



## **The Button Gwinnett Dispatch March 2025**

### **A Newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter**

### **National Society Sons of the American Revolution**



#### **President's Message for March 2025:**

Spring returned to Georgia on March 20th , and the Marquis de Lafayette returned to Georgia the next day, March 21 st ! Both events were warmly welcomed by Georgians. Now of course, Spring returns every year, but this was the first time in 200 years that Lafayette returned. How special was it to be a part of the many events across the state celebrating Lafayette's return?

In addition to the above, March 2025 marked the first time the Anniversary of the Battle of Brier Creek was commemorated as a "National" event. Thank you to all who worked so hard to bring about this change.

March was full of events, as listed below:

Mar 7-9 86 th Georgia C.A.R. State Conference, DoubleTree Hotel, Roswell, GA  
Mar 8 Battle of Brier Creek, Brier Creek Battlefield, Sylvania, GA  
Mar 14 Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC  
Mar 15 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Landon Gray & Caleb Lightsey, Celebration Church, Hoschton, GA  
Mar 15 Liberty Tree Dedication, Mars Hill Cemetery, Acworth, GA  
Mar 19-23 127th Georgia Society DAR State Conference, Augusta Marriott, Augusta, GA  
Mar 21-22 Lafayette Tour events in Savannah, GA  
Mar 22 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jonah DiCuia, Duluth First UMC, Duluth, GA  
Mar 23 Lafayette Tour events in Augusta  
Mar 24 Lafayette Tour events in Hamsburg, SC and Warrenton, GA  
Mar 25 Lafayette Tour events in Sparta, GA  
Mar 26 Lafayette Tour events in Milledgeville, GA  
Mar 26 Berkmar High School, JROTC Awards, Lilburn, GA  
Mar 27 Lafayette Tour events in Gray, GA  
Mar 28 Lafayette Tour events in Macon, GA  
Mar 28 Vietnam Veterans Day, Newton Park, Johns Creek, GA  
Mar 29 Lafayette Tour events in Roberta, GA  
Mar 29 Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL  
Mar 30 Lafayette Tour events in Columbus, GA

After all the walking and parades in March, some of us need to re-sole our shoes before we get too deep into April, which will be just as active as March. No complaints though, this is how we keep history alive!

Please review the March Program and the "Upcoming Events" included in this newsletter for event places, dates and times. Pick out a few that look interesting and come join us! We'd be happy to see you there.

## Meeting Highlights:

Our March 13, 2025 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA. We had 25 members and 10 guests in attendance.

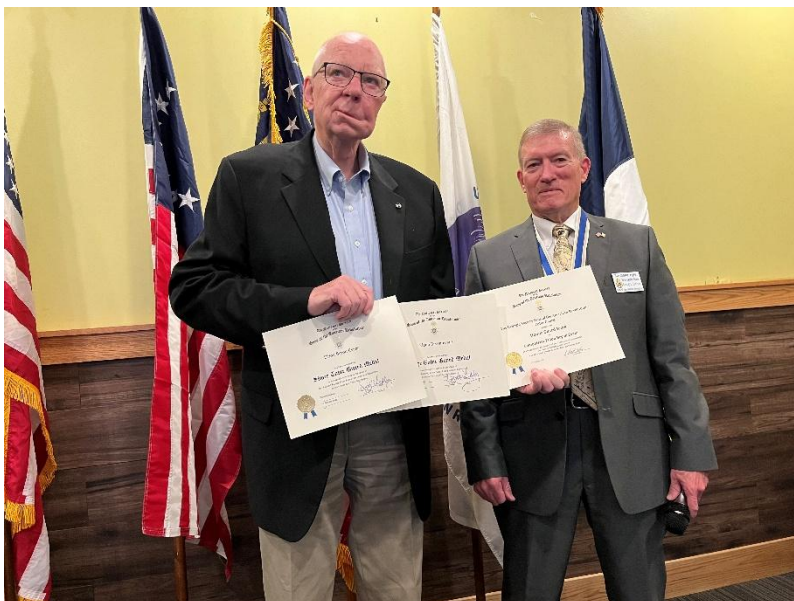
Please consider joining us at a future meeting! We had **DAR members** from chapters in attendance: **Philadelphia Winn** - Honorary Regents Lynn Baxter Jacques and Peggy Freeman, and members Maryland McCarty and Mary Kitchings; **Suwanee Creek** - Amy Koon and Donna Bowlick, **Chestatee River** - Kris White

The highlights of the evening were:

**Streamers Received:** President Ray Kyle presented Sargeant at Arms Don Schmidt with the Battle of Brier Creek 246<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**State Conference Individual Awards: Presented at the Chapter Meeting**  
**Eldon Evans** - Bronze Color Guard, Silver Color Guard and Honor Guard Certificate



**President Ray Kyle received his SAR Supplemental Certificate for Patriot John Sledge**



**The Evening program was "John Hancock" by Compatriot Harry Kitchings**  
President Ray Kyle presented Harry with a Button Gwinnett SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his Presentation.





### 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

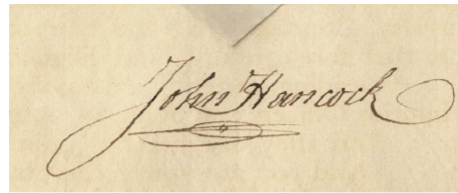
Until we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.

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

## **BUTTON GWINNETT CHAPTER Georgia Society**

### **Sons of the American Revolution**

***“John Hancock”  
by Harry Kitchings***



**March 13, 2025**

[www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org](http://www.ButtonGwinnettSAR.org)  
Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	<i>Ray Kyle</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	<i>Ray Kyle</i>
<u>New Member Induction:</u>	
None	
<u>Supplementals:</u>	
Raymond Kyle – Patriot John Sledge	
<u>Medals &amp; Certificates:</u>	
None	
<u>Streamers:</u>	
Battle of Brier Creek	

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION	<i>Jack Martin</i>
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*“John Hancock”  
by Harry Kitchings*

<b>Business Section:</b>	
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	<i>Jaryd Green</i>
TREASURER'S REPORT	<i>Don McCarty</i>
REGISTRAR'S REPORT	<i>Harold Ford</i>
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<i>Committee Chairs</i>
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<i>Ray Kyle</i>
NEW BUSINESS	<i>Ray Kyle</i>
SAR RECESSIONAL	<i>Don Schmidt</i>
BENEDICTION	<i>Harry Kitchings</i>
ADJOURNMENT	<i>Ray Kyle</i>

Mar 8	Battle of Brier Creek, Brier Creek Battlefield, Sylvania, GA [National] @11am
Mar 14	Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC [National] @10am
Mar 15	Eagle Scout COH for Landon Gray & Caleb Lightsey, Celebration Church, Hoschton, GA [Chapter] @2pm
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]
Mar 21-30	Multiple Lafayette events in Savannah, Augusta, Hamsburg (SC), Warrenton, Sparta, Milledgeville, Gray, Macon, Roberta & Columbus
Mar 22	Eagle Scout COH for Jonah DiCuia, Duluth First UMC, Duluth, GA [Chapter] @11am
Mar 22	Battle of Thomas Creek, Jacksonville, FL [FL] @10am
Mar 26	Berkmar High School, JROTC Awards, Lilburn, GA [Chapter] @9am
Apr 5	Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting/250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “The Shot Heard Round The World”, American Legion Post 232, Snellville, GA [GA] @11:30am

### 2025 Programs & Speakers Schedule:

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
Sep 11	Shep Hammack: “Hyam Salomon, Financier of the American Revolution”



## **Registrar Status Report (As of March 26, 2025, we have 100 chapter members)**

### **To Be Installed April 5, 2025**

- David Keith Wyatt – Patriot Ebenezer Frost (Approved February 13, 2025)

### **Approved but Not Installed:**

- Zachery Keith Richardson – referral from DAR Fall Forum Linda Richardson Sep 14, 2024 (Sergeant Newton DAR) rcd Dec 6, 2024 Approved Mar 28, 2025
- Jacob Taylor Richardson – referral from DAR Fall Forum Linda Richardson Sep 14, 2024 (Sergeant Newton DAR) rcd Dec 6, 2024 Approved Mar 28, 2025
- John Kyle - Referral - William Day DAR Debbie Kyle rcd Dec 6, 2024 Approved Mar 28, 2025
- Ray Kyle Jr. – Referral - William Day DAR Debbie Kyle rcd Dec 6, 2024 Approved Mar 28, 2025

### **New applications at National:**

- Barry Whitehead – Referral Stacy Whitehead (Philadelphia Winn DAR) Rcd Mar 24, 2025
- James G Whitehead – Referral Stacy Whitehead (Philadelphia Winn DAR) Rcd Mar 24, 2025
- Ethan R Whitehead – Referral Stacy Whitehead (Philadelphia Winn DAR) Rcd Mar 24, 2025

### **Supplementals at National:**

- 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)
- Randy and Noah Tindall – Patriot John Tindall (Received Mar 24, 2025)

### **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)
- Steven Sweat – Referral from Karen Sikes (Philadelphia Winn DAR)
- Craig Maltbie and 2 sons – referral from Maria Karg (Philadelphia Winn DAR Registrar)

### **Supplementals at State:**

- None

### **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

Apr 5	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World" - BG 26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
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Jun 12	Lynn Jacques: "The 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill"
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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 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
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).  
*SAR Recruiting Table for three days, SAR Color Guard Friday Evening*  
 Mar 21-30 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, Maun, National Infantry Museum (Saturday)  
 Mar 30 - Fort Moore, Fort Mitchell (Sunday)

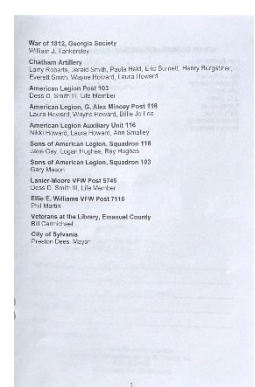
### Upcoming Events

#### 2025 Events

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 (10:00 AM)  
 Jun 14 National (NC) - Battle of Ramsour's Mill  
 Jun 17 *250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill (Tuesday) no events scheduled*  
 Jun 28 (FL) Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge  
 Jul 4 *Atlanta Braves vs Orioles (Tentative)*



Button Gwinnett Compatriots - Ralph Galpin, Eldon Evans and David Sikes participated in the Color Guard and Militia with the Georgia SAR Color Guard under National Color Guard Commander K. Scott Collins. Our friends from the Skunk Brigade put on another outstanding ceremony.









**Mar 20-22 127th Georgia Society DAR State Conference, Augusta Marriott (Augusta, GA).** Button Gwinnett Immediate Past President Tom Jacques as Georgia SAR – DAR Liaison Chairman recruited SAR members to staff the SAR & SR recruiting table. Additional SAR members who staffed the table were Mike Watkins (Lyman Hall), Sid Hughes (Lyman Hall) and Adam Pethel (Lyman Hall), Steve Weaver (Blue Ridge), Thomas Coleman (Thigpen Trail), and Robert Moore (Coweta Falls). Button Gwinnett Chaplain Harry Kitchings attended the Friday Memorial Service and Dinner with his wife Mary. Randy and Noah Tindall help staff the Georgia C.A.R. recruiting table with Georgia C.A.R. President Lilly Wright. Randy is the current Senior Georgia C.A.R. President and Noah is the new Georgia C.A.R. President-Elect. The Friday evening banquet had the largest Georgia SAR Color Guard ever used at the Georgia DAR State Conference which included Commander Scott Collins, Sid Hughes, Steve Weaver, Mike Watkins, Thomas Coleman and Adam Pethel. Friday Evening Georgia SAR President Bill Floyd brought Greeting from the SAR and Tom Jacques brought greetings from “The Sons of the Revolution” as President of the General Nathanael Greene Georgia Chapter. Georgia SAR President Bill Floyd presented the SAR 250 Gold Medals to Georgia DAR State Regent Helen Robertson Powell and Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary President Lynn Baxter Jacques – these were the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> SAR 250 Gold Medals presented to DAR members (Commander Collins wife Beth was the 1<sup>st</sup> recipient). Georgia DAR State Regent Helen Robertson Powell presented Tom Jacques with the DAR Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal. Tom joins former Georgia SAR State Presidents David Jessel, K. Scott Collins and Ed Rigel Jr. as recipients of this Medal. Our speaker for the evening was Patrick Henry “Give Me Liberty”



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Philadelphia Winn Chapter

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A huge thank you to Dwight Dover of the Cherokee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution for many of these photos. Dwight is pictured on the Bottom Right of this page with Georgia DAR State Regent Helen Robertson Powell.



**Sunday March 23, 2025 - The Marque De Lafayette arrives in Augusta, GA - 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Button Gwinnett Color Guard members Tom Jacques and Noah Tindall were there to greet him at the Savannah River Fifth Street Dock, the Amphitheater, the City Marker and at Meadow Garden. Numerous other SAR members were there as well including Randy Tindall, and members of the Skunk Brigade who greeted him in Savannah and followed him on his journey in multiple towns to Milledgeville.

A huge **THANK YOU** to SAR member John Trussell, DAR member Billie Trussell, and DAR member Beverly Baker who together as a **TEAM** did an amazing job organizing the events in Georgia. Thanks also to GASSAR Chaplain Edward Anderson who fabulously portrayed James Armistead "Lafayette".



Lafayette Visits Augusta March 23, 2025





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*Thank You, Sponsors*

Members of the Georgia Committee American Friends of Lafayette  
Barry Bates, Lynn Tate, Julie Truett, & Julie Truett  
Thank our sponsors for making this a successful program.

- Georgia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
- The Georgia Committee American Friends of Lafayette
- The Huguenot Society of Georgia
- Georgia Society Daughters of Indian Wars
- Georgia Branch Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims
- Georgia Society Colonial Dames 17th Century
- Georgia Society Daughters of the Coast of Honor
- Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
- State of Georgia Society United States Daughters of 1812
- Huguenot Society Founders of Mankato
- Jameson Society, First Georgia Company
- First Families of Georgia
- The Society of the Cincinnati
- Historic Augusta
- James Mosley Watson
- Bob Sepp
- Trish Mosley
- F. Anne Hinton

*In Appreciation*

Planning an event of this magnitude involves many moving parts, and we sincerely appreciate the outstanding support of the following individuals and organizations in making this program a success.

Mary Ann Digger	Greg LaBelle
Jerry Hingham	Dirig. General Mark Miles
Kevin de l'Aigle	Erie Montgomery
Nancy Glines	Martin Schwarzer
LTC French Army Clément Glatys	Ransom Schwarzer
Laetitia Glatys	

Historic Augusta  
Historic Meadow Garden  
Georgia Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard  
Brier Creek Militia, Scott Collins, Commander

The citizens of Augusta, Georgia, and  
American Friends of Lafayette  
Commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of

*General Lafayette's  
Bicentennial Tour in Augusta  
March 23, 2025*

*Lafayette*

*Schedule of Events*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025**  
Organized by John Truett

**City Dock at Augusta Riverwalk**

08:00 am	Arrival of the Nation's Guest <i>(Presided by Charles Wainwright)</i>	General Lafayette Scott Collins
	Greetings by Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Color Guard & Brier Creek Militia	SAR
	Firing of multi-round musket volley	SAR
	Presentation of Colors	SAR
	General Lafayette exits to <i>Joseph Norman Amphitheater</i>	General Lafayette Mr. Martin Schwarzer

**Joseph Norman Amphitheater**

09:30 am	Opening Remarks <i>John Truett</i>	15 English Rd.
	<i>Co-Chair Georgia Committee American Friends of Lafayette</i>	
	Invocation <i>Rev. Ed Anderson</i>	SAR State Chaplain
	Fledge to the Flag of the USA	All
	Formal Greeting	Augusta City Officials
	Response	General Lafayette
	Recognition of War Hero <i>James Armistead Le Moyne</i>	<i>Presided by Rev. Edward Anderson</i>
	Aviation Unit Review	Georgia State Patrol
	Firing of multi-round musket volley	SAR
	"La Marseillaise"	Lucie Jousbury NSDAR Chorus (Glee)
	"Star Spangled Banner"	Jessie Jousbury & the Georgia DMR Chorus

History of Lafayette's Visit

Kevin de l'Aigle	Augusta Historian
"America the Beautiful"	Madame Laetitia Glatys French Artist
"This Land is Your Land"	Elizabeth Lee Soprano
Closing Remarks	John Truett
Dedication	Rev. Ed Anderson

**Augusta City Hall** 635 Talbot St.

11:00 am Lafayette Trail Inc. Marker-William G Poncory Foundation

**The Joseph Lamar House** 415 Seventh St.

12:00 pm Ticketed Luncheon

**Historic Meadow Garden** 1320 Independence Dr.

*Musical Entertainment by the Garden City Stringens*

*Arrival of the Nation's Guest*

02:00 pm	Welcome	Ransom Schwarzer & Helen Powell
	Greetings	Helen R. Powell State Regent, Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution
	Response	General Lafayette
	General Lafayette visits the home of George Walton	Ransom Schwarzer Director, Meadow Garden
	Historic Meadow Garden Open House	Ransom Schwarzer

*Enjoy Fun Activities for Children*

*Enjoy a Conversation with the General*

*Light Refreshments*

03:45 pm Lafayette Departure

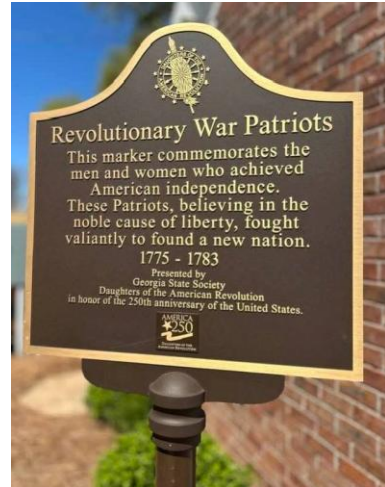
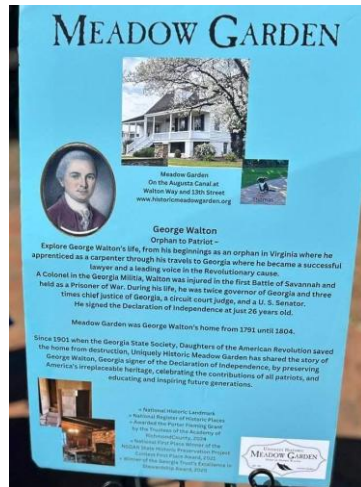
General Lafayette  
Mr. Martin Schwarzer



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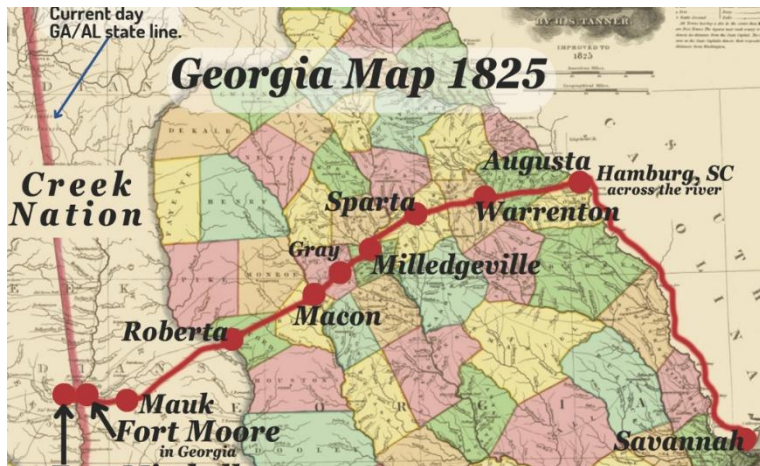
The Cockades (shown above far left bottom) were presented to Color Guard Members at the Waterfront. Brandy and Eden Pethel attended in 1825 attire and were captured by Jane Bronner, Atlanta Chapter DAR and sister of Michael Henderson.







**March 24 Warrenton** – Wayne Stancel represented the Button Gwinnett Chapter at this event with Clara Stancel representing the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter.



### **Lafayette Trail Georgia 2025**

<b>Savannah</b> March 21-22, 2025	<b>Gray, GA</b> March 27, 2025
<b>Augusta</b> March 23, 2025	<b>Macon</b> March 28, 2025
<b>Hamburg, SC and Warrenton, GA</b> March 24, 2025	<b>Roberta, GA</b> <b>Mauk, GA</b> NIM National Infantry Museum March 29, 2025
<b>Sparta</b> March 25, 2025	<b>Fort Moore (GA)</b> <b>Fort Mitchell (AL)</b> March 30, 2025
<b>Milledgeville</b> March 26, 2025	



**March 25 – Sparta Button Gwinnett Members Ralph Galpin, Don McCarty, and Bruce Manning.**





## March 26 - Milledgeville







*Schedule of Events*  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025**  
 Officiated by Dr. Jeff Wells

<b>Old Capitol Building</b>	Georgia Military College (GMC)
	301 S. Georgia St.
09:00 am. Opening Ceremonies	Dr. Jeff Wells Master of Ceremonies Collaborative Committee Chair
	(1100) Bull-Hog Road
"La Marseillaise"	
"Star Spangled Banner"	Dr. Jeff Wells
Introductions	
Greetings	Lt. General William B. Caldwell, IV President, GMC
	Chief of Staff President, Georgia College & State University
Proclamation	Mary Paulina Copelan Mayor of Milledgeville
	Andrew Schriener Chairman, Nelson Co. Commission
Remarks	Chuck Schwann Executive Director, American Friends of Lafayette
Introduction of GMC K-6	Dr. Jeff Wells
"Star Spangled Banner in French"	
Congress Hymn	
	Daphne Kerswell Chorus, General of France
Response	General Lafayette Narrated by Charles Wassenaar
GMC Choir: Prayer	GMC Cadet
Closing Remarks	Dr. Jeff Wells





**March 28 - Macon** – Tom Jacques, Don McCarty, Jack Martin, Gordon Woodard and Dual Member Don Loudermilk represented the Button Gwinnett Chapter at this event location.







*A Huge Thank You to John and Billie Trussell for all their Time and Effort to make the Lafayette Tour in Georgia a Success!*

*Thank You!*



March 2025 – Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Activities (Mar 7-8 State Conference)





**Elisha Winn Society – Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution 2025 Awards**

<b>AMERICA250</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>First Place</b>
<b>American Heritage Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>American History Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Indigenous History</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Battle of Kettle Creek Commemoration Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>First Place</b>
<b>C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>First Place</b>
<b>C.A.R. Magazine &amp; Newsletters Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Conservation Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>First Place</b>
<b>Fort Morris Commemoration Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>First Place</b>
<b>Government Studies Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Kids Helping Kids Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Meadow Garden Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Membership Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Mountain Schools Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>First Place</b>
<b>National President's Project</b>	<b>Most Financial Support</b>	
<b>Patriotic Education Program Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Public Relations Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>Siege of Augusta Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Second Place</b>
<b>State President's Project S.O.S</b>	<b>S.O.S Save Our Shores</b>	<b>Third Place</b>
<b>Veterans Committee</b>	<b>Best Program</b>	<b>Third Place</b>



I am so honored to be able to encourage others in celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country's Declaration of Independence. We will be celebrating the United States Semiquincentennial leading up to July 4, 2026, and I can't wait to see how all the other societies are celebrating with various fun and memorable activities!

One event that I got to participate in was a historic dedication ceremony of an official America 250! Revolutionary War Patriots Marker that was placed in Lawrenceville, Georgia. I felt so proud to be a part of it! I got to assist in the design of the ceremony's program. It was held in the city hall building, so I sketched it to put on the front of the program. The Philadelphia Winn Chapter, DAR; the Button Gwinnett Chapter, SAR; Mayor David Still; and the Lawrenceville City Council worked together in making it a successful commemorative event. I also got to bring greetings and speak about what America means to me and what the ceremony means to me. Not only was it a great experience, but it was also so exciting and fun to be a part of a historical event for my city and for America 250!

Haley H., Georgia State America 250! Chairman

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# Please join us!

**Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

**Button Gwinnett 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
“The Shot Heard Round the World”**

**The meeting portion will begin at 11:30 AM.**

**American Legion Post 232  
3163 Main Street, Snellville, GA**

**26<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary 1999 - 2025**



## 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

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail checks to:**

# ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Tom Jacques, 1442 Bromley Dr,  
Snellville, GA 30078

# CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

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 may 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 3x9=27). To be eligible for the SAR Silver 250th Medal – you need to earn an additional 60 points (Basically 20 more events 3x20=60). To be eligible for the SAR Gold 250th Medal – you need to earn an additional 150 points (Basically 20 more events 3x50=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 will earn 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 x 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

Continue to check [facebook.com/LafayetteInGeorgia](https://facebook.com/LafayetteInGeorgia)  
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.

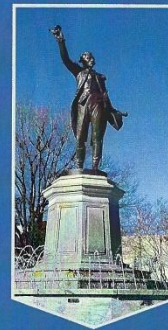
(FYI: Fort Mitchell observes EST.)

\* 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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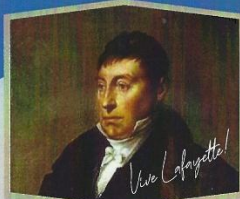
& **GENERAL CASIMIR PULASKI**  
portrayed by Edward Krolkowski

At venues where participation is possible  
**JAMES ARMISTEAD LAFAYETTE**  
portrayed by Will Minton (and others)

Roberta, Mauk, Fort Moore, Fort Mitchell  
**CHIEF CHILLY MCINTOSH**  
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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!