



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch December 2023

A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

National Society Sons of the American Revolution



Our December 14, 2023 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. **We had 23 members and 17 guests in attendance.**

We would love to see all members and their guests at a future meeting! **We had DAR members from 5 chapters join us: Philadelphia Winn** – Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, 2nd Vice Regent Caitlen Green, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty, Member Mary Martin, Georgia Society C.A.R. Senior President Emily Tindall; **William Day** – Regent Debbie Kyle; **Chestatee River** – Kris White; **Atlanta** – Ramona McConney, **Suwannee Creek** – Donna Bowlick

President's Message:

During The Button Gwinnett SAR December 14 Chapter Meeting -

Our newest member Andrew Edward McConney a descendant of Patriot John Hancock of Virginia was inducted by President Jacques.

An SAR Memorial Certificate was presented to Donald McCarty for his brother Ronald Thomas McCarty a descendant of Patriot Michael McCarty.

Georgia SAR State President Dr. David Ludley installed our 2024 Button Gwinnett Chapter Officers.

SAR Membership Anniversary Certificates were created for the December 14 meeting - with 22 Compatriots celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 or 55 years of SAR membership!

Compatriot Ralph Galpin was presented with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.

Philadelphia Winn DAR Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques was presented with her 4th Martha Washington Certificate and 3rd bronze oak leaf.

We had a very productive 2023 - where we had 16 new members join the Button Gwinnett Chapter along with 2 members who transferred in from other states. We had 2 members transfer out of the chapter and unfortunately one member who passed away in 2023 - Compatriot James Lee McConnell. We still have seven applications at National that we expect to be approved in the next few months. Our Chapter Roster will be 92 members - but we had 8 compatriots who did not complete their 2024 dues payment by the end of the year. Our January 1, 2024 membership will start with 84 Compatriots.

We are excited to attend the Georgia Society SAR Annual Conference at the Sonesta Hotel in Gwinnett County on January 26-27, 2024 - where we will learn the results of the Button Gwinnett Chapter achievements for 2023.

At our January and February Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter meetings we will collect voluntary donations for the Elisha Winn Society of the Children of the American Revolution. If you are not able to attend or if you would like to write a check for your donation, please make it out to the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR and note FOR: Elisha Winn C.A.R. Please see the C.A.R. Section of this newsletter for Elisha Winn Society Highlights.

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and that you can join us at our January Chapter Meeting and the Georgia Society SAR Annual Conference.

Meeting Highlights:

The highlights of the evening were:

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

Andrew Edward McConney is a descendant of Patriot John Hancock of Virginia who was born about 1733 in Goochland Co., Virginia and provided Material Aid during the American Revolution. Andrews's ACN#108854, Nat# 227684 and GA#8748 - approved at National on 9/1/23 (Marty's lineage is through his mother Mary Elizabeth Cook) NAT# 227686 Ga#8750 ACN#108856 approved 9/1/23. President Jacques also presented Andrew with an SAR 250 Coin.



Andrew's parents John "Jack" and Ramona McConney assisted in the induction ceremony. President Jacques presented Andrew 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 Ramona pinned the SAR Rosette on Andrew's lapel. *Ramona McConney is a member of the Atlanta DAR Chapter. At the 2023 Georgia DAR State conference in Stone Mountain - Ramona was introduced by Lynn Jacques to President Jacques while he was working the Georgia SAR Recruiting Table.*

Presentation of Memorial Cert:

Ronald Thomas McCarty (brother of Don McCarty) - Patriot Michael McCarty



Streamers Received -

245th Anniversary of the Siege of Fort Morris Streamer

248th Anniversary of the Battle of the Great Cane Brake, in Simpsonville, SC



The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service was Presented to Compatriot Ralph Galpin



The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service - The incumbent Chapter President may present one medal during his term (or each year of his term if elected to a multiyear term) at the Chapter's Annual Meeting, to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the president's administration. The Chapter President presents this Medal at his discretion; no other approval is required. The CMDS is the highest medal that a Chapter President can award.

The SAR Martha Washington Certificate Bronze Oak Leaf was presented to Lynn Baxter Jacques



Philadelphia Winn Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques gave a brief update on the upcoming Wreaths Across America ceremonies to be celebrated on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

President Jacques then presented Lynn with a Martha Washington Certificate and Bronze Oak Leaf marking the 4th time that the Martha Washington Award has been presented to her.

The SAR Certificate of Appreciation and 250 coin was presented to Samantha “Sam” Carrillo.



Sam has been our lead server and coordinator since we moved to Frontera Mex-Mex Grill on January 12, 2023. She has assisted President Jacques every month in rearranging tables for the meeting, assuring that the projector and screen are functioning properly, making sure our members and guests are waited on as soon as possible and that our orders are correct. She has been an absolute pleasure to work with.



Anniversary Certificates:

5 years - Not Present - *Wayne Stancel, Eli Stancel, William Mangum, Alex Jaeger & Jeffrey Lerner*

10 years - **Harry Kitchings, Ben Kitchings, Bill Palmer, Jim Freeman, Tom Jacques**



Not Present - *Scott Jacques, Robert Jacques, Calvin Hyer, Harold Tiller & Alexander Bolson*

15 years - **Ray Anderson**

Not Present - Gordon Woodard & Robert Leathers

Compatriot Anderson was also presented a WWII bar for his War Service Medal by Compatriot Bruce Maney



20 years - **Harold Ford**

Not Present - *Walker Chewing & Phillip Bannister*



55 Years - John Zeigler



President Jacques presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Coin to outgoing 2023 Button Gwinnett Chapter Officers.

From left to right Bill Palmer (Historian), Harry Kitchings (Chaplain) Harold Ford (Registrar) John Zeigler (Sergeant at Arms - kneeling), Jack Martin (2nd VP), Ray Kyle (1st VP), Don McCarty (Immediate Past President) Tom Jacques (President). Not Pictured - Jaryd Green (Secretary), Gordon Woodard (Treasurer) and Brent Dodson (Genealogist).



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From left to right Bill Palmer (Color Guard), Grave Marking members Bruce Maney, Eldon Evans & Don McCarty (Publicity), Randy Tindall (C.A.R.), Jack Martin (Veterans), Ray Kyle (Americanism), Tom Jacques (DAR, Traveling Trunk, JROTC, Newsletter). Not Pictured - Tom Hopkins (Audit), David Patrick (Eagle Scouts).



Georgia SAR President Dr. David Ludley installed the 2024 Button Gwinnett Chapter Officers. From left to right Bill Palmer (Historian), Don Schmidt (Sergent at Arms), Bruce Maney (Genealogist), Harry Kitchings (Chaplain), Tom Jacques (President), Harold Ford (Registrar), Jack Martin (2nd VP), Dr. David Ludley (Georgia SAR President), Ray Kyle (1st VP), Don McCarty (Treasurer & Immediate Past President). Not Pictured – Jaryd Green (Secretary)
President Jacques presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Coin to Georgia SAR President Dr. David Ludley.



There was a new configuration for our meeting room in December. Frontera removed the dividing wall - greatly expanding our meeting area. Noah Tindall led our Pledge of Allegiance and Georgia SAR President Dr. David Ludley brought greetings. We also had a few guests in the crowd who are prospective members or the spouse of a prospective member.



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

New member applications approved but not inducted yet: (as of December 22, 2023)

Nicholas Alan Hamrick – Jr Member 1st VP of Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.

New Member applications at National:

- 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)
- Alec Ray - (Dec 15, 2023)
- Norman Ernest "Tad" Wood (Dec 15, 2023)
- Steven Douglas White – (Dec 15, 2023)
- Joshua Steven White – (Dec 15, 2023)

New Memorial applications at National:

- None

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:

- Mark York
- Reggie Paul Vallotton (Mailed to Harold Ford by Bruce Maney)
- Stanley Edward Quinn – (signed Dec 14, 2023)

New Memorial Application at State:

- **None**

New Member Applications in Process:

- Matthew Henson – in process
- Curtis McGill – in process
- Sam Jaeger (brother of Alex Jaeger) signed Jan 1, 2024 by President Jacques
- Gary Bowlick – signed Jan 1, 2024 by President Jacques
- James Reason – in process

Supplementals at State:

- **None**

Supplementals in process :

- **None**

2024 Committee Assignments

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

- 2024 Nominating Committee – Don McCarty, Bill Palmer & Randy Tindall (complete)
- Audit – Ray Kyle, Chairman, Harry Kitchings & Jack Martin
- 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 (Team Eldon Evans & Bruce Maney)
- Eagle Scout – David Patrick
- JROTC – Marty Bush
- Color Guard – Bill Palmer
- Publicity – Don McCarty
- Newsletter – Tom Jacques
- **Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25th Anniversary – April 6, 2024 – Tom Jacques**

Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

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 25th 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

Completed Events

Dec 2	Battle of Vann's Creek Commemoration - Elberton, GA (Cancelled)
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
10:45 am	Suwanee Creek DAR - Sugar Hill Cemetery
Dec 16	Boston, MA - 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party

Upcoming Events

- Jan 13, 2024 Georgia National Cemetery Wreath clean-up at 9 am.
- Jan 17 The 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens 10:30am (Wednesday)
- 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 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Feb 10 Kettle Creek events in Downtown Washington, Georgia 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Feb 10 Kettle Creek - Wreath Ceremony 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Feb 11 Kettle Creek - Colonial Service 8:30 am to 10:30 am
- Feb 23-24 Georgia C.A.R. State Conference at Berry College DAR School
- Mar 21-23 Georgia DAR State Conference - Atlanta Marriott Northwest at Galleria
- Apr 6 Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25th Anniversary Lunch meeting**

**BUTTON GWINNETT
CHAPTER
Georgia Society**

**Sons of the
American Revolution**

**“Button Gwinnett Chapter
2024 Officer Installation”
by Dr. David Ludley**



December 14, 2023

www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org

Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickett Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

SAR Pledge

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

SAR Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.

Chapter Officers & BOM - 2023

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

* Past President

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

<u>PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</u>	
<u>New Member Induction -</u>	<i>Tom Jacques</i>

- Andrew Edward McConney
Patriot John Hancock (VA) - ACN#108854, Nat# 227684

<u>SAR Memorial Certificate:</u>	<i>Tom Jacques</i>
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- Ronald Thomas McCarty (brother of Don McCarty)
Patriot Micheal McCarty

<u>Presentation of Streamers & Medals</u>	<i>Tom Jacques</i>
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- 245th Anniversary of the Siege of Fort Morris Streamer
- 248th Anniversary of the Battle of the Great Cane Brake, Simpsonville, SC

Certificate and Medal Presentation

Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR Medal of Distinguished Service
SAR Membership Anniversary Certificates 5, 10, 15, 20 & 55 years
Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 2023 Officer & Chair Certificates

<u>Wreaths Across America Update</u>	<i>Lynn Jacques</i>
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PROGRAM INTRODUCTION	<i>Ray Kyle</i>
<i>Button Gwinnett Chapter 2024 Officer Installation</i>	
<i>Dr. David Ludley – President Georgia Society SAR</i>	

Business Section:

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 RECEPTIONAL	<i>Jack Martin</i>
BENEDICTION	<i>Harry Kitchings</i>
ADJOURNMENT	<i>Tom Jacques</i>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec 15 Wreaths Across America – Georgia National Cemetery – *Family Members*
- Dec 16 Wreaths Across America – East Shadowlawn Memorial Garden Lawrenceville, GA - noon (Philadelphia Winn)
- Dec 16 Wreaths Across America – Duluth Church Cemetery, Duluth, GA - noon (William Day)
- Dec 16 Wreaths Across America – Georgia National Cemetery *General Public*
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James McConnell – August 13, 1934 - May 21, 2023

Charter Member Button Gwinnett Chapter NSSAR

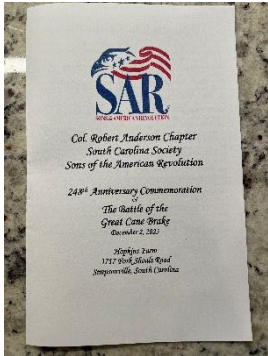
James Lee McConnell was a descendant of Patriot Benjamin Chew
SAR Patriot #: P-132324, DAR #: A021472
Jim was NSSAR ID: 151897, GASSAR ID: 3178,
Membership April 30, 1999



Jim served for many years as the Chapter Historian and JROTC Chairman. His wife Elaine was a member of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and was also their JROTC Chair for many years. Unfortunately, we did not learn of Jim's passing until November.

On December 2nd Button Gwinnett Chapter 1st Vice President Ray Kyle participated in the Color Guard for the 248th Anniversary of the Battle of Great Cane Brake in Simpsonville, SC.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter of the South Carolina Sons of the American Revolution. First VP Ray Kyle presented the Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath and was part of the Militia that provided a Musket Salute for the Ceremony.



On December 11th President Tom Jacques, 1st VP Ray Kyle, and 2nd VP Jack Martin of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter participated in the Georgia State DAR Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Georgia Capital as part of the Georgia SAR Color Guard led by National & Georgia Color Guard Commander Scott Collins. Georgia SAR President Dr. David Ludley brought greetings.

Philadelphia Winn Regent Lynn Jacques along with Honorary Regents Connie Rifkind, Kitty Watters, and Daughters Judy Dyer and Mary Martin were also in attendance.



Wreaths Across America, GA Capitol Dec. 11, 2023

Wreaths Across America 2023

On December 15th and 16th 2023, Members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter participated in five separate ceremonies related to the Wreaths Across America organization.

The first was on Friday, December 15th at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton where compatriots James Walters and Fred Myers placed wreaths on graves of family members. This was a limited ceremony for wreath layers with family members buried at Georgia National.

The ceremonies on Saturday, December 16th included the general public laying wreaths at **Georgia National Cemetery**, the **Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter** sponsored ceremony at **East Shadowlawn Memorial Garden** which included the **Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter** and Georgia SAR Color Guard as well as the Georgia C.A.R., **Elisha Winn Society & Sukey Hart Society C.A.R.**, the Parkview High School JROTC Marines and numerous other groups, the **William Day DAR Chapter** sponsored ceremony was at the **Duluth Church Cemetery** and included the Duluth High School JROTC as the Color Guard. Compatriot and JROTC Chairman Marty Bush participated in this event for Button Gwinnett.

Button Gwinnett Members in attendance at the Philadelphia Winn Wreaths Across America:
Color Guard

Bill Palmer - Continental Commander

Don McCarty- Continental

Ralph Galpin - Continental

Noah Tindall - Continental (played Taps)

Tom Jacques - Militia musket firing

Ray Kyle- Militia musket firing presented U.S. Merchant Marine Ceremonial Wreath

Eldon Evans - Militia firing musket presented U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Wreath

Warren Haire - Militia firing musket along with his daughter Hope who carried colors

David Sikes - Militia firing musket

Gordon Woodard - Militia firing musket

Harry Kitchings - Militia carried the flag

Civilian dress

Randy Tindall - Presented U.S. Army Ceremonial Wreath

Chris Bradfield - Presented POW/MIA Ceremonial Wreath

Stewart Woodard - Event Photographer

David McCarty - Prepared Ceremonial Wreaths for the ceremony

Jim Freeman

Georgia C.A.R. President Joy Frederick - presented the U.S. Space Force Ceremonial Wreath

Before the Wreaths Across America Ceremonies themselves - Marty Bush assisted with offloading wreaths at Duluth Church Cemetery on Saturday, December 9th, Tom Jacques and Ray Kyle assisted in offloading wreaths at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens on Sunday, December 10th, James Walters offloaded wreaths at Georgia National Cemetery on Thursday, December 14th.

East Shadowlawn Memorial Garden December 16, 2023 - Wreaths Across America



Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and Gwinnett County District 3 Commissioner Jasper Watkins III was the Keynote Speaker of the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at East Shadowlawn. Lynn presented him with a DAR challenge coin and a Wreaths Across America Challenge. Tom Jacques presented him with a SAR 250th Anniversary coin on behalf of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. In return, Commissioner Watkins presented both Lynn & Tom with Gwinnett County Commissioner District 3 Challenge Coins.



Button Gwinnett Chapter presented Nellie Smith - Location Manager at East Shadowlawn with a Button Gwinnett SAR Flag certificate and a SAR 250th Anniversary Coin.



We presented Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. President Hunter Newton with a SAR Eagle Scout Certificate from the Button Gwinnett Chapter. Hunter's application to join the Button Gwinnett Chapter Sons of the American Revolution as a junior member is currently at National awaiting approval since November 22, 2023. We are anxiously awaiting his induction ceremony.





Georgia National Cemetery December 15, 2023 – Wreaths Across America

Button Gwinnett Compatriot Fred Paul Meyer along with his daughter Beth Meyer Gaines and granddaughter Penelope Gaines placed a wreath for their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather – WWII Navy Veteran Fred P. Mayer Sr.



Georgia National Cemetery December 14, 15 & 16, 2023 – Wreaths Across America



Compatriot James Walters in front of a small portion of WAA wreath boxes that many volunteers off-loaded on Thursday, December 14th from six tractor-trailers.



Compatriot James Walters on the left with his wife Jeannie in the center. The gentleman on the right is Bill Dolan, past commander from Legion Post 233, present commander, of Sons of the American Legion (SAL), and member of Post 233 American Legion Riders in Loganville.

The wreaths already placed in Section 13 were from family members on Thursday. Wreaths in the foreground were placed in Section 13 on Saturday by volunteers.



Compatriot James Walters in the tan-colored cap giving instructions to volunteers in Section 13, which is about 30 feet from the Veterans Tribute Tower.



One of Compatriot Walters good friends of over 43 years, Tommy Clack - who was the guest speaker on Saturday. Tommy is a triple amputee who was injured on May 29, 1969 in Vietnam. He has spoken in all 50 states in addition to a dozen or so countries around the world. If recalled correctly, Tommy is the seventh generation U. S. Army veteran and a SAR member.



This wreath was placed by Compatriot Walters for his best friend in life, David Jefferson Clay, whom he buried on January 6, 2023. James and David joined the U. S. Navy the same day on February 2, 1967, and have adjoining service numbers with James ending in 32 and David's 33.



Duluth Church Cemetery December 16, 2023 - Wreaths Across America

The Wreaths Across America Ceremony by the William Day DAR Chapter took place at noon at the Duluth Church Cemetery. The Duluth High School JROTC served as the Color Guard. Scouts from Troops 419 and 420, volunteers and employees from Deloitte in Atlanta helped with placing the Military Branch wreaths and the Veterans Wreaths. Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Compatriot and U.S. Army Veteran Marty Bush presented a Military Branch Ceremonial Wreath.



Quaker Cemetery, Kershaw County, SC - December 16, 2023 - Wreaths Across America

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Compatriot John Goodwin - President of the Col Joseph Kershaw South Carolina SAR Chapter and twice Past President of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter and his son Graham participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Quaker Cemetery along with NSDAR Regent Jen Howell of the Joseph Kershaw Chapter and NSDAR Regent Nancy Neal of the Hobkirk Hill Chapter.

A beautiful day to honor and remember the Veterans at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Quaker Cemetery. John stated "Grateful to the people of Camden, Kershaw County and beyond who sponsored over 875 wreaths to honor every Veteran in Quaker!"



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

The Elisha Winn Society ended a very busy and productive year with their December 10th meeting at the Bethesda Senior Center where they presented a play on the Boston Tea Party at the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter meeting. On December 16th members of the Elisha Winn Society and & Sukey Hart Society participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceville. While at East Shadowlawn Elisha Winn Society President Hunter Newton received his SAR Eagle Scout Certificate from Button Gwinnett Chapter President Thomas Jacques surrounded by the Georgia SAR Color Guard. We also received notice on December 22nd that Nick Hamrick - 1st Vice President of the Elisha Winn Society had been approved as a Junior Member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and will be inducted into the Button Gwinnett Chapter as soon as possible. We are also awaiting Elisha Winn Society President Hunter Newton's Junior Membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution which is currently at the SAR National Headquarters.





Upcoming Elisha Winn Society events.

Feb 10 - Elisha Winn Society - Battle of Kettle Creek, Washington, GA

Feb 23-24 - C.A.R. Georgia State Conference - Berry College DAR School

Elisha Winn Society - October 2023 Newsletter

Elisha Winn's October 2023 Newsletter... is published; check your email or the link below. Count your blessings as we enter this Season of Thanksgiving! We have lots of FUN opportunities to learn, serve, and grow in the next 90 days. Keep up the great work and continue to share your adventures and achievements. Here is the link for the newsletter:

https://bit.ly/November2023_EWSCAR_Newsletter

Georgia State Society Quarterly Newsletter is ready to DOWNLOAD

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The Elisha Winn Society has 8 members running for Georgia C.A.R. State offices including Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Junior Members - Noah Tindall, Hunter Newton and Nick Hamrick

January 2024

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2024-2025 Slate of Officers
Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution
This slate of candidates will be voted on during the State Conference on February 24th.



President
Lily W.
Martha Stewart Bolloch Society



1st Vice-President
Noah T.
Elisha Winn Society



2nd Vice-President
Hunter N.
Elisha Winn Society



Chaplain
Taylor N.
Elisha Winn Society



Recording Secretary
Eden P.
Elisha Winn Society



Organizing Secretary
Kholson B.
Patriots of Liberty Society



Corresponding Secretary
Isaac L.
Elisha Winn Society



Treasurer
Piper W.
Martha Stewart Bolloch Society



Registrar
Nick H.
Elisha Winn Society



Historian
Haley H.
Elisha Winn Society



Librarian
Jantsan B.
Patriots of Liberty Society



Curator
Rayleigh P.
Elisha Winn Society

Dear Members and Seniors,

Happy New Year! I pray that you, your family, and your friends had a blessed holiday season and that you are putting plans in place to make 2024 your best year yet!

As the 2023-2024 C.A.R. year winds down, the February 1st deadline for contests and the State Standard of Excellence is quickly approaching. Take a look at the State Program Packet for all of the contests and the Contest Entry form. You can find additional instruction in the State Contests section of the State Directory and Information Packet. If you have any questions about a particular contest, please email the State Chairman and Senior State Chairman at the email addresses listed in the directory.



We look forward to celebrating all of the Georgia societies' hard work at the **85th GSSNSCAR State Conference at Berry College on February 23rd & 24th**. We will elect new state officers and have FUN touring The Martha Berry Museum and Oak Hill Estate, Martha Berry's childhood home. On Saturday night we will have an awards banquet and a State President's Party. Make sure to register by January 24th so you don't miss the FUN!

Mark your calendars for **National Convention (April 19-21, 2024)** and **Southeastern Regional Meeting (July 6-7, 2024)**. Details will be forwarded as they become available, but these are two unique opportunities for our members (and Seniors!) to gather, meet the National Officers and Chairmen, learn about the National Society, make new friends, and have FUN!

As Joy's State President Project comes to an end, let me know if you have any DAR or SAR chapters that need a speaker.

Happy 2024!

Emily

Mrs. Emily Tindall, Senior State President

Ways to support "America's Guardian Angels"

** Send your tax deductible contributions through your local society's Senior President or Senior Treasurer, who will include your contributions with other local contributions and mail them to our GSSCAR Senior State Treasurer.*

** Donate Online or by Mail.*

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Immediate Past President, Treasurer, and Georgia SAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee Chairman - Don McCarty was the guest speaker for the Marquis De Lafayette December 12, 2023 meeting with his presentation called “The A-B-C’s of SAR Grave Markings”.

Don was accompanied by his wife Maryland McCarty - Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter. Don received a Certificate of Appreciation for the presentation from David Jessel - President of the Marquis De Lafayette SAR Chapter and immediate Past President of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Also at the meeting was Brenda Davison Jessel of the General Daniel Newnan Chapter, NSDAR who is also the National Chair DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee.

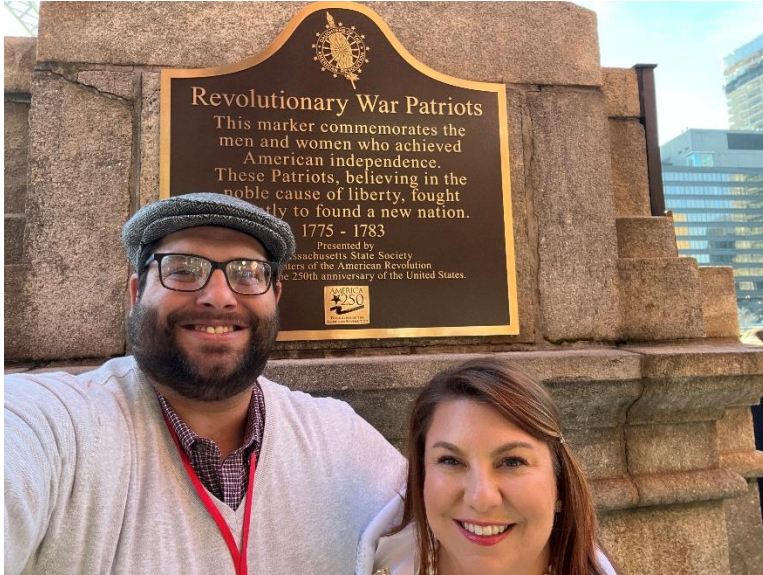


Philadelphia Winsns DAR Chapter Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques and Buttons Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Tom Jacques assisted with the laying of 78 wreaths at Gwinnett Memorial Park in Lawrenceville on December 16, 2023, as part of their Wreaths Across America Ceremonies. This is the second cemetery planned for the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Wreaths Across America 2024 ceremonies.



Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Secretary - Jaryd Patrick Green was our representative to the 250th Anniversary Ceremonies of the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 2023.

Jaryd's wife Caitlen who is the 2nd Vice Regent of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter is a descendant of Boston Tea Party Patriot John Crane. He was the only American harmed in the Boston Tea Party. While in the hold of the ship, he was knocked unconscious by a falling crate of tea.



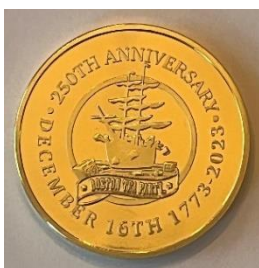
Christmas Day Induction of William Gray Jacques – the youngest Jr. Member of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter

As President of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter- Tom Jacques inducted his 2-year-old grandson William Gray Jacques into the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter as a Junior Member on Christmas Day December 25, 2023.

Gray was presented his SAR certificate, the record copy of his approved application, a SAR Rosette, the SAR Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Medal, and a Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum 250th Anniversary coin.

William Gray is the son of Button Gwinnett Compatriot Dr. Scott Thomas Jacques who received his SAR 10th Anniversary Certificate in December. Also celebrating 10 years was Robert William Jacques and Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Thomas Leo Jacques who were all in attendance. William Gray's grandmother Philadelphia Winn DAR Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, his mother Dr. Andrea Allen Jacques, and his sister Willa Monet Jacques were all present. William Gray and Willa Monet are also members of the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.

William Gray, Scott, Robert, and Thomas are all descendants of American Revolutionary Patriot Captain Joseph Read who is a proven member of the Boston Tea Party which took place 250 years ago on December 16, 1773, as well as a member of all Three Massachusetts Provincial Congresses.



The following articles have been published related to the December 16, 2023 Wreaths Across America Event

Gwinnett Daily Post: Printed version and online

Wreaths Across America ceremony hosted by Philadelphia Winn Chapter of DAR

From staff reports

The Philadelphia Winn Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, on Dec. 6 host-

ed its fifth annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceville, one of more than 4,200 participating locations in the

United States and abroad. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve and teach the next generation the value

of freedom.

Citizens were invited to place a fresh balsam wreath on a veteran's grave and say their name aloud in remembrance and in honor of their service and sacrifice. The wreaths used locally were made possible by sponsorships and shipped from Maine.

Gwinnett County Commissioner Jasper Watkins III, a United States Army Lt. Colonel who served in the military for 25 years and is now retired, was the guest speaker. Watkins talked about the importance of remembering veterans and also shared stories from his childhood as the son of a veteran.

Those in attendance for the presentation of colors, a gunpowder 3-musket volley and Taps included the Button Gwinnett Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; Compatriots from the Georgia State Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and Militia; the Elisha Winn Society, Children of the American Revolution; the Georgia State Society Children of the American Revolution; the Parkview High School Marines JROTC Cadets; the Lawrenceville Women's Club; the Lilburn



Special Photo

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Women's Club; the Knights of Columbus; Phi Omicron Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; numerous Boy and Girl Scout troops; the American Legion and VFW; and many more.

The sixth annual Wreaths Across America commemoration is scheduled for Dec. 14, 2024. The Daughters of the American Revolution organization was founded

more than 130 years ago as a nonprofit non-political volunteer women's service organization with the mission of historic preservation, patriotism and education.

For more information on the Philadelphia Winn Chapter in Lawrenceville, visit www.philadelphiawinn.blogspot.com or email Lynn Jacques at LynnJacques55@gmail.com.

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Gwinnett Forum: online only

Lawrenceville DAR chapter marks national Wreaths Day

On National Wreaths Across America Day, December 16, the Philadelphia Winn Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), held their fifth annual wreath ceremony at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceville as one of 4,225 participating locations nationwide and abroad.

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom. Individuals of all ages could lay a fresh balsam wreath on a veteran's grave and say their name out loud in remembrance and honor of their service and sacrifice. These wreaths were provided by sponsorships and shipped from Maine to each ceremony location.



The guest speaker for the ceremony was Gwinnett County Commissioner Jasper Watkins III, a United States Army lieutenant colonel (retired) who served in the military for 25 years. Commissioner Watkins spoke on the importance of remembering our veterans and shared stories of his childhood as the son of a veteran.

The Button Gwinnett Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and Compatriots from the Georgia State Society SAR Color Guard and Militia were in attendance for the presentation of colors, a gunpowder three-musket volley, and TAPS. Additional local organizations included the Elisha Winn Society, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), the Georgia State Society C.A.R., the Parkview High School Marines JROTC Cadets, the Lawrenceville Women's Club, the Lilburn Women's Club, the Knights of Columbus, Phi Omicron Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, numerous Boy and Girl Scout Troops, the American Legion, and the VFW.

The sixth annual Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2024

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

The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM.

"Patriot Grave Marking"

By Eldon Evans & Bruce Maney

Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

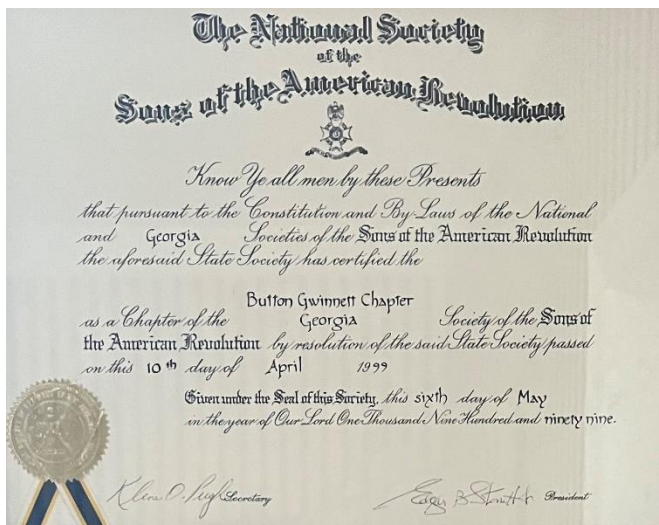
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Celebrating our 25th Chapter Anniversary in April 2024

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





The National Society SAR

The South Carolina Society SAR

The Daniel Morgan Chapter, South Carolina SAR

Invite you to attend a Celebration of

The 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens

Wednesday, 17 January 2024

10:30 AM

Wreath Laying Ceremony, US Monument, National Battlefield Visitors Center

Only a single wreath will be presented at the Monument.

Organizations wishing have their names recognized as wreath presenters should send the name of the organization and presenter to jdhoyle@rocketmail.com. These will be compiled into a list which will be published / scrolled on the Cowpens National Battlefield Social Media accounts on the day of the event. The deadline for registrations is Monday, January 1, 2024