



The Collins Dispatch

April 2009

Dates to Remember

**Meetings—Spaghetti Warehouse, Delk Rd, East of I-75
6 pm to eat, 7pm meeting**

Tuesday 4/21 Speaker Mark Webb on the Revolutionary War Cavalry

Saturday 5/16 Cemetery Cleanup Day

Tuesday 5/19 Speaker Charles Rhyne on the Battle of Kings Mountain: the role of the Southfork Boys

Tuesday 6/16 Speaker Linda Bham on George Washington's Will

Nearly every weekend there is a state activity somewhere.

Check gasser.org for the complete listing.

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New GASSAR Officers Installed

At the annual GASSAR meeting, held in Athens April 3-4, newly elected officers were installed.

Terry Manning, of the Button Gwinnett chapter was elevated from senior vice president to president. Manning also served as education chair last year.

J. Michael Tomme, of McDonough, was installed as senior vice president.

Roger Lamb, of the Cherokee Chapter, will once again serve as regional vice president for



New GASSAR President Terry Manning, carrying the U.S. flag in a 2005 photo taken at Cowpens Battlefield.

the Northeast Region of which the Collins Chapter is a part.

Kline Pugh, of Cleveland, GA, remains at his post of Secretary. Our own Jim Castle is replaced as treasurer by Charles Hampton of Culloden, GA.

Additional officers and revised committee contacts can be found at the GASSAR website.

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Education Outreach

After President David Martin and Past President Skip Keaton approached the Sope Creek Elementary School regarding participation in the annual poster contest, teachers of the fourth grade classes asked for a repeat of the presentations that their students had had in the past about the Revolution.

Larry Guzy, in uniform, gave four presentations to segments of the 8 classes of about 200 students. Half the students were studying the American Revolution while the other half were focused on the Constitution. The class lesson plans included: "What the Constitution has to say about the President and inauguration; compare/contrast biography of incoming president with those of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson."

David Martin and Charles Covington accompanied Guzy to the school in preparation for doing school presentations themselves. Each student received either a flag decal or a GASSAR pamphlet about the Revolution. The classes will participate in the poster contest about the ride of Paul Revere even though the state deadline is past. Judges will be chosen from the chapter and awards will be made to the students.

Send your articles and photos to Larry Guzy for inclusion in the next edition of the Collins Dispatch. Write the next Signers of the Declaration profile or profile a fellow chapter member. Have you studied a Rev War battle? Explain it to us.

President's Message

As Time Goes By

Gentlemen,

As the saying goes, if time goes flying by, we must be having fun. Following that, to illustrate our progress in relation to where we want to be, it might be said that we think we are making good time.

Several elementary schools were contacted during the Fall and in January about the 4th grade Poster Contest. However none responded until just as the deadline was reached. In order to take advantage of the opportunity to rack up some Patriotism points, action was quickly taken and not only was the Poster Contest conducted but Classroom presentations were conducted as a bonus. All of these events happened in between meetings, i.e., since the March meeting.

At the end of the Quarter came the GASSAR Annual Meeting in Athens. Not only is State level business conducted there but it is a social time and a place for awards to be presented. It was with great pleasure and pride for me to go forward when John Collins name was called to receive awards. Well done,



fellow compatriots.

The BOM Quarterly Report format is being changed so that the point system will be the focus of achievement. That means we are still in competition with all other chapters and our performance will be shown by points gathered for participating in any SAR program or event.

But are we there yet? Even though we have just begun, time is flying by. We are already 25% into the calendar year. There are programs for all seasons from writing schedules to awarding Medals to acting out parts in presentations at elementary and high schools.

Being involved in SAR programs is not only a worthwhile cause but it is where satisfaction is achieved for your efforts. And, as I mentioned in the previous message, there is the other deficit.

I feel like we have some momentum going our way and I hope more opportunities appear. If you are called upon to serve, do it. You will be glad you did.

Best Regards,

David Martin, President

Officers and Committee

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

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

If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Bill Teasley.

Collins Member News & Happenings

Rich Morrison and his father's applications are at National as is Dennis Reberman's. Other applications are in the works for Terry Gibbs, Charles Sanger, Stephen Pocalyko, and Joseph Austin. David Meyer is submitting a supplement on another Patriot Ancestor.

HAPPENINGS: David Thompson has called another Cemetery Cleanup day—Saturday May 16, from 8:30 to 10:30AM. Call David for directions. Take advantage of this glorious spring weather to participate in our ongoing stewardship of this cemetery.



Calling Post

The chapter takes advantage of an automated calling service to remind members of meetings and notify them of important news. If you want your name added or deleted from this list, call or email David Thompson. Sabl356256@aol.com



SAR Helps Create National Historic Trail

On Monday, March 31st, President Obama signed into law the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009, Section 5204 of which designates the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) as a National Historic

Trail (NHT). The W3R-NHT extends 685 miles from Newport RI (and Boston MA) to Yorktown VA, following the major land transportation routes of 1781 and 2009. It honors the alliance between France and the United States during our War for Independence, particularly the long march of 6,000 allied troops under Generals Washington and Rochambeau, which ended with the siege and victory at Yorktown in 1781. The W3R legislation was initiated in the House by New York Congressman Maurice Hinchey and in the Senate by Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman.

A network of historic house museums, state, local and National Parks, archives, tourism offices, state departments of transportation, Greenway advocates, libraries, churches, Scouts, historical societies, as well as individuals, in nine states including: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, and internationally with W3R in Paris, France, have been working toward this since 1998. The National Society SAR (and many State Societies) provided strong support for this effort, especially through the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association

(W3R-US), through which representatives of the many organizations coordinated and harmonized events and development along the trail. We hope to have an article on the status and plans for the trail in an upcoming edition of the SAR Magazine, noting the contributions of many SAR members and State Societies.

The establishment of this unique public-private partnership celebrates the vital role played by colonial Americans in those nine states, plus DC and France in supporting the care and feeding of over 5,000 Continental and French troops and their livestock as they marched to Virginia to defeat British General Cornwallis. The W3R-NHT is the first National Historic Trail in the northeastern United States. It represents a new opportunity for America to embrace its history, grow its economy through heritage tourism, and educate students and families about conservation and American History and the long-time friendship between the United States and France.

The National Park Service (NPS) study of the W3R describes the exceptional natural, cultural and historic significance of this trail. To read the NPS report, illustrated summaries of the historic march through each of the states, and photo-reports on recent activities along the route please visit www.w3r-us.org

--- Ralph Nelson (FLSSAR), NSSAR liaison with the W3R-US

JROTC Award Presentation Schedule

Chairman Curtis McWaters is seeking members to present JROTC awards at the following high school assemblies:

- April 23 North Cobb High School, Harrison High School Dinner at 6 p.m.
Awards at 7 p.m. in cafeteria
- April 28 South Cobb High School at 7 p.m. in gym
- April 30 Marietta High School at 6:45 p.m. in assembly room
- May 1 Osborne High School at 6 p.m. in Martha Bigham Auditorium
- May 6 Kennesaw High School at 6 p.m. in cafeteria
- May 14 Pebblebrook High School at 7 p.m. in Performing Arts Theatre

Some dates and times may change, so check with Curtis for final information.



JROTC Medals

Volunteers are still needed to participate in the 2009 National Congress being held in our back yard! You do not need to register to be involved by helping with registration, moving bags and supplies, supervising room setup or myriad other tasks large and small. Talk with Larry Guzy about when you may be available and how you could help.

2009 National Congress

Volunteer opportunities at Congress are not just for the men, but also for their ladies. A few hundred wives are expected to attend and we want to show them Southern Hospitality is alive and well in Cobb County.

A Ladies Hospitality room will be open every day and offer a social atmosphere for the WOSARs (wives of SAR). Hostesses are needed to supervise the room, welcome our guests and be sure that their needs are met.

Daily we offer drinks and snacks to the ladies and have puzzles or games on hand. Providing local information and directions is helpful to those visiting from out of town.

Beginning on Friday, July 3, one of the two rooms set aside for the women will be arranged to accommodate our service project. 1200 paper lunch bags will be decorated and on Sunday afternoon, an assembly line of wives will stuff the bags with fruit juice, applesauce containers and pretzel snacks. Our very active First Lady, Raylene Appleby, pursues similar work in her own community, and this project will replace the punch and cookies reception that is normally scheduled to honor the First Lady.

Marietta's MUST Ministries serves lunch to 1200 children a day who otherwise would have no midday meal when school is closed. We will be supplying only one day's worth of lunch sacks and another group will add sandwiches to complete the bags.

Hostesses do not need to be registered for Congress in order to participate. It is a great opportunity to make friends with women from all over the country who support their husband's SAR activities.

Please contact Karin Guzy to see how you can be involved. 770-955-1303

Revere and Dawes Ride



William Dawes

In Massachusetts, British troops march out of Boston on a mission to confiscate the Patriot arsenal at Concord and to capture Patriot leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock, known to be hiding at Lexington. As the British departed, Boston Patriots Paul Revere and William Dawes set out on horseback from the city to warn Adams and Hancock and rouse the Patriot minutemen.

By 1775, tensions between the American colonies and the British government approached the breaking point, especially in Massachusetts, where Patriot leaders formed a shadow revolutionary government and trained militias to prepare for armed conflict with the British troops occupying Boston. In the spring of 1775, General Thomas Gage, the British governor of Massachusetts, received instructions from England to seize all stores of weapons and gunpowder accessible to the American insurgents. On April 18, he ordered British troops to march against Concord and Lexington.

The Boston Patriots had been preparing for such a British military action for some time, and upon learning of the British plan Revere and Dawes set off across the Massachusetts countryside. Taking separate routes in case one of them were captured, Dawes left Boston by the Boston Neck peninsula, and Revere crossed the Charles River to Charlestown by boat. As the two couriers made their way, Patriots in Charlestown waited for a signal from Boston informing them of the British troop movement. As previously agreed, one lantern would be hung in the steeple of Boston's Old North Church, the highest point in the city, if the British were marching out of the city by Boston Neck, and two if they were crossing the Charles River to Cambridge. Two lanterns were hung, and the armed Patriots set out for Lexington and Concord accordingly. Along the way, Revere and Dawes roused hundreds of minutemen, who armed themselves and set out to oppose the British.

Revere arrived in Lexington shortly before Dawes, but together they warned Adams and Hancock and then set out for Concord. Along the way, they were joined by Samuel Prescott, a young Patriot who had been riding home after visiting a friend. Early in the morning of April 19, a British patrol captured Revere, and Dawes lost his horse, forcing him to walk back to Lexington on foot. However, Prescott escaped and rode on to Concord to warn the Patriots there. After being roughly questioned for an hour or two, Revere was released when the patrol heard minutemen alarm guns being fired on their approach to Lexington.

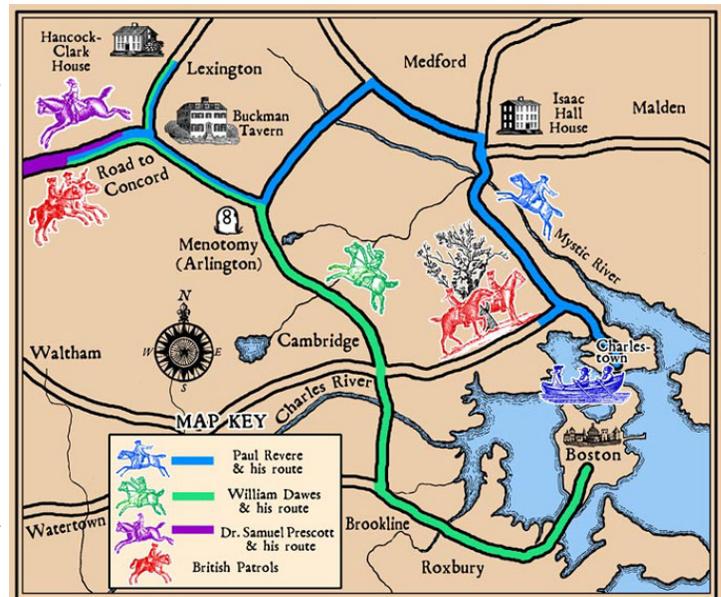


Around 5 a.m., 700 British troops under Major John Pitcairn arrived at the town to find a 77-man-strong colonial militia under Captain John Parker waiting for them on Lexington's common green. Pitcairn ordered the outnumbered Patriots to disperse, and after a moment's hesitation the Americans began to drift off the green. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired from an undetermined gun, and a cloud of musket smoke soon covered the green. When the brief Battle of Lexington ended, eight Americans lay dead and 10 others were wounded. Only one British soldier was injured, but the American Revolution had begun.

www.history.net

Jack Manning
National Trustee
New Hampshire Society

Follow this link to an inter-active map of the rides:
<http://www.paulreverehouse.org/ride/virtual.shtml>



Stories like the one above, written by our members, would be welcome additions to future issues of the *Collins Dispatch*.

Provide photographs of events and historic reviews to the editor. The next deadline for the *Dispatch* is June 4th.

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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.

SAR Library to Move to West Main Street, Louisville, KY



The Trustees voted at the recent Leadership Meeting in Louisville to build out approximately one third of the building on West Main Street to house our new Library. This is a fantastic way to take advantage of current low costs of construction, make a presence in the downtown area, and provide us with a world class Library facility.

Every picture you see of this area of Louisville features the historic building facades of which the building owned by the SAR Foundation is the central one pictured. With our library there, it will be official the SAR is there on Museum Row. The space in the current headquarters where the Library is now located will be used for education programs until the remainder of the building is completed and a move takes place of the remainder of headquarters activities.

2009 Congress Interest

Friday 7/3 through Wednesday 7/8

Congress was last in Georgia in 1983, 26 years ago. This summer, it is the closest it will be in a long time.

You as a member of the Georgia Society have helped fund the Host Reception on Saturday July 4th and thus are welcome to attend that function even if you do not plan to Register. As part of that function, held from 4-6PM at the Waverly Hotel at I-285 & I-75 in Marietta, there will be a special program. After it is over, around 6PM, we are offering a “Dutch Treat” dinner at local restaurants. The plan is to match local attendees with others from out of State who do not have vehicles. Since the whole idea of the Host Reception is to welcome attendees to Georgia, your participation could be an excellent way to continue this welcome.

1. If you feel you will **register to attend** the whole Congress, please provide the following information:

Name, Chapter, cell/home # and email address—if you would drive during the “Dutch Treat” Dinner fill in 3 below

2. If you feel you will **attend** the Host Reception **but not register** please provide:

Name, Chapter, cell/home # and email address

3. If you could participate in the “Dutch Treat” Dinner how many could you take in your vehicle? (2 additional, 3 additional, etc) _____

4. Would you volunteer to work during Congress? Day(s) and Time(s) (check all that apply)

	A.M.	P.M.
Friday 7/3		
Saturday 7/4		
Sunday 7/5		
Monday 7/6		
Tuesday 7/7		
Wednesday 7/8		

This preliminary information will help us properly reserve food/drink for Saturday and assess manpower needs. **Please mail or email this information to:**

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