



The Collins Dispatch

October 2009

Dates to Remember

November 7th Flag Retirement, Due West United Methodist Church (this is opposed to the un-united church who could not get it together since Bill Coffeen was not a member)

Chapter Meeting Nov. 17th Dr. Jerry Davis, Ret. GSU History Professor on the POWs of the Revolution, Spaghetti Warehouse

Chapter Meeting Dec 15th Trombone Quartet with Rodney Pritchett and Harry Hagan—
note location change

Jan. 16, 2010 Cowpens, Gaffney, SC

Jan. 19, 2010 Annual Meeting Marietta Hilton

Jan 30, 2010 Zebulon, Pike Co. Grave Dedication of Patriot Austin Dabney (see Dec. Dispatch for why this Patriot deserves recognition)

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Chapter starts a year-long 10th anniversary celebration of its founding in 2000

This month marks the end of the Chapter's 9th year as a chartered chapter, building toward a 10th anniversary of approval on October 14, 2000. This and the next 6 issues will recap some of the highlights of the Chapter's history. It is fitting to start with why we are named for Capt. John Collins.

The year before we were chartered, the Cobb area was served by the Piedmont Chapter. They dedicated the grave of Patriot Collins and that headstone decoration is the photo that has appeared in every issue of the Dispatch. The dedication in the Mars Hill Church Cemetery was attended by many to celebrate the service of one of only a few Patriots buried in Cobb County.

(The following is copied from the first issue of the Dispatch in July 2001 and was last repeated in 2007.)

“John Collins was born on 9 Dec. 1760 in Frederick County, Maryland. He served in the South Carolina Militia from 10 May 1776 to 26 Oct. 1776 under Captain Robert McAfee and Colonel Neal.

He was in a skirmish with the Indians on the Seneca River. He re-enlisted for a second tour under the same officers. In his

third tour, Patriot Collins served as a private in the Camden District as a substitute in Captain Thomas Barron's Company, commanded by Major Francis Ross where he was in the Battle of Briar Creek.

Next, he enlisted in Captain Benjamin Hardin's Company of the North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel Charles McDowell. He served from September 1779 as Orderly Sergeant under Captain John G. Lowman and Colonel Hampton. Immediately afterwards, he was a Private, Sergeant, and Sergeant-Major under Captain John G. Lowman and Colonel Archibald Lyle.

He was taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston, but later paroled. He went to Lincoln County, NC where he was again captured by the Tories and again sentenced to hang. He escaped and again joined the Militia. He participated in the Battles of King's Mountain, Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse and Jamestown.

He also served as Adjutant Lieutenant in the Virginia Troops and as a Captain in the South Carolina Militia and participated in the Battles of Orangeburg, Four Holes Bridge, and Bacon's Bridge. He received a pension for his service.”

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

Fall Marks the Beginning

Late summer and fall mark the beginning of many of our most successful programs. We gathered our program literature to take to a few local Elementary and High Schools to begin a new round of spreading patriotism by allowing the student to be the participant in learning about their heritage. We started with our joint Patriotism Program with the Sons of Liberty Chapter. Two presentations were given, at Allatoona High and Harrison High. Both were a success and the Collins Chapter was well represented.



It may seem we have entered a slow time between activities, but that is far from reality. While we wait for the school programs to mature there still is a need to remind our fellow citizens that Old Glory should be proudly flown. If you are not comfortable presenting a proper display of the flag certificate note where one should be given and pass that information on to us. Should you see one in need of retirement, simply stop in at that place and volunteer to retire it for them. Bring it to the Flag Retirement ceremony on November 7th.

On a recent scheduled cleanup day at Old Allatoona Cemetery, an advance party discovered that someone had already been there and did a very good cleanup. It was noticeable, too, that two new grave mark-

ers were set in place. Thanks to all who continue to assist in this continuing effort.

At the November meeting your Nominating Committee will announce the names of those that they recommend for Chapter Officers for 2010. If you wish to be considered, there is still time since nominations from the floor will also be allowed. Voting does not occur until the December meeting with installation in January. Remember that if you did not renew your membership before then, you are considered absent. Send in your renewal now to continue being an active member.

Looking beyond Voting for new Chapter Officers and Renewing your Membership, the beginning of our new year starts with the Annual Dinner. This will take place on the third Tuesday of January. Several Members, including Curtis McWaters, David Thompson, and Charles Rhyne are already working on arrangements and a program. The Dinner will be held again this year at the Hilton, formerly the Marietta Conference Center. The ticket price will be announced soon.

Those members who have attended meetings regularly have heard some very good speakers and good ones are scheduled to speak through January.

Until next time,
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
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Eagle Scouts	Bill Coffeen
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Membership	Bill Teasley
Patriot Grave	Brad Jones
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Schools	Skip Keaton

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 at 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

Peter Lyon was our first Directory Chairman before Curtis McWaters took over. Peter has rejoined us for the monthly meetings since his work now allows that day in town. Welcome back Peter.

John Ragland's application has been approved 9.30.09 174995/4860. John hopes to make the December meeting to obtain his certificate.

Dennis Rebman's application that was pended by National has been resubmitted with further documentation. **Wayne Brown** has submitted his application as have **Terry Gibbs** and **Michael Coon**. **Ron Cagle**, Earl's brother and Earl's son, **Earl Jr.** have submitted applications.

Several men are working to complete their documentation.

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

Meeting Location Changing

The chapter has had many meeting locations in the past 9 years. The Spaghetti Warehouse has been our location since August 2007 and we will continue there through the November meeting.

In this, the start of our 10th year, we are exploring another change. The Golden Corral on Barrett Parkway, just west of I-75 at the first traffic light, will be our meeting location for the December Chapter meeting.

At a cost of \$10 you can find all you care to eat as well as enjoy the annual Christmas meeting with music provided by the Bone-A-Fide Slides Trombone Quartet.

In January, our Annual Meeting will be at the Marietta Hilton, the former Marietta Conference Center among other prior names.

In February we will return to the Golden Corral for what we hope will be a long and enjoyable relationship. Join us in December at the Golden Corral to experience the difference and let us know if you agree that this facility offers what we need in a meeting location.



On November 7th, at 10 a.m., a Flag Retirement Ceremony will be conducted at the Due West United Methodist Church, 3956 Due West Rd., Marietta, GA 30064.

This annual event is sponsored by the church affiliated Boy Scout Troop and supervised by Bill Coffeen. Members attend to support the scouts in this endeavor.

Wives can appreciate the Holiday Market held in the adjacent building at the church. Bill's wife Karen is involved in the arrangements for the annual sale.



Happy Halloween



First anniversary meeting of the chapter. October 16, 2001. Who do you recognize?

Tellus Fall Outing

On Saturday September 12th the Chapter held the 9th fall outing of the Chapter's history.

Fifteen members and guests/wives traveled to Cartersville to visit the Tellus Museum. On that day they made an official announcement that this museum is now a partner with the Smithsonian, the second such museum in Cartersville to be so designated. The Chapter visited the Booth Museum in a previous year, the other such designated museum. Since the stated objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution include fellowship, we continued the tradition of visiting interesting places.

The past Outings include: Chattanooga's Medal of Honor museum; Andersonville's National POW Museum; Family picnic at the Roberts Farm two years; Dellinger Park picnic in Cartersville followed by tour of the Etowah Indian Mounds; Booth Museum; Funk Heritage Museum in Waleska and last year the New Echota State Park in Calhoun.

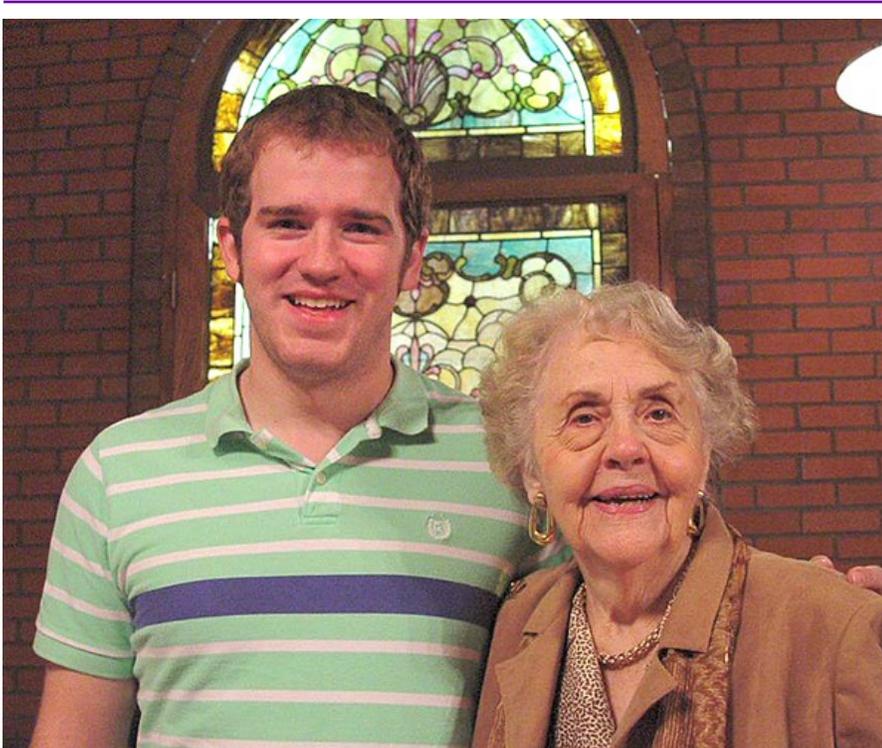


Patricia and David Thompson, Curtis and Katie McWaters, Judi Jones, John Jones, Anne Martin, Larry Guzy, Karen and Bill Coffeen, David Martin, Bert Christy, Shirley and Charles Covington and (not pictured) Karin Guzy, all attended the Fall Outing.



Special Guest

Jason Bretch brought a special guest to the October meeting, his grandmother, Bessie Anne Bretch. She became a DAR in 1947 and has been a continuous member for 62 years! She remains an active DAR member as well as a certified Flower Show Judge Emeritus. Although she has the potential for several supplements discovered during Jason's application process, she had not pursued them. Jason has his work planned out to open new lines.



Chapter Directory

Curtis McWaters has again prepared the Directory, however due to numerous changes, the Board of Managers decided that we would update it, add new members as well as those who are preparing applications and use it as both a 2009 and 2010 issue.

It will be provided in a PDF format, posted on the website, and mailed to those who do not have email. If you have information changes, let the Dispatch Editor know so the up-to-date information is included.



Dr. Joe Kitchens with David Martin

For those who have missed meetings, we have had several good speakers.

In August, Col. Clifford Lowery spoke to us about the Faith of Our Founders.

In September, Dr. Joe Kitchens, Executive Director of the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, spoke about "The White Tail Empire". Of course this referred to the deer population of Colonial time. The talk was great history of the South

Speakers Corner



Shelby Whitson

and particularly Georgia. Have you ever heard of Mary Musgrove? Wow, you may not have known that Indian Society was matriarchal. There was no divorce court. The wife simply evicted the husband.

This October, Shelby Whitson, former GA DAR Regent, gave us a history of the Signers of not only the Declaration of Independence, but also of the Constitution.



Col. Clifford Lowery

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky.
Aug. 19, 2009

The National Society Library becoming a reality

"The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, based in Louisville, is starting construction on a new genealogical library, the first phase of the 120 year-old organization's planned move to 809 W. Main St.

A ground-breaking ceremony is planned at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the new headquarters site.

The genealogical library is being moved to Main Street from its current location at the agency's headquarters on Fourth Street south of Kentucky Street. It is the cornerstone of the society's preservation and conservation of important documents pertaining to the families of those who participated in the American Revolution. The library has extensive census records, family histories, vital statistics, photographs, and other historic documents.

Society president General Ed Butler of Texas said construction and renovation of the library portion of the new quarters at 809 W. Main, property that the society has purchased, is scheduled for completion in early 2010 and projected to cost \$2.5 million.



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Plans call for the society also to move its national headquarters to the new building and to develop what it is calling a Center for Advancing America's Heritage at the site.

The center is part of the organization's developing educational outreach programming and will include traveling and permanent exhibitions, tours, and historical symposiums and conferences. The overall project is expected to be completed in phases and is projected to cost as much as \$10 million.

The society's current headquarters in Louisville features a number of historical artifacts and exhibits on display in its gallery, including George Washington's seal ring, a life-sized replica of the Liberty Bell, and a special exhibit on Revolutionary War hero and Louisville founder George Rogers Clark, including his personal dagger. The group hosts hundreds of school field trips per year, and schedules public tours and events on a regular basis.

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!



Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Collins Chapter members who volunteered during the recent National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. Members included Bill Coffeen, David Martin, Allan Henson, Curtis McWaters, Charles Switzer and Charles Covington. Members who were not present to receive their certificates were Joe Vancura and Charles Rhyne.