



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

The Collins Dispatch

October 2007

Dates to Remember

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

GASSAR BOM

Sat. Oct. 13 Forsyth, GA

Chapter Meeting

Tuesday 10/16 6:15PM for Dinner & 7PM meeting start

Friday 19 October

Yorktown, VA anniversary
Georgia Council for Social Studies in Athens, GA

Fall Outing Sat. Oct 27

Reinhart College Funk Heritage Museum in Waleska, GA (see story)

Kennesaw Flag Retirement

Sat. Nov. 10 10:30AM with Cub & Boy Scouts

Chapter Meeting

Tuesday 11/20 6:15PM for Dinner & 7PM meeting start

See page 5 for list of other activities in State and around the South you can do

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It's Fall, That Means Outing, Dedications, Events and Renewal

For new and long-time members alike, it is great to review what the Chapter does so we can see how we got to where we are. We avoid the heat and crowds of summer by taking our Chapter Outing in October. It is a chance to visit somewhere that we do not often think about since we live here! The Chapter has visited the Booth Museum in Cartersville, The Etowah Indian Mounds in

Cartersville, the Roberts Farm in Ballground, Andersonville, and The National Museum of Medal of Honor Recipients in Chattanooga.

This year we will visit the Funk Heritage Museum in Waleska, GA at Reinhardt College north of Canton. Check out www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage. We will depart by car from the parking lot of the Chili's Restaurant on Barrett Parkway just west of I75 at about 9:15AM. Our carpool will take us up I75 to Hwy 20 then to Hwy 108 to Waleska. After the visit, we will return to Canton for a buffet lunch then back to



Commission Chair Sam Olens presents Proclamation to Bob Sapp (Piedmont Chapter), Larry Guzy, Jack Ferguson (Piedmont Chapter) and Jim Castle.

civilization. We will ask for a show of hands at the next meeting so we can see how many plan to attend.

As you can see in the section on opportunity for participation, there are many things you can do if you have the desire. One of the more important is proper retirement of our Nation's Flag.

Bill Coffeen is coordinating a ceremony with the Scouts at 10:30AM Saturday November 10th at Due West United Methodist Church 3956 Due West Road, Marietta, GA 30064 (if you need Mapquest directions.) Bring any Flags you have that may need proper disposal, and if you have a uniform, wear it to make the ceremony more meaningful for the Scouts and their parents.

We have already had several events that fall into "Service to the Community". Satur-

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Potential for Library Realization

The Louisville Slugger Factory's famous six story bat is only separated by a parking deck from the potential suggested by the SARTALK notice by our President General mentioned on page 5

2008 IS NEARLY HERE AND THAT MEANS RENEWAL. \$1 A WEEK IS ALL IT TAKES. SEE DUES NOTICE

President's Message

Fall is finally here and our Fall Outing will be taking place on Saturday, October 27. The Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College in Waleska is our destination. There is quite a bit of information on early settlers in the Southern Appalachians and also on the Native Americans who preceded them. Because days are getting a little cooler and less humid, the weather should be better than the 100 degree days we endured last summer.

Our Nominating Committee is in the process of getting nomi-



needs for various positions in the Collins Chapter. If you would like to serve, please contact Bill Coffeen 770.419.2549. You can make more of a difference than you think by just donating a few minutes a week.

Finally, I would like to thank our Chaplain, John Jones, for his years of dedicated service to the Collins Chapter. Chaplain Jones does a great job of checking on our sick and "missing". I encourage our new members to get to know Chaplain Jones.

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 GA 4588
 Fred Buford, III 8.7.07 #169870 GA 4589
 Clayton Farnham 8.7.07 #169871 GA 4590

Supplements approved (4) for David Martin.



Jason Bretch



Michael Redman

The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. **December 4th** will be the next deadline for articles. Send articles, photos, or your bio to Larry Guzy by email lg_adjservices@mindspring.com, or regular mail at 4531 Paper Mill Rd. Marietta, GA 30067-4025.

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



David Martin supplements approved

New transfer, Charles V. Braddock, 168735, GA 4506 approved 2/7/07 from the Marshes of Glen Chapter. Chuck is the Asst. Principal of Wheeler High School and lives in Kennesaw.

Applications in the works: (14) Bob Adams, Earl Cagle, John Chastain, Billy Collier, Ken Donaldson, Ken Farris, Edward Gill, Bob Haley, Gary Hardy, Bill Hauk, David Meyer, Jamie Moore, Dennis Rebman, Randall Lynn,

Reinstatement in the works for James Bergeson and supplement submitted for John Jones.



Fred Buford Jr. and III are awarded their certificates by President Thompson

Signers of the Declaration of Independence

There were three signers of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia. Button Gwinnett was the first followed by Lyman Hall and George Walton. These three Signers were honored by the State Legislature in 1818 by having three contiguous new counties named for them when new territory was opened.



Button Gwinnett was born in 1732 in Gloucestershire, England. Button became a merchant in Bristol England. He married Ann Bourne and eventually the couple moved to America in 1762, arriving first in Charleston, but by 1765 had travelled to Savannah, GA.

Button eventually sold his merchandise and purchased land to start a plantation on St. Catherine's Island. He apparently did well since by 1769 he had gained such prominence to be elected to the Provincial Assembly. Politics, being what they are, he developed a rival in Lachlan McIntosh and an ally in Lyman Hall. In 1775 the Parish in which his property was located threatened to succeed from the Georgia Colony due to the Colony's conservative response to Georgia's stand in regard to the events in the North. Gwinnett was elected to attend the Continental Congress after he declined the appointment as commander of Georgia's Militia.

Gwinnett actually signed the first paper copy of the Declaration of Independence on 4 July 1776 and remained in Philadelphia to sign the final Parchment copy on 2 August 1776. He signed so few documents that his signature has been sold for as much as \$150,000, the most valuable American signature.

During his service in the Continental Congress, he lost out in appointment as Brigadier General in the Georgia Continental Army to his rival McIntosh. In 1777, as a member of the State Assembly, he wrote the original draft of Georgia's first State Constitution based on a pamphlet drawn up by John Adams. Gwinnett became Speaker of the House, and after the death of Governor Bulloch, he was elevated to

Chapter Activities



Speaker Cathy Nguyen, from the Cobb County Water Dept, spoke to us in August about water conservation in a timely presentation that preceded the county moving to Level Four water restrictions.

David Westall spoke at the September meeting.



Joe's Blog

Former Collins President Joe Vancura has started a BLOG in which he is sharing his adventures in Africa. Go to

<http://noledawg.blogspot.com>

the Assembly's Executive Committee. He was President of the Council of Safety and organized an invasion of Florida that failed. That failure probably cost him election to Governor in 1777 and allowed McIntosh to openly criticize him for the failure. He was cleared of wrongdoing. He later challenged McIntosh to a duel over the incident. The dual was fought on 16 May 1777 in Thunderbolt. Although both were wounded, McIntosh survived but Gwinnett died three days later from shattered leg gangrene.

(By Larry Guzy from various sources including Wikipedia)

Patriotism: The Love and Loyal Support of One's Own Country

The photos tell the story: 6 high schools in 5 days August 20-24. Hillgrove, South Paulding, South Cobb, Kell, Mt. Paran Christian, and Douglas County supplied Seniors, Teams, JROTC, and school leaders to hear about Our Flag, The Pledge of Allegiance, Symbols of Patriotism and The Star Spangled Banner.

This year, we were shown in the Marietta Daily Journal and the Douglas and Paulding County papers for our interaction with the students.

Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle was our speaker on Tuesday, arriving by helicopter in the school's football field. He called to say how happy he was to be a part.

Major General William Nesbitt, our speaker for Monday, also said he was very pleased to speak with the students. It is satisfying to hear these renowned people say they would be happy to do this again.

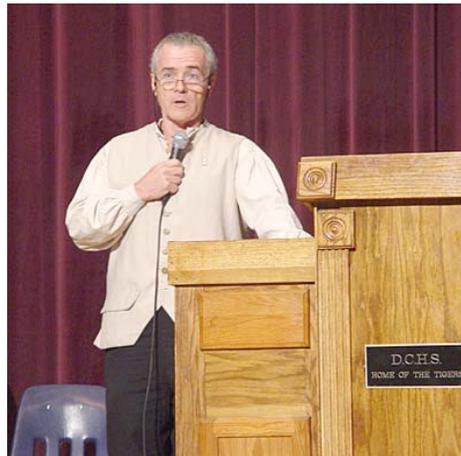
Other speakers included Cobb Commission Chairman Sam Olens, State School Superintendent Cathy Cox, Museum of Patriotism founder, Nick Snyder, and the Asst. State Attorney General. The students responded with attention and applause.

After four years and about 14,000 students, we are about ready to exhaust the high schools we have not done and start over.



Larry Guzy, Tony Toth (Sons of Liberty Chapter) and Ken Farris on South Cobb High stage

Douglasville High School Color Guard



Rodney Pritchett at Douglasville High



Allan Henson at Douglasville High



Student at South Cobb High singing the anthem acapella. Kendall Abbott (Sons of Liberty Chapter), Cathy Cox and school principal.



Ken Farris at Mount Paran High School



Bill Coffeen speaks at Kell High with Jimmy Flanagan (Sons of Liberty) and Larry Guzy looking on.

By-Laws Amendment Proposed

The Chapter Chancellor, Jack Gibson, has proposed that the By-Laws be revised to simplify our Annual Meeting. This had been the only place that the By-Laws could be changed. The proposal does away with these changes at the Annual Meeting and allows them at other regular meetings with the proper notification. The BOM has endorsed the change. It will be published again in the December Dispatch and voted on at the Annual Meeting in January. The proposal is as follows:

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

(Proposed changes to the text to get Constitution /Bylaws business out of the Annual Meeting and into any Regular Meeting. Changes proposed are in **RED** to highlight them. Underlined for those receiving the *DISPATCH* in black and white.)

This Combined Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular Members present, or by proxy, and voting at any **Regular** Meeting of the Chapter, provided that the proposed amendment or amendments have been submitted in writing to the BOM, and at a regular meeting at least forty-five days prior to the **vote**. The BOM shall make its report recommending approval or disapproval of the proposed amendment(s) at the **Regular** Meeting where the vote is to be taken. The President shall cause notice of any proposed amendment to be delivered to all Chapter Members, at least thirty days prior to the **vote**.

Fall Leadership Meeting - Louisville

Among other business attended to at the national meeting, President General Bruce Wilcox made an announcement regarding the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH).

"I want to report to you about an exciting opportunity that has developed that potentially would accelerate our outreach education program. At the Fall Leadership/Trustees Meeting the Executive Committee was presented with a proposal by the Louis & Henry Group, a Louisville Architecture firm, to sell us a five story building in downtown Louisville, at 8th and Main, for our use as NSSAR Headquarters and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The total space is equivalent to the combination of our existing building and our proposed new building on the adjacent property. The location is in the center of the rapidly developing "Museum District" of Louisville. As a result, there is great potential for greatly increased visitation compared to our current location. To purchase this property we would sell our existing building and the adjacent property. Because it is in a historic rehabilitation area, purchase of the proposed

building would also qualify us for over \$700,000 in tax credits that may be used as cash for this project. In addition, since we would be in sync with development plans by the city and state, this approach might open up new possibilities for additional funding support from the city, state, and federal government. Considering the money we would receive for our property, the tax credits, and funds we have collected for CAAH, we could start this project in 2008.

The reaction by the Trustees to the proposal was positive and they voted unanimously to support further evaluation. I have initiated action to examine, in detail, the elements of this proposal and return to the Trustees at the Spring Leadership/Trustees Meeting with a recommendation. No action will be taken committing us to this proposal without approval of the Trustees. "

The President General answered some preliminary questions in person and on SARTALK*.

He ended by saying, "My goal is to have sufficient information to make a recom-

Opportunities for Involvement

Anyone who would like to see why the Georgia Society is called "Award Winning" can see first hand by attending any of the following events at which we have a large presence. See the State Website GASSAR.org for more details if you have time to attend.

1. 19 Oct – Surrender at Yorktown, Yorktown, VA, 1000 hrs
2. 19 Oct – Georgia Council for Social Studies, Athens
3. 20 Oct – Grave Marking – Ocmulgee Chapter, 1400 hrs
4. 27 Oct – Hammett Cemetery, Kettle Creek, (5 Graves), Button Gwinnett
5. 3 Nov – Michael Gaar Grave Marking, Ruckersville, GA, 1100 hrs
6. 3 Nov – Dozier Thornton Grave Marking, (near above), 1430 hrs
7. 17 Nov – Ft Morris
8. 1 Dec – Daniel Higdon Grave Marking, Columbus, GA, Sponsored by Coweta Falls, 1115 hrs
9. 7 Dec – We the People, Atlanta, GA
10. 14 Dec – Battle of the Great Cane Brake, near Simpsonville, SC

mendation to proceed or to reject the proposal at the Spring Leadership/Trustees Meeting.

I have discussed this proposal individually with our former Presidents General and the leaders of the Society. Without exception they have supported the idea of investigating this proposal and of taking the actions proposed if approved by the Trustees.

Please share this information with all of our compatriots. I appreciate the support I have received and the encouragement to undertake this endeavor and I know you will support me as we proceed. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Bruce A. Wilcox"

* SARTALK can be accessed by registering on the NSSAR website. You receive email of the ongoing conversation among SAR members across the country about many topics. "

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Spaghetti Warehouse Meeting location attendees in August



Old Allatoona Cemetery during Chapter cleanup. Many hands make the job much easier Join us in Spring

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!**

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Opportunities to participate*

day 9/22/07 David Thompson coordinated another Old Allatoona Cemetery Cleanup. David's wife, Patricia joined Kendall & Cindy Abbott, David Martin and Larry Guzy in the final cleanup of the year at the historic cemetery that the Chapter has maintained since 2001. It is in very decent shape after a dry season. Someday one of our members will do

more research to give us a better understanding of the history not only of the cemetery, but also of those residing there. Any takers? The Chapter leadership meeting, Board of Managers, took place at the Marietta Library on Tuesday October 9th.

We also have had presentations to about 60 Teasley Elementary fourth graders on the flag where Charles Switzer's grandson assists in the raising of the flag daily, and Bay Springs Middle School to about 45 eighth graders on Spies of the Revolution. These are all in addition to the approximately 2100 high school students at six schools that took place in the first week of school in late August.

8/28 in having the Cobb Commission sign a proclamation for the 250th anniversary of the birth of General Lafayette.

If you have not taken part before in activities outside meetings, join us to feel the satisfaction of service to others that is just a small part of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Finally on service, the Chapter Officer elections will take place in December with installation in January. Nominations will be announced at the November Meeting. In the next month, please consider volunteering for one of the Officer or Committee positions. Eagle Scout Chair, Bill Coffeen 770.419.2549, is coordinating the Nominating Committee.



A responsive group of students greeted a presentation by Charles Switzer and Larry Guzy at Teasley Elementary School. The chapter was invited back after meeting with Teasley students before.

We also assisted the Piedmont Chapter on



1st cemetery cleanup crew 2001