

The Button Gwinnett Dispatch April 2025

A Newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter National Society Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message for April 2025:

In April 2025, we commemorated the 250th Anniversary of the final spark that ignited the American Revolutionary War. That event was "The Shot Heard Round the World" which occurred on April 19, 1775, at the Battles of Lexington and Concord. These were the first instances of colonial militia "Minutemen" and British Troops firing at and killing each other. From that day forward, the war was on!

On April 5, 2025, the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter held an awards meeting at the American Legion Post 232, in Snellville, GA. Awards included War Service and Military Service medals, 250th Anniversary Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and many others. At the conclusion of the meeting, members of the Georgia SAR Color Guard and Militia assembled outside the building and fired a three round musket salute to remember and to honor the 250th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World."

Although April broke all kinds of pollen level records, we continued to march (and sneeze) through all that yellow fog, dodged some rain showers and attended numerous events, as noted below:

Apr 5 Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting / 250th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World," American Legion Post 232, Snellville, GA

Apr 12 301st Birthday of Lyman Hall, Hall County Government Center, Gainesville, GA

Apr 15 "Colonial Medicine" (3 Sessions), Stephenson County High School, Toccoa, GA (Joint with Robert Forsyth & Samp; Lyman Hall SAR Chapters)

Apr 17 Central Gwinnett High School, JROTC Awards, Lawrenceville, GA

Apr 17 South Gwinnett High School, JROTC Awards, Snellville, GA

Apr 19 Frederica Naval Action & Patriots Day, St. Simons Island, GA

Apr 22 Peachtree Ridge, High School, JROTC Awards, Suwanee, GA

Apr 23 Collins Hill High School, JROTC Awards, Suwanee, GA

Apr 25 Grayson High School. JROTC Awards, Loganville, GA

Apr 26 GASSAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, GA

Apr 27 5 Patriot Grave Markings for Matthew Bennett, Samuel Burnley, John Jones, Richard Quarterman & Samp; Joseph Winn, Midway Church Cemetery, Midway, GA

Please review the April Program and the "Upcoming Events" included in this newsletter for event places, dates, and times. As you will see, May will be just as busy as April. Pick out a few events and come join us! We might just grab your interest enough to come back again and again. We would be happy to see you there. Take care and be safe in your travels.

Meeting Highlights:

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter -26th Anniversary meeting and an early Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World"!

Our April 5, 2025 Chapter Meeting and 26 Anniversary was held at the Sawyer/Heardon American Legion Post #232 in Snellville, GA. We had 34 members and 3 Prospective Members along with 47 guests in attendance.

SAR Members in attendance -Button Gwinnett - Marty Bush, Eldon Evans, Karl Fitch, Jim Freeman, Ralph Galpin, Nick Hamrick, Tom Jacques, Harry and Ben Kitchings, Bennie Koon, Ray Kyle, Bob Leathers and Alex Bolsen, Bruce Maney, Terry Manning, Jack Martin, Don and David McCarty, John Moale, Bill Palmer, Frank Quinn, Don Schmitz, Bill Schultz, David Sikes, Randy and Noah Tindall, Hubert Tucker, Reggie Vallotton, Steven White, Bill Wood, Gordon Woodard, Stewart Woodard, Keith Wyatt, John Zeigler - Prospective Members Mark Davis, Steve Sweat and Barry Whitehead; Mount Vernon - Georgia SAR State President William Floyd, Metro VP Shep Hammock; Lyman Hall - Mike Watkins, Adam Pethel

DAR Members in Attendance from six chapters: Philadelphia Winn - Regent Randi Minor, 2nd Vice Regent Emily Tindall, Treasurer Rose Horton, Recording Secretary Beth Wolfe, Honorary Regents Lynn Baxter Jacques and Peggy Freeman, members, Anne Lockhart, Mary Martin, Maryland McCarty, Karen Sikes, Ginny Manning, Kathy Schmitz, Carol Pangle, Joyce Goodbread, Cynthia Davis, Deann Tucher, Mary and Julia Kitchings, Prospective Members - Stacy Whitehead, Beverly Hart, Paulette Vallotton; Colonel William Candler Chapter - Georgia DAR State Regent - Helen Robertson Powell; New Noonday - Carey Jones Floyd; William Day Chapter - Regent Debbie Kyle, Honorary Regent Debbie Bush; Suwanee Creek - Amy Koon and prospective member Monica Woodard; Chestatee River - Leslie Watkins and Kris White

C.A.R. Members in Attendance – Elisha Winn Society – Noah Tindall (Georgia C.A.R. State President-Elect & Elisha Winn Charter President), Nick Hamrick (Elisha Winn President), Eden Pethel (Elisha Winn 1st VP), Becca Hamrick, Caroline & Clara Murphy, Collyns Pangle and prospective member Anna Whitehead.

Additional Guests in Attendance: John Graff (Post Commander - Snellville Sawyer/Heardon American Legion Post #232), Cricket Agee (President - Snellville Auxiliary Unit 232), Kelly McAloon (Executive Director at Snellville Tourism and Trade), Penelope Galpin (wife of Compatriot Ralph Galpin), Frank Marchese (Grandfather of Compatriot Nick Hamrick), Susan Wood (Wife of Compatriot Bill Wood), Lily Wyatt (Wife of Compatriot Keith Wyatt)





The highlights of the evening were:













Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Ray Kyle called the meeting to order at 11:45am and Colors were presented by the Georgia SAR Color Guard and Militia, under the Command of Former Georgia SAR Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer, followed by the Invocation by Button Gwinnett Chaplain Harry Kitchings.







Greetings were brought by Georgia SAR State President Bill Floyd, Georgia SAR Metro VP Shep Hammock, Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Charter President Hubert Tucker, Georgia DAR State Regent Helen Roberston Powell, Georgia C.A.R. President-Elect Noah Tindall, Georgia C.A.R. Sr. President Randy Tindall, American Legion Post 232 Commander John Graff, American Legion Auxiliary President Cricket Agee and Kelly McAloon (Executive Director at Snellville Tourism and Trade) on Behalf of Snellville Mayor Barbara Bender – before lunch was served.



April 6th was GSSDAR Regent Helen Powell's birthday and she was presented with a card and plant by Georgia SAR Auxiliary President Lynn Baxter Jacques. American Legion Auxiliary President Unit 232 President presented Poppy Pins (pictured L-R) Lynn Jacques, Helen Powell, Cricket Agee. Durring lunch the 250th Shot Heard Round the World cakes were cut by Button Gwinnett Charter President Hubert Tucker and our youngest chapter member in attendance Nick Hamrick.











SAR 250th Anniversary Medals: Presented by GASSAR President Bill Floyd & Chair Tom Jacques

Bronze 250 Medal Recipients:

Rose Horton (Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Treasurer) Nick Hamrick (Elisha Winn CAR Society President) Becca Hamrick (Elisha Winn CAR Society)



Silver 250 Medal Recipients:

Randy Minor (Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Regent)



Gold 250 Medal Recipients:

Harry Kitchings (Button Gwinnett Chaplain)

Gold 250 Medal Recipients:

Eden Pethel (Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. First VP)
Brandy Pethel (James Pittman DAR Chapter, Regent)
(unable to attend)

Eden and Brandy join fellow ladies who have earned the SAR 250 Gold Medal, Beth Collins, Helen Powell and Lynn Baxter Jacques

Pictured below: Adam Pethel, Eden Pethel, Brandy Pethel





Recognition of Button Gwinnett Charter Members:

L-R First VP Bruce Maney, President Hubert Tucker, Member John Moale Frank Quinn (pictured far right in photo on the right needed to leave early for a prior engagement)





Recognition of Button Gwinnett Presidents

Pictured L-R: Terry Manning, Hubert Tucker, Bruce Maney, Bob Leathers, Don McCarty, Bill Palmer, Mike Watkins, Bennie Koon, Gordon Woodard, Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle



Induction of New Member - David Keith Wyatt by GASSAR State President Bill Floyd Keith is a descendant of Patriot Ebenezer Frost, (P-162536), who was paid for services provided to the Patriot cause in North Carolina. His Rosette was pinned by his wife Lily.





The SAR-C.A.R. Medal: Was presented to C.A.R. Elisha Winn Society President Nick Hamrick by Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Ray Kyle and GASCAR Sr. President Randy Tindall. Nick's Term as Elisha Winn Society President will be ending in May. A check for \$325 was also presented to Nick for the Elisha Winn Society through a gift from David and Karen Sikes combined with \$100 from the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter for being the Outstanding SAR-C.A.R. Chapter for 2024 at the GASSAR State Conference on February 1, 2025.



The SAR Medal of Appreciation was presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter Compatriot and GSSCAR President-Elect Noah Tindall to Philadelphia Winn Recording Sceretary Beth Wolfe. Beth donated the Coninental Uniform that Noah is wearing which belonged to her late husband, Compatriot Dennis Wolfe who passed away on April 29, 2022 in Atlanta, GA (Pictured Far Left - 2008)





The SAR Chapter Bronze Roger Sherman Medal was presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle to Compatriot Tom Jacques.



Confederation and the Constitution.

The Chapter Roger Sherman Commendation Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a Chapter. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years.

This Medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721-1793), who was a founding father, and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: The Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of

Tom has held many Officer and Committee Chair positions over the years. He has been our Chapter's 2nd Vice President, President, Immediate Past President and Committee Chairs for the DAR Liaison, Traveling Trunk and Color Guard Committees. He is also the Editor of our Chapter Newsletter. In addition to that, he has taken on the task of organizing and coordinating our meetings the past two years here at the American Legion. If we had a Recruitment Committee, he'd be the Chair of it too, because he is our strongest recruiter. In his free time, he tackles the job of the State DAR Liaison Chair.

The SAR Chapter Bronze Good Citizen Medal was presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle to Georgia SAR Ladies Auxilary President Lynn Baxter Jacques.

The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is a multi-purpose award designed to recognize individuals whose community (i.e., school, locality, or state) achievements are noteworthy.



Lynn is a member of the following organizations and societies:

Honorary Regent, Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR

State Chair, The Flag of the United States of America, GSSDAR

Vice President/President-Elect, Chapter Regents Club, GSSDAR

Governor, Georgia Mayflower Society

President, Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary

Senior State Chair - C.A.R/DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations

Secretary, Gwinnett Flag Day LLC

Co-Chair Wreaths Across America Ceremonies -

Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR

Member - Order of the Crown of Charlemagne

Member - Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva

Member - Jamestowne Society

Member - National Society New England Women

All these organizations and societies are involved in numerous activities that serve the public in various way and help preserve our history.

The SAR 250th Anniversary of the "Shot Heard Round the World" Medal, Coin, Lapel Pin and Tea Shirt were presented by Compatriot Tom Jacques to Georgia C.A.R. President-Elect Noah Tindall at the request of his parents Randy and Emily Tindall. Compatriot Jacques is a proven descendant of Westford Massachusetts Minutement Amaziah Hildreth and Jonas Kemp who answered the call to arms at Concord on April 19, 1775.









Past Button Gwinnett President Bob Leathers received his 15 year anniversary certificate, his grandson Alexander Bolson received his 10 year anniversary certificate – presented by President Ray Kyle. They were joined by Laura Bolson (Bob's daughter and Alex's mother).



The SAR War Service and SAR Military Service Medals are ranked 4th in The Order of Precedence behind only 1. The SAR Badge, 2. The Minuteman Medal, 3. Gold Good Citizenship Medal

The SAR Military Service Medal was Presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle to Compatriot Bill Wood who served in the United States Coast Guard.





Without the service and sacrifice of those who answered the Call of Duty, from our Patriot Ancestors 250 years ago to those about to receive the SAR Military and War Service Medals today, we would not have the United States of America. Thank you for your Service and Welcome Home.

Military Service Medal - The Military Service Medal, authorized in 2006, may be presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service which does not otherwise qualify for the War Service Medal.

The SAR War Service Medal was Presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle to Charter Member and Compatriot John Moale who served in the United States Army during the Korean War.





The SAR War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for members who served in the Spanish-American War.

It was subsequently authorized for members who

served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars. The SAR Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Button Gwinnett Chapter President Ray Kyle to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232 President Cricket Marguerite Agee and her event cochair Paulette Vallotton.



Thank you for catering our delicious lunch today, decorating the hall so nicely and working so hard to make this such a special day.

Following the SAR Recessional by Charter President Hubert Tucker and the Benediction by Chaplain Harry Kitchings the meeting was adjurned by President Ray Kyle and the Colors were retired under the Command of Past President Bill Palmer. The Color Guard and Militia assembled on the grounds for a three musket volly salute followed by pictures with the SAR, DAR and C.A.R.



Pictured (L-R) Harry Kitchings, BG President Ray Kyle, Mike Watkins, Gordon Woodard, Bill Palmer, GASSAR Ladies Auxiliary President Lynn Baxter Jacques, Bruce Maney, GASSAR President Bill Floyd, GASSAR Metro VP Shep Hammack, Don McCarty, Marty Bush, Ralph Galpin, Jack Martin, David McCarty, Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. President Nick Hamrick, Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. First VP Eden Pethel, Georgia C.A.R. President-elect Noah Tindall, David Sikes and Eldon Evans.





Georgia DAR with Color Guard (L-R) Karen Sikes, Kris White, Kathy Schmitz, Cynthia Davis, Philadelphia Winn Regent Randi Davis Minor, Peggy Freeman, Lynn Jacques, Beth Wolfe, Leslie Watkins, Rose Horton, Carey Floyd, GASDAR Regent Helen Robertson Powell, William Day Regent Debbie Kyle, Emily Tindall, Debbie Bush, Amy Koon, Maryland McCarty, Anne Lockhart, Mary Martin



Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Members – L-R President Nick Hamrick, Becca Hamrick, First VP Eden Pethel, Anna Whitehead, GSSCAR President-Elect Noah Tindall.



Philadelphia Winn DAR Members - L-R Kathy Schmitd, Cynthia Davis, Karen Sikes Lynn Jacques (In Skunk Cap), Rose Horton, Peggy Freeman, Philadelphia Winn Regent Randi Davis Minor, Beth Wolfe, Maryland McCarty, Second Vice Regent Emily Tindall, Ann Lockhart, Mary Martin

Miscelaneous photos:































Pledge of Allegiance

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

SAR Pledge

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

SAR Recessional

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

Chapter Officers - 2025

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 Harry Kitchings Chaplain -Genealogist -David Sikes Sergeant at Arms -Don Schmidt Historian -Eldon Evans

CALL TO ORDER 11:30 AM PRESENTATION OF COLORS INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE SAR PLEDGE INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Greetings:

GASSAR State President Bill Floyd GASSAR Metro Region Vice President Shep Hammack Button Gwinnett Charter President Hubert Tucker GSSDAR State Regent Helen Powell GSSCAR State President Noah Tindall GSSCAR State Sr President Randy Tindall American Legion Post 232 Commander John Graf

Blessings:

Chaplain Harry Kitchings

President Ray Kyle Commander Bill Palmer

President Ray Kyle

Chaplain Harry Kitchings

Compatriot Jim Freeman Charter Member John Moale

Recess for Lunch: - 12:00pm (Cut Cakes)

Awards Presentation: - 12:45pm

250th Anniversary Medals – GASSAR Pres Bill Floyd & Pres Tom Jacques:

TBA – Bronze 250th Medal Nick Hamrick (Elisha Winn CAR Society President) – Bronze 250th Medal Becca Hamrick (Elisha Winn CAR Society) – Bronze 250th Medal Randy Minor (Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter Regent) – Silver 250th Medal Harry Kitchings – Gold 250th Medal

Eden Pethel (Elisha Winn CAR Society) – Gold 250th Medal Brandy Pethel (James Pittman DAR Chapter Regent) – Gold 250th Medal

Recognition Button Gwinnett Charter Members: Pres -Hubert Tucker, VP -Bruce Maney, John Moale, James Walters,

Recognition of Button Gwinnett Presidents:
(1) Hubert Tucker, (4) Terry Manning, (6) Walker Chewning, (8&12) Bruce Maney, (9) Bob Leathers, (13) Gordon Woodard, (14) Bill Palmer, (15) Bennie Koon, (18) Mike Watkins, (19) Don McCarty, (20) Tom Jacques, (21) Ray Kyle

<u>Induction – GASSAR Pres Bill Flovd & Charter Member Pres Bruce Maney:</u>
David Keith Wyatt – Patriot Ebenezer Frost

SAR-CAR Medals & Presentation - Pres Ray Kyle & GASCAR Sr. Pres Randy

Outgoing Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. President - Nick Hamrick Donation check to Elisha Winn CAR

BUTTON GWINNETT CHAPTER

Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

250th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World" - April 19, 1775



April 5, 2025

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American Legion Post 232 3163 Main Street West, Snellville, GA 30078

SAR Medal of Appreciation – GASCAR Pres Noah Tindall: TBA

SAR Bronze Roger Sherman Medal - Pres Ray Kyle:

SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal - Pres Ray Kyle:

SAR Shot Heard Round the World Medal - Pres Tom Jacques:

SAR Military & War Service Medals - Pres Ray Kyle:

Army Coast Guard Bill Wood Military Service Medal

Korea

Final Announcements: SAR RECESSIONAL

Charter President Hubert Tucker BENEDICTION Chaplain Harry Kitchings ADJOURNMENT President Ray Kyle RETIRE COLORS Commander Bill Palmer Commander Bill Palmer MUSKET SALUTE



249th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves,

Halifax, NC

301st Anniversary of the Birthday of Lyman Hall, Gainesville, GA Apr 12

Apr 26 Apr 27

GASSAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, GA 5 PGMs for Matthew Bennett, Samuel Bennett, John Jones, Richard Quarterman & Joseph Winn, Miday Church Cemetery,

Midway, GA Battle of Pensacola and Galvez Day, Pensacola, FL

May 9 Battle of the Waxhaws/Buford's Massacre, Lancaster, SC Flag Placement at Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA May 24 May 24 Memorial Day - Oconee Veterans Park Memorial, Watkinsville,

NSDAR - Chestatee River Chapter - America 250

Commemorative Marker Dedication, Cumming, GA Flag Day – VFW Post 5255, Lawrenceville, GA Jun 14

Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC

Registrar Status Report (As of April 30, 2025, we have 104 chapter members)

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:

 Craig Wallis Maltbie and two sons Finnegan James Maltbie and Emory Winn Maltbie (Miria Maltbie Karg Philadelphia Winn DAR Registrar) Out for Signature (4/22/2025)

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)
- Cody Jackson (Tori Clarke William Day DAR)
- Kayden Jackson Barragan (Tori Clarke William Day DAR)
- Pete Johnson
- Mark Anthony Minor and sons William Caldwell Minor and Luke William Minor (Randi Davis Minor
 Philadelphia Winn Regent)
- Keith William Pangle Referral from Carol Pangle Apr 24, 2025 (Philadelphia Winn DAR)

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:

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May 8	Gary Page: "America's First Diplomat"
Jun 12	Lynn Jacques: "The 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill"
Jul 10	Eli Stancel: "The Frontier"
Aug 14	Terry Manning: "10 New Things You Didn't Know About George Washington"
Sep 11	Shep Hammack: "Hyam Salomon, Financier of the American Revolution"
Oct 9	Becky West: "The Real Story of Paul Revere"
Nov 13	Jim Reason: "The War in Georgia"
Dec 11	Installation of 2026 Chapter Officers

Completed 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

M ar 7-9	Georgia C.A.R. State Conference - Roswell, GA at Double Tree Hotel
Mar 8	Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek
M ar 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
M ar 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, 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
A pr 19	National (MA) -250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington
A pr 19	National (GA) - Frederica Naval Action
Apr 26	Georgia Society SAR BOM Barnesville, GA
Apr 27	Midway - 5 patriot grave marking + Church Service Color Guard 8 Volleys

Upcoming Events 2025 Events

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 24	Georgia National Cemetery Canton, GA - Color Guard Musket Salute 9:00am
May 24	Snellville Veterans Memorial - Color Guard Musket Salute 4:30pm
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) Color Guard & Militia
Jun 14	National (NC) - Battle of Ramsour's Mill
Jun 17	250 th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill (Tuesday) no events scheduled
Jun 25-29	134th NSDAR Continental Congress
Jun 28	(FL) Commemoration of the Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge
Jul 4	Atlanta Braves vs Orioles (Tentative)
Aug 21-23	GSSDAR Fall Forum Atlanta Airport Marriott - SAR Recruiting Table Color Guard

April 26, 2025 - Georgia SAR Spring Board of Managers Meeting Barnesville, GA

Eleven Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter attended the Georgia SAR Spring Board of Managers Meeting in Barnesville, GA. Seven members participated in the Color Guard - Militia Ray Kyle, Tom Jacques, David Sikes, Gordon Woodard, Harry Kitchings, Continental Bruce Maney and Ralph Galpin. In civilian dress - Don McCarty, Jack Martin, Randy and Noah Tindall. Philadelphia Winn DAR Members in attendance Lynn Jacques, Emily Tindall, Maryland McCarty, Mary Martin. Lynn Jacques gave an update as President of the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary. Tom Jacques gave an update as Chairman of the Georgia SAR - DAR Liaison Committee

















Georgia C.A.R. State President and Elisha Winn Society member Noah Tindall became the first in the nation to earn the new SAR Youth Color Guard Medal as approved by the National Color Guard Commander. HUZZAH! Thank you to National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins and all the SAR Compatriots who have poured into him!













April 27, 2025 - Church Service and Five Patriot Grave Markings, Midway Georgia

Seven Members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in the Color Guard - Militia Ray Kyle, Tom Jacques, David Sikes and Gordon Woodard; Continental Don McCarty, Jack Martin and Ralph Galpin. Philadelphia Winn DAR Members in attendance Lynn Jacques, Emily Tindall, Maryland McCarty, Mary Martin, Randy Davis Minor and Cynthia Davis.









Historical Sketch of Midway Society

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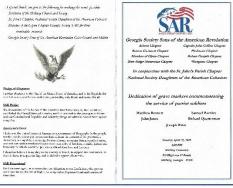
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Button Gwinnett Chapter Members Pictured L-R Front Ralph Galpin, GSSAR President Bill Floyd, Jack Martin, Don McCarty; Back Gordon Woodard, David Sikes, Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle



























We were supported by members of the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary pictured L-R Mary Martin, Ginger Deraney, Maryland McCary, Malone Moore, President Lynn Baxter Jacques

On Monday evening April 28, 2025 during the Snellville City Council Meeting – Compatriot Tom Jacques accepted a Proclamation from Snellville Major Barbara Bender in Honor and Recognition of the Button Gwinnett Chapter NSSAR. This was related to the Button Gwinnett April 5, 2025 – 26th Anniversary Meeting which was an "Early Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Shot Heard Round the World". Compatriot Jacques presented Mayor Bender with an "SAR Shot Heard Round the World Lapel Pin and Challenge coin.



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In Honor And Recognition Of The Button Gwinnett Chapter NSSAR

WHEREAS, The National Society Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

WHEREAS, The Button Gwinnett Chapter was chartered 26 years ago in Lawrenceville, Georgia in April of 1999 as part of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution which was formed 104 years ago in March 1921 and National Society Sons of the American Revolution which was formed 136 years ago in April 1889.

WHEREAS, On April 5, 2025 the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR assembled at the Sawyer-Herndon American Legion Post 232 in Snellville, Georgia for an Early Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World" which took place on April 19, 1775 in Lexington and Concord, Messaghusette

WHEREAS, The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR along with the Georgia Society SAR Color Guard, the Georgia Society SAR State President, the Georgia Society DAR State Regent, the Georgia Society C.A.R. State President (Children of the American Revolution) with numerous representatives of the SAR, DAR and C.A.R., American Legion 232 Post Commander and American Legion Auxiliary 232 President recognized Button Gwinnett Charter Members, Past Chapter Presidents, Military and War Service Medal Recipients, inducted a new member and presented numerous other medals and certificates to those in attendance before the Militia fired a three round musket volley marking the end of the celebration.

THEREFORE, I, Barbara Bender, Mayor of the City of Snellville, Georgia, Where Everybody's PROUD to be Somebody, do hereby join with our City Council and the citizens of Snellville recognize the honorable service the Button Gwinnett Chapter NSSAR which has served the Snellville, Gwinnett County and State of Georgia communities for the past 26 years.

Proclaimed this 28th day of April, 2025.



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Tod Warner, Mayor Pro Tem

Norman A. Carter Jr., Council Member

Kerry Hetherington, Council Membe

Cristy Lensky Council Member

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April 2025 - Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Activities

Elisha Winn Society - at the "Shot Heard Round the World" early Celebration



L-R Back row - Nick Hamrick, Noah Tindall, DAR State Regent Helen Powell, Clara Murphy, Eden Pethel, Collyns Pangle, Randy Tindall

L-R Front - Becca Hamrick, Caroline Murphy, Anna Whitehead









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Children of the American Revolution National Conference Wahington, DC April 2025



















2025

Bolded event titles are local events for us to participate in. Nonbolded titles are America250! events for us to recognize and commemorate!

- 18-19 250th of Paul Revere's Ride: Observe 'Two Lights for Tomorrow' by placing two lighted lanterns in your windows overnight.
- 19 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, MA

May

- 3 Kettle Creek Cleanup Service Project: see the Georgia C.A.R. FB page
- 10 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga, NY, and the meeting of the Second Continental Congress, PA
- 17 Good Hope Poppy Festival: Good Hope, GA
- 18 Society Meeting: 1:30pm @ Rhodes Jordan Park Community Center, L'ville, GA -Greetings to Philadelphia Winn DAR, Society Meeting w/ Officer Election & Installation
- · 26 Dacula Memorial Day Parade: Parade and Society Meeting

- 14 Flag Day Commemoration Society Meeting
 15 250th Anniversary of George Washington's Appointment as Commander-in-Chief
 17 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, MA

- 4 Braselton 4th of July Parade Society Meeting
- 7-8 Southeastern Region Meeting: Orlando, Florida See the 'Southeastern Region N.S.C.A.R.' Facebook page for info.
- · 26 Society Pool Party & State C.A.R. Summer Workshop Planning

- 9 Georgia State C.A.R. Summer Workshop: Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, Buford, GA
- · 20-23 Georgia DAR Fall Forum: Join our State President to greet DAR members at the C.A.R. table.

September

• TBD - Siege of Augusta: Kroc Center, Augusta, GA

October

- · 4 Georgia State C.A.R. Fall Meeting: Elisha Winn Fair, Dacula, GA; Society Meeting
- 13 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy
- 18 Fort Daniel Frontier Faire: Society Meeting

November

- 19-21 250th Anniversary of the First Siege of Ninety Six, SC
- · 22 Fort Morris 'Come and Take It!' Commemoration: Midway, GA

- 7? Philadelphia Winn DAR Program and Society Meeting
- 9 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge, VA
- 13 Wreaths Across America: East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, L'ville, GA

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10 - 250th Anniversary of Thomas Paine publishing Common Sense

February

- 14? Battle of Kettle Creek Commemoration: Washington, GA
- 27 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, NC
- 27-28 Georgia State C.A.R. State Conference: Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, GA





A MESSAGE FROM

State Regent Helen Robertson Powell

April 7, 2025

Dear Georgia Daughters,

Saturday, April 5th, was a sensational day for your State Regent. She traveled to Snellville in the morning to celebrate the Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter's (Ray Kyle, President) 26th anniversary and to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round the World -April 19, 1775". The Sawyer-Herndon American Legion Post 232 was decorated in patriotic red, white, and blue and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232 catered a delicious luncheon. It was an honor to bring greetings from the almost 8,000 Georgia Daughters in 111 chapters across our great state. It's always delightful to be with DAR and C.A.R. members who support this active SAR chapter. In addition to the photo collage below, please enjoy Adam Pethel's photos. Remember April is a great month to invite friends and family to join the SAR as they are offering half price fees for applications submitted this month.

























Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2025
Presentation by Compatriot Gary Page
"America's First Diplomat"

The meeting portion will begin at 7:00 PM.
Frontera Mex-Mex Grill
1430 Five Forks Trickum Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30044
678-376-7680

26th 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 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, <u>Proof of Military Service (DD-214 form)</u> 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
- 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
- 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
- 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.

<u>Subsequent Presentation Authorized:</u> 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,
- the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or
- 3. a United Nations Peace Keeping Force.

<u>Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized:</u> 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 ThomasLiacques@qmail.com.



SATURDAY JUNE 14TH, 2025 10AM

HOSTED BY:

VFW POST 5255 368 GRAYSON HWY LAWRENCEVILLE GA 30046

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

We learned from Georgia SAR Immediate Past President and SAR 250th Anniversary Chair Ed Rigel Jr. that the SAR 250th 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 Creeek, 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 and additional 60 points (Basically 20 more events 3x20=60). To be eligible for the SAR Gold 250th Medal – you need to earn and 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 Phiadelphia 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 250th Anniversary Medals Form is listed below.

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

For additional Details please contact 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.

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

- a. Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
 b. 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 and event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also eam points. (10 points)
- c. Attending an Event (3 points)
- d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)

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

- a. Bronze Medal: 25 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.
- b. 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:

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. The district or national society may present gold awards to its Partners in Patriotism.

April 19, 2025 is the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord and for the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution is considered the start of the war.

From Tom Jacques - Through genealogy research I have proven that my mother Helen Dichard Jacques descends from minutemen who answered the alarm following Paul Revere's ride. Amaziah Hildreth and Jonas Kemp were part of Captain Timothy Underwood's company of Minutemen at the Battle of Concord. Neither of these Patriots had ever been proven in the SAR or DAR before I joined the SAR and my sister Cathy joined the DAR. Attached is a copy of Captain Underwood's Minutemen Roster as well as the service records for both Amaziah and Jonas from the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors.

I only wish that I had started this research while mom was still alive. I know that she would have enjoyed learning about these patriot ancestors. Helen actually has 10 proven Patriot ancestors that I will be sharing information on in futures posts.

Attached is a short extract from the History of Westord, MA.

Source: History of Westford by Rev. Edwin R. Hodgeman 1883

p.104 The Concord Fight, April 19, 1775

Authorities vary somewhat in stating the facts relating to this fight, some claiming that in Lexington the first resistance was made on the morning of that memorable day, while others affirm that at Concord Bridge the earliest armed resistance was offered to the soldiers of George the Third.

We are now to consider the service rendered by the men of Westford in that struggle. This has never been fully and accurately stated in any account of it. Prominent among the actors then and there was John Robinson of Westford, a Lieutenant Colonel in a regiment of minute-men of which William Prescott of Pepperell was Colonel.

Rev. Dr. Ripley in his account says:

"A company from Westford had just entered the bounds of Concord when the fight took place. But individuals from that town were present and engaged in the battle, among whom was the brave Col. Robinson." He also says further on, in his narrative: "The situation of Major Buttrick, as it was more dangerous and and important, has gained him distinguished celebrity and honor. But this ought never to operate as an eclipse upon any other officer on that occasion. There is satisfactory evidence that on the march to meet the enemy, Major Buttrick requested Col. Robinson to act as his superior, he being an older man and of higher rank in another regiment but he modestly declined, and consented to march at the right hand and be considered a volunteer. The late Col. John Buttrick, then a fifer, repeatedly affirmed that he was present and heard the conversation between his father and Col. Robinson. The Americans commenced their march in double file...in a minute or two, the Americans being in quick motion and within ten or fifteen rods of the bridge, a single gun was fired by a British soldier, which marked its way, passing under Col. Robinson's arm and slightly wounding the side of Luther Blanchard, a fifer, in the Acton Company. This account was published in 1827 and being prepared by one on the ground and only fifty years after the fight, when some who saw it were still living, is, without doubt, the best narrative we shall ever have of that conflict. Others who have attempted to describe it, have done little more than repeat the words of Rev. Dr. Ripley. Some slight variations occur, however. Thus George Bancroft affirms that Col. Barrett gave the order to advance, whereupon, "Capt. Davis, drawing his sword, cried, "March!" His company, being on the right, led the way, he himself at their head, and by his side, Maj. John Buttrick of Concord with John Robinson of Westford, Lieutenant-Colonel in Prescott's Regiment."

Frederic Hudson in his account (Harper's Magazine May, 1875) says:

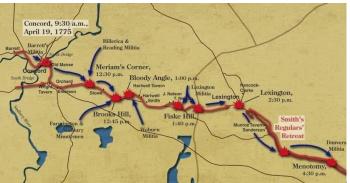
"Among those early on the field from the neighboring towns, was Lieut. Colonel John Robinson of Westford....he was companied by the Rev. Joseph Thaxter, Capt. Joshua Parker and private Oliver Hildreth. Mr Thaxter had been preaching at Westford as a candidate. On the first tidings of danger he hastened to Concord, armed with a brace of pistols and was in front to receive the first fire of the enemy; and he and William Emerson the pastor of Concord were the first chaplains of the Revolution. Major Buttrick took command of the Americans in the forward movement. He was accompanied by Lieut. Col. Robinson. In their left hand they held their fusees trailed and marched with Capt. Davis and his men."

>From all these statements it is clear that Davis, Buttrick and Robinson were marching side-by-side in this first show of armed resistance to British oppression - a noble triad of choice spirits who dared to do and die. Heroically did they lead on the eager troops who sought, not revenge, but liberty; who, as George W. Curtis pithily said, in his oration at Concord, April 19, 1875, "loaded their muskets, not with a ball, only, but with a principle and brought down, not a man, but a system." The three companies whose muster rolls are here given, copied from the originals in the State House, were no doubt in the fight on that day. Rev. G. Reynolds, in a recent address, admits that two companies of minute-men from Westford were present, and the heading of the rolls shows that they marched from home that morning.

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Capt. Underwood's Company

"A List of the Travel and Service of Capt. Timothy Underwood of West- ford, in the County of Middlesex, with the men under him belonging to Colonel William Prescott's Regiment of Minute-men, who, in consequence of an Alarm made on the 19th of April 1775, marched from home for the defence of this Colony against the Ministrial troops:



OFFICERS Timothy Underwood, Captain

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Kemp, Jonas, Westford. Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's co., Col. William Prescott's regt. of Minute-men, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 5 days; also, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt.; muster roll dated Camp at Ticonderoga, Nov. 27, 1776; enlisted Jan. 1, 1776; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Zaccheus Wright's co., Col. Jonathan Reed's (6th Middlesex Co.) regt., as re-

KEMP, JONAS, continued.

turned to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence, Westford; engaged for town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's co., Col. Alden's regt.; term, 3 years, to expire in 1780; also, Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's co., Col. John Brooks's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from May 3, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; also, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's co., 6th Mass. regt. formerly commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; return of men who were in camp on or before Aug. 15, 1777, and who had not been absent subsequently except on furlough, etc.; also, Capt. Ballard's co., Col. Ichabod Alden's regt.; return dated Albany, Jan. 12, 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster Mæster for Middlesex Co., and by a Continental Muster Master; also, Capt. Asa Coburn's (Light Infantry) co., (late) Col. Alden's (6th) regt.; muster roll for March and April, 1779, dated Fort Harkimer; enlisted May 3, 1777; also, 1st co., Lieut. Col. John Brooks's (7th) regt.; return made up to Dec. 31, 1779; also, Capt. Coburn's co., Col. Brooks's regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to May 3, 1780.