



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch August 2024 A Newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter National Society Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message for August 2024:

The “Dog Days of Summer” are upon us. But, even with the high heat and humidity, there is a lot of crisp excitement in the air. Schools have started a new year; college football has kicked off a new season, there is the occasional cool evening or morning hinting at the coming Fall... and we know there are many more SAR events on the horizon! We know the Fall and Winter months will be just as meaningful and exciting as August was.

August was, as usual, a busy month for Compatriots of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. We kicked off the month on August 10th, by participating in a new flagpole dedication at the Marietta Country Club, in Marietta, GA. On August 16th, we presented the Colors and participated in the “Birdies for the Brave” Golf Tournament at TPC Sugarloaf, in Duluth, GA, to honor our Veterans. Then, on August 17th, our busiest day of the month, we presented wreaths and were part of musket salutes at commemorations of: (1) the Battle of Camden, in Camden, SC (2) the “Camden 12”, in Camden, SC (3) the Battle of Blue Licks, in Carlisle, KY and (4) five Patriot Grave Markings, on the Blue Licks Battlefield, in Carlisle, KY. The following day, August 18th, we presented a wreath and were part of a musket salute for five more Patriot Grave Markings, in Lexington, KY. To finish out the month, on August 31st, we presented wreaths and were part of a musket salutes for the Battle of Eutaw Springs, in Eutawville, SC.

At our August Chapter meeting, Compatriot David Wellons, Immediate Past President of the Mount Vernon SAR Chapter, gave his “Prelude to the Revolution - The Intolerable Acts” presentation. David laid out, in an easily understood fashion, the actions of the British Crown that finally lit the fuse for the American Revolution.

For our upcoming September meeting, we plan to induct one new member. Also, fellow Button Gwinnett Compatriot Terry Manning will be giving his “America’s First Spy Ring” presentation. Terry is always very entertaining. If you can, please come join us for our meeting. Huzzah!

Our August 8, 2024 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 22 members and 9 guests in attendance.

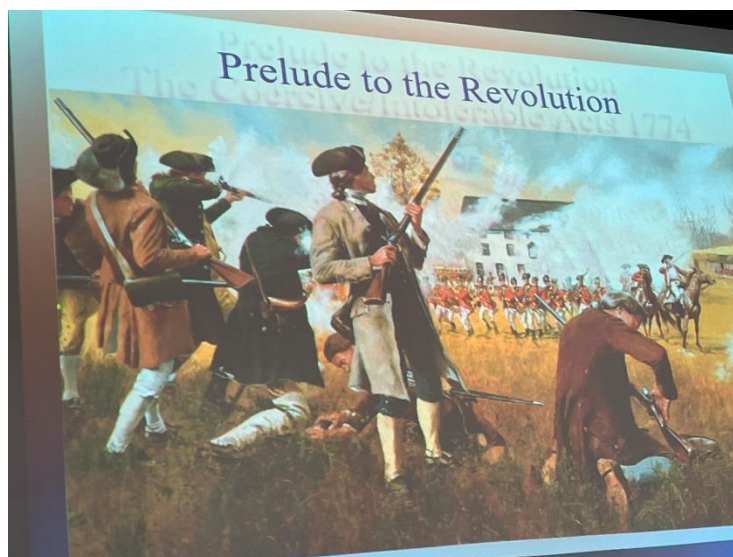
Please consider joining us at a future meeting! We had DAR members from 2 chapters in attendance: Philadelphia Winn - Honorary Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations, Chapter Chair Mary Martin, Treasurer, Rose Horton and member Maryland McCarty; William Day - Regent Debbie Kyle and Honorary Regent Debbie Bush.

As of July 23, 2024 - The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter has 102 active members 😊

"Prelude to the Revolution - The Intolerable Acts" presented by David Wellons Immediate Past President of the Mount Vernon SAR Chapter



First VP Jack Martin (Left), presented Program Presenter David Wellons (right) with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation on "Prelude to the Revolution - The Intolerable Acts."



Biography of David Wellons

David is a history buff, particularly about the American Revolution, U.S. Civil War, and the Pacific in World War II. He has been giving historic presentations to SAR chapters for over two years.

In 2016, he was a founding member of the Mount Vernon SAR Chapter, in Dunwoody, GA. He is the Immediate Past President of the Mount Vernon SAR Chapter, and previously held the positions of Vice President (2022), Recording Secretary (2019-2021) and Chaplain (2017-2018).

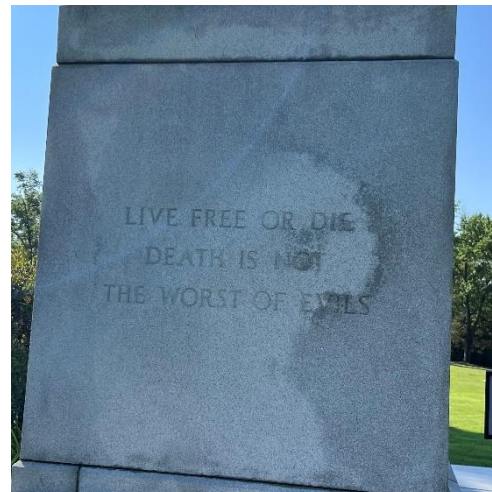
His professional background is in healthcare and software industries, and in business consulting. He has thirty years of experience in public speaking at conferences and software presentations.

For over seven years, David has led a weekly men's Bible study and been a substitute teacher for Sunday School lessons.

David has received SAR awards, including the SAR Distinguished Service Award (2022) and the SAR Roger Sherman Medal (2021).



On Saturday August 10, 2024 – Compatriot Joshua Steven White SAR National # 229332 was presented his SAR Certificate for Patriot John White MA SGT by his mother Kris White who had accepted Joshua's certificate at our June Chapter Meeting. Joshua's SAR certificate and Rosette were presented at Stark Park in Manchester NH.



Registrar Status Report (As of August 24, 2024 , there are 102 chapter members)

New member applications approved but not yet inducted:

- James Barden Reason - 230395, Jonathan Taylor, Sol NY (Approved July 2, 2024)
- Parker James Reason - 230396, Jonathan Taylor, Sol NY (Approved July 2, 2024)
- Merle Alvin "Skip" Nunn - 230693, Patriot Isaac Allison, Pvt NY (Approved August 14, 2024)

New Memorial applications at National:

- William Benson Wood - Patriot Enoch Benson (Received July 29, 2024)
- Matthew Russell Walters – Patriot Cornelius Keith (Received August 7, 2024)

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
- Raymond Anderson – 1 @ National – Patriot Absalom Hooper

New Member applications at State:

- None

New Memorial Application at State:

- None

New Member Applications in Process:

- 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:

- None

Supplementals in process :

- Bill Schultz – Out for Signature Transfer into Button Gwinnett Chapter

Reinstatement in process:

- Adam Hoke Webb – Reinstatement in process - notified at Feb 8, 2024 chapter meeting

Transfer into Button Gwinnett Chapter: (Under consideration)

1. Frank Leslie Bradfield Jr. – Chris Bradfield's father
2. Frank Leslie Bradfield III – Chris Bradfield's brother

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

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	Becky West: "The Real Story of Paul Revere"
Nov 13	Jim Reason: "The War in Georgia"
Dec 11	Installation of 2026 Chapter Officers

Completed Events to date 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 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 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)
Jul 3 Freedom Fireworks - Washington, GA - 5:00pm (Color Guard)
Jul 4 **Musket Salute** at Atlanta Braves Game - 7:20pm
Jul 4 4th of July Parade, Braselton, GA
Jul 10-16 NSSAR National Convention, Lancaster, PA
Jul 18-20 National (VA) - Fairfax Resolves, Alexandria, VA
Jul 27 GASSAR Summer BOM, Barnesville, GA (Held on Zoom)
Aug 10 Battle of Camden, Camden, SC
Aug 17 National (KY) - Battle of Blue Licks, Carlisle, KY
Aug 18 Five Patriot Grave Markings Dedication Ceremony - Lexington, KY
Aug 23 Grave Markings (NC) as part of the 250th Anniversary of the New Bern Resolves
Aug 24 New Bern Resolves, New Bern, NC
Aug 25 Brenda Davison Jessel Service (Wife of past Georgia SAR President Davd Jessel)
Aug 31 National (SC) - Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutaw Springs, SC

Upcoming Events

- Sep 07 National (VA) - Battle of the Capes, Virginia Beach, VA
- Sep 12-14 **Georgia DAR Fall Forum**, Atlanta Airport Marriott, College Park, GA
- Sep 14 National (VA) - Vigil at Washington's Tomb, Mt. Vernon, VA
- Sep 14 National (TN) - The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, TN
- Sep 17 National (GA) - Constitution Day, St Paul's Church, Augusta, GA (Tuesday)
- ~~Sep 21 (GA) - Patriot Grave Marking (Details to be announced)~~
- Sep 28 (GA) - First Siege of Augusta, Augusta, GA
- Sep 28 GSSNSCAR Fall Meeting & 242nd Commemoration of the Siege of Augusta
- Oct 3-5 National Society SAR - Fall Leadership - Louisville, KY (Thursday-Saturday)
- Oct 5-6 Elisha Winn Fair (**Traveling Trunk Programs**) Saturday & Sunday
- Oct 7 National (NC/SC) - Battle of Kings Mountain (Monday)
- Oct 19 Fort Daniel Faire
- Oct 26 Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers Meeting Barnesville, GA
- Nov 2 Patriot Grave Marking Isaac - Horton & Enoch Benson, Sugar Hill, GA (11:00am)
- Nov 2 Veterans Day program at the Shrine Temple in Atlanta 5:00pm
- Nov 3 NSDAR Bench Dedications, Mount Oglethorpe, GA (Color Guard)
- Nov 9 Grave Marking - Patriot Gabriel Smith Bowden, GA
- Nov 11 Oconee County Veterans Day Event - 11:00-12:00noon
- Nov 11 Veterans Day - Snellville Veterans Memorial in Snellville, GA 3:00-5:00pm
- Nov 16 NSDAR Historical Marker Dedication Colquitt County Courthouse (Color Guard)
- Nov 22 Multiple PGMs in McIntosh County, day before Fort Morris/Come and Take It
- Nov 23 National (GA) - Siege of Fort Morris - Come & Take It (Color Guard)
- Dec 14 Wreaths Across America - 2 Lawrenceville events Philadelphia Winn DAR (Color Guard)11:00am East Shadowlawn and 2:00pm Gwinnett Memorial Park

2025 Events

- Jan 11 Grave Marking - Patriot Stephen Day Grovetown, GA
- Jan 17 National (SC) - Battle of Cowpens
- Jan 31 - Feb 1 **Georgia Society SAR State Conference**
- Feb 7 Heroes of the Hornets' Nest
- Feb 7 Kettle Creek Battlefield Association - Annual Dinner
- Feb 8 Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek events in Washington, GA
- Feb 22 George Washington Birthday
- Feb 27-Mar 1 National Society SAR - Spring Leadership - Louisville, KY
- Mar 8 Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek
- Mar 19-23 127th Georgia Society DAR State Conference, Augusta Marriott (Augusta, GA).

August 10, 2024 – Dedication of new flagpole at the Marietta Country Club

Formal dedication of a new flagpole at the Marietta Country Club. Representatives of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated along with a team of Navy JROTC cadets from John McEachern High School. Compatriot Ralph Galpin carried the American Flag and Compatriot Gordon Woodard fired a musket salute as part of the Militia.

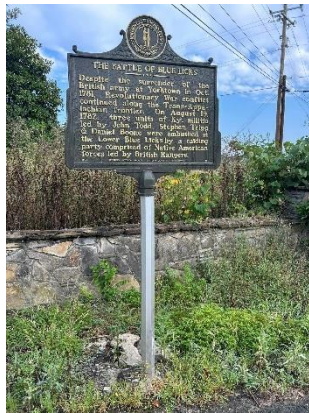
The Militia unit fired a three round musket volley. Color Guard unit on the right side of photo carried a selection of revolutionary era historical flags. Photo credits to Janet & Bill Edelen.



August 17, 2024 - 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks, Kentucky

Below is a photo of part of the Georgia contingent that attended. The musket salute had 31 members. Lots of smoke and noise. Left Picture L-R National & Georgia Color Guard Commander K Scott Collins, Georgia SAR State President Ed Rigel Jr., Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriot Ralph Galpin, Captain John Collins SAR Chapter President Bill Edelen, Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Ray Kyle. Right Picture L-R Ralph Galpin, Gordon Woodard, Mary Martin (Philadelphia Winn DAR), Mike Watkins, Ray Kyle, Jack Martin. Pictures credited to Janet Edelen and Mary Martin.





L-R Gordon Woodard, Mike Watkins, Ray Kyle



On Sunday, August 18, 2024, the following Button Gwinnett Compatriots participated in five Patriot Grave Markings at Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery, in Lexington, KY: Ralph Galpin (Continental) - Color Guard/Flag Bearer, Jack Martin (Continental) - Color Guard/Flag Bearer & Presented Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath, Gordon Woodard (Militia) - Color Guard/Musket Salute, Ray Kyle (Militia) - Color Guard/Musket Salute
 NSSAR President General Darryl Addington was present for and participated in all the above noted events. Mary Martin from the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter also attended all the events... and she persuaded Jack to purchase some very nice Militia attire!



Patriot Grave Marking Service
 Honoring

Patriot Thomas Dinwiddie Abt 1751-1825
 Patriot James Duncan Abt 1727-1812
 Private Thomas McClure 1753-1818
 Private Robert Marshall 1760-1832
 Captain Joseph Patterson 1748-1829

Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR
 August 18, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
 Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery
 4620 Bethel Rd. Lexington, KY 40511

Welcome
 Patrick Wesolosky, President, Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR

Invocation
 Nick Drevins, Chaplain, Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR

Posting of Colors & Standards
 K. Scott Collins, NSSAR Color Guard Commander

Pledge of Allegiance
 Shepard Quire, Col Daniel Boone Chapter, KYSSAR

** Audience participation*
 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 Sons of the American Revolution
 Richard Quire, President, Col Daniel Boone Chapter, KYSSAR

** Audience participation*
 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.

Introduction of Dignitaries and Gretings
 Patrick Wesolosky, President, Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR

Dignitaries

- Darryl Addington, President General, NSSAR
- Wayne Fells, Vice President General, Central District, NSSAR
- K. Scott Collins, Vice President General, South Atlantic District, NSSAR
- Steve McCain, President, Kentucky Society, NSSAR
- Linda Conrad, State Regent, KYDAR

Liberty to the Patriots

- Uile Henley, Past President, Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR

Special Tributes

- Darryl Addington, President General, NSSAR
- Wayne Fells, Vice President General, Central District, NSSAR
- K. Scott Collins, Vice President General, South Atlantic District, NSSAR
- Steve McCain, President, Kentucky Society, NSSAR
- Linda Conrad, State Regent, KYDAR
- Ed Rigel Jr, President, GASSAR
- Rob Richardson, Registrar, Tennessee Society, NSSAR
- Jacob Vink, President, Indiana Society, NSSAR
- Bruce Smith, Alternate Trustee, KSSAR
- Pat Kelly, National Trustee, Tennessee Society, NSSAR
- Shelby Doss, State Librarian, INDAAR
- Donald Bradley, Registrar, Big Sand Chapter, KYSSAR
- Donald Sacourigen, Vice President, Capt Virgil McCracken, KYSSAR
- Cade Johnson & Joe Hendricks, Col Benjamin Loguz Chapter, KYSSAR

Our Nation's Tribute

- Tim Brown, National Trustee, KYSSAR
- Steve Galafra, President, Ellet, Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR
- Reed Martin, Color Guard Commander, Louisville Thronton Chapter, KYSSAR
- Patrick McMurche, 1st Vice President, Louisville Thronton Chapter, KYSSAR



Military Tributes

- Patrick Wesolosky, President, Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR
- Chris Canine, Vice President, Gov Isaac Shelby Chapter, KYSSAR, Phronesis
- SAR National Color Guard Rifle Detail
- Barry Tractor, Potential SAR Member, Tips

Benediction

Pastor Pat McIntyre, Chaplain, Bethel Presbyterian Church

Retirement of Colors & Standards

K. Scott Collins, NSSAR Color Guard Commander

Acknowledgments & Closing Remarks

Patrick Wesolosky, President, Lafayette Chapter, KYSSAR

March to and Unveiling of the Patriot Monument

Photos Directly Following The Unveiling of the Monument.

The Lafayette Chapter Would Like To Express Our Thanks And Deep Appreciation To The Following Individuals and Organizations:

- Anonymous Memorial Benefactor
- Amelia Wisner, Chaplain, Lexington Chapter DAR for providing the Patriot Biographies
- Allen Manning, Clifty Creek Chapter, INSSAR for the SAR Monument Logistics
- Searcy Monument Company of Carrollton KY
- Barbara Willard, Bagpiper

And most importantly, The Congregation of Bethel Presbyterian Church

To all the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. members who volunteered to help us Honor and Remember these Five Patriots, Thank You!!!



Patriot Thomas Dinwiddie (P-347202)
 Patriot James Duncan (P-347274)
 Private Thomas McClure (P-347246)
 Private Robert Marshall (P-243902)
 Captain Joseph Patterson (P-347246)



The Georgia Contingent: L-R: [Ray Kyle](#), Sid Hughes, Mike Watkins, [Gordon Woodard](#), Bill Edelen, [Jack Martin](#), [Ralph Galpin](#), Joel Hustis, Ed Rigel Jr., Scott Collins







August 17, 2024 - 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden, SC

Button Gwinnett Immediate Past President Tom Jacques attended the ceremonies for the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden which was partially organized by Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President & Current Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter President John Goodwin. This was the first trip that Philadelphia Winn Honorary Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques and I have made to Camden.

COMMEMORATING THE BATTLE OF CAMDEN



**Camden Battlefield
& Longleaf Pine Preserve**
1606 Flat Rock Road, Camden, SC
Saturday, August 17, 2024 - 9am



CO-SPONSORED BY

- South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
- Joseph Kershaw Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution
- Hobkirk Hill Chapter South Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

REVOLUTIONARY WAR COMES TO CAMDEN

Camden, South Carolina's oldest existing inland town, was founded in 1732 as part of King George II's plan for eleven townships in the interior of the state. It was originally known as Fredericksburg Township. By the 1750s, a group of Irish Quakers and other emigrants from England, Scotland, and the northern colonies were moving into the frontier settlement.

By 1768, the town, then being called Pine Tree Hills, had become the state's most important inland trading hub. It was again renamed Camden after Lord Camden, the defender of colonial rights in British Parliament.

The Revolutionary War came to Camden on 1 June 1780, when Lord Charles Cornwallis and 2,500 troops took over Camden and established the main British supply post for the 1780-1781 Southern Campaign. Camden remained strategically the most important and the largest of the five principal inland garrisons maintained by the British during the campaign.

Cornwallis returned to Charleston leaving Lord Francis Rawdon in command. Camden was highly fortified with four redoubts and encircled by a wide palisade fence. Joseph Kershaw's house, commandeered by Cornwallis as his headquarters, was also fortified, as was the nearby powder magazine that Kershaw had built for the State of South Carolina.

On August 13, upon hearing of the march to Camden by a patriot army led by General Horatio Gates, Cornwallis returned to Camden to engage Gates. On August 16, the two armies clashed 9 miles north of Camden, resulting in the worst American battle defeat of the war.

Cornwallis remained in Camden until September 8, then headed north on the campaign trail, leaving Rawdon in charge of the British troops and garrisons in the South (some 900 hundred were garrisoned at Camden, housed in rough huts made from Camden's shops and churches).

A month later, Cornwallis was stunned by the defeat of a large contingent of British at Kings Mountain, then another large detachment was decisively defeated at Cowpens in January 1781. After a debilitating win against General Nathanael Greene, now commander of the rebuilt Continental Army, at Guilford Courthouse in March, Cornwallis headed north to Virginia.

Greene returned to South Carolina intent on removing all occupying forces and garrisons (he eventually captured all the British posts and some 3,500 prisoners). At the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill on April 25, Rawdon defeated Greene in his attempt to recapture Camden. The win proved costly to the British, and within weeks they had destroyed much of the town and evacuated. Greene went on to lose at Ninety-Six in May and Eutaw Springs in September before triumphantly entering Charleston as the British were leaving the harbor in 1782.

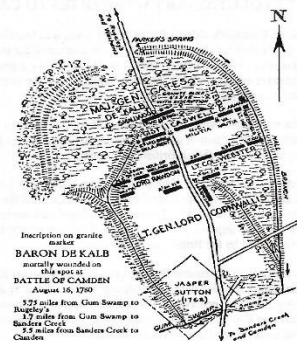
Today, the Camden Battlefield is a National Historic Landmark and owned by the Historic Camden Foundation.

244th Anniversary Battle of Camden



AUGUST 16, 1780

Invocation	Coke Goodwin, Chaplain
	Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSSAR
Pledge of Allegiance	Clyde Howell, Major, SF
	US Army Reserve (ret), Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSSAR
Welcoming Remarks	Nancy Neal, Regent
	Hobkirk Hill Chapter NSDAR
Welcoming Remarks	Jen Howell, Regent
	Joseph Kershaw Chapter NSDAR
Welcoming Remarks	John Goodwin, President
	Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSSAR
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Julian Burns
Guest Speaker	Cary Briggs, Executive Director
	Historic Camden Foundation
Presentation of Wreaths	Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Julian Burns
Closing Remarks	Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Julian Burns
Benediction	Coke Goodwin, Chaplain
	Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSSAR



Troop Strengths

British: 2,179	
4 light companies	148
Twenty-Third Regiment	292
Thirty-Third Regiment	238
Artillery	19
Volunteers of Ireland	303
Legion Infantry	126
North Carolina Regiment	267
Volunteer Militia	322
First & Second Battalions 71 st Regiment	254
Legion Cavalry	182
Pioneers	28

Patriots: 3,850 (approx)

Second Maryland Brigade & Delaware Regiment	550
North Carolina Militia	1,200
Virginia Militia	700
Light Infantry & Colonel Porterfield	400
Colonel Ammond	100
First Maryland Brigade	400
Artillery	100
Troops detached with Sumter	400

The Militia Musket Salute was comprised of Georgia SAR Members L-R: Lee Herron, Steve Burke, Tom Jacques and commanded by John Goodwin. Lynn and I presented wreaths on behalf of the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter, the Georgia Society Ladies Auxiliary SAR, the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter, and the Boston Tea Party Descendants.





Following the Ceremony at the Camden Battle Field – we reassembled at the burial ground for the Camden Twelve who were reinterred last year with full Military Honors. John Goodwin Provided an update on future plans for the Cemetery and upcoming historical planned events in the area.



244th Anniversary of the
Battle of Camden
Saturday, August 17th
Camden, South Carolina

9:00 am Commemorative Service & Wreath Laying
Camden Battlefield, Pavilion Area
1606 Flat Rock Road

10:30 am Wreath Laying Honoring the Camden 12
Old Presbyterian Burying Ground, Quaker Cemetery
713 Meeting Street

11:00 am – 12:00 pm DAR & SAR Drop-in
McCaa Tavern, Historic Camden
222 Broad Street

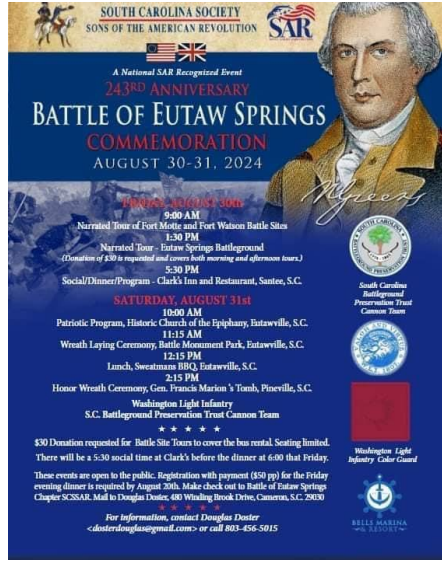
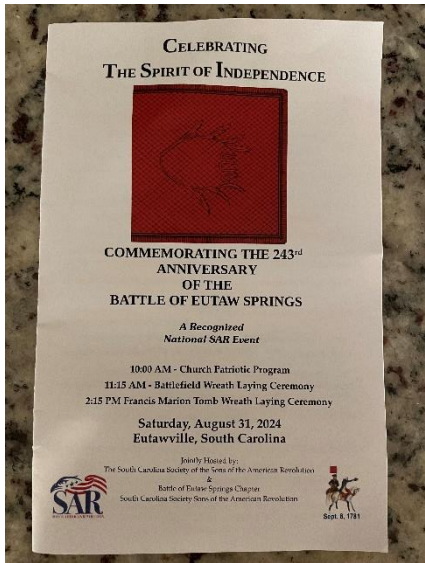
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Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter, SAR
District Event of the South Atlantic District NSSAR



August 31, 2024 - 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs, SC

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Ray Kyle (Militia), 1st VP Jack Martin (Continental) and Past President Gordon Woodard (Militia) attended the Patriotic Program held at the Historic Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville, SC. All three were members of the Color Guard Commanded by National & Georgia Color Guard Commander K. Scott Collins. Immediately afterwards, we attended the Battle of Eutaw Commemoration, Eutawville, SC. Jack Martin presented the chapter wreath. Ray Kyle and Gordon Woodard members of the musket salute.

Mary Martin presented the Philadelphia Winn DAR wreath at the Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration.



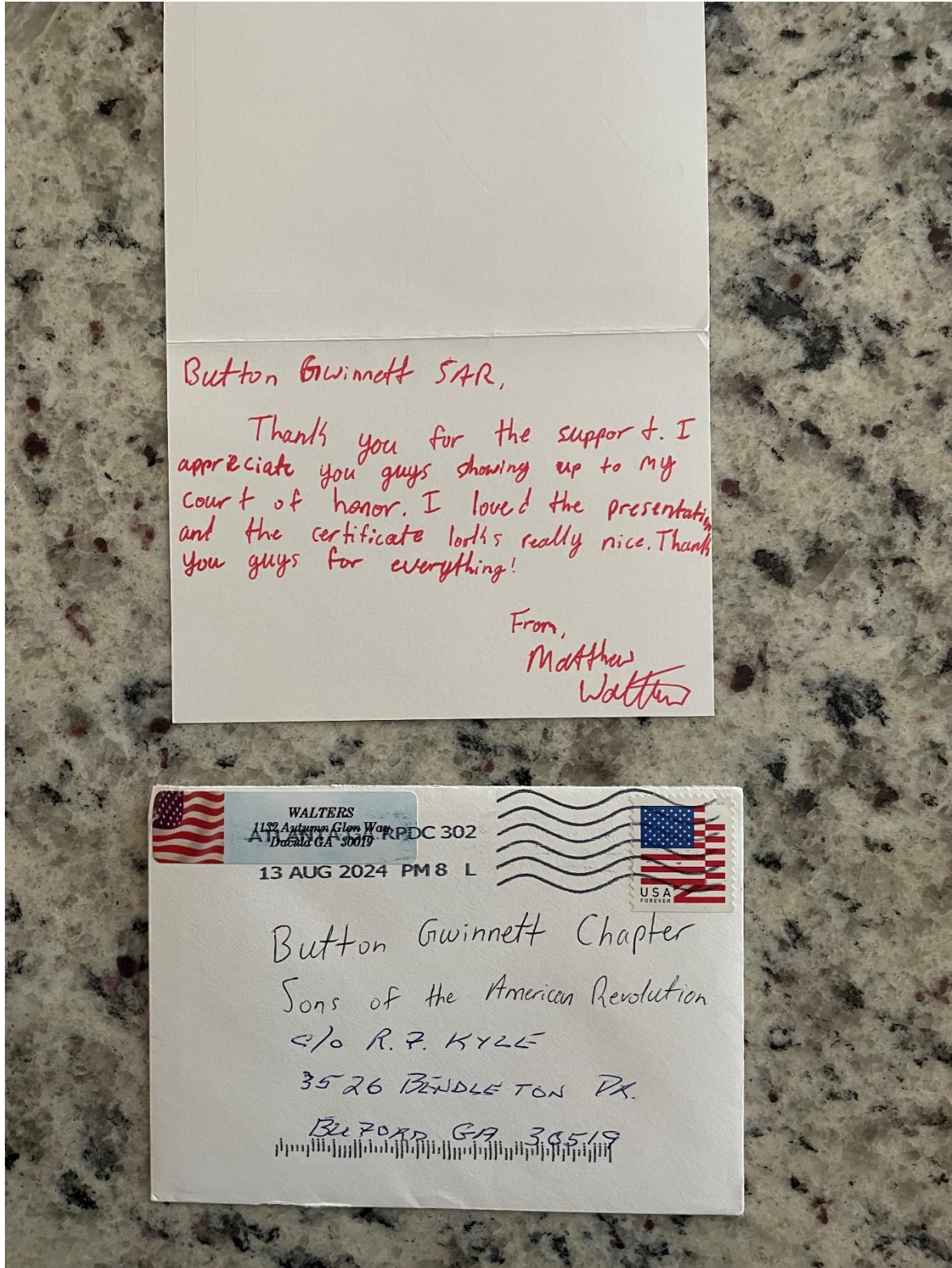


Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. – August 2024

The Pool Party was attended by Button Gwinnett Members – Randy Tindall (Georgia C.A.R. Sr. President). Noah Tindall (Organizing President Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.) Hunter Newton (Immediate Past President Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.), Nick Hamrick (President Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.) and Tom Jacques (Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Immediate Past President).



Note from Eagle Scout Matthew Walters and pending member of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. Matthew is the grandson of Button Gwinnett Charter Member James Walters



A new season of Scouting! You are welcome to join Noah's Eagle Scout Project team. It's going to be a fun day that will make a difference in our community. Here is the link to join the Team!

Noah Tindall's Eagle Scout Project



Why:
An upwards of 3,000 people go through the park each year, and the garden educates people on the plants that would have been grown in the early 1800s.

When:
September 7th
9:00-2:00
Where:
Elisha Winn House
908 Dacula Road
Dacula GA
What:
We will be replacing four garden beds that have been rotted away with 4x4s and rebar.

Thank you for your support!



Button Gwinnett Members will be in the Historic School House sharing our SAR Traveling Trunk program with anyone attending the fair. Please join us if you are available and if you have an American Revolutionary Uniform consider being part of the presentation team.

Time & Location Oct 05, 2024, 10:00 AM - Oct 06, 2024, 5:00 PM

Elisha Winn House, 908 Dacula Rd, Dacula, GA 30019, USA

About The Event

This is an annual festival that occurs during the first weekend of October. It takes place on the Winn House grounds and allows guests to travel back in time. History buffs will have the chance to tour the Winn home which was built more than 200 years ago and played a significant role in the early days of Gwinnett County. In addition to touring the historic home, guests will be able to hear live music; watch 1812 militia reenactments; browse craft and food vendors; and watch demonstrations that range from blacksmithing to butter churning.

The Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR will hold their annual **FREE BOOK FAIR** to promote Literacy in our communities. Over 1,200 gently used books were given away to attendees during the 2023 event. If you would like to donate books (all ages) please contact Philadelphia Winn Literacy Chair, Maryland McCarty, at maryland.mccarty@gmail.com.



Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024

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

The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM.

Terry Manning: "America's First Spy Ring"

Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Road

Lawrenceville, GA 30044

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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.

Gwinnett Compatriot Rick Curtis. Please keep Rick and Marsha's family in your thoughts and prayers.



Marsha Ann White Curtis

Birth date: Sep 24, 1946 - Death date: Aug 6, 2024

Marsha Ann White Curtis, age 77 of Lawrenceville, Georgia, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Marsha was born in Atlanta, GA where—except for a 3-year stint in Germany with her husband Rick she lived all her life. She was predeceased by her father Raymond C. White, her mother Dorothy B. White, and her sister, Susan W. Benton.

She is survived by her husband Richard (Rick) Curtis, sons Justin and Eric Curtis, daughters-in-law Heather and Alicia Curtis, and grandsons Ben and Brennan Curtis, and many nieces and nephews.

Marsha graduated from Georgia State University in 1968, with a major in French and a minor in German. She married Rick in 1969 and moved with him to his duty station in Bremerhaven, Germany, where they lived for 3 years. Marsha was always fond of travelling, but living abroad took what started as a spark and fanned it into a flame. She would return to Europe with Rick and her children at least a dozen more times over the years, always eager to see more of the world. She cherished her family and her church, she loved to garden (lilies, hostas, and hydrangeas were her favorites), and she adored watching her grandsons grow and play sports—lacrosse and soccer. She liked to read, was a fan of old movies and the music of John Williams, and enjoyed rooting for her two Atlanta teams: the Braves and the Hawks. She was always tolerant of her boys (including Rick), even when they were being goofy or irreverent (and could even be caught joining in on occasion). She was a generous, loving, Christian woman whose kindness knew no bounds.

For those desiring to make memorial donations in lieu of flowers, may do so in memory of Marsha Curtis to the Lawrenceville Co-Op at <https://lawrencevilleco-op.org/donate/>

The family has chosen private services.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Service information for Brenda Davison Jessel from her daughter Heather O'Connor

Greetings y'all! Heather O'Connor (Heather Herriott O'Connor) here again.....

Firstly, thank you for the outpouring of love shown to our family as we process the loss of my amazing mother, Brenda.

My husband Chris O'Connor, and me will be heading to Georgia on Wednesday with Jess (aka David Jessel).

Details for the Celebration of Life service for Brenda Davison Jessel will be held at First Baptist Church of Newnan Georgia on August 25th. Receiving of Family & Friends will be at 1:30PM.

The Service is set for 3PM, with light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would care to stop in. Hugs are free and gladly accepted. If there are questions, I may be reached at brendajdaughter@gmail.com

thank you again Heather O'Connor

PS. Those involved in the different & many societies, please wear your insignia as appropriate.

Five Members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter attended the memorial service for Brenda. They were President Ray Kyle, 1st VP Jack Martin, Immediate Past President Tom Jacques and Past Presidents Don McCarty and Gordon Woodard. DAR Members in attendance - from Philadelphia Winn: Lynn Jacques, Maryland McCarty and Mary Martin; From William Day: Debbie Kyle and Debbie Bush. Numerous SAR and DAR current and previous officers were in attendance including Past Georgia SAR Presidents David Jessel, David Ludley, Bill Dobbs and Wayne Brown - Georgia DAR State Regents in attendance were Helen Powell, Betty Brown Harrah, and Joyce Patton and National Society Chaplain General, Virginia Grace Lingelbach.

The photo below was taken by Julie Yokum who is a member of Brenda's General Daniel Newnan Chapter, NSDAR.



Brenda Joyce Davison Herriott Jessel – Obituary Jul 29, 2024 The Newnan Times-Herald



Brenda Joyce Davison Herriott Jessel, 83, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones at the Alexander T. Augusta Medical Center, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

Brenda was born on October 1, 1940, in San Diego, California. Brenda dedicated her life to serving Christ through her many associations including: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - National Chair - DAR SAR/S.R. Relations (current), State Corresponding Secretary 2010-2012, State Chaplain 2012-2014, State Librarian 2014-2015, State Recording Secretary 2015-2016, State Registrar 2016-2018, Honorary Chapter Regent, Chapter Regent 2004-2006, Cameo Society President 2023-2025; United States Daughters of 1812 - State President 2024 (sashed in May), Honorary Chapter President (Benjamin Hardin Chapter); National Society New England Women, Sarah Josepha Buell Hale Colony (NSNEW) - Past Colony President 2021-2024, Past National Publicity & PR Chairman, Past National USO Chairman; Colonial Dames of the 17th Century - State Historian 2019-2021, State Chairman National Defense 2023-2025, Chapter Historian 2019-2021, Past Chapter President 2015-2017; Daughters of America Colonists (James Edward Oglethorpe Chapter) - Chapter President 2023-2025, Past Chapter Corresponding Secretary 2021-2023, Past Chapter President 2019-2021; Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars (CSDIW) - Past Chapter Governor 2020-2022 (Coweta #1 Chapter); Southern Dames of America - Past Chapter President 2020-2022 (Chattahoochee Valley Chapter); Dames of the Court of Honor - Inducted May 24, 2024.

Brenda held memberships in the following National Societies: Daughters of the American Revolution; United States Daughters of 1812; Daughters of Colonial Wars; Colonial Dames XVII Century; New England Women; Southern Dames of America; Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; Descendants of American Farmers; Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars. Notably, Brenda was a Docent for the Governor's Mansion on a regular basis, and Election poll worker within her community.

Brenda was an active member of First Baptist Church, Newnan, Georgia in the Prayer Ministry, Women's Ministry, Explorers Bible Study, Children's Choir as well as a supporter of the Coweta Pregnancy Services and locally as an active member of Keep Newnan Beautiful, Bicentennial Committee & Cultural Arts Commission. Brenda was a member of the VFW Post 2667 Auxiliary & Post 57 Newnan American Legion Auxiliary.


She loved being busy and traveled extensively with her husband, David G Jessel, in service to the many organizations she and David belonged.

Brenda was widowed in 1976 raising two children, Heather Alexa Herriott O'Connor & Jack Adair

Herriott III until she remarried LCDR David G Jessel in 1980 and the amazing journey in service this beautiful couple maintained together for forty-four years has become the stuff of legends. She is survived by her husband, David; her children Heather (Chris) O'Connor, Jay (Lizbeth) Herriott; Justin (Melanie) Jessel; stepsons David Scott (Stacy) & Christian (Jennifer) Jessel; her beloved grandchildren - Shanon, Marissa, Leyanah, Sarah (Kyle), Adam, Matthew, Grace, Ava, Leo, Garrett, and great granddaughter Jaydan. She is also survived by her siblings - Barbie (Marv) Summers & Dale (Cynthia) Davison. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 3:00 PM at First Baptist Church Newnan, with fellowship & light refreshments to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Brenda's life. In lieu of flowers, it would be appropriate for those who wish to memorialize her life to do so by a donation in her name made to General Daniel Newnan Chapter, NSDAR :: Daughters of the American Revolution (georgiastatedar.org); Georgia State Society - National Society United States Daughters of 1812 (usdaughters1812.org); About the SAR Foundation - Sons of the American Revolution Foundation. A repository will also be available for donations to the many and varied societies to which Brenda belonged.

Brenda will be deeply missed by all who knew her, and her legacy of kindness, generosity, smile and service to Christ will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. "The brightest stars are those that shine for the benefit of others."



Brenda Joyce Davison
Herriott Jessel
10.01.1940 - 07.15.2024

Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things, but you
surpass them all." Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting; but a woman
who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Provers 31:28-29

Celebration of Life Service
Brenda Joyce Davison Herriott Jessel
August 25, 2024

Prelude	L. C. Lane Great is Thy Faithfulness
The Pledge of Allegiance	Major Donald W Harr Jr, USMC Retired Commander Pless-Jackson VFW Post 2667
Opening Words of Welcome	Pastor Joel Engle
Musical Tribute	It is Well With My Soul Marissa Herriott
Reflections of Brenda	David Jessel Heather O'Connor Jay Herriott
Mayoral Remarks	Keith Brady
Prayer	Pastor Joel Engle
Benediction	Pastor Joel Engle Because He Lives

Brenda's family invites you to share in light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Elevator available.

Thank you so much for joining us for Brenda's celebration of life service. Your kindness and support to our family during this difficult time has not gone unnoticed. We are grateful to have so many in our community who knew and loved Brenda. She was a special person, and we're honored to have you here, celebrating her life.