

The Minuteman

Coweta Falls Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

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Columbus, GA

Summer, 2019

President's Dispatch

Compatriots,

Since my last letter, so many things have happened that some of you might not be aware. We are proud of our compatriots for their participation and support in all of the events. I will name the events to show our involvement.

The Chapter organized a Memorial Day ceremony at Parkhill Cemetery. Several representatives from the military, DAR, and Veterans organizations participated. Our Color Guard participated and Dan McMichael fired his cannon in salute.

Dan McMichael and his grandson (our new member) Caleb Kinard, participated in a National Color Guard Ceremony at the American Village in Alabama. Dan has been busy traveling and speaking at different venues.

We finally had the flag and lanyards replaced in a ceremony at the Samuel Cooper grave site. A big "Thanks" to all who helped in this project. We recognized Donnie Jones, owner of the adjacent car lot, and Bleu Nelson, who loaned us the cement saw, for their support. We were on the WRBL evening news!

In August, I presented two new Eagle Scouts certificates and attended their Eagle ceremony. The chapter sponsored a hole for the golf tournament sponsored by Chapter 7 Disabled American Veterans.

September brought about several activities. Judge Clay Land did an outstanding performance during the Naturalization Ceremony. There were 49 new citizens from 23 countries who took the citizens oath. There were representatives from the DAR present and provided refreshments and miniature flags. We presented each new citizen a copy of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

Caleb Kinnard, Dan McMichael, Bernie Tally, and myself were part of the Color Guard to honor La Fayette's birthday in LaGrange. A few informative speeches were made and we were treated to a lunch afterwards. I carried the Wilkerson flag, Bernie fired his musket, Dan fired his cannon, and Caleb stole the show by playing his drum. This was a beautiful Fall day!

I have been busy with the Traveling Trunk. Schools are being scheduled. I have already presented to one with 131 students.

John House, Marilyn, and I attended a 9/11 remembrance ceremony the local American Legion. John gave a speech recalling the events and some heroes during this unimaginable event. Afterwards, he read a proclamation by the Mayor in support of this day.

We have had several prospects enquiring about joining our chapter and Hugh Rogers has been diligently reviewing and assisting with the applications.

Our guest speakers have been very informative. David Owings spoke on Property Archiving; Dr. John Tures spoke on Gerrymandering; Tommy Powell spoke on Ft. Frederica and the battles of Gully Hole Creek and the Bloody Marsh; LTC Louis Netherland spoke about the school at Ft. Benning called Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC).

I encourage our members to feel free to discuss with me any issue or advice that will help improve our Chapter.

Sincerely,

Danny N. Sinter



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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 11:30 AM and includes salad, vegetables, two meats, bread, and dessert.

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

Visitors are welcome! Please call (706) 223-0726 by the Sunday before the meeting day to reserve a spot. Calling guarantees you a meal. Non-callers are not guaranteed a meal.

(Note: If you do not plan on eating, do not call.)

DATES FOR THE NEXT THREE MEETINGS ARE:

October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th

Meeting: July 11th, 2019

The Coweta Falls Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met on Thursday, July 11th, 2019. The meeting was opened with an invocation led by the Chaplain, Compatriot Bill Pruitt, followed by the Pledge to the Flag, lead by Compatriot Hugh Rogers and the Pledge to the SAR, conducted by Joe Tarpley. New members Caleb Kinard (grandson of Compatriot and Past President Dan McMichael) and Larry Nowe Payne of Cataula, Georgia, were inducted by President Dan Ginter.

Upcoming events include the Color Guard participating, on September 6th, in the Lafayette Alliance on Lafayette Square in LaGrange. There will also be a ceremony commemorating the improvements made at the grave of Patriot Samuel Cooper on July 24th at 9:00 AM. Members were also asked to mark their calendar's for the upcoming Christmas Party, to be held on December 12th, 2019, at Green Island Country Club. Cocktails will be at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM.

The speaker was Dr. John Tures, Professor of Political Science at LaGrange College. Tures, a native of Milwaukee, was raised in El Paso. He worked as a defense contractor in Washington and taught at the University of Delaware. John received his PhD from Florida State. His articles appear in the LaGrange Daily News, International Studies Quarterly, Homeland Security Affairs, Journal of American Studies, Middle East Politics, Homeland Security Review, Security and Development, Journal of International and Area Studies, Digest of Middle East Studies, and the Western Journal of Black Studies, among others in international politics, foreign policy, terrorism, American government, the Middle East, East Europe, and the War of 1812.



Dr. John Tures spoke on Congressional Districting and Gerrymandering.

President Danny Ginter welcoming our newest Compatriot, Larry Nowe Payne of Cataula, Georgia.



July 4th at American Village

Coweta Falls had two members (Taylor Hay and Caleb Kinard) to participate in the Battle of Concord Bridge, reenacted at American Village on July 4th, 2019. Also in the reenactment was Taylor Hay , the grandson of Compatriot Bill Hay.

Also participating was McMichael’s granddaughter, Madison Kinard. Madison portrayed Nelly Custis, the step-granddaughter of George Washington. McMichael portrayed George Washington performing his “Levees” receptions at the Presidential Residential Formal Gardens & Grand Ball Room.



Madison Kindard and her grandfather, Dan McMichael as Nellie Custis and her step-grandfather, George Washington



President Washington giving a Press Conference and speaking to those gathered at American Village on July 4th.



July 4th at American Village (cont.)



Above: Caleb Kinard, grandson of Dan McMichael, is playing the drum. He is pictured with Taylor Hay.



Above: Caleb Kinard is on far left as the Drummer and Taylor Hay, grandson of Bill Hay, is third from the left. Taylor and Caleb are among the young members of Coweta Falls.



Left: Drummer Caleb Kinard and Taylor Hay are at American Village for July 4th.

July 4th at American Village (cont.)

Visitors to American Village (near Montevallo, AL) see Washington Hall, inspired by George Washington's home, Mount Vernon. There is a colonial courthouse, similar to Williamsburg's 1770 courthouse, along with a full-size replica Oval Office, and Liberty Hall, whose interior is patterned after the East Room of the White House. Other sites, such as Concord Bridge and the Colonial Chapel, are reminiscent of the originals.

American Village offer hands-on, interactive activities for children. On July 4th, they were able to make chalk drawings about their interpretations of Independence Day, find their way through the amazing and confusing colonial maze and play games on the green. Other opportunities allowed them to party like it's 1776 by dressing up with clothes from the colonial trunk, attempt the rock climbing wall or play 18th century table games. If all of this was not enough, they were able to take a break and watch costumed, historical interpreters such as Dan McMichael (on July 4th) explain the ideals of American liberty.

American Village is located at 3727 Highway 119 South in Montevallo, Alabama, 35115. You can call (205) 665-3535 for more information. Admission is \$5. Veterans, active military and children ages 4 and under get in free.



How a Flintlock Musket Works...

If you ever need to know how a musket works, Taylor Hay is your man! Here he is on July 5th (and in full uniform while braving summer heat) explaining how a flint-lock musket works. Taylor also demonstrated it to a group on family and friends at his home in Wadley, Alabama. Taylor is a member of the Coweta Falls Chapter and the grandson of Compatriot Bill Hay.

The flintlock mechanism was a 16th-century invention allowing muskets to be fired in a quicker and more reliable manner. A hammer with a piece of flint attached strikes a steel frizzen when the trigger is pulled, causing sparks to shoot into the priming pan of the musket barrel (opened by the action of the mechanism). The sparks ignite the black powder primer, which ignites the main propellant in the barrel and fires the musket.

Flintlocks made an impact on culture; we still use expressions in English today that are derived from flintlock firearms. “Lock, stock, and barrel” is derived from the three major parts that made up a flintlock musket: the lock (flintlock mechanism), the stock (the butt), and the barrel. “Half-cocked” comes from a position of the flintlock mechanism: in a half-cocked position, it can’t fire. Another flintlock-derived expression is “flash in the pan”. This refers to the priming pan where sparks from the flint land in the propellant.



Meeting on August 8th, 2019

The Coweta Falls Chapter met Thursday, August 8th, 2019. First Vice President Tommy Powell presided. The meeting opened with an invocation by the Chaplain, Compatriot Bill Pruitt, followed by the Pledge to the Flag, lead by Compatriot Dan McMichael and the Pledge to the SAR, conducted by David Fox.

Upcoming events include a Naturalization Ceremony, presided over by Chief U.S. District Judge Clay D. Land, September 3rd, 10:30 AM, in the Columbus Federal Courthouse. Land, a member of Coweta Falls, invites all to attend and welcome our new citizens. The Color Guard will participate, September 6th, in LaGrange's Lafayette Alliance. Plan, too, for the Christmas Party on December 12th, at Green Island Country Club. Cocktails are at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner. Cost is \$37.50 per person. Details will follow.

Speaking was Compatriot and Vice-President Powell. Powell spoke on the colonial-era forts at Saint Simons Island. Fort Frederica (named for Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales) was built to defend the southern frontier of British America from Spanish colonials. Fort Frederica also served as the British military headquarters in colonial America. During its heyday (1736 to 1758), Frederica played a pivotal role in the imperial struggles between England and Spain. British Redcoats, the Highland Independent Company, and sympathetic Native Americans were pitted against Spanish forces from Saint Augustine. Support came from the adjoining town of Frederica.

Forty-four men, along with seventy-two women and children settled at Frederica in 1736. Less than ten years later, the number had grown to 1,000. Early residents were tradesmen and their families who had braved a two-month voyage across the Atlantic. They prospered, supplying the needs of the regiment.

After the Georgia soldier's unsuccessful siege of St. Augustine in 1740 during the War of Jenkins' Ear, the Spanish launched a 1742 retaliatory invasion of Fort Frederica. Oglethorpe, outgunned and outmanned, was not outmaneuvered. Over a two-week period , invading forces were engaged at Gulley Hole Creek and Bloody Marsh. They retreated, never presenting another threat to Southeastern English colonist.

The British regiment disbanded in 1749. With its departure, many of Frederica's townspeople relocated. Nine years later, in April 1758, a great fire swept Frederica, reducing much of it to ashes. Ruins now stand as a reminder of colonial military struggles. Today the remains of Frederica are a National Park.

Compatriot Bernie Talley lead the SAR Recessional to close the meeting.



Eagle Scout Presentations

On August 10th, Danny Ginter was privileged to present Eagle Scout Certificates to two young men obtaining that coveted rank. Pictured below are Levi Fish and Charles Gilliam receiving certificates from Ginter.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest attainable in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Since inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process. The Eagle Scout rank has been earned by over 2.5 million youth.

Requirements for this rank include earning at least 21 merit badges. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout. Additional recognition can be earned through Eagle Palms, awarded for completing additional tenure, leadership, and merit badge requirements.



Charles Gilliam receiving his Eagle Scout Certificate from Danny Ginter.



Levi Fish receiving his Eagle Scout Certificate from Danny Ginter.

Certificate of Appreciation

John House and Dan Ginter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Donnie Jones of Liberty Auto Sales for his assistance in upgrading the Samuel Cooper grave site. Donnie installed a light to illuminate the flag which flies above the grave of Patriot Cooper. He will be paying the power bill with the Georgia Power Company.

Thank you, Mr. Jones!



President Danny Ginter also presented a certificate of appreciation to Bleu Nelson of United Rentals on August 28th. Bleu kindly donated the use of a concrete saw during the repair of the Samuel Cooper grave site.



Naturalization Ceremony

United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

September 3rd, 2019

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia is honored to take part in the process of Naturalization. Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is conferred upon a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

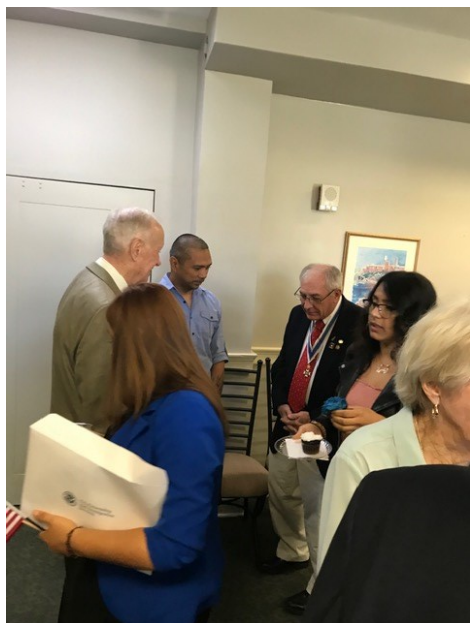
Believing that residents of the Middle District deserve a special ceremony recognizing their journey to citizenship, Judge Land resumed Naturalization Ceremonies for the Middle District. Previously, those ceremonies had been discontinued and applications for citizenship were processed administratively. Judge Land conducts a Naturalization Ceremony annually in Columbus on the first day of the September Trial Term. Judge Treadwell conducts a Naturalization Ceremony in Macon each spring.

The Coweta Fall Chapter is honored to participate and be a part of this ceremony. We remember that we are a nation founded by immigrants.

The Honorable Judge Land is a member of the Coweta Falls Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



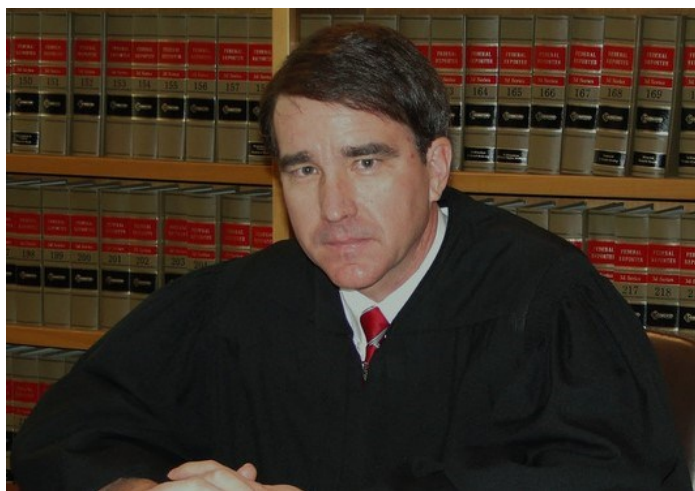
Naturalization Ceremony (Cont.)



President Dan Ginter welcoming new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony on September 3rd, 2019



Judge Moore welcoming new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony on September 3rd, 2019



The Honorable Clay D. Land, Chief U.S. District Judge
United States District Court for the Middle District of
Georgia



Compatriots Robert Moore, Dan McMichael, and President Dan Ginter representing the Coweta Falls Chapter at the Naturalization Ceremony on September 3rd, 2019

Lafayette Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

September 6th, 2019

September 6th marked the Marquis de Lafayette's 262nd birthday. It was commemorated by the Lafayette Alliance in ceremonies on Lafayette Square in LaGrange. LaGrange was named after Lafayette's family estate, Chateau de la Grange, in France. During his travels in the United States in 1825, he remarked western Georgia reminded him of his family estate. This would become the name of the soon-to-be county seat of Troup County.

The ceremony included performances by students from Callaway Middle School, the official wreath laying ceremony by THINC students and the annual 21-gun musket, canon salute finished the program with a bang. The Musket and Cannon Salute was provided by the Coweta Falls Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



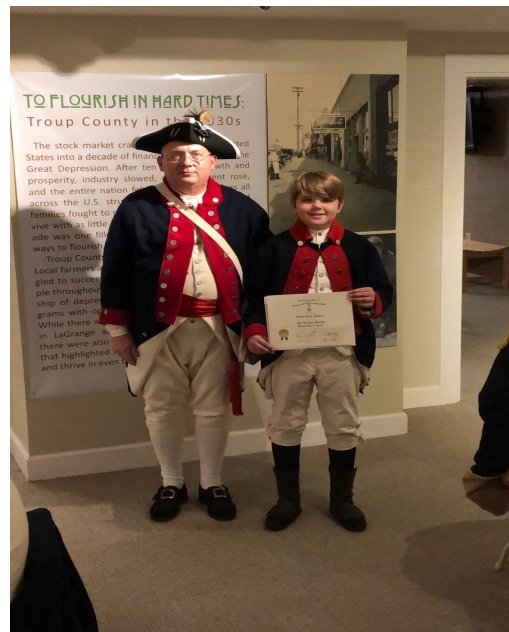
Lafayette Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

September 6th, 2019

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Caleb Kinard, grandson of Compatriot Dan McMichael, receives his membership certificate at a luncheon following the ceremony. It was presented by Georgia Society President Kenneth Scott Collins.



Lafayette Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

September 6th, 2019

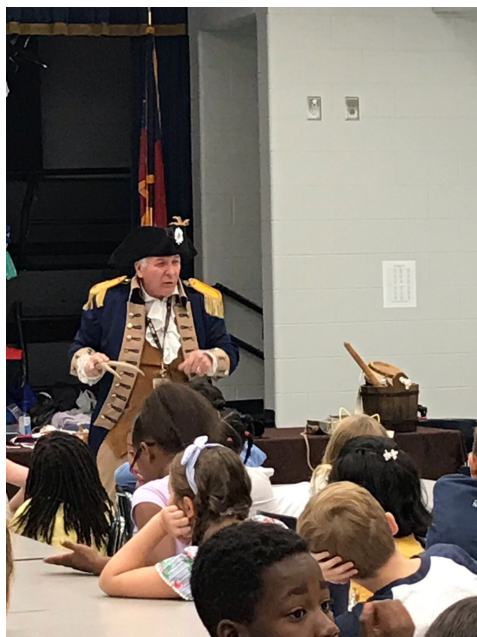
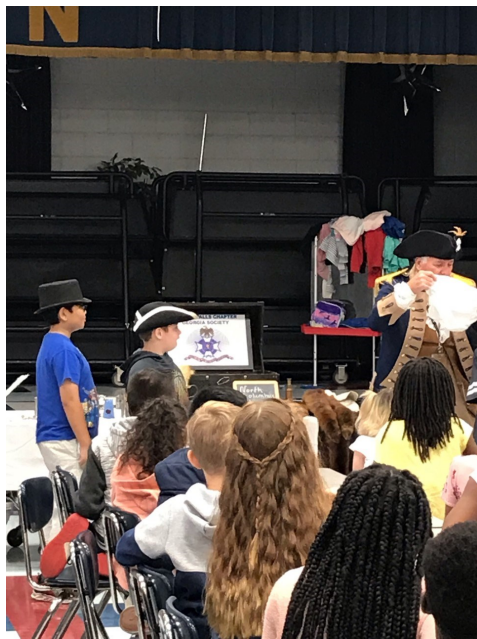
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The Traveling Trunk

The Traveling Trunk is back on the road. On Tuesday, September 10th, Danny Ginter spoke at North Columbus Elementary School. Over 131 students learned about the things carried by Revolutionary War soldiers.

The Traveling Trunk presentation is one of the most visible aspects of the Coweta Falls educational outreach program. Covered items and topics represent life during colonial times. The presentation is interactive and enthusiastically received by students and teachers. Students can see and experience what life was like over 200 years ago.



**September 11th Proclamation by
National SAR President General John T. Manning**



On the morning of September 11, 2001, the United States was forever changed. Terrorists flew two planes into the World Trade Center in New York City, eventually causing the collapse of the towers. Additional planes crashed into the Pentagon and in western Pennsylvania, causing even more destruction and triggering panic throughout the country and the world.

The September 11 attacks on America by al-Qaeda left an indelible mark on our nation's history. As the deadliest terrorist attacks in world history, 2977 lives were lost that day, including people from 93 nations, making it truly an international event. In addition, over 6000 people were injured, and many additional lives have been lost since then as a result of exposure to the material at the wreckage sites.

Today, the site of the World Trade Center has been transformed into the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. It features two large reflecting pools with waterfalls and memorializes the names of those lost that day. It provides a place for reflection and education on the events of September 11, 2001.

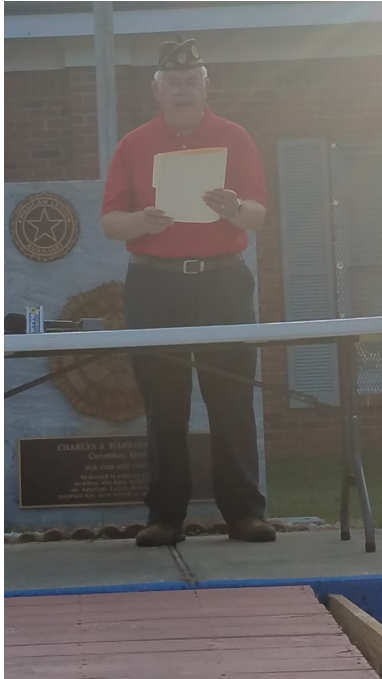
Since that day, September 11 is now known as Patriot's Day, in memory of all those lost on 9/11. Although that day was one of the worst tragedies in our nation's history, it united our country and showed the world the strength and resilience of the American people.

On this 18th anniversary of 9/11, we take time to remember those lost, the families of the victims, the first responders, and everyone affected by the tragedy that day. I encourage you to look for ways to honor the victims by volunteering in your local community to make a positive impact on our country and world.

Let us never forget those lost today and each day. My God bless them and God bless America!

September 11th, 2019

There were various September 11th Commemorative events throughout the Chattahoochee Valley. John and Marilyn House, along with Danny Ginter, attended ceremonies at one of the Columbus American Legions. John spoke and read a proclamation from Columbus Mayor Skip Henderson.



Above: John and Marilyn House. Left: John House sharing a proclamation from Columbus Mayor Skip Henderson.

Dan McMichael and Bernie Talley attended a September 11th Commemorative ceremony in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Keynote Speaker was Georgia Senator Randy Robertson (29th District).



Meeting on September 12th, 2019

The Coweta Falls Chapter met Thursday, September 12th, 2019. President Danny Ginter presided. The meeting opened with an invocation by the Chaplain, followed by the Pledge to the Flag, and the Pledge to the SAR. Thirty members and guests were present.

Compatriot Bernie Talley was recognized for participation in the Snellville Memorial Day ceremonies. Ginter announced upcoming presentations of The Traveling Trunk for Valley-area schools.

The speaker was LTC Lewis Netherland, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) Director of Operations and Training. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College. He holds a Master of Science in International Relations from Troy University and is an MBA Candidate at Emory's Goizueta Business School. LTC Netherland has served with the First Infantry in Afghanistan and Turkey.

WHINSEC's goal is fostering cooperative relations among Western Hemisphere nations. Courses are taught in Spanish in military professional development and leadership and tactics. The school is not just for military; students include representative from civilian agencies.

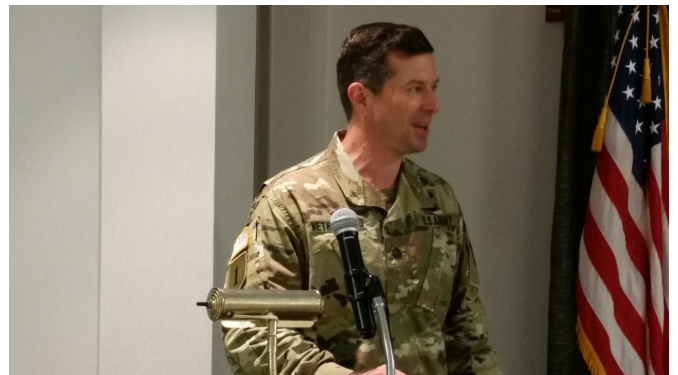
It opened in January 17, 2001, in Ridgway Hall, former home of the Infantry School and fort headquarters. A permanent state-of-the-art complex was built on the site of the Fort Benning Hospital.

WHINSEC shares the vocation of the Profession of Arms with security forces of U.S. partner nations. They have developed and implemented effective training which include democracy and human rights, ethics, and stewardship, making its program among the best offered by military educational institutions.

The program concluded with the SAR Reccessional.



Compatriot Bernie Talley receiving recognition for his participation in the Snellville Memorial Day ceremonies.



LTC Lewis Netherland, WHINSEC Director of Operations and Training

Meeting on September 12th, 2019

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Thirty members and guest were present at the September 12th, 2019, meeting



LTC Netherland speaks on WHIN-SEC.



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Certificates of Appreciation

Columbus Fire Department

The Coweta Falls Chapter recently, with the assistance of the Columbus Fire Department, completed upgrades on the flag and flagpole at the grave of Patriot Samuel Cooper (1754 - 1841}.

Great assistance was provided by Columbus Fire Department Stations 8 and 11. Use of their equipment meant no one had to climb the flagpole. Dan McMichael realized this and presented certificates of appreciation to both stations. Thank you, Columbus Fire Department Stations 8 and 11.



Dan McMichael presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Columbus Fire Department, Station 8.



Dan McMichael presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Columbus Fire Department, Station 11.

Friends of the SAR Library

The need to establish a Library for the National Society was recognized by the founders, who specified provisions in the Constitution for the acquisition and preservation of Revolutionary War records, documents, and relics. From 1889 until 1926, it acquired 225 books. In 1926, the Society established an office in Washington, D.C. containing the "permanent records of the Society membership and genealogical records and reference library." In 1978, the SAR purchased the South Fourth Street building in Louisville as headquarters. Over the next year the second floor was redesigned to accommodate a fully functional Library. It opened to the public on January 17, 1979, with approximately 25,000 items. In October 2010, the Library began operations in its new facility on West Main Street in Louisville's historic Museum District.

The primary focal point of the collections is the Revolutionary War era but the collection includes other materials of a genealogical nature. To date, the library collection has grown to over 55,000 items and includes family histories, local, county and state records and genealogy materials, and access to the online databases of Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Fold3, and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

The Library's growth depends upon cash gifts as well as donations of family genealogies, Revolutionary War histories, county and state histories, and other books and items of genealogical content. Donors should check the Library catalog to ensure the item is not a duplicate or check with the Librarian. A donor gift form available at the Library and at Society meetings.

The SAR Library is a non-circulating, reference facility only. It is open free of charge to SAR, DAR, SR, and C.A.R. members, and spouses of SAR members, at any time and to the public for a fee of five dollars per day

Purpose of the Friends of the SAR Library

The Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) was organized to assist the SAR Library in implementing its collection development objectives. These objectives include those books, manuscripts, microforms, and online services as needed to enhance and expand the current collection.

A sub-committee of the National Library and Archives Committee, the Friends consists of the Librarian General, National Library and Archives Committee Chairman, Chairman of the Friends of the SAR Library, the NSSAR Librarian, and State FOL Chairmen. Membership is also open to all SAR members, State Societies, Chapters, and the general public.

Membership dues of the Friends are distributed as follows:

—60% goes into the Library Endowment

Fund from which only the interest income may be used by the Library, and,

—40% goes directly to the Library Special Purpose Operating Fund.

The income from these funds is used to purchase non-budgeted items such as equipment, supplies and new technology, in addition to books, manuscripts and microforms.

To be a member of FRIENDS OF THE SAR LIBRARY (\$25, payable to "NSSAR"), please send your check to the National Society of the SAR, 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Other levels of recognition include being a **Benjamin Franklin Subscriber** (for gifts of \$300 or more from an individual, Chapter, State Society, or non-SAR organization), **Library Endowment Fund Contributor** (for gifts of \$500 or more), or a Robert Morris Benefactor (for one-time contribution of \$2000 or more).

Support the Friends of the Library by becoming a new member or renewing your membership. It would be great to have the most members in a chapter support this program. Bring a check to the next meeting and let's give Hugh Rogers a big surprise. Save a dollar a day and you will have enough by the next meeting to write a check. (Now that is serious banking!)

Family History Discovery Day
Saturday, October 26, 2019
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4400 Reese Road, Columbus. GA

Sign in 8:15 am

(No advanced registration)

8:30 – 9:45 am – Opening Session

“The Research Road Map – Your Path to Success”

Amy Johnson-Crow

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Family History Apps – The Basics
Jessie Hearle

11:10 AM – 12:10 PM

Family History Apps – Advanced Instruction
Jessie Hearle

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

The Columbus Public Library Resources
Whitney Gaines & Amie Torok

11:10 AM – 12:10 PM

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Whitney Gaines & Amie Torok

10:00 AM – 12:10 PM

The Mysteries of FamilySearch – all the tools; tricks; searches and fixes – More than just a tree!

Ray Smith

10:00 AM – 12:10 PM

Family History Center Workshop – short tours and introduction to the Family History Center at Reese Road.

Chris Schmink

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 12th, 2019
Green Island Country Club
6501 Standing Boy Road
Columbus, Georgia 31904

6:30 PM

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Green Island Country club on December 12th (this is December's meeting).

Cash bar begins at 6:30 PM and Dinner is served at 7:00 PM.

The cost \$37.50 per person or \$75 per couple. A delicious Christmas meal will be served.

Compatriots who wish to attend should send their check to:

Coweta Falls Chapter, SAR
Post Office Box 685
Columbus, GA 31902-0685

You may also bring it to a meeting and give it to Wayne Cartledge.

We need everyone to make a reservation to get an accurate headcount. This is a good opportunity for members who cannot attend a regular monthly meetings to reacquaint with other members.

Get into the Holiday Spirit. Come dine and celebrate with us!

