

The Button Gwinnett Dispatch November 2023

# A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter



# National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Our November 9, 2023 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 20 members and 11 guests in attendance.

We would love to see all members and their guests at a future meeting! **We had DAR members from 3 chapters join us: Philadelphia Winn –** Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent Caitlen Green, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty, Mary Martin; **William Day –** Regent Debbie Kyle, Honorary Regent Debbie Bush; **Chestatee River –** Kris White

# President's Message:

During our November 9 Chapter Meeting our Nominating Committee presented the 2024 Button Gwinnett Chapter Slate of Officers which were voted on during the meeting. The nominating committee was comprised of Don McCarty, Bill Palmer and Randy Tindall. We elected our 2024 chapter officers during our November 9 chapter meeting. Newly elected Button Gwinnett Chapter Officers will be installed during our December 14 meeting by Georgia SAR State President Dr. David Ludley.

For our November 9 meeting – in celebration of Veterans Day, we asked our members with Revolutionary Uniforms to wear them to the November 9<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting as we honor those who have served and are currently serving.

All Chapter Members should have received their annual dues notice from Button Gwinnett Treasurer Gordon Woodard which total \$90.00 for 2024. Our deadline for Dues collection is December 31, 2023. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 73 of 86 members had paid 2024 dues.

# National & Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Dues increased for 2024

The National Society SAR annual dues for 2024 is increasing by \$15 to \$50 as approved by the National Society at the 2023 Congress.

The Georgia Society SAR annual dues for 2024 is increasing by \$7 to \$20 as approved by the Georgia Society BOM in 2022.

**The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR Board of Managers has voted to <u>NOT</u> increase annual chapter dues for 2024 – which will remain at \$20. This is where literally 100% of our chapter budget for JROTC, Patriot Grave Markings, Eagle Scout, Knight Essay and additional awards come from.** 

SAR Membership Anniversary Certificates will be presented at the December 14 meeting.

22 Compatriots will be celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 or 55 years of SAR membership!

The highlights of the evening were:

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

"Marty" Martin David Bush is a descendant of Patriot Daniel Bentley who was a soldier for both



North Carolina and Virginia under Captain Burns in Col Campbell's Regiment. (Marty's lineage is through his mother Mary Elizabeth Cook) NAT# 227686 Ga#8750 ACN#108856 approved 9/1/23





Marty's wife Debbie assisted in the induction ceremony. President Jacques presented Marty with his SAR Certificate, Record Copy, and welcome letters from Georgia SAR President Dr. David Ludley and President General, NSSAR John L. Dodd, Esq. Debbie Bush pinned the SAR Rosette on Marty's lapel. *Debbie Bush is the Immediate Past Regent and current Honorary Regnant of the William Day DAR Chapter.* 

### Streamers Received - President General's Education Outreach Streamer



The President General's Education Outreach Streamer and Certificate and the Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America Outreach Certificates were received from Wayne Brown at the October 28, 2023, Fall Georgia SAR Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville, Georgia. The Streamer and certificates were received by the Georgia SAR Society on behalf of the Button Gwinnett Chapter at the NSSAR Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.

### The SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Compatriot James Walters



The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was authorized by the NSSAR in 1895. It is a multi-purpose award designed to recognize individuals whose community (i.e., school, locality, or state) achievements are noteworthy. It can be presented to both adults and minors and Compatriots and non-Compatriots alike. The SAR Bronze Good Citizenship consists of a bronze medal struck on a circular planchet. The obverse inscription reads "Good Citizenship Medal" and depicts a Minuteman holding a

rifle with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background. The reverse is inscribed, "Our inspiration is from the past, our duty is in the present, our hope is in the future."

#### The SAR Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Lynn Baxter Jacques



Philadelphia Winn Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques presented a brief history of Wreaths Across America – which will be celebrated on Saturday, December 16, 2023. This tradition started back in 1992, when the Worcester Wreath company in Harrington, Maine, had a surplus at the end of the Christmas holiday season. Recalling a boyhood trip to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, company founder Morrill Worcester donated to the cemetery 5,000 wreaths to honor the cemetery's dead, with the help of volunteers and a local trucking company. After thirteen years of similar donations, in 2005 a photo of snowy gravestones covered with wreaths at the cemetery received widespread circulation on the internet. Thousands of people called Worcester, wanting to replicate the wreath-laying service at their veteran cemeteries.

Chestatee River DAR Daughter Kris White continued a tradition she has shared with the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter veterans for many years by presenting homemade cookies to all members and guests attending the November meeting. This year Kris's brother and Button Gwinnett Member, Karl Fitch, assisted in this tradition that honors both of their parents who served in the military.



Kris has informed us that she will officially be retiring on January 1, 2024 from Winn Holt Elementary School. Please thank Kris for her many years of teaching in the Gwinnett County School System.

#### The November 9th Chapter Meeting Program was titled: *"Tea Party Tidbits" by Terry Manning*

**Bio Terry Manning** 

Terry served 4 years in the US Navy as a radarman aboard USS O'Hare (DD889) visiting Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

He is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in secondary math education.

Terry retired as a management analyst/auditor from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs.

Terry is a Genealogy lecturer, author, and columnist.

Terry is the Past President of: The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (2009-2010), Friends of the National Archives, NSSAR Council of State Presidents, Gwinnett Historical Society, Genealogy Study Group, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR (2003-2004) and the Atlanta Chapter SAR (2012-2015).

Terry's Awards include The DAR's Medal of Honor and Community Service Award; SAR's Bronze & Silver Color Guard Medal, Bronze & Silver Good Citizenship Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Samuel Adams Medal, Gold & Silver Council of State Presidents Medal, Bronze C.A.R. Medal, Patriot Service to Veterans Medal, Silver Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Roger Sherman Medal, Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, National Von Steuben Medal, and War Service medals.

Terry has also received the Gwinnett Historical Society Distinguished Service Award (2004); Gwinnett Council for Seniors Senior of the Year (2005); NSSAR Col. Stewart Boone McCarty Education Outreach Award (2012); GASSAR John Dooly Education Outreach Award (2012); and Corporation for National and Community Service and U.S. President's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award (2014).

Specialty Lecture Topics: Genealogy, Revolutionary War, Flag History, & Paperwork Management/Organization

Lecturing Credentials: Regularly lectures about 50 times a year to 4th grade students; church groups, seniors, and lineage societies (SAR, DAR, DAC, UDC, Daughters of War of 1812, etc.) on colonial history and genealogy. Toastmasters Competent Communicator. Instructor on Revolutionary War at Emory University OLLI Continuing Education program (2015).

# Presentation "Tea Party Tidbits" by Terry Manning



The SAR Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Terry Manning by the Button Gwinnett Chapter 1<sup>s</sup> VP Ray Kyle for his outstanding presentation on "Tea Party Tidbits"















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

#### New member applications approved but not inducted yet: (Approved Sep 1, 2023)

- Andrew Edward McConney Patriot John Hancock (VA) ACN#108854, Nat# 227684
- William Gray Jacques (Jr Mbr) Patriot Jospeh Read ACN#108859, Nat# 227687

#### Supplementals approved & Presented:

• None

#### New Member applications at National:

- Nicholas Alan Hamrick Jr Member 1st VP of Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. (Oct 23, 2023)
- Bruce Dean Craig (Oct 27, 2023)
- Daniel Czarniak (Nov 22, 2023)
- Hunter Newton Jr Member President of Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. (Nov 22, 2023)

#### New Memorial applications at National: approved Nov 3, 2023

• Ronald Thomas McCarty – Patriot Micheal McCarty (brother of Don McCarty)

#### Supplementals at National:

- Don McCarty: Patriot John Cash, Patriot Stephen Cash, Patriot John Davis, Patriot John Ussery, Jr., Patriot John Ussery, Sr., Patriot Isham Fuller
- David McCarty: Patriot John Cash, Patriot Stephen Cash, Patriot John Davis, Patriot John Ussery, Jr., Patriot John Ussery, Sr., Patriot Isham Fuller
- Raymond Kyle 3 @ National Spencer Mottram Ball (John Sledge, Fletcher Sullivan – pended)
- David Sikes 2 @ National William Cone, Simon Smith

#### New Member applications at State:

- Alec Ray (mailed to National bfr Dec 1, 2023)
- Norman Ernest "Tad" Wood (mailed to National before Dec 1, 2023)
- Mark York
- Reggie Paul Vallotton (Mailed to Harold Ford by Bruce Maney)

#### New Memorial Application at State:

• None

#### New Member Applications in Process:

- Matthew Henson in process
- Curtis McGill in process
- Steven Douglas White in process
- Joshua Steven White in process
- Stanley Edward Quinn in process
- Sam Jaeger (brother of Alex Jeager)

#### Supplementals at State:

#### • None

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- None

#### 2023 Committee Assignments

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

- 2024 Nominating Committee Don McCarty, Bill Palmer & Randy Tindall
- Audit Tom Hopkins, Chairman, Harry Kitchings & Ray Kyle (Completed in January)
- Americanism Ray Kyle
- 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
- Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary April 2024 looking for members

#### Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

- Dec 14 Installation of 2024 Chapter Officers
- 2024
- Jan 11 Eldon Evans & Bruce Maney: "Patriot Grave Marking"
- Feb 8 Cathy Hedges: "The American Legion"
- Mar 14 Emil Decker: "Marquis de Lafayette"
- **Apr** *06* Button Gwinnett Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- May 9 Gene Ray: "Daniel Boone"
- Jun 13 Mark Anthony: "The Revolution As Told By Its Flags"
- Jul 11 Marty Bush: "General Nathanael Greene"
- Aug 8 Eli Stancel "The Frontier"
- Sep 12 Terry Manning: "America's First Spy Ring"
- Oct 10 Tyler Holman: "Fort Daniel"
- Nov 14 Jim Freeman: U.S. Constitution
- Dec 12 Installation of 2025 Chapter Officers

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Dec 2 Battle of Vann's Creek Commemoration Elberton, GA
- Dec 11 Wreath Across America at State Capitol NOON Color Guard
- Dec 15 Wreaths Across America Georgia National Cemetery for Family members only
- Dec 16 Wreaths Across America Georgia National Cemetery for the General Public
- Dec 16 Wreaths Across America Gwinnett County locations
- Noon Philadelphia Winn DAR East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens (Color Guard)
- Noon William Day DAR Duluth Church Cemetery
- 10:45am Suwanee Creek DAR Sugar Hill Cemetery
- Dec 16 Boston, MA 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party
- Jan 13, 2024 Georgia National Cemetery Wreath clean-up at 9 am.

Jan 26-27	Georgia Society SAR Annual Meeting – Sonesta Hotel, Duluth, GA
Feb 9	Heroes of the Hornet's Nest 11:30 am - 3:00 pm (Button Gwinnett Sponsor)
Feb 9	Kettle Creek Battlefield Association Banquet 5:00pm – 8:30pm
Feb 10	Kettle Creek events in Downtown Washington, Georgia 9:30am to 12:30pm
Feb 10	Kettle Creek - Wreath Ceremony 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Feb 11	Kettle Creek - Colonial Service 8:30am to 10:30am
Feb 23-24	Georgia C.A.R. State Conference at Berry College DAR School

#### 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 -Immediate Past President -First Vice President -Second Vice President -Secretary -Treasurer -Registrar -Chaplain -Genealogist -Sergeant at Arms -Historian -Past President

**Tom Jacques** Don McCarty \* Ray Kyle Jack Martin Jaryd Green Gordon Woodard \* Harold Ford Harry L. Kitchings Brent Dodson John Zeigler Bill Palmer \*

#### BUTTON GWINNETT **CHAPTER**

Georgia Society

### Sons of the American Revolution

#### **"Tea Party Tidbits"** by Terry Manning



#### November 9, 2023

www.ButtonGwinnettSA R.org Frontera Mex-Mex Grill 1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM	Tom Jacques		
INVOCATION	Harry Kitchings		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Ray Kyle		
SAR PLEDGE	Don McCarty		
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Tom Jacques		
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS			
New Member Induction -	Tom Jacques		
<ul> <li>Marty Martin David Bush</li> </ul>			
Patriot Daniel Bentley – North Carolina & Virginia			
SAR Supplemental Certificates:	Tom Jacques		
None	-		
Presentation of Streamers & Medals	Tom Jacques		
President General's Education Outreach Streamer and Certificate			
Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America Outreach Certificate			
Medal Presentation -			
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Wreaths Across America History

Lynn Jacques

Nov 10

#### PROGRAM INTRODUCTION Ray Kyle "Tea Party Tidbits" by Terry Manning

#### Business Section: MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT REGISTRAR'S REPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS Nominating Committee - Vote Officers 2024 UNFINISHED BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS SAR RECESSIONAL BENEDICTION ADJOURNMENT

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS Veterans Day Assembly - Oakland Meadow School,

- Lawrenceville, GA 10:30am Nov 11 Veterans Day Ceremony -Watkinsville, GA at 11:00am Nov 11 Veterans Day Ceremony - Snellville, GA 3:00pm Nov 11 Veterans Day - Yaarab Shrine Center ATL GA 5:15pm Grave Marking Col John McIntosh - Pine Harbor, GA Nov 17 Come and Take It – Fort Morris - Midway, GA Nov 18 Battle of Vann's Creek Commemoration - Elberton, GA Dec 2 Dec 11 Wreath Across America at GA State Capitol (DAR/SAR) Dec 15 Wreaths Across America - Georgia National Cemetery -Family Members Dec 16 Wreaths Across America – East Shadowlawn Memorial Garden Lawrenceville, GA - noon (Philadelphia Winn) Wreaths Across America – Duluth Church Cemetery, Duluth, GA - noon (William Day) Dec 16 Wreaths Across America – Georgia National Cemetery Dec 16 General Public Boston, MA - 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party Dec 16 2023/2024 Programs & Speakers Schedule: Dec 14 Installation of 2024 Chapter Officers Jan 11 - Eldon Evans & Bruce Maney: "Patriot Grave Marking' Feb 8 - Cathy Hedges: "The American Legion" Mar 14 - Emil Decker: "Marquis de Lafayette" • Apr 6 - Button Gwinnett Chapter 25th Anniversary May 9 - Gene Ray: "Daniel Boone" Jun 13 - Mark Anthony: "The Revolution as Told ٠ By Its Flags" Jul 11 – Marty Bush: "General Nathanael Greene"
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### On November 4<sup>th</sup> six members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in the Color Guard for the Grave Marking of Patriot Jacob Higginbotham - SAR Patriot #P-181019 and DAR #A055236

The ceremony was sponsored by the Samuel Elbert Chapter & Button Gwinnett Chapter National Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Stephen Heard Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The Unveiling of the Patriot Marker was performed by Gordon Woodard, Treasurer of the Button Gwinnett SAR and Descendant of Patriot Jacob Higginbotham. Don McCarty brought greetings on behalf of the Button Gwinnett Chapter and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ray Kyle presented the Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath. Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty presented her Chapter Wreath.

The Color Guard was led by National and Georgia Color Guard Commander Scott Collins. Georgia SAR President Dr. David Ludley brought greetings on behalf of the Georgia Society.



The Samuel Elbert Chapter, The Button Gwinnett Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and



The Stephen Heard Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Presents the Dedication of Patriot Marker commemoration Patriot Jacob Higginbotham

November 4, 2023

# Patriot Jacob Higginbotham

Greetings Pres. Russell B, Terrell, Samuel Elbert SAR Chapter Invocation Charles Cecchini, Graves Chairman, Samuel Elbert SAR National Anthem Pledge of Allegiance Dennis Bellew, Samuel Elbert SAR, Historian and Public Relations Posting of Colors Georgia Society SAR Color Guard SAR Pledge Greetings David Ludley, Georgia Society SAR State President Thomas L. Jacques, President Button Gwinnett SAR Greetings Charlotte Deringer, Regent Stephen Heard DAR Greetings Introduction of Patriot Jacob Higginbotham's descendants that are present Biography of Jacob Higginbotham Rev. Dan Bailey, Descendant of Jacob Higginbotham Marker Dedication Unveiling of Patriot Marker Gordon Woodward, Treasurer Button Gwinnett SAR and Descendant of Patriot Jacob Higginbotham Presentation of Wreaths Amazing Grace Musket Salute Taps SAR Recessional Mourn Muskets Benediction Rebecca Dixon, Descendant of Jacob Higginbotham Retire the Colors GASSAR Color Guard **Closing Remarks** 



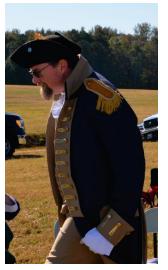


















On November 10th Seven Members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter participated in our first Veterans Day ceremony at the Oakland Meadow School Veterans Day Assembly on November 10th - where we presented Colors for these amazing students.

Bill Palmer commanded the Color Guard which presented the American Flag and Military Branch Flags for the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, and the SAR 250th Anniversary Flag. BG Compatriots in attendance were President Tom Jacques, 1st VP Ray Kyle, 2nd VP Jack Martin, Past President Bill Palmer, Chaplain Harry Kitchings, Sergeant at Arms John Zeigler and Compatriot Ralph Galpin. The Central Gwinnett JROTC assembled for a parade for the students in the parking lot before the assembly. We were invited to the assembly by organizer Caitlen Green who is the 2nd Vice Regent of the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR.

Principal Amy B. Lazic was very welcoming and did a great job reading a book that explained "The Little White Table". This is a story about Katie and her sister helping set the white table for dinner as a special gift to their uncle, with their mother explaining the significance of each item placed on it.

For more than 40 years, Oakland Meadow School— formerly called Oakland Center— has served Gwinnett County Public Schools' students with special needs.

For privacy reasons we are not able to provide any of the pictures that were taken with students.







# Thank you cards to our Veterans from Oakland Meadow School



#### November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony Oconee Veterans Park

Seven Members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter participated in the Georgia SAR Color Guard led by National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins. They were Eli Stancel, Bill Palmer, Don McCarty, Jack Martin, Ralph Galpin, Harry Kitchings and Ray Kyle.

Eli's children Eleanor and Jude Stancel who are members of the Elisha Winn Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) also participated in the Color Guard.





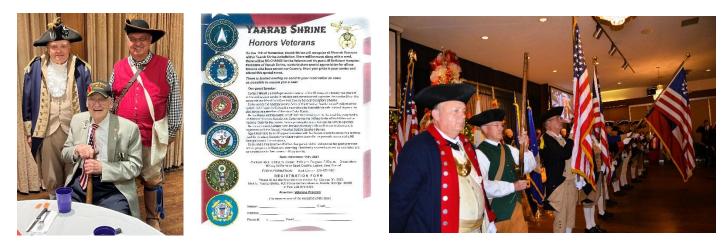






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# C.A.R. Activities as reported by Committee Chair Randy Tindall

A good Veterans Day to all the vets out there. Eleanor, Jude and Eli Stancel were able to join the SAR color guard at Watkinsville on November 11, 2023 for their ceremony.



















# Georgia C.A.R. at November 18 - Fort Morris "Come and Take It" Ceremony



# **Upcoming Elisha Winn Society events.** Dec 10 - Elisha Winn Society - BOSTON TEA PARTY Play @ Philadelphia Winn DAR Meeting Dec 16 - Wreaths Across America

#### On Saturday, October 21<sup>\*</sup> the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter sponsored the Grave Markings of Patriots Philip Isley and John Bagby at the Fairview Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceville.

The following articles have been published since the grave marking.

October 27, 2023 6:09 am

GwinnettForum | Number 22.77 | Oct. 27, 2023



TWO REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS are buried in Gwinnett, at Fairview Presbyterian Church Cemetery, one of the oldest in Gwinnett. Members of several chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution honored the two recently. For more details, see Lagniappe below.

https://www.gwinnettforum.com/2023/10/carter-military-trainingmammogram/?utm source=wysija&utm medium=email&utm campaign=23 1027 issue

# GWINNETTDAILYPOST.COM + SATURDAY/SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4/5, 2023 + C3 **Revolutionary War Patriots host** grave marking in Lawrenceville

#### From staff reports

In continuing with their In continuing with their Bicentennial commemora-tion from Aug. 13, the Fair-view Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceville hosted grave markings on Oct. 21 for two of the four Revolutionary War patriots buried in the 200-year-old church cem-etery.

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#### Lawrenceville DAR to have 5th annual wreaths ceremony

Join the Philadelphia Winn Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), to honor American veterans at their fifth annual Wreaths Across America ceremony. This ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 16 at Noon at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, 87 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville. Also participating will be the Button Gwinnett Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Elisha Winn Society, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), Georgia State Society SAR Color Guard and Militia, and additional local community service organizations.

Those who choose to sponsor a wreath (\$17 each), will be invited to place the wreath on the marker of a veteran's grave following the ceremony. Consider joining a grateful nation in saying "Thank you for your service and sacrifice."

You may sponsor a wreath online at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ga0265p, or send a check, made payable to the Philadelphia Winn Chapter to: Kathy Schmidt, Chapter Treasurer, 886 Marbrook Dr., Lawrenceville, Ga. 30044.

https://www.gwinnettforum.com/2023/11/lodge-roadsbulldogs/?utm\_source=wysija&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=23\_1114\_issue

#### November 17, 2023 Patriot Grave Marking Col John McIntosh - Commander of Fort Morris

The Button Gwinnett Chapter was well represented at Col McIntosh's grave marking which included President Tom Jacques & 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ray Kyle in Militia uniform and firing Musket Salutes while Immediate Past President Don McCarty, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jack Martin and Compatriot Ralph Galpin were in Continental Uniform in the Color Guard. Maryland McCarty and Mary Martin represented the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR.





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#### November 18 - Fort Morris "Come and Take It"

The Button Gwinnett Chapter was well represented at the Fort Morris Ceremony which included President Tom Jacques, 1<sup>\*</sup> VP Ray Kyle and Compatriot Wayne Stancel with his grandson William Duncan were in Militia uniform and firing Musket Salutes. Immediate Past President Don McCarty and Compatriots Ralph Galpin & Noah Tindall were in Continental Uniform in the Color Guard. Elisha Winn Society Sr President and Button Gwinnett Compatriot Randy Tindall assisted the C.A.R. and took photos. Maryland McCarty, Emily Tindall, Clara Stancel and Bonnie Duncan represented the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR.



November 19, 2023 – Jim Freeman Veterans Day Presentation at Philadelphia Winn DAR Button Gwinnett Chapter member Jim Freeman did another exceptional presentation for the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter. Jim was presented a DAR Certificate of Appreciation by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent Randy Minor. Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques presented Button Gwinnett Members Jim Freeman and Jack Martin and HODAR Frank Marchese with Veterans Challenge Coins. Other Button Gwinnett Members in attendance were Tom Jacques and Don McCarty.









# Memorial & Obituary for James McConnell

James McConnell – Charter Member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter NSSAR August 13, 1934 - May 21, 2023

James Lee McConnell was born in August 1934 in West Palm Beach, Florida. His father was a U.S. Immigration officer who had immigrated from Canada and who kept dual citizenship. His mother was a schoolteacher from South Georgia.

About the time Jim started school, the McConnell family moved to New Orleans. After Jim finished high school, he attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, originally setting out to be an engineer. Very shortly, however, he switched to forestry – much to the horror of his parents.

Among the skills Jim learned at LSU: Surveying. This came in handy after he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1957. He spent 18 months as an artillery surveyor in West Germany. Once Jim returned to the states, he joined the U.S. Forest Service and, over time, worked his way up through timber management. He'd eventually move into genetics and provide service and advice to tree nurseries. He worked out of an office in Atlanta.

In 1961, Jim found a new employee had been assigned to share his office: Elaine Schaap, the regional librarian for the forest service. Jim and Elaine were married in Atlanta in February 1962. They moved to where Jim's work took him: To Oxford, Mississippi and then to Monck's Corner – in the low country of South Carolina – where Jim was instrumental in launching the Francis Marion National Forest. Jim would later pitch in to oversee replanting of that forest after it was destroyed by Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Later still, they moved to Macon, Georgia, and then, in 1976, back to the Atlanta area, settling in Lilburn. From time to time, the Forest Service loaned out Jim's expertise internationally. This took him and Elaine to visits to several countries, including Norway, Sweden, and France.

The McConnell's produced three children: Sharon (born in 1963), Bill (born in 1964) and Jim Jr. (born in 1967). Once the children were old enough to watch out for themselves, Elaine went to work for the Internal Revenue Service as an audit specialist. Jim retired in 1993.

Jim never lost his understanding of or his love for trees. He would ask people to drive him through neighborhoods and would keep an eye out for ginkgo trees, which he said were extremely rare in this area. He would proudly point visitors toward the ginkgo in his own backyard.

Although it's been decades since he left Louisiana, he kept his love for LSU Tigers football. He watched a lot of LSU football on TV and loved it anytime someone gifted him an LSU sweater, hat or throw blanket. The last cat he brought home he named "Tiger." In his final years, Jim enjoyed watching DVDs — especially war movies, westerns, and British mystery TV series. He never saw a John Wayne movie he didn't love.

Elaine passed away in 2017. Jim's eldest, Sharon Apple, moved back into the McConnell home in 2013 to help take care of her parents. She's a Gwinnett County school teacher. She's joined in Lilburn with her husband, Charles, and their daughter, Elizabeth, age 30. Bill lives in Panama City with his wife, Julie. He has four children: Daniel (age 34), Patrick (32), Shannon (29) and Melanie (16). Daniel has two children – Raylan (4) and Madison (2). Shannon's child, Ayden, is 9. Jim is a residential designer in St. Simon's Island. His husband, Bruce Mitchell, is a retired nurse.

The graveside service to celebrate the life of James Lee McConnell will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Eternal Hills Memory Gardens, Snellville, GA. The family will receive friends on Saturday prior to the service from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM at Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel, Snellville, GA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Museum of Forest Service History, https://forestservicemuseum.org/support-donate/in-memory-of/.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Visitation

MAY 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET) Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Snellville 3705 Highway 78 West Snellville, GA 30039 wages-sne@wagesfuneralhome.com Graveside Service MAY 27. 1:00 PM (ET) Eternal Hills Memory Gardens 3700 Highway 78 West





#### James Lee McConnell was a descendant of Patriot Benjamin Chew SAR Patriot #: P-132324, DAR #: A021472 Jim was NSSAR ID: 151897, GASSAR ID: 3178, Membership April 30, 1999 Charter Member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

CHEW, BENJAMIN DAR Ancestor #: A021472 Service: SOUTH CAROLINA Rank(s): PRIVATE Birth: CIRCA 1756-61 SOUTH CAROLINA Death: 11-18-1806 SAVANNAH GEORGIA Service Description: 1) PD FOR MILITIA. DUTY

# Biography of Patriot Benjamin Chew (Author: Kenneth Scott Collins)Benjamin Chewb. 1756 d. 11/18/1806CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

He served as a soldier in the South Carolina Militia during 1779, 1780, and 1781. He later settled in Chatham County, Georgia.

See: (1) Marriages and Deaths: 1763 to 1820, p. 20.
(2) Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution, p. 167.

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The first official meeting of the chapter was held June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at Ryan's Steak House in Lawrenceville.



#### Button Gwinnett 1735 - 1777

This American patriot was born in Gloucester, England, where he and his family exported goods to the American colonies. He immigrated to Charleston, South Carolina and bought a plantation on Saint Catherine's Island, Georgia around 1765. Politically active at an early age, he was a member of the Continental Congress, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and a member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention. He was killed in a duel by General Lachlan McIntosh, a rival for the command of the Georgia militia.His autograph is one of the most valuable in the world.

#### 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. --- Rev. Francis Bellamy (1855 - 1931)

#### Pledge to the SAR

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.

#### Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forelathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of free men.



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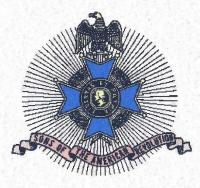
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# Button Gwinnett Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



Charter Banquet Lawrenceville, Georgia May 6, 1999

#### Agenda

Call to Order	EDGAR B. S'TERRETT, JR. President, Georgia Society SAR
Invocation	JAMES L. WEST, SR.
Pledge of Allegiance	MILUS B. MANEY
Pledge to the SAR 👘	JERRY E. HOOD
Dinner	
Introduction	PRESIDENT STERRETT
Juest Speaker <i>Forr</i>	JAMES R. WESTLAKE ner President, National Society SAR
Presentation of Charter	HERBERT B. BRASELTON, SR. Past-President, Georgia Society SAR
Installation of Officers	PAST-PRESIDENT BRASELTON
Presentationof Badge and ( <i>Fo</i> r	Gavel T. FISHER CRAFT mer President, Georgia Society SAR
Chapter Address Presid	DR. HUBERT E. TUCKER dent, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR
Presentation of Awards	PRESIDENT TUCKER
Benediction	CHAPLAIN WEST
SAR Recessional Treas	MICHAEL A. RISKO urer, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR
Dismissal	PRESIDENT TUCKER



# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony



Proudly Sponsored by

Philadelphia Winn Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

# Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 12:00 Noon

at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens 87 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, GA

Please reach out to your friends and family members to sponsor wreaths as we **REMEMBER** our U.S. fallen veterans, **HONOR** those who serve, and **TEACH** our children the value of freedom.



To sponsor a wreath, pay online with a credit card at <u>www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ga0265p</u> or <u>use the QR CODE in the bottom right corner of this flyer</u>. The cost to sponsor 1 wreath is \$17.00 each. The most popular option is to sponsor 5 wreaths for \$85.00 total. To pay by check and have your order placed for you, make a check payable to **Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR** and send it to Treasurer Kathy Schmidt, 886 Marbrook Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044.

For questions or additional information, contact Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR, Wreaths Across America Committee Co-Chairs:

Regent Lynn Jacques at 678-332-9852, <u>LynnJacques55@gmail.com</u> First Vice Regent Randi Minor at 770-882-8108, <u>RandiMD@gmail.com</u>



While we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, our servicemen and women sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year, to preserve our freedoms. And in many homes across the U.S., every day there is an empty seat for one who is serving, or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. That is why our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach lasts all year long, far beyond the single day in December when we coordinate wreath-laying ceremonies. All throughout the year, Wreaths Across America works in a number of ways to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget!



How you can help William Day Chapter NSDAR sponsor wreaths:

Option 1: You can order online through the link to William Day NSDAR page:

https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/GA0372

Option 2: Cash or checks (made payable to WAA) and we will mail for you and provide you with a receipt. Wreaths are \$17 each.

Our cemetery is Duluth Church Cemetery in Duluth, Georgia. Please join us on December 16, 2023 at noon!

Due to the overwhelming response in 2022, and the traffic gridlock, many families were not afforded the opportunity to honor their loved one by placing a wreath. Accordingly, for 2023, the event will be conducted over a two-day period. Families with family members interred at Georgia National Cemetery are invited to place one wreath at their family members gravesite on Friday, December 15, 2023 starting at 9:00 am until to 12:00 pm. The 2023 Wreaths Across America Ceremony will take place at the Assembly Area at the Cemetery. The program will commence promptly at 9:00 am Saturday December 16, 2023. Public Wreath Laying will take place immediately following the ceremony. The Georgia National Cemetery Staff and the Advisory Council are working on measures to reduce if not eliminate the traffic issues encountered in 2022.

For more information you can follow us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/GaNational Or our webpage: ganationalcemetery.org https://www.atbsa.org/national-cemetery-programs.html



Email from Gary Hoyt September 24, 2023

Good afternoon gentlemen:

Now is a good time for Compatriots and Chapters to begin their planning for Wreaths Across America observances. This year's slogan is "Serve and Succeed," and Wreaths Across America Day is December 16, 2023.

The GASSAR is again enrolled in the Three for Two Program – order two wreaths and a free third wreath will be added to your shipment. The GASSAR discount code is GA0057. Wreath orders must be placed by November 30 to guarantee delivery prior to December 16.

To place orders -- or view a comprehensive list of Georgia cemeteries served by Wreaths Across America -- please use this link: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org. If you need additional information or customer service support please phone: 1-877-385-9504.

Many thanks for your support for Wreaths Across America, a program that seems to get bigger and better every year. This is for Marietta National Cemetery.

In patriotic service,

Gary J. Hoyt Veterans Committee Chairman Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution



# Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting Thursday, December 14, 2023 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM for dinner/socializing

The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM. Installation of 2024 Button Gwinnett Officers By Georgia SAR State President Dr David Ludley.

> Frontera Mex-Mex Grill 1430 Five Forks Trickum Road Lawrenceville, GA 30044 678-376-7680

**Celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary in April 2024** Please let us know if you would like to be part of the planning committee

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