

# The Button Gwinnett Dispatch August 2025

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



# President's Message for August 2025:

August was hot! But, with plenty of water, sunscreen, wide-brimmed hats, the occasional shade or breeze and A/C in the car on the way home, we made it through! We had many incredible events, as you will see below, that we just simply were not going to miss.

The events I look forward to the most are Patriot Grave Markings. I attend and participate in as many as possible each year. Every SAR member has at least one American Revolutionary War Patriot, who is a "family" member. When we place SAR Markers on a Patriot's grave, it is always an honor to remember and to thank our "family" for giving us the country we have today. As a member of the GASSAR Color Guard, there is always a special feeling of both pride and humility when we present the Colors, fire a musket salute, perform Mourn Muskets, or play Taps at a Patriot Grave Marking. You can almost feel that Patriot, that "family" member standing next to you.

We had chapter members spread out across three states in August to participate in the events listed below: Aug 2 Patriot Grave Marking for Stephen Day, The Market at Columbia County Government Complex, Evans, GA

Aug 2 Battle of Hanging Rock Commemoration, Heath Springs, SC

Aug 9 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Breyden Trent Wilson, Monroe Church of Christ, Monroe, GA

Aug 16 Battle of Camden Commemoration, Camden, SC

Aug 16 Battle of Blue Licks Commemoration and 3 Patriot Grave Markings for John Wilson, Archbald Woods & Markings Matthew Wylie, Blue Licks Battlefield, Carlisle, KY

Aug 17 5 Patriot Grave Markings for Col. Abraham Bowman, LTC John Buck, Joseph Craig, Sr., Elisha Warfield and Elizabeth Warfield Clay Watkins, The Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY

Aug 21-23 GSSDAR Fall Forum, Atlanta Airport Marriott, Atlanta, GA

Aug 30 Patriotic Program, Historic Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville, SC

Aug 30 Battle of Eutaw Springs Wreath laying Ceremony, Battle Monument Park, Eutaw Springs, SC

Aug 30 Honor Wreath ceremony, General Francis Marion's Tomb, Pineville, SC

Have you thought about joining the Color Guard? No better time than now! There will be dozens of events in the coming months in which you can participate, as we count down to the 250th Birthday of the United States of America.

Please review the September Program and the "Upcoming Events" included in this newsletter for upcoming event places, dates, and times. If you can, come join us as we honor, thank and remember our Patriots. We would love to see you there.

Note September Button Gwinnett Meeting is on Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>!

# Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Meeting August 14, 2025

# Meeting Highlights:

Our August 14, 2025 Chapter Meeting was held at the Frontera Mex-Mex Grill in Lawrenceville, GA., we had 21 members and 12 guests in attendance.

We had DAR members from Three chapters in attendance: **Philadelphia Winn** – Honorary Regent Lynn Baxter Jacques, members Mary Martin, Maryland McCarty and Paulette Vallotton; **Chestatee River** - Kris White; **Suwanee Creek** - Donna Bowlick. **William Day** – Honorary Regent Debbie Kyle

President Ray Kyle presented Sargeant at Arms with the Battle of Alligator Bridge, Callahan, FL streamer received from Ralph Galpin who attended the event on June 28, 2025.





President Ray Kyle presented Mary Lieb Martin with her SAR 250 Gold Medal and Certificate. (Mary is the wife of Button Gwinnett 1st VP Jack Martin)



The Evening program was "10 New Things You Didn't Know About George Washington" by Compatriot Terry Manning.





Above right - President Ray Kyle presented Terry Manning with a Button Gwinnett SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his Presentation.

# Biography of Terry Manning

Terry is an Ohio State University graduate, Navy veteran, and retired Auditor-in-Charge for the Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of Inspector General.

He is a Past President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR (2003-2005), the Georgia Society SAR (2009), and Atlanta Chapter SAR (2012-2016).

His current passions are garden railroading and operating a booth at Five Forks Antiques in Lilburn. He is serving his fourth year as President of the Georgia Garden Railway Society.















Paulette Vallotton gave an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual American Legion Veterans Raffle being held by American Legion Post 232 in Snellville. See details below.



# 1ST ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION /ETERANS RAFFLE



**DRAWING:** 

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 12:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 232
3163 MAIN STREET WEST
SNELLVILLE GA 30078
45 CHANGES TO WINE

A DRIZE DRAWN
3 MINUTES

- \$20 PER TICKET
  - 1. WINCHESTER SXP WATERFOWL 12 GA
  - 2. STOEGER STR9-F 9MM PISTOL
  - 3. RUGER 10/22 MOE 22LR
  - 4. SAVAGE AXIS XP RIFLE .308
  - 5. STOEGER P3500 SHOTGUN CAMO 12 GA
  - 6. RUGER MAX 9 PISTOL 9MM
  - 7. WINCHESTER WILDCAT SPORTER RIFLE 22 LR
  - 8. RUGER AMERICAN GEN II PREDATOR .308
  - 9. WINCHESTER SXP 12 GA
- ☆10. \$1,000 CASH
  - 11. RUGER SECURITY 380 PISTOL .308 ACP
  - 12. HENRY LEVER ACTION RIFLE 22LR
  - 13. STEVENS #334 .308
  - 14. STOEGER CONDOR OVER/UNDER 12GA/410
  - 15. SMITH & WESSON M+P PISTOL 9MM
  - 16. SAVAGE B22 RIFLE 22LR
  - 17. RUGER AMERICAN GEN II RANCH 6.5CM
  - 18. STOEGER P3500 SHOTGUN CAMO 12 GA
  - 19. SIG SAUER P322 PISTOL 22LR
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  - 22. SAVAGE AXIS XP RIFLE .30-06
  - 23. WINCHESTER SXP HYBRID HUNTER 12 GA

- 24. GLOCK G43X PISTOL 9MM
- 25. ROSSI RIO BRAVO RIFLE 22L
- 26. SAVAGE 110 TRAIL HUNTER RIFLE .308
- 27. WINCHESTER SXP HYBRID HUNTER 20 GA
- 28. SIG SAUER P365 PISTOL .380 ACP
- 29. SAVAGE MARK LL 22 LR
- **☆30. \$1,000 CASH** 
  - 31. HENRY .44 MAGNUM RIFLE
  - 32. MOSSBERG RETRO FIELD 12 GA
  - 33. KIMBER MICRO 9 PISTOL 9MM
  - 34. BROWNING AB3 HUNTER RIFLE .30-06
  - 35. TAURUS G2S PISTOL 9MM
  - 36. CZ P10S 9MM
  - 37. STOEGER M3000 12 GA
  - 38. STOEGER STR9-C 9MM
  - 39. BERETTA AXP A1 9MM
- **★40. \$1,000 CASH** 
  - 41. MOSSBERG 500 12 GA
  - 42. CANIK METE SFT 9MM
  - 43. MOSSBERG SILVER RESERVE 12 GA
  - **44. TAURUS JUDGE 45/410**
- **☆45. GRAND PRIZE \$5,000 CASH**

MUST TAKE AWARD - NO GIFT CERTIFICATE

ALL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS WILL BE ADHERED TO. MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO PURCHASE A TICKET. MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD TO BE ADMITTED TO DRAWING. TICKET SALES CUTOFF 11:00AM EST ON 11/08/2025. IF ITEM IS SUBSTITUTED THE VALUE WILL BE EQUAL OR GREATER. YOU MUST PRESENT TICKET TO ENTER DRAWING. ALL TAXES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNER.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALL CASH PRIZES, THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE FOR THE VALUE OF THE PRIZE WON. CERTIFICATE MUST BE REDEEMED AT THE BASS PRO SHOP IN LAWRENCEVILLE, GA (5900 SUGARLOAF PARKWAY, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043). CERTIFICATE MAY BE EXCHANGED FOR A BASS PRO SHOP GIFT CARD IN THE VALUE OF THE PRIZE WON. THE GIFT CARD CAN BE REDEEMED AT ANY BASS PRO SHOP OR <a href="https://www.basspro.com">www.basspro.com</a>. ALL PRIZES MUST BE CLAIMED BY MARCH 31, 2026. ANY PRIZES NOT CLAIMED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD WILL BE FORFEITED AND CONSIDERED A DONATION TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 232 GENERAL FUND.

# Pledge of Allegiance

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

# SAR Pledge

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

# **SAR Recessional**

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

President -Ray Kyle Jack Martin First Vice President -Second Vice President -Marty Bush Immediate Past President -Tom Jacques Rav Kyle Secretary (Acting) -Don McCarty Treasurer -Registrar -Harold Ford Chaplain -Harry Kitchings Genealogist -David Sikes Don Schmidt Sergeant at Arms -Historian -**Eldon Evans** 

# BUTTON GWINNETT CHAPTER

Georgia Society

# Sons of the American Revolution

"Ten New Things You Didn't Know About George Washington" by Terry Manning



August 14, 2025

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Frontera Mex-Mex Grill
1430 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW. Lawrenceville. GA 30044

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM	Ray Kyle	4	
INVOCATION	Harry Kitchings	40	ANNOUNCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Jack Martin	Aug 16	Battle of Blue I
SAR PLEDGE	Tom Jacques		Carlisle, KY [N
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Ray Kyle	Aug 16	Battle of Camd
			[SC] @10am
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Ray Kyle	Aug 17	5 PGMs, The L
New Member Induction:		-	[KY] @ 10am
None		Aug 20-23	GSSDAR Fall I
			(Present Colors
Supplementals:		Aug 23	New Bern Reso
None		Aug 30	Battle of Eutaw
		-	@10am
Medals & Certificates:		Sep 6	PGM for John
None		•	GA [State] @10
		Sep 13	Vigil at Tomb
Streamers:		_	[National] @8a
Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge, Callahan, FL		Sep 20	The Gathering
nn o on the number of the second			[National] @10
PROGRAM INTRODUCTION	Jack Martin	Sep 27	5 PGMs for He
			Isaac Cliatt, Mo
"10 New Things You Didn't Know			Paul's Church,
About George Washington"		Oct 2-4	NSSAR Fall Le
by Terry Mai	nning	Oct 4-5	Elisha Winn Fa
	8	Oct 7	Battle of Kings
Business Section:			@9am
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	Ray Kyle	Oct 9	Siege of Savanı
TREASURER'S REPORT	Don McCarty	Oct 12	3 PGMs for He
REGISTRAR'S REPORT	Harold Ford		Simon Smith, T
COMMITTEE REPORTS	Committee Chairs		GA [GA] @1pi
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Ray Kyle		
NEW BUSINESS	Ray Kyle	<u> 2025 Prog</u>	rams & Speak
SAR RECESSIONAL	Marty Bush	Sep 10	Shep Hammack
BENEDICTION	Harry Kitchings		American Revo
ADJOURNMENT	Ray Kyle	Oct 9	Becky West: "T
		Nov 13	Jim Reason: "T

	ANNOUNCEMENTS
Aug 16	Battle of Blue Licks, & 4 PGMs, Blue Licks Battlefield,
J	Carlisle, KY [National] @10am
Aug 16	Battle of Camden, Camden Battlefield, Camden, SC
	[SC] @10am
Aug 17	5 PGMs, The Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY
_	[KY] @ 10am
Aug 20-23	GSSDAR Fall Forum – Atlanta Airport Marriott
	(Present Colors on Aug 22nd) [GA]
Aug 23	New Bern Resolves, New Bern, NC [NC] @9am
Aug 30	Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutaw Springs, SC [National]
	@10am
Sep 6	PGM for John O'Quin, Cemetery No. 33, Fort Benning,
	GA [State] @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
Oct 2-4	NSSAR Fall Leadership, Lexington, KY [National]
Oct 4-5	Elisha Winn Fair, Dacula, GA [Chapter] (Details TBA)
Oct 7	Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC [National]
	@9am
Oct 9	Siege of Savannah, Savannah, GA [GA] (Details TBA)
Oct 12	3 PGMs for Henry Holland, Solomon Yeomans and
	Simon Smith, Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Claxton,
	GA [GA] @1pm
2025 D	0.6
	rams & Speakers Schedule:
Sep 10	Shep Hammack: "Hyam Salomon, Financier of the
0 . 0	American Revolution"
Oct 9	Becky West: "The Real Story of Paul Revere"
Nov 13	Jim Reason: "The War in Georgia"
Dec 11	GASSAR Pres. Bill Floyd: Installation of 2026 Chapter Officers
	Officers

# Registrar Status Report (As of August 29, 2025, we have 109 chapter members) Registrar Report

### Inducted on August 9, 2025:

 Zachery Keith Richardson – referral from DAR Fall Forum Linda Richardson Sep 14, 2024 (Sergeant Newton DAR) rcd Dec 6, 2024 Approved Mar 28, 2025

# New applications at National:

- Daniel Jerome McCarty (Don McCarty's brother) Arrived April 30, 2025
- Cody Mack Jackson (Tori Vogt Clark William Day DAR) Arrived May 5, 2025
- Kayden Victor Barragan (Tori Vogt Clark William Day DAR) Arrived July 3, 2025
- Jan Jeffrey Williams Arrived July 3, 2025
- Keith William Pangle (Carol Pangle Philadelphia Winn DAR) Arrived July 9, 2025
- Gordon Benson referral from Sheila Crumrine Regent Suwanee Fest Sep 21, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR) Button Gwinnett - Bill Wood's cousin Arrived July 9, 2025

# Approved Supplementals:

- David Sikes 3 @ National Patriots Thomas Blitch, Robert Marlow & Henry Holland 7/25 & 8/22
- Raymond Anderson 1 @ National Patriot Absalom Hooper Approved August 22, 2025

# Supplementals at National:

- 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 (Maria Maltbie Karg, Philadelphia Winn DAR Registrar) Out for Signature (4/22/2025)

### **New Member Applications in Process:**

- Brandon Hembree referral from Amy Koon May 3, 2024 (Suwanee Creek DAR)
- 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)
- Pete Johnson
- Mark Anthony Minor and sons William Caldwell Minor and Luke William Minor (Randi Davis Minor
   Philadelphia Winn Regent)
- Liam Drum Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Member

### Supplementals at State:

• None

# 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 (as of August 28, 2025 Amricanism 11,060; PG Streamer 5,446)
- Veterans Jack Martin (Team Don McCarty) (As of August 28, 2025 10,903)
- C.A.R. Liaison Randy Tindall
- DAR Liaison Tom Jacques (Also Georgia State SAR DAR Liaison)
- Traveling Trunk Tom Jacques (Team Ray Kyle, Jack Martin, Marty Bush, Bruce Maney)
- Grave Marking Bruce Maney (Team Eldon Evans & Don McCarty)
- Eagle Scout David Patrick
- JROTC Marty Bush
- Color Guard Tom Jacques
- Publicity Open
- Newsletter Tom Jacques
- Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Anniversary Meeting April 5, 2025 Tom Jacques (Complete)
- Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Anniversary Meeting April 4, 2026 TBD
- Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Nominating Committee Tom Jacques

# Upcoming Meeting dates and presentations:

# 2025

<b>Sep</b> 10	Sarita Dyer: "Georgia Military Hall of Fame"
Oct 9	Shep Hammock: "Hyam Salomon, Financier of the American Revolution"
Nov 13	Jim Reason: "The War in Georgia"
Dec 11	Installation of 2026 Chapter Officers

# **Upcoming Events**

### 2025 Events

Patriot Grave Marking - Fort Benning, GA - 10:00 AM Patriot John O'Quin
9/11 Ceremonies - TBD
Siege of Augusta - (Color Guard)
Vigil at Tomb of George Washington, Mt. Vernon, VA [National] @8am
Constitution Day - events to be determined
The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, TN [National] @10am
5 PGMs for Hezekiah Bussey, Zachariah Spiers/Spires, Isaac Cliatt, Moses Jones &
William Norman, St. Paul's Church, Lincolnton, GA [GA] @1pm (Color Guard)
National Society SAR - Fall Leadership The Galt House - Louisville, KY
Elisha Winn House Fair Traveling Trunk & Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. Meeting
Elisha Winn House Fair Traveling Trunk
Kings Mountain (Color Guard)
3 PGMs - Patriots Henry Holland, Solomon Yeomans and Simon Smith, Trinity
Church of the Nazarene, Claxton, GA [GA] (Details TBA) (Color Guard)
Presentation of Colors - Sunbelt Ag Expo - Moultrie, GA - 11:00am Color Guard
Liberty Tree Dedication - The Carter Center - 2:30 PM
Liberty Tree Dedication Ceremony - Monroe, Ga - 6:00 PM

Oct 17	25th Anniversary of the Captain John Collins Chapter 6:00 PM
Oct 18	Fort Daniel Frontier Fair
Oct 19	National (VA) - Yorktown Days
Oct 25	GASSAR BOM Fall Meeting, Barnesville, 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 8	4 Patriot Grave Marker Dedication - Elberton, GA - 10:00 AM
	Patriots - John Johnston, Thomas Carter, Moses Hunt, John Cunningham
Nov 11	Veterans Day Ceremonies - TBD
Nov 19-21	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Siege of Ninety-Six, SC
Nov 22	Fort Morris "Come and Take It", Midway, GA [National] (Details TBA) CG
Dec 8	Wreaths Across America at the State Capitol - (Color Guard)
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)
2026 Events	
Feb 6-7	Georgia Society Annual Meeting – Hilton Atlanta Northeast – Color Guard 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA 300092
Feb 13	Heroes of Hornets' Nest - Elisha Clark State Park Color Guard
Feb 13	Kettle Creek Battlefield Dinner Color Guard
Feb 14	Battle of Kettle Creek - Washington, Georgia Color Guard
Feb 27-28	Georgia C.A.R. State Conference Great Wolf Lodge, Lagrange, Georgia
Mar 5-7	National Society SAR - Spring Leadership - The Galt Hotel - Louisville, KY
<b>M</b> ar 19 <b>-</b> 22	Georgia DAR State Conference Stone Mountain, Georgia Color Guard
Completed 2	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

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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
	National Society SAR - Spring Leadership - Louisville, KY
<b>M</b> ar 7-9	Georgia C.A.R. State Conference - Roswell, GA at Double Tree Hotel
Mar 8	Commemoration of the Battle of Brier Creek
<b>M</b> ar 15	National (NC) - Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse
Mar 20-22	127th Georgia Society DAR State Conference, Augusta Marriott (Augusta, GA).
M 01.90	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, Mauk, National Infantry Museum (Saturday)
	Mar 30 - Fort Moore, Fort Mitchell (Sunday)
Apr 12	National (NC) – 249th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves
Apr 19	National (MA) –250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington
Apr 19	National (GA) - Frederica Naval Action
Apr 26	Georgia Society SAR BOM Barnesville, GA
Apr 27	Midway - 5 patriot grave marking + Church Service 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)
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	250 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)
Jui 20	Original Dom Juminer Meeting, Darnesvine, GA [GA] @10din (Color Guldu)

Aug 2 PGM for Stephen Day, Stephen Day Family Cemetery, Grovetown, GA @10am

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

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

Friday Aug 22 - Color Guard Presenting Colors

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

# Compatriot Henderson - Sugar Hill Museum Exhibit - Nov 1, 2025

Hello Gentlemen,

This is Anita Henderson, wife of Michael Henderson, past president of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, SAR.

I am writing to advise you of a wonderful development in Michael's SAR journey. The City of Sugar Hill has decided to create a temporary exhibit at the Sugar Hill Museum focused on Michael's research results, SAR journey, and accomplishments.

The exhibit grand opening will take place Saturday, November 1st, following the patriot grave marking ceremony in downtown Sugar Hill, just steps away from the cemetery.

As part of the City of Sugar Hill's America 250 commemorative activities, the exhibit titled "First in Our State: A Revolutionary Achievement" will explore Michael's journey to become the first African American member of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and president of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. The exhibit will also trace Michael's impact locally, nationally, and internationally as a genealogy researcher, speaker, and author.

All attendees of the grave marking ceremony are invited to attend the grand opening of the exhibit immediately following the ceremony.

Press releases will be sent to the media statewide, and special guests will be invited. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the SAR to support your compatriot and to be available for possible media opportunities.

Please let me know if you can include the following notice in all upcoming announcements for the grave marking ceremony:

All attendees are invited to attend the Grand Opening of the museum exhibit, "First in Our State: A Revolutionary Achievement," focused on Compatriot Michael N. Henderson at the Sugar Hill Museum immediately following the grave marking ceremony. This exhibit is part of the City of Sugar Hill's America250 commemoration activities. The City of Sugar Hill invites you to enjoy refreshments, explore the exhibit, and meet Compatriot Henderson.

# Aug 2 PGM for Stephen Day, Stephen Day Family Cemetery, Grovetown, GA @10am

Photos from the Grave Marker Dedication Commemorating the Revolutionary War Service of Patriot Stephen Day Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025 in Evans Ga. We had five members participate in the Color Guard Commanded by K. Scott Collins – President Ray Kyle, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jack Martin, Treasurer Don McCarty, Past President Gordon Woodard and Compatriot Ralph Galpin.







From today's Patriot Grave Marking in Columbia County Ga.











On Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the invitation of Linda Richardson, President Ray Kyle attended the Sergeant Newton DAR Chapter Summer social meeting, at Shiloh Methodist Church, Covington, GA. At the meeting, President Kyle inducted Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter's new member, Zachary Richardson. Following Zach's induction, President Kyle gave a presentation on what a "Minutemen" would most likely carry on his person when he was called to duty. Great group of ladies!









# Aug 16 - Commemorating the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, the Camden community gathered to honor history and remembrance through two meaningful events: the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden and a Wreath Laying Ceremony for the Unknown Soldiers at Quaker Cemetery, known as the Camden-12.

The events were jointly sponsored by the Hobkirk Hill Chapter NSDAR, Joseph Kershaw Chapter NSDAR, the Historic Camden Foundation, and the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSAR, reflecting the shared commitment of these organizations to preserve and honor the legacy of our nation's past.

Each ceremony was well attended, with over 70 participants present and 28 wreath presenters representing patriotic, civic, and heritage organizations. Their presence underscored the deep respect held for those who gave their lives in the cause of American independence. Following the observances, Historic Camden graciously hosted a reception at the McCaa's Tavern, where guests enjoyed heavy appetizers prepared by Chef Justin Cherry. The fellowship provided an opportunity for attendees to reflect on the day's significance and connect with others dedicated to remembering the sacrifices that shaped our freedom.

Together, these commemorations not only honored the fallen but also reminded us of the enduring importance of preserving and telling the stories of America's earliest struggles for liberty. Special thanks to:

Carey Briggs, Executive Director, Historic Camden Foundation

Stacey Ferguson, Lt Col, US Air Force (Ret), Deputy Director, Historic Camden Foundation

Carolyn Nations, State 250th Committee Chair, NSDAR

Clyde Howell, Major, SF US Army Reserve (ret), Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSSAR

Nancy Neal, Regent, Hobkirk Hill Chapter, NSDAR

Jen Howell, Regent, Joseph Kershaw Chapter, NSDAR

John Goodwin, President, Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSSAR

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Julian Burns

Evan Hicks & Stacey Ferguson, Historic Camden Foundation (Cannon Salutes)

Honor Guard, Col Joseph Kershaw Chapter SCSSAR

SCSSAR Color Guard

Written by John Goodwin, president of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter, SCSSAR for their state newsletter, the Palmetto Patriot. Photo Credits to John Goodwin, Nancy Neal, Jen Howell, Clyde Howell and Ted Walker.

John Goodwin is a Past Button Gwinnett Chapter President and still a current Chapter Member. #SC250 #America250 #battleofcamden

# BATTLE OF CAMDEN

245<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES

Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>



10 AM - COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE & WREATH LAYING Camden Battlefield Pavilion, 1606 Flat Rock Road

11:30 AM - WREATH LAYING - HONORING THE CAMDEN 12 Old Presbyterian Burying Ground, 713 Meeting Street

12-1 PM - DROP-IN RECEPTION WITH CHEF JUSTIN CHERRY McCaa's Tavern at Historic Camden, 222 Broad Street

RSVP - JohnCGoodwiniii@gmail.com















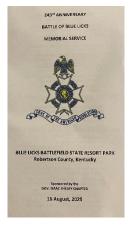


# Aug 16 Battle of Blue Licks, Carlysle, KY [National] @10am

Saturday Aug 16, 2025 - Blue Licks Memorial Service, Lunch, KY SAR State Meeting Sunday Aug 17, 2025 - Five Patriot Grave Marking Service in Lexington Kentucky.

On August 16, 2025, Gordon Woodard, Ralph Galpin, Ray Kyle, and dual member Mike Watkins attended the Battle of Blue Licks Commemoration, in Carlisle, KY. Ralph got away from us before we took photos. David Louden from Lyman Hall also attended, which rounded out the five total members from Georgia.









The following day, August 17, 2025, Gordon Woodard, Ralph Galpin, Ray Kyle, and dual member Mike Watkins, attended five Patriot Grave Markings at The Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY.







Aug 16 - Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia - General Nathanael Greene Chapter Six members of the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR were inducted into the General Nathanael Greene Chapter Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia.

They were Randy and Noah Tindall (Descendants of Patriot John Tindall), Frank and Chris Bradfield (Descendants of Patriot Jonathan Cone), John "Jack" Martin (Descendant of Patriot Martin Martin) and William Gray Jacques (Descendant of Minuteman Amaziah Hildreth). Additional SAR Members inducted were Adam Pethel of the Lyman Hall Chapter (Descendant of Patriot William Tate Sr.) and Ron Redner of the Piedmont Chapter (Descendant of Patriot John Ramsdell).



Pictured Back L-R GSSR VP Frank Hardeman, Mary Martin (For Jack Martin), GASR VP Sammy Strode, Randy & Noah Tindall, Ron Redner, Adam Pethel, Tom Jacques (For grandson Gray). Front L-R Frank & Chris Fradfield. *SR Lapel pins were presented by President Jacques*.















This was the GNGC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon and Celebration of General Nathanael Greene's 283<sup>rd</sup> Birthday August 7, 1742. The Luncheon was held at the Petite Violette.

Additional Button Gwinnett Chapter Members who are part of the GNGC include Tom Jacques (President GNGC), Harold Ford (Secretary GNGC), Don McCarty (Color Guard Captain GNGC), and Walker Chewning. Button Gwinnett Chapter Prospective GNGC members include Ray Kyle, Marty Bush and Fred Meyer

Dignitaries who brought Greetings - GNGC President Tom Jacques, General Society Sons of the Revolution VP Frank Hardeman, Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia VP Sammy Strode, Georgia SAR State President William Floyd (Prospective GNGC member), Georgia DAR State Regent Helen Robertson Powell, Georgia DAR State First Vice Regent Amy Pittman Lawson, Georgia C.A.R. Senior State President Randy Tindall, and Georgia C.A.R. State President Noah Tinadll. To my knowledge this is the first time we have ever had a Georgia DAR State Regent or Georgia C.A.R. President at a Georgia Sons of the Revolution Meeting.















In addition to bringing greetings Georgia C.A.R. President Noah Tindall gave a presentation on the National C.A.R. Program and his Georgia Program "Huzzah to our Patriots" assisted by C.A.R. members Effie Pike and Haley Hart (Georgia C.A.R. Liaison to DAR/SAR/SR)





Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. President and Senior President Eden Pethel and Brandy Pethel presented a program on the American Revolution Traveling Trunk. They are the daughter and wife of newly inducted GNGC member Adam Pethel (Lyman Hall SAR Chapter) who took most of these photos along with Eden. Eden is also the winner of the Georgia 250th Anniversary License Plate competition – which she shows in the right photo.



GNGC President and Immediate Past Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter President Tom Jacques presented each of the C.A.R. members in attendance with a Boston Tea Party lapel pin for attending the meeting. *Tom is a descendant of Boston Tea Party member Captain Joseph Read.* 





The GNGC presented GASDAR State Regent with a \$250 check for support of Meadow Garden.





A few additional notable guests in attendance were Roger Coursey Past Georgia SAR State President and Past Georgia SR State President (with his wife Debbie) pictured left with Frank Hardeman, Amy Pittman Lawson Georgia DAR First Vice Regent pictured center with Helen Powell and Tom Jacques, Randy and Noah Tindall – the first ever Georgia C.A.R. father and Son Presidents (Far Right).







**Below Left** -Lynn Baxter Jacques - President Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary and Georgia Mayflower Governor, **Below Center** - Tom and Lynn Jacques with Julie and Frank Hardeman, Below Right - John and Peggy Galt with Carey and Bill Floyd







Group photo includes Gary and Angie Page, Ron Redner, Al Adams, Marty Bush, Dan and Benda King, Harold Ford near Debbie Bush



# Aug 21-23 GSSDAR Fall Forum Atlanta Airport Marriott -

SAR Recruiting Table - Thursday August 22 thru Saturday August 23

Thursday Morning Sid Hughes, Thomas Coleman, Adam Pethel and Tom Jacques set up the Georgia SAR and SR Recruiting tables that included a few items from the Button Gwinnett Chapter American Revolution Traveling Trunk, Medals presented by the SAR to DAR and Medals Presented by DAR to SAR and SR, along with information on the SAR Ladies Auxiliary, the New Georgia 250 License Plate and a copy of President Jimmy Carter's SAR Life Membership Certificate.













Sid Hughes, Adam Pethel Thomas Coleman, and Tom Jacques participated in an American Revolution Fashion Show at the noon luncheon where Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. President and Senior President Eden and Brandy Pethel were the Masters of ceremony.



Pictured L-R Tom Jacques, Adam Pethel, Leslie Watkins, Judith Taylor, Lida Waugh, Eden and Brandy Pethel, Nancy and Thomas Coleman and Sid Hughes

# Friday Aug 22 - Tom Jacques was the Color Guard Commander joined by Thirteen SAR Compatriots in the largest Presentation of Colors ever at a Georgia DAR Fall Forum or State Conference.

Tom Jacques received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Georgia Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented by Constitution Week Chair Malisa Tanner.











Greetings were brought by Georgia SAR State President William Floyd, by Georgia Sons of the Revolution State President Charles Williams and by Georgia C.A.R. State President and Senior State President Noah and Randy Tindall.









# Gouverneur Morris was our speaker for the banquet.

He was an American statesman, a Founding Father of the United States, and a signatory to the Articles of Confederation and the United States Constitution. He wrote the Preamble to the United States Constitution and has been called the "Penman of the Constitution". He was also one of the most outspoken opponents of slavery among those who were present at the Constitutional Congress. He represented New York in the United States Senate from 1800 to 1803.

Full Color Guard L-R - Commander Tom Jacques (BG), Steve Weaver (BR), Sid Hughes (LH), Page Alanna Fopiano Drummond, Noah Tindall (BG), Adam Pethel (LH), Thomas Coleman (TT), Ed Anderson (Atl), Don Loudermilk (LH), Robert Moore (CF), Marty Bush (BG), Mike Watkins (LH), Chuck Garnett (OCM), Martin Schwerzler (WF), John May (BR) Pictures from Malone Moore BG=Button Gwinnett, BR=Blue Ridge, LH=Lyman Hall.







Pictured Below L-R Steve Weaver, Tom Jacques, Sid Hughes, Thomas Coleman, Taylor Newton, GASDAR Regent Helen Robertson Powell, Ed Anderson, Don Loudermilk, Mike Watkins











A Huge Thank You to Melissa Tanner pictured with Tom Jacques Top Right - for coordinating the Georgia SAR Color Guard participation in the Georgia DAR Fall Forum









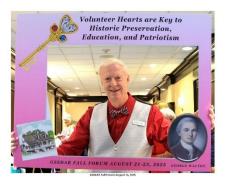








A Big Thank you to Compatriot Dwight Dover for all the photos with captions included in this newsletter. DAR Color Guard Page was Alanna Fopiano Drummond (pictured bottom right)









# Aug 30 - The 244th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Eutaw Springs! This event was attended by Button Gwinnett SAR Chapter Past Presidents Gordon Woodard and John Goodwin - Color Guard Commander was Scott Collins

The 244th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Eutaw Springs! The Battle that ended British aspirations in the south. There was an SAR Wreath Ceremony and a musket and cannon salute, followed by the Dedication of a new SC Historical Marker. The American Battlefield Trust and South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust have done a great job cleaning up the battlefield and restoring and posting new signage.

















**Aug 9 - The Elisha Winn Society** was honored with a certificate from the president of Gwinnett Flag Day, Mike Sabbagh, for the outstanding patriotic presentation of the flags of the United States of America. He was grateful for the leadership displayed in the members and was excited to see another program next year. (See Button Gwinnett Dispatch June 2025 Newsletter)





# Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina Joint Fall Meeting

at the

# Sieges of Augusta Commemoration







# 2025 Sieges of August Joint Fall Meeting

Join us at the 2025 Alabama, Georgia, & South Carolina State(s) Joint Fall Meeting!

- DATE: Saturday, September 13th
- LOCATION: Salvation Army Kroc Center Auditorium 1833 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30904
- Time: 10am 12pm

We hope you are ready to learn, serve a little, make new friends, and have lots of FUN!

We hope to see YOU at this and many other Alabama, Georgia, &South Carolina State events throughout this year! This is a great year to *GROW our Societies* as we focus on **Revolutionary Valor!** 

Lydia Lanford, 2025-2026 Alabama State President

Noah Tindall, 2025-2025 Georgia State President

John Verenes, 2025-2026 South Carolina State President

# 2025

# Calendar of Events

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

# July

· 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

- 7 Get the Scoop on DAR (& C.A.R.) Ice Cream Social w/ PW DAR
- · 13 Siege of Augusta: Kroc Center, Augusta, GA
- 14 Virtual Elisha Winn Society Meeting, Google Meet

# 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, L'ville, GA
- 9 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge, VA
- 13 Wreaths Across America: East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens, L'ville, GA

# 2026

### January

- 10 Virtual Elisha Winn Society Meeting, Google Meet
- 10 250th Anniversary of Thomas Paine publishing Common Sense

### **February**

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

### March

- 17 250th Anniversary of The British Evacuate Boston
- 19-22 GSSDAR State Conference: Stone Mountain, GA

# **April**

- 12 250th Anniversary of Halifax Resolves
- 17-19 National Convention: Washington, DC

# Please join us!

Button Gwinnett Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Presentation by Sarita Dyer
"Georgia Military Hall of Fame"
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







# WE made the Georgia DAR State Regent's Blog on Monday August 18, 2025





AMESSAGE FROM
State Regent
Helen Robertson Powell

August 18, 2025

Dear Georgia Daughters,

On Saturday, August 16th, your state regent joined members of the DAR, SAR, C.A.R., and SR to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the General Nathanael Greene Chapter, Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia and mark General Greene's birthday – August 7, 1742 at a luncheon at Petite Violette Restaurant in Atlanta.

Grateful appreciation is extended to Chapter President Tom Jacques for the opportunity to bring greetings from the Georgia State Society, NSDAR.

Noah Tindall, Georgia Children of the American Revolution President, introduced the National Project, "Revolutionary Valor", and spoke about his State Project, "Huzzah to our Patriots". Eden & Brandy Pethel, Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. President and Senior President, presented an American Revolution Traveling Trunk.

Eight new SR members received their certificates.

State First Vice Regent Amy Lawson, State Historian Nancy Coleman, and other Georgia Daughters attending enjoyed the delicious luncheon and fellowship, building relationships with other organizations that share our patriotic values.

A highlight of the event was receiving a very generous donation check for Meadow Garden From the General Nathanel Greene Chapter, SR.

If you have friends or family members interested in joining the SR, please visit the Georgia Website Https://sr-ga.org/ or stop by to chat with Tom Jacques in the Sales/Exhibit area at Fall Forum next week.

Please enjoy the photo collage at the bottom of this blog and more event photos of the luncheon by Adam Pethel at https:flic.kr/s/aHBqjCr3P2.

# Photos



Presentation of Colors - Sunbelt Ag Expo - Moultrie, GA Oct14 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Sunbelt AD Expo, 290-G Harper Boulevard, Moultrie, Georgia 31788-2157 Georgia Governor Brian Kemp is expected to be in attendance

# If you are planning to attend – We need to know of your participation AT LEAST TEN DAY in ADVANCE

Presenting the colors at the Sunbelt Ag Expo in October will certainly be a feather in our tricorns. The luncheon begins at noon so we need to be on site no later than 11:00.

Guardsmen need to allow extra time as traffic is usually congested at Spence Field, site of the Expo. Since most of the guardsmen live north of Columbus and Macon, they may want to come the night before. If so, they need to make arrangements as soon as possible as lodging is at a premium for miles around during Expo. There are only two hotels in Moultrie that I would recommend, Hampton and Holiday Inn Express. There are quite a few hotels in Tifton which is 30 miles north. They need to make a reservation as soon as possible.

Thomas Colemen needs to let Expo know how many passes we need 10 days in advance (which would be Oct. 4, 2025)

If the guardsmen have never attended Expo, they may want to spend the afternoon walking the grounds of North America's premiere farm show. The Expo includes a 100-acre exhibit area with both indoor and outdoor exhibits adjacent to a 530-acre working research farm. Exhibits also include lawn and garden, hunting, fishing and family living. The show is held at Spence Field, site of a World War II Army Airfield training facility. Some remnants of the airfield are still visible. I'm sure they would generate attention as they always do walking through Expo in their Continental attire.

Thomas Coleman Thigpen Trail SAR Chapter President is the coordinator and has invited anyone with a camper to park it at his farm which is about 17 miles from the event site.



# 46th Annual Elisha Winn Fair Saturday & Sunday, October 4 - 5, 2025 | Elisha Winn House









# Defending the Frontier

17th Annual Frontier Faire Saturday, October 18, 2025

Rain Date: Saturday October 25, 2025

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# Fort Daniel Historic Site

(2505 Braselton Highway/GA 124, Buford)

# **FREE Admission**

\*Historic Interpretations \*Fort Daniel Museum

**\*Frontier Demonstrations \*Public Archaeology** 

For information visit Fort Daniel Foundation's Web site: fortdaniel.com









