



Captain John Collins Chapter

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

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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.

Our speaker for April 19th is our fellow chapter member, Rich Morrison and his topic is "DNA Search for Ancestors."

May 17th our speaker is Jack Ferguson and his topic is "Nathaniel Greene-Quaker Patriot."

July 6-14 NSSAR National Congress, Winston-Salem, NC Registration form available on line

There are dedication events nearly every week in many parts of Georgia. Look at the GASSAR website or the *Hornet's Nest* for complete listings.

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Wounded Warrior Welcomed Home

As this Saturday morning began, it was like numerous other spring days with the sun glistening on Lake Allatoona in Acworth, Georgia. But, this spring morning was different as crowds began gathering near the lake at a place called Dallas Landing Park. This was a very special day. A young man, a warrior, was coming home and going to be greeted with a surprise Welcome Home Ceremony. The road from McCollum Airport, where Cpl Todd Love's plane landed, to the lake, was lined with American flags on both sides. This young Marine, our hero was coming home.

Corporal Love was wounded by an IED explosion while on duty in Afghanistan in October of last year and lost both legs and part of his left arm. His combat service was exemplary, but this Marine's courage as displayed thus far is that of which legends are made.



Corporal Todd Love, Allen Henson, Lee Hulsey, Wayne Brown

As word came that Cpl Love's plane had landed and he was on his way to the lake, excitement and patriotism filled the air. The North Cobb High School band began playing and the color guard began marching while all were preparing for the upcoming arrival of our Marine. Yes, this Marine was coming home. Electricity was in the air and the pride of country and military could be felt.

As the car approached with Cpl Todd Love, crowds cheered and applauded. And, present to pay respect and gratitude, were the Young Marines, the Marine Corp League, the Navy and

Army JROTC, the American Legion, and members of the Captain John Collins Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. As this young hero, in his wheel chair, began to roll toward the stage, all these snapped to attention and

the band began to play.

After arriving on stage, Corporal Love spoke for a few minutes and thanked everyone for coming out. The program began and speaker after speaker took the stage to speak and present this young Marine with tokens of respect and appreciation for his service to this great Country. He was presented the Young Marine Medallion, and the North Georgia Wounded Warrior Program renamed their major project for Cpl Todd Love.

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

President's Message

Fellow Compatriots,

Captain John Collins is off to a great start this year. We have had many informative speakers, with our own Compatriot Richard Morrison scheduled this month. Our points for Americanism are strong due to great participation by many members at numerous events. Needed items have already been delivered to the Veterans Hospital in Decatur. The chapter is receiving several

proclamations for Patriots Day, due to the efforts of our members. May will bring opportunities for service, with the cleanup of our sponsored



on Patriots Day.

Regards,

Allen Henson, President

cemetery and helping to place flags for Memorial Day at the Federal Cemetery in Marietta. Attendance at our monthly meetings has been strong, but for those who are not attending regularly, we need you. Please remember

that our numbers will grow by promoting the chapter with friends and encouraging them to be visitors. This is truly a great time to be a member of our chapter and the SAR. I look forward to seeing each of you at our Tuesday meeting

"Founding Gardeners" a fund raising lecture by Andrea Wulf will be held in McElreath Hall at the Atlanta History Center on Thursday, April 21 beginning at 7 p.m. Her newest book, *Founding Gardeners, The Revolutionary Generation, Nature and the Shaping of the American Nation* offers a fascinating look at the revolutionary generation from the unique and intimate perspective of their lives as gardeners, plantsmen, and farmers. \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Checks payable to GCG, mailed to Lee Dunn, 8050 Nesbit Ferry Rd. Atlanta, GA 30350

Collins Member News & Happenings

National has still been far behind in approvals of applications. They have instituted some more stringent review policies and thus it behoves us to make sure the applications are very complete before they are submitted. Hopefully, there will be strides made in the near future to open the roadblocks with more people doing reviews.

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

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If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Larry Guzy, 678.860.4477 or Larry@adjustmentservices.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 Charlie Rhyne 770.955.4543 crhyne@hotmail.com



David Martin with poster contest winner Samantha Saunders, from Kincaid Elementary School.



Battle of Cowpens the Subject of 2011 Poster Contest

Two schools participated in the poster contest sponsored by the chapter this year. There were students from both Kincaid and Sope Creek Elementary schools.

Samantha Saunders, of Kincaid, was chosen as the chapter winner and her entry has been submitted by Chairman **David Martin** to be entered in the state competition.

David Martin arranged a presentation to the Kincaid Elementary School about the National Poster Contest. On March 18th, both David and **Larry Guzy** met with 6 classes of 4th grade students who will be encouraged to prepare their interpretations of the Battle of Cowpens. They estimated that 150 students were present. Thank You notes were received shortly thereafter, signed by the students., one of whom wrote, "Thanks Dude".



Camila Gonzalez took second place at Kincaid Elementary.



David holds the entry of third place winner Christian Schuetes, a student at Kincaid.



Charlie Rhyne, who assisted in the judging, said, "All of the 4th grade was in attendance--- enthusiastic, energetic and proud of the winners."

Judging progresses to the state and then national level.

Sope Creek Elementary winners lined up with David Martin.



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

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Dr. Allen Henson, president of the Captain John Collins Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, took stage with Wayne Brown, vice president of the chapter, and member Lee Hulsey. Dr Henson spoke about the creation of the Marine Corp by the Continental Congress and the framed wounded warrior certificate was presented by vice president Brown while the medallion was presented by SAR member Hulsey.

Returning Marine, Cpl. Todd Love



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!

Center for Advancing America's Heritage

By Larry T Guzy

The following is a departure from our past articles, but will hopefully will be followed by many more about what our National Center is, will be, and those who support it.

This is what we do in all our programs: Foster Patriotism, perpetuate the concepts that our ancestors came here to achieve, recognize those people who epitomize what is good about our country, educate our fellow man about our shared history, and much more. We certainly are a heritage Society and owe it to ourselves to do a great job in documenting that we, of all our fellow citizens, have a right to speak about these things. More importantly, simply because we by the grace of God were blessed with our heritage, have a responsibility to Advance America's Heritage—what basis do you have to complain or criticize if you do not take action?

A list of John Collins Chapter members who financially donated to the Center construction was published in the Georgia Society Donors List. There are only EIGHT (8) names in the past 10 years of our existence out of 163! We have 75 current active members and 88 prior non active members. This is only about 5% who have stepped up to the plate and opened their check



book and made a financial contribution. Two live in other States and have never been to one of our meetings—thank you Dewey Smith and Rich Guzy. One member left years ago to start the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter—thank you Douglas Stansberry. Brian Roper was active until this year and Joe Vancura, Charles Switzer, Brad Jones, and myself round out those who believe enough to have taken action.

The Center in Louisville will be **THE** destination for education about all we do once it is completed. It is for all of us as well as our fellow citizens. Our passion, our genealogy, and our heritage should not die with us. It will simply be drowned out by other voices unless you step forward and take action. This "Collins Dispatch" and past issues are filled with actions of our members yet only eight are Center Supporters. Hopefully future issues will be filled with articles about what we individual members have done to further the SAR Recessional: Until we meet again, let us remember our obligation to our forefathers who gave us the Constitution, the Bill of Rights an Independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free men.