



Captain John Collins Chapter

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

October 2010

Dates to Remember

The Chapter meeting starts at 7PM the third Tuesday every month. We gather at the Golden Corral on Barrett Parkway about 6PM for dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Family and friends are welcome.

Saturday October 16th Fall Outing:

Marietta National Cemetery Tour 9AM by Brad Quinlan followed by flower laying at John Collins Grave then catered lunch. **This is the 10th Anniversary of our founding.**

Oct 19th Chapter Meeting

John Johnson on the Black Sheep of the Colonies

November 2nd Election Day—VOTE

November 6th Flag Retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts at Due West United Methodist Church.

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Many of today's members attended an organizational meeting in June 2000.



Since 2001, the Collins chapter has participated in the annual Memorial Day ceremonies at the Marietta National Cemetery.



First Anniversary Meeting 10-2001



A significant number joined in the chapter's first Fall outing to the National Medal of Honor Museum in Chattanooga, July 28, 2001.



Gilbert and Bert James were early members. Here pictured 11.10.2000

Members are asked to submit articles and photos to Larry Guzy for inclusion in the next edition of the Collins Dispatch. Deadline December 4th.

President's Message

It's hard to believe we are about to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our chapter's founding. As a reminder (see article for further details), we will be combining our annual Fall outing with a commemoration of our chapter's founding on Saturday, October 16th from 9am to lunch at 1pm. Many of you have already signed up and paid for a catered meal that day, but I have yet to hear from many of you still. **Whether you are a member, a member's spouse, or in the process of applying for membership... you are all cordially invited to participate.**

And for those of you who have recently purchased a John Collins polo shirt please plan on wearing it that day. And for those of you who haven't yet picked your shirt up, I'll have them available for distribution that day.

Our chapter has continued to grow over the last ten years because our members have stepped up time after time to be involved in activities that have highlighted the history, values and patriotism of our Founding Fathers and to encourage and recognize others in our community who reflect those same traits of



our ancestors today. Those same members have embraced our "Challenge Coin" program as we have seen an increase of prospective member guests at our meetings this year. In fact, I want to

formally recognize the enthusiasm of Lamon Smith who was "challenged" at our August meeting and who had two guests attend our September meeting even though Lamon himself could not attend due to a death in his family. Reaching out to friends and others in our communities and telling others of our society and its goals has made a difference. Ray Ruggles is another of our compatriots who is always talking about the SAR (when he's not talking about Scouting his first love) and his enthusiasm paid off with the appearance of two gentlemen he had invited to our September meeting.

Friends, don't hesitate to share our story. It's important. It's impactful. And it's personal as we are all bound together in patriotic brotherhood. I hope to see you on October 16th to celebrate!

Bill Coffeen, President

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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, 770-479-8884
SYLTBLL@aol.com*

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 Larry Guzy 678-860-4477 Larry@adjustmentservices.com

Collins Member News & Happenings

Van Beasley and his two sons Bryan and Andrew are awaiting approval. Their applications are at National. Larry Lines has submitted his application as well.

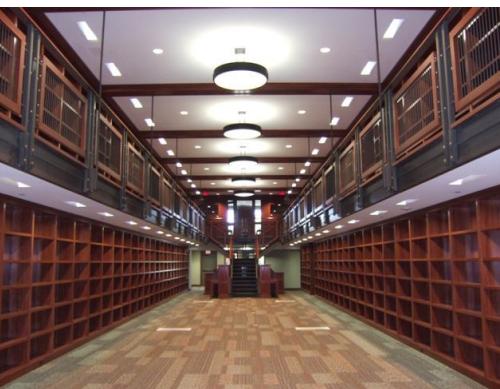
Richard Canfield's and other applications are under way at this time and will be submitted soon. They include Bob and Larry Adams, Terry Kingery, John Mattingly, Harry Vaughn, Paul Gibbs, and Doug Talley.

The September Chapter Meeting saw many prospective men and included Jason Shepherd, Leland (Lee) Hulsey, Nicholas Spratlen, Robert Beeman, Paul Gibbs, Terry Kingrey, G.R. Graves, Harry Vaughn, and John Mattingly. All these men are in need of assistance in completion of their paperwork. Will you be willing to assist? With the Fall upon us we will restart our Genealogy special interest group in November on the 3rd Thursday, the 18th. We will meet at 6:30PM at the Library.



After much anticipation, the Genealogical Research Library portion of the new National Headquarters in Louisville, KY, was dedicated on September 27th. The ceremony was attended by many compatriots and their wives who were attending the Fall Leadership meeting.

What started as a gutted building is now an elegant space, full of wood



National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY (PHASE I)

DEDICATION CEREMONY

809 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky
September 25, 2010

10:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks	J. David Sympson <i>President General</i>
10:02 a.m.	Presentation of the Colors	Color Guard Commander
10:05 a.m.	Singing of the National Anthem	All
10:08 a.m.	Invocation	Rev. A. Clark Wiser <i>Chaplain General</i>
10:10 a.m.	Main Street Vision	C. Bruce Traugher <i>Economic Development</i> <i>Louisville Metro Government</i>
10:15 a.m.	The Need	Miles K. Dechant <i>Librarian General</i>
10:20 a.m.	The Design	Daniel S. Preston, Architect <i>architecture</i>
10:25 a.m.	The Project	Larry D. McClanahan PG, 2001-2002
10:30 a.m.	Presentation – Certificate of Occupancy	Leo Post, General Contractor <i>A. L. Post Inc.</i>
10:35 a.m.	Benediction	Chaplain General Wiser
10:37 a.m.	Retire the Colors	Color Guard Commander
10:42 a.m.	Closing Remarks	President General Sympson

tones and light, that will hold the thousands of volumes owned by the National Society.

The long main room will be centered on library tables that will also provide internet access and light for those doing research in the new facility.

The NSSAR website, at sar.org, offers videos that show the progress of the library and headquarters during construction. Also offered is the history of the two buildings, compiled by current President General J. David Sympson. The buildings are closely tied to the original founding of Louisville and have survived floods and tornados to serve us today.

Fund raising continues to complete renovation of the headquarters and museum portions of the site. Less than \$250 per member would top off the fund if everyone contributed to the effort.

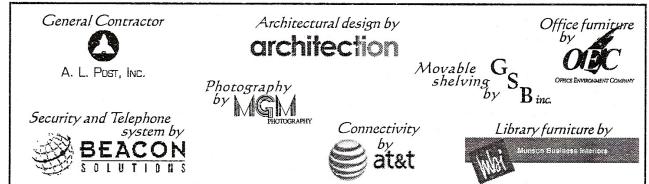
It might interest you to know...

- The following amounts of materials were used in the renovation:
 - 366 cubic yards of concrete
 - 80 tons of steel
 - 34,000 square feet of drywall
 - 2,400 lineal feet of wood shelving
- The services of 28 different sub-contractors were utilized.
- Replacement doors and windows are duplicates of the originals, in keeping with the guidelines of the Louisville Landmarks Commission.
- Wooden boards were salvaged from the building, then refinished and relaid in the lobby floor.
- West Main Street has survived two fires, one in 1886 and one in 1889; a tornado in 1890; and floods in 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1937.
- West Main Street was the first street in the city.

National Recognition. During the 1970s, West Main Street was designated a local and a national historic district, in recognition of its importance to Louisville's economic development and the quality of its architecture. The district contains a significant concentration of nineteenth century, cast-iron, commercial buildings, rivaled only by such cities as New York and Portland, Oregon.

From Fortified Settlement to Commercial Hub. In 1779, settlers laid out the town of Louisville, Kentucky County, Virginia, with lots lining either side of Main Street between Third and Twelfth Streets. Fort Nelson, built to protect the settlement, was constructed along this street. Although West Main originally contained both residential and commercial architecture, it had become almost exclusively commercial by the 1830s. During the mid-nineteenth century, it became the commercial heart of the city.

A special thanks to Charlie Scott, Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter, KYSSAR, for his efforts in photographing and videotaping each step of the construction of Phase 1!



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The first national Thanksgiving Day, proclaimed by President George Washington, was celebrated on November 26, 1789. However, many felt the hardships of a few Pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday, and later, President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

Shortly after Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation was written it was lost for over a hundred years, apparently while moving official records from one city to another when the capital was changed. In 1921, Dr. J. C. Fitzpatrick, then assistant chief of the manuscripts division of the Library of Congress "found" the proclamation at an auction sale being held at an art gallery in New York, and he purchased it for \$300.00 for the Library of Congress, where it now resides. It was the first presidential proclamation ever issued in the United States.

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and

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We regret the passing of Anne Martin, wife of Compatrick and Past-President David Martin, on September 29th.

The Collins chapter was fortunate to have had Anne's enthusiastic support. She provided refreshments and coffee at many of our early meetings at the Marietta library and joined us at many more meetings and chapter functions.

Anne was a member of the DAR Chapter and her two sons are also SAR members.

Anne Martin



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George Washington's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted¹ for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and vari-

ous favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best. Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789."(signed) G. Washington.

Excerpted from:
"Many First Colonial Thanksgivings"
By Sam Behling (GFS Sam)
genealogyforum.com