



The Button Gwinnett Dispatch May 2025

A Newsletter of the Button Gwinnett Chapter

National Society Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message for May 2025:

On May 24, 2025, as part of the Memorial Day Commemoration, members of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution had the incredible honor of Presenting the Colors and, a first ever firing of a three-volley musket salute at the Georgia National Cemetery, in Canton, GA. To be a part of such an awesome experience was truly humbling. We must never forget what our Veterans have sacrificed to keep us free.

May presented many opportunities for our chapter members to be active in several communities, as listed below:

May 1 North Gwinnett High School, JROTC Awards, Suwanee, GA

May 2 Norcross High School, JROTC Awards, Norcross, GA

May 3 Presentation of the Colors at the William Day DAR Chapter Meeting - Installation of 2025-2027 Officers, Duluth, GA

May 3 Kettle Creek Battlefield Association clean-up project, with Elisha Winn C.A.R., at Kettle Creek Battlefield, Washington, GA

May 3 Memorial Service for US Army Veteran Gary Timberlake, A.E. Carter Funeral Home, Madison, GA

May 9 Meadow Creek High School, JROTC Awards, Norcross,

May 10 23 Patriot Grave Markings, Nazareth Presbyterian Church, Moore, SC

May 13 Liberty Tree Marking, Hilliard Wilbanks Middle School, Demorest, GA

May 13 Parkview High School, JROTC Awards, Lilburn,

May 13 Trickum Middle School, Junior Leadership Corps (JLC) Awards, Lilburn, GA

May 14 Traveling Trunk (3 Sessions) - Camp Creek Elementary School, Lilburn, GA

May 16 Naturalization Ceremony, U.S. Courthouse, Gainesville, GA

May 17 5 Patriot Grave markings, New Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Maryville, TN

May 20 Duluth High School, JROTC Awards, Duluth, GA

May 24 Memorial Day Commemoration at Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA

Color Guard Presentation of the Colors & Musket Salute

May 24 Memorial Day Commemoration at Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA

May 24 Memorial Day Commemoration at Snellville Veterans Memorial, Snellville, GA

May 26 Memorial Day Commemoration at Oconee Veterans Park, Watkinsville, GA

Please review the May Program and the "Upcoming Events" included in this newsletter for event places, dates and times. There are dozens of events remaining for the rest of the year. Hopefully, there are some that tweak your interest. If so, please come join us. We would be happy to see you there. The smoke and noise from a musket or cannon salute just cannot be beat!

Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Meeting May 8, 2025

Meeting Highlights:

Our May 8, 2025 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA., we had 28 members and 18 guests in attendance.

We had DAR members from Four chapters in attendance: **Philadelphia Winn** - Honorary Regents Lynn Baxter Jacques, 2nd Vice Regent Emily Tindall, members Maryland McCarty, Mary Martin, Karen Sikes and Paulette Vallotton; **William Day** - Honorary Regents Debbie Bush & Debbie Kyle, **Suwanee Creek** - Donna Bowlick, **Chestatee River** - Kris White

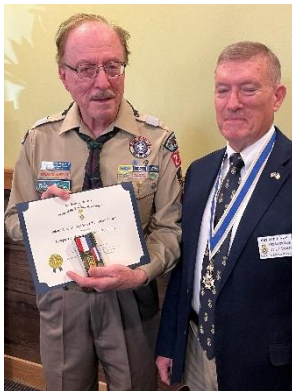
We also had Georgia C.A.R. President Noah Tindall and Sr. Georgia C.A.R. President Randy Tindall in attendance

Streamers Received: President Ray Kyle presented Sargeant at Arms Don Schmidt with the
Battle of Guilford Courthouse
Battle of Thomas Creek
Frederica Naval Action



Medals & Certificates:

Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Medal & Korea War Service Bar were awarded to John Moale



The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is the award for scouters of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor due to members of the SAR who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boys Scouts of America (BSA).

The award is presented to members of the SAR in good standing who are currently active in a scout unit, district, or council or members who have displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting Program. Work accomplishment and dedication rather than a specific number of years in Scouting is the criteria for this award.



Bronze 250th Anniversary Medals
Paulette Vallotton & Cricket Agee



Gold 250th Anniversary Medal
Compatriot David Sikes



SAR Medal of Appreciation (Presented by Lynn Baxter Jacques - President GA SAR Ladies Auxiliary)
Debbie Bush (1st VP Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary) **For Service in 2024**



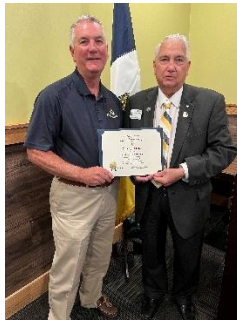
Donation to Georgia National Cemetery - Wreaths Across America 2025

President Ray Kyle and Treasurer Don McCarty presented Compatriot James Walters with a check for \$250, for funds collected at our April 26 Anniversary meeting for Wreaths Across America.



The Evening program was “America’s First Diplomat” by Compatriot Gary Page.

First VP Jack Martin presented Gary with a Button Gwinnett SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his Presentation.



Biography of Gary Lynn Page

Gary is an Engineer with over 35 years of experience in the Aerospace/Defense and other high technology industries. He is a serial entrepreneur, having participated in startup technology companies beginning in 1998. He is currently the President and Founder of Fleet Analytics, LLC, a technology/software company providing fleet tracking and Internet of Things solutions for Government customers.

Gary is active in the Sons of American Revolution and a member of the Robert Forsyth Chapter, having served in various chapter roles including Chapter President, and is a member of the GASSAR Color Guard. He is currently the State Americanism Committee Chairman. Gary is a past President of the General Nathaniel Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia, and a member the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB) and the Descendants of Valley Forge.

Gary was born in Tennessee and grew up in Florida. He moved to Atlanta after graduating high school in Tampa to attend Georgia Tech. He graduated Georgia Tech in 1979 with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Gary just celebrated his 23rd anniversary with Angie. He has two daughters, a stepdaughter and stepson and two granddaughters. Gary enjoys playing golf, shooting and traveling to new places with Angie.

Georgia Children of the American Revolution State President and Button Gwinnett Compatriot Noah Tindall gave an update on his Georgia C.A.R. State Project and the National C.A.R. Project.



Compatriot James Walters – became one of the newest sponsors for Noah’s State C.A.R. Project. Randy Tindall – Georgia C.A.R. Senior State President provided additional updates on C.A.R. as well as their plans to attend the SAR National Conference in Connecticut as a Georgia Representative from the Button Gwinnett Chapter and the DAR Continental Congress in Washington, DC.



Georgia Patriot Grave Marking Chairman Don McCarty and Button Gwinnett Patriot Grave Marking Chairman Bruce Maney with committee member Elden Evans gave an update on upcoming Patriot Graves to be Marked statewide and the 5 Patriot Graves to be marked in Sugar Hill on November 1, 2025 sponsored by the Button Gwinnett Chapter.



BUTTON GWINNETT CHAPTER

Georgia Society

Songs of the American Revolution

Pledge of Allegiance

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

SAR Pledge

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

SAR Recessional

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

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

Ray Kyle
Tom Jacques
Jack Martin
Marty Bush
Jaryd Green
Don McCarty
Harold Ford
Harry Kitchings
David Sikes
Don Schmidt
Eldon Evans



May 8, 2025

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Frontera Mex-Mex Grill

1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

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

Ray Kyle
Harry Kitchings
Jack Martin
Tom Jacques
Ray Kyle

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

New Member Induction:

None

Supplementals:

None

Medals & Certificates:

John Moale - Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Award & Korea Bar
Paulette Vallotton - Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal
Cricket Agee - Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal
Debbie Bush (1st VP Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary) - SAR Medal of
Appreciation (Presenter Lynn Baxter Jacques)

Streamers:

Battle of Guilford Courthouse
Battle of Thomas Creek
Frederica Naval Action

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Jack Martin

"America's First Diplomat"
by Gary Page

Business Section:

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
TREASURER'S REPORT
REGISTRAR'S REPORT
COMMITTEE REPORTS
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
SAR RECESSIONAL
BENEDICTION
ADJOURNMENT

Jaryd Green
Don McCarty
Harold Ford
Committee Chairs
Ray Kyle
Ray Kyle
Marty Bush
Harry Kitchings
Ray Kyle



ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 9 Battle of Pensacola and Galvez Day, Pensacola, FL
[National] @9:30am
May 24 Battle of the Waxhaws/Buford's Massacre, Lancaster,
SC [National] @10:30am
May 24 Flag Presentation & Musket Salute at Georgia National
Cemetery, Canton, GA @9am
May 24 Memorial Day - Snellville Veterans Memorial,
Snellville, GA [National] @4:30pm
May 26 Memorial Day - Oconee Veterans Park Memorial,
Watkinsville, GA [National] @11am
Jun 9 Chestatee River DAR Chapter - America 250
Commemorative Marker Dedication, Lou Sobh
Amphitheatre, Cumming, GA [GA] @11:30am
Jun 14 Flag Day - VFW Post 5255, Lawrenceville, GA
[National] @10am
Jun 14 Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC [National]
@10am
Jun 17 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, Boston,
MA [National]
Jun 28 Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge, Callahan, FL [FL]
@11am
Jul 4 4th of July [National]
Jul 12-18 135th Annual Congress, Mohegan Sun Hotel,
Uncasville, CT [National]

2025 Programs & Speakers Schedule:

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"
Oct 9 Becky West: "The Real Story of Paul Revere"
Nov 13 Jim Reason: "The War in Georgia"
Dec 11 Bill Floyd: Installation of 2026 Chapter Officers

Registrar Status Report (As of May 31, 2025, we have 104 chapter members)

Installed on May 9, 2025 by President Ray Kyle

- John Kyle - Referral - William Day DAR Debbie Kyle rcd Dec 6, 2024 **Approved Mar 28, 2025**

Scheduled to be Installed June 12, 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**

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**
- 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)
- Keith William Pangle - Referral from Carol Pangle Apr 24, 2025 (Philadelphia Winn DAR)

New Memorial Application at State:

- None

New Member Applications in Process:

- Brandon Hembree - referral from Amy Koon May 3, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR)
- Gordon Benson - referral from Sheila Crumrine Regent Suwanee Fest Sep 21, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR) Button Gwinnett - Bill Wood's cousin
- Bradley Willard - referral from Sheila Crumrine Regent Suwanee Fest Sep 21, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR)
- Mike Burke - referral from Sheila Crumrine Regent Suwanee Fest Sep 21, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR)
- Michael Miller - referral from Lynn Jacques 2023 Wreaths Across America (Philadelphia Winn DAR)
- 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)

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

Jun 12	Lynn Jacques: "The 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill"
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Aug 14	Terry Manning: "10 New Things You Didn't Know About George Washington"
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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)

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 **Color Guard 8 Volleys**

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)**

Upcoming Events

2025 Events

Jun 9 NSDAR - Chestatee River Chapter - America 250 Marker Dedication **(CG -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 *250th 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

Jun 29 Patriotic Concert - First United Methodist - Gainesville, GA - 4:00 PM **CG**

Jul 4 Braselton 4th of July Parade, Braselton, GA [National] (Details TBA)

Jul 4 Braves vs. Orioles Game, Truist Field [National] @7:15pm (Details TBA) **Militia**

Jul 4 4th of July Celebration, American Village, Montevallo, AL [National] @5:30pm

Jul 12-18 135th Annual Congress, Mohegan Sun Hotel, Uncasville, CT [National]

Jul 26 GASSAR BOM Summer Meeting, Barnesville, GA [GA] @10am **(Color Guard)**

Aug 16 Battle of Blue Licks, Carlisle, KY [National] @10am

Aug 21-23 GSSDAR Fall Forum Atlanta Airport Marriott - **SAR Recruiting Table Color Guard**

Aug 30 Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutaw Springs, SC [National] @10am

Sep 13 Vigil at Tomb of George Washington, Mt. Vernon, VA [National] @8am

Sep 20 The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, TN [National] @10am

Sep 27	5 PGMs for Hezekiah Bussey, Zachariah Spiers/Spires, Isaac Cliatt, Moses Jones & William Norman, St. Paul's Church, Lincolnton, GA [GA] @1pm (Color Guard)
Oct 12	3 PGMs - Patriots Henry Holland, Solomon Yeomans and Simon Smith, Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Claxton, GA [GA] (Details TBA) (Color Guard)
Oct 25	GASSAR BOM Fall Meeting, Barnesville, GA [GA] @10am (Color Guard)
Nov 1	5 PGMs - Patriots Thomas Cox, Joseph Curbow, Lewis Dishon, Stephen Harris and Jesse Herring, Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery, Sugar Hill, GA [GA] @11AM
Nov 22	Fort Morris "Come and Take It", Midway, GA [National] (Details TBA) CG
Dec 13	Wreaths Across America - East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, Lawrenceville, GA [National] (Details TBA) Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter (Color Guard)
Dec 13	Wreaths Across America - Gwinnett Memorial Park, Lawrenceville, GA [National] (Details TBA) Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter (Color Guard)
Dec 13	Wreaths Across America - Duluth Church Cemetery, Duluth, GA [National] (Details TBA)
Dec 13	Wreaths Across America - Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA [National] (Details TBA)
Fall ??	PGM for Edward Williams, Chechero Baptist Church Cemetery, Clayton, GA [GA] (Details TBA)

May 3, 2025 – Installation of New William Day DAR Chapter Officers

The Installation of New William Day DAR Chapter Officers was conducted by Georgia DAR State Regent Helen Robertson Powell. Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President presented the SAR Martha Washington Medal to Outgoing Chapter Regent and his wife Debbie Kyle and he received the DAR 250 Medal from Debbie for his service in the Traveling Trunk Program educating students. Judy York – wife of Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Compatriot Mark York was installed as the New William Day Chapter Regent. Four members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter participated in the Color Guard – Commanding in Militia Uniform – Immediate Past President Tom Jacques, Carrying Colors in Continental Uniform – President Ray Kyle, 2nd VP Marty Bush and Compatriot Ralph Galpin.



May 10, 2025 - 23 Patriot Grave Markings - Moore, SC

Tom Jacques, Gordon Woodard and Ralph Galpin participated in the ceremony at Nazareth Presbyterian Church in Moore, South Carolina marking 23 Patriot Graves. The Color Guard was Commanded by K. Scott Collins. There were only 4 muskets but SEVEN Cannons!

For the NSSAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal Application, you are only be able to count the dedication of five markers as listed below:

John Caldwell - SAR P-127293 - Birth 1727, Death 19 Jul 1807, GPS 34.897510, -82.030672

John Collins - SAR P-136668 - Birth 28 Nov 1754, Death 04 Apr 1841, GPS 34.897214, -82.030976

Richard Harrison, SAR P-176238 - Birth 18 Mar 1752, Death 22 Oct 1791, GPS 34.897357, -82.030850

Patrick Crawford, SAR P-140871 - Birth 1750, Death 1783, GPS 34.897518, -82.030699

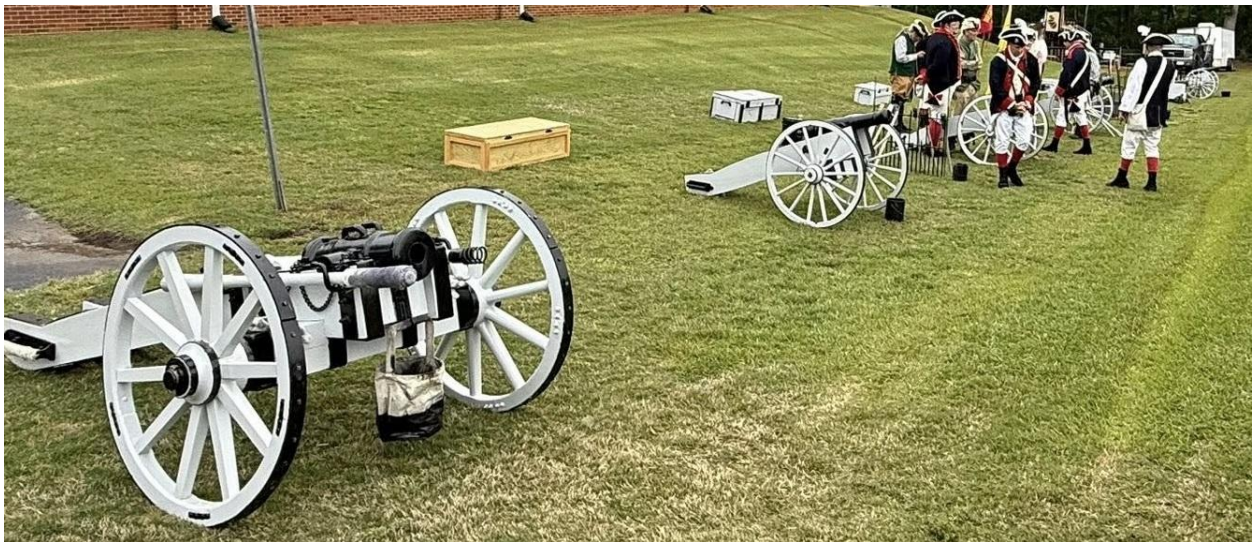
Michael Miller, SAR P-249553, Birth 10 Dec 1757, Death 19 May 1815, GPS 34.897568, -82.030898





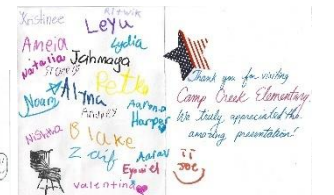
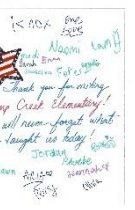
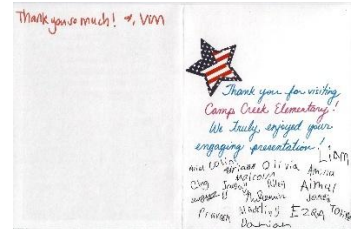
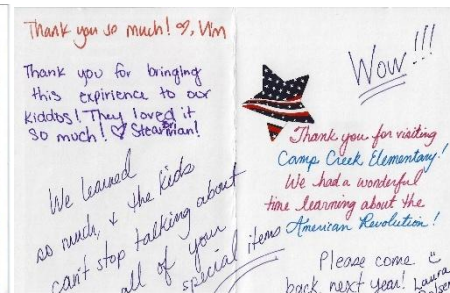
Revolutionary War Patriots

David Anderson - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
L.T. John Caldwell - CAPT Norwood's Militia
William Caldwell - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Andrew Coan - CAPT Norwood's Militia
James Coan - CAPT John Coan's Militia
CAPT. John Collins - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Richard Collins - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Thomas Collins - Patriotic Service
William Collins - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Patrick Crawford - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Alexander Evins - Continental Line
MAJ. Richard Harrison - NC Militia
Samuel Jamison - Militia
James Jordan - Commissary at Fort Prince
Michael McClimons - Militia
Michael Miller - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Samuel Miller - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Johnathan Nesbit - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Issac Snoddy - Patriotic Service
John Snoddy - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Samuel Snoddy - Roebuck's Battalion of Spartan Regiment
Alexander Vernon - Patriotic Service
James Vernon - Militia



May 14, 2025 - Camp Creek Elementary School Traveling Trunk

Tom Jacques, Ray Kyle, Jack Martin and Marty Bush presented the Button Gwinnett Traveling Trunk Program to 234 students and 13 adults during your three one-hour sessions at the request of Fourth Grade Teacher Laura Bolson who is the daughter of Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President Bob Leathers. This was our final program of the 2024-2025 school year.



May 17, 2025 - Mountain Laurel Festival in Clarkesville, Georgia



May 19, 2025 - The Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association

Button Gwinnett Chapter Members Tom Jacques, Jack Martin and Marty Bush assisted National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins in presenting Colors at 100th Convention of The Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association at The Gas South Convention Center in Duluth, GA at 8:00 A.M.



Friday May 23, 2025 - Memorial Day Flag Placement at Snellville Historic Cemetery

Button Gwinnett Compatriots Tom Jacques and John Zeigler assisted American Legion Post 232 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232 along with Philadelphia Winn DAR and Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. with Flag Placement on Veterans graves for Memorial Day.



Saturday May 24, 2025 – Memorial Ceremonies at Georgia National Cemetery – Canton, Georgia

The Button Gwinnett Chapter had a strong showing in the Georgia SAR Color Guard and Militia. Bill Palmer Commanded the Color Guard and Tom Jacques Commanded the Militia.

Pictured Below (L-R) Emil Decker (RF), Bill Palmer & Bruce Maney (BG), Larry Whitfield (JH), Jack Martin, Noah Tindall, Ray Kyle, Tom Jacques, David Sikes (BG), Mike Watkins (LH)

Gordon Woodard (BG) BG=Button Gwinnett, RF=Robert Forsythe, JH=Joseph Habersham, LH=Lyman Hall



We even got on Channel 2 news for the Militia and an interview with Button Gwinnett Compatriot and Charter Member James Walters (see link below)

<https://www.wsbtv.com/video/local-video/fallen-soldiers-honored-georgia-national-cemetery-cherokee-county/d5c5edec-d447-47ff-8659-303125bb5c98/>

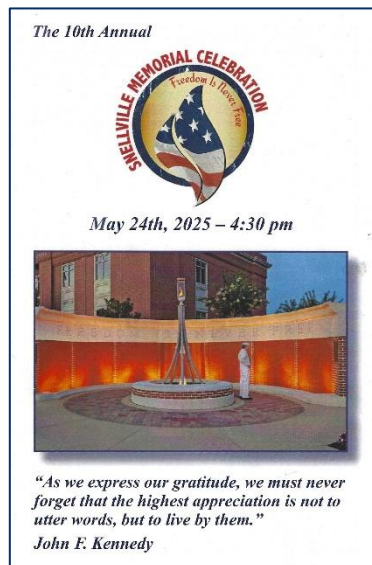




The Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter was represented by L-R Karen Sikes, 2nd Vice Regent Emily Tindal and DAR - SAR Relations Chair Mary Martin



Saturday May 24, 2025 – 10th Annual Snellville Memorial Celebration – Snellville, Georgia
 The Button Gwinnett Chapter had a strong showing in the Georgia SAR Color Guard and Militia.



Snellville Memorial Day Celebration Program May 24, 2025 – 4:30 pm	
Welcome from the Master of Ceremonies	Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner
Color Guard Presentation of Colors	Button Gwinnett Chapter Militia
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown Snellville Community Church
Pledge of Allegiance	Heleene Speights, USAF 349th Contingency Hospital, Air Evacuation Unit
National Anthem	Gwinnett Community Band
Memorial Tribute	Heleene Speights, USAF 349th Contingency Hospital, Air Evacuation Unit
The History of the Poppy	Marguerite Agre (Coriell) American Legion Auxiliary Unit 232 Snellville
Keynote Speaker	Gwinnett County Commissioner Jasper Watkins US Army
Armed Forces Salute	Gwinnett Community Band
Laying of the Wreath	John B. Graft III Commander, VFW Post 4180 Rob Varone Former St. Vice Commander, VFW Post 4180
American Hero Banner Recognition	
In Honor of	Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner
<i>A bell will ring for each of those being memorialized</i>	
In Memory of	Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner
Musket Salute (5 Volleys)	Button Gwinnett Chapter Militia
TAPS	Gwinnett Community Band
Musket Musket	Button Gwinnett Chapter Militia
Explanation of Musket Musket	Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner
Reverent Musket	Button Gwinnett Chapter Militia
God Bless America	Gwinnett Community Band
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Quincy Brown Snellville Community Church
Closing Remarks	Mayor Pro Tem Tod Warner
Veterans, please meet at the Veterans Memorial for Photos after the program	



Bruce Maney Commanded the Color Guard and Tom Jacques Commanded the Militia.
 Pictured Below (L-R) David Sikes, Gordon Woodard, Bruce Maney, Craig Benton (Piedmont),
 Ralph Galpin, Jack Martin, Karl Fitch, Harry Kitchings, Steve White, Cricket Agee (*American Legion
 Auxiliary Unit 232 President presenting Poppies*), Tom Jacques and Ray Kyle.





Color Guard with our Veterans



Color Guard with The Daughters of the American Revolution

Picture L-R Joice Goodbread, Kris White, Lynn Baxter Jacques, Karen Sikes



Saturday May 24, 2025 – Marietta National Cemetery Memorial Day Flag Placement

Button Gwinnett Compatriots Ralph Galpin and Harry Kitchings were members of the Color Guard. Unfortunately, I do NOT have photos of the Color Guard from this event. Additional Color Guard members Shep Hammack and Craig Benton of the Piedmont Chapter.



Saturday May 24, 2025 – Placing flags at Eternal Hills Cemetery 9:00am

Flags and guidance were provided by the American Legion Post 232 and Unit 232 Auxiliary. The Philadelphia Winn DAR and Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. members assisted with Flag Placement on Veterans graves for Memorial Day.



Monday May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day at Oconee Veterans Park Memorial - Watkinsville, Georgia

Bruce Maney Commanded the Color Guard and Tom Jacques Commanded the Militia.

Pictured Below (L-R) Tom Jacques, Bruce Maney, David Wiley (Athens), JC Hustus (Robert Forsyth), Ralph Galpin, Tom Chamberlain (George Walton), Justin Reese (Athens) Karl Fitch, Joe Toms (Athens), Ray Kyle, David Sikes and Gordon Woodard



The Militia was 100% Button Gwinnett Members – L-R Ray Kyle, Gordon Woodard, David Sikes, Tom Jacques

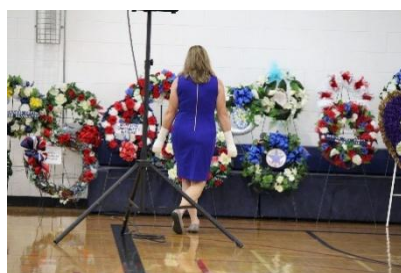


Kris White presented a wreath on behalf of the Chestatee River DAR

Karen Sikes presented her First Wreaths on behalf of the Philadelphia Winn DAR and the Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary *(sorry no photo)*

Ray Kyle as President presented the Button Gwinnett Chapter Wreath

Tom Jacques as President presented The General Nathanael Greene Chapter Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia wreath and a 2nd Wreath as a member of Boston Tea Party Descendants



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

Sunday May 18, 2025

Georgia C.A.R. State President Noah Tindall Install New Elisha Winn Society Officers



Eden Pethel became the New Elisha Winn Society President taking the gavel from Past President Nick Hamrick



Eden Pethel and the Elisha Winn Society assisted the Philadelphia Winn DAR Chapter with their DAR Ritual and the annual fund-raising Basket Fling

Noah Tindall continued his Road Show as Georgia C.A.R. State President explaining his State Project to the ladies of the Philadelphia Winn Chapter.



Introducing the 2025-2026 Georgia C.A.R. State Project

★★★ **HUZZAH!** to our Patriots ★★★

As **America's 250th** birthday approaches, patriotism and curiosity about our country's history is on the rise. Now is the perfect time to educate the public about the history of some of the Georgia patriots and places that were pivotal during the formation of our country. The goal of this Administration's State Project is to raise \$12,500 to provide funding for interpretive signs and historical reproductions for Revolutionary War-era historical sights around Georgia.

One of the ways you can help educate the public is through a donation for one - or more - of the State Project pins. They make great gifts! The pins are available for a minimum \$20 donation (\$25 w/ shipping), or you can demonstrate your support for the project by becoming a State Project Patron (and receive a pin!) for a minimum donation of \$50. Click this [link](#) for more info.



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Pin Symbolism

- Poppy – icon by Georgia's Moina Michael, the "Poppy Lady"
- Petals - hearts for our love for God, home, and country
- Filaments - fireworks, cannon balls, bombs bursting in air, and Crosses for the faith of our Founding Fathers
- Star in the middle to honor our Patriots and Gold Star families across the U.S. and for...
- C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. – an ALL STAR TEAM!
- Last but certainly not least – HUZZAH! to our Patriots

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Thank you for your support! *Noah*

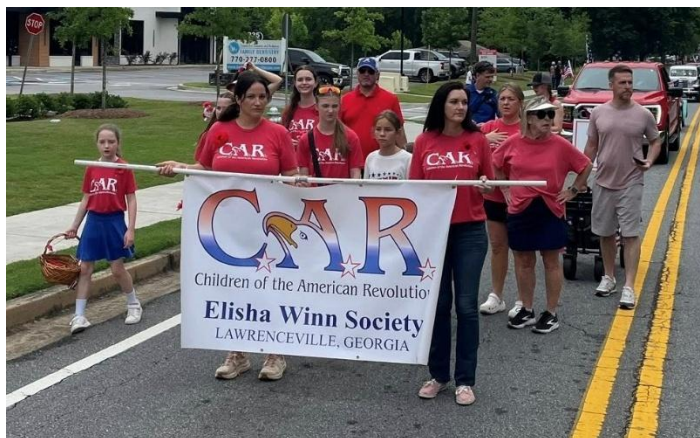


Sunday May 25, 2025

Elisha Winn members served the Military Support Group of Hamilton Mill United Methodist Church in Dacula, GA by handing out poppies to honor and remember American service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, setting up a fallen comrade table, planting a "poppy garden," thanking Veterans for their service, and accepting donations for the HMUMC Military Support Group. Accompanying C.A.R. members were DAR members from 5 different chapters, SAR members, and S.R. members all serving together "to teach the lesson that ye wrought in Flanders Fields."



Monday May 26, 2025 Dacula Memorial Day Parade!



Walk with the Elisha Winn Society this Memorial Day at the

DACULA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 26, 2025
Arrive no later than 9:00am
Hebron Baptist Church
202 Hebron Church Road, Dacula, GA
Contact: Brandy Pethel (678-943-0964)
Parade route is approximately 2 miles

Wear your
HUZZAH to our Patriots
T-shirt, colonial wear, or patriotic colors!





2025

ELISHA WINN Calendar of Events

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

April

- **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

June

- **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

July

- **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**

August

- **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

December

- **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

2026

January

- **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

Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Presentation by Lynn Baxter Jacques

"The 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill"

Dinner – Social Hour 6:00PM – 7:00PM

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, Proof of Military Service (DD-214 form) must be presented by the member to the Chapter Secretary, who will determine the Chapter Member's eligibility for the War Service Medal or Military Service Medal.



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

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



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

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

Such proof must show that the Compatriot:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For additional information, contact President Tom Jacques at ThomasLjacques@gmail.com.



SATURDAY JUNE 14TH, 2025 10AM

HOSTED BY:

VFW POST 5255
368 GRAYSON HWY
LAWRENCEVILLE GA 30046

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AS WE PROUDLY OBSERVE OUR ANNUAL**

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Honor*



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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 Creek, Fort Morris, SAR State or National Conference or BOM Meetings. To be eligible for the SAR Bronze 250th Medal – you only need to earn 25 points (Basically 9 events $3 \times 9 = 27$). To be eligible for the SAR Silver 250th Medal – you need to earn and additional 60 points (Basically 20 more events $3 \times 20 = 60$). To be eligible for the SAR Gold 250th Medal – you need to earn and additional 150 points (Basically 20 more events $3 \times 50 = 150$). A few exceptions to the 3 point rule – if you are Chair or Co-Chair of an event you would earn an additional 20 points for that event involving the Color Guard. If you are part of the Planning Committee (Non Leadership) for an event you would earn an additional 10 points for that event involving the Color Guard. Example: Co-Chair of Philadelphia Winn DAR Wreaths Across America 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 $\times 10 = 30$ points plus 3 points per day for participating = 9 points extra). It pays to be part of the planning!

The link to the SAR 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:**

- 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.



CHESTATEE RIVER CHAPTER, NSDAR

Invites you to

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE DEDICATION OF OUR
CHAPTER'S AMERICA 250!
COMMEMORATIVE MARKER AT
THE CUMMING CITY CENTER
VETERANS MEMORIAL**

Monday, June 9, 2025

11:00 A.M.

**LOU SOBH AMPHITHEATER
450 VISION DRIVE CUMMING, GA**

All are invited to attend a reception that will follow at The Well Restaurant located on the lower level of City Center.

The Well has also created a special America 250! -themed lunch menu. If you plan to stay for lunch, please RSVP with the number in your party for a reserved table and indicate either an indoor or patio preference.

Please RSVP by May 16 to: perrietuck@mac.com
678-642-3369

Sponsors: Chestatee River DAR, Lou Sobh, The Well

Musical performances by local students

