



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch April 2024  
 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition  
 A newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter  
 National Society Sons of the American Revolution



## President's Message:

### By all accounts we had a very successful 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

We had 46 Members and 68 guests attend the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration held on Saturday April 6, 2024 at the American Legion Post 232, 3163 Main St W, Snellville, GA.

*Georgia SAR State President Ed Rigel Jr. brought greetings and inducted several new members recently approved by The National Society Sons of the American Revolution. We presented numerous awards to SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members including SAR War Service Medals and SAR Military Service Medals to qualified Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriots.*

*Our event was catered by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232. Lunch was pork and chicken BBQ, assorted salads, baked beans, green beans, chips, beverages, and assorted desserts.*

*The SAR Color Guard Presented Colors and the Militia Fired Musket Salute.*

In addition to photos from the Banquet we have included pages from the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Historical Albums for the Charter Meeting and the first official Chapter Meeting.

**We had DAR members from 11 chapters join us: Philadelphia Winn** - Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty and Members Mary Martin, Mary Kitchings, Rose Horton, Emily Tindall, Joyce Goodbread, Alice Moore, Melissa Murphy, Catherine Long, Sue Ford, Ginny Manning, Kimberly Ray, Kathy Schmidt; **William Day** - Regent Debbie Kyle, Honorary Regent Debbie Bush and Judy York; **Chestatee River** - Honorary Regent Leslie Watkins, Kris White; **Suwanee Creek** - Amy Koon; **Athens** - Honorary Regent Clare Newcomer, **General Daniel Newnan** - Andrea Newton **Atlanta** - Jane Henderson Bronner, **Colonel William Candler** - Georgia State First Vice Regent Helen Powell; **Patriots of Liberty** - Honorary Regent Donna Loudermilk; **Henry Walton Chapter** - Joy Frederick **Kettle Creek** - Kathryn Anderson

It was a very busy month for Color Guard Members with additional events on:

- Apr 12 Lyman Hall 300th Birthday - Gainesville, GA
- Apr 13 Patriot Grave Marking - Dickerson Lumpkin, Jr. - Talbotton, GA
- Apr 20 National (GA) - Frederica Naval Action - St Simons Island
- Apr 27 Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers - Barnesville, GA
- Apr 28 Church Service & Five Patriot Grave Markings - Midway, GA

On June 14 GASSAR President Ed Rigel Jr. will be joining us to install Ray Kyle as the New Button Gwinnett Chapter President, Jack Martin 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Marty Bush as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Tom Jacques will remain on the Button Gwinnett Chapter Board as Managers as Immediate Past President and continue on as Editor of the Button Gwinnett Dispatch Newsletter, SAR Liaison to DAR and Traveling Trunk Chair.

We want to thank everyone who participated in our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the numerous April events that help make the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter so exceptional.

# Meeting Highlights:

## Pre-meeting



## Presentation of Colors - By National SAR Commander K. Scott Collins Color Guard & Militia



**Invocation – Button Gwinnett SAR Chaplain Harry Kitchings**



**Pledge of Alegiance – Philadelphia Winn DAR Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques**



**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.

**Pledge to the SAR – Button Gwinnett SAR First Vice President Ray Kyle**



**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”.

**Posting of Colors - By National SAR Commander K. Scott Collins Color Guard & Militia**



**Introduction of Guests**

**President Jacques asks Guests to Bring Greetings**

GASSAR President Ed Rigel Jr

NASSAR Commander K. Scott Collins

Button Gwinnett Charter President Hubert Tucker

GSSDAR Regent Elect Helen Powell

GSSCAR President Joy Frederick

GSSCAR Sr President Emily Tindall



**Blessing GASSAR Chaplain Edward Anderson**



**Recess for Lunch (Cutting of Anniversary Cakes)**

The Anniversary cakes were cut by Charter President Hubert Tucker - assisted by Current President Tom Jacques and the youngest Button Gwinnett Comapatriot two-year-old Gray Jacques. *Apparently the icing can turn your tongue blue as Gray and his sister Willa Jacques learned.*



**Special Guests:**

Charlie Newcomer - GASSAR President 2007

Terry Manning - GASSAR President 2009

Scott Collins - GASSAR President 2018 & 2019 GASSAR Commander 2022-2024

Bill Palmer - GASSAR Color Guard Commander 2016-2021

Shep Hammock - GASSAR Metro VP, National SAR Liaison with DAR

Bill Edelen - GASSAR Northwest VP, President Captain John Collins Chapter



**Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques presented Georgia DAR Regent-Elect Helen Powell with a birthday card and vase of flowers for her Birthday, the C.A.R. gave her a Birthday Card and all in attendance sang 'Happy Birthday to You.'**



*Middle Photo - GSSDAR First Vice Regent Helen Powell received a birthday card from Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. members.*

**Group Photos**





**Presentation of Awards Began at 1:00pm**

**Recognition of Button Gwinnett Charter Members with Newly Reframed Charter L-R**

Current President Tom Jacques (*holding Hubert Tucker's certificate*)

Charter President - Hubert Tucker (*holding reframed Button Gwinnett Charter*)

Charter VP - Bruce Maney

Charter Member - John Moale

Charter Member - Frank Quinn,

Charter Member - James Walters



*President Jacques presented 25th Anniversary Certificates of Appreciation and SAR 250 coins to each of the Charter Members. Charter President Hubert Tucker Addressed the meeting. The Button Gwinnett SAR Charter was reframed to incorporate President Hubert Tucker's Original President's Neck Ribbon with two SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coins*





## Recognition of Button Gwinnett Presidents

Button Gwinnett First Vice President Ray Kyles presented 25th Anniversary Certificates to Past and Current Presidents:

(1) Hubert Tucker, (4) Terry Manning, (6) Walker Chewning, (8 &12) Bruce Maney, (11) Michael Henderson, (13) Gordon Woodard, (14) Bill Palmer, (15) Bennie Koon, (17) Mike Watkins, (18) Don McCarty and (19) Tom Jacques

*Note: Terry Manning GASSAR President & Color Guard Commander, Bruce Maney State Historian & Genealogist, Michael Henderson Retired Lt Commander US Navy – First African American inducted into the GASSAR, Bill Palmer GASSAR Color Guard Commander*



**Presidents L-R** Tom Jacques, Terry Manning, Hubert Tucker, Bruce Maney, Michael Henderson, (Charter Members – John Moale, Frank Quinn, James Walters) Bill Palmer, Bennie Koon, Don McCarty, Gordon Woodard, Walker Chewning, Mike Watkins

## New Member Inductions Performed by GASSAR President Ed Rigel Jr. (L-R)

1. Hunter Newton 229085 – Joshua WADE VA Pvt Feb 2, 2024 – Elisha Winn Pres
2. Alec Benjamin Ray 229279 – Joseph Harvey VA Pvt Feb 23, 2024
3. Steven Douglas White 229331 - John White MA SGT Mar 1, 2024
4. Reggie Vallotton 229577- David Moses Vallotton GA PS Mar 29, 2024
5. Norman Ernest “Tad” Wood 229281 - Matthew SINGLETON SC Capt Feb 23, 2024
6. Bruce Dean Craig 229328 - Jacob BAILEY/BAYLEY Sr VT Brig Gen Mar 1, 2024
7. Mark York 229579 – William Garrard SC Pvt Mar 29, 2024



**New member Rosettes were presented by Family Members**



**Presentation of Supplemental Certificates Medals by GASSAR President Ed Rigel Jr.**

- Don McCarty: Patriot John Cash, Patriot Stephen Cash, Patriot John Davis
  - David McCarty: Patriot John Cash, Patriot Stephen Cash, Patriot John Davis
- Don Provided a "brief" genealogy connection of Patriots John & Stephen Cash to his and Compatriot Bruce Maney's distant cousin Country Singer "Johnny Cash"*



**Presentation of 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals by GASSAR President Ed Rigel Jr.**

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jack Martin - SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal  
 President Tom Jacques - SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal



Eli Stancel & Wayne Stancel (Wayne was not able to attend)



Presentation of 2023 Button Gwinnett Audit Chairman Certificate to Tom Hopkins by President Tom Jacques along with a Boston Tea Party 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin



The Boston Tea Party 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin was a gift presented by President Jacques to his 2023 Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs in December 2023. These coins are from the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum. President Jacques is a proven descendant of Captain Joseph Read one of the proven members of the Boston Tea Party.

C.A.R. Middle Photo - Button Gwinnett Compatriot Timothy Frederick joins his sister Joy for the celebration.



## Presentation of SAR-C.A.R. Medals of Appreciation & Certificate by President Tom Jacques

Elisha Winn Society Organizing President - Noah Tindall (Button Gwinnett Jr Member)

2nd President - Isaac Long (Outstanding Society - National)

3rd President - Rayleigh Pangle (2nd Outstanding Society - National)

4th President - Taylor Newton (2nd Outstanding Society - National)

Sr Organizing President - Emily Tindall

Sr President - Randy Tindall

5th President - Hunter Newton (Newly inducted Button Gwinnett Jr Member)

*President Jacques Presented a \$500 Check from the Button Gwinnett Chapter to Elisha Winn Society President Hunter Newton*

(Noah and Randy Tindall were also Presented with their SAR 5 year pin)



The National society, a State Society or a local Chapter, may present the Bronze C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation to a member of the C.A.R. or SAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to a local C.A.R. Society.

## Georgia C.A.R. President's Project "America's Guardians Angels"

Button Gwinnett C.A.R. Chairman and Sr Elisha Winn Society President Randy Tindall introduced Georgia State Society C.A.R. President Joy Frederick who presented and explained her President's Project called "America's Guardians Angels", focusing on the importance of helping the surviving family members of police officers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

President Jacques with Randy Tindall presented checks totaling \$436 from Button Gwinnett Chapter to Joy Frederick for her President's Project.



## SAR - DAR Medals of Appreciation were presented by Current Button Gwinnett Chapter President Tom Jacques & Past President Michael Henderson

Joy Frederick - Georgia C.A.R. President

Lynn Jacques - Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster (DAR Finder Form) PW Regent

Maryland McCarty - Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster (DAR Finder Form) PW Sec.

Helen Powell - Georgia DAR State Regent-Elect

President Jacques presented Helen Powell with an SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin for her Birthday



The SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented to a member of the DAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR.

**SAR - Military & War Service Medals were presented by:  
President Tom Jacques & 4th Chapter President Terry Manning**

***President Jacques Comments:***

*Throughout today's ceremony we have recognized our fellow compatriots, our wives, sister and Daughters in the DAR and our country's future through the Children of the American Revolution. However - without the service and sacrifice of those who answered the Call to Duty from our Patriot Ancestors to those about to receive the SAR Military and War Service Medals we would not have the United States of America. Thank you for your Service and Welcome Home. The dates listed in your programs are the dates when these Veterans became members of the SAR.*

*The SAR War Service and SAR Military Service Medals are ranked 4th in Their Order of Precedence behind only 1. The SAR Badge, 2. The Minuteman Medal, 3. Gold Good Citizenship Medal*

*Military Service Medal - The Military Service Medal, authorized in 2006, may be presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service which does not otherwise qualify for the War Service Medal.*

**4th Chapter President Terry Manning (Far Right) presented Military Service Medals L-R:**

John Martin	Navy	Military Service Medal	(2022)
Randy Tindall	Army	Military Service Medal	(2019)
Bill Palmer	Army	Military Service Medal	(2013)
James Walters	Naval Reserves	Military Service Medal	(2000) Charter Mbr
Frank Quinn	Army	Military Service Medal	(1999) Charter Mbr
Martin Bush	Army	Military Service Medal	(2023)
Ralph Galpin	Air Force Reserve	Military Service Medal	(2014)
John Zeigler	Coast Guard	Military Service Medal	(1968)
Richard Curtis	Navy	Military Service Medal	(2020)

*The dates listed in your programs are the dates when these Veterans became members of the SAR.*



***President Jacques Comments on SAR War Service Medal:***

*The War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for members who served in the Spanish-American War. It was subsequently authorized for members who served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars.*

**4th Chapter President Terry Manning Presented War Service Medal (L-R):**

Chris Bradfield	Marines	War Service Medal	SW Asia (2023)
Reggie Vallotton	Air Force	War Service Medal	Vietnam (2024)
Tom Hopkins	Army	War Service Medal	Vietnam (2019)
Bill Schultz	Navy	War Service Medal	Vietnam (2015)
Mark York	Navy	War Service Medal	Vietnam (2024)

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**WAR SERVICE MEDAL**



**MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL**



Reggie Vallotton – Newly inducted Button Gwinnett Compatriot and Commander of American Legion Post 232 addressed meeting attendees after receiving his SAR War Service Medal for service in Vietnam. Reggie's membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution was only approved on March 29, 2024 and we are thrilled to have him as a member of our chapter.

## Adjournment

### Wrap-up: Tom Jacques

*It has been wonderful to have each one of you here today and we thank you for choosing to attend. Your presence honors our American Heroes, your Patriot Ancestors, members of our U.S. Military and our Veterans. They were and are willing to offer their lives for our rights to assemble and have free speech.*

*Following in the SAR Recessional, Benediction and Retirement of Colors - the Color Guard and Militia will assemble outside for a Musket Salute and photo opportunity.*

*We hope you can join us.*

### The SAR Recessional was led by Button Gwinnet Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jack Martin:



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

### Benediction By Chaplain Harry Kitchings





**Retirement of Colors by NASSAR Color Guard Commander K. Scott Collins**

(L-R) Scott Collins, Gordon Woodard



Bill Palmer, Bruce Maney



Noah Tindall, Pres Ed Rigel Jr.



Don McCarty, Don Loudermilk



David Patrick, Jack Martin



Hunter Newton, David McCarty



Marty Bush



Terry Manning



Mike Watkins, Fred Meyer



**Musket Salute and Color Guard Pictures**

(L-R) Scott Collins, Eli Stancel, David Sikes, Ray Kyle, Bill Edelen, Elden Evans, Mike Watkins, Gordon Woodard, Tom Jacques



**Color Guard & Militia Photos (L-R) 26 Color Guard – 17 Button Gwinnett, 5 Elisha Winn C.A.R.**

Scott Collins, Elden Evans, Bill Palmer, Bruce Maney, Noah Tindall, Ed Rigel Jr., Don McCarty, Don Loudermilk, David Patrick, Jack Martin, Hunter Newton, David McCarty, Marty Bush, Terry Manning, Ralph Galpin, Eleanor, Jude & Isla Stancel  
Front: Tom Jacques, Mike Watkins, Fred Meyer, Ray Kyle, Bill Edelen, Eli Stancel, David Sikes, Gordon Woodard



**C.A.R. (photo below)**

4<sup>th</sup> row L-R Noah Tindall (5), Hunter Newton (11), far left Eleanor, Jude & Isla Stancel  
3<sup>rd</sup> row L-R Randy Tindall, Isaac Long, ???, Joy Fredrick, Taylor Newton, Emily Tindall  
1<sup>st</sup> row Caroline Murphy



**DAR (photo below)**

2<sup>nd</sup> row L-R Melissa Murphy, Debbie Kyle, Catherine Long, Mary Martin, Maryland McCarty, Kathryn Anderson, Andrea Newton, Jane Henderson Bronner, Lynn Baxter Jacques, Helen Powell, Joy Fredrick, Emily Tindall, Rose Horton, Debbie Bush, Amy Koon, Leslie Watkins, Brandi Rigel



## Button Gwinnett Members with Color Guard

Front (L-R): Tom Jacques, Mike Watkins, Fred Meyer, Ray Kyle, Bill Edelen, Eli Stancel, David Sikes, Gordon Woodard

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Bill Powers, Frank Quinn, Bennie Koon, Bruce Craig, Tom Hopkins, Chris Bradfield, John Zeigler, Michael Henderson, Bill Schultz, Timothy Frederick, Randy Tindall

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Scott Collins, Elden Evans, Bill Palmer, Bruce Maney, Noah Tindall, Ed Rigel Jr., Don McCarty, Don Loudermilk, David Patrick, Jack Martin, Hunter Newton, David McCarty, Marty Bush, Terry Manning, Ralph Galpin, Eleanor, Jude & Isla Stancel

Not Pictured: Walker Chewning,



Most of the photos of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were taken by (L-R) Janet Edelen & Helen Powell

Distant French-Canadian Cousins (R-L) Michael Henderson, Tom Jacques, Jane Henderson Bronner & Michael's wife Anetia



These wonderful ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232 did a fantastic job making our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration a success. They decorated the Hall, catered our event, and made us feel welcome. (Photobombing by Bill Palmer – far left)



CALL TO ORDER 11:45am  
 PRESENTATION OF COLORS  
 INVOCATION  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
 SAR PLEDGE  
 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Tom Jacques  
 Commander Scott Collins  
 Chaplain Harry Kitchings  
 Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Willa Jacques  
 Vice President Ray Kyle  
 President Tom Jacques

**Greetings**

GASSAR President Ed Rigel  
 NASSAR CG Commander Scott Collins  
 Button Gwinnett Charter President Hubert Tucker  
 GASDAR 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent Helen Powell  
 GASCAR President Joy Frederick  
 GASCAR Sr President Emily Tindall

**Blessing**

GASSAR Chaplain Edward Anderson

**Recess for Lunch Noon – 12:45pm (Cut 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cakes)**

Hubert Tucker – Charter President; Gray Jacques – Youngest BG SAR Member

**Recognition Button Gwinnett Charter Members (Framed Charter) Photos**

Pres -Hubert Tucker, VP -Bruce Maney, Frank Quinn, John Moale, James Walters,

**Recognition of Button Gwinnett Presidents (Framed Charter) Photos**

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**Supplementals – GASSAR Pres Ed Rigel Jr & Pres Bruce Maney Photos**

Don McCarty: Patriot John Cash, Patriot Stephen Cash, Patriot John Davis  
 David McCarty: Patriot John Cash, Patriot Stephen Cash, Patriot John Davis

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals – GASSAR Pres Ed Rigel Jr**

Jack Martin 250<sup>th</sup> – Silver Medal, Tom Jacques 250<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal

**Anniversary & Past Chapter Officer Certificates – Pres Tom Jacques**

5 Year Anniversary Eli & Wynne Stancel  
 2023 Button Gwinnett Audit Committee Chairman Tom Hopkins

**SAR-CAR Medals – Pres Tom Jacques & Pres Walker Chewning Photos**

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 Sr President – Randy Tindall  
 5th President – Hunter Newton (Presentation of Check by Pres Jacques)

**GASCAR President Joy Frederick program**

Voluntary Collection & Presentation of Check by Pres Jacques  
 (Photos with ALL C.A.R. members present)

**SAR Medals of Appreciation – Pres Jacques & Pres Henderson**

Maryland McCarty – Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster (DAR Finder Form) PW Sec.  
 Lynn Jacques – Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster (DAR Finder Form) PW Regent  
 Joy Frederick – Georgia C.A.R. President  
 Helen Powell – Georgia DAR State Regent Elect  
 (Photos with ALL DAR Members present)

**SAR - Military & War Service Medals – Pres Jacques & Pres Manning**

Martin Bush	Army	Military Service Medal	(2023)
John Martin	Navy	Military Service Medal	(2022)
Richard Curtis	Navy	Military Service Medal	(2020)
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(Photos with SAR Military Service Medal New & Past Recipients)

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(Photos with SAR War Service Medal New & Past Recipients)

**Final Announcements: President Jacques**

SAR RECEPTIONAL  
 BENEDICTION  
 ADJOURNMENT  
 Retire Colors  
 Musket Salute (Weather Permitting)  
 (Color Guard Photos with Button Gwinnett, SAR, DAR & C.A.R.)

Jack Martin  
 Harry Kitchings  
 Tom Jacques  
 Scott Collins  
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**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 Kitchings
Genealogist - Bruce Maney *
Sergeant at Arms - Don Schmidt
Historian - Bill Palmer *

\* Past President

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Apr 7 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Yargo Market Fair  
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 May 10 National (FL) – Battle of Pensacola Commemoration  
 May 11 Patriot Grave Marking – Silas Mercer, Wilkes Co., GA  
 May 25 National (SC) – Buford’s Massacre Commemoration  
 May 24-25 Need details on Flag Placement at Cemeteries  
 May 27 Oconee County Veterans Memorial (Monday)  
 May 27 GIAC Memorial Day Ceremony Lawrenceville, GA

**BUTTON GWINNETT  
 CHAPTER  
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 Sons of the  
 American Revolution**

**Button Gwinnett Chapter  
 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



April 6, 2024

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

American Legion Post 232  
 3163 Main Street West, Snellville, GA 30078

**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)

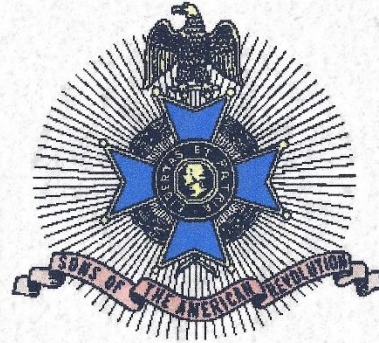
**Pledge to the SAR**

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 forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of free men.

**Button Gwinnett Chapter**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**



**Charter Banquet**  
**Lawrenceville, Georgia**  
**May 6, 1999**



*Button Gwinnett*

**Chapter Officers**

Dr. Hubert E. Tucker, Jr.	PRESIDENT
Milus Bruce Maney	VICE-PRESIDENT
Jerry E. Hood	SECRETARY
Michael A. Risko	TREASURER
James L. West, Sr.	CHAPLAIN
William E. Bailey, Sr.	HISTORIAN
R. Brett Hart	REGISTRAR

**Founding Members**

William E. Bailey, Sr.	John Moale
Martin L. Easter, Jr.	Michael A. Risko
Dr. James A. Fisher	John E. Stell, Sr.
R. Brett Hart	John E. Stell, Jr.
Jerry E. Hood	Edgar B. Sterrett, Jr.
Dr. Rusty Johnson	Thomas E. Sterrett
Adam S. Kissel	Dr. Hubert E. Tucker, Jr.
Gerald D. Kissel	James L. West, Sr.
Michael Maney	James L. West, Jr.
Milus B. Maney	John A. West
James L. McConnell	Stephen W. West
Louis E. Meador, Jr.	Ed Williamson

**Agenda**

Call to Order	EDGAR B. STERRETT, JR. <i>President, Georgia Society SAR</i>
Invocation	JAMES L. WEST, SR.
Pledge of Allegiance	MILUS B. MANEY
Pledge to the SAR	JERRY E. HOOD
Dinner	
Introduction	PRESIDENT STERRETT
Guest Speaker	JAMES R. WESTLAKE <i>Former President, National Society SAR</i>
Presentation of Charter	HERBERT B. BRASELTON, SR. <i>Past-President, Georgia Society SAR</i>
Installation of Officers	PAST-PRESIDENT BRASELTON
Presentation of Badge and Gavel	T. FISHER CRAFT <i>Former President, Georgia Society SAR</i>
Chapter Address	DR. HUBERT E. TUCKER <i>President, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR</i>
Presentation of Awards	PRESIDENT TUCKER
Benediction	CHAPLAIN WEST
SAR Recessional	MICHAEL A. RISKO <i>Treasurer, Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR</i>
Dismissal	PRESIDENT TUCKER

Button Gwinnett Chapter  
Charter Banquet, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1999  
Female Seminary, Lawrenceville, GA.



Ed Sterrett gave the welcome address.



Chapter officers were sworn in by  
Herbert "Kit" Braselton, GA Society President



James L. McConnell was the first new member for the chapter



Hubert Tucker receives the President's medal.



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



Hubert Tucker was the first President

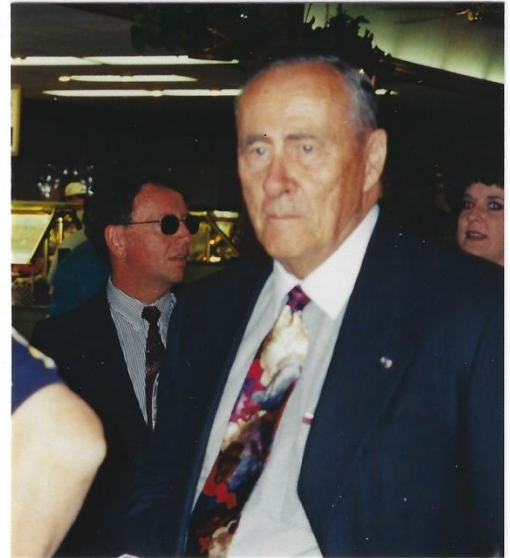


Bruce Maney was the first Vice President





Hubert Tucker and  
Jim West the first Chapter Chaplain



Jerry Hood the first Chapter Secretary  
and Rusty Johnson



David Hoss, Sr was the first  
meeting speaker for the chapter



Happy Easter and Mike Risko the  
first Chapter Treasurer

Not shown are Bill Bailey the first  
Chapter Historian and Brett Hart the  
first Chapter Registrar

## *SAR Button Gwinnett Chapter Presidents*

*Charter President Hubert Tucker 1999-2000*

*Dr. James Arthur Fisher 2001 (Deceased Apr 9, 2021)*

*Thomas P. McIntosh Jr. 2002 (Deceased Mar 22, 2013)*

*Terry Manning 2003 & 2004*

*Steve Burns 2005*

*Walker Chewning 2006 & 2007*

*Jerry Winsness 2008 (Deceased Aug 25, 2023)*

*Miles Bruce Maney 2009*

*Bob Leather 2010*

*James W. Lynch 2011*

*Michael N. Henderson 2012*

*Miles Bruce Maney 2013*

*Gordon Woodard 2014 & 2015*

*Bill Palmer 2016*

*Bennie Koon 2017*

*John Goodwin 2018 & 2019*

*Mel Buck 2020*

*Michael Watkins 2021*

*Donald McCarty 2022*

*Thomas Leo Jacques 2023*

*As of April 6, 2024*

*Blue = Attended 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



*Published April 16, 2024*

### **Gwinnett Sons of American Revolution marks 25th year**

On April 10, 1999, the first and only Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) chapter in Gwinnett County was organized. The chapter was named after one of the three Georgia signers of the Declaration of Independence and Gwinnett's namesake, Button Gwinnett.

The Button Gwinnett Chapter S celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the American Legion Post 232 in Snellville. There were 46 Button Gwinnett members and 68 guests in attendance.

Current Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques recognized five of the Founding Button Gwinnett Charter Members: Hubert Tucker, who was the first president; and Bruce Maney, James Walters, Frank Quinn and John Moale. Eleven Button Gwinnett Chapter past and current presidents were present.

GASSAR President Ed Rigel Jr. inducted seven new members into the Button Gwinnett chapter.

Past Button Gwinnett President Terry Manning presented nine SAR Military Service Medals to chapter Veterans and five War Service Medals to Chris Bradfield (Marines); Mark York (Navy); Reggie Vallotton (Air Force); Tom Hopkins (Army); and Bill Schultz (Navy) .

## **Button Gwinnett Sons of the American Revolution Chapter Celebrates 25th Anniversary**

By Curt Yeomans [curt.yeomans@gwinnettdaily.com](mailto:curt.yeomans@gwinnettdaily.com) Apr 17, 2024 Updated Apr 24, 2024



In 1999, people around the world were wondering if their computers could handle Y2K as the year 2000 loomed on the horizon.

In Gwinnett County, however, a group of men were gathering to start a new chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

That chapter was established on April 10, 1999, and it took, as its namesake, Button Gwinnett, who is also the county's namesake and one of Georgia's three signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Button Gwinnett Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution, which remains the only SAR chapter in Gwinnett County, recently gathered to mark its 25th anniversary with a celebration and recognitions of founding members.

Five founding members – Hubert Tucker, Bruce Maney, James Walters, Frank Quinn and John Moale – were recognized at the event and received 25th Anniversary certificates and Sons of the American Revolution America 250th Anniversary coins. Eleven former chapter presidents, and current President Tom Jacques, were also recognized and received 25th Anniversary certificates.

Chapter members who have served the military received SAR Military Service Medals and five members who served in combat received War Service Medals. The War Service Medals were presented to Chris Bradfield, Mark York, Reggie Vallotton, Tom Hopkins and Bill Schultz.

The chapter also presented SAR Medals of Appreciation to Philadelphia Winn Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty, Georgia Society of the Children of the American Revolution President Joy Frederick and Georgia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Regent-elect Helen Powell.

Meanwhile, Tom Jacques presented Sons of the American Revolution-Children of the American Revolution Medals to six former and current presidents of the Gwinnett-based Elijah Winn Society of the Children of the American Revolution chapter.

And the Button Gwinnett chapter also looked to its future during the gathering with Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution President Ed Rigel Jr. inducting seven new members into the chapter.

The celebration capped off with the Sons of the American Revolution militia offering a black powder musket salute.

**Greetings to all my compatriots at Button Gwinnett.**

The move away from Georgia has been a real adventure that I would not recommend to any one over the age of 80. However, we have survived and are settling into this territory through which my patriot ancestor traveled on his way to Cookeville, Tennessee. It is interesting to find such a large number of Buck relatives and Buck landmarks evolving out of that original Revolutionary War Patriot, Jonathan Buck. I will probably spend an inordinate amount of time researching and seeing all that he did and all that he influenced in this part of the country.

I would also like to commend the Button Gwinnett Chapter for providing me with such a wealth of knowledge and experience. Every member was always available to provide whatever input and assistance I needed, especially during my year of presidency. That year was maybe our most challenging considering the Covid lockdowns, but we made it through as a group of dedicated members.

I am glad I chose to maintain a dual membership when I moved to Tennessee. My experience with Button Gwinnett provided a wealth of knowledge that I have not yet experienced in my current chapter.

Congratulations on this Anniversary Celebration.  
Mel Buck



Staff Photo: Anthony Siskop  
Herbert B. Braselton Sr., right, past president of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, presents the charter for the Button Gwinnett Chapter Sons of the American Revolution to Dr. Hubert E. Tucker, president of the Gwinnett chapter Thursday night. Other officers of the Gwinnett chapter look on.

## Button Gwinnett Chapter of Sons of Revolution opens

By Laura Ingram  
Staff Writer

LAWRENCEVILLE — With the new charter approved and the badge and gavel handed off Thursday, the Button Gwinnett Chapter Sons of the American Revolution breathed again after 50 years.

Hubert Tucker, like his grandfather in April 1947, became a Gwinnett charter member after Georgia Society SAR President Edgar Sterrett suggested the revitalization several months ago.

"It's come to fruition tonight, and we're all happy about that," said Tucker, before thanking Sterrett from the "bottom of his heart."

SAR, the male counterpart to the Daughters of the American Revolution, is a society of men with lineal ancestry to those who

fought in the Revolutionary War or contributed to the founding of our nation.

The 25 charter members in the new SAR chapter did not know why the first one dwindled, but this chapter was born to honor the famous figure of Button Gwinnett and every other bit of United States history.

Button Gwinnett was a member of Continental Congress, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and a member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention.

The chapter was also formed to draw more members from the county named for Button Gwinnett and save existing SAR members the drive from Gwinnett to Atlanta.

During Tucker's presidency until 2001, he said he wanted to build up the chapter to at least 50 members by forming a member-

ship committee and support at least one ROTC program.

Tucker said he also wants the chapter to locate and mark gravesites of Revolutionary War soldiers, help Boy Scout groups and establish a scholarship for high school students.

Guest speaker James Westlake, former president of the National Society SAR, charged the members to do more. Westlake urged the members to preserve the correct history of the United States in the face of some who want to shame American history by framing its founding as greedy, exploitive and dominating.

Westlake also said he wanted to promote membership from Hispanic and African-American descendants who fought on the American side in the Revolution.

"We need to include these groups who have helped us," Westlake said.

## Registrar Status Report

### New member applications approved but not inducted yet: (blue=presented April 6, 2024)

1. Nicholas Alan Hamrick 228746– John HUBBS SC Pvt Dec 22, 2023 - Elisha Winn 1st VP
2. Daniel Czarniak 229082 - Jeremiah FRAZER NY Pvt Feb 2, 2024
3. Hunter Newton 229085 – Joshua WADE VA Pvt Feb 2, 2024 – Elisha Winn Pres
4. Alec Benjamin Ray 229279 – Joseph Harvey VA Pvt Feb 23, 2024
5. Norman Ernest "Tad" Wood 229281 - Matthew SINGLETON SC Capt Feb 23, 2024
6. Bruce Dean Craig 229328 - Jacob BAILEY/BAYLEY Sr VT Brig Gen Mar 1, 2024
7. Steven Douglas White 229331 - John White MA SGT Mar 1, 2024
8. Joshua Steven White 229332 – John White MA SGT Mar 1, 2024
9. Reggie Vallotton 229577– David Moses Vallotton GA PS Mar 29, 2024
10. Mark York 229579 – William Garrard SC Pvt Mar 29, 2024
11. Sam Jaeger - Feb 5, 2024 (Approved April 12, 2024)
12. Stanley Edward Quinn – (Approved April 19, 2024)

### Supplementals applications approved but not presented yet: (blue=presented April 6, 2024)

- Don McCarty: Patriot John Cash, Patriot Stephen Cash, Patriot John Davis
- David McCarty: Patriot John Cash, Patriot Stephen Cash, Patriot John Davis

### New Member applications at National:

Gary Bowlick – Mar 1, 2024

### New Memorial applications at National:

- None

### Supplementals at National:

- Don McCarty: Patriot John Ussery, Jr., Patriot John Ussery, Sr., Patriot Isham Fuller
- David McCarty: 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. James Reason – At National Mar 28, 2024
2. Parker Reason – At National Mar 28, 2024

### New Memorial Application at State:

- None

### New Member Applications in Process:

- None

### Supplementals at State:

- None

### Supplementals in process :

- None

### Transfer into Button Gwinnett Chapter:

- None

### Reinstatement in process:

- Timothy Fredricks – Approved NSSAR Feb 26, 2024
- Bennie Koon – Approved NSSAR Mar 25, 2024
- Jeffery Harrison Larner - Reinstatement in process – Notified Mar 29, 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 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – April 6, 2024 – Tom Jacques (Complete)**

## Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

### 2024

May 9	Gene Ray: "Daniel Boone"
Jun 13	Mark Anthony: "The Revolution as Told By Its Flags" <i>Ray Kyle Installed as President</i>
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

### 2025

Jan 9	- Eldon Evans: "Westward Migration on the Old National Trail"
Feb 13	- Mike Watkins: "Weapons & Armaments"
Mar 13	- Harry Kitchings: "John Hancock"
Apr 10	- Carter Wood: "Gwinnett vs. McIntosh Duel"
May 8	- Gary Page: "America's First Diplomat"
Jun 12	- Lynn Jacques: "The 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill"
Jul 10	-
Aug 14	-
Sep 11	- Shep Hammack: "Hyam Salomon, Financier of the American Revolution"
Oct 9	-
Nov 13	-
Dec 11	- Installation of 2026 Chapter Officers



## Completed Events

- Feb 29-Mar 2 National SAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Ky  
Mar 2 Battle of Brier Creek  
Mar 3 President Andrew Jackson's Hermatage 250th Marker  
Mar 11 Alcova Elementary School in Dacula - Traveling Trunk Program  
Mar 21-23 Georgia DAR State Conference - Atlanta Marriott Northwest at Galleria  
Mar 24 DAR Patriot Grave Marking John Glover  
Mar 29 Vietnam Veterans Ceremony - Johns Creek  
**Apr 6 Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch meeting**  
Apr 7 14th Annual Fort Yargo Market Fair  
Apr 11 Hunter Newton - Eagle Scout Court of Honor,  
Apr 12 Lyman Hall 300th Birthday - Gainesville, GA noon  
Apr 13 Patriot Grave Marking - Dickerson Lumpkin, Jr. Talbotton, GA  
Apr 20 National (GA) - Frederica Naval Action St Simons  
Apr 27 Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers, Barnesville, GA  
Apr 28 Church Service & Five Patriot Grave Markings - Midway, GA

## Upcoming Events

- May 10 National (FL) - Battle of Pensacola Commemoration  
May 11 Patriot Grave Marking - Silas Mercer, Wilkes Co., GA  
May 25 National (SC) - Buford's Massacre Commemoration  
May 24-25 Awaiting details on Flag Placement at Cemeteries  
May 27 Oconee County Veterans Memorial (Monday)  
May 27 GJAC Memorial Day Ceremony Lawrenceville, GA  
Jun 8 Flag Retirement Ceremony (Robert Forsythe & Piedmont)  
Jun 15 Flag Day - VFW Post 5255 - Lawrenceville, GA - 10:00am  
Jun 22 National (NC) - Battle of Ramsour's Mill  
Jun 26-30 133<sup>rd</sup> DAR Continental Congress, Washington, DC  
Jun 29 (FL) Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge

**Happy 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Lyman Hall – Signer of the Declaration of Independence!**  
 Attended by President Tom Jacques, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ray Kyle, Compatriots Ralph Galpin & Marty Bush

**Happy 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday**



**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Noon**


Hall County Government Center  
 2875 Browns Bridge Road  
 Gainesville, GA

Coords: 34.278306, -83.877110

Please join Lyman Hall Chapter as we again honor our namesake and one of the three Georgia signers of the *The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.*

<b>Color Guard</b>	Present Colors – no live fire
<b>Wreaths</b>	Register at check-in by 11:30am
<b>Presentations</b>	Remembering our namesake
<b>Awards</b>	Congratulations

Join us for Lunch After the Celebration  
 Gorditas Y Burritos  
 2888 Browns Bridge Rd, Gainesville, GA 30504  
 Located in Walmart Neighborhood Market





## Patriot Grave Marking for Dickerson Lumpkin Jr. April 13, 2024


Button Gwinnett Compatriots participating in militia uniforms, carrying muskets in color guard, firing musket salutes and performing mourn muskets were: President Tom Jacques, 1st VP Ray Kyle, Compatriot Gordon Woodard (also led SAR Recessional), Compatriot Eldon Evans

Button Gwinnett compatriots in Continental Uniforms carrying flags in Color Guard  
Treasurer Don McCarty- read wreath presenters - presented GA Patriot grave committee wreath  
2nd VP Jack Martin, Compatriot Ralph Galpin

Lynn Jacques and Maryland McCarty represented the Philadelphia Winn Chapter  
Lynn presented the Georgia DAR Society wreath and brought greetings on behalf of Georgia DAR  
State Regent Betty Brown Harrah. Maryland McCarty presented the Philadelphia Winn wreath.



Dedication of SAR Grave Marker  
Commemorating the Service and Life  
Of the Honored Patriot  
**Patriot Dickerson Lumpkin, Jr.**  
NSSAR Patriot # P-239563



American Revolution  
PATRIOT  
DICKERSON  
LUMPKIN JR.  
1765-1856

Wheeler-Woodall-Lumpkin Cemetery  
3162 Kurt Williams Road  
Talbotton, GA 31827  
Latitude: 32.735556N Longitude: -84.498611W  
Grave Marker GPS

April 13, 2024, Saturday - 11 A.M.  
Sponsored by  
Ocmulgee Chapter and Button Gwinnett Chapter  
Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution





A big THANK YOU  
to Bill & Janet  
Edelen for the  
pictures from the  
Dickerson Lumpkin  
Jr. Grave Marking

**Georgia SAR Board of Managers Meeting – Barnesville, Georgia April 28, 2024**

**GASSAR BOM Spring Meeting - April 27th:**

Tom Jacques (Militia) - Color Guard flag bearer, Jack Martin (Civilian), Don McCarty (Civilian) Ralph Galpin (Continental) - Color Guard flag bearer, David Sikes (Militia - 1<sup>st</sup> BOM) - Color Guard musket escort, Gordon Woodard (Militia) - Color Guard musket escort, Randy Tindall (Civilian - 1<sup>st</sup> BOM), Ray Kyle (Militia) - Color Guard flag bearer,

**Philadelphia Winn DAR members in attendance** – Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty and Member Mary Martin.

**Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President Bruce Maney received his SAR Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard** – The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, may be awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels. Recipients must already have been awarded the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals.



**Five Patriot Grave Markings – Midway, Georgia April 28, 2024**

**Annual Midway Church Service - April 28th:**

Tom Jacques (Militia) - Color Guard musket escort  
Jack Martin (Continental) - Color Guard flag bearer  
Don McCarty (Continental) - Color Guard flag bearer  
Ralph Galpin (Continental) - Color Guard flag bearer  
Davis Sikes (Militia) - Color Guard musket escort  
Gordon Woodard (Militia) - Color Guard musket escort  
Ray Kyle (Militia) - Color Guard musket escort  
Eldon Evans (Militia) - Color Guard musket escort

**Midway Cemetery, Five Patriot Grave Markings - April 28th:**

Tom Jacques (Militia) - Presented Chapter wreath, musket salute  
Jack Martin (Continental) - Read Patriot Martin Martin's biography, Color Guard flag bearer  
Don McCarty (Continental) - Presented wreath for GASSAR State Graves Committee, Color Guard flag bearer  
Ralph Galpin (Continental) - Color Guard flag bearer  
David Sikes (Militia) - Musket salute  
Gordon Woodard (Militia) - Musket salute  
Ray Kyle (Militia) - Musket salute  
Eldon Evans (Militia) - Musket salute

**Philadelphia Winn DAR members in attendance:** Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques (Presented Chapter Wreath and Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary Wreath), Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty and Member Mary Martin



Button Gwinnett members L-R Don McCarty, Ralph Galpin, David Sikes, Ray Kyle, Tom Jacques, Jack Martin, Eldon Evans & Gordon Woodard



*A special thank you goes to the following for making this event possible:  
 Selectmen of the Midway Church and Society  
 St. John's Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Colonists  
 Marshes of the Glynn Chapter Georgia Society SAR for their  
 invaluable research  
 Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and Militia*



**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.

**American's Creed**

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

**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.



**Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution**

*Athens Chapter                      Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter  
 Button Gwinnett Chapter        Captain John Collins Chapter  
 Marshes of Glynn Chapter        Mount Vernon Chapter  
 Robert Forsyth Chapter  
 and the*

**Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution**

*Jacksonville Chapter            Panama City Chapter*

*In conjunction with the St. John's Parish Chapter  
 National Society Daughters of the American Colonists*

**Dedication of grave markers commemorating  
 the service of patriot soldiers**

**Nathaniel Bacon                      Benjamin Baker  
 Martin Martin                        James Powell Maxwell  
 John Winn**

*Sunday, April 28, 2024  
 2:00 PM  
 Midway Cemetery  
 US Highway 17 South  
 Midway, Georgia 31320*

**Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution**

*Athens, Blue Ridge Mountains, Button Gwinnett  
 Captain John Collins, Marshes of Glynn,  
 Mount Vernon and Robert Forsyth Chapters*

**Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution**

*Jacksonville and Panama City Chapters  
 and the*

**St. John's Parish Chapter National Society Daughters of  
 the American Colonists**

**Dedication of Grave Markers**

Welcome

Presentation of Colors

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Posting of Colors

SAR Pledge

American's Creed

Introduction of Guests and Greetings

Biography of Patriots

Unveiling of Marker

Single Musket Volley

Dedication of Grave Markers

Wreath Presentations

Retrieving the Colors

Musket and Cannon Salute

Taps

SAR Recessional

Mourn Muskets

Benediction

Recover Muskets

Retiring the Colors

**Grave Marker Dedication for Patriots**

**Nathaniel Bacon** (1748 — November 22, 1807)

SAR PRS #P-106410

**Benjamin Baker** (1717 — December 01, 1785)

SAR PRS #P-107025

**Martin Martin** (1745 — April 01, 1812)

SAR PRS #P-242472

**James Powell Maxwell** (1737 — March 01, 1792)

SAR PRS #P-243397

**John Winn** (1720 — February 08, 1781)

SAR PRS #P-322558

**Patriot Martin Martin is the ancestor of Button Gwinnett 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jack Martin**



## CONGRATULATIONS to the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.!

This year we learned, had Fun; we taught, had Fun; we served, had Fun; we made new friends; had Fun; and most importantly we had FUN! We made the C.A.R. Creed come live as "member of the C.A.R., I believe it is my duty to use my influence to create a deeper love of country, a loyal respect for its Constitution and reverence for its Flag, among the young people whom I come in contact." Your delegates at the National Convention represented you well, very well, as pages, chorus members, and flag bearers. Special THANKS to the Pethels who ended up with a magic camera lens and golden needle service for the entire convention participants. **4th place - Membership 3rd place - Kids Helping Kids, Government Studies 2nd Place - American Indian, Mountain Schools 1st Place - C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations, American Heritage, American History, Patriotic Education National Gold Merit Society (one of 12 societies) 2nd Place National Most Outstanding Society in the Nation**



Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Society President Hunter. The VFW, Mountain Bike Club, and Button Gwinnett SAR recognized Hunter for his outstanding achievement in earning the rank of Eagle. Noteworthy, Hunter is the VFW Georgia Eagle Scout of the Year. The scouting journey compliments Hunter's outstanding service to the community in C.A.R. CONGRATULATIONS Hunter, the best is still to come! Hunter was inducted into the Button Gwinnett Chapter by Georgia President Ed Rigel Jr. on April 6, 2024. *Attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor were President Tom Jacques, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ray Kyle, Eagle Chair David Patrick & C.A.R. Chair Randy Tindall*



A note from Randy Tindall on Facebook about Noah Tindall achieving the rank of Life Scout!  
The ROI for training in life and leadership skills that will make a positive difference is a Life Scout  
on the journey to Eagle. Thanks to all who have been a part of this investment.  
and yes, he is now taller than me and in a size 12 shoe.  
Congratulations Noah! *HUZZAH*



## **Congratulations to Compatriot & Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President John Goodwin**

### Recent Events of Record

18 Apr - Attended lunch for reinternment of British Highlander hosted by Major General Julian Burns with the following organizations in attendance

- Military Attaché' for the British Embassy
- British Highlander Soldiers providing Honors
- Local DAR Regent to represent NSDAR
- South Carolina Battlefield Trust Director
- National Battlefield Trust Director
- Self - as Local SAR President to represent SAR

18 Apr - Attended reinternment of British Highlander at Battle of Camden Battlefield ceremony as honored guest representing SAR. In attendance was all of the above plus City, County and State officials AND Historic Camden and key individuals in charge of recovery project.

19 Apr - Attended SCSSAR 250 Bench Dedication. Attended in Militia uniform and participated in Color Guard in Camden, SC at the Visitors Center. SAR and DAR in attendance. City officials in attendance.

19 Apr - Hosted Wreath Laying Ceremony in Militia uniform to honor the Camden-12 at Quaker Cemetery in Camden, SC. DAR and SAR in attendance. Multiple states. 18 Wreaths presented. Current SCSSAR State President in attendance. City officials in attendance.

19 Apr - Attended Reception for SCSSAR Annual Meeting at Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden, SC.

19 Apr - Attended Awards Banquet for SCSSAR Annual Meeting at Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden, SC. Received the following State Awards.

- Silver - Henry Knox Achievement Medal/Award
- Silver - Roger Sherman Medal/Award
- Silver - C.A.R. - SAR Medal of Appreciation

20 Apr - Attended South Atlantic District Meeting at Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden, SC.

20 Apr - Attended SCSSAR Annual Meeting Memorial Service at Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden, SC

20 Apr - Attended SCSSAR Annual Meeting - Business Meeting and New Officer Installation at Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden, SC

20 Apr - Hosted Wreath laying ceremony in Colonial uniform to honor the Battle of Hobkirk Hill at Kirkwood Commons in Camden, SC. DAR and SAR in attendance. Multiple states. 16 Wreaths presented. New State President of SCSSAR in attendance. DAR State Chaplin in attendance. City officials in attendance.

20 Apr - Attended Hobkirk Hill Chapter, NSDAR dedication of their America250 Patriot Marker. DAR and SAR in attendance. New State President of SCSSAR in attendance. South Carolina DAR State Regent, State Chaplin, and Honorary State Regent in attendance. City officials in attendance.



PLEASE JOIN COLONEL JOSEPH KERSHAW CHAPTER  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
 FOR A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

*Celebrating Battle of Hobkirk Hill*



SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, AT 3 O'CLOCK

Kirkwood Commons  
 (at the flags and marker)  
 201 Kirkwood Lane  
 Camden, SC 29020



HISTORIC CAMDEN  
 FOUNDATION  
 TOGETHER WITH  
 THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF  
 SCOTLAND  
 ANNOUNCE THE NON-CEREMONIAL REINTERMENT  
 OF THE  
 71<sup>ST</sup> HIGHLANDER  
 THURSDAY | APRIL 18 | 2 PM  
 2024  
 BATTLE OF CAMDEN BATTLEFIELD  
 FLAT ROCK ROAD, CAMDEN, SC  
 GRAVESITE REMARKS BY COL. ALCUIN JOHNSON  
 MILITARY ATTACHE, BRITISH EMBASSY



**Congratulations to Past Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Michael N. Henderson**  
***Sharing a Post from Micheal's Facebook Page April 30, 2024***

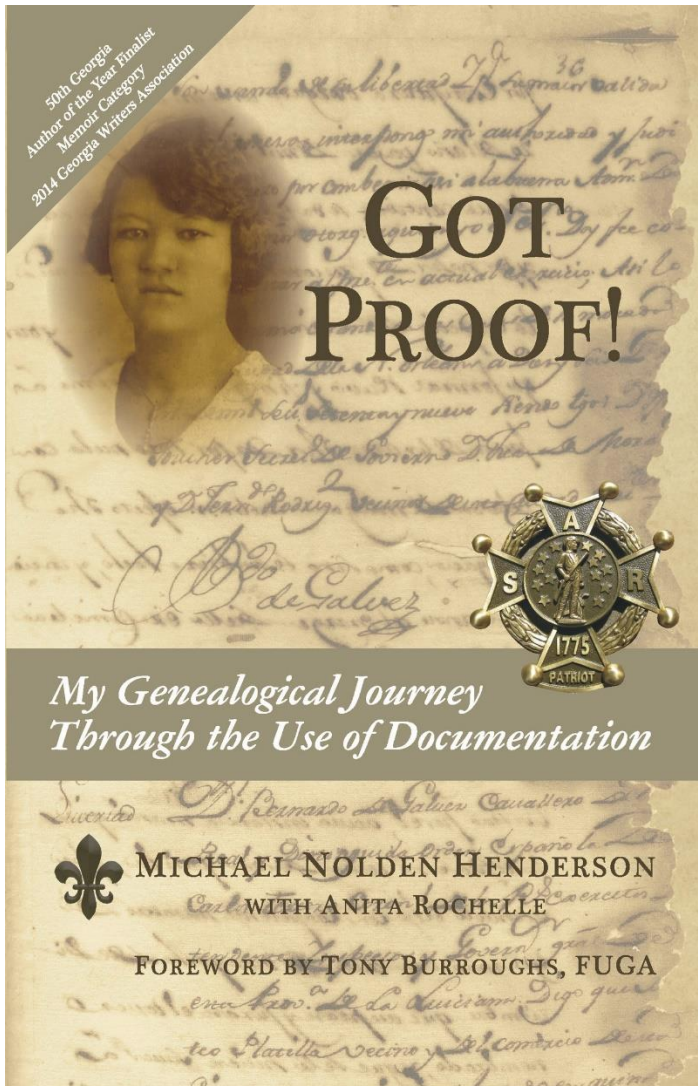
I am honored to be the recipient of the American Book Fest- 2024 American Legacy Book Awards for my book, Got Proof! My Genealogical Journey Through the Use of Documentation.

Years after its publication, the book is still impacting the literary world and the historical and genealogy circles locally in my hometown of New Orleans, nationally, and globally.

The story of my ancestors, who lived during the French and Spanish colonial periods in New Orleans, is a tale of family, freedom, and legacy, making this award especially valuable as it indicates the enduring impact of the story, and the timeless treasure of these concepts.

The book is available from Amazon, or you can order an autographed copy on my website <https://michaelnhenderson.com/got-proof/> (for a limited time).

You can visit the links in the comments below for more about my journey to uncover this fascinating family history.





**Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Compatriot passed away on April 17, 2024.**

Bill became a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on February 20, 2015 and was assigned National number 193790 and Georgia number 5966. Bill was a descendant of Patriot Sterling Jenkins who was a Private in the Georgia Militia who passed in Wilkes Co., GA in 1823.

Qualifying Service Description: Soldier in the Battle of Kettle Creek

DAR states: PRIVATE; CERT OF Colonel E. CLARKE, MAR 25 1784

**Official Obituary of - William Eugene Grimes**

**May 13, 1956 ~ April 17, 2024 (age 67)**

William Eugene Grimes, 67, a cherished husband, father, brother, and grandfather, passed away peacefully after a long battle with brain cancer on Wednesday, April 17 in Waycross, GA.

William, affectionately known by his loved ones as Bill, was born on May 13, 1956, in Columbus, GA, to the late Clifford E. and Betty Grimes. Bill graduated from Carver High School in 1974. His passion for learning and commitment to education led him to Columbus State University, formerly Columbus College, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Furthering his education, he received a Master's Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, reflecting his lifelong dedication to his faith and scholarly pursuits.

Immediately following graduation, Bill imparted knowledge and wisdom as a fifth-grade teacher at Presbyterian Day School in Clarksdale, Mississippi for five years. His influence on his students was profound, instilling in them not only academic knowledge but also the values of integrity and compassion. Later, Bill held several sales positions in various settings and ultimately transitioned to a successful position at Mimaki, where he was known for his personable nature and his ability to connect with his colleagues.

In his personal life, Bill was a devoted husband to his loving wife of 37 years, Ruth Grimes. Their marriage was a beautiful example of mutual support and affection. He was also a proud father to his daughter, Mary Catherine Wysong (Chris), who gave him the joy of being a grandfather to Ansley Paige, and to a second grandchild due in October. He is also survived by his brother, Charles Brent Grimes, Sr. (Laura), niece, Whitley Fleenor (James), nephew Charles Brent Grimes, Jr., and numerous cousins. They shared in many family gatherings that were filled with laughter and love.

Bill's interests were as unique as they were diverse. A long-time amateur Ham radio enthusiast, he found joy in connecting with others across the airwaves, sharing stories, and forging friendships. His love for history was evident in his participation as a Confederate and Revolutionary War reenactor, where he brought the past to life with enthusiasm and respect for his heritage. Bill was also passionate about learning the art of self-defense having earned an advanced green belt in Krav Maga.

A man of faith, Bill's commitment to the study of the Bible was unwavering. He often taught and shared insights to anyone with a listening ear, insights that were both thought-provoking and spiritually enriching. His ability to weave his knowledge of scripture into everyday life was an inspiration to those around him.

To those who knew him, Bill was the epitome of a loving and family-oriented man. He touched many lives with his kindness, friendly nature, and genuine interest in the well-being of others. His legacy is one of love, faith, and an enduring zest for life that will continue to live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 27, 2024 in the chapel of McMullen Funeral Home and Crematory. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home, 3874 Gentian Blvd, Columbus, GA 31907. A private graveside service and burial will be held for family at Parkhill Cemetery.

Flowers graciously accepted or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, PO Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438, The American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741, or Satilla Hospice House, 808 Evergreen Way, Waycross, GA 31501.



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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