

# The Minuteman

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

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### President's Dispatch

#### Greetings, Compatriots:

The office of the presidency of Coweta Falls is not a position that I will take lightly. With it comes much responsibility. I am very fortunate to have numerous past presidents to help in guiding and directing me in the future when needed. I will call on them to gain from their experiences and knowledge. The Coweta Falls staff is very experienced and does a great job in supporting our Chapter's goals and traditions.

As some of you may have noticed, I have already changed a few items with our meeting agenda. Having the Lord's prayer before starting lunch was one of them. Arranging front table and screen is another. Please reach out and let me know if having screen up front is easier on everyone to watch any programs where the screen is needed. I am open to any suggestions.

One of the other goals I have is to start our Quarterly Newsletter back up. It was a great way to keep our membership up to date on our Chapters Activities and a good recruiting tool as well. John House has taken the reigns on getting our newsletter back up and running. Be sure to thank John for stepping up to the challenge and say welcome back "Minuteman"! We have also had one of our newest members step up and offer to help get our old Website and Facebook pages up and running in the near future. These two social Media Sites will help also in getting our message out to the general public and help in new membership.

The Chapter has been very active over the last few months with our Traveling Trunk Program speaking to over 1,000 school children, Wreath Laying ceremonies at Daniel Morgan Square in Spartanburg SC, Cowpens National Battlefield Park, Gaffney SC, Elijah Clark State Park Lincolnton, Ga & Kettle Creek Battlefield Washington, GA.

We have had several very interesting programs so far this year and have many more interesting speakers lined up for the future. It's a great time to invite your friends to our monthly meetings to get their interest aroused on what The SAR and Coweta Falls has to offer.

*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:**

**April 13, May 11, June 8**

## Scheduled Programs

### JANUARY 12th SPEAKER

#### **JOE WORLEY, FORMER NAVY CORPSMAN**

Joe Worley was a Navy FMF Corpsman with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. On September 17, 2004, he was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) while running to assist a vehicle that had been disabled by an earlier IED. He lost his left leg above the knee and received extensive damage to my right knee and ankle. Joe's recovery and well-being comes in no small part to his service dog Benjamin, who has been his canine companion since 2008 when he graduated from America's VetDogs' first training class of veterans on the Smithtown, NY campus. Benjamin helped Joe work through physical limitations, and he became a volunteer for America's VetDogs as a speaker for the program telling others about the free services they provide to veterans of all eras and all disabilities. About a year and a half ago, Joe had the great privilege to become a member of the staff of America's VetDogs as the Veteran Relations Liaison, and he works closely with VSOs and Veterans to teach them about how they can improve their quality of life.



**AWARDS IN JANUARY**

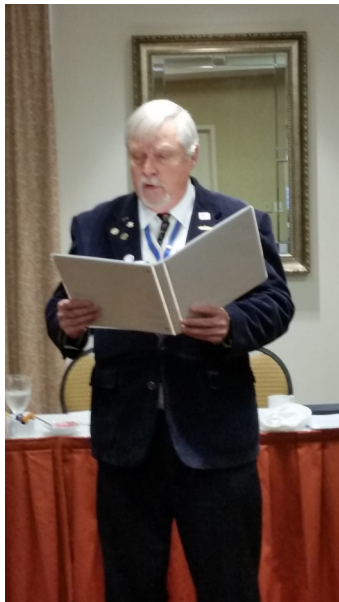
Awards presented in January included 40-year service certificates to Cecil Curtis and Bob Donaldson. Hugh Rodgers, John House, Wayne Cartledge, Bill Hay, and Neil Gillis received Certificates of Distinguished Service. Dan McMichael, Chuck Hall, Robert Moore, John McCutcheon received Bronze Roger Sherman Medals. Danny Ginter received the Distinguished Chapter President Award.



**FEBRUARY 9TH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**LCDR DAVID JESSEL, US NAVY (Retired)**

David Jessel conducted the installation of officers. He is a retired Navy Lieutenant Commander and the Past President of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. His current duty is Vice President of the West Region and the ROTC/JROTC chair of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.



### **MARCH 9TH SPEAKER**

John A. Tures, Professor of Political Science at LaGrange College, was the March speaker. Dr. Tures was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, raised in El Paso, Texas, received his undergraduate degree in communications and political science in 1992 from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. He worked for USAA in public relations (1991-1993), received his master's degree in international relations from Marquette University in 1994, earned his Ph.D. in political science from Florida State University in 2000, taught at the University of Delaware, 1999-2000, worked for a defense contractor from 2000 to 2002, and began teaching at LaGrange College in August of 2001. His wife, Beth, teaches at LaGrange Academy, where his kids Valerie Kaitlyn Tures (age 13) and Zachary Taylor Tures (age 9) attend. Two students accompanied Dr. Tures, Henry Harrison and Katelynn Dixon. The presentation subject was the electoral college.



**EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

Kevin Yanoschik ( Eagle Scout ) and his parents (Tom and Javana) attended the March meeting. He won the State Eagle Award and is going to National. President Dan McMichael presented him with a Good Citizenship Certificate as well. Kevin recently accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.



**HARRIS COUNTY JROTC AWARD BANQUET 2017**

Compatriots Dan McMichael and Bill Hay attended the Harris County JROTC Awards banquet on February 24th. Cadet Ryan Castillo received the Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors.



**Cadet Ryan Castillo Receives  
The Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate from  
Compatriots Dan McMichael and  
Bill Hay**

**TRAVELING TRUNK 2017**

Danny Ginter and Bill Hay have made Traveling Trunk presentations to 12 classes this year, reaching 1,054 students. In 2016, they made 42 presentations in 2016 and talked to 3,009 total students.



**COWETA FALLS REPLACES SAMUEL COOPER FLAG**

Compatriots Bill Hay and Dan McMichael replace the flag at the grave of Revolutionary War veteran Samuel Cooper on February 24th. Samuel Cooper was a member of the South Carolina militia and received 202 1/2 acres of land in Muscogee County after the war. He is buried at the corner of Warms Spring Road and Miller Road in a small cemetery with a daughter and a son. Photo is by Marilyn House.



Old Guard on Presidents Day  
(Courtesy of the U.S. Army)