

# The Minuteman

***Coweta Falls Chapter  
Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution***

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Columbus, GA

Spring 2017

## President's Dispatch

Greetings, Compatriots:

Spring quarter has been a very busy time for Coweta Falls. The speakers we have had have been very interesting and informative. This is a great way to introduce new potential members to Coweta Falls by inviting them to our meetings.

Coweta Falls along with Parkhill Cemetery sponsored the 12th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration on May the 29th at Parkhill Cemetery. The staff there at Parkhill did a great job in hosting again this year and were very prepared for attendees.

The Eulogy given by Chaplain Major Mark T. Winton was very stirring and heartfelt and was enjoyed by all attending. We had great support from many of our Coweta Falls Compatriots along with Marilyn Wallace and Margaret Long from our local DAR Chapters. Wreath laying ceremony was also held with nine Patriotic groups attending. In addition to the Memorial Day event we also placed flags on many patriots graves this year as we have done in the past.

As you will see in reading through this newsletter we now have several new members with more in the wings waiting on their membership paperwork to arrive.

I remind everyone that we also have a new website [www.Cowetafallssar.org](http://www.Cowetafallssar.org) and also a Facebook page "Coweta Falls SAR" where you can send your friends to see more photos and activities of the Chapter.

Wishing everyone a Happy July 4th !

Dan



**Dan McMichael**

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**Our Chapter meets the 2nd Thursday of each month**

## **@ THE HILTON GARDEN INN**

1500 Bradley Lake Blvd, Columbus, Georgia in Brookstone Centre.

The \$15.00 buffet luncheon begins at 11:30AM and includes salad, vegetables, two meats, bread, dessert, tax and gratuity.

Our meeting begins at 12:15PM and features a Guest Speaker.

Visitors are welcome!

### **DATES FOR THE NEXT THREE MEETINGS ARE:**

**July 13, August 10, September 14**

### Compatriot Spotlight - Bob Galer

Robert (Bob) Galer will pass two milestones this year: he will mark 30 years of membership in SAR on May 7<sup>th</sup> and celebrate his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob's long life has been noteworthy for its service to country and to the SAR. Bob entered active duty in the US Army in 1940 and served during World War II and the Korean War; in the course of these conflicts he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He retired with the rank of LTC. Bob married Mary Jane Perkins in 1951; they had two daughters and one son and now have grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Bob got active in SAR soon after becoming a member in 1987. He became President of the Georgia Society in 1993 and one of the founders of the Georgia Society Color Guard with his distinctive "Over the Mountain" uniform. He went on to activity on the national level and was elected Vice President General for the South Atlantic District. He revitalized the Historic Sites and Commemorations Committee and assisted graves identification work. He crisscrossed the country attending national congresses and quarterly meetings in Louisville.

In the 1990s Bob spearheaded the drive to make the Battle of Kettle Creek site in Wilkes County, the premier Georgia Society commemoration event each February. He also pioneered the way for the Georgia Revolutionary War Trail Project with its excellent brochures as visitors' guides. Bob led the Coweta Falls Chapter in at total of 17 grave markings including African-American patriot Austin Dabney of Pike County and five Hammett family graves in Washington; there were 11 others marked in Muscogee and Harris counties. These markings were often in collaboration with other chapters and with the Georgia Society Color Guard.

The Revolutionary War Infantryman Monument at the National Infantry Museum near Fort Benning became Bob Galer's last major project. He was the heart and soul of the project from conception to completion in 2009. Along the way over \$20,000 was raised to design, construct and install the impressive Georgia granite monument. About 225 people attended the formal dedication on March 13, 2009.

Bob's record of service has earned him many awards from the National Society and the Georgia Society to include the Distinguished Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal, the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, the Veterans Service Award, the NSSAR Liberty Medal, the Georgia Society Patriot Medal and NSSAR's highest honor, the Minuteman Award.

Bob Galer's service is a model for all SAR Compatriots. Congratulations, Bob, on your 30 years' service in SAR and best wishes for your 99<sup>th</sup> birthday!



Meeting on April 13, 2017

Georgia State Senator Josh McKoon presented a legislative update. Senator McKoon spoke on his history with the Georgia Senate and the bills passed over last session in 2017. A question and answer session followed. The presentation was very informative and included a candid discussion. Business meeting was held prior to Senators program with updates from several members. The updates included a CAR Report, New Membership Applications Status, Announcement on upcoming Memorial Day Service at Park Hill on Memorial Day, July 4th Programs, Traveling Truck updates, Poster Contest 1st and 2nd place entries as well as the local newspaper recognition of the Eagle Scout resolution. Bernie Talley received his membership certificate.



Senator Josh McKoon



Dan McMichael and Bernie Talley



Senator Josh McKoon Receiving his Certificate of Appreciation for the Presentation

## Columbus City Council Resolution for Eagle Scout John Yanoschik

# A Resolution

Whereas, Kevin John Yanoschik is an honor student at Columbus High School;

Whereas, Kevin is an Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, with Troop 27 at Fort Benning; having earned in excess of 37 Merit Badges;

Whereas, he was sponsored by the Coweta Falls Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution to the Georgia State Society, SAR, for the "Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest", sponsored by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution;

Whereas, Kevin, in addition to his sponsorship to the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, received from the Coweta Falls Chapter a 'Good Citizenship Medal & Eagle Scout Certificate', plus a scholarship of \$150.00;

Whereas, Kevin was selected from 10 other Eagle Scouts in the State of Georgia as 'Eagle Scout of the Year, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, winning an 'Eagle Trophy' and a \$600.00 first prize;

Whereas, the Georgia State Society has forwarded his application as the State Society's winner to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution for consideration at its Congress this July 2017 to compete for a \$10,000 scholarship prize;

Whereas, Kevin has accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, being nominated by US Congressman Sanford Bishop; and

Whereas, Kevin has admirably demonstrated that he is a superb student leader, scholar, Eagle Scout, and young person worthy of peer recognition.

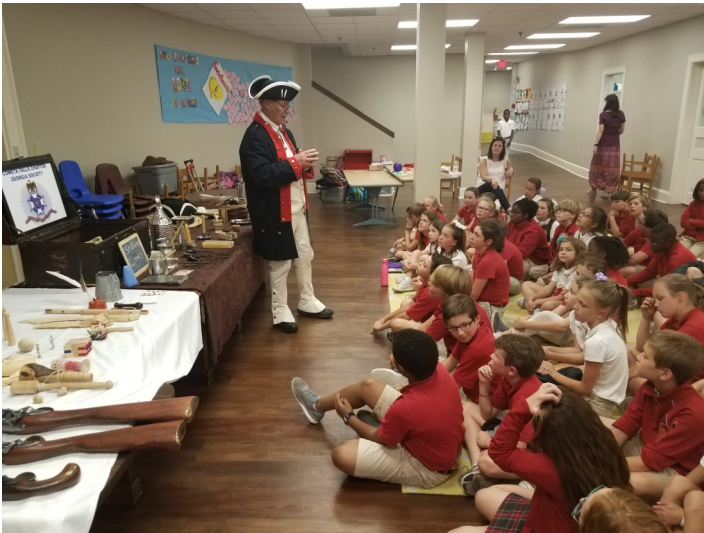
NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Kevin John Yanoschik upon his Selection by the Coweta Falls Chapter, and the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, as their '2016 Eagle Scout of the Year', and upon his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, and we wish him much continued success. Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mr. Kevin John Yanoschik.

Traveling Trunk at the National Infantry Museum



**Traveling Trunk at St. Luke School**



**Traveling Trunk at the NIM, Sanford Middle School, Lee County, AL**

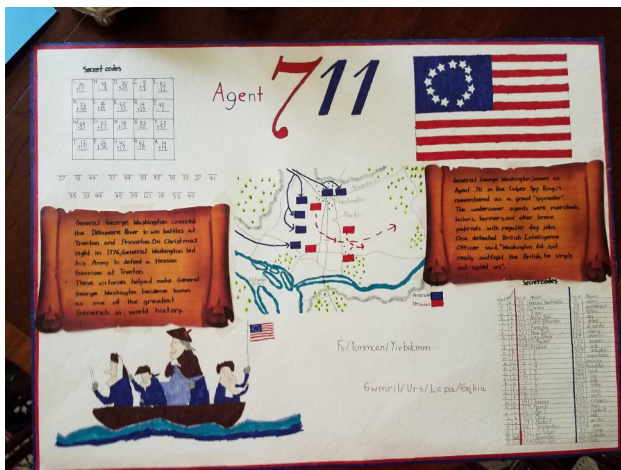


## Patriotic Poster Contest Winners

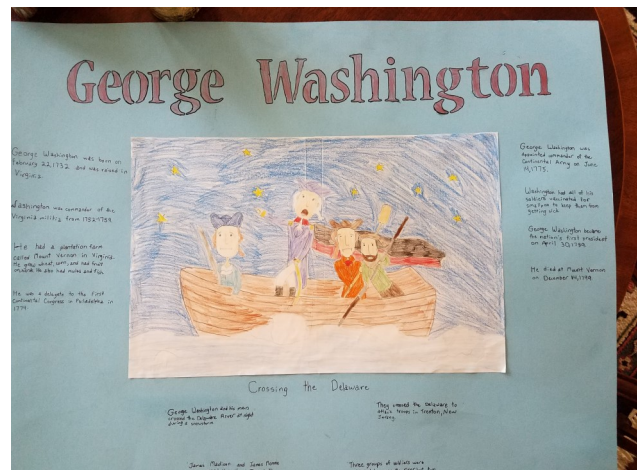
The Coweta Falls Chapter of the GA Society, Sons of the American Revolution sponsored a Poster Contest which was open to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. The theme for school year 2016 -17 was “George Washington” or “Patrick Henry”. One hundred and sixty-nine (169) posters were submitted from nine (9) elementary schools in the Muscogee County School District plus St. Luke School. Judging was based on criteria established by the National Americanism Committee.

The First Place winner was William Kiefer Wetherill, a student at Mathews Elementary in Mr. Steven Ring’s class. William’s poster was about “Agent 711” (George Washington). At the regular Chapter meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, William was presented a certificate and a check for \$100.00. As the Chapter winner, the poster was entered in the GA Society contest and William’s poster again won First Place. He was given another certificate and another \$100.00 check. His poster will now be entered in the National Americanism Poster Contest with judging later this summer.

The Second Place winner was Katie McDermott from Britt David Magnet Academy who was presented a certificate and \$50.00. Third Place winners were; Adriana Hughes from Fox Elementary; Josephus Bush from Dimon Elementary; Lawson Killough from St. Luke School; Camayla Dyouss from J. D. Davis Elementary; and Hayden Wilson from Allen Elementary. Each Third Place winner received a certificate and \$25.00. Danny Ginter is the Chapter Poster Contest Chairman.



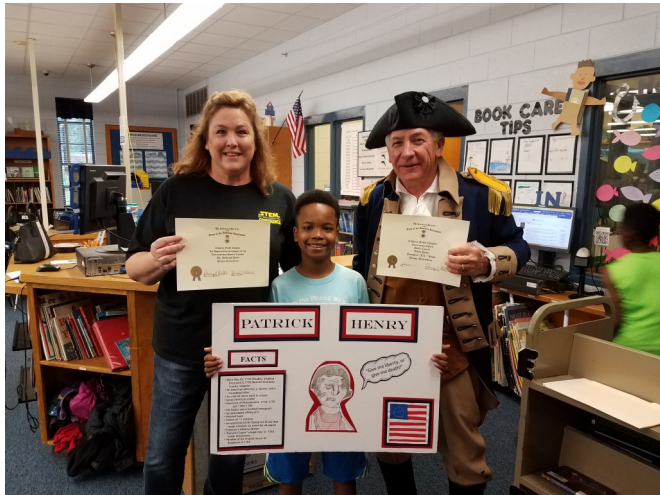
William Kiefer Wetherill, a 10-year-old 4th grader at Mathews Elementary placed first in our poster contest. His poster depicts his research about Washington's secret codes. He also lists some of Washington's accomplishments.



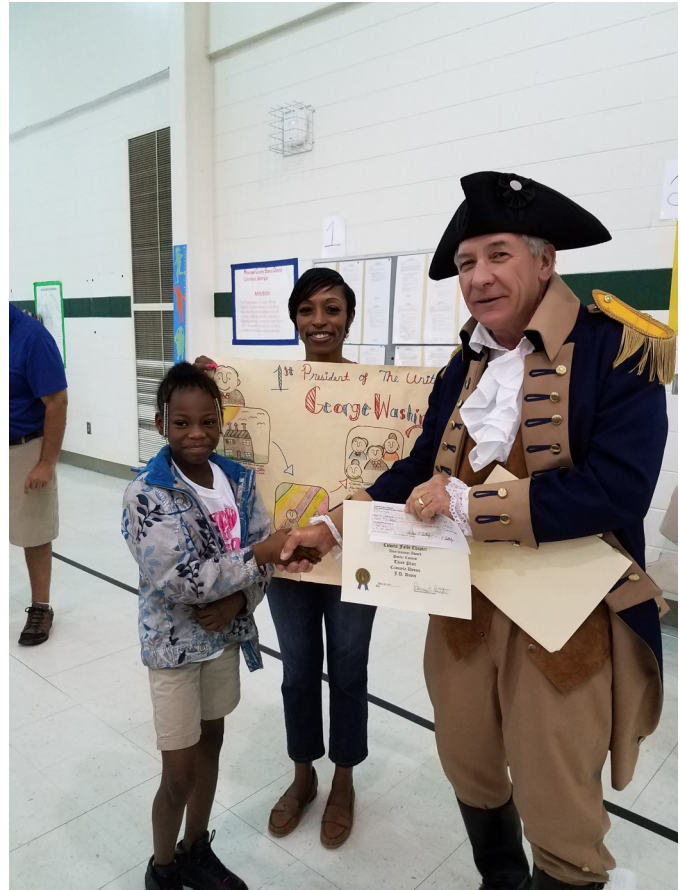
Our second place winner is Katie McDermott. She is a 9-year-old in the 4th grade at Brit David Magnet school. Katie drew a picture of the crossing on the Delaware river and lists some of Washington's accomplishments.



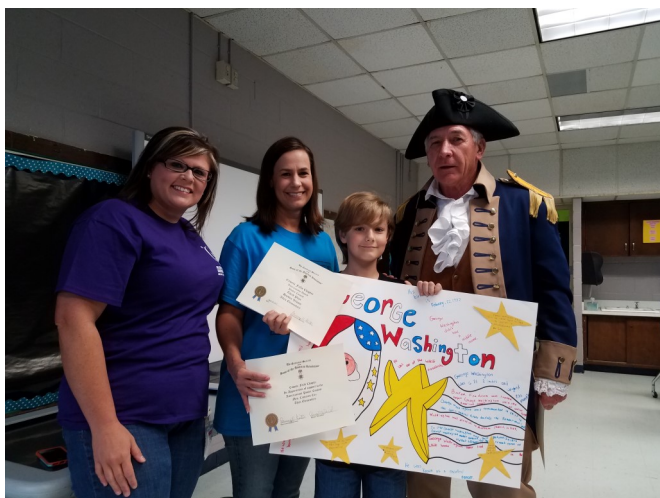
More Patriotic Poster Winners



Dimon Elementary



D. Davis Elementary



Allen Elementary



Britt David Elementary

### Meeting on May 11, 2017

President McMichael awarded several certificates from the state Board of Managers including one for the CAR Liaison and CAR Distinguished Liaison. Bob Galer received a 30-year membership certificate. William Kiefer Wetherill was present with his parents to receive recognition for winning our poster contest and the state poster contest. Rebecca Bush, Columbus Museum Curator and Exhibitions Manager made a presentation on highlights of the museum including the current exhibit about World War I and the Chattahoochee Valley.



President Dan McMichael and Rebecca Bush



President Dan McMichael and Chuck Hall



President Dan McMichael and Bill Hay



President Dan McMichael and Bernie Talley

### Meeting on June 8, 2017

Vice President Roger Buterbaugh presided over the June meeting. Ms. Pamela Perkins Carn from the Interfaith Children's Movement (ICF) provided a moving presentation on the problem of human trafficking and child exploitation in the United States and specifically in Georgia. Facts such as 7,200 men buying adolescent females each month in Georgia are sufficient to illustrate that a problem exists. The ICF is working to inform the public and business community of the problem and the legal requirement to post information signs so that people being exploited might see the methods of contacting the appropriate authorities for help.

In addition to the presentation, the chapter welcomed several members of the Whatley family into the Sons of the American Revolution. Hugh Rogers presented Richard Andrews with a pin for joining the Friends of the Library for SAR.



Pamela Perkins Carn and Roger Buterbaugh



L to R - Ansel H. Whatley, William W. Whatley III, Ansel G. Whatley, William. W. Whatley Jr. and Roger Buterbaugh (Clarence H. Whatley not present)



Hugh Rogers and Richard Andrews

### National Infantry Museum June 14, 2017

The long awaited opening of Gallery 2 at the National Infantry Museum officially occurred on June 14. Gallery 2 covers the time period in the nation's history from 1600 through the Civil War and the frontier. Artifacts and reproductions tell the nation's history through the eyes of the infantryman. Bill Hay, Bernie Talley, Hugh Rogers, David Fox with a son and grandsons (Ben, Harris, Plen and David Fox) and Ralph Puckett attended. The photograph shows Bill Hay and Bernie Talley in uniform at the grand opening.



## Memorial Day Patriot Flag Postings



Two future members of Coweta Falls at Smith Cotton's grave - Dan McMichael's grandsons.  
Rear. Caleb Kinard  
Front. Hudson McMichael



Vanessa Jennings, granddaughter of John House, placing a flag on Patriot John O'Quin's grave on Fort Benning, May 25, 2017

## Other Spring Activities



Roger Buterbaugh making Eagle Scout presentation on June 3, 2017, to Benjamin Bradley Crane of Troop 6 sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church.



Bill Hay and John House at Covenant Woods on 6 June for their D-Day Commemoration. Bill and John provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Memorial Day Ceremony

Coweta Falls Chapter once again held its annual Memorial Day ceremony at Park Hill Cemetery. MAJ Mark Winton delivered the message. Patriotic groups from throughout the area presented wreaths. Photos of MAJ Winton and the ceremony participants follow.

