



## The Button Gwinnett Dispatch May 2024

### A Newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

### National Society Sons of the American Revolution



#### President's Message:

May was a very busy month for our Button Gwinnett Chapter!

On May 9, 2024 we inducted Nick Hamrick as our newest Button Gwinnett Chapter Member.

On May 18, 2024 we participated in the Grave Marking of Patriot Silas Mercer in Wilkes Co., GA.

On May 19, 2024 we provided the Color Guard for the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter installation of new officers. President Jacques presented an SAR Medal of Appreciation to Caitlen Green, a SAR Martha Washington Certificate & Bronze Oak Leaf pin to outgoing Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques and a SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Boston Tea Party Challenge Coin to Georgia State Regent Betty Brown Harrah. On May 19<sup>th</sup> President Jacques presented the SAR - C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation to Rayleigh Pangle as a Past President of the Elisha Winn Society. It was an honor to see Nick Hamrick installed as the new President of the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. On May 19<sup>th</sup> Compatriot James Walters, accompanied by a member of the Button Gwinnett Color Guard, presented a SAR Eagle Scout Certificate to his Grandson Matthew Walters.

On May 24, 2024, flags were placed at the Snellville Historic Cemetery.

On May 25, 2024, flags were placed at the Eternal Hills Cemetery, the Color Guard participated at the Marietta National Cemetery and the Color Guard and Militia participated in the Snellville Memorial Day Ceremony.

On May 26, 2024 members participated in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ryan Kress & Michael Holtman

On May 27, 2024 members participated in the Color Guard for the Oconee Memorial Day Ceremony and also attended the Gwinnett County Memorial Day Ceremony.

We completed our 2024 presentation of JROTC Medals and Certificates at twelve Gwinnett County High Schools.

Compatriot Michael Henderson participated in a ceremony honoring Bernardo de Galvez.

On June 13 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.



**SAR Chapter President Neck Ribbon and Medal**

**SAR Past Chapter President Pin**

**As of May 31, 2024 there are  
99 Button Gwinnett Chapter Members**



## Meeting Highlights:

Our May 9, 2024 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 22 members and 17 guests in attendance.

We would love to see all members and their guests at a future meeting! We had DAR members from 3 chapters join us: Philadelphia Winn - Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, Corresponding Secretary Maryland McCarty, Members Emily Tindall, Ginny Manning, Mary Martin, Mary Kitchings. Anne Lockhart & Rose Horton; William Day - Honorary Regent Debbie Bush & member Judy York; Suwanee Creek - Amy Koon & Donna Bowlick

Nick Hamrick was inducted into the Button Gwinnett Chapter as our newest Junior Member. Nick was accompanied by his mother Ginny, sister Rebecca and grandparents Anne Lockart and Frank Marchese.

Nicholas Alan Hamrick is a descendant of Patriot John HUBBS SC who was born December 1763 in Craven County, South Carolina and at age 13 he enlisted as a private in South Carolina under Captain James Carson and Col Pickens. Patriot Hubbs died December 12, 1844 in GRAINGER CO TENNESSEE. For a bit of prospective, Nick will turn 12 on October 9, 2024.

Nick's ACN#110203, Nat# 228746 and GA#8792 - approved at National on 12/22/23.

Nick was installed as the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. President at their meeting on May 19, 2024.



Compatriot Mark York received his SAR Certificate and Record Copy National# 229579 for Patriot William Garrard SC Pvt he was born January 1, 1760 at Stafford Co., Virginia.



Mark was inducted at our Button Gwinnett 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting on April 6, 2024 by Georgia State President Ed Rigel Jr.

First Vice President Ray Kyle was presented with his SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gold Medal by President Jacques. Ray is the fourth Button Gwinnett Chapter Member to receive the SAR 250th Anniversary Gold Medal - Joining Ralph Galpin, Don McCarty and Tom Jacques.



Recognize Steamers received at the April Georgia SAR BOM meeting from the Georgia SAR State Conference



President General Award 2023  
 President General Chapter of Excellence 2023  
 Chapter - Americanism Chapter of Excellence streamer  
 Chapter - Americanism Chapter of Distinction streamer  
 SAR Top Chapter - C.A.R. Blue Liaison Streamer 2023 & \$100 check  
 SAR Chapter - C.A.R. Red Liaison Streamer  
 Chapter - Membership Retention Award streamer

Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.  
 First Vice President Nick Hamrick brought greetings and an update on Awards the Society received at C.A.R. National Conference.



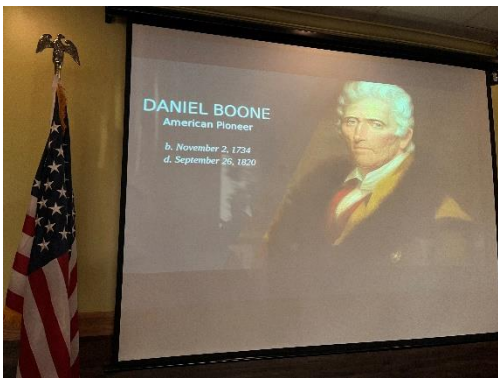
1st Place - C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations, American Heritage, American History, Patriotic Education National Gold Merit Society (one of 12 societies)  
 2nd Place National Most Outstanding Society in the Nation  
 2nd Place - American Indian, Mountain Schools  
 3rd place - Kids Helping Kids, Government Studies  
 4th place - Membership

**Gene Ray of Mount Vernon SAR Chapter presented a program on his ancestor “Daniel Boone”.**

Gene is an honors graduate of Georgia State University and a veteran of the US Navy. He was the recipient of the Ralph McGill Memorial Scholarship and immediately after graduation, worked as a reporter for the Atlanta Constitution. His business career subsequently was centered on advertising, marketing, and general business. He has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution for since 1990. He’s a cofounder of The Boone Society, a member of the Kentucky Historical Society, the Boonesborough Society, the Filson Historical Society, the Order of Kentucky Colonels, and other historical groups.

Awards: SAR War Service Medal; Certificate of Appreciation from The Boone Society for serving as co-founder and first president.

Specialty Lecture Topics: The life and history of Daniel Boone. Daniel and Rebecca Boone are Gene’s 5th great grandparents, and he has spent many years collecting and studying information about the Boone family and Kentucky history and has over 70 books on the subject.  
Ray Kyle - Presented Gene Ray with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation



## **Registrar Status Report (As of May 31, 2024 , there are 99 chapter members)**

### **New member applications approved but not inducted yet:**

1. Daniel Czarniak 229082 - Jeremiah FRAZER NY Pvt (Approved Feb 2, 2024)
2. Joshua Steven White 229332 – John White MA SGT (Approved Mar 1, 2024)
3. Sam Jaeger - 229716 – Benjamin Parker MA Pvt (Approved April 12, 2024)
4. Stanley Edward Quinn - 229763 – (Approved April 19, 2024)

### **New Member applications at National:**

- Gary Bowlick – At National Mar 1, 2024 (**Approved May 31, 2024**)
- James Reason – At National Mar 28, 2024
- Parker Reason – At National Mar 28, 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:**

- None

### **New Memorial Application at State:**

- None

### **New Member Applications in Process:**

- William Benson Wood – referral from 2023 Wreaths Across America (Philadelphia Winn DAR)
- Brandon Hembree – referral from Amy Koon May 3, 2024 (Suwannee Creek DAR)

### **Supplementals at State:**

- None

### **Supplementals in process :**

- None

### **Transfer into Button Gwinnett Chapter:**

- None

### **Reinstatement in process:**

- Adam Hoke Webb – Reinstatement in process - notified at Feb 8, 2024 chapter meeting
- Jeffery Harrison Lerner - Reinstatement in process – Notified Mar 29, 2024
- John Moale III – Charter Member (**reinstated May 28, 2024**)

## **2024 Committee Assignments**

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

- 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**

- Jun 13 Mark Anthony: "The Revolution as Told by Its Flags" *Ray Kyle Installed as President*
- 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 Alcovia 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
- 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 Flag Placement at Cemeteries
- May 27 Oconee County Veterans Memorial
- May 27 GJAC Memorial Day Ceremony Lawrenceville, GA

**Upcoming Events**

- Jun 8 Flag Retirement Ceremony (Robert Forsyth & Piedmont)
- Jun 15 Flag Day – VFW Post 5255 - Lawrenceville, GA – 10:00am (Color Guard)
- 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
- Jun 30 New Hope UMC Patriotic Sunday Service 10:00am (Color Guard)
- Jun 30 Patriotic Concert – First Methodist Church Gainesville – 4:00pm (Color Guard)
- Jul 3 Freedom Fireworks – Washington, GA – 5:00pm (Color Guard)
- Jul 4 **Musket Salute** at Atlanta Braves Game – 7:20pm

**Stephens County High School, Toccoa, GA – Education outreach**

On May 2nd, Ray Kyle teamed up with Carter Wood and Mike Watkins, from the Lyman Hall Chapter, Emil Decker and J.C. Hustis, from the Robert Forsyth Chapter, to give three, 90 minute "Meet the Original Citizen Soldiers" presentations to 209 students and faculty at Stephenson County High School, in Toccoa, GA. The presentations were "Traveling Trunk" in nature, but we also had School Administration and Law Enforcement authorization to display various muskets and rifles. Each session ended outside, on the football field, with Mike, Emil and Ray firing a three-round volley.



## Patriot Grave Marking for Silas Mercer May 18, 2024

Participants in Color Guard - President Tom Jacques, Compatriots Ralph Galpin, Don McCarty, David Sikes. Compatriots in attendance - Past President Michael Henderson and Chris Bradfield. National Commander Scott Collins, Georgia SAR President Ed Rigel Jr & Georgia DAR State Regent Betty Brown Harrah brought greetings and presented wreaths. Button Gwinnett President Tom Jacques presented the Chapter Wreath and a wreath for Boston Tea Party Descendants. Don McCarty presented a wreath for the Georgia Patriot Grave Marking Committee as Chair.







Button Gwinnett members with Color Guard Below Left - Front Row (L-R) David Sikes, Michael Henderson, Tom Jacques, Ralph Galpin, Don McCarty, Chris Bradfield



**Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Matthew Walters (Grandson of James Walters) May 19, 2024**

Button Gwinnett Charter Member James Walters presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate to his Grandson Matthew Walters (Center) along with Compatriots in Continental Uniforms Marty Bush, Bill Palmer and Ralph Galpin. As Eagle Scout Chairman David Patrick was out of the Country, James Walters signed the certificate as Chairman with Tom Jacques signing as President.



**Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Ryan Kress & Michael Holtman - May 26, 2024**

Button Gwinnett Chapter President Tom Jacques presented SAR Eagle Scout Certificates to Ryan Kress & Michael Holtman along with Compatriots in Continental Uniforms First VP Ray Kyle, Second VP Jack Martin, JROTC Chair Marty Bush and Eagle Scout Chair David Patrick.

**Picture (L-R)** Ray Kyle, Marty Bush, Michael Holtman, David Patrick, Ryan Kress, Tom Jacques, Jack Martin and Don McCarty.



**Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter - Installation of 2024-2026 Officers May 19, 2024**

Button Gwinnett Chapter Color Guard Members for this meeting included Commander Terry Manning, President Tom Jacques, Second VP Jack Martin, Treasurer Don McCarty, Chaplain Harry Kitchings and Compatriot David Sikes. Additional members in attendance were Secretary Jaryd Green, Sergeant at Arms Don Schmidt, C.A.R Chairman & Sr. Georgia C.A.R. President Randy Tindall along with Junior Members Noah Tindall, Hunter Newton and Nick Hamrick.



Nick Hamrick led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the Philadelphia Winn Meeting.

**President Jacques presented:**

- 1) First Vice Regent-Elect Caitlen Green (wife of Jaryd Green) with the SAR Medal of Appreciation for three referrals resulting in the approval of new Button Gwinnett members. (left photo)
- 2) Outgoing Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques with her fifth Martha Washington Medal (4<sup>th</sup> Oak Leaf) in keeping with the tradition of presenting this award to DAR Regents who have supported the Button Gwinnett Chapter during their 2-year term. (center photo)
- 3) A SAR 250 Boston Tea Party Anniversary Challenge Coin to Georgia State Regent Betty Brown Harrah who brought greetings to the meeting and installed the new Philadelphia Winn Officers. (right Photo)



**Georgia DAR State Regent Betty Brown Harrah installed new Philadelphia Winn DAR Officers.**

Picture (L-R) Outgoing Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques (Wife of President Tom Jacques); Georgia DAR State Regent Betty Brown Harrah; Incoming Regent Randi Minor; First Vice Regent Caitlen Green (Wife of Secretary Jaryd Green); Second Vice Regent Emily Tindall (Wife of Randy Tindall and mother of Noah); Chaplain Joann Rosselle; Recording Secretary Beth Wolfe (Widow of Denis Wolf), Corresponding Secretary Ana Hart; Treasurer Rose Horton; Historian Charlotte Weber and Librarian Valerie Craft.



Recording Secretary Beth Wolfe received her DAR 10-year anniversary Certificate – presented by Betty Brown Harrah and Lynn Baxter Jacques





**Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. - Installation of 2024-2026 Officers May 19, 2024**

Button Gwinnett Junior Member Nick Hamrick was installed as the New Elisha Winn Society President - replacing outgoing President Hunter Newton who is also a Button Gwinnett Junior Member.

President Jacques presented the SAR - C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation to Elisha Winn Society 3rd President - Rayleigh Pangle (2nd Outstanding Society - National) - who was unable to attend the Button Gwinnett 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 6, 2024.





Pictured above (L-R) President Jacques, Rayleigh Pangle, Nick Hamrick, Noah Tindall, Isaac Long, Taylor Newton, and Hunter Newton



## Memorial Day Events

May 24 - Placing flags at Snellville Historic Cemetery 9:00am (L-R) Jack Martin, Reggie Vallotton, Don McCarty, Bill Palmer, Nick Hamrick, Tom Jacques, Bruce Maney (Not pictured John Zeigler) Philadelphia Winn members Mary Martin, Honorary Regent Lynn Jacques, Anne Lockhart & Maryland McCarty

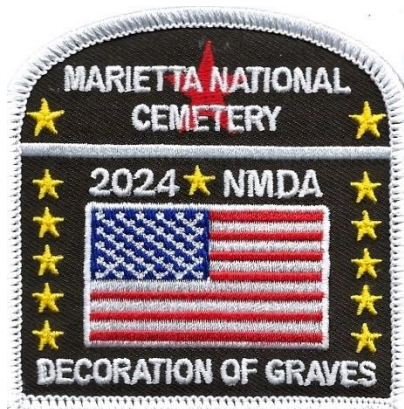


Newly installed Elisha Winn Society President & Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Nick Hamrick places flags along with his sister Rebecca. They are the grandchildren of Philadelphia Winn DAR daughter Anne Lockhart.

Flags and guidance were provided by the American Legion Post 232 and Ladies Auxiliary  
Left Picture (L-R) James Cho, President Reggie Vallotton, Bill Palmer, Bruce Maney and Jimmy Jackson  
Right Picture (L-R) Anna Marie Harshbarger, Auxiliary President Crickett Agee, Helen Adams, Roberta Dodson



May 25 - Georgia Color Guard at Marietta National Cemetery 8:30am



The Color Guard - (L-R) Ron Redner, Bill Edelen, Tom Jacques, Stacey McCarver, Ed Klass, Georgia State SAR President Ed Rigel Jr. (Commanding), and Craig Benton





Flag Placement by Elizabeth Bush – granddaughter of Button Gwinnett SAR JROTC Chair and incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Marty Bush and his wife William Day, DAR Honorary Regent Debbie Bush.

**May 25 - Placing flags at Eternal Hills Cemetery 9:00am** A SAR Flag Certificate, given in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the American Flag, was presented to Gregory Williams, General Manager of Eternal Hills Memory Gardens, by Bill Palmer Past President of the Button Gwinnett SAR.



**Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Georgia National Cemetery - Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR chapter members in Section 13 for placement of American Flags.**

**(L-R) DAR Daughters Frances Middlesworth, Ms. Edy, Sue Gilbert, Catherine Jimenez, Lisa Melenyzer, and SAR member James Walters (Button Gwinnett Chapter).**



**May 25 @ 4:30pm Memorial Day Event at Snellville at Veterans Memorial** Button Gwinnett Color Guard Members –Picture (L-R) Tom Jacques, Commander Bill Palmer, Bruce Maney, Don McCarty, Jack Martin, David McCarty and David Sikes. Not Pictured John Zeigler.



**Picture (L-R)** Bill Palmer, Bruce Maney, Don McCarty, Mary Martin, Jack Martin, Mary Frankiewicz, Lynn Jacques, David McCarty, Maryland McCarty, Marty Ruppert, John Zeigler, Tom Jacques, and David Sikes



**Picture (L-R)** Bill Palmer, Bruce Maney, Don McCarty, Mary Martin, Jack Martin, Mary Frankiewicz, Cricket Agee, David McCarty, Maryland McCarty, Marty Ruppert, John Zeigler, Tom Jacques and David Sikes



**May 27 @ 11:00am Memorial Day Event at Oconee County Veterans Memorial Color Guard Members Picture (L-R) Tom Jacques, Bill Palmer, David Wiley, Bruce Maney, Carter Wood, Don McCarty, Justin Reese, J.C. Hustis, Emil Decker and Ray Kyle**



**JROTC Cadets receiving SAR JROTC Medals and Certificates**

**Air Force JROTC**

Collins Hill - Johnathan Hernandez - April 22, 2024

Meadowcreek - Jayden Soeun - May 7, 2024

North Gwinnett - Henry Domyslawski - May 2, 2024

**Army JROTC**

Berkmar - Gabriel Frias Perez - May 1, 2024

Central Gwinnett - Akira Stewart - March 21, 2024

Discovery - Gael Araujo-Hernandez - March 14, 2024

Grayson - Dorian Hafner - May 2, 2024

Norcross - Dylan Sikes - May 7, 2024

**Marine Corps JROTC**

Parkview - Nate Robinett - May 8, 2024

**Navy JROTC**

Duluth - Arthur Athakhanh - May 22, 2024

Peachtree Ridge - Caleb Toledo - April 25, 2024

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### Discovery High JROTC female drill team wins state title

From staff reports

For the first time in its history, Discovery High School's U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps female drill team earned first place at the JROTC State Championship drill competition.

The Titan Battalion, as the Discovery High team is known, had never won a state championship in its seven-year history, having placed second each of the last three years.

"We feel delighted to accomplish this dream," Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Khin Iang said. "We used our failures from previous years to achieve this goal, especially for our seniors. It makes us feel like we brought something special back to our school that recognizes us for our hard work. We put sweat and tears into this process, leaving a lifetime impression on us all. We will always be the first state champion in the Titan Battalion. We are a family now."

Under the guidance and leadership of Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), U.S. Army Sr. Army Instructor Rob Rooker, the Titan Battalion has consistently excelled in eight categories – including small and large unit precision marching, exhibition (rifle spinning), and color guard at both the regional and state levels.

In Georgia, the regional championship involves the participation of 12 regions, with the top three from each category advancing to the state competition. This year, among 85 represented schools, Discovery High School's JROTC team, which has 204 cadets, excelled. It qualified in seven out of the eight categories, with the boys' team clinching the regional championship.

Special Photo

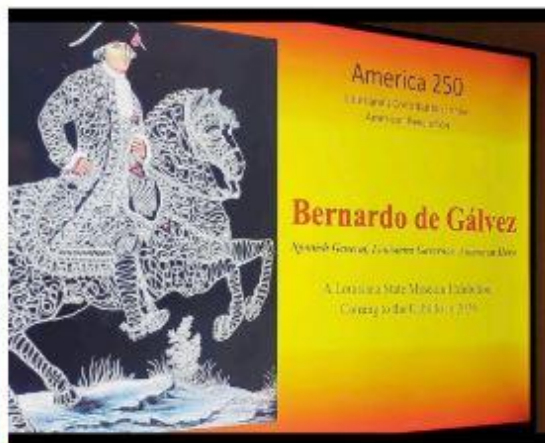
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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to the Discovery High School JROTC Female Drill Team for their State Title under the guidance and command of Retired Lt. Col. Rob Rooker (Button Gwinnett Compatriot)

## Congratulations to Past Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Michael N. Henderson



Maria Isabel Daly Garcia de Page, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Spain, New Orleans, Louisiana presented Compatriot Henderson, LCDR, USN Ret. Ga. in recognition of his outstanding achievement for the preservation of the history and culture of the Kingdom of Spain. Henderson's Revolutionary Patriot ancestor Mathieu Devaux dit Platillo was an artilleryman who fought in the Revolutionary War under the Command of Governor-General Bernardo de Galvez in 1779-1783. See part of his ancestor's story in the Galvez Papers: <https://www.pbs.org/video/history-detectives-galvez-papers/>



The Hendersons were greeted by the host of the evening Galvez event, Mrs. Monique KennedyHall of the @Los Granaderos y Damas De Galvez - La Luisiana Chapter at the La. State Museum. A reception was held at the Louisiana State Museum, the Cabildo welcoming the Spanish Military Training Ship, Juan Sebastian de Elcano and its Captain Luis Carreras Presas-Do Campo.



The Captain of the Elcano, Luis Carreras Presas-Do Campo (center), Maria Isabel Daly Garcia de Page, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Spain New Orleans, Louisiana (Red Dress) and Mrs. Monique Kennedy-Hall and Gentlemen of the @Los Granaderos y Damas De Galvez - La Luisiana Chapter honored our family with another photo together.



After providing a few remarks to the guest about his ancestral research journey and connections to Spanish Colonial Louisiana, Bernardo de Galvez, his patriot ancestors, Mathieu Devaux dit Platillo and 4th Generation Great Grandmother Agnes Mathieu. He presented both Captain Luis Carreras Presas-Do Campo and Maria Isabel Daly Garcia de Page a signed copy of his 2024 American Legacy Award Memoir, titled Got Proof! My Genealogical Journey Thought the Use of Documentation and Capture a photo with his mother, Frances Henderson a member of the New Orleans Chapter, Louisiana State DAR and sister, Jane Frances Henderson Bronner, member of the Atlanta Chapter, Georgia State DAR.

## Upcoming event

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### **Gwinnett Flag Day Celebration in Lawrenceville!**

As the 13th annual Flag Day celebration draws near on Saturday, June 15th, 10:00 AM, Gwinnett Flag Day committee is gearing up for a momentous occasion in honor of the revered symbol of the United States of America.

This event will be held at the VFW Post 5255, 368 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville.

Collaborating with esteemed organizations such as the Button Gwinnett, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Philadelphia Winn Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum, and the VFW, the committee is set to pay homage to the stars and stripes that represent our nation's freedom.

Additional patriotic groups and military chapters participating will include the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Repented Motorcycle Ministry, and local masonic lodges.

Themed "Celebrating America and Honoring the Flag," this year's event aims to underscore the significance of respecting and honoring the flag, which proudly flies atop countless buildings,



schools, post offices, and government offices. It stands as a beacon of liberty, reminding all citizens of the cherished freedoms we hold dear.

Mike Sabbagh, President of the Gwinnett Flag Day Committee, expressed his excitement for the enduring tradition, stating, “With each passing year, we reaffirm our commitment as Americans to salute this emblem of liberty, especially as it coincides with the US Army’s birthday.”

The Flag Day committee, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America and VFW members, will introduce “Flag Retirement” as part of the ceremony for the first time. Attendees are encouraged to bring their worn, discolored, and tattered American flags for proper disposal, demonstrating the respect and dignity that our nation’s flag deserves.

Before and after the ceremony, attendees are invited to join in refreshments with fellow patriotic citizens, friends, and neighbors, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie. Let us come together to honor the flag and celebrate the spirit of America on this auspicious occasion. The Gwinnett Flag Day Ceremony is free of charge and open to the public.



Friday, May 31, 2024

May 31, 2024 6:03 am

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**FLAG DAY COMING:** The 13th annual observance of Flag Day will be held June 15 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5255, 368 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville. Collaborating will be the Button Gwinnett Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Philadelphia Winn Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum, and the VFW, to pay homage to the Stars and Stripes that represent our nation’s freedom. At the 2023 ceremony, participating were, facing the ceremony, SAR Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer; and those saluting, Don Bullard, Ralph Galpin, an unidentified person, and John Ziegler. Also taking part in the ceremony were Lou Zayas and Don McCarthy. Themed “Celebrating America and Honoring the Flag,” this year’s event aims to underscore the significance of respecting and honoring the flag, as it flies as a beacon of liberty.

Celebrate “Flag Day” on June 15, 2024

Theme: “Celebrating America and Honoring Our Flag”



You are invited to join the citizens of Gwinnett County  
as we proudly observe our 13<sup>th</sup> annual

**“Flag Day Ceremony”**

Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM

VFW Post 5255  
368 Grayson Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Refreshments before and after the ceremony

Raising the Colors, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance

Musket Volley by SAR – USA Veterans – First Responders – DAR

**New this year! Flag Retirement Ceremony!**

Bring your worn, faded, and tattered American Flag so that it may  
properly be disposed of in a dignified way.

Facebook: Gwinnett Flag Day

Website: [www.GwinnettFlagDay.org](http://www.GwinnettFlagDay.org)

# Please join us!

**Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting**

**Thursday, June 13, 2024**

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

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

**Mark Anthony: "The Revolution as Told By Its Flags"**

**Ray Kyle Installed as President by  
Georgia SAR President Ed Rigel Jr.**

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

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



## 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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