



The Collins Dispatch

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DATES TO REMEMBER

The Chapter meeting starts at 7PM the third Tuesday every month. We are currently meeting via Zoom video conferencing.

- May 18 - **Chapter Meeting**
- June 15 - Chapter Meeting
- July 20 - Chapter Meeting
- Aug. 17 - Chapter Meeting
- Sept 21 - Chapter Meeting

Additional events and activities, see the GA SAR website www.gasociety.org



Old Allatoona Cemetery

Our adopted "Old Allatoona Cemetery" in West Cobb County is looking good as we enter the spring season. The mold and milder cleaner that we are spraying on the tombstones is doing a great job of removing the biological growth. The tombstones are now clean, white, and legible again. Another cemetery workday will be scheduled soon.

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President's Message

Dear Compatriots,

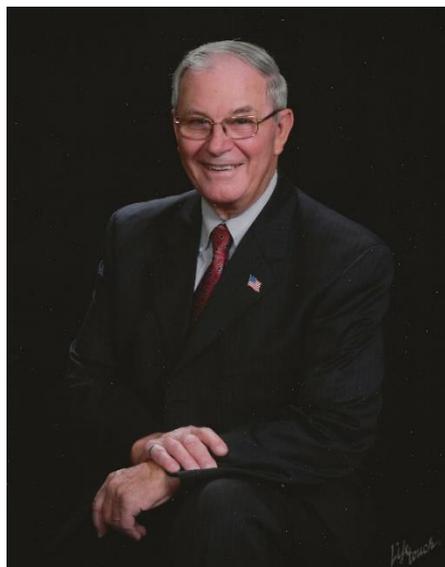
The year is quickly going by and hopefully we have seen the worst part of the pandemic at this point. Thanks to the perseverance of all of our members, we plan to have our first in-person meeting May 18th beginning at 6:00 pm for dinner at the Hudson Grille, located in Barrett Pavilion, 2500 Cobb Place Lane, NW, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144; but we will continue to have Zoom access to the meeting for members who are unable to attend in-person. Members are being offered an opportunity to resume the camaraderie and encouragement that comes from being a part of a great Chapter. Therefore, plan to come early to eat together since Hudson Grille requires a \$300-\$500 guarantee depending on the size of the room we occupy. Our Chapter continues to flourish despite the hardships the pandemic has imposed on us. We have a great speaker, Brooks Lyles, speaking on "The Road to Yorktown" that you will not want to miss hearing. I look forward to renewing friendships in person with each of you.

Patriotically yours,

E. Stallings Howell

President

Captain John Collins NSSAR



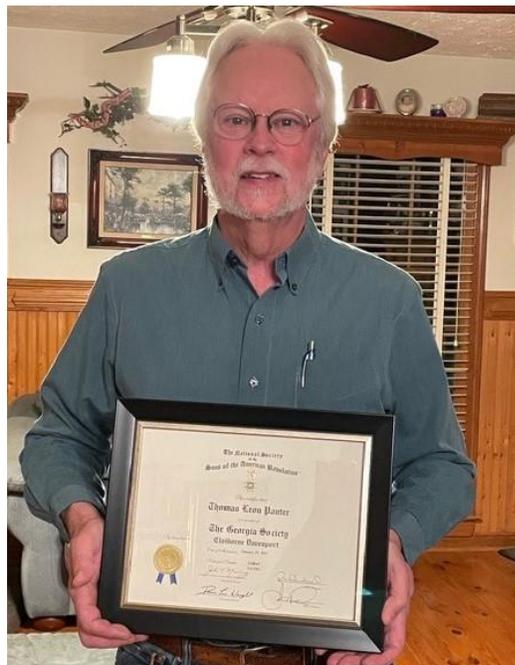
New Chapter Members

The photo below shows Mr. Henry Patrick Bonds, our new chapter member. new sixteen-year-old Junior Member of Capt. John Collins SAR Chapter inducted on March 30, 2021 by President Stallings Howell by Zoom. Henry's Patriot is Jeremiah Burns, who was a Pvt. & Sgt., Bedford Co. Virginia Militia, Capt. George Lambert's and Capt. Clement's Cos., Col. George Matthews Regt. He also fought in the Battle at Yorktown. Henry is a sophomore at Wheeler High School where he is on the varsity lacrosse team, and he also volunteers as a coach for the middle and elementary lacrosse teams. When Henry graduates from high school, he plans to pursue a degree in finance. Henry is the grandson of former Capt. John Collins member Stan and Beth Virden.



New Chapter Members

Thomas Leon Panter was inducted as a new member on March 16th. He is currently employed at Voith USA, Inc. where he has held various positions throughout the years. He resigned as the Operations Manager in 2013 planning to take care of his wife who had been diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, his wife of 37 years passed away the same year. Since that time, he has been working a retirement job as a Project Engineer. He married Terri in 2016. Tom has one daughter, Jamie, who has given him 3 granddaughters (Elizabeth, Emily and Elyssa). Terri has twin daughters (Jordan and Jenna) who are pursuing careers in the medical field, while Jamie has just earned her Specialist degree and is a teacher with the Paulding County School system. Tom says his son-in-law is a Deputy Sheriff with Paulding County, and a fine young man. Tom's Ancestor is Claiborne Davenport who entered service in Captain Charles Fleming's Company, 7th Virginia Regiment on December 1, 1777 which was later combined with the 5th Regiment. He participated in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point and the siege of Charleston. He was taken prisoner at Charleston May 12th, 1780; but he and some others escaped shortly afterwards. He returned to service and was discharged from service in 1781. Being involved in the battles noted, he would have been in close proximity with General George Washington. There are a number of stories about his service, escape and possible encounters with General Washington, all of which are interesting, and impossible to verify. Tom is proud to be a member of SAR and our Chapter.



Frederica Patriots Day (April 9, 2021)

The Frederica Patriots Day Celebration on St. Simons Island, GA commemorates two Revolutionary War battles: fighting at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, and Frederica Naval Action on April 19, 1778.



GASSAR State President David Jessel (left) and Allen Greenly

Photos below – the GSSAR Color Guard at the Frederica Patriots Day event:

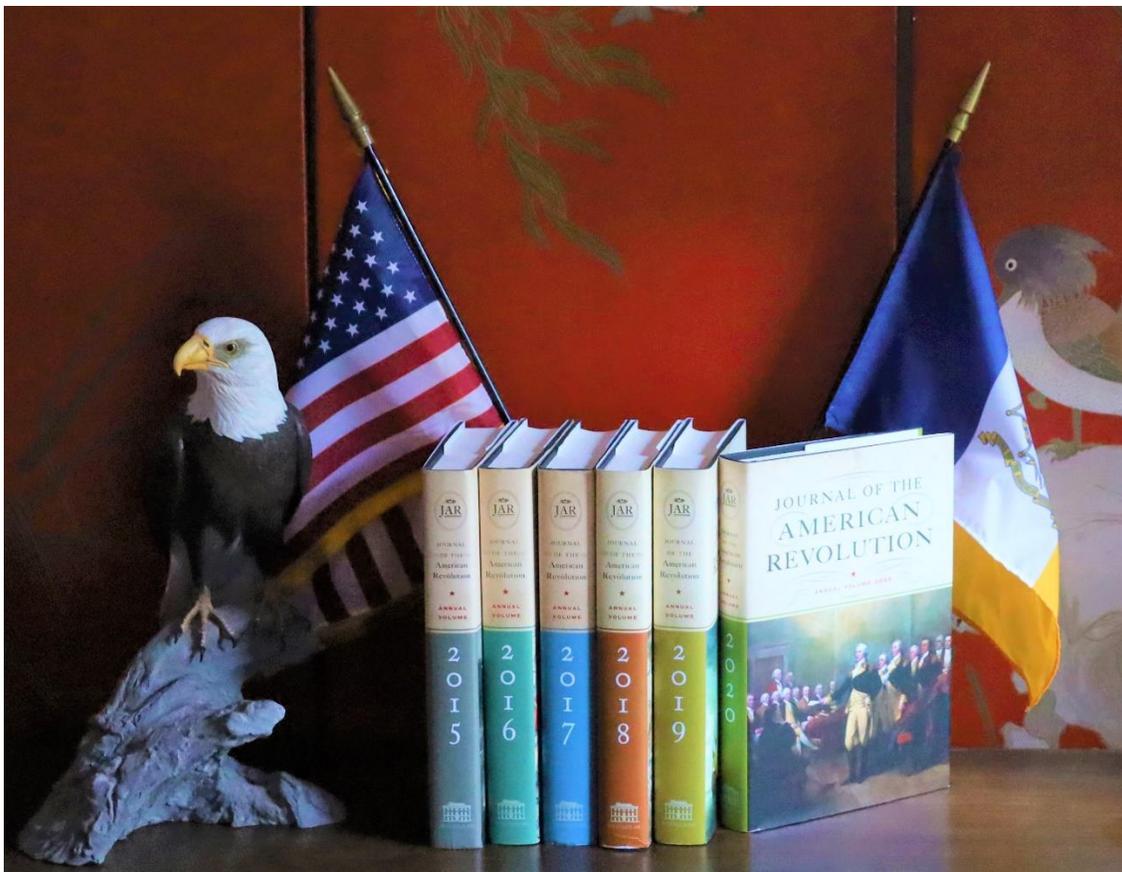


President Stallings Howell is holding the Georgia state flag in the photos above.

Recommended Reading

The following information has been of considerable value to me for both research and reading pleasure. You may already have knowledge of some or all of it, but on the chance you do not I hope you enjoy what you find. First is the website of the Southern Campaign of the Revolution. Here you will find access to a large number of applications by Patriots for their pensions for service. You have also found a portal to many more sources of historic information. Click on the Kindred Lines to open opportunities for additional research information. One of which is the “Journal of the American Revolution” (JAR). Here you will find a “leading source of knowledge about the American Revolution and the Founding Era”, ground breaking research and well written narratives by expert writers”. One of the contributing writers is Jim Picuch an Associate Editor that has been a guest speaker to the Capt. John Collins SAR Chapter on more than one occasion. The “Journal” is an annual publication now in the process of producing the seventh volume. I hope this will provide a source of knowledge as well as enjoyment.

Submitted by Earl L. Cagle, Sr.



SAR Memorial Member

Honor your departed family member (father/grandfather) with membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. The Sons of the American Revolution provides memorial membership capability to a compatriot for their two most recent ancestors (father/grandfather). The application will trace your relative's lineage back to the Patriot you claimed for your membership. You will receive the Memorial Member Certificate and your relatives Record Copy which verifies the documentation of the lineage. With this information other researchers on your line have the data required to apply for their personal membership as well when they are using the SAR Member Search data base. I now have four generations of my family listed as SAR members, my grandfather, father, my personal membership and my son, Earl Cagle, Jr. I can think of no greater honor than to share our Patriotic records with our relatives. My next step is to engage a stone mason to set the grave markers, pictured above in their respective tombstone. Check with your Chapter Registrar for current costs.

Submitted by Earl L. Cagle, Sr.



April 2021 Monthly Meeting Recap

The Chapter's April meeting had a very interesting presentation by the Mount Vernon Chapter's Compatriot Shep Hammack. His subject dealt with "Haym Soloman, Financier of the American Revolution". This little-known supporter of the Revolution, though rarely mentioned was often the man Washington turned to for financial support. One key effort was to secure a loan of \$20,000 to pay the Continental Army just as the critical Yorktown Campaign was about to commence.

The John Collins Chapter sent Compatriot Hammack the customary Certificate of Appreciation. In the package was a token of appreciation. As our Chapter does from time to time, we recognize the contributions and support of those that support the GASSAR and NSSAR.

The framed photo is of a truck of the Engineering Experiment Station. Back in the day it was the research arm of Georgia Tech. Compatriot Hammack is a graduate of Georgia Tech. In the photo you see a hand dropping another Pabst Blue Ribbon beer can into the several that have accumulated. The title of the photo as framed by the Chapters, Earl Cagle, Sr. is "The Ultimate Research". The EES is now the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI).

