



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



President's Message for November 2024:

Hopefully, everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Even though we all have difficult circumstances from time to time, we still have so many things to be thankful for. We are blessed to live in the United States of America, the dream our Patriots fought and died for to make a reality. May we always thank, honor, and never forget those original Veterans, and all Veterans since, who have sacrificed so much to keep us "The Land of the Free." Every day is "Veterans Day," not just November 11th!

At present, the Button Gwinnett Chapter has 105 active members, and many new member applications in process. Currently, we are in the process of collecting dues for 2025 and have already received payment from most members. We encourage those who have not yet paid to do so as soon as possible. Our Treasurer, Don McCarty, must receive your dues payment no later than December 15, 2024, so that the chapter can meet its filing and payment deadline with the State SAR. We do not want anyone to fall through the cracks and become inactive!

In November, our chapter participated in the following activities/events:

- Nov 2 Patriot Grave Markings for Isaac Horton & Enoch Benson, Historic Sugar Hill Cemetery, Sugar Hill, GA
- Nov 3 NSDAR Bench Dedication, Mount Oglethorpe, GA
- Nov 9 Patriot Grave Marking for Gabriel Smith, Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bowdon, GA
- Nov 11 Veterans Day - Oconee County Veterans Memorial, Watkinsville, GA
- Nov 11 Veterans Day - Snellville Veterans Memorial in Snellville, GA
- Nov 11 Veterans Day - Downtown Gainesville, GA
- Nov 17 Patriot Grave Marking - Nathaniel Valentine Bowles, Apple Valley Baptist Church, Commerce, GA
- Nov 19 Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter, America 250 Patriot Marker Dedication, Lawrenceville, GA
- Nov 22 Patriot Grave Markings for Capt. James Nephew, James Gignilliat, Sr., Lt. Col. John Cooper & Pvt. John Calder, Contentment Bluff Plantation Cemetery, Townsend, GA
- Nov 23 Siege of Fort Morris/Come and Take It, Midway, GA

At our November chapter meeting, we elected our 2025 officers, inducted a new member, presented a Gold 250th Anniversary Medal, presented Streamers from The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals and The Siege at Yorktown. We had an incredible presentation on "The Constitution of the United States" from Jim Freeman.

Our December meeting will be equally exciting. In addition to the Installation of our 2025 officers, we anticipate Inducting another new member, and many Button Gwinnett members and DAR members will receive various Medals and Certificates for their service to and support of the SAR and its mission. We will be closing out the year with multiple Wreaths Across America events. Again, honoring, thanking, and remembering our Veterans for all they did to protect our freedoms.

Meeting Highlights:

Our November 14, 2024 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. **We had 27 members and 15 guests in attendance.**

Please consider joining us at a future meeting! **We had DAR members from 4 chapters in attendance: Philadelphia Winn** - Honorary Regents Lynn Baxter Jacques & Peggy Freeman, DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations, Chapter Chair Mary Martin and members Maryland McCarty, Ginny Manning & Mary Kitchings; **William Day** - Regent Debbie Kyle & Honorary Regent Debbie Bush; **Chestatee River** - Kris White; **Suwanee Creek** - Amy Koon

The highlights of the evening were:

Marine Corps Private Matthew Russell Walters, a recent graduate from 13 weeks basic training at Parris Island, SC was inducted into the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, while home on leave.

The Revolutionary War Patriot of Pvt. Walters is Cornelius Keith, a Corporal in the South Carolina Militia who also served in the 4th SC Artillery Regiment and 5th Regiment Militia.

Private Walters is the grandson of Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR Charter Member James Edward Walters, who was inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame on November 2, 2024.

James Walters was recognized for his service achievements as a Petty Officer Second Class in the United States Navy. There are only fifteen Georgia Veterans named into the distinctive Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame each year.



Pictured L-R James Walters, Jeannie Walters, Matthew Walters, Tina Harris and Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle. James and Jeannie Walters are the grandparents of Matthew Walters and Tina Harris is the great-grandmother of Matthew Walters.

Medals and Awards

The SAR Gold 250th Anniversary Medal was presented by President Ray Kyle to Button Gwinnett Chapter Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer



President Ray Kyle received his SAR Supplemental Certificate for Patriot Fletcher Sullivan as well as SAR National Congress in July 2024 awards The Chapter - President General's Education Outreach Certificate & Streamer, The President General's Cup Certificate, 3rd Place - Chapters of 91+ members. Other Streamers received included: The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, The Battle of Yorktown and TNSSAR Compatriot Grave Markings



Harold Ford was presented with the Liberty Medal, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster which was received at the SAR National Congress in July 2024

"The United States Constitution" presented by Compatriot Jim Freeman



First VP Jack Martin (right), presented Program Presenter Jim Freeman (left) with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation on "The United States Constitution".

Biography of Jim Freeman - Major, U.S. Army (Ret.)

Jim Freeman served during the Korean War Era in the U.S. Air Force, in the U.S. Naval Air Reserve, North Carolina National Guard, completing 22 years military service in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve in 1976. His service included two combat tours in Vietnam.

He founded Task Force Patriot Veteran to Veteran Outreach in 1998 and served as its leader through 2018. Jim is a past president of the Atlanta Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

He and his wife Peggy have served as international volunteer missionaries in Germany, France, Moldova and nationally throughout America.

They are the parents of two children, Jim Jr. and Carol Allinger, 3 grandsons and 3 great grandsons.



For many years, a Christmas Tradition of Chestatee River DAR Daughter Kris White has been to provide home baked goodies to share with the Button Gwinnett Chapter members and guests during the November meeting. Both parents of Kris were Veterans and she has found this a way to honor and remember them for their service to our country.



Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR Charter Member James Edward Walters, who was inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame on November 2, 2024.

Snellville resident inducted in Veterans Hall of Fame



Being inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame recently at ceremonies in Columbus is James Edward Walters, a resident of Snellville. Shown with him is Georgia State Senator Ed Harbison. Walters is a Naval veteran who attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. Only 15 Georgia veterans are named to this distinctive hall each year, based on their achievements.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Tom Jacques, Randy Tindall & Don Schmidt

The Slate of candidates for 2025 Officers who were unanimous elected:

- President - Ray Kyle
- 1 st VP - Jack Martin
- 2 nd VP - Marty Bush
- Treasurer - Don McCarty
- Secretary - Jaryd Green
- Registrar - Harold Ford
- Chaplain - Harry Kitchings
- Genealogist - David Sikes
- Historian - Eldon Evans
- Sergeant At Arms - Don Schmidt
- Immediate Past President - Tom Jacques (Remains in place)

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM
 INVOCATION
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 SAR PLEDGE
 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ray Kyle
 Harry Kitchings
 Jack Martin
 Tom Jacques
 Ray Kyle



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nov 17 Patriot Grave Marking - Nathaniel Valentine Bowles, Apple Valley Baptist Church, Commerce, GA @3pm [GA]
- Nov 19 Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter, America 250 Patriot Marker Dedication, Lawrenceville, GA @4pm [GA]
- Nov 22 4 Patriot Grave Markings - Capt. James Nephew, James Gignilliat, Sr., Lt. Col. John Cooper & Pvt. John Calder, Contentment Bluff Plantation Cemetery, Townsend, GA - @3pm [GA]
- Nov 23 Siege of Fort Morris/Come & Take It @10am [National/GA]
- Dec 6 NSDAR Wreaths Across America Kickoff, Georgia State Capitol, Atlanta, GA @12pm [GA]
- Dec 7 Battle of Vann's Creek, Elberton, GA @11am [GA]
- Dec 7 Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Noah Tindall, Dacula, GA @10am
- Dec 13 Wreaths Across America [National/GA]: Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA @3:30pm, for families with loved ones buried there
- Dec 14 Wreaths Across America [National/GA]:
 - East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, Lawrenceville, GA @11am (Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter)
 - Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery, Sugar Hill, GA @11am (Suwanee Creek DAR Chapter)
 - Duluth Church Cemetery, Duluth, GA @12pm (William Day DAR Chapter)
 - Gwinnett Memorial Park @2pm, Lawrenceville, GA (Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter)
 - Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA @9am for Wreath Placement & 10:30am for Ceremony

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Inductions: None
Supplementals: Ray Kyle - *Patriot Fletcher Sullivan*
Medals: Bill Palmer - *Gold 250th Anniversary Medal*
National Congress Awards:
President General's Education Outreach Certificate & Streamer
President General's Cup Certificate, 3rd Place - Chapters of 91+
 Harold Ford - *Liberty Medal, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster*
State Award - Fall BOM:
Partners in Patriotism Certificate
 New Georgia Fellows: Noah Tindall, David Sikes & Tom Jacques
Streamers:
The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals
The Siege at Yorktown
TNSSAR Compatriot Grave Markings

Wreaths Across America Update: - Lynn Jacques

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION Jack Martin
 "The Constitution of the United States of America"
 by Jim Freeman

Business Section:
 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Jaryd Green
 TREASURER'S REPORT Don McCarty
 REGISTRAR'S REPORT Harold Ford
 COMMITTEE REPORTS Committee Chairs
 UNFINISHED BUSINESS Ray Kyle
 NEW BUSINESS Ray Kyle
 SAR RECEPTIONAL Marty Bush
 BENEDICTION Harry Kitchings
 ADJOURNMENT Ray Kyle

2024/2025 Programs & Speakers Schedule:

- Dec 12 Installation of 2025 Chapter Officers
- Jan 9 Sarita Dyer: "Georgia Veterans Hall of Fame"
- Feb 13 Mike Watkins: "Weapons & Armaments"
- Mar 13 Harry Kitchings: "John Hancock"

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

SAR Pledge

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

SAR Recessional

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

Chapter Officers & BOM - 2024

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

BUTTON GWINNETT CHAPTER

Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

"The Constitution of the United States of America"
 by Jim Freeman



November 14, 2024

www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org
 Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Registrar Status Report (As of November 29, 2024, we have 105 chapter members)

New Member inducted November 14, 2024

Matthew Russell Walters – Patriot Cornelius Keith (Received August 7, 2024)

New member applications approved but not yet inducted:

- 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)
- William Benson Wood - Patriot Enoch Benson (Approved October 25, 2024)

New Memorial applications at National:

- David Keith Wyatt – Patriot Ebenezer Frost (Received October 25 , 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 (pending)
- David Sikes – 2 @ National – Patriots Thomas Blitch & Robert Marlow
- Raymond Anderson – 1 @ National – Patriot Absalom Hooper
- Harold Ford: Patriot Wilhelm/William Volk/Fulk
- Daniel Ford (2) - Patriots Oliver Heavenhill & Valentine Himmelberger

New Member applications at State:

- Zachery Keith Richardson – referral from DAR Fall Forum Linda Richardson Sep 14, 2024 (Sergeant Newton DAR)
- Jacob Taylor Richardson– referral from DAR Fall Forum Linda Richardson Sep 14, 2024 (Sergeant Newton DAR)
- John Kyle - Referral - William Day DAR Debbie Kyle
- Raymond Kyle Jr. – Referral - William Day DAR Debbie Kyle

New Memorial Application at State:

- None

New Member Applications in Process:

- Brandon Hembree – referral from Amy Koon May 3, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR)
- Gordon Benson – referral from Sheila Crumrine Regent Suwanee Fest Sep 21, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR) Button Gwinnett – Bill Wood's cousin
- Bradley Willard – referral from Sheila Crumrine Regent Suwanee Fest Sep 21, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR)
- Mike Burke – referral from Sheila Crumrine Regent Suwanee Fest Sep 21, 2024 (Suwanee 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

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)*
- *Button Gwinnett Nominating Committee – Tom Jacques, Randy Tindall & Don Schmidt*

Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

2024

Dec 12 Installation of 2025 Chapter Officers – By GASSAR Vice President Bill Floyd

2025

Jan 9 Sarita Dyer: “Georgia Veterans Hall of Fame”
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	133 rd 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

- 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 28 (GA) - First Siege of Augusta, Augusta, GA - Cancelled~~
- ~~Sep 28 GSSNSCAR Fall Meeting & 242nd Commemoration Siege of Augusta - Cancelled~~
- 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) - Cancelled~~
- Oct 19 Fort Daniel Faire, Buford, GA @10:00am
- Oct 19 Battle of Yorktown, Yorktown, VA 9:15am
- 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 Cancelled~~
- Nov 3 NSDAR Bench Dedications, Mount Oglethorpe, GA (Color Guard)
- Nov 9 Grave Marking - Patriot Gabriel Smith Bowden, GA
- Nov 10 Veterans Day Celebration - Town Center on Main, Suwanee, GA 1:00pm
- 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 17 Grave Marking - Patriot Nathaniel Valentine Bowles Commerce, GA 3:00pm
- Nov 22 Multiple PGMs in McIntosh County, FOUR Patriot Grave Markings
- Nov 23 National (GA) - Siege of Fort Morris - Come & Take It (Color Guard)

Upcoming Events

- Dec 14 Wreaths Across America - Two Lawrenceville events Philadelphia Winn DAR (Color Guard) 11:00am East Shadowlawn and 2:00pm Gwinnett Memorial Park
- Dec 15 Patriot Grave Marking - John Iredell Tate (P-301951) 2:00pm
Old Tate Cemetery, 4940 Hwy 53 E, Tate, Georgia 30177

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).

The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter nominating committee comprised of Tom Jacques, Randy Tindall and Don Schmidt is pleased to present the proposed slate of officers for 2025.

The vote for 2025 Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Officers was held on November 14, 2024

Installation of 2025 Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Officers will be held on December 12, 2024

Proposed Chapter Officers 2025

President - Ray Kyle

First Vice President - Jack Martin

Second Vice President - Marty Bush

Secretary - Jaryd Green

Treasurer - Don McCarty

Registrar - Harold Ford

Chaplain - Harry Kitchings

Genealogist - David Sikes (Replaces Bruce Maney)

Sergeant at Arms - Don Schmidt

Historian - Eldon Evans (Replaces Bill Palmer)

Immediate Past President - Tom Jacques (Not an Elected Position)

2025 National Society Sons of the American Revolution Dues:

Treasurer Donald McCarty has sent out 2025 Dues notices shortly.

SAR National Dues = \$50

SAR Georgia Dues = \$20

SAR Chapter Dues = \$20

Total 2025 Dues = \$90

Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Donation

For 2025 - the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Board of Managers is providing an option for Compatriots to make a tax-deductible donation to the Elisha Winn Society Children of the American Revolution when you send in your dues payment check. Please consider this C.A.R. donation as an investment in the future of America the SAR & DAR. We invite you to review this Button Gwinnett Dispatch Newsletter and our past newsletters to see many of the activities the C.A.R. has been involved with over the past two years.

<https://buttongwinnettsar.org/resources/newsletters/>

November 2, 2024 – Patriot Grave Markings Isaac Horton and Enoch Benson, Sugar Hill, GA

Sponsored by GASSAR Chapters - Button Gwinnett, Blue Ridge Mountain & Robert Forsyth;
GASDAR Chapter – Suwanee Creek

The Patriot Grave Markings of Isaac Horton and Enoch Benson was the primary Grave Marking for the Button Gwinnett Chapter for 2024. Our Master of Ceremonies was Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President Michael Henderson (Retired US Navy LCDR). We had 27 members in uniform including 14 members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. Greetings were brought by GASSAR President Ed Rigel Jr., GASDAR Regent Helen Powell, Noah Tindall 1st VP Georgia C.A.R. and Sugar Hill Mayor Brandon Hembree. The Color Guard was led by SAR National Commander Scott Collins. Wreath Registration was performed by Maryland McCarty and Mary Martin and the announcement of wreath presenters was provided by Lynn Baxter Jacques of the GSSDAR Philadelphia Winn Chapter.

The Button Gwinnett Members in attendance:

Michael Henderson – MC Past President Button Gwinnett Chapter (Civilian Medals)

Bill Wood – Compatriot Descendant of Enoch Benson – Biography & Marker reveal (Civilian)

Continental

Don McCarty – Organizer Past President BGC

Jack Martin - 1st VP - SAR Pledge & Presented BGC wreath

Terry Manning - Past President BGC & Past GASSAR President - SAR Recessional

Noah Tindall - Carried Flag and gave one great speech HUZAH! (C.A.R.)

Bruce Maney, Ralph Galpin, David Patrick, Marty Bush **(Carried Flags)**

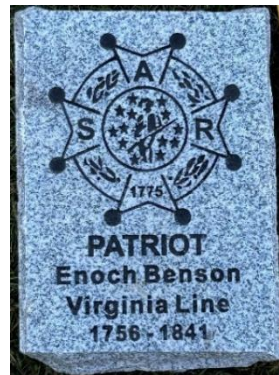
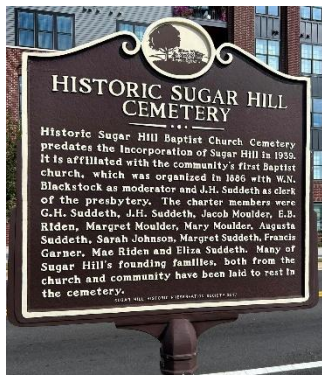
Militia

Tom Jacques, Gordon Woodard, Eldon Evans, David Sikes **(Musket Salute & Mourn Musket)**

Harry Kitchen - **Carried Flag**, Nick Hamrick – **TAPS**

Civilian

Randy Tindall, David McCarty, Don Schmidt & Stewart Woodard (Photographer)



Special Thanks:

Georgia Society SAR, Color Guard
 Georgia Society SAR, Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia
 Georgia State Society DAR, Suwanee Creek Chapter
 City of Sugar Hill, Mayor Brandon Hembree
 Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society
 Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution

Understanding the Mourn Musket Salute

The Mourn Musket Salute is a solemn tribute to a fallen Revolutionary War Patriot. It consists of bringing the musket to Present Arms, then the command, "Mourn Musket" begins as a slow lowering of each musket barrel downward, stopping with the placement of barrel on the shoe. Next each Militia member moves both hands on the musket bottom, with the head bowed, taking a position for prayer. Once each Militia member is in the prayer position, the benediction begins. Each Militia member remains in that prayer position during the benediction. After the benediction, the command, "Recover Musket" begins with the upward lifting of each musket to the Present Arms, then Order Arms position, as each Militia member returns the musket to the ready position, as a Patriot would do to answer the call to arms on another day.

Special Announcement and Certificates of Appreciation

The Georgia Society SAR State Color Guard and Col. Elijah Clarke Militia will reassemble following the ceremony for photographs. The Button Gwinnett Chapter will present several NSSAR Certificates of Appreciation.



**MEMORIAL SAR MARKERS FOR PATRIOTS
 ENOCH BENSON AND ISAAC HORTON**



**Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery
 5039 West Broad Street
 Sugar Hill, Georgia 30518
 November 2, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.**

Sponsored by
 Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter, GA Society, NSSAR
 Button Gwinnett Chapter, GA Society, NSSAR
 Robert Forsyth Chapter, GA Society, NSSAR
 Suwanee Creek Chapter, GA State Society, NSDAR

**Patriot Enoch Benson and Patriot Isaac Horton
 A Celebration of their Revolutionary War Service**

Call to Assembly	Michael Henderson, Past President, Button Gwinnett Chapter, NSSAR
Invocation	Tim Morgan Descendant of Patriot Enoch Benson
Presenting the Colors	Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander, NSSAR
Pledge of Allegiance	Gordon Benson Descendant of Patriot Enoch Benson
SAR Pledge	Jack Martin, 1 st Vice President, Button Gwinnett Chapter, NSSAR

"We, the 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 Guests to bring Greetings	Michael Henderson, Past President, Button Gwinnett Chapter, NSSAR
Greetings	Ed Rigel Jr., President, Georgia Society, NSSAR
Greetings	Scott Collins, Vice President General, South Atlantic District, NSSAR
Greetings	Helen Powell, State Regent, Georgia State Society, NSDAR
Greetings	Noah Tindall, 1 st Vice Pres., GA Society, Children of the American Revolution

Greetings	Brandon Hembree, Mayor, City of Sugar Hill
Greetings	Kathryn Baskin, Chairman, Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society
Biography of Patriot Enoch Benson	Bill Wood, Descendant of Patriot Benson, Button Gwinnett Chapter, NSSAR
Biography of Patriot Isaac Horton	Marilyn Dean Descendant of Patriot Isaac Horton
Dedication of SAR Markers	Don McCarty, State Chairman, GASSAR Patriot Graves Committee
Call for Wreaths Presenters See Insert - Presenters List	Lynn Jacques, Honorary Regent, Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR
Musket Firing Salute	GASSAR Col. Elijah Clarke Militia Unit
Taps	Nick Hamrick, President, Elisha Winn Society, GA Society, NSCAR
Mourn Musket Salute	GASSAR Col. Elijah Clarke Militia Unit
Benediction	Terese Steinbech, Chapter Chaplain, Suwanee Creek Chapter, NSDAR
SAR Recessional	Terry Manning, 2010 Past President, Georgia Society, NSSAR
"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, Bill of Rights, an Independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men."	
Retiring the Colors	Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander, NSSAR
Announcement, Recognition, Closing Remarks	Michael Henderson, Past President, Button Gwinnett Chapter, NSSAR



MC Michael Henderson



Georgia SAR State President Ed Rigel Jr.



NASAR Commander K. Scott Collins



Georgia DAR State Regent Helen Powell



Georgia C.A.R. 1st VP Noah Tindall



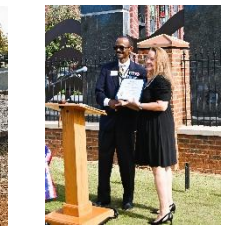
Sugar Hill Mayor Brandon Hembree



Bill Wood - Enoch Benson Descendant



Marilyn Dean - Isaac Horton Descendant





Elisha Winn Society Children of the American Revolution



Georgia DAR Combined Chapters



Suwanee Creek DAR Chapter



Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter



William Day DAR Chapter



Chestatee River DAR Chapter

November 9, 2024 - Patriot Grave Ceremony for Gabriel Smith, Sr.,

Five members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter attended the Patriot Grave Marking for Gabriel Smith, Sr., at Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church at 6465 Smithfield Road, Bowdon, Georgia. The members in uniform were President Ray Kyle, Treasurer Don McCarty and compatriots Ralph Galpin and David Sikes. BGC Jr Member Hunter Newton – Immediate Past President of the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R was also in attendance with his sister Taylor, a Past Elisha Winn Society President

The National Society of
the American Revolution
SAR
SINCE 1789
Patriot Grave Ceremony
FOR
GABRIEL SMITH
Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church
6465 Smithfield Road
Bowdon, Georgia 30108
Sponsored by
Cecilia Palaski Chapter, CSSAR



November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day Ceremony Oconee County, Ga

Seven Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in the Color Guard at the Oconee County Veterans Day Ceremony. Militia Picture L-R David Sikes, Ray Kyle, Gordon Woodard and Tom Jacques. Continental Don McCarty, Jack Martin and Ralph Galpin.



HONOR OUR PATRIOTS

2024 Veterans Day Program
Monday, November 11 • 11:00am
Oconee Veterans Park
3500 Hog Mountain Road • Watkinsville, GA

- Welcome and Introduction: James Alexander
- Presentation of Colors: Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard
- Star Spangled Banner: Lisa Matheson
- Pledge of Allegiance: John Campbell
- Prayer: Reverend Larry Davison
- Recognition of Gold Star Families: Larry Davison
- Recognition of Veterans in Attendance: Dave P. Dunlen
- Guest Speaker: LTC Aaron Holt ARNG
- Special Music: Kate Healey, Blair Smith, and Lisa Matheson
- Presentation of Wreaths: Dory Brown
- Minsker Salute: Elijah Clarke Militia, Sons of the American Revolution
- Taps: Mr. Palmer Hartley

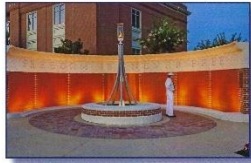
Freedom Eagle Co-sponsor: Reverend John Andrew Chapter, NSDAR
Veterans Day Sponsor: Oconee Veterans Memorial Foundation
Memorial Landscape Sponsored by Husport Landscape
The Oconee Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. is not part of, or endorsed by, the Department of Defense.



November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day Ceremony Snellville, Ga

Nine Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in the Color Guard at the Snellville Veterans Day Ceremony. Pictured Upper L-R Commander Scott Collins, Eldon Evans (BG), Bill Palmer (BG) JC Hustis (RFC), Thomas Chamberlain (GWC), Don McCarty (BG), Jack Martin (BG), Ralph Galpin (BG), Steve Weaver (BRMC), Bruce Maney (BG), Gordon Woodard (BG), Bill Edelen, Tom Jacques (BG), David Sikes (BG). Additional Button Gwinnett Veterans in attendance - Past President Bennie Koon (Botton Photo Cavalry Hat)

The Snellville Veterans Day Celebration November 11th, 2024 3:00 pm



*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
John F. Kennedy*

Snellville Veterans Day Celebration Program November 11th, 2024 - 3:00 pm			
Proclamation	Mayor Barbara Fowler	South Gwinnett College Color Guard	South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard
Widow's Kiss: The Matter of Consensus	Mayor Barbara Fowler	Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown	Snellville Community Church
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown	Snellville Community Church	South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard
Color Guard	South Gwinnett College Color Guard South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard	Buttontown Community Center	Buttontown High School Army ROTC Color Guard
National Anthem	Buttontown Community Center	Buttontown High School Army ROTC Color Guard	Buttontown High School Army ROTC Color Guard
Honoring Veterans	Buttontown Community Center	Buttontown High School Army ROTC Color Guard	Buttontown High School Army ROTC Color Guard
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown	Snellville Community Church	South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard
Presenting The Burial Flag	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West
Keynote Speaker	Norman Carter II - Snellville City Councilman	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West
Address	Mayor Barbara Fowler	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West
Reading of the Names	Don Franklin, Captain, U.S. Army Commander VFW Post #1150	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West
Prayer	Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown	Snellville Community Church	South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard
Please Stand as Your Service Branch Anthem is Played			
March	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West
Color Guard	South Gwinnett College Color Guard South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard	South Gwinnett College Color Guard South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard	South Gwinnett College Color Guard South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown	Snellville Community Church	South Gwinnett High School Army ROTC Color Guard
Chicago	Mayor Barbara Fowler	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West
God Bless America	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West	U.S. Army Band of the West
Please join the Button Gwinnett Chapter Militia at the Veterans Memorial for Photos after the program			



November 17, 2024 - Patriot Grave Marking Nathaniel Valentine Bowles Commerce, GA 3:00pm

Ten members of the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter attended the Patriot Grave Marking for Nathaniel Valentine Bowles at Commerce, GA. Top Photo L-R Harry Kitchings, Ralph Galpin, Ray Kyle, Karl Fitch, David Sikes, Tom Jacques, Don McCarty, Jack Martin, Gordon Woodard and Stewart Woodard. Militia Members who fired musket salutes and performed Mourn Musket – Tom Jacques, Gordon Woodard, David Sikes. Color Guard Commanded by K. Scott Collins - Harry Kitchings, Ralph Galpin, Ray Kyle and Don McCarty. First VP Jack Martin presented the Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath. Stewart Woodard was the event photographer.

SAR DAR
The American Revolution

Lyman Hall & Robert Fensholt Chapters,
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
with
James Pittman Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

**Dedication of Grave Marker
Commemorating the service of Patriot
Nathaniel Valentine Bowles**

Apple Valley Baptist Church Cemetery
4649 Commerce Rd. (GA 91.13)
Commerce, GA 30529
GPS coordinates: 34.157663, -83.211627

Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 3pm

**Dedication of Grave Marker
Nathaniel Valentine Bowles**
1763 - 1848, 1843

Welcome
Gordon J. Wood, President, Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR
Praying of the Colors
Gordon J. Wood, President, Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR
Karl Fitch, Fireman

Opening Prayer
Harry Kitchings, Chaplain, Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR

The Oath of the Flag
Gordon J. Wood, President, Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR

Plunge to the Flag of the United States of America
Ray Kyle, Drummer

Invocation of God
Tom Jacques, Recording Secretary, Georgia Sons of the American Revolution C.A.R.
First Vice President, Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR

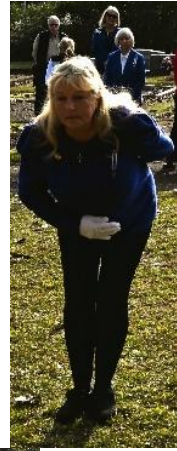
Roll Call
Bill Hughes, Chaplain, Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR

Recognition of Honored Guests
Gordon J. Wood, President, Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR

Closing
Gordon J. Wood, President, SAR
Karl Fitch, Fireman, SAR
Introduction of Nathaniel Bowles Commemorative

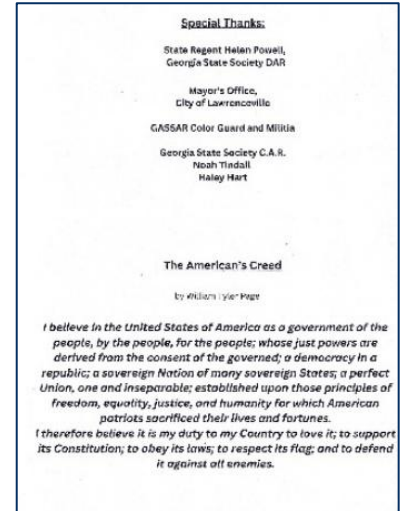
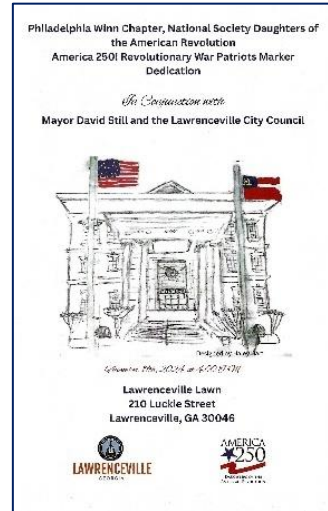
Biography of Nathaniel Bowles
Dedication of Grave Marker
First Vice President, Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR





November 19, 2024 - Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR America 250 Revolutionary War Patriot Marker Dedication

The Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter provided the Color Guard for the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter America 250 Revolutionary War Patriot Marker Dedication which is located at the Lawrenceville Lawn Park. Georgia DAR State Regent brought greetings along with Lawrenceville Mayor David Still. Nine Button Gwinnett Members were in uniform commanded by Tom Jacques.




America 250! Revolutionary War Patriots Marker Dedication Ceremony

Welcome	Randi Minor, Regent Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR	Greetings	Haley Hart, , America 250! State Chair, Georgia State Society, N.S.C.A.R.; Elisha Winn Society
Pledge of Allegiance	Noah Tindall, 1st Vice President, Georgia State Society, N.S.C.A.R.; Elisha Winn Society	Presentation of Proclamation	David Still, Mayor of Lawrenceville
The Americans Creed	Haley Hart, America 250! State Chair, Georgia State Society, N.S.C.A.R.; Elisha Winn Society	Reading of Proclamation	Noah Tindall, 1st Vice President, Georgia State Society, N.S.C.A.R.; Elisha Winn Society
Presenting the Colors	The GASSAR Color Guard	America 250!	Lydia McGill, Honorary Regent Philadelphia Winn Chapter, America 250! Chair
Introduction of Guests	Randi Minor, Regent Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR	Unveiling of the Revolutionary War Patriots Marker	Lydia McGill, Honorary Regent Philadelphia Winn Chapter, America 250! Chair
Greetings	Helen Powell, Georgia State Society, DAR Regent	Musket Salute/Mourn Musket Salute	GASSAR Militia
Greetings	David Still, Mayor of Lawrenceville	Closing Remarks	Randi Minor, Regent Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR
Greetings	Randi Minor, Regent Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR	Retirement of Colors	GASSAR Color Guard



November 22, 2024 - SAR Grave Marking Ceremony for 4 Patriots Townsend, Georgia

The Button Gwinnett Chapter was a co-sponsor of the SAR Grave Marking Ceremony for 4 Patriots who are buried at the Contentment Plantation Cemetery in Townsend, GA. Color Guard Commander was K. Scott Collins. Button Gwinnett members in Uniform: **Continental** Carrying Flags - Don McCarty (program, presented wreath), Jack Martin, Ralph Galpin; **Militia** - musket salute, mourn musket - Ray Kyle (presented Button Gwinnett wreath), Tom Jacques (presented Boston Tea Party Descendants wreath). **Civilian** Photographer - Stewart Woodard



Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Marshes of Glynn Chapter Button Gwinnett Chapter
Robert Forsyth Chapter Edward Telfair Chapter

"Dedication of the grave markers commemorating the service of Patriot Soldiers listed in the Contentment Plantation (Bluff Cemetery)"

Honoring
Captain James Nephew James Gignilliat, Sr. Esq
Lt. Col John Cooper Private John Calder

Friday, November 22, 2024
3:00 PM

Camp Kicklighter
1182 Camp Kicklighter Rd
Townsend, GA 31331 (Shellman Bluff)

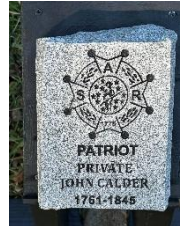
Honored Patriots

JAMES GIGNILLIAT, SR. ESQ b. 1746 d. 1794
SAR Patriot #: P-165877
Pronounced "Gin Let". A native of St. John's Parish, Berkeley County, South Carolina, he served as an officer in the South Carolina Army or Militia from the Beaufort District. After the war, he settled on an inland rice plantation called "Contentment". He served as the Commissioner of the Peace in the Beaufort District, South Carolina and later was a delegate to the National Convention from McIntosh County, Georgia.

LT. COL JOHN COOPER b. 1751 d. 1819
SAR Patriot #: P-195854
He served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Georgia Troops. Tradition transmits he was twice wounded during the battle of Sullivan's Swamp, in the 1780s, and the second time through the body, as he led the charge of cavalry at the siege of Savannah just after Pulaski fell. Married Elizabeth Gignilliat, daughter of JAMES GIGNILLIAT, SR. ESQ.

CAPTAIN JAMES NEPHEW b. 1750 d. 1827
SAR Patriot #: P-255407
Captain James Nephew, patriot of Liberty and McIntosh County, was born in 1750 in Georgia, a son of Peter Nephew, a colonial settler of St. Andrews Parish, now McIntosh County. James Nephew was married in Liberty County, April 19th, 1782, to Mary Magdalene Gignilliat in St. Helena Parish, daughter of James Gignilliat, R.S., and his wife Charlotte Pepper. Born of this marriage were six children all born in McIntosh County.

PRIVATE JOHN CALDER b. 1762 d. 1845
SAR Patriot #: P-127336
He served as a private in the Georgia Militia under Colonel Elijah Clarke. In 1782, he enlisted in the South Carolina Light Horse Dragoons in Captains Harvey and Johnson's Companies, commanded by Colonel Samuel Hammond. He was severely wounded in the Battle of Eutaw Springs and later was in General Andrew Pickens' Indian Expedition and fought in the Battle of Little Terrapin. He received a pension for his services. Buried in Contentment or Calder (VA Stone in Calder)





A large group from the day's ceremony also attended dinner at Love's Seafood on Friday Evening.



November 23, 2024 - 246th Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Fort Morris

Button Gwinnett Chapter Members in attendance **Continental** - carried flags

Don McCarty - presented wreath, Jack Martin, Ralph Galpin, Noah Tindal - presented wreath, Nick Hamrick- militia presented wreath

Militia - musket salute & Mourn Musket - Ray Kyle- presented Button Gwinnett wreath, Tom Jacques- presented Boston Tea Party Descendants wreath, Wayne Stancel

Civilian - Randy Tindall - Sr GA C.A.R. President, Stewart Woodard - photographer





November 23, 2024 - 246th Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Fort Morris

Elisha Winn C.A.R. President Nick, Fort Morris Chairman Noralee, Becca, William, and Noah for representing Elisha Winn at the 246th Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Fort Morris. Noralee was excellent leading the 15 Flag Ceremony, Nick presented a wreath, William led the pledge, and Noah, Nick, William participated in the Georgia SAR Color Guard.



Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2024

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

The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM.

Installation of 2025 Officers

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:

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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.

America 250 Patriot Marker dedicated at Lawrenceville Lawn

From staff reports

In anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the United States declaring its independence on July 4, 1776, the U.S. Congress in 2024 established the Semiquincentennial Commission to lead a nationwide commemoration of this historic event, complete with bronze America 250 Patriot Markers.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a member of this "America 250 Team" and seeks to install America 250 Patriot Markers from sea to shining sea.

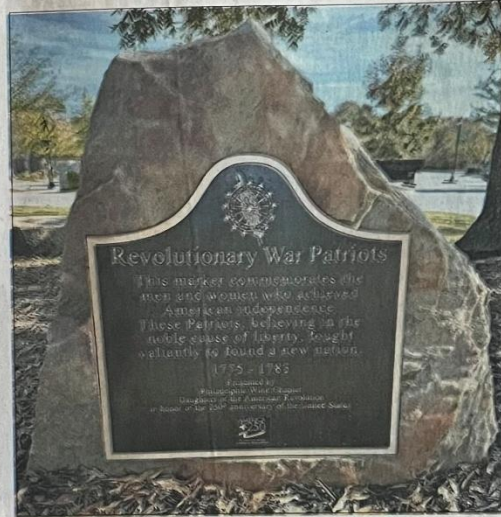
The American 250 Patriot Marker arrived in Lawrenceville in mid-November as a gift to the city from the Philadelphia Win Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which calls Lawrenceville home. The marker was placed at the entrance of Lawrenceville Lawn where anyone arriving to play volleyball, attend a concert or take their children to the playground will be able to see it.

A ceremony was recently held at Lawrenceville City Hall, which included Mayor David Still, Georgia State DAR Regent Helen Powell, the Button Gwinnett SAR

Chapter Color Guard and Militia, Georgia State Society, Children of the American Revolution, America 250 chair Haley Hart and Children of the American Revolution second vice president Noah Tindall, who also read a proclamation given by the city of Lawrenceville.

The five-year project to honor our country's patriots with the marker spanned the administration of three Philadelphia Winn Regents — current regent Randi Minor, honorary regent Lynn Jacques and honorary regent Connie Rifkind. The chair of the America 250 Committee for the past five years is honorary regent Lydia McGill, who took care of all logistics involved in having the marker made, delivered and installed.

"We are forever grateful to the city of Lawrenceville officials for their generosity in allowing our America 250 Patriot Marker to find its home in this beautiful park known as Lawrenceville Lawn," said Minor in a news release. "As the 250th birthday of our nation draws near, we hope that it will create conversations to remind our citizens of our past and teach our children about our country's history that began almost 250 years ago."



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Special Photo



Special Photo

Left to right: James Walters, Jeannie Walters, Matthew Walters, Tina Harris and Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle. James and Jeannie Walters are the grandparents of Matthew Walters and Tina Harris is the great-grandmother of Matthew Walters.

Matthew Walters inducted into Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR

From staff reports

The Button Gwinnett Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, honored veterans during their chapter meeting on Nov. 14.

Marine Corps Private Matthew Russell Walters, a recent graduate from 13 weeks basic training at Parris Island, S.C. was inducted

into the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, while home on leave. The Revolutionary War Patriot of Pvt. Walters is Cornelius Keith, a Corporal in the South Carolina Militia who also served in the 4th SC Artillery Regiment and 5th Regiment Militia.

Walters is the grandson of Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR charter

member James Edward Walters, who was inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame on Nov. 2. James Walters was recognized for his service achievements as a Petty Officer Second Class in the United States Navy. There are only 15 Georgia veterans named into the distinctive Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame each year.