



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

The Collins Dispatch

August 2007

Dates to Remember

Meetings—Spaghetti Warehouse, Delk Rd, East of I-75

Patriotism Week: 6 Schools

Aug. 20-24 Cobb & Paulding

Chapter Mtg. Tues. Aug. 21

6:15PM dinner, 7PM Start Speaker, Kathy Nguyen, Water Conservation Coordinator for the Cobb County Water Dept.

Constitution Day with the

DAR Ansley CC Saturday 9.15.07 11AM reservations required. Contact Larry Guzy for information.

Chapter Mtg. Tues. Sept 18

6:15PM dinner, 7PM gavel in Meeting

Cemetery Cleanup

Sat. Sept 22 8:30AM

NSSAR Leadership Meeting

9.28 to 9.29.07 Louisville, KY. Explore what National can offer

Kings Mountain, SC

Sun. Oct. 7

Chapter BOM Marietta Main Library Tuesday 10.9.07

GASSAR BOM

Sat. Oct. 13 Forsyth, GA

Fall Outing Sat. Oct 27

Rheinart College Funk Heritage Museum in Waleska, GA

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NEW CHAPTER MEETING LOCATION MET WITH A CROWD



The Spaghetti Warehouse on Delk Rd. just east of I-75 hosted over 30 at the July Chapter meeting.

50 year-member Bob Tracy, NW Region VP George Wright, prospective member Earl Cagle, new member Jim Waide and his guest Russ Osmond, were among those who found the private room, set just for us, a good meeting place.

To help us navigate the food and meeting more efficiently, the following information should be noted. Expect to arrive about 6:15PM to eat. The Meeting will start at 7PM.

Location:

Just East of I-75 at
2475 Delk Rd. Marietta, GA 30067
770-953-1175

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO EAT TO ATTEND
It is recommended that a choice be given to the

Wait Staff as soon as possible upon arrival to speed the process along. A To-Go menu is available upon entry and you can order from that if you choose. A copy is reduced and attached.

OR a flat rate menu including tax and tip follows:

\$11.50 The Red Package:
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce OR
Spaghetti & Tomato Sauce, OR
Spaghetti & Marinara
Includes salad, bread, and drink

\$13.50 The White Package:
Spaghetti & Meatballs OR
15 Layer Lasagne OR
Four Cheese Manicotti OR
Fettuccini Alfredo OR
Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
Includes salad, bread, and drink

Patriotism Week Presentations Noticed at National

The week of August 20, members of the John Collins and Sons of Liberty Chapters will join to present assemblies on patriotism to student leaders at 6 area high schools.

What was, at first, a request that brought skepticism from school authorities, is now a program that is in demand among the schools.

Colleen Wilson, the new Education Director of the National Society SAR, will be arriv-

ing from Louisville on the 20th to attend several presentations and the Collins Chapter meeting. Ms. Wilson will be evaluating the program for possible application by the society across the country.

The scripts for the hour-long assembly are posted on the Collins website to make them accessible to other chapters.

President's Message

The year is flying by. It seems like only yesterday that we were having our annual banquet.

Now, the new school term has begun and we will shortly be having Patriotism presentations at six high schools in the area. This is one of our most important yearly projects where we are able to deliver our message to thousands of high school students. I encourage everyone to attend one of these presentations. You don't have to participate in the program, but I guarantee you will be glad you went.

Our new meeting room at the Spaghetti Warehouse is an excellent place to bring speakers and



guests. Hopefully, our monthly attendance and membership will continue to grow. We are still working out the meeting logistics with the staff there to make everything run smoothly.

Don't forget donations for our Veteran's Hospital Box. It is at all chapter meetings. Also, remember to be on the lookout for properly displayed US flags that would be eligible for presenting a Flag Certificate. We are a little behind our usual numbers for presenting these certificates.

Finally, thank you to all chapter officers, committee chairmen, and members for making this a very successful year.

David O. Thompson
President

Officers and Committee Chairmen

President	David Thompson
Vice President	Rodney Pritchett
Secretary	Larry Guzy
Treasurer	Skip Keaton
Registrar	Larry Guzy
Chancellor	Jack Gibson
Chaplain	John Jones
Sergeant-at-Arms	Rodney Pritchett
Historian	David Martin
Editor	Larry Guzy
Americanism	Charles Switzer
Cemetery	David Thompson
Dinner meetings	Bill Coffeen
Flags/Law/Fire	Curtis McWaters
Eagle Scouts	Bill Coffeen
JROTC & Veterans	Curtis McWaters
Membership	Larry Guzy
Patriot Grave	Brad Jones
Publicity/phone	David Thompson
Schools	Rodney Pritchett

Collins Member News

New Member info: Approved (5)

Jason Bretch 6.20.07 #169594 GA 4551
 Michael Rebman 7.24.07 #169804 GA 4583
 Fred Buford, Jr. 8.7.07 #169869
 Fred Buford, III 8.7.07 #169870
 Clayton Farnham 8.7.07 #169871

Supplementals approved (4) for David Martin
 John Jones has 1 supplement pending

Approximately 8 are working on submissions.

Congress Recap 2007 Williamsburg, Virginia

The NSSAR National Congress was held in July at Williamsburg and was attended by over 640 members—the largest attendance ever recorded. The 400th Anniversary of Yorktown was a big attraction and the venue, within Colonial Williamsburg, also added to the appeal. Business sessions, committee meetings, tours, a memorial service and banquets rounded out the event.

President General Bruce Wilcox, of Virginia, was installed. PG Wilcox had previously served in several general officer positions, as well as chapter, state and regional positions. The 2008 Congress will be held in Sacramento, CA.

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

Dispatch Second Again!

At the Williamsburg National SAR Congress in July, the *Collins Dispatch* was given the second place honors among multi-sheet newsletters in national competition. This is the second year that our newsletter has been the runner-up. The newsletter of the Sacramento California chapter took first place this year.

The runner-up receives a \$75 cash award which has been deposited to the chapter's general fund.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence



The “Other Ben” from Pennsylvania Dr. Benjamin Rush

By Jim Castle

Benjamin Rush was born on December 24, 1745 near Philadelphia. His father died when he was six, and Ben spent most of his early life with his maternal uncle, the Reverend Samuel Finley, who became his teacher and advisor for many years. Finley

eventually became the president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton), an institution from which Rush earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Rush later earned a medical degree at the University of Edinburgh. He then practiced medicine in Europe, and at the same time learned French, Italian, and Spanish. He then returned to the Colonies in 1769 to open a medical practice in Philadelphia, while also becoming Professor of Chemistry at the College of Philadelphia.

Rush became very popular in the Philadelphia area, practicing medicine extensively among the poor. He also became increasingly caught up in the Patriot cause, writing papers and joining the Sons of Liberty and the American Philosophical Society. In January of 1776 he married Julia Stockton, daughter of a fellow signer Richard Stockton, and in July of that same year Rush was elected to Congress, signing the Declaration.

It was after he became surgeon general of the armies of the Middle Department that he made a controversial and indiscreet remark about General Washington after Washington had experienced a series of military defeats. Rush secretly campaigned for his removal as commander in chief, going so far as to write an anonymous letter to Governor Patrick Henry of Virginia. After he was caught and confronted by Washington, Rush ceased from any activities related to the war. He later regretted his criticisms of Washington. After independence was gained, he wrote in Philadelphia newspapers in favor of adoption of the Constitution, was elected to the Pennsylvania convention which adopted it, and was appointed treasurer of the U. S. Mint, serving from 1797 to 1813. His teaching and medical practice continued until the end of his life. Dr. Rush was the most celebrated physician in America upon his death, in spite of the fact that he clung to the practice of bloodletting long after the

practice had declined. Rush University Medical Center in Chicago is named after him. He died April 19, 1813.

Interesting Story

Thomas Jefferson sent Meriwether Lewis to Philadelphia in 1803 to be tutored by Dr. Rush for the upcoming Lewis and Clark Expedition. Rush taught Lewis about frontier illnesses and provided the team a medical kit that included Turkish opium for nervousness, emetics to induce vomiting, medicinal wine, and fifty dozen of *Dr. Rush's Bilious Pills*, laxatives which contained more than 50% mercury. The expedition corps referred to these as “thunderclappers.” Since their diet was rich in meat and short of clean drinking water, the *Bilious Pills* were used frequently. Archaeologists have found that the high mercury content provided an excellent trail to trace the actual route taken by the group to the Pacific!

Beliefs

- Medical freedom should be put into the Constitution or the time would come when medicine would organize into an undercover dictatorship that would restrict the art of healing to only one class of men, denying equal privilege to others.
- The Bible should be used as a textbook in public schools.
- Scientific education should be made available for the masses.
- Slavery should be abolished.

Accomplishments

- Published the first American textbook on Chemistry.
- Succeeded Benjamin Franklin as president of the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery.
- Consulted Thomas Paine on the writing of the pro-independence pamphlet “Common Sense,” suggesting the title to Paine.
- Considered the “Father of American Psychiatry” (The emblem of the American Psychiatric Association bears his portrait.) due to his pioneering work in that field.
- Helped to reconcile Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.
- Rush argued scientifically that Negroes were not by nature intellectually or morally inferior to whites.
- Pioneer in prison reform.

Sources:

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**Williamsburg Congress
Color Guard Assembly**



(above) Georgia attendees toasted successes after Recognition Night awards.

(left) Prior to the Memorial Service held at each National SAR Congress, the combined color guards assemble to be reviewed by the President General.



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

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!

**Member Profile:
Bill Coffeen**

It has been awhile since we profiled our members and the time seems right to restart the process to get to know each other better. This month we chose to get to know William R. Coffeen.



Better known as Bill, he pronounces his name as Coffee with an addition of an "n" at the end. Sounds simple, but as all of us know, our names get easily mutilated. Bill is being featured since he and his wife, Karen, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary August 5th. Congratulations to you both. They have two sons, ages 24 and 28.

Bill was approved for membership on January 12, 2007. He is descended from Patriot John Coffeen, a Capt. in the VT Rangers and 2nd Regiment of the VT Militia.

Although they live in Kennesaw, Bill is a Certified Financial Planner with NettWorth Financial Group which he owns and operates as an independent financial planning group in Roswell. How did a History Major wind up doing that? Well, here is a stab at explaining.

Although born on 1 April 1949 in Elizabeth, NJ, Bill's family originated from central IL for many generations. He eventually saw the light and

moved West as a young man, attending Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, graduating with a BA in History (Cum Laude no less!). He went further west to Phoenix, AZ where he attended the University of Arizona and obtained his MA in Cultural Anthropology (no, not people who apologize for stepping on ants), becoming famous

for his article in "The Journal of the American Society of Ethnohistory" on "The Effects of the Central Arizona Project on the Fort McDowell Indian Community".

Bill served in the US Army from 1973-1976 and returned to Phoenix where he worked as a District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America from 1976 to 1979.

From 1979 to 1995 Bill held various marketing and sales executive positions within large publicly held national homebuilding companies. Bill moved on to financial planning, being with the Summit Financial Group before branching out on his own.

He is our Eagle Scout Committee

Where IS the radiator cap?

In the 1923 version of The Code of the Flag of the United States, revised in 1924, we were advised that "When the Flag is displayed on a motor car, the staff should be affixed firmly to the chassis, or clamped to the radiator cap."