



# The Collins Dispatch

February 2011

## 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.

15 Feb Chapter meeting: Speaker is Joseph Harris and his subject is the "Update on the Kettle Creek Project."

26 Feb – Battle of Brier Creek, Sylvania, GA

5 Mar – Last Naval Battle, Cape Canaveral, FL, 1000 hrs

5 Mar – Lt. William Coggin Grave Marking, Sponsored by the Rome Chapter, 1100 hrs

11-12 Mar – Leadership Meeting, NSSAR, Louisville, KY

12 Mar – 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC

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2011 President J Allen Henson

The Annual Meeting topped off a year of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Our Chapter Directory was distributed. The year's history as compiled by Charles Rhyne was on display, and the decorations were very well received, thanks to the efforts of the first lady Karen Coffeen and her helpers.



Jack Ferguson, of the Piedmont Chapter, was the guest speaker.

WWII veteran Jack Ferguson was our speaker. He related the rest of the story of the ride of Paul Revere as leading up to the battles of Lexington and Concord.

## Collins Annual Awards Banquet and Installation

As with all Collins Annual Meetings, recognition was given for those who helped make the Chapter a success the prior year. Long time Chapter Registrar Bill Teasley was recognized for his longevity in membership with a 45 year certificate and pin, having joined the SAR in 1965. Jim Castle and Charles Switzer were recognized for perfect attendance at all 12 chapter meetings in 2010. All outgoing Officers were recognized with Certificates of Appreciation as were Chairmen Charles Switzer as Americanism, Curtis McWaters for Directory, Earl Cagle for Eagle Scouts and David Thompson for the Cemetery. The highlight of the ceremony was the awarding of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Wayne Brown and the Meritorious Service Medals to Allen Henson and Charlie Rhyne.

before installing all officers serving in 2011. New Chapter President Allen Henson was duly installed and addressed the group. Allen's father and member J. A. Henson, Sr. of Jacksonville

has a life threatening illness yet Allen wanted to be present to take the helm. His presence was greatly appreciated to start off our 11<sup>th</sup>



Wayne Brown received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal



Members and guests looked through the chapter yearbook, compiled by Charlie Rhyne and located the sites of their patriot's engagements on a map provided by Bill Coffeen.

Our State President, J. Michael Tomme, Sr. was present and addressed the gathering

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

## President's Message

Compatriots,

It is a very great honor to serve as your Chapter President this year. I know each of us want to continue the momentum, for service, that we have had as a chapter this past year. As your President, I have very big shoes to fill, due to the level of leadership in our chapter during this past ten years. Therefore, I will need each and every member to step up and help carry on the traditions of achievement and excellence that has made our chapter one of the premier chapters in the state of Georgia.

Being involved in



our chapter programs is a worthwhile endeavor. Each member will have numerous opportunities for involvement. Your attendance at meetings and functions supports each other as compatriots and what better way to honor the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors. The efforts we make bring real satisfaction knowing we have furthered the cause of the SAR.

I look forward to another great year for our chapter. Let us renew our commitment to insure the success of our many programs during the coming year.

Warmest Regards,  
J. Allen Henson,  
President

## Officers and Committee

President	Allen Henson
Vice President	Wayne Brown
Secretary	Charles Rhyne
Treasurer	James Castle
Registrar	Larry Guzy
Chancellor	Clayton Farnham
Chaplain	John Jones
Sergeant-at-Arms	Rodney Pritchett
Historian	Ray Ruggles
Editor	Larry Guzy
Americanism	
Cemetery	David Thompson
Dinner meetings	Wayne Brown
Law/Fire/JROTC	Curtis McWaters
Eagle Scouts	Earl Cagle
Veterans/Flags	Wayne Brown
Membership	Larry Guzy
Patriot Grave	Brad Jones
Publicity/phone	Charles Rhyne
Schools	David Martin

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

*If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Larry Guzy, 678.860.4477 or [Larry@adjustmentservices.com](mailto:Larry@adjustmentservices.com)*



## Collins Member News & Happenings

2010 ended with 69 renewing on time and 2 reinstatements. One more renewed after the deadline and 3 were just approved bringing our current membership number to 75.

**Vann Beasley** (178718/5050) and his two sons, **Andrew** (178719/5051) and **Brian** (178720/5052) were approved on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Their certificates are in hand to be presented on 2/15. Additionally, one reinstatement is awaiting funds.

3 applications are still awaiting approval: **Richard Canfield**, **Larry Lines**, and **Steve Tyler**. **Rich Morrison** has two supplements at National.

10 men are in process of preparing applications:

Bob and Larry Adams, Paul Gibbs, Lee Hulsey, Wil Johnson, Terry Kingrey, John Mattingly, Jason Shepherd, Kyle Sumner, and Harry Vaughn. Remember that additional applications submitted at the same time are reduced by \$50 each

## 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 Charlie Rhyne 770.955.4543 [crhyne@hotmail.com](mailto:crhyne@hotmail.com)

## Current Events



*David Ludley supplemented his presentation with slides of Colonial era art.*

If you did not make the December meeting, you missed a great time.

Chapter member Dr. David Ludley spoke to us about the Art History of the Revolutionary period. Since much of the art of that period was not contemporary, the artistic depiction was striking. A great presentation.



*Harry Hagen and Rodney Pritchett provided holiday music.*

We were also entertained by Chapter members Harry Hagen and Rodney Pritchett, our resident trombone artists. Music, art, friends, and good food made for a good holiday party. This annual mix will hopefully return again.



*Charlie and Peggy Novak received a flag certificate in January presented by their neighbor Bill Coffeen.*



New GASSAR officers were installed at the Annual State Meeting in Lawrenceville. Among them, from the Collins chapter, are Registrar J. Allen Henson, Genealogist Larry Guzy and NW Regional Vice President Curtis McWaters.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

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*The Chapter's namesake, Captain John Collins' headstone is at the Mars Hill cemetery in Acworth.*

## Revolutionary Days—Kettle Creek

*David Martin and Larry Guzy represented the Collins Chapter at Revolutionary Days in Washington, GA. David, in Continental uniform, marched in the parade to Washington's Square. Larry, in period costume, portrayed Thomas Jefferson and gave children his "calling card", a nickel with his portrait. Everett Porter opened the wreath ceremonies at War Hill with the National Anthem*



*Last year the event was covered by snow. This year a sunny day greeted the SARs and visitors to Washington for the Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek, held on the weekend nearest Feb 14th.*

**Chapter Website** <http://www.captainjohncollins.org>

Toiletries, magazines, blankets and books are needed at the VA Hospital. Bring items to be donated to the chapter meetings and report your visits to Vets and other activities.

**Veteran & Americanism points can add up fast!**

### Awards and Events

The Chapter was awarded a Cowpens Streamer for participation at the commemoration of the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens. This will be presented to the Chapter at the upcoming meeting. Also at that meeting, the streamer for Outstanding Chapter performance awarded at the GASSAR State Annual Meeting will be presented.

### Poster Contest

David Martin has re-instituted the Chapter in the National Poster Contest by getting us into Sope Creek Elementary. On February 17<sup>th</sup> at both 9:45AM and 10:30AM presentations will be made to 3 classes of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be encouraged to prepare their interpretations of the Battle of Cowpens. Since the deadline is fast approaching, if there are any other leads for the contest, please contact David at [DAMar10@aol.com](mailto:DAMar10@aol.com)

### GASSAR ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Georgia Society was held in Lawrenceville the first weekend in February. New state president Bob Sapp, of the Piedmont Chapter, was installed along with three members of the Collins Chapter as incoming officers. J. Allen Henson remains Registrar. Larry Guzy becomes Genealogist. Curtis McWaters will repeat his role as NW Regional Vice President. Larry Guzy was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by outgoing State President J. Michael Tomme, Sr.



### Directory

The Chapter Directory was prepared just after the December 31<sup>st</sup> renewal deadline. We distributed many at the Annual Meeting and will do more at the upcoming meeting to save the \$1.39 postage for each one. Others were mailed and the pdf was emailed as well to those who have email.

Take some time to review your information and if we do not have a photo of you, send us a headshot to use next time. Some corrections were made but there may be some that were missed. Stephen Pocalyko was missed, to see his profile check out his company's website [agg.com](http://agg.com).

### Dispatch Editor Request

In 2011, take a few minutes to research your favorite Signer, your own Patriot Ancestor, your favorite flag, or write an article on any subject that would be appropriate for our members. Even if only a paragraph long—so we can further enlighten our members of our shared heritage. After all, our closing recessional begins: "Let us remember our forefathers..." We look forward to any and all contributions.