

The Minuteman

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

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Columbus, GA

Winter 2018

President's Dispatch

Greetings, Compatriots:

Finishing out the year was our annual Christmas banquet at Green Island Hill Country Club. The food was excellent but the company was even better with a room full of many Compatriots along with their spouses. Revolutionary music was brought to us by Robert Jones.

It has been a honor and a pleasure to have represented Coweta Falls Chapter over the last year. As we enter into 2018, it seems time is flying for this year also. As with last year I will strive to represent Coweta Falls as our Past Presidents have.

It was a wonderful experience to be able to accept so many awards for Coweta Falls in January at the State BOM and Banquet.

Elijah Clark & Kettle Creek ceremonies continue to improve each year and are well worth your time and effort to attend. Coweta Falls was well represented with several members attending and participating in Color Guard, KC Book Presentation, and marching in parade through town. Make sure you check the Kettle Creek photos for faces you may know.

We have a great Website Manager, Compatriot Don Williams, who maintains and manages our website www.Cowetafallssar.org. Don has jumped in over the last year and taken the reins and done a wonderful job in keeping our site up and running.

We also have a Facebook page "Coweta Falls SAR" 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.

I would also like to thank Compatriot John House for taking charge of organizing and publishing of our Minuteman Newsletter. John certainly keeps me on track with getting articles to him in a timely manner.

Many thanks to Don and John on a great job this year in getting our story out to all members and to the public.

Wishing you all a wonderful and joyous Easter for you and all of your families.

Regards

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 \$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:

April 12, May 10, June 14

Meeting on January 11, 2018

President Dan McMichael opened the first meeting of 2018 by highlighting several programs. Dan Ginter noted that he reached 32 schools and over 2000 students in 2017. He also reported on the Eagle Scout who competed at state level. The essay will be part of a future meeting. Chuck Hall reported on the CAR and the upcoming convention. Hugh Rodgers reported that a new membership application is working. President McMichael also reported that the Kettle Creek battlefield site had expanded by 180 acres.

Ms. Aimee Torok, the Genealogist from the North Columbus Public Library, provided a presentation on genealogy research possible using Columbus library resources. She noted the use of several web sites including the SAR site as a way to identify Revolutionary War ancestors.



Ms. Aimee Torok



Chapter President Dan McMichael and Ms. Aimee Torok

Meeting on February 8, 2018

The program was the installation of officers for 2018. A listing of the officers follows.

President: J. Daniel McMichael
 1st Vice President: Danny N. Ginter
 2nd Vice President: William M. Hay
 Secretary: Roger W. Buterbaugh
 Treasurer/Asst. Secretary: Wayne C. Cartledge
 Immediate Past President: David E. Fox
 Registrar: John E. McCutcheon
 Genealogist: Dr. Hugh I. Rodgers
 Asst. Genealogist: George W. Dismukes
 Chancellor: Hon. Kenneth Followill
 Chaplain: William V. Pruitt, III
 Sergeant-at- Arms: Charles E. Hall, Jr.
 Historian: Dr. Hugh I. Rodgers



AT LARGE MEMBERS OF CHAPTER BOARD OF MANAGERS

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J. Scott Harrison
 Thomas H. Lokey
 Tommy Haynes Powell

2017-2020

Col. John M. House
 Richard F. Andrews
 James K. Dickinson

2018-2021

Dr. Robert A. Fleck
 Roy K. Collier, Jr.
 Don L. Williams, Jr.



Meeting on March 8, 2018

The speaker was our own Bob Fleck. Compatriot Bob provided an entertaining presentation on the Battle of King's Mountain even dressing as one of the principal figures in the battle - British Major Patrick Ferguson. President Dan McMichael recognized Eagle Scout Michael Vance Mercer, our chapter nominee for state recognition, who made a presentation on British prison ships.



Compatriot Bob Fleck



President Dan McMichael and Eagle Scout Michael Vance Mercer



Eagle Scout Michael Vance Mercer



Traveling Trunk

Compatriot Dan Ginter took the Traveling Trunk to Matthews Elementary School on January 12 and met with 114 students and five teachers. He presented to 114 students and 5 teachers at Britt David Elementary on January 23. On January 26, Compatriot Ginter presented the Traveling Trunk at Georgetown Elementary today where there were 115 students and 6 adults (4 teachers and 2 curious teachers) present. On 29 January, Dan presented to J.D. Davis Elementary and reached 50 students and 4 adults. On February 11, Dan visited Temple Israel and met with 47 students and 15 adults. Dan spoke about Haym Solomen and his contribution to the Revolution. Compatriot Ginter presented to 81 students and 3 adults at Wynnton Arts Academy. On February 16, he made a presentation to McBride Elementary at the NIM and spoke to 67 students and 10 adults. On February 28, Dan presented to 102 students and 4 teachers today at Brewer Elementary. Dan presented to 12 students and 3 adults at the NIM on March 7.



J.D. Davis Elementary



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Georgetown



Temple Israel



National Infantry Museum

State SAR Activities

The SAR State Conference was in Duluth, GA, on Saturday January 27. Coweta Falls received several awards from the State SAR . Dan McMichael accepted them. Others in attendance were Robert Moore and Hugh Rodgers. The event was at the Sonesta Hotel in Gwinnett County. The awards included C.A.R. Liaison 2017, C.A.R. Distinguished Liaison Award 2017 and Streamer, Billy Thompson Americanism Award Chapter of Excellence 2017 and Streamer, Billy Thompson Americanism Award Chapter of Distinction 2017 and Streamer, President General’s Award Chapter of Distinction 2017 and Streamer, Georgia Society Membership Award 2017 and Streamer, Education Outreach Streamer & Certificate and Streamer, and Distinguished Chapter 2017 and Streamer. Our own Robert Moore, State C.A.R. SAR liaison, presented the C.A.R. Liaison award streamer and check for best participation between the SAR and C.A.R. to President Dan McMichael.



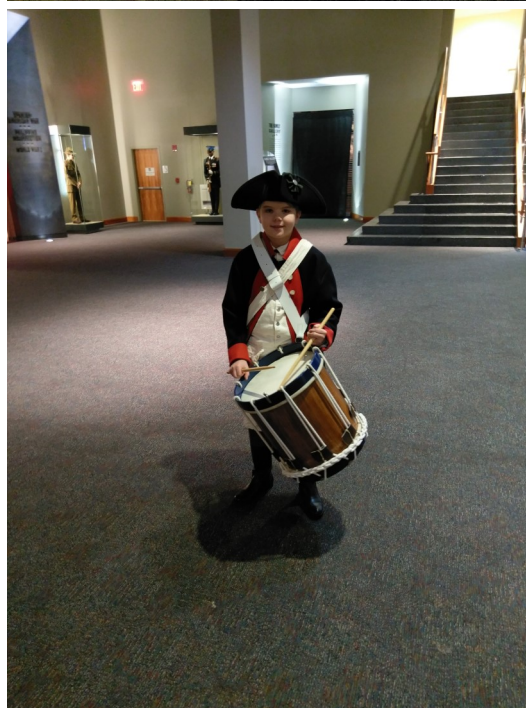
Elijah Clark and Kettle Creek Celebration February 9-10

Compatriots Charles (Chuck) E. Hall, Hugh Rogers, Dan McMichael and Robert Moore attended the 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Washington (Wilkes County). Poor weather forced the wreath presentation to be at the Pope Center instead at the Kettle Creek Monument. Hugh Rogers attended the Biddie Hammett event, Dan McMichael attended the Friday event at Elijah Clarke State Park and all Saturday activities. Robert Moore and Chuck Hall attended the Saturday activities and Chuck handled the sound system for the event.



Fort Benning Centennial at the NIM February 24, 2018

As part of the 100 year celebration of the founding of then-Camp Benning now-Fort Benning, the national Infantry Museum had a special event on February 24. Officer Candidate School candidates dressed in period uniforms and met visitors in each gallery. Compatriots Dan McMichael, Roy Collier, Bernie Talley, and Dan's grandson Caleb Kinard participated in uniform to talk about the history of the American soldier and to pose for photographs.



Other Events



Cadet Gabriel Tharpe awarded Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate on February 23 at the annual award banquet for Harris County JROTC

