

The Minuteman

Coweta Falls Chapter

Georgia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

President's dispatch

President's Corner.



It's hard to believe that half of our Coweta Falls year is over. It seems only yesterday that I was sworn in as your President. A lot of things have been happening.

I learned at the Georgia Society Board of Managers meeting last month that our poster did not place at the National level. Still, it's quite an achievement for Ms. Lilly Cannon to have reached the State level as the state winner. Now that school has started Compatriot Danny Ginter will be contacting schools about the next poster contest. Hopefully we will have another State winner submitted to our Chapter.

Speaking of school starting, it's time for the Traveling Trunk to resume its travels. Compatriot Ginter is also contacting schools to schedule Traveling Trunk presentations. If you know of a 4th Grade class who would like the presentation, let Compatriot Ginter know. He also could use some help in the presentations. We will send out the presentation schedules and if you have the time, consider joining him. It will do your heart wonders to see how excited 4th Grade students get when we tell them what all the items in the trunk are used for.

Our thanks to Compatriot Ryan von Meyer Bremen for taking the helm of the Eagle Scout Committee. In a short time, he has already presented five Eagle Scout certificates. He has rejuvenated our Eagle Scout Program. It's great that we can once again recognize our new Eagle Scouts.

We raffled off the print of George Washington entering Savannah, making the presentation at our June Chapter meeting. Congratulations to Compatriot von Meyer Bremen for winning the print.

It is with sadness that I report that long time member and Chancellor Kenneth Followill passed away. Thank you to Judge Art Smith for stepping up and assuming the role of our new Chancellor.

The Naturalization Ceremony is scheduled for September 7, 10:00 a.m., at the Court House downtown. I will be attending to present US Constitution booklets to our new citizens. Other Chapter members who wish to attend are welcome.

It soon will be time for our Treasurer, Compatriot Wayne Cartledge, to send out 2024 dues notices. Included in the dues notice will be an invitation to our holiday dinner. The dinner will be at the Green Island Country Club on December 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. David Ludley, Georgia State Society President, will be our special guest and speaker. Dress is coat and tie for men and appropriate attire for the ladies. The cost will be \$45 per person or \$85 per couple. You can include your Christmas dinner RSVP and payment with your dues when you respond to Compatriot Cartledge.

I hope to see you at Chapter meetings and at the Christmas dinner.

Fraternally,

Roger Buterbaugh
President
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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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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 or (404) 680-5540.

Genealogist's report by Dr Hugh Rodgers

Friends of the Library in Georgia continues to gain memberships. Georgia now stands at 69, well ahead of Tennessee, our nearest competitor. Coweta Falls maintains its chapter membership status. More members of the chapter should join with individual memberships. See me for details on how you can support for the SAR Library. Remember that Libraries are essential for the research that makes for SAR membership growth.

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

This quarter saw a revival of the Eagle Scout Committee with the recognition of five new Eagle Scouts in the Chattahoochee Area Council. Eagle Scouts Lawrence Flournoy, Madeline Burgess, Michael Coleman, Liam Burgin, and Ananth Thomas were honored by our chapter with certificates and an updated invitation to participate in our Eagle Scout Scholarship Essay Contest. Our chapter winner will receive \$150, with potential for state and national awards of up to \$550 and \$10,000, respectively. 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) as soon as possible.

Traveling Trunk report by 1st Vice President Danny Ginter

Our Traveling Trunk went well last school year and will continue doing better this school year. Our poster contest was successful and our first place poster won first place at state! Lilly Cannon , a 9-year old 4th grade student from Mathews elementary, made a poster of Sybil Ludington riding her horse as she rode through the night and rain to round up nearly 700 men. Her poster represented Georgia in the National Sons of the American Revolution poster contest. Unfortunately, her poster did not place. This school year is looking good. We have 2 schools lined up now and others are enquiring.

Danny Ginter

Americanism report by 2nd 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

Treasurers report by Wayne Cartledge

The National and State SAR governing entities have voted to increase the dues that chapters are to charge members for 2024 dues. To remain an active member for 2024 all members must pay 'the increase, both totaling \$22.00.

What can we do about this? Coweta Falls Chapter is in very good financial status. Wayne Cartledge, our Treasurer, did a study of what income we anticipate for 2024 and likewise for expenses. Upon the documentation of what excess monies we would have for 2024, Wayne presented to the Board of Managers at the August meeting. It was approved to decrease 2024 Chapter dues from \$22.00 to \$10.00. This would lower payment of members dues by \$12.00.

Please see below the charts of amounts billed in 2023 versus what is to be billed beginning October of this year for 2024. Overall, the net increase is \$10.00 from year to year.

Dues billed in 2022 for 2023 dues		To be billed in 2023 for 2024 dues		
National Dues.....	\$ 35.00	Set by Nat'l	National Dues.....	\$ 50.00
State Dues.....	\$ 13.00	Set by State	State Dues.....	\$ 20.00
Chapter Dues.....	\$ 22.00	We set	Chapter Dues.....	\$ 10.00
Total.....	\$ 70.00		Total.....	\$ 80.00
				\$15 increase \$7 increase \$12 decrease

Hopefully, this will explain your 2024 dues increase. Some members are exempt from National and/or State dues. Jr. members are just \$15.00 total.

Speakers

August Speaker was Chris Long who spoke on “Military Training for the Revolutionary Soldier”

September Speaker will be Mrs. Lora Warren who will speak on the Women of the American Revolution.

New Members



Aldine Stephen Johnson Jr.

Special Award Poster Winner Lilly Cannon

