



**Captain John Collins Chapter
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution**

The Collins Dispatch

April 2007

Dates to Remember

Meetings—Hong Kong Star, 557 S. Marietta Pkwy 770-428-0988

Chapter Mtg. Tues, April 17
6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. start

May 2 - 10:15 a.m. Kennesaw Mountain High School, JROTC history program on Revolutionary War

May 5 Old Allatoona Cemetery Cleanup 8:30 a.m.

Chapter Mtg. Tues., May 15
6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. start

May 17 Sons of Liberty Chapter Banquet, Ryan's in Hiram

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On February 25th, 1799 William Dawes died.

by Jack Manning, Vice President General, New England District SAR



The first man to be dispatched on the night of April 18, 1775, Dawes carried the same message as Paul Revere, but while Revere rowed across the harbor and mounted a horse in Charlestown, Dawes went overland, galloping through Roxbury and Watertown. Both men managed to deliver the warning to Samuel Adams and John Hancock in Lexington. They set off together for Concord, but were stopped by a British army patrol. Revere was arrested. Dawes staged a ruse and escaped. The poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow later immortalized Paul Revere and his midnight ride. William Dawes, the other hero of that night, died unheralded.

On the night of April 18, 1775, Dr. Joseph Warren, one of the Patriot leaders still in Boston, received intelligence that British soldiers were about to launch a surprise raid on Lexington and Concord. Munitions had been stockpiled in Concord, and Samuel Adams and John Hancock were in residence in Lexington.

Warren tapped two men to ride out and warn the countryside. Thanks to Longfellow's famous poem, every school child knows that one rider was Paul Revere. But the other man, William Dawes, also accomplished his dangerous mission that night.

In April 1775, William Dawes had just turned 30. He lived in the North End with his wife and growing family. Historians aren't sure how Dawes came to the attention of Dr. Warren, but he was a good choice.

Although he had no love for the British authorities, he had not been visibly active in the strug-

gle against the Crown. This meant that, unlike Paul Revere, he was not a marked man. In fact, his frequent contact with Regular soldiers was an advantage. He was tanner, and his business often took him out of Boston. Redcoats on guard duty were unlikely to stop him leaving town. He was also something of a "ham" and could do an excellent imitation of a drunken farmer if he needed to.

Warren summoned Dawes at 9:00 pm on April 18th and gave him a written message for Adams and Hancock. Later, he would give an identical message to Revere, in the hope that one of the two riders would make it to their destination. The terse warning said simply, "A large body of the King's troops (supposed to be a brigade of about 12 or 1500) were embarked in boats from Boston and gone to land at Lechmere's point."

Dawes set out immediately "mounted on a slow-jogging horse, with saddle-bags behind him, and a large flapped hat upon his head to resemble a countryman on a journey."

There were only two possible routes out of Boston that night. One could cross the narrow strip of land called the Neck that connected Boston to Roxbury or row across the harbor to Charlestown. The Redcoats had both ways carefully guarded, but Dawes somehow managed to elude - or deceive - the guards. Luck was on his side; a few moments after he slipped past the sentries, they received an order that no one was to be allowed out of town.

Once Dawes was on his way, Warren directed

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President's Message from David Thompson

The JROTC award ceremonies and Memorial Day ceremonies are fast approaching. Any interested members are encouraged to get in touch with our JROTC Coordinator Curtis McWaters. There are still many opportunities available for making presentations or just taking pictures. These JROTC cadets are some of our best and brightest students, so let's show them we care about the time and effort they have invested in the JROTC program. Memorial Day Observances are listed in the Dispatch. Make this a memorable Memorial Day by attending one of these. The 117th Annual Congress of the National Society will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia on July 7 through July 11, 2007. Information is available in the SAR Magazine and from Larry Guzy. Speaking of Colonial Williamsburg, have you ever wondered about the



wigs worn by several of the Founding Fathers? Only about 5% of the colonial population was wealthy enough to wear wigs. There were many types of wigs such as formal wigs, business wigs, riding wigs and casual wigs. Both men and women wig wearers had shaved heads. A "block head" was an exact wooden copy of a wig wearer's head made from elm or ash. This "block head" was where the wig was stored when not in use. A "big wig" was a person wealthy enough to be able to afford a big wig. The "powder room" was where people went to apply powder to wigs. Cheaper wigs were made from horse hair or goat hair. The best wigs were made from human hair grown in north Asia or north Europe. Hope to see you at our next meeting. Source: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Podcast

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Collins Member News

The following were reported as approved, but National and GA numbers were not yet available:

Bill Coffeen, National number 168416 GA 4484, **Charles Covington**, National number 168635 GA 4492, **James Waide**, National number 168645 GA 4502, **Randy Aitken**, National number 168816 GA 4515

The following men have submitted their applications and are awaiting approval:

Charles Rhyne at National 3/9/07; **Jason Bretch** submitted to State 3/30/07

Seven men are working on their applications: William Hauk, Edward Gill, Fred Buford with his son & grandson, James Collins, and Robert Adams

Several others are just starting their work, but the Chapter is always looking for others who are proud of their ancestry enough to want to document and perpetuate it. Contact the Chapter Registrar at 678-860-4477 with questions about how to assist others.

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If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Larry Guzy.

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Paul Revere to row across the Charles River under the shadow of the King's ships anchored there. Both Dawes and Revere faced danger and long odds, but with the men taking different routes, there was a chance that at least one of them might succeed.

While Revere rowed towards the mount awaiting him in Charlestown, William Dawes was riding through Roxbury, Brookline, Watertown, and Waltham. He had to proceed cautiously. The British had stationed patrols along the major road out of the city. Dawes apparently moved silently through the towns on his way to Lexington. Whether by design or because the people living along his route were strangers to him, he spoke to no one between Boston and Lexington. He successfully evaded the British Regulars, which was a good thing. Had he been caught, his mission would have been considered treasonous; he could well have been hanged for it.

Amazingly, both men reached Lexington that night. Revere arrived first, around midnight. Dawes's route was several miles longer than Revere and his horse slower, so he arrived a half-hour later. Each man delivered Dr. Warren's message to Hancock and Adams, who were staying with the town's minister. After a brief rest and some refreshment, Revere and Dawes set out together to rouse Concord. They were joined by a local Patriot, Dr. Samuel Prescott. The three stopped at houses along the way, spreading the word. About halfway to Concord, with Revere riding somewhat ahead, they ran into a British army patrol. Revere was taken prisoner. Prescott escaped and rode off to warn Concord.

With two Redcoats in pursuit, the quick-witted Dawes decided to try a ruse. He galloped up to a vacant farmhouse, stopping his horse so quickly that he was thrown to the ground. He jumped up and yelled as if to sympathizers in the house, "Halloo, boys, I've got two of 'em!" Fearing that they were about to confront a large number of angry colonials, the soldiers galloped away. The trick worked. Dawes, whose horse had run off, limped back to Lexington. According to family lore, he retraced his steps several days later to recover the watch he had lost in the spill.

Although William Dawes never acquired the fame of Paul Revere, his achievement was not entirely forgotten. Another family tradition has it that when General Washington visited Boston in 1789, he danced a minuet with one of Dawes's daughters. Washington, it is said, expressed admiration for her father's courageous deed.

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Online at: <http://www.massmoments.org/moment.cfm?mid=63>

Jack Manning

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GASSAR Annual Meeting

The Georgia Society Annual Meeting was held in Athens at the University Conference Center March 31st. Members attending included President **David Thompson, Curtis McWaters, Larry Guzy, Kendall Abbott & Joe Vancura**

At the Saturday Awards Luncheon, Kendall Abbott and Joe Vancura received Color Guard Awards. Larry Guzy was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and recognized for his support of the Eagle Scout scholarship program, and his wife, **Karin**, received the Daughters of Liberty Medal, second in importance only to the Gold Good Citizenship Medal.



Colonial Era Recipes

The Battle of Kettle Creek is commemorated each year at Washington GA on the weekend nearest Valentine's Day. At the Local Mary Willis Library, the following were distributed from Mary Willis' 1860 handwritten recipes:

Sponge Cake

Any number of eggs

One half weight in flour

The weight of the eggs in sugar

A Plain Pound Cake

1 pound of flour

1 pound of sugar

1 pound of butter/well mixed

9 eggs put in –cast one at a time

Stirred with the hand.

The spices for flavoring should be put in the sugar and butter or use 10 eggs lacking yolks of only 2. Flavorings 1 lemon, 1 nutmeg, little (?)

Corn Muffins

1 gill of milk, with a 1/2 pint of soft boiled hominy

1 spoonful of butter, 2 eggs

3 large spoonful of corn flour & salt

Bake in rings

Signers of the Declaration of Independence

NAME/STATE/ORDER OF SIGNATURE ON DOCUMENT

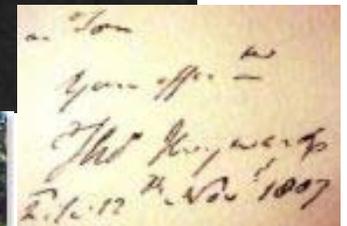
1	John Hancock (MA)	<u>NEW JERSEY 5</u>
<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE 3</u>		27 Richard Stockton
2	<i>Josiah Bartlett</i>	28 John Witherspoon
3	William Whipple	29 Frances Hopkins
4	Matthew Thornton	30 John Hart
<u>MASSACHUSETTS BAY 5</u>		31 Abraham Clark
5	Samuel Adams	<u>RHODE ISLAND 2</u>
6	John Adams	32 Stephen Hopkins
7	Robert Treat Paine	33 William Ellery
8	Elbrige Gerry	<u>CONNECTICUT 4</u>
<u>DELAWARE 3</u>		34 Roger Sherman
9	Cesar Rodney	35 Samuel Huntington
10	George Read	36 William Williams
11	Thomas M'Kean	37 Oliver Wolcott
<u>MARYLAND 4</u>		<u>GEORGIA 3</u>
12	Samuel Chase	38 <i>Button Gwinnett</i>
13	William Paca	39 Lyman Hall
14	Thomas Stone	40 George Walton
15	Charles Carroll of Carrollton	<u>PENNSYLVANIA 9</u>
<u>NEW YORK 4</u>		41 Robert Morris
16	William Floyd	42 <i>Benjamin Rush</i>
17	Philip Livingston	43 Benjamin Franklin
18	Frances Lewis	44 John Morton
19	Lewis Morris	45 George Clymer
<u>NORTH CAROLINA 3</u>		46 James Smith
20	William Hooper	47 George Taylor
21	Joseph Hewes	48 James Wilson
22	John Penn	49 George Ross
<u>SOUTH CAROLINA 4</u>		<u>VIRGINIA 7</u>
23	Edward Rutledge	50 George Wythe
24	Thomas Heyward, Jr.	51 Richard Henry Lee
25	Thomas Lynch, Jr.	52 Thomas Jefferson
26	Arthur Middleton	53 Benjamin Harrison
		54 Thomas Nelson, Jr.
		55 Francis Lightfoot Lee
		56 Carter Braxton

Bold=complete; *Italics*=assigned

Thomas Heyward, Jr. was born on July 28, 1746 in St. Luke's Parish, South Carolina, and was the eldest son of Daniel Heyward, probably the richest planter in the Beaufort district on the eve of the Revolution.

He studied law and completed his legal studies in England. In 1775, he was elected to the Continental Congress and returned to South Carolina to serve as a judge in 1778. In command of a militia force, he was taken prisoner by the British during the siege of Charleston. He married twice and had children by both wives. He resumed his Judgeship following the war and retired in 1798. He established his place in history as one of the four South Carolinians who signed the Declaration of Independence.

- Charles Covington



Heyward is buried in St. Luke's Parish, SC. A half-mile long lane of live oaks leads to the family cemetery where a bust of Heyward stands today.



Flag Certificate

Curtis McWaters presented a flag certificate on April 1 to Mr. **Charles R. Gannon**, a WWII Army Veteran and retired chemist from Marathon Oil. Mr. Gannon has a 300 watt light that shines on his flag at night.

HORSE HISTORY On a military equestrian statue:

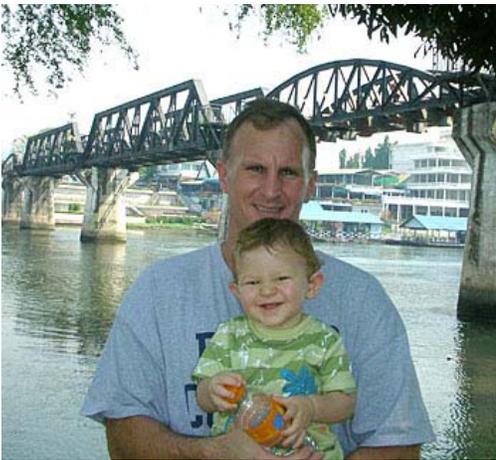
- If the horse has both front legs in the air, the rider died in battle.
- If the horse has one front leg in the air, the rider died as the result of battle wounds.
- If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the rider died of natural causes.

Three Days in Bangkok

The newest Collins Member, Randy Aitken, is working in the Far East and is sharing his travels with us.

“ It is a remarkable testimony to the globalized world that an American ex-pat, living in Hong Kong is writing about Thailand to a group of people in Georgia whilst overlooking a park in Kuala Lumpur.

Let’s see, how to describe Bangkok. In a word, “hot”. In two words, “really hot”. This coming from someone who just stepped off a plane from the Australian Gold Coast. For the few days we were in Thailand, in mid-February, the temperature stayed around 100 degrees with some humidity for good measure. Who knew the tropics could be so hot and humid? Certainly was not mentioned in the corporate literature.



We—my wife and 9-month-old son and I -- spent 2 days seeing the sights in Thailand (I will skip the boring days spent conducting business there). On the first day we woke up early and left our hotel by the airport which is, by the way, very

nice, for a private guided tour of the Bridge on the River Kwai, the Tiger Temple and some elephant trekking. And by private I mean we were the only ones in the car, not the only ones at the attractions. Although, by starting early, we beat the crowds just about everywhere.

First stop was the allied war cemetery, just outside the Bridge area. Remembering back to the movie—the only reason to be out here—I can’t imagine being stuck in that small prison cell in the Thailand heat. No wonder so many died— pushed beyond endurance, not well-fed and boiling in the tropical heat. Maybe we have just become spoiled with all the air conditioning and people coming of age in the 1940s were more from the age of “iron men and wooden ships”. I am not sure, but I like my air conditioning. The cemetery is nicely maintained, the graves are all well kept and the memorials spotless. We spent some time wandering the cemetery, even finding a guy with my last name along with quite a few members of the Gordon Highlanders, my Scottish clan. From here it was back in the air-conditioned car for the journey to the Bridge.

The Bridge itself is not very spectacular. It is the history behind it driving the crowds to what is essentially middle-of-nowhere Thailand. We took the time to walk across the bridge, which is easier said than done. It is not meant for walking

across and you constantly either stand aside or walk on the edge as you dodge other tourists. Must be very difficult when it is crowded. On the far side of the bridge, I took my son down toward the water edge so we could reenact the final scenes of the movie. He got to play the British commando whilst I was stuck with the Alec Guinness part. More demanding sure, but the misguided soul of the movie. The reenactment over, we walked back across the bridge to obligatory lunch in the floating restaurant, which was included in our tour package.

One of the great things about having a baby in SE Asia is that all the wait staff will cart him around and introduce him whilst you eat. Happened here and again at dinner. Nice feature. Having dispensed with lunch we headed to Tiger Temple.

Tiger Temple is where a group of monks, assisted by a small staff, is taking care of tigers that have been brought to them by the surrounding villages. In the long term they would like to establish a place to conserve wild tigers, but the tigers there right now would not survive back in the wild. The reason we are there is for the pictures. After lunch the staff brings the tigers down to the canyon, where they are chained, and people are photographed with them. Even my 9-month-old son was allowed to pose. Although the abbot had to personally approve his entrance

into the canyon. Really the abbot wanted to hold him for the pictures, but my son has a thing about strange males, so he let me hold him. You are led by a staff member, who is holding



your hand/arm and cautioning you to be quiet, to each tiger and positioned (safely) for the picture. The staff also takes the pictures and, I might say, they are better with my camera than I am. It all seems rather overboard, safety wise, but within a week of our return to Hong Kong a tiger at a similar set-up in China had killed someone. In China, I imagine, the staff does not have to go through 6 months of training to be with the tigers. In China the tourist took the picture, using the flash. Flash goes off, spooks tiger that mauls the nearest human. Really quite understandable, from a tiger’s perspective.

After enjoying some time with the tigers it was back to the car—did I mention the car had AC? —and off to do some elephant trekking. You walk up some stairs to a platform and step onto the elephant seat. All 3 of us on one elephant with a driver in front. We are led through the jungle and out into the river and then back onto the bank. You can almost imagine yourself as Indiana Jones, cutting through the jungles to find some lost city. We spent the river portion alone on the elephant as our

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driver remained on the riverbank giving the elephant instructions. A rather enjoyable 45 minutes. After getting off at the platform, we descended and found “our” elephant right next to us heading off for his next ride. Elephants are big. You don’t appreciate how big until you stand under one. My wife and I have been



around wild elephants before, but not this close on foot; very big animals. We had wanted to ride one for years but had never ridden a trained one. One thing I can tell you is these trained elephants are smart, they even understand Thai, which is more than I can say for myself.

From here it was back to the (everybody now) “air conditioned car” for the 2 or 3-hour ride to Bangkok. And just a word about Bangkok traffic, Atlanta is nothing. We flew down the road until about 5 pm and then it took almost an hour to cross a bridge and make a left hand turn or two into our new hotel for the next few nights, the Bangkok Shangri-la which is located on the river, south of central Bangkok. Day two was for touring Bangkok.”
(to be continued in Issue 3)

Member Randy Aitken was approved by National on Feb. 23, 2007 with #168816 GA 4515, and is currently assigned overseas in his job as Senior Global Sourcing Manager with Genuine Parts Company.



Fourth graders at Davis Elementary took on Revolutionary War personalities to tell their stories at a living history presentation at the school. Even the grownups got involved, with teachers and visitors dressing for the event.



Chapter Website <http://www.captainjohncollins.org>

Don't forget, if you go to an historical celebratory event, make a donation of money, items, or self to a veteran's charity, or even solicit a potential new member, please send a note to an officer or let us know at the next meeting.
Those Americanism points can add up fast!



President Thompson presents a certificate of Appreciation to VP Rodney Pritchett for his talk 3/20.

Ever wonder how your Patriot soldier was ordered around in battle? Vice President **Rodney Pritchett** shed light on the subject at the March chapter meeting with his topic, “Fifes and Fifers of the Revolution”.

Perhaps an encore via a future *Dispatch* article would be appreciated.