

The Minuteman

Coweta Falls Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

President's dispatch



President's Corner.

The Coweta Falls Chapter conducted a very successful Memorial Day Commemoration on May 29 at Parkhill Cemetery. I didn't do a head count but there must have been around 75 people or so in attendance. We held the Commemoration in the Mausoleum of the Pines this year and Parkhill Cemetery staff had to bring in more chairs. Even then we had quite a few people standing. Our guest speaker was Mayor Skip Henderson, who gave a stirring talk about the meaning of Memorial Day. The DAR King's Gap Ensemble provided the music and the Coweta Falls Color Guard posted and retired the colors. We had 13 organizations present wreaths. A special thanks to Compatriot Tommy Powell who orchestrated the Commemoration, to Compatriot Danny Ginter who arranged for the DAR King's Gap Ensemble to perform, to Compatriot Dan McMichael and the Color Guard for posting and retiring the colors as well as for providing the cannon salute, and Compatriot Chuck Hall for playing taps. The 18th Annual Coweta Falls Memorial Day Commemoration is in the books and we are already starting the planning process for the 19th.

The Muscogee County School District held its JROTC Awards Ceremony at Columbus State University on April 20. I had the honor of presenting Sons of the American Revolution JROTC medals and certificates to nine outstanding Cadets from high schools in the Columbus area. All of the Cadets were sharp and enthusiastic, we can all be proud of their accomplishments.

Congratulations to Miss Lilly Cannon, a 4th Grader at Mathews Elementary School, who won the Coweta Falls Chapter Poster Contest. The Chapter submitted her poster to the Georgia Society as our entry to the contest, and Miss Cannon won at the State level. The Georgia Society sent her poster to SAR Headquarters as their entry into the National level Poster Contest. Good luck, Lilly!

We have been holding our monthly Coweta Falls Chapter meetings at the St. Luke Ministries Center in downtown Columbus. Many of you may know that the Brookstone Hilton Garden Inn, our usual meeting place, suffered significant water damage when their pipes burst during the extreme cold weather we had last December. The projected re-opening date is now November 1. For now, we will meet at St. Luke – lunch buffet starts at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at noon.

Speaking of the water damage, the Coweta Falls Board of Managers voted to move our annual Christmas dinner to another venue since the Brookstone Hilton Garden Inn could not guarantee us that they will reopen in time for

it. Our Christmas dinner will now be Friday, December 8, at the Green Island Country Club. Our guest speaker will be David Ludley, President, Georgia Society, SAR. Look for ticket information in your dues notice that the Treasurer will send out later this year.

We are always looking for new members. If you know of anyone with a direct line ancestor who fought in or supported the American Revolution, let Hugh Rodgers or David Fox know. Sorry, Tories don't count!

And we are looking for people and businesses who properly display the American flag. We can present to them the Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate. I recently presented certificates to two local businesses and both were very excited to receive them. In fact, one was already looking for a place to hang theirs before I even left. If you know of someone deserving a flag certificate, let me know and I will prepare it. The only proof we need is your word.

The Coweta Falls Chapter is off to a good start this year. We hope you will join us at our monthly meetings and volunteer to work on one of our many committees. Together we can make the Chapter the best in Georgia.

Fraternally,

Roger Buterbaugh
President
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Editors Note: Judge Kenneth Followill passed on May 14, 2023. He was our Chancellor and a longtime member of our chapter.

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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, vegetables, meat, 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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Special Award



Regional Vice President Dan McMichael, President Roger Buterbaugh, and Immediate Past President/Secretary Tommy Powell who received the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.

Speakers



January
Georgia in the Revolution by
Compatriot Carter Wood

February Installation of Officers



Speakers March



Sgt Jane Edenfield
Property Crimes Unit
Columbus, GA

Speakers

April

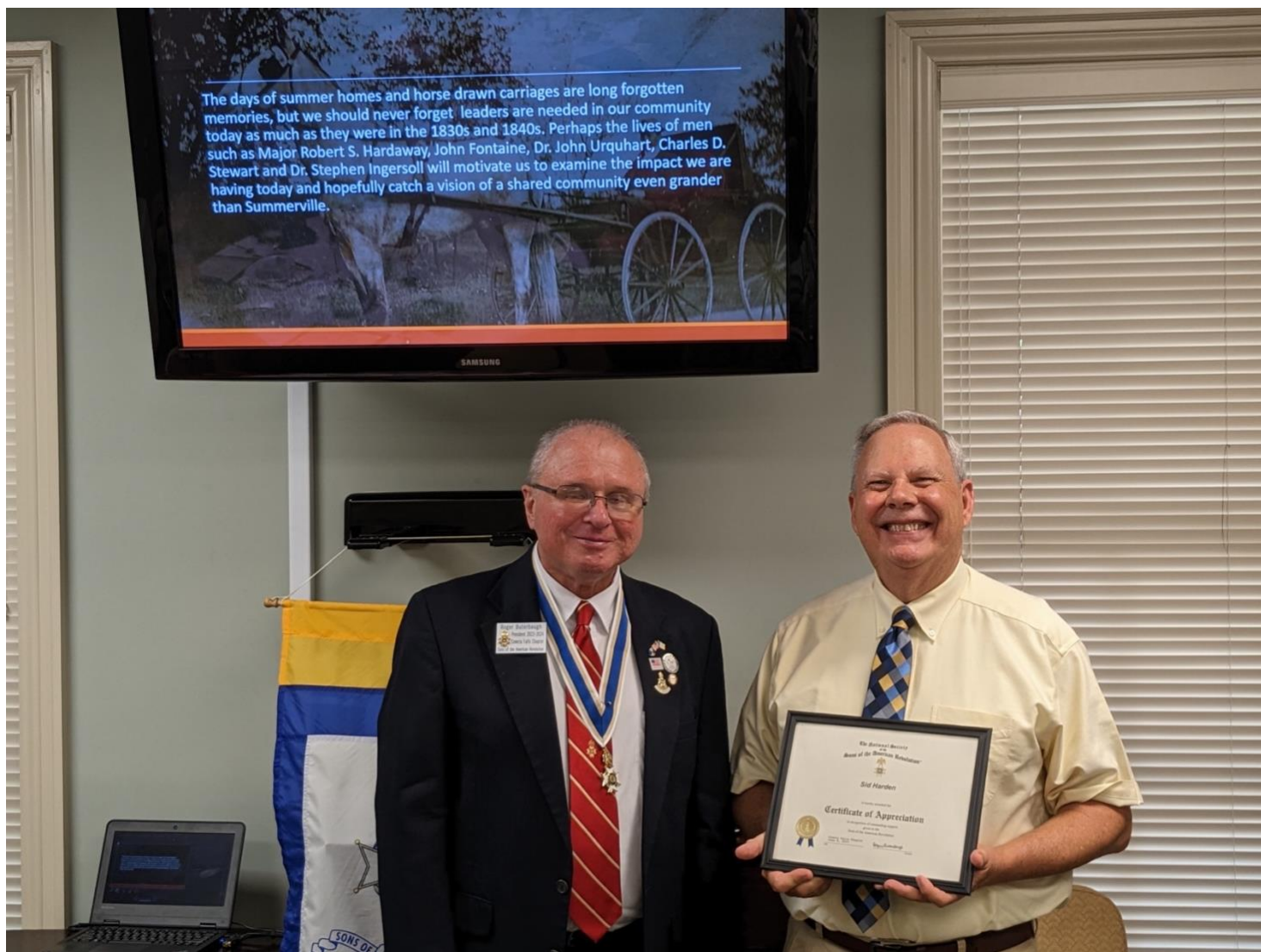
Compatriot Norm Blankenbeckler who spoke on his ancestor Zachariah Blankenbeckler

May

Louis Powell

Ghosts of the Revolutionary War

June



Sid Harden

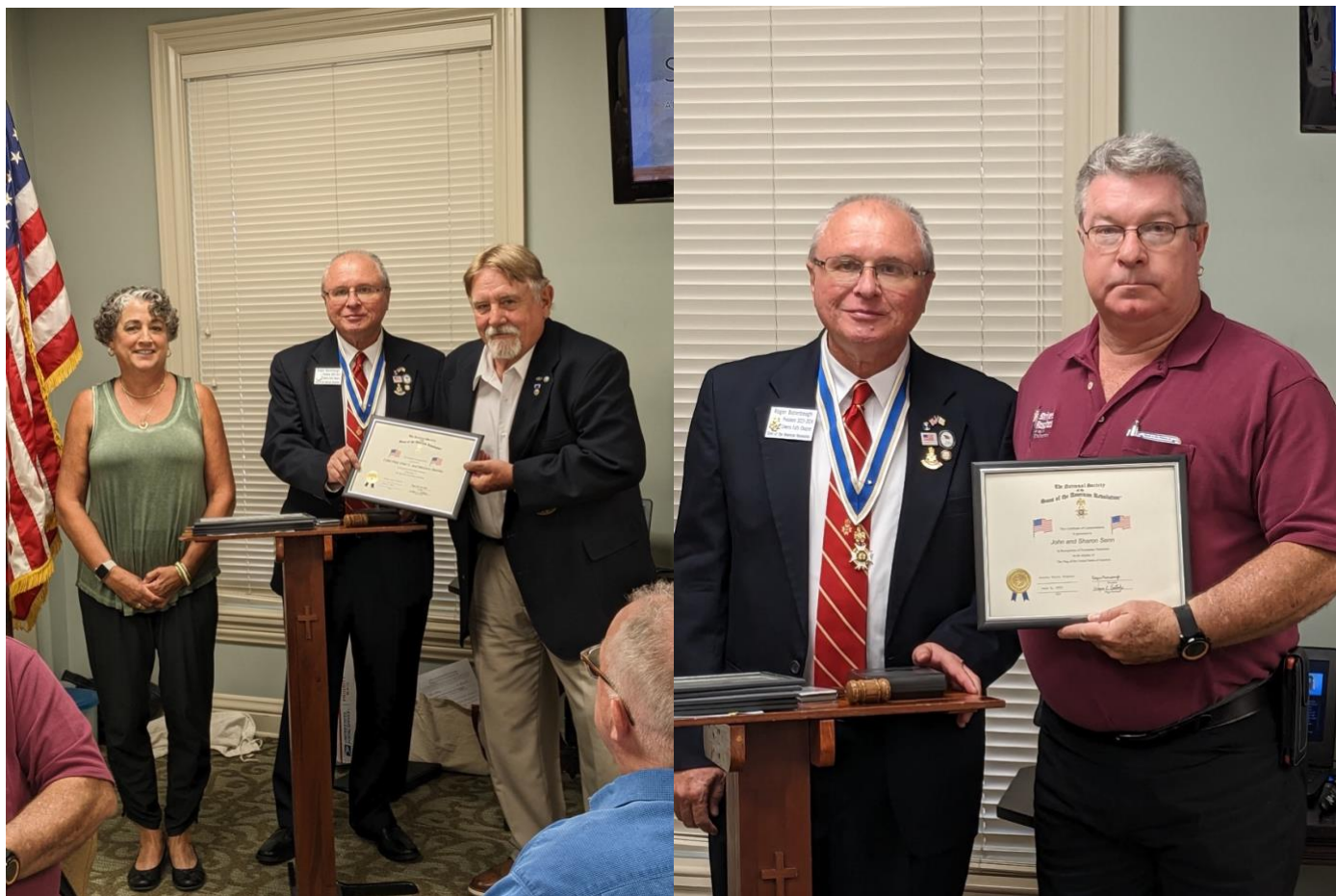
How and why Summerville Road was built

Traveling Trunk

COWETA FALLS CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
TRAVELING TRUNK



Flag Certificates



New Members



Robert Mildorf Brannan, Joseph Case Brannan, and William Arthur Brannan