

Newsletter of The Coweta Falls Chapter  
Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Fall 2024

# The Minuteman

## The President's Dispatch



2024 has turned out to be a challenging year for me. On May 7, while on a Rhine River Cruise, I suffered necrotizing pancreatitis. I was sent to a hospital in Cologne, Germany, where I spent the next three weeks in ICU. When the doctors determined I was well enough to travel I was medevac'd back to the States. I wound up in Piedmont Atlanta, where I underwent major abdominal surgery. By the time I was released I spent 71 consecutive days in the hospital. I am at home recovering now. I am building up my strength every day, and hope to soon be able to start attending Coweta Falls Chapter meetings again.

Coweta Falls continues to be an active chapter thanks to its members. We have attended grave markings, battle commemorations, provided speakers for events and meetings, and more throughout the Southeast. In particular,

- On May 27 we held our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Commemoration at Park Hill Cemetery. Mayor Skip Henderson was once again our featured speaker. Thanks to Tommy Powell who orchestrated the commemoration, Danny Ginter who served as Master of Ceremonies in my place, Harry Floyd for bringing his cannon for our salute, and Dan McMichael and the Coweta Falls Color Guard.
- On September 5 four of our chapter members attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the US Court House in Columbus. They gave each of the 24 new citizens a copy of the US Constitution.
- On September 10 Danny Ginter and Wayne Cartledge represented the Chapter at the Columbus City Council meeting, where the Council read the proclamation for Constitution Week. They accepted a copy of the proclamation for the Chapter.

Our Committee Chairs remain quite busy. Danny Ginter and Norm Blankenbeckler have given Traveling Trunk presentations at eight schools. Ryan Meyer von Bremen has awarded twenty Eagle Scout Certificates. Glenn Haskell has taken over the Stark Program and has breathed new life into it. Mansfield Bias has taken over as Editor of our Chapter newsletter. This is our first newsletter in over a year, we're back on track. The danger of listing names is that you always forget someone who made an important contribution. So, for those of you who have worked hard for the chapter and I did not name, thank you! Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Robert Moore represented the Coweta Falls Chapter at the 134<sup>th</sup> National Congress in Lancaster, PA last July. The Chapter received the national President General's Education and Outreach Streamer. Thanks to all who earned us this award. It is an honor to be recognized at the National level.

Mark your calendars for our Coweta Falls Christmas dinner to be held Thursday, December 12, Green Island Country Club, starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$45.00 per person or \$85.00 per couple. Our special guest will be State Society President Edward Rigel, Jr. Reservations must be made by November 29. For more information or to make your reservations, contact our Treasurer, Wayne Cartledge (706)464-0685. I will be at the Christmas dinner for sure.

I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who made the Chapter so successful, especially in my absence. I've been blessed to be able to serve as the Chapter President. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Fraternally,

Roger Buterbaugh  
President  
Coweta Falls Chapter, SAR



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## Want a slice of Election Cake this year?

Say what? Yes, during the early years of our nation, elections were not viewed as a chore, but rather with great excitement. No other people were able to choose their leaders. Election Day was a joyous occasion, complete with parades, and parties, with lots of food, booze and.....cake!



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American\\_election\\_campaigns\\_in\\_the\\_19th\\_century#/media/File:Election\\_Day\\_1815\\_by\\_John\\_Lewis\\_Krimmel.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_election_campaigns_in_the_19th_century#/media/File:Election_Day_1815_by_John_Lewis_Krimmel.jpg)

cake appeared in 1796 in the first U.S. cookbook, Amelia Simmons' "American Cookery." The cakes could weigh as much as 12 pounds. One early recipe even called for 14 pounds of butter and 10 pounds of sugar.

"Last November, I urged Americans to bake cakes and bring them to the polls, or share with co-workers, or just eat them with family and friends," says Jacobs.

Project Election Cake was a way to remind ourselves and others that democracy is sweet. People in all 50 states joined the movement. Some used that original fig-and-clove recipe from 1796, while others modernized the recipe or themed their cake, be it representing their state or their passion.

Lisa GreenClopton of Georgia added peaches. Virginia's Rachael Dickson topped her cake with a tiny - working - Revolutionary War cannon. (Eat your heart out Skunk Brigade!)

People turned the baking and eating into a neighborhood activity, taking it to the streets, their county election offices, their school classrooms. (Just not too close to the polling areas). Project Election Cake was a way to remind us that our Democratic Republic is sweet.

Interestingly, a group of political scientists published a study in the journal Political Science & Politics back in 2007. The paper, "Putting the Party Back into Politics, recorded their experiment where the researchers set up little festivals with music and food at various voting stations around the country. The result? The festivities boosted turnout by almost 7%

Jacobs says he is doing project Election Cake again this November. Wouldn't it be cool if the SAR/DAR/C.A.R. sponsored some Election Cake festivities this election season?

In the 18th century, Americans made "Election Cake". Actually it started as a "Muster" cake. It was a compact, naturally leavened cross between bread and cake. The spice cake using boozy fruit was baked by colonial women. The cake was provided to the militia who were summoned for military training, or 'mustered,' by order of British regular troops. Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford has found references to the state's 1771 General Assembly reimbursing one Ezekial Williams for the ingredients of an Election Day Cake.

Women would make it in large quantities to encourage men to come to town hall meetings and vote. Full of fruits and nuts, this rich dessert became a staple of Election Day celebrations.

Bestselling author A.J. Jacobs, in an original series for Fox News Digital, has been sharing his year - long adventures of "living" the Constitution. A.J. recently wrote a book, "The Year of Living Constitutionally," about what we can learn from the Founders.

The cakes were a sort of combination of rum cake and fruitcake. Made with figs and cloves, the New England Historical Society, notes the first recipe for American election



<https://katietherecreativelady.com/blog/voting>

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<https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2016/10/23/498974733/a-history-of-election-cake-and-why-bakers-want-to-makeamericacakeagain>

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*Sons of the American Revolution  
Georgia Society*

*Marshes of Glynn Chapter, Robert Forsyth Chapter  
Edward Telfair Chapter and Butler Gwinnett Chapter*

*Invites you to a  
Four Patriot Grave Marking*

**Friday, November 22, 2024**

**3:00 pm**

(Day before the Siege of Ft. Morris "Come and take it")

**Contentment Bluff Plantation Cemetery  
Camp Kicklighter Rd (Shellman Buff)  
Townsend, GA**

*Honoring*

**JOHN CALDER**

Hammond's Reg of Light  
Dragoons, SC Militia and GA  
Col Elijah Clarke  
(Calder Cemetery)

**JAMES GILLIGANT, Sr.**

SC Army/Militia  
Commissioner of the Peace

**LT.COL. JOHN COOPER**

Ga Troops

**CAPT JAMES NEPHEW**

Served in the Col John Baker  
Regiment Liberty Co., GA.  
GA Militia

If you would like to present a wreath, provide your name, chapter,  
organization and position.

Contact: J. Steven Hinson (GA) • [stevenhinson61@gmail.com](mailto:stevenhinson61@gmail.com) • 912-258-2033





# WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Event Date: December 14, 2024

Slogan: Live With Purpose

Dear Compatriots:

For years the Georgia Society has been a steadfast supporter of Wreaths Across America

(WAA). The Society's Sponsorship ID is GA0057, and under this program Chapters or individual Compatriots will receive a free third wreath for every two wreaths they purchase.

Wreaths Across America will ship wreath orders to participating cemeteries nationwide. For example, you have the option of ordering wreaths for shipment to the Marietta or Georgia National Cemeteries, or other eligible cemeteries throughout Georgia. You can also order wreaths for loved ones or friends who rest in cemeteries in other states.

To order wreaths, please phone WAA Customer Service at: [1-877-385-9504](tel:1-877-385-9504). Provide the GASSAR ID Number, GA0057, and confirm that you are participating in the three-for-two program. Provide Customer Service with the Zip Code for the cemetery you want your wreaths shipped to. If your local cemetery does not receive shipments from WAA, you can choose an alternate delivery address for your order. To assure receipt of your wreaths in time for Wreaths Across America Day on December 14, please place your order no later than December 3, 2024.

If your chosen cemetery participates in Wreaths Across America, but does not have a Location Coordinator, you have an opportunity to organize a WAA observance that includes community leaders, nearby Compatriots, and Partners in Patriotism. Your time, mileage and expenses are all creditable as USS Stark Memorial Award activities. For more information about becoming a Location Coordinator, simply call WAA Customer Service. A representative will help you with an event planning package.

Please note that the Marietta and Georgia National Cemeteries already have Location Coordinators. Compatriots and Chapters wishing to participate in ceremonies at these cemeteries should contact their respective Location Coordinators:

Marietta National Cemetery, Joshua Stultz, [joshua.stultz@gawg.cap.gov](mailto:joshua.stultz@gawg.cap.gov)

Georgia National Cemetery, Russ Seltenright, [salty31@hotmail.com](mailto:salty31@hotmail.com)

The Wreaths Across America motto, "Remember, Honor, Teach," serves as a reminder that each year the Georgia Society and its Chapters elect new leaders. For many, 2024 will be their first opportunity to provide leadership in support of WAA. I encourage leadership at all levels to be mindful of the opportunity to work with fellow Compatriots, community leaders, and Partners in Patriotism as you honor the service and sacrifices of veterans who have gone before.

For additional information, please contact WAA Customer Service at 1-877-385-9504. In the meantime, best wishes for the success of your 2024 Wreaths Across America observance.

In Patriotic Service,

Gary J. Hoyt  
Veterans Committee Chairman

**From Hornet's Nest**

## Committee Reports



### **Chaplain's report by Bill Pruitt**

The Chapter Chaplain is responsible for the invocation and benediction at all Chapter functions called by the Chapter President. In addition to monthly meetings, this includes the Board of Manager's meetings and other special functions such as the Memorial Day Commemoration and patriot grave markings. Obituary reporting is coordinated with the Chapter Secretary and Chapter Historian. A listing is maintained of members who have passed away during the membership year. Obituary reports are forwarded to the State Chaplain and State Secretary. The Chaplain is also responsible for performing other duties which may be assigned to him by the Chapter President.

Please contact me if you know of any members who may have need of my services. I can be reached at [bill\\_pruitt@hotmail.com](mailto:bill_pruitt@hotmail.com) or (404) 680-5540.

### **Genealogist's report by Dr Hugh Rodgers**

Chapter Genealogist receives recommendations of individuals for membership in SAR. The Genealogist's job is to assist the applicants in finding the evidence needed to document the line of descent to a patriot who assisted in the cause of American Independence (1775-1783). For some applicants this requires many hours of on-line and library research. For other applicants who have relatives already members of SAR or DAR the research process is more quickly done. Members are encouraged to recommend men for membership. You should be sure that the person really is interested. Also help him understand our organization and the general requirements for membership. The Chapter Genealogist works closely with the Chapter Registrar, David Fox, who finalizes any applications.

### **Eagle Scouts report by Ryan Meyer von Bremen**

We have presented twenty Eagle Scout recognition certificates and scholarship invitations since January. From last year's contest, our chapter winner, Liam Burgin, went on to win the state contest. If you know of any other local Eagle Scouts who have not yet reached his or her nineteenth birthday, please get their name and contact information to Committee Chairman Ryan Meyer von Bremen ([grm1315@gmail.com](mailto:grm1315@gmail.com)) as soon as possible.



**Traveling Trunk report by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Danny Ginter**

Greetings to all! The Traveling Trunk program started off this school year with visits to Brit David Magnet elementary, Clubview elementary, and to a home school at the National Infantry Museum. Dan Ginter, Norm Blankenbeckler, and Wayne Cartledge have entertained students and teachers with telling about the American Revolution and demonstrating what life during the 1700's was like. Usually, we are allotted about an hour to talk but we all know that it takes more time to cover significant events of the Revolution. Our goal is to cover highlights of the Georgia fourth grade social studies standards while adding some fun and debunking some myths.

We have enough artifacts to demonstrate and talk about that can fill up three long tables. If you are interested in joining us during a presentation, please contact me and we can get you started. If you have a period uniform, please wear it.

Dan Ginter

**Americanism report by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Robert Moore**

Hello, my name is Robert W. Moore and I am the Chapter's Second Vice President. As the Second Vice President, I attend the Chapter Board of Management Meetings and keep track of the points for the Americanism Committee. I am also on the Chapter's Color Guard, and I help with the local C.A.R. Society, Lucy Spell Raiford.

As Chairman of the local Americanism Committee, I maintain what the Chapter does in a year. This includes the help of all our local members. The categories that are included in Americanism are: Media Publicity, SAR Speakers Bureau, Support of C.A.R. and DAR, Youth Programs (Boy Scouts, Knight Essay, Poster Contest, Middle School Brochures and ROTC/JROTC Recognition) Awards, Public Service Programs, Historic Sites and Celebrations, Grave Markings, Color Guard Activities, SAR Medal & Certificates awarded to both members and non-members, National Society Service, Membership, Reinstatements, Supplementals, Dues and Secretarial Returns as well as attendance at State, District and National Meetings. I encourage everyone that sees or participates in any of the categories, to please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Moore  
Coweta Falls Second Vice President  
Chapter Americanism Chairman  
GSSAR State Sergeant of Arms  
GSSAR State SAR – C.A.R. Liaison

### **Treasurer's Report – Wayne Cartledge**

A committee was formed to study the amount to charge for the Chapter Dues. Last year we had lowered our dues to \$11.00 to lessen the impact of the National and State raising their part. This year National and State Dues remained the same. Our Chapter is operating in the red, and a dues increase was needed. We had lost 15 members last year who did not renew their membership. The committee elected to raise the Chapter Dues to \$20.

#### 2025 Dues:

National	\$50.00
State	\$20.00
Chapter	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	\$90.00

## **In Memoriam**

Colonel (Ret.) Ralph Puckett Jr.  
State Representative Richard Smith

December 8, 1926 – April 8, 2024  
March 9, 1945 – January 30, 2024





# Memorial Day 2024





**Christmas Social**  
**December 12,,2024**  
**Green Island Country Club**  
**Social time - 6:30    Dinner - 7:00**  
**Reservation Deadline – November 29, 2024**

Our guest will be State President Edward Rigel, Jr. The cost is \$45.00 per person or \$85.00 per couple. A delicious Christmas meal will be served buffet style. A cash bar will be available.

Remember to please bring an unwrapped item for the raffle drawing.

It should be an inexpensive item, freebie, to be regifted, an unwanted item or white elephant item you have, or whatever.

Each person participating will be given a ticket for selecting from the remaining gifts on table.

It's like the lottery, you can't win if you don't have a ticket to play.

We need everyone to make a reservation to get an accurate headcount.

The deadline is November 29, 2024.

Please call Wayne Cartledge for reservations at 706.464.7070  
or email to [WCBradleyC@aol.com](mailto:WCBradleyC@aol.com).

You can bring a check made payable to SAR to a regular meeting,  
or mail it to our PO Box 685, Columbus, GA. 31902-0685.

This is a great opportunity for those members who can not attend our regular monthly meetings.

Dress is coat and tie for men and appropriate wear for the ladies.

House Salad/Pasta Salad  
Roasted Pork Tenderloin  
Chicken Marsala  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Grilled Vegetable Medley  
Steamed Corn  
Rolls

GICC Bread Pudding  
New York Cheesecake w/Strawberry Topping





## Liberty Tree Planting – December 2023





***Results of the Poster and Brochure  
Contest judging on 04/27/2024***

**GASSAR Poster Contest Results**

**First Place – Blue Ridge Mountains  
Winner is: Wesley Miller  
Award is: \$150.00**

**Second Place – Coweta Falls Chapter  
Winner is: Charleigh Walker  
Award is: \$100.00**

**Third place – Piedmont Chapter  
Winner is: Romy Baker  
Award is: \$75.00**

**Fourth Place – Robert Forsyth Chapter  
Winner is: Beau Greene  
Award is: \$30.00**

**Fifth Place – Lyman Hall Chapter  
Winner is: Aubree Smith  
Award is: \$25.00**

**135th NSSAR  
National Congress**

**July 12 - 18, 2025**

**Mohegan Sun Resort in  
Uncasville, Connecticut.**

**1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard  
Uncasville, CT 06382**

**Hotel reservations starting  
in late 2024**

**Resort Information at:**

**<https://mohegansun.com/>**

**Home of the Mohegan  
Tribe and the first Native  
American to die in the  
American Revolution,  
Samuel Ashbow, who was  
killed at the battle of  
Bunker Hill.**



# Traveling Trunk School Presentations

**Clubview  
Elementary**





# Traveling Trunk School Presentations



**Johnson Elementary  
October 18, 2024**





# October 2024 Speakers



Roderic Graham, Police Chief Stoney Mathis, Danny Ginter

*Program:*  
*Police, Crime, and What Can We Do About It*



MG (ret) Patrick Donahoe, Danny Ginter

*Program:*  
*Battle Monuments Commission and Our Military  
Cemeteries and Monuments in Europe*



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# 137TH ANNUAL CONGRESS - 2027

## New Orleans, Louisiana

### July 9 - 15, 2027

2027 Annual Congress Starts in  
2 years 8 months 29 days 14 hours 46 minutes 3 seconds

**THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT IS HOSTING THE 2027  
CONGRESS!**



The Southern District states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee will host the 2027 Congress at the "New Orleans Marriott" located at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

**CHECK BACK AS WE GET CLOSER TO 2027!** We will be adding a merchandise link, a list of places to eat, a list of places to visit while you are in New Orleans, a list of scheduled Tours, a link to volunteer to work at the convention, and other information in the near future.



## New Members



## Coweta Falls New Members Since Monday, January 1, 2024

Join Date	New Member	Patriot
02.16.24	Pete Barclay	Hugh Barclay
04.05.24	John Senn	Joel Perkson
08.23.24	Lawson Ragan	Jessee Webb
10.18.24	Ned Linch	Nathaniel Howell, Sr.

### Applications Submitted to National:

Stephen Russell Hesler  
Brandon Striplin Bias  
Benjamin Freeman Bias

Joshua David Marsh  
Hugh Holman Stuckey

### Our Chapter meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

@St. Luke Ministries Center located at the northeast corner of 3rd Avenue  
and 11th Street in Columbus

The \$16.00 buffet luncheon begins at 11:30 AM and includes salad, meats, vegetables, bread, and  
dessert.

Our meeting begins at 12:15 PM and features a Guest Speaker.  
Visitors are welcome! For reservations call Wayne Cartledge (706) 464-7070 or  
Tommy Powell (706) 405-9251 after you receive the meeting notice email.

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picture, along with names and dates. Thank you.