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Coweta Falls Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

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President's Dispatch

Greetings, Compatriots:

The speed in which time travels amazes me more and more each year. We just celebrated Christmas, Memorial Day and now we'll be celebrating July 4th! Life moves too fast!

Memorial Day is always a very meaningful day, and even more so as an American when you can share that day with those who have served our great nation. Coweta Falls again partnered with Parkhill Cemetery in presenting a wonderful and respectful commemoration of Memorial Day on May 28th.

Color Guard, Invocation, Pledge to the Flag, Musket Volley, Taps & Benediction were all performed by members of Coweta Falls. The program was a group event with many members participating and making it a success. Our music was beautifully performed by Janet Durden & Gina Davidson from the Oglethorpe Chapter DAR. Rev. Eddie Smith (USA Ret.), Chaplain of American Legion Post 189, gave the Eulogy and the Prayer for the Fallen.

It was a time of remembrance and a time to thank all who have given the ultimate price to protect this country. From the battlefields of the American Revolution to today we all owe so much to those who have fallen during battle.

This July 4th please join me in celebrating our country's birthday of our Declaration of Independence and the Freedom and responsibility that it gave us all. Let us all not squander those freedoms and opportunities which we were all given.

Don't forget our Facebook page "Coweta Falls SAR" and website www.Cowetafallssar.org where you can direct your friends to see more photos and activities of the Chapter. Please feel free to contact me with any articles or photos that you would like posted on our Coweta Falls Website or Facebook. Wishing you all a wonderful and exciting July 4th for you and all of your families.



Dan McMichael

Regards

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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 \$16.00 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:

August 9, September 13, October 11

Meeting on April 12, 2018

Compatriot Roy Collier provided an outstanding presentation of medical care in the Revolutionary War including the problems American soldiers faced with smallpox. Visitor Shannon Baxter assisted him. Two new members received their certificates, Jimmy Fewell and Harlan Price. We heard a report that compatriot Hugh Rogers had been hospitalized with a broken hip. Compatriot Dan Ginter also presented the winning posters from the elementary schools.

First Place: Jack Kim, age 9, 4th grade, Brit David Magnet Academy

Second Place: Olivia Lunsford, age 10, 4th grade, St. Luke

Third Place: Pheobe Marr, age 10, Wynnton Arts Academy

Third Place: Lamy Brown, age 10, J.D. Davis Elementary

Third Place: Ian Adams, age 10, Downtown Magnet Academy

Third Place: Benjamin A. Clarke, age 9, Key Elementary



Roy Collier, Shannon Baxter, and the Display



President Dan McMichael and Jimmy Fewell



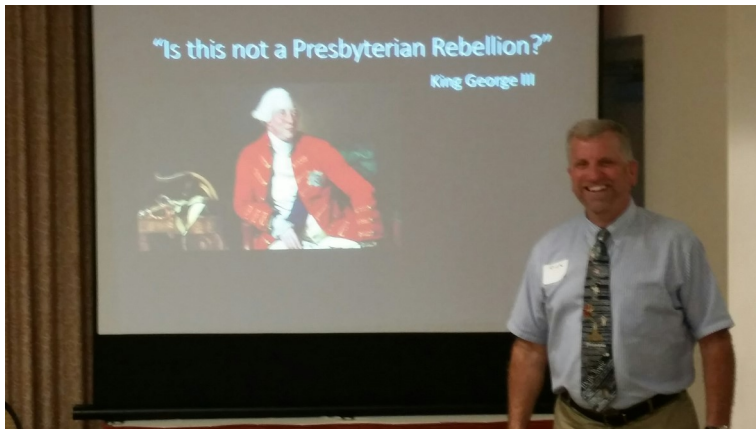
President Dan McMichael and Harlan Price



The winning poster

Meeting on May 10, 2018

President McMichael presented the chapter, First Place, and state, Third Place, patriotic poster awards to Jack Kim of Britt David Elementary. Jack's parents and teacher, Kendra Neal, also attended. Following the award, Dr. Rick Gardiner of Columbus State University spoke about his analysis of the religious aspect of the Revolutionary War. Some historians argue that from England's perspective much of the unrest was due to church structure comparing the Anglican form in England with the Presbyterian form in the colonies.



Dr. Rick Gardiner



President McMichael and Jack Kim



Jack Kim and Kendra Neal, his teacher



Other Poster Winners

In a separate ceremony at St. Luke UMC School, Olivia Lunsford received the second place award in the poster contest. Her poster depicted Valley Forge. She received a certificate and \$50 from our chapter. Dan presented third place poster award to Lamya Brown at J. D. Davis elementary on 16 May. Her teacher is Alicia Nichols. President Dan McMichael presented another third place award to Ian Adams at the 4th Grade Downtown Magnet Academy. Dan Ginter presented a third place award on May 21 to Phoebe Marr at Wynnton Arts Academy.



Dan Ginter and Olivia Lunsford



Dan Ginter and Lamya Brown



Dan McMichael and Ian Adams



Dan Ginter and Phoebe Marr

Meeting on June 14, 2018

Compatriot John House provided a presentation on the history of the U.S. Army and on the importance of the flag. June 14, 1775 was the birth of the Army because the Continental Congress authorized raising 10 companies of riflemen that day. That also makes June 14 the birthday of the U.S. Army Infantry. Two years later, the Congress authorized the first American flag, so June 14 is also Flag Day. First Vice President Dan Ginter presided due to President Dan McMichael being on vacation. Compatriots placed flags on patriot graves during the Memorial Day time.



Compatriot John House



First Vice President Dan Ginter and John House

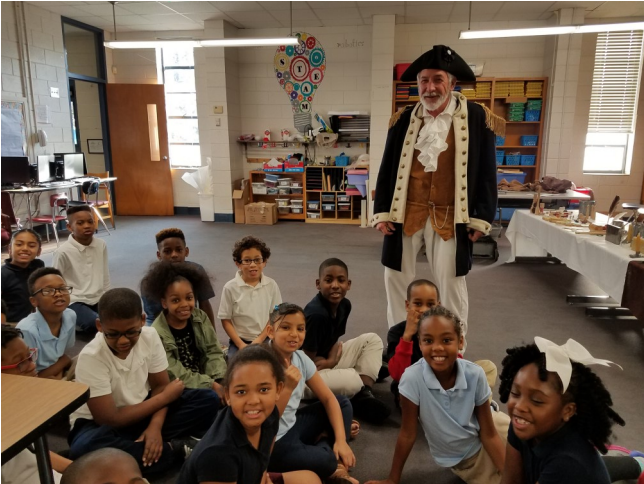


Patriot John O'Quien's grave at Fort Benning



Traveling Trunk

Compatriot Dan Ginter made a Traveling Trunk presentation on March 20 at Dimon Elementary, there were 187 students and 4 adults. He presented to the third graders first and then to the fourth graders. On March 23, Dan presented at St. Luke School to 60 students, 4 teachers, and 3 other adults. On May 2, Dan conducted two presentations at the National Infantry Museum for a total of 96 students and 45 adults present from Mulberry Creek Elementary School.



Dimon Elementary



Dimon Elementary



St. Luke



St. Luke

Cleanup of Samuel Cooper Grave Site

Compatriot Harris Fox spent March 17 cleaning up Samuel Cooper's gravesite as part of his Richards Middle School requirement for some community activities. Part of his school requirement will be a short PowerPoint presentation to his social studies class.



Memorial Day May 28, 2018

President Dan McMichael presided over the 13th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration held at Park Hill Cemetery. The service included the *Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America* sung as duets by Janet Durden and Gina Davidson. Compatriot Charles Hall played *Taps*. Reverend Eddie Smith provided the Eulogy. John House led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bill Pruitt provided the invocation and benediction. Bill Hay led the color guard. Wreath presentations and a musket salute rounded out the program.



Union Springs Marker Dedication May 27, 2018

The chapter provided a color guard for the historical marker dedication for the Union United Methodist Church at Butler on May 27th. President Dan McMichael and Compatriots Bernie Talley and Robert Moore were the color guard.



Presidents Day at American Village

President Dan McMichael was invited to portray President George Washington at American Village in Montevallo, AL on Presidents Day on Feb 19th. President McMichael read Washington's first Inaugural Address to several crowds and welcomed guests to Mount Vernon in honor of his birthday.

