



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch December 2024

A Newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

National Society Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message for December 2024:

Wow, it's hard to believe 2024 has come to an end! It seems like we were just ringing in "New Year's Day 2024" and then suddenly we were celebrating Christmas and getting ready to welcome "2025." Time really does fly when you stay busy doing worthwhile things and are having fun doing them.

We had a really great year, seeing our chapter grow to 106 members. We stayed extremely busy in our local communities every month, and attended numerous events, not only in Georgia, but also in Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Virginia. The Button Gwinnett chapter showed up all the time, all over the place, and loved every minute of it!

We closed out the year with the following events in December:

- Dec 6 NSDAR Wreaths Across America Kickoff, Georgia State Capitol, Atlanta, GA
- Dec 7 Noah Tindall's Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Hamilton Mill UMC, Dacula, GA
- Dec 13 Wreaths Across America - Georgia National Cemetery (Family), Canton, GA
- Dec 14 Wreaths Across America:
 - East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, Lawrenceville, GA (with Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and the Georgia SAR Color Guard)
 - Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery, Sugar Hill, GA (with Suwanee Creek DAR Chapter)
 - Duluth Church Cemetery, Duluth, GA (with William Day DAR Chapter)
 - Gwinnett Memorial Park, Lawrenceville, GA (with Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and the Georgia SAR Color Guard)
 - Georgia National Cemetery (Public), Canton, GA
 - Roselawn Cemetery, Decatur, AL (with multiple Alabama DAR Chapters and the Alabama SAR Color Guard)
- Dec 15 Patriot Grave Marking for John Iredell Tate, Old Tate Cemetery, Tate, GA
- Dec 25 Assisted William Day DAR Chapter with Christmas Day deliveries of baked goods to over 30 Gwinnett County Fire Stations

At our December 12th Chapter meeting, GASSAR Senior Vice President, William Floyd, inducted a new SAR member and installed our 2025 Officers. We also presented multiple awards, including: (1) Anniversary/Service Certificates to chapter members celebrating 5, 10 and 25 years with the SAR in 2024, (2) Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing 2024 Officers and Committee Chairmen, (3) a Certificate of Appreciation to David Sikes for his 2024 Color Guard participation, (4) the Chapter Medal for Distinguished Service to Tom Jacques, (5) the Lydia Darragh Medal to Debbie Kyle, William Day DAR Chapter, and (6) the SAR Medal of Appreciation, Oak Leaf Cluster, to Lynn Jacques, Maryland McCarty & Mary Martin, all Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter members. Thank you to all recipients for your service to and support of the SAR and its mission. You helped make 2024 such a great year.

Sadly, on December 29, 2024, the 39th President of the United States and Button Gwinnett Compatriot, James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr. passed away, at the age of 100. Well known and highly respected universally for his many years of charitable works and peace efforts around the world, President Carter was a shining example of how we all should be willing to help our neighbors. Though saddened by his passing, we rejoice in his well lived life on earth and now his eternal life in Heaven. Until we meet again...

Happy New Year to everyone and get ready to jump into all the 2025 adventures ahead. Let us make President Carter proud of us!

Meeting Highlights:

Our December 12, 2024 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. **We had 29 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, DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations, Chapter Chair Mary Martin and members Maryland McCarty, Mary Kitchings and Karen Sikes; **William Day** - Regent Debbie Kyle & Honorary Regent Debbie Bush and Judy York; **Chestatee River** - Kris White; **Suwanee Creek** - Amy Koon and Donna Bowlick

The highlights of the evening were:

Compatriot William “Bill” Benson Wood was inducted into the Button Gwinnett Chapter Sons of the American Revolution by Georgia SAR Senior Vice President William Floyd.

William Benson Wood is a descendant of Patriot Enoch Benson (P-113496), who served three tours of three months each, as a Private with the Culpeper County Militia in 1780 and 1781, serving under Captain William Stanton, Captain Nolen, Captain Toles, Captain Ruben Clark and Captain Triplett. He ended his tour at the Siege of Yorktown, under the command of General George Washington. Patriot Benson was born in December 1756, in Stafford, Culpeper County, VA and he died on or about September 4, 1841, in Gwinnett County, GA. Patriot Benson is buried in the Kile-Benson Homeplace Cemetery, Sugar Hill, GA. His Grave was marked by the SAR on November 9, 2024. Bill’s SAR Rosette was pinned by his wife Susan

Bill’s Natl# 231514 and GA# 8907 - approved at National on October 23, 2024, and recorded on October 25, 2024.



Compatriot Joshua Steven White was flown home by his father Compatriot Steve White as a surprise for his mother Kris Fitch White. President Ray Kyle had the honor of presenting Josh to the Button Gwinnet Chapter during the December Meeting.

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.



Supplemental Certificates were presented by President Ray Kyle to Compatriots Don McCarty & David McCarty for Patriot Ancestors Isham Fuller, John Ussery, Sr. & John Ussery, Sr.



Medals and Awards

Button Gwinnett President Ray Kyle Presented the SAR Chapter Medal for Distinguished Service to Immediate Past President Thomas Leo Jacques

The incumbent Chapter President may present one medal during his term (or each year of his term if elected to a multiyear term) at the Chapter's Annual Meeting, to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the president's administration. The Chapter President presents this Medal at his discretion; no other approval is required. The CMDS is the highest medal that can be awarded by a Chapter President.



Anniversary Certificates:

5 Year - Donald Henry McCarty, Jr., David Christopher McCarty, Mark Harold Smith, Raymond Francis Kyle, Sr., Sean Philip Fritchey, Thomas Eugene Hopkins, Jr., Edward Warren Haire & Thomas Mark Smith



10 Year - Ralph Charles Galpin, Bennie Eugene Koon, Stewart Albert Woodard, Rigsby Barclay Barnes, Jr., Kenneth Warren Keown & John Coker Goodwin, III



25 Years - Frank William Quinn & Eric Paul Osborne



Certificate of Appreciation: Ronald David Sikes, Jr. (Outstanding participation in numerous Color Guard events during your first year as a member)



Certificates for outgoing Button Gwinnett SAR 2024 Chapter Officers: L-R
First Vice President - Jack Martin, Sergeant at Arms - Don Schmidt, Chaplain - Harry Kitchings,
Genealogist - Bruce Maney, Second Vice President - Marty Bush, Treasurer - Don McCarty,
Registrar - Harold Ford, Immediate Past President - Tom Jacques, President - Ray Kyle
Not Pictured: Secretary - Jaryd Green, Historian - Bill Palmer



Certificates for outgoing Button Gwinnett SAR 2024 Chapter Committee Chairs: L-R
Veterans/Stark – Jack Martin, C.A.R. Liaison – Randy Tindall, JROTC – Marty Bush, Grave
Marking & Publicity – Don McCarty, DAR Liaison, Traveling Trunk & Newsletter Editor -
Tom Jacques, Audit & Americanism – Ray Kyle
Not Pictured: Eagle Scout – David Patrick, Color Guard – Bill Palmer



SAR Medal of Appreciation (Oak Leaf Cluster) – was presented to Maryland McCarty, Mary Martin and Lynn Baxter Jacques by President Ray Kyle (Picture L-R)

The SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented to a member of the DAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR. The award may recognize assistance in forming new SAR chapters, obtaining a specific number of new SAR members or otherwise significantly aiding the SAR programs.



The SAR Lydia Darragh Medal was presented to Deborah Burns Kyle by President Ray Kyle
The Lydia Darragh Medal may be awarded by the incumbent President General, Vice President General, State Society President or Chapter President to the lady who has provided significant service to him during his term. The medal will recognize the assistance of the ladies who work behind the scenes supporting SAR programs, but whose service does not meet the requirements for the Martha Washington Medal. It may only be presented once per year at the discretion of the President General, a Vice President General, a State Society President, or a Chapter President.



Button Gwinnett SAR 2025 Chapter Officers were installed by Georgia SAR Senior Vice President William N. Floyd, Jr.

Pictured L-R - Eldon Evans - Historian, Don Schmidt - Sergeant at Arms, Harold Ford - Registrar, David Sikes - Genealogist, Marty Bush - 2nd VP, Jack Marting - 1st VP, Don McCarty - Treasurer, Harry Kitchings - Chaplain, Tom Jacques - Immediate Past President, Ray Kyle - President, Bill Floyd - Georgia SAR Senior VP



President Ray Kyle – takes his Oath from Bill Floyd



Button Gwinnett Immediate Past President Tom Jacques – presented Georgia SR VP Bill Floyd with the new SAR Shot Heard Round the World Challenge Coin.



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*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ray Kyle

New Member Induction:

Bill Wood - Patriot Enoch Benson

Supplementals:

Don McCarty & David McCarty - Patriots Isham Fuller, John Ussery, Sr. & John Ussery, Sr.

Medals & Certificates:

SAR Membership Anniversary Certificates - 5, 10, 25

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 2024 Officer & Chair Certificates

Chapter Medal for Distinguished Service – *Tom Jacques*

Lydia Darragh Medal - *Debbie Kyle*

SAR Medal of Appreciation, OLC - *Lynn Jacques, Maryland McCarty & Mary Martin*

Certificate of Appreciation - *David Sikes*

Streamers: The Siege of Fort Morris / Come and Take It

Wreaths Across America Update: *Lynn Jacques*

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Ray Kyle

*"Button Gwinnett Chapter 2025 Officers Installation"
 by GASSAR Sr. Vice President William N. Floyd, Jr.,*

Business Section:

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SAR RECEPTIONAL

BENEDICTION

ADJOURNMENT

Jaryd Green

Don McCarty

Harold Ford

Committee Chairs

Ray Kyle

Ray Kyle

Marty Bush

Harry Kitchings

Ray Kyle

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.

President -
 Immediate Past President -
 First Vice President -
 Second Vice President -
 Secretary -
 Treasurer -
 Registrar -
 Chaplain -
 Genealogist -
 Sergeant at Arms -
 Historian -

*Ray Kyle
 Tom Jacques
 Jack Martin
 Marty Bush
 Jaryd Green
 Don McCarty
 Harold Ford
 Harry Kitchings
 Bruce Maney
 Don Schmidt
 Bill Palmer*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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
- Dec 15 1 PGM, Old Tate Cemetery, Tate, GA – Patriot John Iredell Tate @2pm [GA]
- Jan 11 1 PGM, Stephen Day Family Cemetery, Grovetown, GA, - Patriot Stephen Day @ 11am [GA]
- Jan 17 Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, SC [National/ SC]
- Jan 31-Feb 1 Georgia Society SAR State Conference, Peachtree Corners, GA [GA]

2025 Programs & Speakers Schedule:

- 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"

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 CHAPTER
 Georgia Society**

**Sons of the
 American Revolution**

***"Button Gwinnett Chapter
 2025 Officer Installation"
 by GASSAR Sr. Vice President
 William N. Floyd, Jr.***



December 12, 2024

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Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Registrar Status Report (As of December 31, 2024, we had 105 chapter members)

New Member inducted December 12, 2024

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

New Member inducted December 30, 2024

- Parker James Reason - 230396, Jonathan Taylor, Sol NY (Approved July 2, 2024)

New member applications approved but not yet inducted:

- Merle Alvin "Skip" Nunn - 230693, Patriot Isaac Allison, Pvt NY (Approved August 14, 2024)

New Memorial applications at National:

- David Keith Wyatt – Patriot Ebenezer Frost (Received October 25 , 2024)
- 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

Supplementals at National:

- 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:

- None

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)
- Barry Whitehead – Referral from Stacy Whitehead (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 (Team Ray Kyle)
- Grave Marking – Don McCarty (Team Eldon Evans & Bruce Maney)
- Eagle Scout – David Patrick
- JROTC – Marty Bush
- Color Guard – Bill Palmer (2025 Tom Jacques)
- 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:

2025

Jan 9	Sarita Dyer: "Georgia Veterans Hall of Fame"
Feb 13	Mike Watkins: "Weapons & Armaments"
Mar 13	Harry Kitchings: "John Hancock"
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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 Alcovia Elementary School in Dacula - Traveling Trunk Program
Mar 21-23 Georgia DAR State Conference - Atlanta Marriott Northwest at Galleria
Mar 24 DAR Patriot Grave Marking John Glover
Mar 29 Vietnam Veterans Ceremony - Johns Creek
Apr 6 Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter 25th Anniversary Lunch meeting
Apr 7 14th Annual Fort Yargo Market Fair
Apr 11 Hunter Newton - Eagle Scout Court of Honor
Apr 12 Lyman Hall 300th Birthday - Gainesville, GA noon
Apr 13 Patriot Grave Marking - Dickerson Lumpkin, Jr. Talbotton, GA
Apr 20 National (GA) - Frederica Naval Action St Simons
Apr 27 Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers, Barnesville, GA
Apr 28 Church Service & Five Patriot Grave Markings - Midway, GA
May 10 National (FL) - Battle of Pensacola Commemoration
May 11 Patriot Grave Marking - Silas Mercer, Wilkes Co., GA
May 25 National (SC) - Buford's Massacre Commemoration
May 24-25 Flag Placement at Cemeteries
May 27 Oconee County Veterans Memorial
May 27 GJAC Memorial Day Ceremony Lawrenceville, GA
Jun 8 Flag Retirement Ceremony (Robert Forsyth & Piedmont)
Jun 15 Flag Day - VFW Post 5255 - Lawrenceville, GA - 10:00am (Color Guard)
Jun 22 National (NC) - Battle of Ramsour's Mill
Jun 26-30 133rd DAR Continental Congress, Washington, DC
Jun 29 Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge, FL
Jun 30 New Hope UMC Patriotic Sunday Service 10:00am (Color Guard)
Jun 30 Patriotic Concert - First Methodist Church Gainesville - 4:00pm (Color Guard)
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 CSSNSCAR 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)
- Dec 6 Wreaths Across America - Georgia State Capital Building DAR Ceremony
- Dec 7 Noah Tindall - Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- 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

Upcoming Events

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).

December 6, 2024 – Georgia State Society NSDAR Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Georgia State Capitol

The Georgia SAR Color Guard Commanded by Tom Jacques provided the Color Guard for the Georgia GSSDAR Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Georgia State Capitol. The Color Guard was comprised of Button Gwinnett Members Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle and Marty Bush as well as Georgia SAR President Ed Rigel Jr and Lyman Hall Compatriot Sid Hughes. Greetings were brought by President Rigel and Georgia GSSDAR State Regent Helen Powell.

Pictured L-R Front Row – President Ed Rigel Jr., State Regent Helen Powell, Back Row – Ray Kyle, Marty Bush, Tom Jacques, Sid Hughes

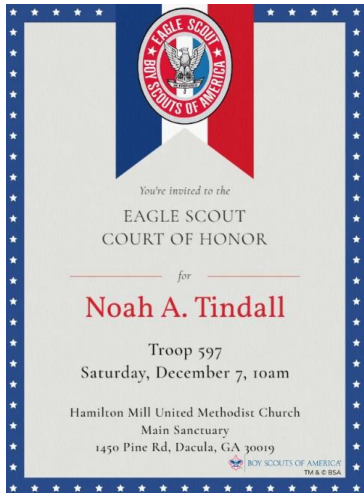


December 7, 2024 - Compatriot Noah Tindall - Eagle Scout Court of Honor

The Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriot Noah Tindall was held on December 7, 2024 held at the Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church. Noah is the son of Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter 2nd Vice Regent and Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Sr. President Emily Tindall and Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter C.A.R. Committee Chair and Georgia C.A.R. Sr. State President Randy Tindall.



Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Members in attendance pictured below L-R Front Row John Moale, David McCarty, Marty Bush, Noah Tindall, David Patrick, Bruce Maney, Randy Tindall; 2nd Row Eldon Evans, Don McCarty; Top Row Eli Stancel, Wayne Stancel, Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle, Jack Martin



Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle (center) and Eagle Scout Chair David Patrick (left) presented Noah with his SAR Eagle Scout Certificate.



Above Right: Members of Descendants of Washington’s Army at Valley Forge presented Noah with a Patriotic Quilt. Pictured L-R Descendants of Valley Forge: Eldon Evans, Brigade Commander Anita Bianconi, Noah Tindall, Emily Tindall, and Bruce Maney.

Below Left - Lyman Hall SAR Chapter President and Eagle Scout Noah Tindall. Carter Wood presented Noah with award certificates from various organizations including The Grand Lodge of Georgia Free & Accepted Masons Eagle Scout Medal, The Military Order of the World Wars and The National Association of Masonic Scouters. Below Right Noah with Scout Troop 597



Below Left: Georgia DAR Honorary State Regent O.B. McCorkel and State Regent Helen Powell. Below Right: Eagle Scouts in attendance for Noah’s Court of Honor – John Moale, U.S. Army Major Nathan Tindall, Noah Tindall, Chip Morton, Sandy Mercer, and Chandler Spencer



A very large contingent of SAR, DAR & C.A.R. were present for this Court of Honor



December 14, 2024 - Wreaths Across America Ceremonies

Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter - East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceville, GA - Sixth Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony with the Georgia SAR Color Guard and Button Gwinnett Chapter Members. Eight JROTC Army Cadets from Discovery High School, led by LTC U.S. Army (retired) and Button Gwinnett Compatriot Robert W. Rooker, escorted the veterans. Eleven Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in the Color Guard. Pictured L-R Commander Scott Collins, Tom Jacques, Ralph Galpin, Bruce Maney, Craig Benton, JC Hustis, Nick Hamrick (with sister Rebecca), Harry Kitchings, Steven Wang, John Mays, Jacob Wang, Jack Martin, Noah Tindall, Don McCarty, Bill Palmer, Eldon Evans and Gordon Woodard. Other Button Gwinnett Members presenting Military Branch Wreaths L-R - Chris Bradfield, Randy Tindall, Lt Col (Retired) Robert Rooker, and Bill Palmer.



Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter - Gwinnett Memorial Park, the veterans were escorted by seven JROTC Army Cadets from Grayson High School, led by Colonel, U.S. Army (retired) Al Fracker.

Eight Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in the Color Guard. Pictured L-R Commander Scott Collins, Tom Jacques, Ralph Galpin, Bruce Maney, Craig Benton, JC Hustis, Harry Kitchings, Don McCarty, John Mays, Jack Martin, Eldon Evans and Gordon Woodard. Other Button Gwinnett Members presenting Military Branch Wreaths L-R - Compatriots Frank Quinn, Richard Curtis, Bill Schultz, Bill Wood and prospective member Barry Whitehead.



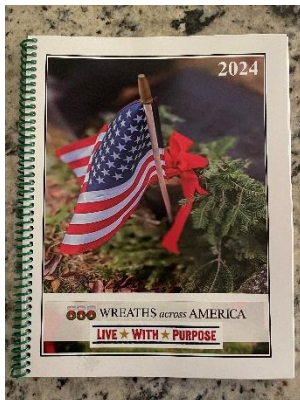
Georgia National Cemetery - Canton Georgia Wreaths Across America

Two Button Gwinnett Chapter Members placed wreaths Compatriots James Walters and Fred Myers. James has been an instrumental part of the Wreaths Across America ceremonies at Georgia National for many years.



Roselawn Cemetery - Decatur Alabama Wreaths Across America

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President was a member of Alabama Color Guard ceremony where wreaths were presented for each branch of the Military Service and the POW/MIA. After the ceremonies concluded, Ray had the humble honor of placing wreaths on the graves of his parents, Don and Rita Kyle, both of whom were World War II U.S. Navy Veterans.



William Day DAR Chapter - Duluth Church Cemetery, Duluth, Georgia

Button Gwinnett 2nd VP Marty Bush assisted the William Day DAR Chapter in their Wreaths Across America Ceremony. Colors were presented by the Duluth High School U.S. Navy JROTC Cadets.

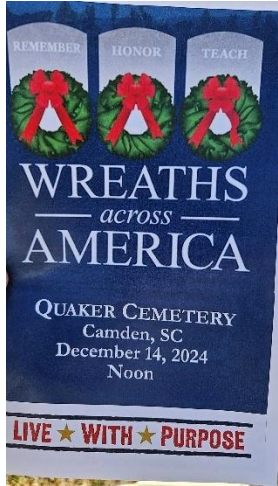


Suwanee Creek DAR Chapter - Historic Sugar Hill Cemetery

Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Historic Sugar Hill Cemetery on Saturday December 14th! The many groups participating made it all the more wonderful. Thank you for joining them to “remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach the next generation the value of freedom.” Many thanks to the American Legion Sugar Hill Post 127, Broad St. Concert Band of Sugar, the many Scouts and JROTC groups, Sugar Hill Mayor Brandon Hembree and our neighbors.



Wreaths Across America - Quaker Cemetery, Camden, SC Button Gwinnett Compatriot John Goodwin (Former Chapter President and Current Col Joseph Kershaw SCSSAR) participated in the ceremony on December 14, 2024.



On December 15, 2024 Compatriot John Goodwin Presented wreaths for Col Joseph Kershaw SCSSAR and Button Gwinnett GASSAR and participated in the Color Guard for Patriot Arthur Garrison at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, SC. This was a great ceremony of SAR and DAR from multiple states, drawn together on a cold, windy Sunday afternoon in thanks and recognition of the service of Arthur Garrison. In attendance were several of Garrison's descendants in addition to NSSAR President General Darryl Addington.



December 15, 2024 - Grave Marking Patriot John Tate - Tate, Georgia

Button Gwinnett Chapter Members in attendance **Continental** - carried flags
 Don McCarty (presented wreath), Ralph Galpin, Marty Bush, Noah Tindal (presented wreath),
Militia - Ray Kyle Lead Musket (presented Button Gwinnett wreath), **Musket Salute & Mourn**
Musket - Tom Jacques (presented Boston Tea Party Descendants wreath), Gordon Woodard,
 Fred Meyer
Civilian - Randy Tindall - Sr GA C.A.R. President, Skip Nunn

Sequoyah Chapter
 National Society
 Daughters of the American Revolution
 And
 Robert Forsyth Chapter
 Sons of the American Revolution
 And
 Georgia State Society
 Children of the American Revolution

**Dedication of Markers
 Commemorating the Service of
 Patriot John Tate**

Old Tate Cemetery
 4909 Hwy 91 E
 Tate, Georgia
 December 15, 2024, 1 PM

Order of Service

Welcome Suzanne Harman
 Regent, Sequoyah Chapter, NSDAR

*Colors Presented Georgia Society SAR Color Guard
 Scott Collins, National Color Guard Command, NSAR

*Invocation Dale Yount
 Chaplain, Sequoyah Chapter, NSDAR

*The Pledge of Allegiance Boy Scout Troop 40

*The American's Creed Jimmy Yalove
 Vice Regent, Sequoyah Chapter, NSDAR

*Placing of Colors Georgia Society SAR Color Guard

Pledge of the SAB Christopher Russo
 President, Robert Forsyth Chapter, GSSAK

Introduction of Special Guests Regent, Sequoyah Chapter

Greetings Helen Robertson Fowell
 Regent, Georgia State Society, NSDAR

Greetings William Floyd
 First Vice President, Georgia Society, SAR

Greetings Noah Tindall
 First Vice President, Georgia State Society, H.S.C.A.R.

*Please stand as you are able.

Tribute Libby Lively
 Historic Preservation Committee Chair, Sequoyah Chapter

Dedication of Grave Markers
 Regent, Sequoyah Chapter
 Emil Decker, Vice President, Robert Forsyth Chapter

Unwinding of Patriot John Tate Markers
 Libby Lively, Sequoyah Chapter, NSDAR
 Descendants of Patriot Tate
 Noah Tindall, Georgia State Society, N.S.C.A.R.

Presentation of Wreaths Regent, Sequoyah Chapter

*Retrieval of Colors Georgia Society SAR Color Guard

*Musket Salute Elijah Clarke Militia

*Daps

*SAR Recessional

*Mourn Musket Elijah Clarke Militia

*Benediction Chaplain, Sequoyah Chapter

*Ratification of Colors Georgia Society SAR Color Guard

Photographs will be taken immediately after the ceremony.

In Grateful Appreciation
 Office of the Historian General
 Helen Robertson Fowell, Georgia State Regent
 Georgia State Society, N.S.C.A.R.
 Georgia State SAR Color Guard
 Elijah Clarke Militia





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On December 30, 2024 - While on leave from the U.S. Army Compatriot Parker James Reason was inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution by Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle accompanied by 1st VP Jack Martin, 2nd VP Marty Bush, Immediate Past President Tom Jacques, Treasurer Don McCarty and Philadelphia Winn DAR Honorary Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques. The Ceremony took place at the home of Parker's parents Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Compatriot James Barden Reason and Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter member Sharon Reason. Jim Reason placed the SAR Rosette on his son Parker's lapel. Tom Jacques presented Parker with an SAR "Shot Heard Round the World" challenge coin.



Additional Awards for Button Gwinnett members in December 2024



DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations
Chapter Chair: Mary Martin
marymartinpeo@gmail.com

On December 8, 2024, the Philadelphia Winn Chapter presented the DAR America 250! Commendation to Thomas Jacques, Immediate Past President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, GASSAR. This medal was presented by Lydia McGill, Honorary Regent of the Philadelphia Winn Chapter GSSDAR. Tom was presented this medal due to his extraordinary effort to raise awareness of Revolutionary Patriots and America's 250th Anniversary during his 18-month term as the President of Button Gwinnett Chapter GASSAR.

The Hobkirk Hill Chapter, NSDAR presented John Goodwin with the prestigious Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction Award. John is currently serving as the President of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter of the South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution.

The Hannah White Arnett Medal may be awarded to a member in good standing of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or Sons of the Revolution (S.R.) for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and to one who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

John Goodwin has personified this award not only in South Carolina, but in Georgia as well. He has been an encourager and strong supporter of many events sponsored by the SAR and DAR such as wreath laying, battle commemorations, Wreaths Across America, and much more. The Hobkirk Hill daughters appreciate him and look forward to even more outstanding collaboration between their chapters as they celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's return to South Carolina as well as events leading up to America's 250th!

John was thanked for his devotion and service. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

John Goodwin has been a member of the SAR for 10 years. He served as president of the Button-Gwinnett Chapter in Georgia for 2 years. He helped revive the local Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter in Kershaw County, South Carolina, and is the current president of the chapter. He also serves as a Children of the American Revolution South Carolina State Senior Officer.



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

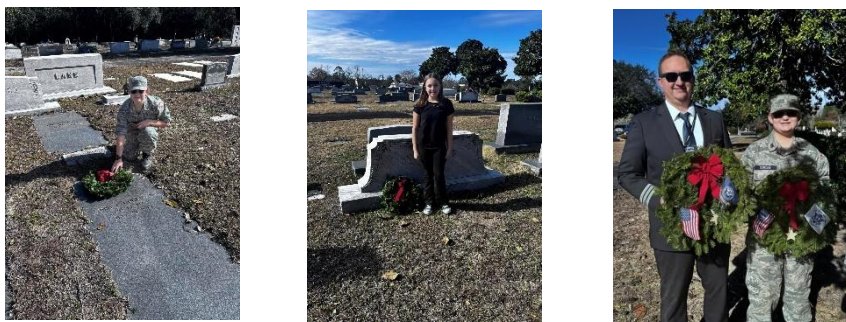
Members of the Elisha Winn Society assisted the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter and the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceville, GA and participated at the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter America 250 Marker in Lawrenceville. Button Gwinnett Chapter Members Noah Tindall and Nick Hamrick participated in the Color Guard under National Commander Scott Collins.



Elisha Winn Society First Vice President Eden Pethel assisted in Wreaths Across America Ceremonies at the Woodbine Cemetery and Paradise Cemetery, both located in Jefferson, GA.



Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Members William and Noralee Duncan participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Eastside Cemetery, Statesboro, GA. (They are the Grandchildren of Button Gwinnett Member Wayne Stancel and Philadelphia Winn Member Clara Stancel) William and his dad were honored to hold branch wreaths. Noralee and William were also able to place wreaths and say the name of the veteran out loud.



Former Elisha Winn Society Taylor Newton assisted her mother Andrea Newton of the General Daniel Newnan Chapter at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan during Wreaths Across America. She served as a section leader and helped place wreaths throughout the cemetery. Taylor is the sister of Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Member Hunter Newton.



Members of the Elisha Winn Society assisted in the Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot John Tate on December 15, 2024. Noah Tindall participated in the Color Guard and brought greetings on behalf of the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution.



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Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter Passes Away at 100

Dec. 29, 2024

ATLANTA (Dec. 29, 2024) — Jimmy Carter, 39th president of the United States and winner of the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize, died peacefully Sunday, Dec. 29, at his home in Plains, Georgia, surrounded by his family. He was 100, the longest-lived president in U.S. history.

President Carter is survived by his children — Jack, Chip, Jeff, and Amy; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rosalynn, and one grandchild.

“My father was a hero, not only to me but to everyone who believes in peace, human rights, and unselfish love,” said Chip Carter, the former president’s son. “My brothers, sister, and I shared him with the rest of the world through these common beliefs. The world is our family because of the way he brought people together, and we thank you for honoring his memory by continuing to live these shared beliefs.”

There will be public observances in Atlanta and Washington, D.C., followed by a private interment in Plains, Georgia. The final arrangements for President Carter’s state funeral, including all public events and motorcade routes, are still pending. The schedule will be released by the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region at <https://jtfncr.mdw.army.mil/statefunerals/>.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the official tribute website to the life of President Carter at www.jimmycartertribute.org. This site includes the official online condolence book as well as print and visual biographical materials commemorating his life.

The Carter family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Carter Center, 453 John Lewis Freedom Parkway N.E., Atlanta, GA 30307.



To date, there have been Seventeen Presidents of the United States who were SAR members.

President Jimmy Carter, our 39th President of the United States of America, became a member of the NSSAR National # 134672 Georgia # 2280 on March 26, 1990 through Patriot Perry Scott – a Private under the command of Captain Allen McLane from Delaware in the Continental Army.

In 1996 President Carter was presented the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

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

It was Button Gwinnett President Terry Manning who sent a letter on July 18, 2004 to President Carter, informing him that the Button Gwinnett Chapter would be sponsoring his SAR National, Georgia and Chapter dues for 2005 since member-at-large membership was no longer available (See Letter Below). The Winter 2001 issue of the SAR Magazine featured these U.S. presidents with details of their backgrounds, including information about their Revolutionary War ancestors.



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Captain Allen McLane, the father of the late Hon. Louis McLane and Dr. Allen McLane, early in the war, enlisted a partisan company, and served faithfully and bravely throughout the war. He was in most if not all the battles in the Northern Department, and in the battle of Yorktown.

I subjoin a roll of his company for the months of March, April and May, 1779.

Captain Allen McLane's partisan Company of foot, in the service of the United States, taken for the months of March, April, May and June, 1779.

Captain, Allen McLane, commissioned January 13, 1777.
First Lieutenant, A. M. Dunn, commissioned January 13, 1777.
Second Lieutenant, Wm. Jones, " " " " killed at Wyoming, April 17, 1779.
First Sergeant, John Edenfield. Third Sergeant, George Rowan.
Second Sergeant, John Hegan. Fourth Sergeant, Robert Farrell.
First Corporal, Matthew Cusick, Second Corporal, John Vandegrift.
Drummer, Philip Wheylon. Fifer, Eliazer Crane.

Privates.

James Burk, John Rowles,
Lidford Berry, William Stratton,
Edward Hines, Robert Soloway,
Thomas Finn, Perry Scott,
Thomas Wells, Charles McMunigill,



Button Gwinnett Chapter Georgia Society - Sons of the American Revolution

July 18, 2004

President James Earl Carter
411 Freedom Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30307-1498

President Carter,

At the July 10 meeting of the Board of Managers of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the members voted to eliminate the "At-large" category of membership, and require all members to belong to 1 of the 30 chapters of the Georgia Society.

Since you were an At-large member, as President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, I asked that your membership be transferred to our chapter out of Lawrenceville in Gwinnett County. We hope this meets with your pleasure since it is a great honor to include you among the members of our 60-member chapter.

We are one of the five most active chapters in the Georgia Society, and won the 2003-2004 Liberty Bell Americanism Award from the National Society for our chapter size for evidence of best implementing S.A.R. resolutions and principles.

I appreciate your busy schedule and the likelihood that you may be unable to attend any chapter meetings. However, you and your wife and guests are always welcome. We regularly meet at 7 PM at Ryan's Restaurant in Lawrenceville on the second Thursday each month.

If you have any questions regarding the S.A.R., please feel free to contact me. I presently also serve as North Central Region Vice President and as Commander of the Georgia State Color Guard.

It is our intention to make payment of your chapter, state, and national dues on your behalf from our local chapter when they next come due beginning in 2005.

Respectfully,


Terry E. Manning

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Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Sarita Dyer: "Georgia Veterans Hall of Fame"

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

The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM.

Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Road

Lawrenceville, GA 30044

678-376-7680

25th Chapter Anniversary 1999 - 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.

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter included in News Articles during December 2024



Saturday, December 28, 2024

DAR lays wreaths at two cemeteries in Gwinnett



Participating in the ceremony was the Grayson High School U.S. Army JROTC Cadets, led by Senior Army Instructor and Colonel U.S. Army (retired) Al Fracker at Gwinnett Memorial Park. From left are Gustavo Martinez, Isabella Stewart, Ure Njoku-Obi, Colonel Al Fracker, Lena Lu, Gavin Martinez, Roman Frazier, and Benjamin Walkes. (Photo by Angela Fracker Photography.)

On Dec. 14, 2024, the Philadelphia Winn Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, held their sixth annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens and their first ceremony at Gwinnett Memorial Park. Both cemeteries are located in Lawrenceville. This is a nationwide ceremony at over 4,900 locations nationwide. There were 624 wreaths laid on veterans' grave sites in Lawrenceville during the two ceremonies.

Participants included City of Lawrenceville Mayor David Still, compatriots from the Georgia State Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard and Militia, the **Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR**, children from the **Elisha Winn Society, children of the American Revolution**, Discovery High School JROTC Army cadets, and Grayson High School JROTC Army cadets.

Mayor David Still and the Lawrenceville City Council and staff were recognized by Philadelphia Winn Regent, Randi Minor for their tremendous support of **Philadelphia Winn Chapter's** America 250 Patriot Grave Marker at Lawrenceville Lawn to bring attention to the 250th anniversary of our Nation's Independence on July 4, 2026.

Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR Hosts Two Ceremonies for Wreaths Across America

Gwinnett Daily Post - Published Online - December 22, 2024



JROTC U.S. Army Cadets from Discovery High School served as escorts for Veterans laying ceremonial wreaths during the 6th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens. L-R Front Row: Richardo Olvera, Khin Iang, and Terri Phillips. L-R Back Row: Anavictoria Izaguirre, Julia Diaz, Rudy Coco Montalvan, Senior Army Instructor and Button Gwinnett Compatriot Rob Rooker, Kelsey Izurieta and Tianariz Soto Aponte.

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Wreaths Across America was founded as a non-profit organization in 2007 with the mission to remember fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom. It was on Dec. 13, 2008 that the U.S. Congress voted unanimously to establish the second or third Saturday in each December as “National Wreaths Across America Day.”

This year, there were over 4,900 locations participating nationwide and abroad with 3 million wreaths being laid to honor veterans.

Individuals of all ages may lay a fresh balsam wreath on a veteran’s grave and say their name out loud in remembrance and honor of their service and sacrifice. These wreaths are provided by sponsorships from community citizens and organizations and delivered from Maine to each participating ceremony location. There were 624 wreaths laid on veteran’s graves during the two ceremonies on December 14th.

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