



# The Button Gwinnett Dispatch July 2023

## A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

### National Society Sons of the American Revolution



Our July 13, 2023 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 22 members and 12 guests in attendance - a bit smaller crowd - maybe summer vacation.

We would love to see all members and their guests at a future meeting! **We had DAR members from two chapters join us: Philadelphia Winn** - Regent Lynn Jacques, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent Caitlen Green, Honorary Regent Peggy Freeman, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty, Mary Martin, and Margaret Craig; **William Day** - Honorary Regent Debbie Bush.

#### Meeting Highlights:

This was the first meeting in 2023 without any new member inductions or presentation of supplemental certificates.

#### 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.***

*At our July Chapter Meeting we began requesting a voluntary \$2.00 donation from attending members to help in covering the cost of meals for our guest speakers. The July collection totaled \$97 – based on higher donations from a few of our members. We very much appreciate all your contributions! THANK YOU!! Any donations collected will be placed in the general fund and not specifically allocated for speaker meal expense.*



Button Gwinnett 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ray Kyle and Compatriot Ralph Galpin presented the Streamer they received on June 16, 2023, at the 243rd Anniversary event for the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC.



**Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Tom Jacques presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lawrenceville Frontera Mex-Mex Grill Manager Juan Pablo Duran and our Lead Server Samantha “Sam” Carrillo.**

**An additional certificate was provided to be given to Fernando Garcia - President Frontera Mex-Mex Grill.**

Since our move to Frontera in January 2023 – they have done a wonderful job of meeting and exceeding our expectations of providing a facility for our chapter meetings. They have installed a new overhead projector and motorized screen, a new sound system and provided us with a podium. They have allowed us to come in several hours before our scheduled meeting/dinner time of 6:00pm to rearrange the room as we like, to setup our chapter flags, banners, and wreath. We are allowed to test our computer connectivity to their electronics to assure everything still performs as expected. Fernando and Juan are now in the review process to expand our meeting room by taking down the dividing wall at the back of the room.



**The July 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting Program was titled:  
*"Ten Days with George Washington" by Gordon Woodard***

Gordon Woodard Bio

Gordon Woodard joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 2008.  
He was President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter in 2014 and 2015.  
He has served as the Treasurer of the Button Gwinnett Chapter since 2017.

He also serves on the Membership Committee of the Georgia State Society and is an active member of the Award-Winning Elijah Clark Militia.

Gordon is a member of the National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and served as the Georgia Branch Governor from 2020 to 2021.

Gordon and his wife Grace live in Duluth, GA and have five adult children. Gordon grew up in Stone Mountain, GA and graduated from Clarkston High School, Georgia State University, and Mercer University. Gordon and Grace are active members of First Baptist Church in Duluth, GA where Gordon teaches High School students.

Gordon has compiled a book of family history, "The Woodard Family of Carroll County, Tennessee and Associated Families" and has edited another book, "The Journal of John Joseph Simons".

In 2015, Gordon retired from AT&T with over 34 years of service in Marketing and Management. He began a new career as Safety Officer with Atlanta Flooring Design Centers in Suwanee, GA.

Please welcome a Family Man, an Author, and a Compatriot of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Gordon Woodard.



Button Gwinnett Chapter 1st VP Ray Kyle presented The SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Gordon Woodard by the Button Gwinnett Chapter for his outstanding presentation on "Ten Days with George Washington."



## **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: July 24, 2023**

- Andrew McConney
- Marty Bush
- William Gray Jacques – Junior Member and Grandson of President Jacques

### **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
- Mark York – in process
- Curtis McGill – in process
- Hunter Newton – Junior Membership and President of Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.
- Alec Ray – in process
- Daniel Czarniak – in process

### **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:

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
<b><u>2024</u></b>	
Jan 11	Eldon Evans & Bruce Maney: "Patriot Grave Marking"
Feb 8	Cathy Hedges: "The American Legion"
Mar 14	Emil Decker: Topic to be chosen later
Apr 11	Tom Jacques: "Traveling Trunk" - <b>Button Gwinnett Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
May 9	Gene Ray: "Daniel Boone"
Jun 13	Mark Anthony: "The Revolution As Told By Its Flags"
Jul 11 - Aug 8 -	Marty Bush: "General Nathaniel Greene"
Sep 12	Terry Manning: "America's First Spy Ring"
Oct 10	
Nov 14	Jim Freeman: U.S. Constitution
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 5	Grave Marking Ceremony Compatriot Curtis Eugene McWaters - Marietta, GA
Aug 12	The 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Camden
Aug 26	Robert Forsyth SAR Chapter - Double Patriot Grave Marking - Rydal, GA
Sep 16	242 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Augusta -
Sep 16	Burial of Korean War Soldier U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class James L. Wilkinson
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 15	Wreaths Across America - Georgia National Cemetery for Family members only
Dec 16	Wreaths Across America - Georgia National Cemetery for general public
Dec 16	Wreaths Across America - Gwinnett County locations
Jan 13, 2024	Georgia National Cemetery Wreath clean-up at 9 am.

**BUTTON GWINNETT  
CHAPTER  
Georgia Society**

**Sons of the  
American Revolution**

**"Ten Days with George  
Washington"  
by Gordon Woodard**



**July 13, 2023**

[www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org](http://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**

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

\* Past President

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM	<i>Tom Jacques</i>
INVOCATION	<i>Harry Kitchings</i>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	<i>Ray Kyle</i>
SAR PLEDGE	<i>Don McCarty</i>
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	<i>Tom Jacques</i>

<b>PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</b>	
<b><u>New Member Induction</u> -</b>	<i>Tom Jacques</i>
• None	
<b><u>SAR Supplemental Certificates:</u></b>	<i>Tom Jacques</i>
• None	

<b><u>SAR Appreciation Certificates:</u></b>	<i>Tom Jacques</i>
• Fernando Garcia - President Frontera Mex-Mex Grill	
• Juan Pablo Duran - Manager Frontera Mex-Mex Grill	

<b>PROGRAM INTRODUCTION</b>	<i>Ray Kyle</i>
"Ten Days with George Washington"	
by Gordon Woodard	

<b>Business Section:</b>	
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	<i>Jaryd Green</i>
TREASURER'S REPORT	<i>Gordon Woodard</i>
REGISTRAR'S REPORT	<i>Harold Ford</i>
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<i>Committee Chairs</i>
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<i>Tom Jacques</i>
NEW BUSINESS	<i>Tom Jacques</i>
SAR RECESSIONAL	<i>Jack Martin</i>
BENEDICTION	<i>Harry Kitchings</i>
ADJOURNMENT	<i>Tom Jacques</i>



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## Freedom Fireworks in Washington, GA.

On Monday, July 3rd, Ralph Galpin (Continental) and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ray Kyle (Militia) participated in the Color Guard at Freedom Fireworks in Washington, GA. Commanded by New National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins.



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

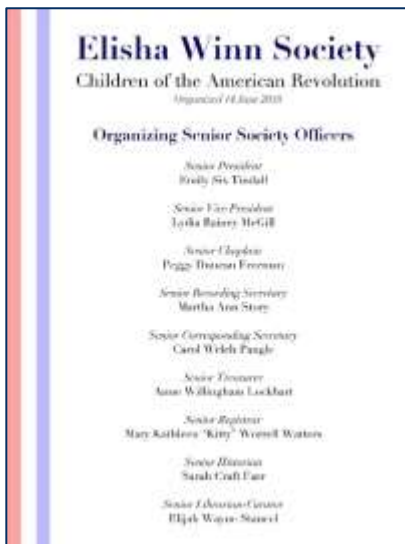
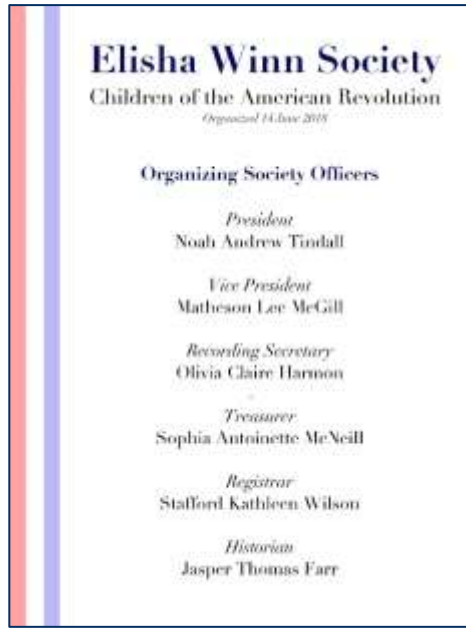
Mike Watkins and Noah Tindall were in uniform and Randy Tindall was in civilian attire. All marched in the Braselton July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade with the 250<sup>th</sup> Flag with Lyman Hall, Athens, Robert Forsyth SAR, James Pittman DAR, and Elisha Winn C.A.R.





## Elisha Winn Society celebrates their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Every year since organizing in 2018, the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. has been a National Gold Merit Society due to the support of the Philadelphia Winn DAR and the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapters.



## Publications

The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter was mentioned in two articles published in July - July 25<sup>th</sup> in



The Gwinnett Forum and on July 30<sup>th</sup> in the Gwinnett Daily Post

## Winn DAR officials visit Unknown Soldier's grave



Four officers from the Lawrenceville-based Philadelphia Winn Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), participated in a public wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. on July 28 while DAR Daughters across the nation and abroad were in attendance for the 132 Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. At the ceremony were, on the front row Second Vice Regent Caitlen Green and Treasurer Kathy Schmidt while on the back row were Regent Lynn Jacques and First Vice Regent Randi Minor. Additional organizations who accompanied the Philadelphia Winn Chapter were the **Button Gwinnett Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution from Lawrenceville, and the Elisha**

Winn Society, Children of the American Revolution, from Gwinnett County. Ceremony arrangements were made by Philadelphia Winn Chapter member, Paula Spicer. July 30<sup>th</sup> in the Gwinnett Daily Post

**Volunteer-led Medical Reserve Corps celebrates 16th anniversary of helping the community**

By Chris Starrs  
Staff Correspondent

In the event of an untimely community crisis, many caregivers — including police, EMT and hospital personnel — spring into action to offer their expertise and assistance to make a bad situation better. Volunteers also form a significant presence on the front lines of disaster, and the Medical Reserve Corps covering Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale counties — also known as MRC GEM — have long offered their varied services to help in times of need.

MRC GEM is celebrating its 16th anniversary in 2023 with some 1,300 members willing to lend a helping hand in the east metro area. According to its website, MRC GEM has saved taxpayers more than \$1 million with its volunteer Strike Teams and during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, administered 375,000 vaccinations and tests and donated 17,256 hours of service to COVID-19 response.

"At that time, the health department had fewer than 300 employees in Gwinnett, Rockdale, Newton counties, covering a population of 1.3 million," said Judge Levinson, who serves as vice president for logistics for MRC GEM. "They were overwhelmed, and we did around 18,000 volunteer hours in the COVID response. That's a lot of people. Some folks even ended up being hired by the health department."

Levinson, who spent 30 years as an attorney before her retirement, said MRC GEM grew out of CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Training) an initiative started by President George W. Bush after 9/11 that eventually fell by the wayside. She said Strike Teams specialize in different tasks, including establishing community reception centers for vaccinations or testing ("Anything where you need to pass through a lot of folks in a small period of time," she said).

She added that in MRC GEM was on the scene after a tuberculosis break out at Discovery High School in 2019.

"There was an outbreak of TB at Discovery in Lawrenceville and in two days it was necessary to test the entire student body and faculty and selected parents and employees," she said. "We put a lot of time into that."

The group hosts training sessions once per month (the next training session is Aug. 19). MRC GEM offers training in CPR and AED, emergency first aid, supporting mass vaccination efforts, hazardous materials awareness and Narcotics training, among many other skills. Levinson said about "30 to 35%" of the group's membership had medical backgrounds.

"There are a lot of folks like me — this isn't necessarily their calling," she said, adding that MRC GEM members speaking more than 80 languages. "But we can be trained to do stuff and I've been trained to do a lot of stuff in the past 16 years."

The organization does not have a brick-and-mortar headquarters, but Levinson said federal COVID funds enabled its equipment purchase program to find storage space.

Even though it's a long list of volunteers, she said they're all new members kept eye on by veteran members, although she said she's not sure if they must be old to join.

"Our members and is part of it," she said. "Many in age and point, at bringing. We've seen young people fight and n For mrcj



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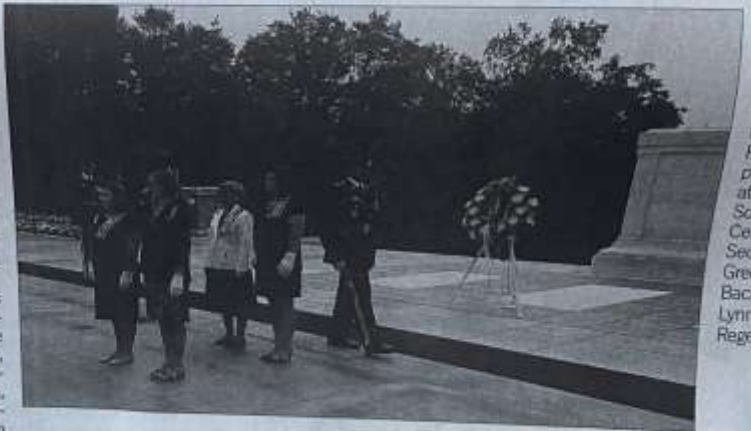
From staff reports

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**Upcoming event: October 21, 2023 - @ 2:00 pm**

The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter SAR, and Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR of the GA Society SAR will mark two Patriot Graves at Fairview Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceville. The Patriots are Philip Isley (SAR Patriot #: P-189998) and John Bagby (SAR Patriot #: P-106531).

On Wednesday, July 19 - the Veterans Administration Headstone for Philip Isley was installed by Bruce Maney, Don McCarty, Eldon Evans, and Eldon's grandsons Jacob & Stephen Smith. A special thank you for the Photos taken by Compatriot Stewart Woodard.

SAR Fairview Presbyterian Rev. Melissa McNair-King, Pastor with Eldon Evans, Jacob Smith & Stephen Smith, Eldon's Grandsons  
SAR Fairview Presbyterian 'Graves Marking Committee' Bruce Maney, Eldon Evans & Don McCarthy



Previous Patriot Graves Marked at the Fairview Cemetery include Major John Alexander, Daniel Byrd and William Thompson

## July 29, 2023 Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers – Barnesville, GA

The Service to Veterans Medal and Certificate was presented to Donald McCarty by Gary Hoyt, Georgia Society SAR Veterans Committee Chair. This medal is awarded to SAR members who have given long and exemplary service to veterans. The recipient of this medal is required to accrue 5000 USS Stark points. Congratulations Past President McCarty for a job well done!



Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Thomas Jacques, Ray Kyle and Ralph Galpin for attending Past President General Ryall S. Morgan's grave marking in Clio, GA in April 2023.



The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter had 7 members in attendance. President Tom Jacques (Militia), 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ray Kyle (Militia), 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jack Martin (Continental), Immediate Past President Don McCarty, Treasurer Gordon Woodard, Chaplain Harry Kitchings (Militia) and Compatriot Ralph Galpin (Continental). Our Five members in uniform carried five of the eight Color Guard Flags.



The Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter was very well represented at the Georgia State Summer BOM meeting in Barnesville, GA by Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty, and Daughter Mary Martin.



Brenda Jessel, National Chair of DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations received a check and certificate in recognition of Georgia DAR placing #3 in SAR membership referrals. North Carolina was #1 followed by Texas as #2.



Pictured L-R: Maryland McCarty, Mary Martin, and Lynn Jacques (far right) who are all members of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and the SAR Ladies Auxiliary are pictured with SAR Ladies Auxiliary President Ginger Delaney (in pink).

# Congratulations

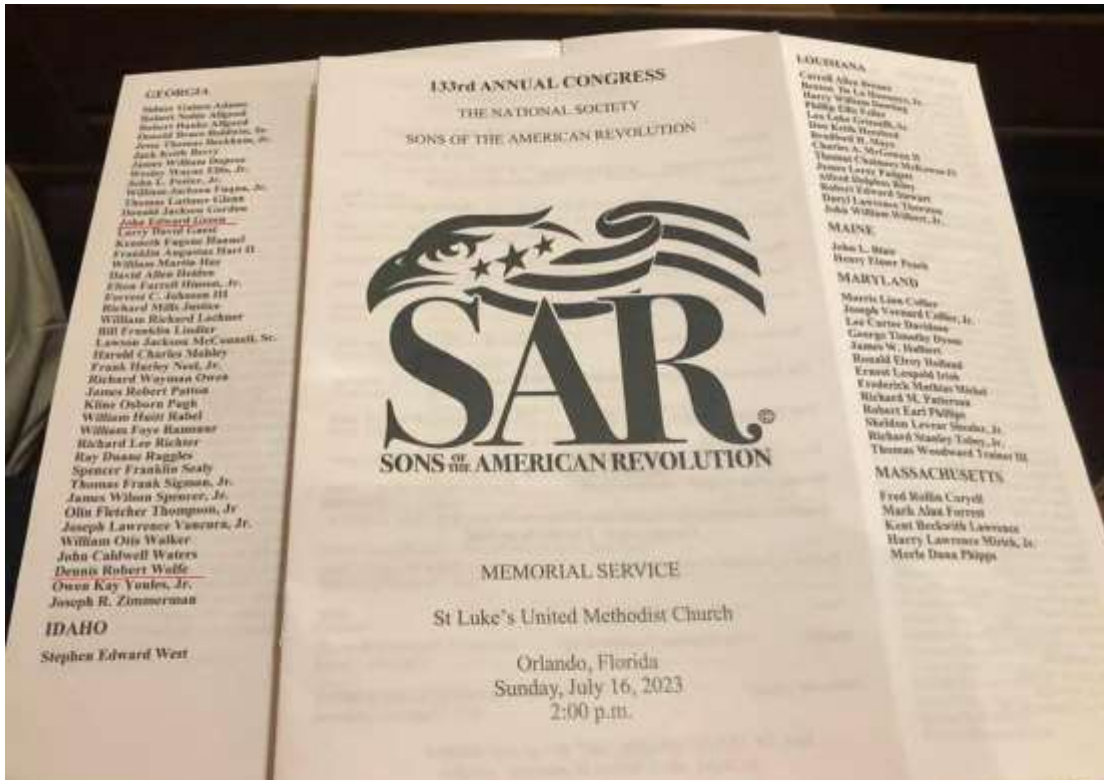
## to our New SAR National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins!



**National Society SAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins has held the following positions during his years as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution:**

National Society SAR Color Guard Commander (current)  
Georgia Society SAR Color Guard Commander (current)  
Georgia Society SAR Treasurer (current)  
Georgia Society SAR Georgia Fellows Board Chairman (current)  
Georgia Society SAR President (past)  
Athens Chapter SAR President (past) and Registrar (current)

**Past Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Compatriots who were recognized during the Memorial Service on Sunday July 16, 2023 at the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual SAR Congress.**



**Dennis Robert Wolfe** passed away peacefully on Friday, April 29, 2022 in Atlanta, GA.

Dennis was born on July 8, 1955 in Bethlehem, PA, to Joseph M. and Marie M. Wolfe (nee Weber).

Dennis Robert Wolfe's NSSAR #167469 approved 2006-07-27; His Patriot ancestor was John Kichlein - State of Service: PA Qualifying Service: Lieutenant Birth: 15 Dec 1728 Kuschheim // Germany - Death: 22 Sep 1781 / Bucks / PA Patriotic Service Description UNDER Captain THOMAS CRAIG, 2ND PA BATT; Also Captain & COL, BUCKS CO MILITIA



**John Edward Green** passed away on December 5, 2022. John was born at Emory University Hospital November 20, 1934 to John Howell Green, Jr. and Helen Causey Green.

John Edward Green (183543) is a descendant of William GREEN (P-170010) Application Info ACN: 47928; Date Approved: 2012-05-14 State of Service: NC Qualifying Service: Captain

DAR #: A047441 Birth: 26 Nov 1739 / Brunswick / VA; Death: 26 Oct 1799 Warrenton / Warren / NC Patriotic Service Description: Captain of a Company in 1st NC Continental Regiment from 01 September 1775 to 04 Jan 1776



## Dedication

Lynn and Tom Jacques had the honor of attending the funeral of U.S. Naval Academy Graduate, Retired Marine Officer, and Vietnam Veteran Larry Lee “Rob” Robinson.

His daughter Traci Robinson Zeirk is a member of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and a Past Recording Secretary. Through Traci – Rob had proven lineage to American Revolutionary Patriots - Thomas Hyde, PA, Pvt PS; Thomas served in the Washington County, Pennsylvania, Militia under Captain William Scott.



Larry Lee “Rob” Robinson, age 81, of Roswell, GA passed away peacefully on June 22, 2023 in his home surrounded by loved ones.

Rob was born to the late Myron Vinton Robinson and the late Alice Isabelle Stockdale Robinson on June 11, 1942 in Canton, Ohio.

Rob grew up in Canton, OH, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1960. Following high school, he attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, graduating in 1964. He then became a proud member of the United States Marine Corps where he met his future wife, Janice Deane Helvey of New Market, VA. After a whirlwind romance, Rob and Jan were married in 1965 in Washington, DC. Shortly after the marriage, Rob got orders to Vietnam where he served for a year. Following his tour of duty in Vietnam, Rob and Jan were reunited and stationed in Yokosuka, Japan.

He was honorably discharged in 1968, although “Once a Marine, always a Marine”, and he began a career in federal law enforcement as an investigator with the FBI, the Veteran’s Administration, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Rob retired in 1998 to enjoy a life of pure leisure and golf.

During his long career, Rob and Jan lived in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida, and finally settled in the Atlanta area in 1979.

Rob was preceded in death by his cousin, Jack Stockdale, and his brother-in-law, Don Martz.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 59 years, Janice Deane Helvey, daughter Traci (Jeff) Robinson Zierk, son Stephen (Erinn) Robinson, grandchildren Katharine Soderberg, Samantha Zierk, Finn Robinson, and Will Robinson, sister-in-law Nancy Helvey Martz, nieces Renee (Bob) Maxwell and Donna (Ron) Abernathy, grandnieces Allison Maxwell, Erin Maxwell, and Lauren Abernathy, and cousins Michal Ann Russell, William Finney, and John Finney.

Rob was a gifted athlete playing golf, handball, baseball, racquetball, and bowling. He was very competitive and loved games and puzzles such as chess, bridge, and Sudoku. He and Jan were blessed to have a close circle of friends who loved to travel the world together.

He was a member of Mt. Pisgah UMC for 44 years where he sang in the chancel choir, played softball, and attended Bible study.

Services will be held at Mt. Pisgah UMC on Old Alabama Road on Saturday, July 15 at 12:00 PM. Rob will be interred at St. Matthews Cemetery in New Market, VA.

For those who wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers in Rob's memory, please consider the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation at <https://www.marineheritage.org/makedonation.html> or the Vietnam Veterans of America <https://vva.org/donate/>.



## Sawyer-Herndon Post 232

### Dear Supporter of Veterans:

We are pleased to inform you that on Monday, October 9, 2023, the American Legion, Post 232 Snellville, will host the Annual Jonathan Ayers Memorial Golf Tournament. The event is in honor of Corporal Jonathan Ayers, who was killed in action while serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan in 2008. Cpl. Ayers was awarded the Silver Star Medal and the Bronze Star Medal for extraordinary valor.



Jonathan was a longtime resident of Snellville, GA, and a graduate of Shilo H.S.

The event will be held at Heritage Golf Links, Located at 4445 Britt Road, Tucker GA, 30084.

The proceeds from this golf tournament will be used by the American Legion to support their ongoing community related activities, programs, and assistance to needy veterans and their families. We would appreciate your support of this event by sponsoring one of the golf packages listed in the enclosed Sponsor Reservation Forms or by making a tax-deductible donation. Also, and most importantly, we invite you to participate in the tournament by fielding players.

For your convenience, enclosed is a Player Registration Form. Should you have any questions, please contact Reggie Vallotton at (470) 275-7851 or by email at [post232adjutant@gmail.com](mailto:post232adjutant@gmail.com).

To remember is to honor, and that is why we have named this event the Jonathan Ayers Memorial Golf Tournament. Our intent is to conduct this event annually, and in doing so, we will remind ourselves of the great contribution and sacrifice Jonathan made in service of our country. Moreover, the golf event is also a wonderful opportunity to support our community and local veterans. Thank you for your contribution to a worthy event.

# JONATHAN AYERS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 9, 2023

Hosted By The American Legion Post 232 Snellville  
All proceeds go to support needy Veterans and their families  
and the First Responders Recognition Program



Heritage Golf Links  
4445 Britt Road  
Tucker, GA 30084  
D 770-493-4653 Fax 770-493-8006



**Format:**

Ft. Lauderdale Scramble  
Teams of 4 players  
October 9th Registration @7:00am  
Shotgun starts at 9:00am

**Tournament Fee:**

\$125 - per player includes greens fees,  
cart, range ball, Breakfast and Lunch.  
Extra lunches for family and friends:  
\$35 each

**Prizes:**

1st Place Team gross      2nd Place Team gross      3rd Place Team gross  
Longest drive (male/female)  
Closest to the pin (male/female) - [par 3]



----- telephone and mail registration -----

*Player Registration*

**Tournament (10/9/2023) fees are due by September 23, 2023**

Make checks payable to:

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The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter was recently informed of the upcoming burial ceremony for Korean War Soldier U.S. Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class James L. Wilkinson who will be buried with Full Military Honors in Barrow County on September 16, 2023. More details will be shared as they become available.



## Soldier Accounted For From Korean War ( Wilkinson, J.)

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WASHINGTON ,

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class James L. Wilkinson, 19, of Bowden, Georgia, who was killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Dec. 5, 2022.

In July 1950, Wilkinson, was a member of G Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action during fighting along the Naktong River near Yongson, South Korea, on Sept. 8. Due to the fighting, his body could not be recovered at that time, and there was never any evidence that he was a prisoner of war. The Army issued



a presumptive finding of death on Dec. 31, 1953.

In July 1951, the Army began recovering remains from the area and temporarily interring them at the United Nations Military Cemetery (UNMC) Tanggok. One set of remains recovered during this period was designated Unknown X-1588. After extensive analysis by the Central Identification Unit-Kokura in Japan was unable to identify X-1588, the remains were declared unidentifiable. They were later sent to Hawaii where they were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu, with other Korean War Unknowns.

In July 2018, the DPAA proposed a plan to disinter 652 Korean War Unknowns from the Punchbowl. On March 25, 2019, DPAA disinterred Unknown X-1588 as part of Phase Three of the Korean War Disinterment Project and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory for analysis.

To identify Wilkinson's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as chest radiograph comparison. Additionally, scientists from the [Armed Forces Medical Examiner System](#) used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Wilkinson's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Wilkinson will be buried on Sept. 16, 2023, in Barrow County, Georgia.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490.

To see the most up-to-date statistics on DPAA recovery efforts for those unaccounted for from the Korean War, go to the Korean War Accounting page on the DPAA website at: <https://dpaa.mil/sites/cmfforce.mil/dpaaFamWebKorean>.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil), find us on social media at [www.facebook.com/dodpaa](https://www.facebook.com/dodpaa) or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/defense-pow-mia-accounting-agency>.

Wilkinson's personnel profile can be viewed: <https://dpaa.mil/sites/cmfforce.mil/dpaaProfile?id=a0100000153rczEAA>.



# Please join us!

**Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting**

**Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Presentation by David L. Wellons:**

**"God's Hand on America"**

**Georgia SAR Metro Region Vice President Shep Hammack is expected to be in attendance.**

**Frontera Mex-Mex Grill**

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**Celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary in 2024**

*Please let us know if you would like to be party of the planning committee*



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