



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch June 2024

A Newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter National Society Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message for June 2024:

There was no rest for the weary in June! Button Gwinnett Compatriots continued to be very busy out in our communities. Yes, it was hot, and VERY hot, but that didn't slow us down. A highlight in June was when the chapter reached the 100 active member mark! Thanks to all who provided referrals and assisted us with this huge accomplishment!

On June 8th, we participated in a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Ingram Funeral Home in Cumming, GA.

On June 13th, during our monthly Chapter meeting, we inducted five new members. Georgia Society President Ed Rigel, Jr. also installed Ray Kyle as the New Button Gwinnett Chapter President, Jack Martin as 1st VP and Marty Bush as 2nd VP.

Proudly (and happily) wearing his Past President Pin, Tom Jacques, now the Immediate Past President, will remain on the Button Gwinnett Chapter Board of Managers, will continue as Editor of the Button Gwinnett Dispatch Newsletter, and will continue to Chair both the Chapter SAR Liaison to DAR and the Traveling Trunk Committees.

During the meeting, Tom Jacques and Lynn Jacques (Philadelphia Winn DAR Honorary Regent) were each awarded the Henry Knox Achievement Medal for their outstanding efforts in support of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. Their efforts included organizing the Chapter's successful 25th Anniversary Celebration, reestablishing the Button Gwinnett Dispatch Newsletter, serving as Chapter and State SAR - DAR Liaison Committees, as well as numerous other engagements. Well done and well-deserved Tom and Lynn!

On June 15th, we participated in a Flag Day Ceremony and a Flag Retirement Ceremony at VFW Post 5255, in Lawrenceville, GA.

On June 20th, we helped the C.A.R. with clean up at the Elisha Winn House, in Dacula, GA.

On June 22nd, we participated in the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration, in Lincolnton, NC.

On June 26th -29th, we accompanied our DAR spouses at the DAR Continental Congress, in Washington DC. We attended the Opening Ceremony, National Defense Night and many additional activities. We accompanied the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter members when they laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, VA.

On June 29th, we participated in the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge Commemoration, in Callahan, FL.

We closed out the month on June 30th, with two events in Gainesville, GA. In the morning, we presented the Colors for a Patriotic Church Service at New Hope UMC and, after the service ended, we went outside and fired a musket salute. In the afternoon, we presented the Colors for at the opening of a Patriotic Concert held at Gainesville First UMC.

June is in the history books now. Bring on July!



SAR Chapter President Neck Ribbon and Medal

SAR Past Chapter President Pin



As of June 5, 2024 there are
100 Button Gwinnett Chapter Members

Meeting Highlights:

Our June 13, 2024 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 27 members and 17 guests in attendance.

Please consider joining us at a future meeting! We had DAR members from 5 chapters in attendance: Philadelphia Winn - Honorary Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, Treasurer Rose Horton, DAR- SAR Relations Chair Mary Martin & Past Registrar Elizabeth Wainwright; William Day - Regent Debbie Kyle, Honorary Regent Debbie Bush & member Judy York; Suwanee Creek - Amy Koon & Donna Bowlick; Chestatee River - Kris White; Atlanta - Jane Henderson Bronner

As of June 5, 2024 - The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter has 100 active members 🥳

This is a major milestone for any chapter and we celebrated with two cakes for all in attendance. The White and Chocolate cakes were distributed by our lovely DAR ladies in attendance.



Five Compatriots were inducted into the Button Gwinnett Chapter by Chapter President Tom Jacques and they were presented their NSSAR Certificates and Record Copies by Georgia SAR President Ed Rigel Jr. Congratulations to all five compatriots who contributed to the 100-member milestone!

Pictures (L-R) Gary Alan Bowlick, Samuel Hamilton Jaeger, Stanley Edward Quinn, Daniel Stephen Czarniak and Joshua Steven White (accepted in his absence by his mother Kris White)



Gary Alan Bowlick - 230131 - William Cone GA Pvt
 State of Service: GA Qualifying Service: Patriotic Service
 DAR #: A024922 Birth: abt 1745 On the Pee Dee River // NC
 Death: aft 24 Jun 1816 Ivanhoe / Bulloch / GA

*Qualifying Service Description:
 Fought Tories in NC and SC*

*Captain, Richmond & Effingham County, Militia
 Refugee Citizen, Issued certificate as per Act of 20 Aug 1781
 Private; General McLean's Regiment of Georgia troops under General Francis Marion*



Samual Hamilton Jaeger - 229716 - Benjamin Parker MA Pvt
 State of Service: MA Qualifying Service: Captain DAR #: A087328
 Birth: 1749 North Yarmouth / York Co ME Dist / MA
 Death: 31 Dec 1834 Greene / Kennebec / ME

*Qualifying Service Description:
 Capt of I Company, Coastal Defense, Colonel Nathaniel Wade's Regt
 Guarded Cumberland County Seacoast*

Stanley Edward Quinn - 229763 - Moses Liddell SC Col
 State of Service: SC Qualifying Service Colonel DAR#:#: A070275
 Birth: 12- -1755 Maryland
 Death: 8-2-1802 Pendleton District SC
 Pension Number: *W7698
 Service Source: *W7698, SC ARCH, ACCTS AUD #4571, ROLL #89
 Service Description: 1) ALSO LT, CAPT GENERAL ANDREW PICKENS

Daniel Stephen Czarniak - 229082 - Jeremiah Frazier NY Pvt
 State of Service: NY Qualifying Service: Private / Patriotic Service DAR #: A041978
 Birth: 20 Jan 1763 Scotch Plains / Essex / NJ
 Death: 16 Aug 1847 Oswego / Oswego / NY
*Qualifying Service Description:
 Captains Palmer & Grasham, COLS Holmes & Van Schaick - PRISONER*



Joshua Steven White - 229332 - John White MA SGT (accepted by his mother Kris White)

State of Service: MA Qualifying Service: Sergeant DAR #: A124923

Birth: 23 Dec 1749 Raynham / Bristol / MA

Death: 16 Jan 1834 Hopkinton / Merrimack / NH

Qualifying Service Description:

Also CPL; Captain James Keith, Colonel Paul Dudley Sargent, Simeon Carly

Josua's Certificate and SAR Record Copy accepted by his mother Kris White



Kristine Fitch White - SAR Medal of Appreciation & Certificate

Kris has supported the Button Gwinnett Chapter for years bringing goodies to our Veterans Every November and she has sponsored 3 of our members - her brother Karl Fitch, her husband Steven and son Joshua, qualifying her to receive the SAR Medal of Appreciation.



Lynn Baxter Jacques - SAR Martha Washington Silver Oak Leaf and certificate

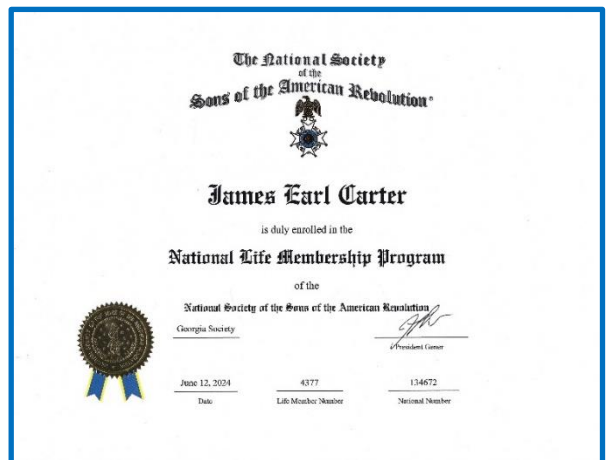
Through Lynn's position as Regent of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and as the Georgia Society DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Chair during the McCorkle and Harrah Administrations, Lynn has provided tremendous support of both the Button Gwinnett Chapter and to me personally through my duties as Chapter President and GASSAR Chair as the DAR Liaison Committee.

President Jacques (A Boston Tea Party Member Descendant) presented Georgia SAR President Ed Rigel Jr. with an SAR Boston Tea Party Coin as a thank you gift for bringing greetings and for installing new Button Gwinnett Officers.



President James Earl Carter - became an NSSAR Life Member on June 12, 2024 Life#4377

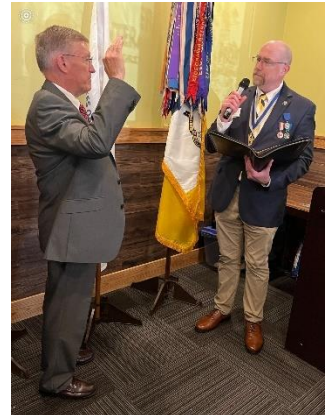
President Jimmy Carter, our 39th President of the United States of America, became a member of the NSSAR on March 26, 1990. It was Button Gwinnett President Terry Manning who sent a letter on July 18, 2004 to President Carter, informing him that the Button Gwinnett Chapter would be sponsoring his SAR National, Georgia and Chapter dues for 2005 since member-at-large membership was no longer available.



Installation of new Button Gwinnett Chapter Officers - by Georgia Society SAR President Ed Rigel Jr.

President -	Ray Kyle
Immediate Past President -	Tom Jacques
First Vice President -	Jack Martin
Second Vice President -	Marty Bush

Pictured (L-R) Marty Bush, Jack Martin, Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle - Georgia President Ed Rigel Jr.



Outgoing President Jacques places the neck ribbon on President Kyle

President Kyle Presented President Jacques with the SAR Past Chapter President's Pin.





President Kyle Presented Past President Jacques with a framed poster of the Boston Tea Party as a gift from the Button Gwinnett Chapter.



President Kyle presented Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President Tom Jacques and Honorary Philadelphia Winn Chapter Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques with SAR Bronze General Henry Knox Medals for their service to the Button Gwinnett Chapter.

Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 42

Year Authorized: 2023

Presented By: Chapter

Approved By: Chapter

Summary: The Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal may be awarded by a Chapter to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that Chapter. This award is not limited by a specific time of service requirement and may be presented to recognize a singular act or multiple acts.

This medal is named for Henry Knox (1750-1806). In May 1775, Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys captured Fort Ticonderoga. General Washington called on Henry Knox for a - 51 - Effective: April 24, 2023 seemingly impossible mission: to move the captured heavy artillery from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston, some 300 miles away. Knox selected 58 pieces of artillery. While primarily selecting 12-pounder and 18-pounder cannons, Knox also included the 5,000 pound 24-pounder cannon called "Old Sow." Weighing over 60 tons, Knox moved this train of artillery, ordinance, and powder over ice-covered Lake George and crossed the Hudson River four times. In forty days, Knox and his men completed this singular achievement and positioned the cannons on Dorchester Heights overlooking Boston city and harbor. British General William Howe commented, "these fellows have done more work in one night than I could make my army do in three months.

Description: The medal is antique bronze in color and features on the obverse a portrait of Henry Knox. It bears the inscription "Henry Knox Achievement Medal" on the top perimeter and "Sons of the American Revolution®" on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a cannon and the

phrase, "For Exceptional Achievement." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of Kelly green. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be engrossed and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot or non-SAR member may be recommended for and receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional, qualifying achievement. Multiple oak leaf cluster recognition shall follow NSSAR policy.

Mark C. Anthony of The Piedmont SAR Chapter presented a program titled "The Revolution as Told by Its Flags". His flag assistants were DAR daughters Lynn Baxter Jacques and Jane Bronner. Mark was presented with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation by First VP Jack Martin.



Biography of Mark C. Anthony

Mark Anthony is a native of Spartanburg, SC having graduated from Spartanburg High School in 1985 and the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1990. He found his way home to the Upstate of South Carolina from Rome, GA in 2005.

A member of the Sons of the American Revolution since 2002; Mark's interest in history was cultivated at a very early age. His mother was a history major at Converse College and taught history at Chapman High School in Inman, SC before her career was tragically ended by Mark's birth. As a form of revenge, she made him read her college and high school textbooks while he was in grade school.

Shortly after joining the SAR, Mark was responsible for locating and marking the grave of Patriot John Funderburk, the only known Revolutionary War veteran buried in Floyd County Georgia. The location of the grave had been a mystery for over 100 years. As a note, Patriot Funderburk fought with Francis Marion.

Mark has traced his ancestry identifying 36 ancestors who fought in the Revolution on the winning side and two that did not. Two of these ancestors faced each other at Kings Mountain in 1781 with one leaving the other to die on the field. There is no evidence that the one was responsible for the situation of the other.

Mark has served on all levels of SAR leadership as Chapter President of the Rome and Piedmont Chapters in Georgia, South Carolina SAR State Secretary and President and 2014 National Congress Committee Chairman. On the National SAR level, he has held many national committee chairmanships including the Americanism, Color Guard and Historic Sites & Celebrations Committees. He also served as the South Atlantic Vice President General from 2014 to 2015 and as National Color Guard Commander from 2017 to 2019.

In 2015, Mark was awarded the Minuteman Medal, the highest award presented to an SAR compatriot for long and distinguished service on the National level.

Mark has had two articles published: The British Evacuation of Charles Town published in The SAR Magazine covering the events that led to the eventual British evacuation of Charles Town in 1782 and The Colors of the Second South Carolina Regiment detailing the history and symbology of that regiment's flag.

In March 2022, Mark was named as a Technical Representative for the Overmountain Victory Trail Association to the South Carolina 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commission. The Overmountain Victory Trail Association commemorates the march of the Overmountain Men to Kings Mountain each year as well as provides programming throughout the year on the Battle of Kings Mountain. Professionally, Mark has worked in the banking field since 1996. He resides in Boiling Springs, SC with his wife Cindy.



Registrar Status Report (As of June 5, 2024 , there are 100 chapter members)

New member applications approved and inducted June 13, 2024:

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)
5. Gary Bowlick – At National Mar 1, 2024 (Approved May 31, 2024)

New Member applications at National:

- James Reason – At National Mar 28, 2024 (approved July 3, 2024)
- Parker Reason – At National Mar 28, 2024 (approved July 3, 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)
- David Sikes – 2 @ National – Patriots Thomas Blitch & Robert Marlow

New Member applications at State:

- Merle "Skip" Nunn – referral through Harold Ford June 6, 2024 (signed by T Jacques 6/24/24)

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)
- Michael Miller – referral from Lynn Jacques 2023 Wreaths Across America (Philadelphia Winn DAR)

Supplementals at State:

- Ray Anderson - Patriot Absalom Hooper – Delivered to Harold Ford June 12, 2024

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

NSSAR Life Membership Approved:

- United States 39th President James Earl Carter National Life # 4377 approved June 12, 2024

Transfer out of Button Gwinnett Chapter:

- Dale Roger Bishop to George Walton Chapter June 29, 2024

2024 Committee Assignments

If you would like to serve on one of these Committees, please contact President Ray Kyle 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 25th Anniversary – April 6, 2024 – Tom Jacques (Complete)*

Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

2024

Jul 11	Marty Bush: "General Nathanael Greene"
Aug 8	David Wellons: "Prelude to the Revolution - The Intolerable Acts"
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	Eli Stancel: "The Frontier"
Aug 14	Terry Manning: "10 New Things You Didn't Know About George Washington"
Sep 11	Shep Hammack: "Hyam Salomon, Financier of the American Revolution"
Oct 9	
Nov 13	
Dec 11	Installation of 2026 Chapter Officers

Completed Events in 2024

- Feb 29-Mar 2 National SAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Ky
Mar 2 Battle of Brier Creek
Mar 3 President Andrew Jackson's Hermitage 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 25th 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
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 133rd DAR Continental Congress, Washington, DC
Jun 29 Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge, FL
Jun 30 New Hope UMC Patriotic Sunday Service 10:00am (Color Guard)
Jun 30 Patriotic Concert - First Methodist Church Gainesville - 4:00pm (Color Guard)

Upcoming Events

- Jul 3 Freedom Fireworks - Washington, GA - 5:00pm (Color Guard)
Jul 4 **Musket Salute** at Atlanta Braves Game - 7:20pm
Jul 18-20 National (VA) - Fairfax Resolves, Alexandria, VA
Jul 27 GASSAR Summer BOM, Barnesville, GA
Aug 10 Battle of Camden, Camden, SC
Aug 17 Battle of Blue Licks, Carlisle, KY
Aug 31 Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutaw Springs, SC
Sep 14 Vigil at Washington's Tomb, Mt. Vernon, VA
Sep 14 Siege of Augusta, Augusta, GA
Sep 14 The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, TN
Sep 17 Constitution Day

Flag Day Ceremony June 15, 2024 – VFW Post 5255 Lawrenceville, GA

On June 15, 2024 the Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated with the Georgia SAR Color Guard led by National and Georgia Color Guard Commander Kenneth Scott Collins. This was the first Color Guard event for newly inducted Button Gwinnett Chapter Junior Member Nick Hamrick who was installed as the new C.A.R. Elisha Winn Society President on May 19th. Nick was instructed on Flag Protocol by Commander Collins.

Philadelphia Winn Honorary Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques who is an advisory member of the Gwinnett Flag Day Committee served as Master of Ceremonies. Philadelphia Winn Daughters Rose Horton, Mary Martin, and Maryland McCarty registered dignitaries as they arrived for the ceremony. C.A.R. Elisha Winn Society Members distributed small American Flags to those in attendance.

Left Photo (L-R) Ray Kyle, David Sikes, Scott Collins, Bill Edelen, Nick Hamrick, Tom Jacques, Noah Tindall, Don McCarty and Bill Palmer.





Flag Day Group Photo Philadelphia Winn DAR Daughters

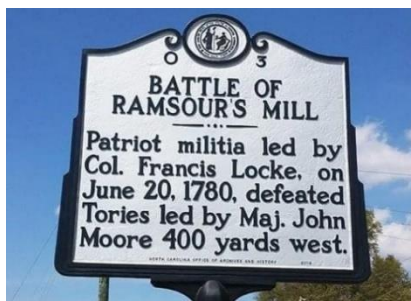
Front (L-R) Honorary Regent Kitty Watters, Joyce Goodbread, Corresponding Secretary Ana Hart, 2nd VP Emily Tindall

2nd Row (L-R) Anne Lockhart, Historian Charlotte Weber, Mary Frankiewicz, Marty Ruppert, Regent Randi Minor, Honorary Regent Lynn Jacques, Maryland McCarty

Back (L-R) Carol Pangle, Rose Horton, Connie Riskind, Melanie Walter, Mary Martin

National (NC) - Battle of Ramsour's Mill, North Carolina June 22, 2024

Participants in Color Guard - President Ray Kyle, Compatriot Ralph Galpin



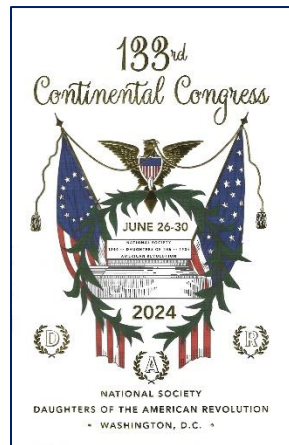
133rd DAR Continental Congress, Washington, DC & Arlington National Cemetery

Four Members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter attended separate ceremonies of the 133rd DAR Continental Congress in Washington, DC and a wreath laying ceremony by the Philadelphia Winn Chapter at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Wednesday Morning 9:00am wreath laying ceremony by the Philadelphia Winn Chapter at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was attended by Immediate Past President Tom Jacques and Randy & Noah Tindall. The Wreath was presented by 2nd Vice Regent Emily Tindall, Honorary Regent Connie Rifkind, Cynthia Davis, and Renee Davis.



133rd DAR Continental Congress Opening Ceremonies & National Defense Night



Saturday Evening, June 29 (cont.)	
Widener	The President General
Presentations of Award	The President General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAR Poetess Award Adrienne L. Fagan United States Coast Guard Washington, D.C. 	
<p><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <p>Admiral Linda Fagan Commandant United States Coast Guard</p>	
Presentations of Award	Carole Schaefer-Singer First Vice President General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Cochran Carter Award Colonel Maria Bick United States Air Force (Retired) Denver, Colorado 	
Presentations of Award	The President General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anita Niswander McGee Award Colonel Maria Bick United States Army Nurse Corps Columbus, Texas 	
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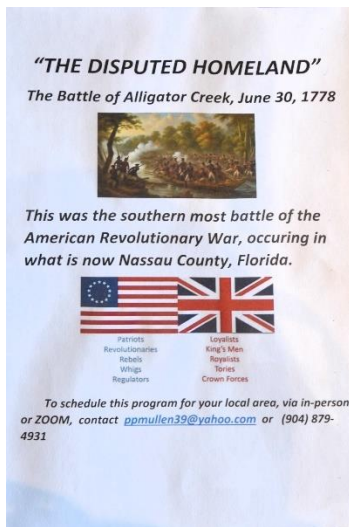
Alligator Creek June 29, 2024

Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge 30 June 1778
taking place 10:00 a.m. Saturday June 29, 2024, at the West Nassau Historical Society, 45383
Dixie Ave, Callahan, FL.

The Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge, 30 June 1778, was the southernmost battle of the American Revolutionary War, occurring what is now known as Nassau County, FL.

As reflected in the Ceremony Program the number of attendees included Greetings from the City of Callahan Mayor Randy Knagge, West Nassau Historical Society Speaker Peter Mullen and members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, along with other Guests and Presenters.

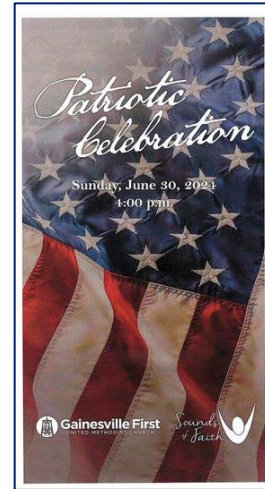
There was a small contingent from Georgia including Button Gwinnett Compatriot Ralph Galpin, Captain John Collins President Bill Edelen and National & Georgia Color Guard Commander Scott Collins. Photos by DAR Daughter Janet Edelen



Church Service June 30, 2024

Patriotic Sunday Service, Sunday 10:00 AM, 30 June 2024, at the New Hope United Methodist Church, 4815 Dawsonville Highway, Gainesville, GA.

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter members attending included President Ray Kyle and Compatriot Ralph Galpin. Photos by DAR Daughter Janet Edelen.



Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. - June 2024

Flag Day Ceremony June 15, 2024 - VFW Post 5255 Lawrenceville, GA



Northeast Georgia History Center (NEGAHC)

Thank you to Carter Wood for providing an excellent program in honor of Flag Day! Carter's presentation included a collection of full-size, colorful flags displayed on a large roll about rack and information on the designers, symbolism, and combat history of each flag.

Carter is a ninth-generation veteran of the US Army with 22 years of service and a distinguished member of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

We look forward to future programming with Carter!

Brought to you by the Ada Mae Ivester Education Center.



Elisha Winn Society members participated in Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony hosted by the Robert Forsyth and Piedmont SAR Chapters on June 8, 2024. Members presented 13 Stripes, Field of Blue and Hoist of a flag being retired. The significance of each section of the flag was shared as it was presented.

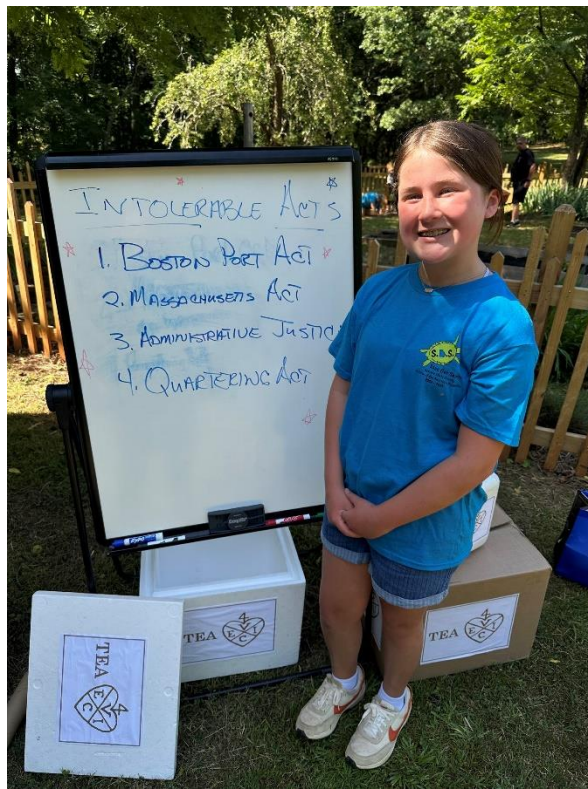


Celebrating the American Flag's birthday on June 14th (and her 5th birthday) are Elisha Winn Society members Willa and her brother Gray.



Elisha Winn House Cleanup Day - by Elisha Winn Society C.A.R., Philadelphia Winn DAR & Button Gwinnett SAR, Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Participants included Button Gwinnett Members Tom Jacques, Randy & Noah Tindall and Nick Hamrick.



Note from Tom Jacques:

During the cleanup at the Elisha Winn House, I discovered a plaque from the Button Gwinnett Chapter donating a tree back in 1999 - 25 years ago. Unfortunately, the tree has not survived.

I recommend that the Button Gwinnett Chapter review options to plant an America 250 Liberty Tree

Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2024

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

**The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM.
Marty Bush: “General Nathanael Greene”**

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

Celebrating our 25th Chapter Anniversary in 2024

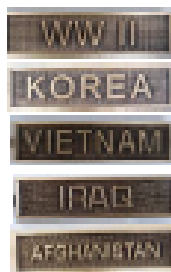


Do you Qualify for the National Society Sons of the American Revolution War Service or Military Service Medals?

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

Such proof must show that the Compatriot:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patriot Spotlight - June 1775 (Pvt. Benjamin Fox Baxter, Pvt. Moses Root)

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From Lynn Baxter Jacques – Presentation on the Battle of Bunker Hill

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This is a map that shows you where Bunker Hill (the star to the left) and Breed's Hill (the star to the right) are located. Boston is to the bottom right. The Charlestown River surrounds the Charlestown Peninsula.

The Battle of Bunker Hill – June 17, 1775



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The Battle of Bunker Hill British Commander-in-Chief General Thomas Gage was under pressure to stop the rebellion. His plan was to send his troops to the unoccupied hills surrounding Boston which would give the British control over Boston Harbor. When the colonists found out about this plan, Colonel William Prescott and 1,200 militiamen arrived on the peninsula and passed Bunker Hill to Breed's Hill. They built a 130 ft square area with 6 ft earthen walls and a wooden platform to stand and shoot.



No one knows for certain why they went to Breed's Hill when their orders were for the higher elevation Bunker Hill. Maybe it was because they would be closer to Boston and the harbor, or maybe they decided they could defend it better. Regardless, they went against orders, so most of the fighting took place on Breed's Hill.



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At around 4 AM, just before dawn one of the British ships in the harbor could see that there were earthen walls or redoubts in place and notified General Gage. At 3 AM, over 3,000 British soldiers arrived in Charlestown, which they partially burned down to rid the area of sniper attacks. British General William Howe ordered his troops to meet at the base of Breed's Hill, line up in a formation of 4 deep and several hundred across, and charge up the hill toward the colonists. The British troops had to march uphill through waist-high grass, over crisscrossing rail fences, carrying heavy equipment, and in wool uniforms during the hottest part of the day. Being low on ammunition, and knowing it would be necessary for these few shots to be accurate, Colonel Prescott ordered his men "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes!" At 150 ft away, the colonists opened fire on the British troops, causing many deaths and injuries. The British continued to advance but the colonists were able to fight them back and retreat. The second wave then came and once again the militia were able to push them back with musket fire and cause the British troops to retreat once again.



When 400 additional British troops arrived, the third and final attempt to take over the hill was made just as the colonists ran out of ammunition. The British troops dropped all heavy packs and equipment and in a column formation with fewer men exposed in the front to colonist fire, they attacked the earthen walls and redoubts with the bayonets on their rifles, which the colonists did not have. The final battle was hand-to-hand combat with colonists using rocks and the butts of their guns, and ultimately the British took control of Breed's Hill. By 5 PM, colonists had retreated up to the Charlestown Neck and then on to Cambridge.



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While retreating, many of the colonists were killed, wounded, or captured by the British troops, which included Patriot leader Dr. Joseph Warren. Joseph Warren was found by the British and had been killed instantly when he was shot over his left eye. The British troops, having recognized Joseph Warren, removed his clothing, bayoneted his body, and shoved him into a shallow ditch. It was after the British had left Boston in 1776 that Joseph Warren's body was found by the Warren brothers. The body was identified by Paul Revere, who as a silversmith had made the 2 false teeth in Joseph Warren's mouth. The Battle of Bunker Hill was a 3-hour battle. Although the British won this war, they suffered greatly with the loss of 226 dead and 828 wounded, with over 100 commissioned officers being included in these numbers. The colonists had a much lower loss with 140 killed and 310 wounded. The death of Joseph Warren was significant as he was President of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress. He had been appointed as a Major General 3 days prior to the Battle of Bunker Hill however his commission had not taken effect and he served as a volunteer private during this battle. When news of the Battle of Bunker Hill reached the British government, General Thomas Gage was replaced by General William Howe as Commander-in-Chief. Some people think that George Washington was at Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, or Breed's Hill, which he was not, however, it was in July that he arrived in Massachusetts and took command of the poorly trained and under-supplied Continental Army.



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The following relates to Benjamin Fox Baxter, my Patriot from New Hampshire who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill when he was 18.

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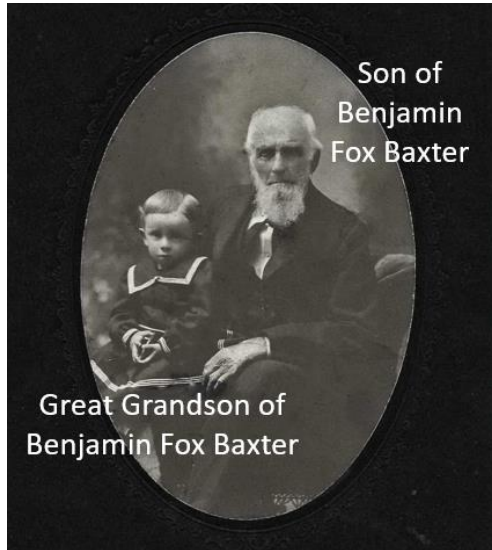
We know from his pension records (shown here) that he was bayoneted in the side, but he did survive and he lived to be 74 years old. This sworn testimony from his pension records reads:

I, John White, Wiscasset in the County of Lincoln, aged sixty-four years do testify and say that I was well knowing that Benjamin Baxter, a private soldier in Col Reed's and Capt Jacob Hinds Company belonging to the New Hampshire Line in the eight months service and he was at the battle of Bunker Hill and there received a wound in the side with a bayonet.

I John White of Wiscasset in the County of Lincoln aged Sixty four years do testify and say that I was well knowing that Benjamin Baxter was a private Soldier in Col Reed's and Jacob Hinds Company belonging to the New Hampshire Line in the eight months service and that he was at the Battle of Bunker Hill and there recd a wound in the Side with a Bayonet and at the expiration of the eight months, the said Baxter and myself enlisted in the same Company and

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We have no photographs of Benjamin Fox Baxter; however, this photo is of his son, Benjamin Franklin Baxter, with his young grandson and my great-grandfather, Clyde Knight Ingalls Baxter. This 18-year-old private from NH had 2 daughters that joined the DAR over 125 years ago. I am proud to be able to follow in their footsteps!



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I have once again been asked nicely to mention my husband's Patriot, 24-year-old Private Moses Root from the Massachusetts Line. He fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill under the command of Colonel William Prescott and luckily had no injuries. He died at 78 years old.

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This map shows the area where both Benjamin Fox Baxter and Moses Root were located during the Battle of Bunker Hill. Let me end tonight by saying it is important for us to remember those who came before us, especially those who fought for our independence. We should all preserve history for future generations so that they may know where they come from.

Honor the memory and sacrifice of those who fought in the American Revolution

