



## The Button Gwinnett Dispatch February 2025

### A Newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

### National Society Sons of the American Revolution



#### President's Message for February 2025:

What comes to mind when you think about February? Most people will mention events like Groundhog Day, the Superbowl, Valentines Day and George Washington's Birthday. But there was another very important February event in the history of the United States of America that, unfortunately, is too often overlooked or forgotten about altogether. That event was the Battle of Kettle Creek, which occurred on February 14, 1779, in Wilkes County, Georgia. The Battle of Kettle Creek was a major victory for the Patriots during the Revolutionary War. A Patriot militia of approximately 340 men, decisively defeated a British Loyalist militia of approximately 600 men. This victory proved the Patriots were capable of winning battles against the British. It greatly boosted the morale of the Patriots and inspired more people to join and support the fight for American Independence. February 14, 2025 was the 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek.

The events we attended in February were:

Feb 6 Discovery High School, JROTC Awards, Norcross, GA

Feb 7 Heroes of the Hornets' Nest, Lincolnton, GA

Feb 7 Kettle Creek Battlefield Association Annual Dinner, Washington, GA

Feb 8 Battle of Kettle Creek, Washington, GA

Feb 8 War Hill Wreath Laying, Washington, GA

Feb 8 Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Kyle Kolenda, Grady Lundy, Gavin Stanley & Fletcher Williams, Monroe, GA

Feb 11 Traveling Trunk (3 Sessions) - Alcova Elementary School, Dacula, GA

Feb 15 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Benjamin Stier, Dacula, GA

Feb 22 George Washington's Birthday Celebration, Gainesville, GA

Feb 22 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jonah DiCuia, Duluth, GA

Feb 23 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Isaac Baker, Snellville, GA

We are only two months into the year and are just getting started! March has a long list of scheduled events as well. Please review the February Program and the "Upcoming Events" included in this newsletter for event places, dates and times. Pick out a few and come join us! We'd be happy to see you there.

**Please mark Saturday, April 5, 2025 on your calendar! We would love to have you join us at 11:30am for an early celebration of the 250th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World" and the 26th Anniversary of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. The celebration will be held at the American Legion Post 232, 3163 Main Street West, Snellville, GA. This is listed on the Georgia Events Calendar as a Color Guard event, so colonial attire is greatly encouraged. Please see the flyer contained in this newsletter for more details and reservation information.**

## Meeting Highlights:

Our February 13, 2025 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 25 members and 14 guests in attendance.

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

The highlights of the evening were:

**Streamers Received:** Heroes of the Hornets' Nest, Battle of Kettle Creek



**State Conference Individual Awards: Presented at the Chapter Meeting**

**Eldon Evans** - Patriot Grave Marking Medal OLC 2 & 3

**Bruce Maney** - Silver Henry Knox Medal



**State Conference Chapter Awards: Presented at the Chapter Meeting**

Button Gwinnett – Revolutionary War Patriot Graves Marked Certificate – 12 Markings (2 Gold Stars & 2 White Stars)

**President General Award of Excellence Streamer** *(Top Chapter in the State)*

President General Award Streamer

Americanism Award of Excellence Streamer

Membership Award Streamer *(Required 90%+ of membership renewal for 2025)*

Distinguished Chapter Award Streamer

**C.A.R. Liaison Award Streamer & \$100 check** *(This is the TOP SAR Chapter supporting C.A.R. – a Check for \$100 will be presented to C.A.R. later this year)*

*President Ray Kyle presented streamers to Sergeant at Arms Don Schmidt and the C.A.R. check to Treasurer Don McCarty*



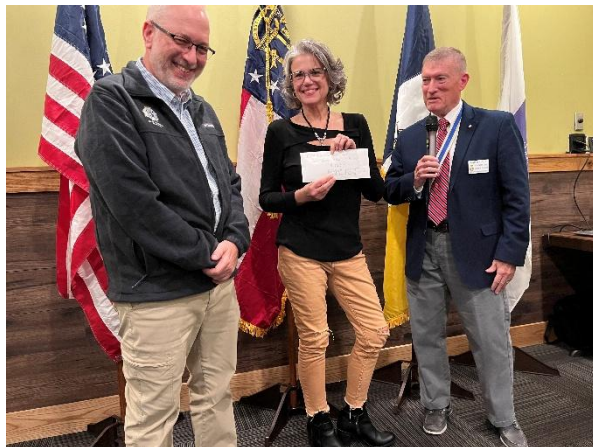
**Special Presentations:**

David & Karen Sikes –

Certificates of Appreciation for their \$225 Donation to Elisha Winn C.A.R.

*David and Karen won the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary 50-50 raffle at the Georgia SAR State Conference and graciously elected to donate it to the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R.*

*Also pictured L-R Gordon Woodard (GA C.A.R. SR Treasurer), Don McCarty (BG Treasurer), David & Karen Sikes (Generous Donors), Ray Kyle (BG President), Lynn Baxter Jacques (GA SAR Ladies Auxiliary President & Georgia State Senior C.A.R. DAR, SAR & SR Relations Committee)*





The Evening program was “Weapons & Armaments” presented by Mike Watkins  
 Mike was introduced by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jack Martin who also presented Mike with an Button Gwinnett SAR  
 Certificate of Appreciation for his Presentation



### *Date Night*



Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President Michael Henderson – provided an update that he and Anita will be taking a trip to Spain in honor of General Bernardo de Galvez and his Patriot Ancestor Mathieu Devaux Dit Platillo of Louisiana – who served under General Galvez. We are all looking forward to updates from Michael when he returns from his trip.



Button Gwinnett Immediate Past President and Chairman of the 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary meeting on April 5, 2025 – provided an update on the event along with Paullette Vallotton – Co-Chair for the American Legion Unit 232 Ladies Auxiliary. An interesting footnote: Paullette has an application in with the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter for her Patriot Ancestor Jean Pierre Keller who also served under General Bernardo de Galvez. Paullette and Michael Henderson also discovered that they grew up only a few blocks apart. Tom Jacques provided the Genealogy research and documentation for Paullette to Patriot Keller.





### 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 -	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 -	David Sikes
Sergeant at Arms -	Don Schmidt
Historian -	Eldon Evans

*Note:* Photo on front of Program is one of the dozens of ornaments made by and given out by Judy York, William Day DAR Chapter, at our December 12, 2024 meeting.

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM	Ray Kyle
INVOCATION	Harry Kitchings
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Jack Martin
SAR PLEDGE	Tom Jacques
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Ray Kyle

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Ray Kyle
<u>New Member Induction:</u> None	
<u>Supplementals:</u> None	
<u>Certificates &amp; Medals:</u> None	
<u>Streamers:</u> <i>Heroes of the Hornets' Nest</i>	
<i>Battle of Kettle Creek</i>	
<u>State Conference Awards:</u>	
Eldon Evans – Patriot Grave Marking Medal OLC 2 & 3	
Bruce Maney – Silver Henry Knox Medal	
Button Gwinnett – Revolutionary War Patriot Graves Marked	
Certificate – 12 (2 Gold Stars & 2 White Stars)	
President General Award of Excellence Streamer	
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Americanism Award of Excellence Streamer	
Membership Award Streamer	
C.A.R. Liaison Award Streamer & \$100 check	
Distinguished Chapter Award Streamer	

<u>Special Presentations:</u>	
David & Karen Sikes – Certificates of Appreciation (CAR Donation)	
Eldon Evans – Bronze Color Guard Certificate (2022)	
Honor Guard Rank Certificate (2023)	
Silver Color Guard Medal Certificate (2023)	

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION	Jack Martin
<i>"Weapons &amp; Armaments"</i>	by Mike Watkins

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 RECESSIONAL	Marty Bush
BENEDICTION	Harry Kitchings
ADJOURNMENT	Ray Kyle

## **BUTTON GWINNETT CHAPTER**

Georgia Society

## **Sons of the American Revolution**

***"Weapons & Armaments"***  
***by Mike Watkins***



**February 13, 2025**

[www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org](http://www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org)

Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trilium Rd SW Lawrenceville GA 30044



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Feb 15	Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Benjamin Stier, Hamilton Mill UMC, Dacula, GA [Chapter] @1pm
Feb 22	George Washington Birthday, George Washington Monument, Gainesville, GA [National] @2pm
Feb 27-Mar 1	National Society SAR - Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY [National]
Mar 7-9	86 <sup>th</sup> Georgia C.A.R. State Conference, DoubleTree Hotel, Roswell, GA
Mar 7	Brier Creek Education Events, Brier Creek Battlefield, Sylvania, GA [GA] @8am
Mar 7	Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association Meeting & Dinner, Statesboro, GA [GA] @6pm
Mar 8	Battle of Brier Creek, Sylvania, GA [District] @11am
Mar 14	Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC [National] @11am
Mar 15	Liberty Tree Dedication, Mars Hill Cemetery, Acworth, GA [National] @11am
Mar 19-23	127th Georgia Society DAR State Conference, Augusta Marriott, Augusta, GA [GA]

### **2025 Programs & Speakers Schedule:**

Mar 13	Harry Kitchings: "John Hancock"
Apr 5	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World"
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

**New applications at National:**

- David Keith Wyatt - Patriot Ebenezer Frost (Approved February 13, 2025)
- Zachery Keith Richardson - referral from DAR Fall Forum Linda Richardson Sep 14, 2024 (Sergeant Newton DAR) rcd Dec 6, 2024
- Jacob Taylor Richardson- referral from DAR Fall Forum Linda Richardson Sep 14, 2024 (Sergeant Newton DAR) rcd Dec 6, 2024
- John Kyle - Referral - William Day DAR Debbie Kyle rcd Dec 6, 2024
- Raymond Kyle Jr. - Referral - William Day DAR Debbie Kyle rcd Dec 6, 2024

**Supplementals at National:**

- Raymond Kyle - 1 @ National - John Sledge (Approved December 12, 2024)
- 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
- Ben Kitchings (1) - Patriot John Chastain (Received December 6, 2024)

**New Member Applications at State:**

- Barry Whitehead - Referral from Stacy Whitehead (Philadelphia Winn DAR)
- James G Whitehead - Referral from Stacy Whitehead (Philadelphia Winn DAR)
- Ethan R Whitehead - Referral from Stacy Whitehead (Philadelphia Winn DAR)

**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)
- Steven Sweat - Referral from Karen Sikes (Philadelphia Winn DAR)

**Supplementals at State:**

- Randy and Noah Tindall - Patriot John Tindall

**Supplementals in process :**

- Bill Schultz - Out for Signature

## 2025 Committee Assignments

If you would like to serve on one of these Committees, please contact President Ray Kyle or the Committee Chair.

- Audit - Jack Martin, Chairman, Harry Kitchings & Don Schmidt (Complete 2025)
- 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 - Bruce Maney (Team Eldon Evans & Don McCarty)
- Eagle Scout - David Patrick
- JROTC - Marty Bush
- Color Guard - Tom Jacques
- Publicity - Don McCarty
- Newsletter - Tom Jacques
- *Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Anniversary Meeting - April 5, 2025 - Tom Jacques*

### Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

#### 2025

Mar 13	Harry Kitchings: "John Hancock"
Apr 5	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World" - BG 26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
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### Completed 2025 Events

Jan 4	Liberty Tree Dedication 10:00 AM - Woodstock, GA (Joseph L. Vancura, Jr.)
Jan 11	Grave Marking - Patriot Stephen Day Grovetown, GA (Rescheduled)
Jan 17	National (SC) - Battle of Cowpens
Jan 17	Wreath Laying Ceremony Honoring General Daniel Morgan
Jan 25	244th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford - Huntersville, NC,
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 15	Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan - South Boston, VA
Feb 22	George Washington Birthday (Gainesville, GA - with Lyman Hall Chapter)
Feb 22	Commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek - Currie, NC
Feb 27-Mar 1	National Society SAR - Spring Leadership - Louisville, KY



## Upcoming Events

### 2025 Events

Mar 7-9	Georgia C.A.R. State Conference – Roswell, GA at Double Tree Hotel
Mar 8	Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek
Mar 15	National (NC) – Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse
Mar 20-22	127th Georgia Society DAR State Conference, Augusta Marriott (Augusta, GA). <i>SAR Recruiting Table for three days, SAR Color Guard Friday Evening</i>
March	General Lafayette Tour in Georgia (See pamphlet at the end of this newsletter)
	Mar 21 – Savannah - Arrives at Dock on River Street (Friday)
	Mar 22 – Savannah - Arrives at Johnson Square (Saturday)
	Mar 23 – Augusta – Arrives at Savannah River (Sunday)
	Mar 24 – Hamburg, SC (AM) Warrenton, GA (PM) (Monday)
	Mar 25 – Sparta, GA (Tuesday)
	Mar 26 – Milledgeville, GA (Wednesday)
	Mar 27 – Gray, GA (Jones County) (Thursday)
	Mar 28 – Macon, GA (Cherry Blossom Festival) (Friday)
	Mar 29 – Roberta, Mauk, National Infantry Museum (Saturday)
	Mar 30 – Fort Moore, Fort Mitchell (Sunday)
Apr 12	National (NC) – 249th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves
Apr 19	National (MA) – 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington
Apr 19	National (GA) – Frederica Naval Action
Apr 26	Georgia Society SAR BOM Barnesville, GA
Apr 27	Midway – 5 patriot grave marking + Church Service
May 9	National (FL) – Galvez Day – Battle of Pensacola (Friday)
May 24	National (SC) – Battle of the Waxhaws (Buford’s Massacre)
May 24	Flag Placement with American Legion (Details to follow)
May 26	Memorial Day at Oconee Veterans Park Memorial (Monday)
Jun 9	NSDAR – Chestatee River Chapter – America 250 Marker Dedication (Monday)
Jun 14	Flag Day VFW Post 5255 Lawrenceville, GA (Time To Be Advised)
Jun 14	National (NC) – Battle of Ramsour’s Mill
Jun 17	<i>250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill (Tuesday) no events scheduled</i>
Jun 28	(FL) Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge
Jul 4	<i>Atlanta Braves vs Orioles (Tentative)</i>

## February 7, 2025 – Heroes of the Hornets' Nest



**Elijah Clarke Day**  
**Heroes of the Hornets' Nest**  
**Commemoration**  
February 7, 2025 – 1:30 pm

**Sponsored By:**

**Chapters of the Georgia Society SAR:**  
Athens, Atlanta, Blue Ridge Mountains, River Creek, Harton Gwinnett,  
Col. William Few, Fall Line, George Walton, Little River,  
Washington-Wilkes, Wiregrass

**Chapters of the Georgia Society NSDAR:**  
Augusta, College Hill, Elijah Clarke, John Franklin Wren, Kettle Creek

**Other Organizations and Individuals:**  
Charlie and Clare Newcomer, Lincoln County GA Historical Society  
"D" Bortons, Charles Hall, Jr., Hall Productions, Columbus, GA  
Brier Creek Artillery and Militia ("The Skunk Brigade")

**Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Commemoration**  
**Elijah Clark State Park**  
**Lincoln County, Georgia**  
February 7, 2025

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**Welcome** William J. Tankersley, Event Coordinator  
Senior Vice President, Georgia Society SAR

**Opening Remarks** Michael Collier  
Elijah Clark State Park Manager

**Invocation:** Rev. Edward M. Anderson, Sr., Chaplain  
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

**Presentation of Colors** Combined SAR Color Guard  
K. Scott Collins, Commander

**The National Anthem** Jessie Jacobson, Regent  
Capt. John Wilson: Chapter GA Society NSDAR

**Pledge of Allegiance** Charlie A. Newcomer III  
Athens Chapter GA Society SAR

**Pledge to the Georgia Flag** Lida Vaughn, Regent  
Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR

**SAR Pledge** William J. Tankersley, Registrar  
Little River Chapter GA Society SAR

**Posting of the Colors** Combined SAR Color Guard

**Elijah Clarke Day Proclamation** The Honorable Walker T. Norman  
Chairman, Lincoln County GA Board of Commissioners

**Greetings and Introductions**  
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution  
William (Bill) N. Floyd, Jr., President

**National Society Sons of the American Revolution**  
T. Brooks Lyles, Registrar General

**National Society Sons of the American Revolution**  
K. Scott Collins, Vice President General  
South Atlantic District

**Georgia State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**  
Amy Pittman Lawson, First Vice Regent

**Introduction of Speaker** Gary W. Edwards  
Lincoln County Historical Society

**Speaker** Ed DeVries

**Wreath Presentations** William J. Tankersley

**Retrieval of Colors** Combined SAR Color Guard

**Musket and Cannon Salute** Elijah Clarke Militia

**Taps** Charles Hall, Jr., Sergeant-at-Arms  
Coweta Falls Chapter GA Society SAR

**Retirement of the Colors** Combined SAR Color Guard

**Benediction** Chaplain Anderson

**SAR Recessional** Felton H. Roberson, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Washington-Wilkes Chapter GA Society SAR

**Closing Remarks** William J. Tankersley

**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.

**Pledge to the Georgia Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the Georgia Flag and to the principles for  
which it stands: Wisdom, Justice, Moderation, and Courage.

**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 obligations to our  
forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an  
independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.




## Button Gwinnett members at the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest

Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle, Jack Martin, David Sikes & Harry Kitchings – in Militia Uniforms

Don McCarty & Ralph Galpin – Continental Uniforms; Steve White – Civilian dress

Ray Kyle presented the Button Gwinnett chapter Wreath, Tom Jacques presented a wreath for the Boston Tea Party Descendants, Lynn Jacques presented the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary Wreath and the Georgia Mayflower Society Wreath, Randi Minor presented the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Wreath







**Georgia SAR Color Guard**



**Georgia SAR Color Guard – with SAR National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, Registrar General Brooks Lyles, Georgia SAR President William Floyd, Georgia SAR Sr VP Bill Tankersly**



**Georgia SAR Color Guard – with DAR members**



**Georgia SAR Color Guard – with Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary**



**Georgia SAR Color Guard – with Philadelphia Winns DAR members**  
L-R Mary Martin, Regent Randi Davis Minor, Honorary Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, Maryland McCarty







## Button Gwinnett members at the Washington, GA - Battle of Kettle Creek

Saturday Washington Ga - Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle, David Sikes, Gordon Woodard, Warren Haire, Noah Tindall - Militia Uniform

Jack Martin, Don McCarty, Ralph Galpin - Continental

Randy Tindall, Karl Fitch - civilian










**Saturday War Hill** - Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle, David Sikes, Gordon Woodard, Warren Haire, Noah Tindall, Walker Chewing- Militia Uniform  
Jack Martin, Don McCarty, Ralph Galpin - Continental  
Randy Tindall, Karl Fitch - civilian

*The Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution*



Welcomes you to the 246<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration of  
The Battle of Kettle Creek  
1779 - 2025

*Saturday, February 8, 2025  
2:30 P.M.  
Kettle Creek Battlefield  
Wilkes County, Georgia*

*Sponsored by:  
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution  
and  
Washington-Wilkes Chapters Georgia Society SAR  
Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Inc.  
Wilkes County City of Washington, Kettle Creek Chapter MSDAR,  
Mary Wilkes Library, Washington Historical Museum,  
Washington-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Towns State Museum*









A new plaque dedicated to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence was unveiled by Chuck Garnett (Kettle Creek Battlefield Trust), Lily Wright President Georgia C.A.R. and Amy Pittman Lawson 1st Vice Regent Georgia State Society DAR. Button Gwinnett Compatriot Warren Haire discovered that his Patriot Ancestor John Johnson was buried on War Hill.





**February 22, 2025 – General George Washington’s Birthday, Gainesville, GA**

Georgia DAR State Regent Helen Robertson Powell brought greetings and presented DAR wreath  
Past Georgia SAR President Ed Rigel Jr Commanded the Color Guard brought greetings and presented SAR wreath

Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary President Lynn Jacques brought greetings and presented a wreath

Georgia C.A.R. Recording Secretary Eden Pethel brought greetings and presented a wreath

**Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Members in attendance**

**Militia Uniform**

Immediate Past President Tom Jacques – Carried Musket, Presented Boston Tea Party

Descendants Wreath

Compatriot – Gordon Woodard – Carried Musket

**Continental Uniform**

1st VP Jack Martin - - Color Guard, presented Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath

2nd VP Marty Bush - Continental Uniform - Color Guard

Compatriot Ralph Galpin - Continental Uniform - Color Guard

Steve White & Karl Fitch - Civilian





**February 2025 – Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Activities**  
**Kettle Creek & War Hill & General George Washington's Birthday**





# Please join us!

**Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting**

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

**"John Hancock" by Harry Kitchings**

**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**

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

Such proof must show that the Compatriot:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For additional information, contact President Tom Jacques at [ThomasLjacques@gmail.com](mailto:ThomasLjacques@gmail.com).





250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
“The Shot Heard Round the World”  
And 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Button Gwinnett Chapter



Join us on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 11:30 AM

American Legion Post 232  
3163 Main Street West, Snellville, Georgia

An Early Celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
“The Shot Heard Round the World!”

Please join us for a casual attire lunch meeting, catered by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232 at their location in Snellville. Lunch will include pork and chicken BBQ, assorted salads, baked beans, green beans, chips, beverages, and assorted desserts.

\$25 for each adult - \$15 for each child 12 and under

We welcome our Charter Members, Past Officers, Members from SAR, DAR and C.A.R. chapters and societies, and patriotic and lineage organizations.

Button Gwinnett and GASSAR Color Guard will present colors at 11:45 AM.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon.

Meeting and Awards Program will begin at 1:00 PM.

**Registration/Payment Deadline is March 15th**

**Make checks payable to:**

NAME/TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Auxiliary  
Unit 232

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## Special Notice for DAR & C.A.R. Members

We learned from Georgia SAR Immediate Past President and SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chair Ed Rigel Jr. that the SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals can also be earned by non-SAR members!

By attending events where the Georgia SAR Color Guard participates with the SAR 250 Flag or even an SAR Chapter meeting with the SAR 250 Flag you earn 3 points for each event. Patriot Grave Markings, Kettle Creek, Fort Morris, SAR State or National Conference or BOM Meetings. To be eligible for the SAR Bronze 250th Medal – you only need to earn 25 points (Basically 9 events  $3 \times 9 = 27$ ). To be eligible for the SAR Silver 250th Medal – you need to earn and additional 60 points (Basically 20 more events  $3 \times 20 = 60$ ). To be eligible for the SAR Gold 250th Medal – you need to earn and additional 150 points (Basically 20 more events  $3 \times 50 = 150$ ). A few exceptions to the 3 point rule – if you are Chair or Co-Chair of an event you would earn an additional 20 points for that event involving the Color Guard. If you are part of the Planning Committee (Non Leadership) for an event you would earn an additional 10 points for that event involving the Color Guard. Example Co-Chair of Philadelphia Winn DAR Wreaths Across America 20 points. Example planning committee for DAR Conference or Fall Forum 10 points for each day SAR Color Guard participates with recruiting table (3 days per conference  $\times 10 = 30$  points plus 3 points per day for participating = 9 points extra). It pays to be part of the planning!

The link to the SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals Form is listed below.

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/250<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary-Form.pdf>

For additional Details please contact [ThomasLJacques@Gmail.com](mailto:ThomasLJacques@Gmail.com)

**Georgia SAR – DAR Liaison Chairman 2025**



*250th Anniversary of the American  
Revolution Recognition Program  
National Society, Sons of the American Revolution*



The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publically educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033. Form may be submitted to cover multiple years and following the first submission be submitted in multiple years, only covering activities since the previous submission. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. You will receive an email authorizing the purchase from merchandising. The guidelines and points are describe below:

PLEASE SUBMIT TO: [250AnniversaryRecognition@sar.org](mailto:250AnniversaryRecognition@sar.org).

➤ **Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:**

- Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
- Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
- Attending an Event (3 points)
- Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)

➤ **SAR Members may be awarded the Medals for achieving the following levels:**

- Bronze Medal: 25 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.
- Silver Medal: Compatriots who earn 60 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.
- Gold Medal: Compatriots who earn 150 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.

➤ **Non-SAR members may also be awarded these medals:**

- The chapter may present bronze awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the state or national society for higher recognition.
- The state and district may present silver awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the national society for higher recognition.
- The district or national society may present gold awards to its Partners in Patriotism.



TENTATIVE ITINERARY  
**General Lafayette in Georgia**  
**MARCH 2025**

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for information on ticketed events.

**SAVANNAH**

**21st** - Arrives at dock on River St; \*Greetings; Flyover by Georgia State Patrol; Ticketed evening dinner cruise on Georgia Queen paddleboat w/ musical entertainment.

**22nd** - Arrives Johnson Square; \*Greetings; Reenactment of Cornerstone Monuments for Generals Nathanael Greene & Casimir Pulaski; Marker dedication; Revolutionary Spy James Armistead Lafayette honored; Parade and ticketed reception - Harper-Fowkes House; Ticketed luncheon Pirate's House.

**AUGUSTA**

**23rd** - Arrives Savannah River; \*Greetings; Parade to Jesse Norman Amphitheater; Ticketed brunch Pinnacle Club; Afternoon arrival Meadow Garden.

**HAMBURG SC • WARRENTON GA**

**24th** - Morning in Hamburg SC - Arrives; Lecture and reception at North Augusta city hall; Afternoon in Warrenton - Arrives; Parade; \*Greetings; Marker dedication; Reception.

**SPARTA**

**25th** - Arrives; Parade; Local band; \*Greetings at Eagle Hotel portico; Cemetery event; Reception.

**MILLEDGEVILLE**

**26th** - Arrives; \*Greetings; Review troops; Ticketed luncheon; Memorialize Revolutionary War Soldiers at Memory Hill Cemetery; Ticketed reception at Rose Hill at Lockerly Arboretum, entertainment, string quartet.

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**GRAY (JONES CO.)**

**27th** - Arrives; \*Greetings; Parade; Reception.

**MACON**

**28th** - Festivities in collaboration with Cherry Blossom Festival; Arrives city hall; \*Greetings; Ceremony at portico; Ticketed buffet luncheon.

**ROBERTA / MAUK /**

**NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM**

**29th** - ROBERTA - Arrives; Parade; \*Greetings; Public reception; Ticketed luncheon Roberta Civic Center; Marker dedication.

MAUK - Marker Dedication Federal Rd. at Heritage Park.

NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM - Fort Moore - Ticketed cocktail buffet 6:30 pm with Lafayette and McIntosh interpreters.

**FORT MOORE / FORT MITCHELL**

**30th** - FORT MOORE - Reenactment of Lafayette and Chief McIntosh meeting (Gary McIntosh, descendant of Chilly McIntosh participating) on the bank of the Chattahoochee River.

(Pre-registration required for access to Ft. Moore.)

FORT MITCHELL - 2:00 pm EST. Ticketed but free; \*Greetings; Parade; Program with dignitaries; Reception.

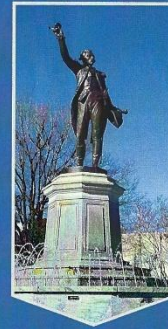
(FYI: Fort Mitchell observes EST.)

\* Greetings may include SAR color guard / militia, possible musket firing, official greetings by dignitaries, and proclamation presentation.

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ABOVE: The United States government had a custom carriage made for Lafayette while he traversed the 24 states during his visit in America.



LEFT: Lafayette Statue. Lafayette Square LaGrange, Georgia

BELOW: Souvenirs created to welcome Lafayette to America.



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portrayed by Charles Wissinger  
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Savannah - The ghosts of

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**& GENERAL CASIMIR PULASKI**

portrayed by Edward Krolkowski

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portrayed by Will Minton (and others)

Roberta, Mauk, Fort Moore, Fort Mitchell

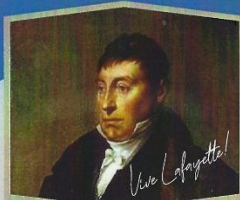
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**"Lafayette in Georgia"**



**The Georgia Committee of the  
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has scheduled events for March 2025 in Savannah, Augusta, Warrenton, Sparta, Milledgeville, Gray, Macon, Roberta, Mauk, Fort Moore, and Fort Mitchell!

These events aim to closely trace Lafayette's journey through Georgia and the Creek Nation in 1825!