



The Collins Dispatch

June 2009

Dates to Remember

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

June Meeting Tuesday 6/16

Speaker: Linda Bham on George Washington's Will

July 2-8 119th Congress
Waverly Hotel Marietta

Saturday July 18th GASSAR BOM in Forsyth, GA 10AM

July Meeting Tuesday 7/21
GASSAR State President
Terry Manning

August Meeting Tuesday 8/18

Nearly every weekend there is a state activity somewhere. Check gasser.org for the complete listing.

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Congress is Finally Here

After 8 years in the planning, the 119th Congress starts 16 days after our meeting on Tuesday June 16th. We have several members volunteering to serve as well as attend. David and Ann Martin, Allen and Kathy Henson, Larry and Karin Guzy, Charles Switzer and Joe Vancura are all registered to attend. Joe's mother Kathie and sister Betsy will assist in the Ladies Hospitality Room. Bill Coffeen, Curtis McWaters, Charles Rhyne, and Charles Covington will all serve in registration or in other areas.

Volunteer work starts on Saturday June 27th at 9:30AM at Larry Guzy's house where the bags for registered attendees will be prepared.

Thursday July 2nd will be the day to move the items prepared and stored to the Waverly Hotel. This will take place about 10AM to avoid traffic. If you have a van and want to help, let Larry know. Thursday evening at 6PM, a party will be held to let all the Congress volunteers know they are appreciated. This will be at Maggiano's Restaurant at Cumberland. After this event is over, Registration will be set up (yet another opportunity to help) at the Waverly so it will be ready for

Friday morning when those working Registration will be gathering to learn what they will do. At noon, the work starts.

For all who are not working and are curious, plan to play golf at Marietta City Club (\$90) or attend the Genealogy Seminars in the hotel 8:30-12:30 \$20 at the door. Both are open to everyone. Any Georgia Member can attend the Saturday Host Society Reception 4-6PM since you are the host Society. You would need to let Larry know since the hotel needs to

know about numbers. Afterward, you could go to dinner with a few members from across the country by volunteering to drive to a restaurant for the Dutch Treat

Dinner following the Reception. This is where we really need your presence. You will have dinner anyway, so why not have it with some fellow compatriots and their spouses and guests.

If you do not do any of the above, just stop by during the week so you can get a feel for what your Society does. You will know someone there, and possibly meet some of your distant cousins as well. It will never be closer than this. You will be glad you did.



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

Greetings, Compatriots,

It is with sadness that I begin this message. I believe most of you know by now that Addie Jones, wife of our Chapter Chaplain, John Jones, passed away on June 1. Addie was a regular attendee at our monthly meetings. If you ever spoke to her you would remember what a sweet and gentle person she was. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

JROTC Awards have been completed for this season. The John Collins Chapter presented outstanding JROTC students with Certificates, Medals and corresponding Ribbons. Next season we will be serving three additional High Schools; Sprayberry, Kell and Allatoona. We are pleased to give these awards but additional schools means more manpower. You might want to consider now which school you would like to attend to present an award.

Our second cleanup day at Old Allatoona we will address as incomplete since we will have to return. In addition to a couple of trees already down and not all of those cut for disposal, the county directed us to remove a dead section of one oak and to remove another dead tree in its entirety. Enter David Thompson, our resident Paul Bunyun. David is very experienced with felling trees and having them fall where no damage will be done. It was no different with these trees. Not a head stone or grave was disturbed with his marksmanship! However, even though almost all of the wood has been cut it still



needs to be transported street-side for disposal. So, another workday needs to be scheduled for this purpose.

Congress is nearing and everybody needs to be signed up to at least assist. Signup forms may be downloaded, or your friendly President has some in his bag that he will let you have.

The Genealogy Forum begins on Friday, July 3. Anyone can come. Fee is \$20. Also on Friday the Golf outing will take place at Marietta Golf Center. Fee is \$82.

Don't forget the Dutch Treat Dinner after the Hospitality hour on Saturday. I have already picked out the restaurant where we intend to eat. Do you know yours?

Our VP, Bill Coffeen, has another great speaker this month. Her name is Linda Bhame and the subject of her talk is "George Washington's Will".

I received word today from the state secretary that two more applicants are now approved as members of the SAR. They are Joseph A. Austin and Stephen P. Pocalyko. Congratulations Compatriots. Do we have a job for you!

That's all for now. If there are any questions about the Congress, bring them to the meeting on June 16. I'll see you there.

David Martin, President

Officers and Committee

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The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. **August 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

Stephen Pocalyko, and Joseph Austin were approved 5.28.09, 174034 and 174033 respectively. Rich Morrison and his father's applications are at National as is Dennis Rebman's, and John Ragland's was just submitted. Other applications are in the works for Terry Gibbs, Charles Sanger, and others. David Meyer is submitting a supplement on another Patriot Ancestor.

HAPPENINGS: David Thompson had another Cemetery Cleanup day—Saturday May 16th. Thanks for a job well done.

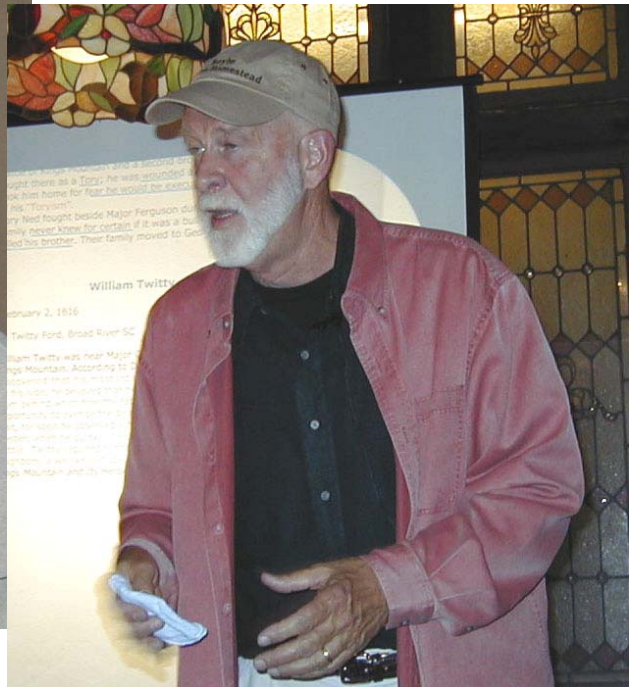


Calling Post

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



Prospective member and his wife, Sam and Pam Chappell captured after our April 21st meeting



Our member Charles Rhyne informed us of the sacrifices made by some who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain during his talk on the South Fork Boys on May 19th

IMAGES FROM OUR APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS



The Poster Contest Chapter Winners were announced. David and Ann Martin did a great job of organizing this work at the Soper Creek Elementary School. 1st through 4th places were recognized. Jim Castle and Ann Martin hold the Chapter 1st Place

John Jones receives a State Award for his service as a Chaplain from President David Martin during the April 21st Chapter Meeting



Our April 21st Meeting Speaker, Cherokee Chapter President Mark Webb receives thanks for his talk on Revolutionary War Calvary



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Don't forget, if you go to a 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.



Addie Jones, wife of John Jones, passed unexpectedly on June 1st. Our thoughts are with our compatriot, his daughter Judy, son Glenn, and their family. Addie participated with John in chapter activities and outings and frequently attended meetings with her husband.

June 4, 1754 Lieutenant Colonel George Washington builds Fort Necessity

In 2004 during the Pittsburgh, PA Congress we happened to be taking a tour to the Fort Necessity site on what happened to be the 250th anniversary of the actual battle there. The above is part of the re-enactment. What scheduling the PASSAR must have done to get us there on that day!

On June 4, 1754, during the Seven Years' War, a 22-year-old lieutenant colonel in the Virginia militia named George Washington begins construction of a makeshift "Fort Necessity." The fort was built to defend his forces from French soldiers enraged by the murder of Ensign Joseph Coulon de Jumonville while in Washington's custody. One month later, the French, led by Jumonville's half-brother, won Washington's surrender and forced confession to Jumonville's murder