



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch February 2024

A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

National Society Sons of the American Revolution



Our February 8, 2024 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 25 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 4 chapters join us: Philadelphia Winn – Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, 2nd Vice Regent Caitlen Green, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty and Member Mary Martin. William Day – Regent Debbie Kyle; Chestatee River – Kris White; Matthew Talbot – Cathy Hedges

President's Message:

It is time to submit your registration form for the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday April 6, 2024 at the American Legion Post 232, 3163 Main St W, Snellville, GA.

Our Georgia SAR State President Ed Rigel Jr. has us on his calendar and will be bringing greetings.

We plan to induct several new members recently approved by The National Society Sons of the American Revolution. We will be presenting numerous awards to SAR and C.A.R. members including SAR War Service Medals and SAR Military Service Medals to qualified Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriots – we just need to review your DD-214 to order and present medals.

Our event will be catered by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232 – which can seat up to 300. Lunch will be pork or chicken BBQ, assorted salads, baked beans, green beans, chips, beverages, and assorted desserts. The cost will be \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and younger. This is an excellent opportunity to support our veterans in the American Legion.

The SAR Color Guard will Present Colors at 11:45am – lunch will be served at noon with the meeting and awards beginning at 1:00pm. We are exploring the options for firing musket salutes – but we do not have confirmation yet. If you have a Continental or Militia Uniform, we ask that you wear it for this meeting.

We would love to have as many Charter Members, Past Officers, SAR, DAR & C.A.R. members as possible join us for this celebration. This meeting is open to all who would like to attend – we just need you to register by March 15 – to assure that we provide our caterers with the correct number.

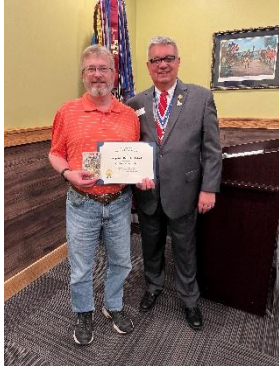
Please contact me with any questions ThomasLJacques@gmail.com Cell 770-363-8704.



Meeting Highlights:

The highlights of the evening were:

President Jacques presented the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Coin to outgoing 2023-2024 Button Gwinnett Eagle Scout Chair David Patrick.



Presentation of Supplemental Certificate - by President Jacques to Ronald David Sikes Jr.
Patriot William Cone - ACN#107982 Pvt in McLean's Regiment and Captain in Georgia Militia operating in Effingham County, GA
Patriot Simon Smith - ACN#107983 Sgt in Battalion of Minutemen raised for the Defense of GA



Special Recognition Certificates Presented by President Jacques:

Ralph Galpin - Georgia SAR Color Guardsman of the Year 2023

Ray Kyle - Georgia SAR Color Guardsman Rookie of the Year 2023

Harold Ford - President General Robert G. Vance Membership Trophy



Chapter Special Recognition Certificates received at GASSAR Conference:
Patriot Grave Marking Certificate (10 Graves – 2 Gold Stars)
Compatriot Grave Marking Certificate (1 Grave – 1 White Star)



2024 GASSAR State Officers & Committee Chairmen

- Harold Ford – Officer - Registrar North
- Don McCarty – Chair Revolutionary War Graves
- Tom Jacques – Chair DAR Liaison

First VP Ray Kyle - Introduced Cathy Hedges for her presentation on "The American Legion"
Bio Cathy Hedges

Cathy was born and raised near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - "A Coal Miner's Daughter". She attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Cathy has been married to husband Tom for 45 years. They met 2 weeks prior to his departure for Air Force Basic Training in January 1973. They moved to Atlanta area in 1979 due to a company transfer for Tom. They have two daughters, two granddaughters, and one grandson who fortunately all reside in Georgia.

Cathy worked for the United States Postal Service for 31 years as a carrier and near of career served as part-time supervisor.

Cathy and Tom are active members of St. Oliver Catholic Church - where they serve as a ministry coordinators for the Newcomer Welcome Committee and a Couples Dinner Club. They also participate in several other ministries. Cathy's hobbies include: Flower Gardening, Cooking, Baking, Reading, Genealogy, and she is an avid pet lover.

In 2019, Tom wanted to join the American Legion based on information from church friends. He didn't realize what the future would bring!

In 2021-2022 Cathy served the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 in Loganville as First -Vice President, Education Chairperson, Leadership Chairperson, and Yearbook Chairperson.

Cathy served as the Department of Georgia - Poppy Chairman 2021-2022 fiscal year, 2022-2023 fiscal year, and she is also currently serving in that capacity for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The Department of Georgia was selected as "The Most Outstanding Department Poppy Program in the Southern Division " at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in August.

Cathy was Elected as President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 for 2022-2023 fiscal year and she continued on as the Education Chair (this is what is closest to her heart).

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 was selected as "The Most Outstanding Education Program in the Southern Division for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Cathy was re-elected as President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and she has continued on as the Unit's Education Chair.



Cathy was presented with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation by Button Gwinnett Chapter 1st VP Ray Kyle.

We are still refining the configuration for our meeting room which was completed in December. Frontera removed the dividing wall – greatly expanding our meeting area. We collected voluntary donations for the Elisha Winn Society again in February. Thank you for your contributions!



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

New member applications approved but not inducted yet: (as of February 8, 2024)

Nicholas Alan Hamrick – Jr Member 1st VP of Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. (12/22/2023)

1. Daniel Czarniak (Nov 22, 2023) [approved Feb 2, 2024](#)
2. Hunter Newton – Jr Mbr Pres of Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. [approved Feb 2, 2024](#)
3. Alec Benjamin Ray - (Dec 15, 2023) [approved Feb 23, 2024](#)
4. Norman Ernest "Tad" Wood (Dec 15, 2023) [approved Feb 23, 2024](#)

New Member applications at National:

1. Bruce Dean Craig (Oct 27, 2023)
2. Steven Douglas White – (Dec 15, 2023)
3. Joshua Steven White – (Dec 15, 2023)
4. Reggie Paul Vallotton (Jan 18, 2024)
5. Mark William York (Jan 18, 2024)
6. Sam Jaeger (brother of Alex Jaeger) (Feb 5, 2024)
7. Stanley Edward Quinn – (signed Dec 14, 2023) (Feb 7, 2024)

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 – 2 @ National - John Sledge & Fletcher Sullivan (pending)

New Member applications at State:

1. Gary Bowlick – signed Jan 31, 2024 by President Jacques ([mailed to GA Sec 2/9/2024](#))
2. James Reason – [signed Feb 11, 2024 – mailed to Gary Smith Feb 21, 2024](#)
3. Parker Reason – [signed Feb 11, 2024 – mailed to Gary Smith Feb 21, 2024](#)

New Memorial Application at State:

- **None**

New Member Applications in Process:

- Matthew Henson – in process
- Curtis McGill – in process

Supplementals at State:

- **None**

Supplementals in process :

- **None**

Transfer into Button Gwinnett Chapter:

- **None**

Reinstatement in process:

- Timothy Fredricks – [Approved NSSAR Feb 26, 2024](#)
- Adam Hoke Webb – Reinstatement in process - notified at Feb 8, 2024 chapter meeting

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.

- Audit – Ray Kyle, Chairman, Harry Kitchings & Jack Martin (Completed Jan 18, 2024)
- 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

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

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 22	General George Washington Birthday. Gainesville, GA
Feb 23-24	Georgia C.A.R. State Conference at Berry College DAR School
Feb 29-Mar 2	National SAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Ky
Mar 2	Battle of Brier Creek

Upcoming Events

Mar 21-23	Georgia DAR State Conference - Atlanta Marriott Northwest at Galleria
Apr 6	Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25th Anniversary Lunch meeting

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 - 2024

President -	Tom Jacques
Immediate Past President -	Don McCarty *
First Vice President -	Ray Kyle
Second Vice President -	Jack Martin
Secretary -	Jaryd Green
Treasurer -	Don McCarty *
Registrar -	Harold Ford
Chaplain -	Harry L. Kitchings
Genealogist -	Bruce Maney *
Sergeant at Arms -	Don Schmidt
Historian -	Bill Palmer *
* Past President	

BUTTON GWINNETT CHAPTER

Georgia Society

**Sons of the
American Revolution**

**"The American Legion"
by Cathy Hedges**



February 8, 2024

www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org

Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SAR PLEDGE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

*Tom Jacques
Harry Kitchings
Ray Kyle
Don McCarty
Tom Jacques*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Supplemental Certificates

Ronald David Sikes Jr. – Patriots Simon Smith & William Cone

Chapter Awards Presentation

President General Chapter of Excellence

SAR Top Chapter - C.A.R. Blue Streamer & \$100 check

Chapter - Americanism Chapter of Excellence streamer

Chapter - Americanism Chapter of Distinction streamer

Patriot Grave Marking Certificate (10 Graves – 2 Gold Stars)

Compatriot Grave Marking Certificate (1 Grave – 1 White Star)

Chapter - Distinguished Chapter Award

Chapter - Membership Retention Award

Special Individual Recognition

Ralph Galpin – Georgia SAR Color Guardsman of the Year 2023

Ray Kyle - Georgia SAR Color Guardsman Rookie of the Year 2023

Harold Ford - President General Robert G. Vance Membership Trophy

Ray Kyle - Patriot Grave Marking Medal

Don McCarty - Bronze Color Guard Medal, Patriot Grave Marking

Medal & Oak Leaf Cluster

Lynn Baxter Jacques - SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal Oak Leaf

Emily Six Tindall - C.A.R.-SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation

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PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Ray Kyle

*The American Legion
Cathy Hedges*

Business Section:

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SAR RECESSIONAL

BENEDICTION

ADJOURNMENT

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

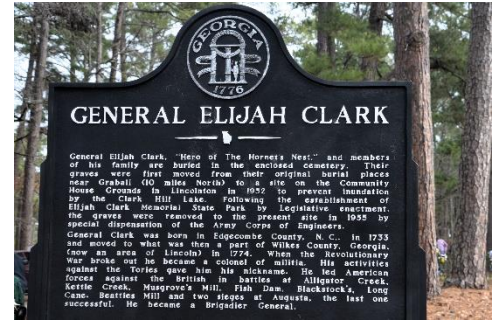
- Feb 9 Heroes of the Hornet's Nest 11:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Feb 10 Kettle Creek events in Downtown Washington, Georgia
- Feb 22 Washington's Birthday Gainesville, Ga 4:00pm
- Feb 22 Piedmont SAR Chapter 30th Anniversary
- Feb 23-24 GA C.A.R. State Conference - Berry College DAR School
- Feb 29 SAR Spring Leadership Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
- Mar 1 Brier Creek Dinner meeting 6:00pm
- Mar 2 245th Anniversary Battle of Brier Creek 11:00am
- Mar 21-23 GA DAR State Conference - Atlanta Marriott NW Galleria

2024 Programs & Speakers Schedule:

- Mar 14 - Emil Decker: "Marquis de Lafayette"
- **Apr 6 - Button Gwinnett Chapter 25th Anniversary**
- May 9 - Gene Ray: "Daniel Boone"
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- **Dec 12 - Installation of 2025 Chapter Officers**

On February 9, 2024 Seven Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter attended the Heroes of Hornets' Nest at the Elijah Clarke State Park. Button Gwinnett SAR members in attendance were President Tom Jacques, 1st Vice President Ray Kyle, Treasurer Don McCarty and Compatriots Eldon Evans, Ralph Galpin Karl Fitch and Button Gwinnett Past President Walker Chewning.





On February 9, 2024 Three Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter attended the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association Banquet. Button Gwinnett SAR members in attendance were President Tom Jacques, Treasurer Don McCarty and Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President (2006-2007) Walker Chewning who was Master of Ceremonies. The guest speaker was Dr. Jeffrey Wells a history professor at the Georgia Military College.

Kettle Creek
Battlefield Association
Annual Banquet
February 9, 2024



"The Battle of Kettle Creek"
February 14, 1779



On February 10, 2024 - Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in multiple activities in Washington, Georgia to celebrate the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. (Morning, Downtown Events):

Don McCarty (Continental) - Color Guard, March

Ralph Galpin (Continental) - Color Guard, March

Harry Kitchings (Militia) - Color Guard, March

Tom Jacques (Militia) - Musket Salutes, March, Reenactment

Ray Kyle (Militia) - Musket Salutes, March, Reenactment

David Sikes (Militia) - Musket Salutes, March, Reenactment

Noah Tindall (Militia) - Carried Musket, March, Reenactment

Warren Haire (Militia) - Musket Salutes, March, Reenactment

Civilian Randy Tindall, Karl Fitch & Walker Chewning





On February 10, 2024 - Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in the Ceremony at War Hill to celebrate the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek.

Walker Chewning (Militia) - Gave remarks during ceremony - Color Guard

Tom Jacques (Militia) - Musket Salute, Presented Chapter Wreath

Ray Kyle (Militia) - Musket Salute

David Sikes (Militia) - Musket Salute

Noah Tindall (Militia) - Carried musket, Presented Flags in CAR presentation

Don McCarty (Continental) - Color Guard

Ralph Galpin (Continental) - Color Guard

Harry Kitchings (Militia) - Color Guard

Civilian Dress - Randy Tindall, Karl Fitch & Marty Bush

Lynn Jacques presented wreaths for Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary & Philadelphia Winn DAR.

Debbie Bush presented a wreath for William Day DAR.

Joy Frederick presented the Georgia C.A.R. wreath.

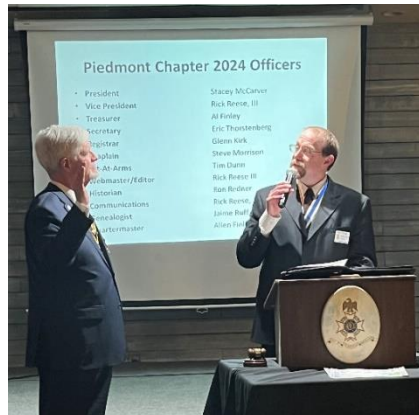




General George Washington's 292nd Birthday Celebration in Gainesville, Georgia on Thursday February 22, 2024 was attended by L-R Ralph Galpin, Don McCarty, Jack Martin, Ray Kyle, Marty Bush, Don Loudermilk (dual member) and Karl Fitch. First VP Ray Kyle Presented the Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath. DAR participants included Philadelphia Winn members Mary Martin (presented Wreath) and Maryland McCarty, William Day members Debbie Kyle (presented Wreath) and Debbie Bush, Chestatee River members Leslie Watkins and Kris White (Co-Wreath Presenters).



Piedmont SAR Chapter 30th Anniversary and General George Washington's 292nd Birthday Celebration in Roswell, Georgia on Thursday February 22, 2024. Button Gwinnett SAR President Tom Jacques and Philadelphia Winn Regent Lynn Jacques were invited to attend the Piedmont SAR Chapter 30th Anniversary. The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter was the first of Six SAR Chapters sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter – 25 years ago. President Jacques presented 2023-2024 Piedmont Chapter President Stacey McCarver with an SAR 250th Anniversary Coin and Certificate of Appreciation from the Button Gwinnett chapter congratulating them on their Service and thanking them for sponsoring our Chapter. Georgia SAR President Ed Rigel was in attendance to install the new Piedmont Chapter 2024 Officers as well as to present Georgia Color Guardsman Craig Benton with his SAR 250th Anniversary Gold Medal. Compatriots George Thurmond, Paul Prescott and Bob Sapp (not pictured) were all presented with the Bronze Henry Knox Medal.



Summary: The Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal may be awarded by a Chapter to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that Chapter.

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

Georgia C.A.R. President Joy Fredrick brought greetings at the Georgia Society SAR Annual Conference on Saturday January 27 – where she received the – C.A.R.-SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation. Joy also participated in presenting the C.A.R. Blue Streamer & \$100 check to the Button Gwinnett Chapter.

Elisha Winn Society President Hunter Newton’s Junior Membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution was approved on February 2, 2024 and we are just awaiting his certificate to arrive. We 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.



On Saturday February 10, 2024 the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution participated in activities and ceremonies celebrating the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington, GA and at War Hill.





The Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution



Welcomes you to the 245th Anniversary
Celebration of
The Battle of Kettle Creek
1779 - 2024

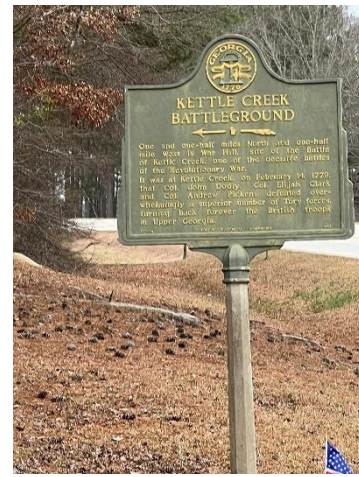
Saturday, February 10, 2024
2:30 P.M.
Kettle Creek Battlefield
Wilkes County, Georgia

Sponsored by:
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
and
Washington-Wilkes Chapters Georgia Society SAR
Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc.
Wilkes County, City of Washington, Kettle Creek Chapter NSDAR,
Mary Willis Library, Washington Historical Museum,
Washington-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Toombs State Museum

The Battle of Kettle Creek Program

Welcome	Edward F. Ripol, Jr., GA Society SAR President
Investiture	Edward Anderson, GA Society SAR Chaplain
Declaration of Colours	National Society SAR Combined Color Guard
National Anthem	Jessie Jacobary, Regent, Captain John Wilson Chapter NSDAR
Flag of Alliance	Marion Hinton, President, Washington-Wilkes Chapter GA Society SAR
Posting of Colours	National Society SAR Combined Color Guard
Recognition of Honored Guests and Introduction of Speaker	President Ripol
Spoken	Secretary General Dr. Darryl Adkins
Youth Presentation	William N. Floyd, GA Society Senior Vice President
Introduction of C.A.R. President	President Ripol
Thinnes-Flag Ceremony	William Tims, Southeast Regional National Vice President N.S.C.A.R.
Retrieval of Colours	National Society SAR Combined Color Guard
Market Salute	Col. Elijah Clarke Millitt, GA Society SAR
Custom Salute	Twin Creek Artillery, GA Society SAR
Tap	National Society SAR Combined Color Guard
Musical Medals	National Society SAR Combined Militia
Benediction	Chaplain Anderson
Reverend Remarks	National Society SAR Combined Militia
Retirement of Colours	National Society SAR Combined Color Guard
Closing Remarks	President Ripol

This Ceremony is dedicated to Patriot Soldiers who participated in the Battle of Kettle Creek, which occurred on February 14, 1779.



The Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. have 8 members that were voted 2024-2025 Officers of the Georgia State Society, C.A.R. during the Annual Georgia State Conference on February 24th. The prospective, or recently verified junior members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter include: **Noah Tindall, Hunter Newton and Nick Hamrick.** Congratulations, gentlemen!

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 Bulloch 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 Bulloch 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

Elisha Winn Society Awards at the Georgia C.A.R. State Conference February 24th



Congratulations Elisha Winn on an Outstanding 2023-2024 Georgia State Year!
 We are a Georgia Tri-Color Honor Society!
 Next stop National Contests, if you have activities that you want to add to our contest entries, please email them to retindall@hotmail.com

State President's Project	Most Financial Support	"America's Guardian Angels"
Meadow Garden Committee	Best Program	First Place
American Indian Committee	Best Program	First Place
Battle of Kettle Creek Commemoration Committee	Best Program	First Place
C.A.R. Magazine & Newsletters Committee	Best Program	First Place
Kids Helping Kids Committee	Best Program	First Place
Membership Committee	Best Program	First Place
Patriotic Education Program Committee	Best Program	First Place
Siege of Augusta Committee	Best Program	First Place
Government Studies Committee	Best Program	Second Place
American Heritage Committee	Best Program	Second Place
American History Committee	Best Program	Second Place
C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee	Best Program	Second Place
Conservation Committee	Best Program	Second Place
Fort Morris Commemoration Committee	Best Program	Second Place
Mountain Schools Committee	Best Program	Second Place
Public Relations Committee	Best Program	Second Place
State President's Project	Best Program	Second Place
Veterans Committee	Best Program	Second Place

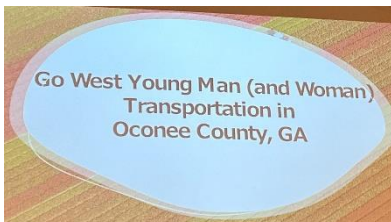
Upcoming Elisha Winn Society events.

April 6th, is the Button Gwinnett SAR 25th Anniversary Celebration that we are all invited to attend. April 7th, 1:00pm would be a great time to meet at Fort Yargo. We had a great time last year and this year will be even better. Hope you will be able to attend.

Oconee Historical Society - Join us on Thursday February 15th at 6pm.

Elijah Stancel presents "Go West Young Man (and Woman): Transportation Routes Through Oconee County". We will meet at Oconee Presbyterian Church at 2601 Hog Mountain Road Watkinsville. A member of Oconee Historical Society is a member of the church and so we are able to meet there until the library is available. There is plenty of parking and no stairs to enter the meeting space. Thank you to Elijah for returning with another great program for us!

President Tom Jacques & Treasurer Don McCarty had a wonderful time with the Stancel family being educated by Button Gwinnett Member Elijah Stancel!



President Tom Jacques & First VP Ray Kyle presented the SAR Traveling Trunk Program to Nesbit Elementary School in Tucker, Georgia on Monday February 26, 2024.

We were invited by Media Specialist Kelsey Prentice (wearing the Fox Hat) to present to 188 students, 11 teachers and Principal Nakia Miller (Presented with the SAR Flag Certificate).



Message From Kenneth Scott Collins - Wed, Jan 31, 6:36 PM

A Color Guard presence has been requested for the funeral of Compatriot Bill Raper. The funeral is Saturday at 3:00 PM at Level Grove Baptist Church, Cornelia, GA with burial in the church cemetery.

All SAR members are asked to serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family has asked for Mourn Muskets to be done at graveside. Other details are still being worked out.

I already have a commitment for Saturday afternoon so I am currently unsure if I will be able to make the funeral.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend in uniform and if you will have a musket/rifle.

K Scott Collins

Commander - National Society SAR Color Guard

Commander - Georgia Society SAR Color Guard

On February 15, 2024 - Five members of the **Button Gwinnett Chapter** participated the Color Guard for compatriot Bill Raper of the Joseph Habersham Chapter. Past Chapter President Walker Chewning was in civilian clothing.

President Tom Jacques- Militia fired musket and mourn musket

1st VP Ray Kyle - Militia fired musket and mourn musket

David Sikes - Militia fired musket and mourn musket

Treasurer Don McCarty - Continental carried SAR Flag

Ralph Galpin - Continental carried US Flag

Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter

Bruce Maney - Continental Color Guard Commander (BG Dual Member - Past President)

Jack Duger - Militia led flags with musket

Lyman Hall Chapter

Mike Watkins - Militia fired musket and mourn musket (BG Dual Member - Past President)

Joseph Habersham Chapter

Ed Hendricks - Militia fired musket and mourn musket



In Memory Of
William H. "Bill" Raper

Date of Birth *Entered Into Rest*
March 13, 1944 January 30, 2024

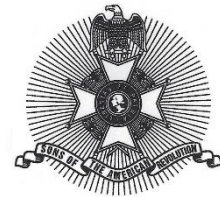
Funeral Service
3:00 PM, Saturday, February 3, 2024
Level Grove Baptist Church
Cornelia, Georgia

Officiating
Dr. Brian James & Rev. Terry Rice

Interment
Level Grove Cemetery
Cornelia, Georgia

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake;
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff
they comfort me;
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord, forever.



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Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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

The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM.

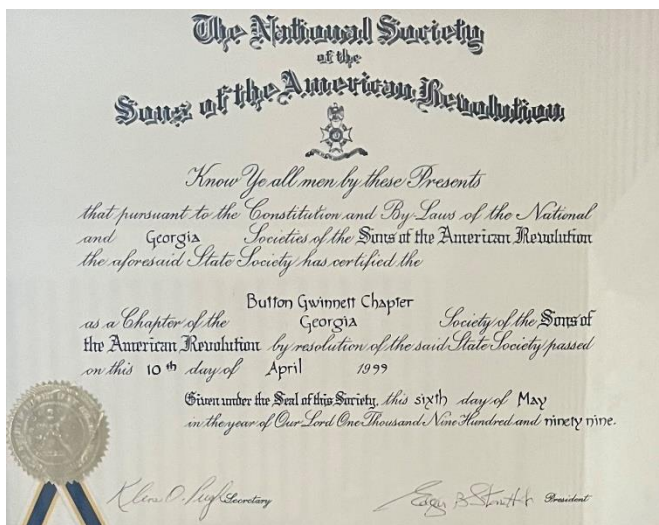
"Marquis de Lafayette"

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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





25th Anniversary Button Gwinnett Chapter



Join us on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11:30 AM

American Legion Post 232
3163 Main Street West, Snellville, Georgia

We are celebrating 25 years with the
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution!

Please join us for a casual attire lunch meeting, catered by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232 at their location in Snellville. Lunch will include pork and chicken BBQ, assorted salads, baked beans, green beans, chips, beverages, and assorted desserts.

\$25 for each adult - \$15 for each child 12 and under

We welcome our Charter Members, Past Officers, Members from SAR, DAR and C.A.R. chapters and societies, and patriotic and lineage organizations.

Button Gwinnett and GASSAR Color Guard will present colors at 11:45 AM.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon.

Meeting and Awards Program will begin at 1:00 PM.

Registration/Payment Deadline is March 15th

Make checks payable to:

NAME/TITLE: _____

American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 232

CHAPTER: _____

Mail checks to:

ADULTS: _____ x \$25 = _____

Tom Jacques, 1442 Bromley Dr,
Snellville, GA 30078

CHILDREN: _____ x \$15 = _____

Do you Qualify for the National Society Sons of the American Revolution War Service or Military Service Medals?

As part of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25th Anniversary Celebration to be held on April 6, 2024 we would like to recognize our Chapter Compatriots who served in any branch of the U.S. Military by presenting you with either the National Society Sons of the American Revolution War Service Medal or Military Service Medal if you have not previously received either of them from our Chapter.

Compatriots Bill Palmer and Bruce Maney have agreed to be Co-Chairs of the Veterans Medal Committee.

In accordance with the NSSAR Official Handbook, Volume V: Individual Medals, Awards and Certificates, updated January 1, 2024, pages 17 and 18, shown below, [Proof of Military Service \(DD-214 form\)](#) must be presented by the member to the Chapter Secretary, who will determine the Chapter Member's eligibility for the War Service Medal or Military Service Medal.



SAR Medals and Their Order of Precedence (1-50)

1. SAR Badge
2. Minuteman Medal
3. Gold Good Citizenship Medal
4. War Service Medal
4. Military Service Medal
5. Heroism Medal
6. National Society Medal of Distinguished Service



NSSAR Handbook V: War Service Medal - Proof of Service:

Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be presented to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn.

Such proof must show that the Compatriot:

1. served, or is serving, honorably in: a. the armed forces of the United States, b. the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or c. a United Nations Peace Keeping Force; and
2. served against a common enemy in a war or action recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States; and Effective: January 1, 2024 - 18
3. received a campaign medal, combat ribbon or badge as shown on the DD-214 form (or equivalent).

Bronze bars are available indicating service in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Southwest Asia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terrorism.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive additional Bronze Service Bars or Oak Leaf Clusters for subsequent qualifying war service.

Note: The National Defense Service Medal is not considered a campaign medal for purposes of qualifying for the War Service Medal.

NSSAR Handbook V: Military Service Medal - Proof of Service:

Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be provided to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter Secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn.

Such proof Effective: January 1, 2024 - 19 - must show that the Compatriot:

1. served, or is serving, honorably in the armed forces of the United States,
2. the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or
3. a United Nations Peace Keeping Force.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

For additional information, contact President Tom Jacques at ThomasLjacques@gmail.com.