura, who was both a close friend and a mentor.



Button Gwinnett Chapter 1st VP Ray Kyle presented The SAR Certificate of Appreciation to GASSAR President Dr. David Ludley for his outstanding presentation on ***“Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works”***







## Ray W. Anderson

Ray was born May 24, 1929 in Clay County, NC. He attended public schools in Clay County. With the consent of his parents, he enlisted in the Regular Army at 17 years of age. He was sent to Fort McCellan, Alabama, for Basic Training. Upon completion, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, 27th Infantry Regiment in Osaka, Japan.

For six months, he took extended Infantry Training in light artillery. His next assignment was to the Military Police. He spent his last assignment in Personnel Administrative maintenance of 300 Military records of servicemen. All these records were maintained manually. He obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. His assignment was completed and he was honorably discharged in August 1949.

Ray used his GI Bill to attend Young Harris College for 2 years, then graduated from Western Carolina University with a degree in Business Administration.

After graduation from college, he held positions in Credit Management and Sales for GE, BP Oil and for 20 years as SE Regional Credit Manager for Lennox Heating and Air.

After retirement, Ray developed an interest in Genealogy. With the help and encouragement of Bruce Maney, he found his first Patriot, James Anderson, Sr., New Jersey. On March 20, 2008, Ray was admitted into the Button Gwinnett SAR chapter where he held the office of Sergeant of Arms for several years. He was also a member of the Color Guard. Ray received his first Supplement under Martin Maney, VA (which makes Ray a distant cousin to Bruce Maney). Ray's 2nd Supplement was under Private Hugh Rogers, NC. Ray is also a member of The Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.



Ray now resides in Dekalb County with his wife, Jeanie. They have been married 68 years and have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.



## Glider Training

Ray's most exciting assignment was a temporary 3 weeks with the 11th Airborne Division in Sendai, Japan. It consisted of learning techniques in preparing equipment for flight to delivery in a combat war zone lifted by C4 aircraft. Ray stated: *"When the school was completed, I was awarded a silver Glider Badge, a Medal that I was very proud to receive!"*



## General Douglas MacArthur

*"I was still in Japan when The General of the Army's Far East command, General Douglas MacArthur, was in Tokyo to meet with other Commanders concerning the sentencing of "Tojo", the Japanese top war criminal. (See photo). At a later date, I waited 2 hours in order to get to salute General MacArthur. It was worth it and was a highlight of my Military career."*



## Emperor Hirohito

*"The Japanese Emperor visited the 25th Infantry Division residential Barracks. His party was led by our Capt. West, my former MP Commander. The Emperor made no visit to any other US Military Establishment. This was a very memorable occasion for a young 18-year-old." (photo on right)*



## **Updates from the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR Registrar, Harold Ford:**

### **New member applications approved but not inducted yet:**

- **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**

**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
- Traveling Trunk – Tom Jacques
- Grave Marking – Don McCarty
- Eagle Scout – David Patrick
- JROTC – Tom Jacques (**completed in May**)
- Color Guard – Bill Palmer
- Publicity – Don McCarty



## Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

Jul 13 Gordon Woodard: "Ten Days with George Washington"  
Aug 10 David L. Wellons: "God's Hand On America"  
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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May 9 Gene Ray: "Daniel Boone"  
Jun 13 Mark Anthony: "The Revolution As Told By Its Flags"  
Jul 11 -  
Aug 8 -  
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

Jul 13-20 NSSAR 133rd National Congress - Orlando, FL  
Jul 29 Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers - Barnesville, GA  
Aug 16 Robert Forsyth SAR Chapter - Double Patriot Grave Marking (Details TBD)  
Oct 7-8 Elisha Winn Fair, Dacula, GA  
Oct 9 Snellville American Legion Post 232 - 2nd Annual Cpl. Jonathan Ayers Golf  
Tournament at Heritage Golf Links, Tucker, GA  
Oct 21 Fort Daniel Frontier Faire 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Oct 21 Patriot Grave Marking at Fairview Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceville, GA 2:00pm  
Nov 11 Shriners Color Guard event  
Dec 16 Wreaths Across America

## BUTTON GWINNETT CHAPTER

Georgia Society

## Sons of the American Revolution

### "Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works"

by GSSAR President  
Dr David Ludley

### 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 Jacquess
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



June 8, 2023

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Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM  
INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
SAR PLEDGE  
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
Greetings by GSSAR President

Tom Jacquess  
Jim Freeman  
Ray Kyle  
Don McCarty  
Tom Jacquess  
Dr David Ludley

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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John William Stoecker - Nat# 225977, ACN# 106528, GA# 8693  
Winston Scott Law - Nat# 225978, ACN# 106529, GA# 8694

SAR Supplemental Certificates: Dr David Ludley

- Raymond Francis Kyle - Nat# 211308, ACN# 105870, GA# 6919
  - o Patriot Richard Harris - Private/2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt/Quartermaster VA
- Ray William Anderson - Nat# 171314, ACN# 101207, GA# 4672
  - o Patriot Hugh Rogers - Soldier in North Carolina Cont. Line

SAR Appreciation Certificates: Tom Jacquess

- Fernando Garcia - President Frontera Mex-Mex Grill
- Juan Pablo Duran - Manager Frontera Mex-Mex Grill
- Coronado Augusto - COO of Casual Dining

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION Ray Kyle

"Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works"  
by GSSAR President Dr David Ludley

### Business Section:

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

Jaryd Green  
Gordon Woodard  
Harold Ford  
Committee Chairs  
Tom Jacquess  
Tom Jacquess  
Jack Martin  
Jim Freeman  
Tom Jacquess



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jun 10 Flag Day Lawrenceville American Legion (Color Guard)
- Jun 28 - Jul 2 DAR 132<sup>nd</sup> National Congress Washington, DC
- Jul 13 - 20 NSSAR 133<sup>rd</sup> National Congress Orlando Florida
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### 2023/2024 Programs & Speakers Schedule:

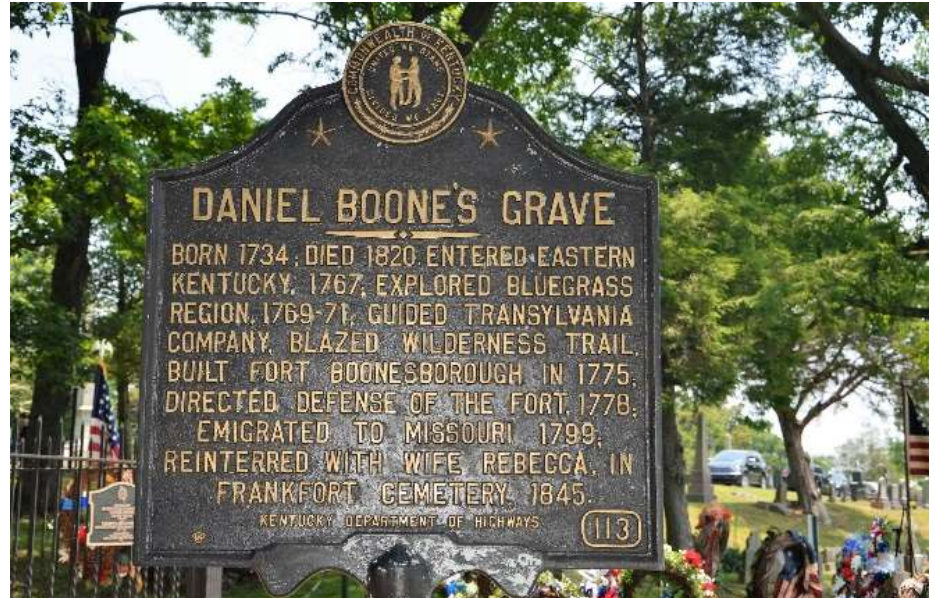
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## Daniel & Rebecca Boone Grave Marking

On June 4, 2023, Button Gwinnett 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ray Kyle attended the Grave Markings of Daniel and Rebecca Boone, at Frankfort Cemetery, Frankfort, KY. Ray was dressed in his militia uniform and presented the Button Gwinnett wreath and participated in the 16-member musket salute. Total mileage was 868 and hours in uniform were 4.

This was a very well-organized and presented event, on a beautiful, albeit quite hot afternoon. There were around 65 Color Guard members in attendance, from multiple states. Approximately 20 Boone family descendants were present. Awesome day!









## Flag Day Ceremony Saturday June 10, 2023

Seven members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter attended the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Flag Day Ceremony at the VFW Post 5255 in Lawrenceville. President Tom Jacques & 1st VP Ray Kyle fired Musket Salutes while Commander Bill Palmer raised the New American Flag with members David Patrick, Don McCarty, Ralph Galpin and John Zeigler. The Philadelphia Winn DAR chapter was present and distributing flags to attendees.





# GWINNETT FLAG DAY

**"Our Flag: The Land Of The Free"**

## 12th Annual National Flag Day Ceremony

**Observed on  
Saturday, June 10th, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**VFW Post 5255  
368 Grayson Hwy,  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046**

## Gwinnett Flag Day 2023 Ceremony Program

<b>Welcome</b>	Mr. Troy Adler Gwinnett Flag Day Vice President
<b>Invocation</b>	Rev. Bill Lord Chaplain, Grayson Masonic Lodge 549
<b>Recognition of Dignitaries</b>	Mike Sabbagh Gwinnett Flag Day President
<b>Proclamations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Office of Congresswoman Lucy McBath</li> <li>o Commissioner Jasper Watkins III Gwinnett County Dist. 3</li> <li>o Mayor David Still, City of Lawrenceville</li> </ul>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Commissioner Jasper Watkins III Gwinnett County District 3
<b>Raising of the Colors</b>	Veterans
<b>National Anthem</b>	Manlyn B. Performer
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Commander Jim Jackson VFW Post #4180
<b>21 Gun Salute and "Taps"</b>	Sons of the American Revolution

### Thank you for your presence and your patriotism.

Armed Forces

VFW Post 5255, Lawrenceville

Gwinnett County Masonic Lodges

Gwinnett County Cities Mayors  
and Council members

National Society of the Sons of the American  
Revolution

Daughters of the American Revolution

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 90

Gwinnett County Sheriff Office Honor Guard

American Legion Post 232, Snellville

VFW Post 4180, Snellville

Please join us for refreshments following the program.

Visit our Facebook page: "GwinnettFlagDay"

eMail: [GwinnettFlagDay@gmail.com](mailto:GwinnettFlagDay@gmail.com)

Thank you to our sponsors whose generosity  
helped to make this years Gwinnett Flag Day  
Ceremony possible.

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Team, Grayson, GA

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Georgia Chapter 14



## Grave Marking

On June 16, 2023, Ralph Galpin and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ray Kyle attended the 243rd Anniversary event for the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC. Ray presented the Button Gwinnett ceremonial wreath and was part of both the Color Guard and the musket salute. Total mileage was 409 and hours in militia uniform were 3.25 (8:15am-11:30am). Ralph was part of the Color Guard.



## **Color Guard at Loganville Postmaster Ceremony**

Button Gwinnett Chapter Member Bill Palmer, Ralph Galpin, Tom Jacques, and Compatriot Bruce Maney presented Colors on Saturday, June 24, 2023 for a ceremony honoring Loganville Postmaster Brandy Jackson.





## Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Wreath Ceremony

Four officers of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter presented a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery on June 28, 2023. Three are wives of Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Members - Regent Lynn Jacques is the wife of BG President Tom Jacques; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent Caitlen Green is the wife of BG Secretary Jaryd Green and Treasurer Kathy Schmidt is the wife of compatriot Don Schmidt.

Top Center L-R: Lynn Jacques, Randy Minor, Caitlen Green and Kathy Schmidt

Top Right L-R: BG Compatriot Robert Jacques, PW Regent Lynn Jacques, BG President Tom Jacques



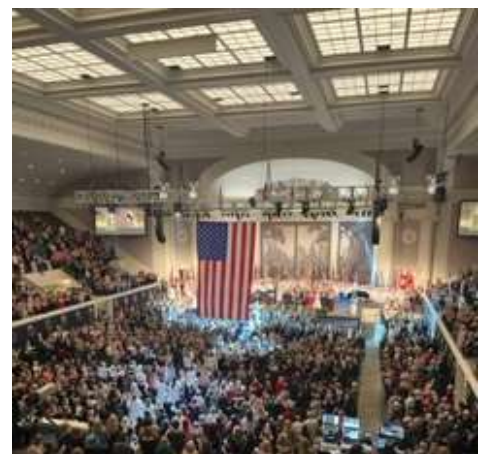


## Opening Ceremonies for the 132nd Continental Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington DC.

NSDAR President General, Pamela Rouse Wright presented an award to SAR President General C. Bruce Pickette during the Opening Ceremonies on June 28<sup>th</sup>. This new medal may only be presented by the NSDAR President General and is titled: *The Hannah White Arnett Gold Medal of Distinction and is for Extraordinary Cooperation and Outstanding Service to NSDAR*. Button Gwinnett SAR Members in attendance were President Tom Jacques, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ray Kyle, and compatriots Randy and Noah Tindall.



NSSAR President General Pickette  
NSDAR President General Wright





On June 29, 2023, President Tom Jacques visited the Pentagon and The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. This Memorial captures that moment in time at 9:37 a.m. when 184 lives became intertwined for eternity. Each victim's age and location at the time of the attack have been permanently inscribed into the Memorial by the unique placement and direction of each of the 184 Memorial Units. This was part of a personal tour conducted by Tom's cousin Jeff Jacques.

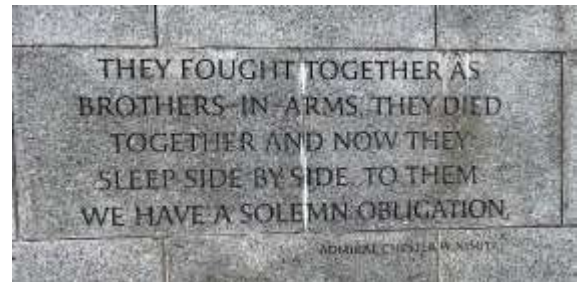


**Walking tour of the National Mall on June 30, 2023, by Tom Jacques**

**WWI Memorial - Remembering my grandfather Arthur Frank Dichard**



**Remembering those who served: The Washington Monument, WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and Vietnam War Memorial**







WWII Veterans - Remembering my uncle Charles Joseph Dichard - USS Boston



Photo # 80-G-283559 USS Boston during a full power run, 22 October 1943



Korean War Veterans - Remembering Oliva Gilles Jacques & William Norton Baxter



A GRATEFUL NATION HONORS THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE KOREAN AUGMENTATION TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHO GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM



Lincoln Memorial – still one of the most inspiring monuments in Washington, DC



Vietnam – Remembering Eric Michael Wardwell – the only serviceman from Bucksport, ME KIA



**ERIC MICHAEL WARDWELL**

LCPL - E3 - Marine Corps - Regular

Length of service 0 years  
 Casualty was on Sep 4, 1967  
 In QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM  
 HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY  
 ARTILLERY, ROCKET, or MORTAR  
 Body was recovered

Panel 25E - Line 112

ERIC MICHAEL WARDWELL	
Marine Corps - LCPL - E3	
Age:	20
Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	Oct 20, 1946
From:	BUCKSPORT, ME
Religion:	PROTESTANT
Marital Status:	Single

ERIC MICHAEL WARDWELL INFO PAGE



Georgia State First Vice Regent Helen Powell arranged for 82 Georgia Daughters to tour the Washington D.C. mansion of Larz and Isabel Anderson on June 30th. This beautiful 21,000 sq ft mansion is furnished with opulent antique furnishings, artwork, Asian ivories, lacquerware, screens, and sculptures from around the world! Crashing the party in the very top row are Button Gwinnett Chapter President Tom Jacques and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ray Kyle with their wives Lynn (Philadelphia Winn Regent) and Debbie (William Day 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent)





**C.A.R. Activities as reported by Committee Chair Randy Tindall**



Tuesday, June 27th we spent 3 hours serving at the C.A.R. information/sales table

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Wednesday, June 28th in addition to the wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - we toured Arlington Cemetery and visited the Iwo Jima and the DAR Opening ceremonies.



Thursday, June 29th we visited the Armed Forces Retirement Home, touring the Lincoln Cottage and visiting with retired service members who had served in WWII.

Friday, June 30th we toured Mount Vernon and visited the grave site of General Washington. His grave is on the right side.



Saturday, June 31st we attend the National Defense evening at DAR where the guest speaker was LTG Armagno of the Space Force. Military members were recognized.



## Publications

The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter had three articles published in June - two in the Gwinnett Daily Post and one in the Gwinnett Forum.



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### Flag Day celebrated at VFW Post 5255 in Lawrenceville

From staff reports

The 12th Annual Flag Day Ceremony was held on June 10 at the VFW Post 5255 in Lawrenceville, with ceremony arrangements by the Gwinnett Flag Day organization. Members from numerous veteran and patriotic organizations participated including the American Legion, the VFW, the Masonic Lodge, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), as well as many county and state dignitaries.

The Color Guard from the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (GSSAR) presented colors and performed a 3-volley

musket salute. In the Color Guard were many representatives from the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Proclamations were presented to Gwinnett Flag Day President Mike Sabbagh by the office of Rep. Lucy McBeth, by the office of Gwinnett County District 3 Commissioner Jasper Watkins III and the office of Lawrenceville Mayor David Still. Watkins was the guest speaker.

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Five members of the Stoecker family were recently inducted into the Button Gwinnett chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution together. Pictured from left are Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR President Tom Jacques, Benjamin Stoecker, Winston Law, John W. Stoecker, Christopher Stoecker, John C. Stoecker, and Georgia State Society SAR President David Ludley.

### Three generations of one family join the sons of the American Revolution together

By Curt Yeomans

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Five members of a local family recently did something that is pretty rare for a chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. They joined the group at the same time.

The members of the Stoecker family - including John Stoecker, his two sons and two grandsons - represent three generations. Georgia State Society SAR President David Ludley inducted the family members into the organization's Button Gwinnett chapter on June 8.

"Although it is not uncommon to induct new members, it is very unusual for five members from one family to join together," Button Gwinnett chapter officials said. "This was a Christmas present from patriarch John Stoecker to himself, his two sons, and his two grandsons."

But, the five Stoeckers are actually not the first members of their family to join the group. John Stoecker's father joined the Children of the American Revolution, a younger version of the Sons of the American Revolution, when he was 8 in 1923 and went on to become a member of the adult group later on in life.

The Stoeckers are descended from Thomas Helm, who served as a lieutenant under Col. Thomas Marshall in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in Capt. Philip Francis Lee's Company during the Revolutionary War.

The meeting where the Stoeckers were inducted was also significant for a World War II veteran. Ray William Anderson, 94, was given a supplemental certificate recognizing his Revolutionary War ancestor, Hugh Rogers, who served as a soldier in the North Carolina Continental Line. Anderson was already a member through other ancestors who served during the Revolutionary War.

Gwinnett Forum June 13, 2023

### Five members of same family join local SAR chapter



It was a momentous event in its 24-year history when the Button Gwinnett Chapter, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, inducted five members from three generations of the Stoecker family recently. Although it is not uncommon to induct new members, it is unusual for five members from one family to join together. From left are Chapter SAR President, Tom Jacques; new members Benjamin Stoecker, Winston Law, John W. Stoecker, Christopher Stoecker and John C. Stoecker, plus Georgia State Society SAR President Dr. David Ludley, who was also the guest speaker on the topic of "Colonial and Revolutionary Art and Related Works." John Stoecker's father was also a SAR member, having first joined the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) in 1923 at the age of eight. Their common Revolutionary War Patriot is Thomas Helm, a lieutenant in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in Capt. Philip Francis Lee's Company under Colonel Thomas Marshall.

# Please join us!

**Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting**

**Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM for dinner/socializing**

**The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM.**

**Frontera Mex-Mex Grill  
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