

# The Minuteman

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

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### **President's Dispatch**

**Greetings, Compatriots:** It's been a long, hot summer, and I'm sure you'll agree that we are ready for cooler temperatures. We have had some great programs at our Chapter meetings over the last few months. We have several new members and several more great candidates that are just before sending in their paperwork. Hugh and John are staying busy processing new apps.

Chapter Members have attended July 4th programs and presented several Traveling Trunk programs. Dan Ginter is doing a great job presenting the Traveling Trunk but he could sure use another one or two Compatriots to assist on his many scheduled classroom visits. A uniform is not needed, just the willingness to share history with the children. Just recently, several members of Coweta Falls Color Guard participated in a celebration in LaGrange on LaFayette Square honoring the Birthday of Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de "Lafayette." You will see several photos of the event in this newsletter.



Dan McMichael

Fall is approaching and Coweta Falls will soon be involved with several Patriotic events. Coming up soon is the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Columbus on September 24th. If you have never experienced this ceremony, please attend. You will need to arrive by 9:30 am or so to make sure you get a seat. It's a great way to see our government in action and also be one of the first to welcome our new citizens.

In November, Coweta Falls participates in several ceremonies and parades commemorating Veterans Day. If you would like to participate, contact me or Dan Ginter concerning the activities we are planning to attend. We participate in American Frontier Days (AFD) on November 17th and 18th. AFD is held on FDR State Park off Georgia Hwy 354 across from the "CCC" Liberty Bell pool, in Pine Mountain. Come out and visit our Revolutionary War Encampment. We would love to have you. Several Coweta Falls members will be explaining and demonstrating camp life along with musket & swivel gun firing.

Christmas is just around the corner with our annual Christmas Banquet at Green Island Country Club. Please plan on attending this year. Our special guest this year will be Past President General J. Michael Tomme Sr. The food is always great and the fellowship with Members and their wives is always a highlight of the year.

As the year end approaches it is time for officer and Board Member elections. Please welcome the phone calls you may receive about serving our Chapter with your time and talents. With new members coming on board it's a great way to learn more about our Chapter, promote our work and help guide the Chapter's future. Don't forget our Facebook page "Coweta Falls SAR" & website [www.Cowetafallssar.org](http://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 you would like posted on our Coweta Falls Website or Facebook.

Wishing you and your families a safe and beautiful Autumn.

Regards,

Dan

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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.

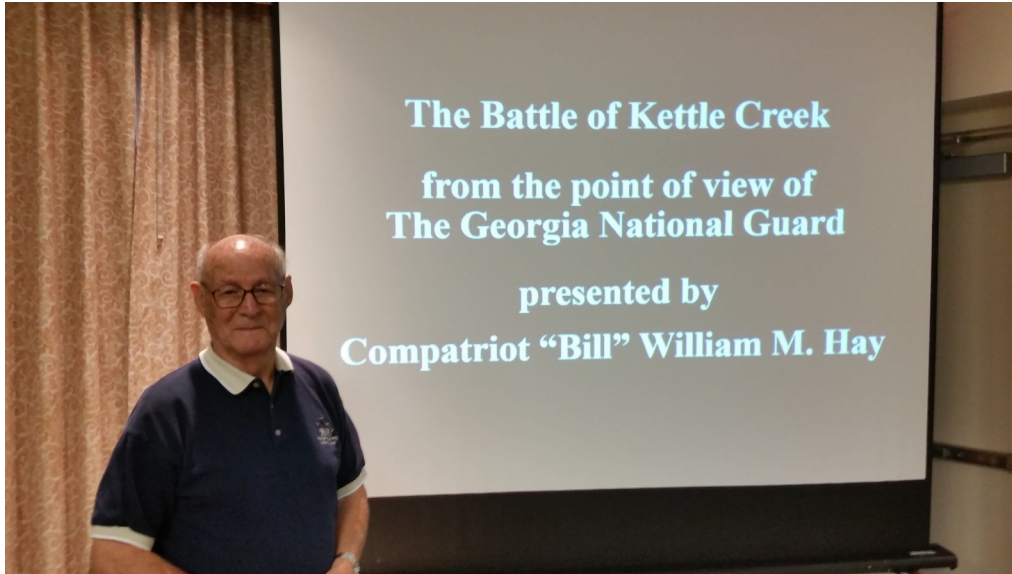
Visitors are welcome!

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

**October 11, November 8, December 13**

### Meeting on July 12, 2018

Compatriot Bill Hay introduced a Georgia National Guard film about Nancy Hart, aka War Woman, and Elijah Clarke with emphasis on the Battle of Kettle Creek. Members of the GASSAR Color Guard portrayed the militia. President Dan McMichael presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Retired USA Reverend Eddie Smith for his participation in Coweta Falls Chapter 14th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony at Parkhill Cemetery.



Compatriot Bill Hay



President Dan McMichael and Reverend  
Eddie Smith

### Meeting on August 9, 2018

President Dan McMichael provided a presentation on Nathanael Greene that addresses his early life and career in the Continental Army. Compatriot Hugh Rodgers received a Liberty Medal for his outstanding work in membership. Two membership applications are in the approval pipeline. Compatriot Dan Ginter discussed his initial contacts with the Muscogee County School District in order to prepare his visits to schools with the Traveling Trunk focused on the 4th graders.



President Dan McMichael



Dan Ginter and Hugh Rodgers

### Meeting on September 13, 2018

The program on September 13 was by Heather Riganti, a Northside High School history teacher and Army veteran. Ms. Riganti provided a new perspective on the nature of the Revolutionary War as a special example of how change can affect more than politics. She postulated that the war actually began many years before with the effect of the Great Awakening and continued long afterwards as the social changes begun continued to mature.

Dan Ginter announced that he had 15 schools signed up for traveling Trunk presentations and he is looking for help with this program.



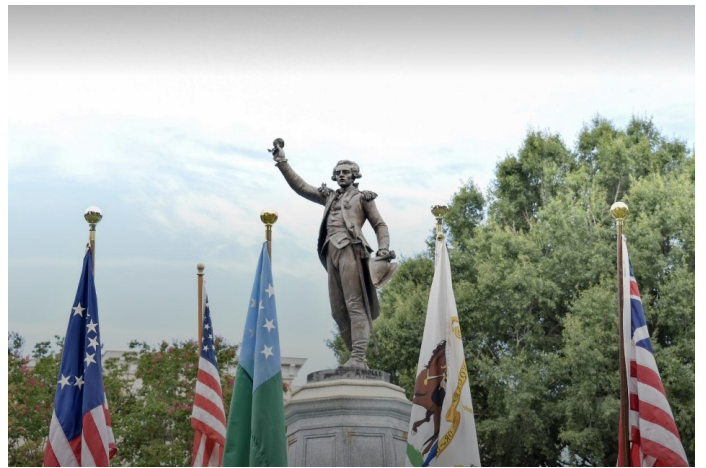
Ms. Riganti

### Other Summer Activities

Compatriot Roger Buterbaugh and his wife, Donna, visited Colonial Williamsburg on June 27. They heard a presentation given by President Thomas Jefferson (aka Bill Barker). His resemblance to Thomas Jefferson was uncanny and he spoke in a 18th Century English dialect. Mr. Barker has portrayed Thomas Jefferson for 37 years.



Several members of the chapter provided a color guard for the announcement in LaGrange of September 6 becoming LaFayette Day because it was the birthday of Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier who is known better by his title as the Marquis de Lafayette.



### Other Summer Activities

Harry Floyd of the 1st Hamilton Legion and Bernie Talley of the Coweta Falls Chapter participated in the 4 July Independence Day at the National Infantry Museum, The McMichael family participated in events at American Village this summer. Compatriot Dan's grandchildren Madison and Caleb portrayed George Washington's grandchildren.



