



Captain John Collins Chapter
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

Winner of the 2011 Carl F. Bessett Newsletter Award

August 2011

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.

August 16 Chapter Meeting
 Kennesaw State University
 History Professor, James (Jim) Piecuch is the speaker. His topic will be "The Battle of Hobkirk's Hill."

Sept 11 Marietta Kiwanis Field of Flags Ceremony, Kennesaw Battlefield Park.

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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Declaration to Cobb County Commission



A framed copy of the Declaration of Independence was presented to the Cobb County Board of Commissioners by members of the chapter including Curtis McWaters, Larry Lines, John Manning, Jack Ferguson (Piedmont Chapter), and Wayne Brown. Commissioners Helen Goreham, Joanne Burrell and Woody Thompson flank Chairman Tim Lee, holding framed Declaration.

Collins members participated, along with the Sons of Liberty, in the annual Marietta celebration of the Fourth of July.

The early day parade included a float and the recreation of the well known painting "Spirit of '76". Members Jim Castle and Larry Guzy marched in the parade. Bill Coffeen also participated.



Jim Castle

Despite the threat of storms, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, led by chapter president Allen Henson, succeeded. Members of the audience were chosen to read various sections of the Declaration. One of the participants was a newly minted citizen who read two parts of the script.

Fourth of July Parade and Ceremonies—Marietta



Terry Manning, of the Button Gwinnett Chapter. Grandson of Kendall & Cindy Abbott and a new member of Sons of Liberty carried the drums. Larry Guzy on the fife.

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

President's Message

Our President has spent the last 2 weeks on active duty so he has not had time to supply a message. We thank him for his service to our Country.

The Collins website has reached far. Here is a comment from a charter school on the west coast:

"Thought I could take a second and drop you a line about your page (<http://www.captainjohncollins.org/links.htm>) since I use it quite a bit. This is my first year teaching 5th grade and with the new school year approaching, I've been scrambling to put together lesson plans.....

"For our social studies section, I wanted to begin with the revolutionary war since the kids celebrated July 4th over summer break! I ended up bookmarking your page to go over with my class when the school year begins. It's so hard to find good resources these days, so I

just thought I would shoot you an email to say thanks. Ms.Maria Perrillo"

Remember that we still need a webmaster to further develop and maintain our website.

For those interested in parting with your dues money before the final deadline, the Chapter will start the renewal process later this month. Let's try to have 100% renewal for the first time ever.

Many men are interested in pursuing membership, but we have not done our job well in getting them help.

All who are interested in assisting this process should speak up now to assist. Contact the Officers to volunteer your time to work with the men who want to join us.

Officers and Committee

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Veterans/Flags	Wayne Brown
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Patriot Grave	Brad Jones
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The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. **Oct 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 Larry Guzy, 678.860.4477 or Larry@adjustmentservices.com

Collins Member News & Happenings

With a new genealogist General--Col. Larry Cornwell from Alabama --there is a great push to clear the backlog at National and get back to a fast turn around of applications. We can assist by submitting applications that are well documented and ready for approval.

Larry Lines application is at National awaiting approval.
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

Collins Dispatch Wins First Place Nationwide

The Collins Dispatch won First Place in the Carl F. Bessett Award competition for best multi-page newsletter in the country.

Larry Guzy accepted the certificate and a check for \$100 from President General J. David Sympson at the NSSAR National Congress in Winston-Salem, NC, during Awards Night ceremonies.

The Dispatch has previously taken honorable mention in the same competition during 2006 and 2007. Only first and honorable mention are awarded.

Rules of the committee make it mandatory that no newsletter win two years in a row, so the next opportunity will be in 2013.



Michters Distillery to Open in Downtown Louisville

“Governor Steve Beshear and Mayor Greg Fischer today joined community leaders and officials from Michter’s Distillery LLC, to announce the company will open a small production distillery in downtown Louisville. (Next to the new SAR Center for Advancing America’s Heritage CAAH.)

The company plans to invest nearly \$7.8 million, which will entail the renovation of the historically and architecturally significant Fort Nelson Building located across the street from the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory. The project will result in 10 new jobs in the community.

“We are thrilled to welcome Michter’s to downtown Louisville,” said Gov. Beshear. “Not only will this project create new jobs and preserve one of the most historically significant structures in Louisville, it will also add a new chapter to Kentucky’s proud Bourbon making heritage.”

Michter’s production includes very small batch bourbons, single barrel bourbon, single barrel ryes and small batch blended American whiskey. The history surrounding Michter’s harkens back to America’s first distilling company, established in the 1700s by John Shenk. In 1753, Shenk built a small distillery to convert excess grain to whiskey. In time, this small distillery would come to produce what would eventually be known as Michter’s whiskey.

The Louisville Michter’s Distillery will be open to the public and will offer educational tours and tastings. “Kentucky is a great state and Louisville is a terrific city,” said Michter’s Distillery President Joseph J. Magliocco. “We have considered other locations for this distillery, but

we’ve been extremely impressed by Gov. Beshear, Mayor Greg Fischer and both of their administrations, as well as the entire team at Greater Louisville Inc. They are all dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of their historic building stock while at the same time being focused on bringing more economic activity and jobs to Louisville and Kentucky. This could be a great opportunity for both Michter’s and Louisville.”

“Michter’s new distillery not only creates jobs for Louisville, it brings a significant bourbon presence to downtown while also saving a historic treasure in the Fort Nelson building,” said Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer. “This is the beginning of what I hope will become a bourbon experience from one end of Main Street to the other.”



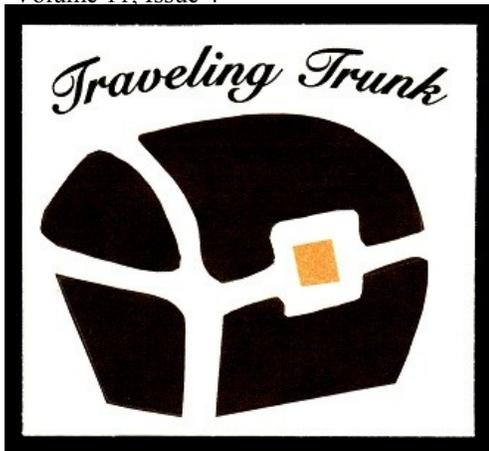
Left, CAAH. Right, proposed Distillery.

“Today’s announcement combines the regional strengths of bourbon, historic buildings and a thriving downtown corridor,” said Joe Reagan, president and CEO of Greater Louisville Inc. “This is an exciting development both for the jobs it will create and the interest it will generate.”

The above article, released by the City of Louisville, was passed along by SAR Foundation President Bill Allerton along with his notes:

“The company plans to invest nearly \$7.8 million, which will entail the renovation of the Fort Nelson Building (our neighbor to the right on West Main Street). The Louisville Michter’s Distillery will be open to the public and will offer educational tours and tastings which should increase foot traffic on our block.”

“The good news is this development will lead to strengthening the wall between our two properties. “



(Excerpted from the GASSAR Webpages, where more information about the program resides.)

In 2011 the Georgia Society SAR Education Committee initiated an effort to allow each of our chapters to own a Traveling Trunk – a trunk filled with replicas of colonial era home, school, and military artifacts for use in living history displays and lectures. We had tested the use of two Traveling Trunks in 2009 and 2010 and found that they were very popular with our members and contributed greatly to a chapter’s education outreach program. We estimated the cost of a “basic” Traveling Trunk at \$250 -- half of the amount to be provided by a chapter (\$125) and half from donations from the Georgia Fellows Fund (\$125).

The final value of a trunk and its contents was actually closer to \$400 compared to creating a trunk individually as we were able to take advantage of several volume discounts and to utilize the talents of several SAR and DAR members in making some of the items or obtaining donations of items from them or through them.

Subsequently, some chapters not participating in the program and members of the SAR from out-of-state have asked for information about the program in order to create their own individual Traveling Trunks or Traveling Trunk Programs. Thus, following are some guidelines the Education Committee recommended in implementing programs using the Traveling Trunks.

Set-Up Ensure in advance that you will have at least one 6-foot or 8-foot table available for use. We have included a brown velour type table cover that does not wrinkle from storage that will cover an 8-foot table (we thought brown might give the flavor of an animal skin covering). You will likely quickly grow to using two or three tables. The material comes from Jo Ann Fabrics if you wish to add other pieces or to obtain a variety of patriotic table covers.

Secondly, you can use the trunk itself on top of the table as an accent decoration to highlight the theme of a traveling trunk. Depending on space available and the size to which your collection may grow, you can also accent your display by placing medium sized boxes at a few places on the table tops and covering these with other pieces of cloth or placing them under your brown table cloth to create tiers on which to display selected items at differing heights. If you used some plastic cases to hold some of your items in your trunk, these may serve the purpose. Sometimes there are boxes or books at the site that can be used to create these accent tiers. This practice allows items at the rear of the display to be raised up for better viewing by the audience.

Thirdly, you may use a few accent pieces that you won’t even discuss as part of your display simply to add visual appeal to your display. For example, a deer antler from a local hunter, a framed map or battle scene, or a black candle lantern in the style of old fashioned lanterns often found in stores such as Ross and TJ Maxx can be added to your display just for the looks.

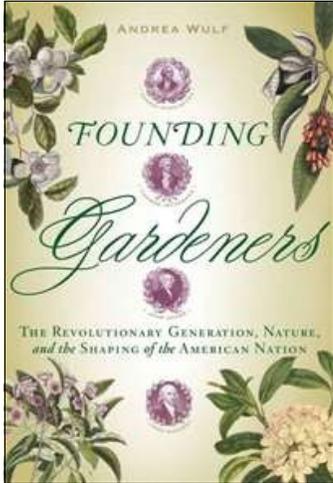
Suggested Additions to Your Collection You will likely find your trunk so addictive that you will want to add more pieces or your members or audiences will offer new additions. A couple of sources for additions are:

- Jas. Townsend & Son, Inc. – Visit this catalog supplier of colonial era replica items and clothing at www.jas-townsend.com or call 1-800-338-1665 to receive their 98-page catalog. This was our primary source of items in the basic trunk. For budgeting purposes, you will find that some items in your trunk are examples rather than full sets that are available from Townsend. For example, we included a few playing cards in each trunk to show how monarchs could be jokingly portrayed and that numbers were not printed on cards. Thus, we avoided the cost of a full deck of cards for each basic trunk. Similarly, a set of metal toy soldiers is available from Townsend in sets of 10 for the infantry but we included only 2 or 3 for your discussion purposes and did not include any of the artillery or cavalry pieces available. This site also has such items as candle making kits which were too expensive to include in our basic trunk.
- National Military Parks – The gift shops at Revolutionary War era battle sites tend to carry wooden toys, powder horns, mob caps, quills, examples of musket balls, and similar items. Vendors on special holidays or historic site celebrations may visit these sites and have unique items to include in your display.
- Museum Replicas Limited (A Division of Atlanta Cutlery) – In Conyers (east of Atlanta) on 2147 Gees Mill Road (a couple of miles off of the Interstate) is a firm specializing in period knives. They also carry powder horns and period shirts and odds and ends pieces of other Revolutionary War items on occasion. We have found replicas of colonial era coins, lanterns, padlocks, pistols, tin ware, etc. on their bargain table. Phone: 1-800-883-8838. www.museumreplicas.com
- Your members! – The militia outfits and colonial era outfits by spouses suggest additional items to include in your presentation. Those items worn by these persons are of interest to the audience and can double your discussion topics. You may want to obtain some of these items for display when a particular member cannot participate.



Founding Gardeners

None of my history teachers told me that “manure was of the greatest concern” to Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Madison and Monroe, five of the founding fathers of this country. No one mentioned that Thomas Jefferson endangered his life to steal rice from Italy.



Author Andrea Wulf, based primarily on historic correspondence between the patriots, as well as their journals, makes it clear that horticulture was of primary importance to them.

James Madison, in the midst of a controversial treaty debate, found time “to calculate precisely how many wagonloads of manure were needed to produce a healthy

harvest of potatoes...”

While researching her previous book “The Brother Gardeners”, about British horticulturists, Wulf discovered many aspects of the former colonies from which many of the plants in British gardens were acquired. John Bartram was supplying “seed boxes” to England and native American plants were taking over British landscapes.

In this country, the political struggles of arranging a new country often included debates that referenced horticulture. Wulf speculates that resolution of the argument at the Constitutional Congress over representation may have been resolved through a visit by delegates to John Bartram’s garden – the premium nursery of its day.

In the hours before crossing the Delaware, to engage in a battle in which all might have been killed, General George Washington was writing to Mount Vernon, sending instructions for planting of groves and gardens.

The foundation of the political parties we know today may have been the result of the political battle between agrarian versus manufacturing direction of the new economy. Thomas Jefferson and his close friend James Madison “defended their vision of the United States of

America as an agrarian republic.”

In some of the book’s passages it is stunning to see how little has changed – both politically and in gardening. It is an engaging read for both the historian and the gardener.

As reviewed by Karin Guzy



Larry Guzy presented a J.R.O.T.C Award to David Adler at Sprayberry High School during their J.R.O.T.C.-only outing at Lake Allatoona. Photo was taken by Jim Castle who also attended.

Fundraising Effort at Congress

Benefits Center for Advancing America’s Heritage

“I am ... pleased to report the results of SARF fundraising at the 121st Annual Congress in Winston-Salem. Thanks to the leadership of President General Sympson and Capital Campaign Chairman Sam Powell, to an anonymous donor who provided a most generous matching grant, and to our dedicated compatriots, the SAR Foundation raised \$165,456.00! To my knowledge, this is the most ever raised at an Annual Congress and rivals what the Foundation customarily raises in our year-end appeal. Thanks to all for this outpouring of generous support.”

Bill Allerton, SAR Foundation

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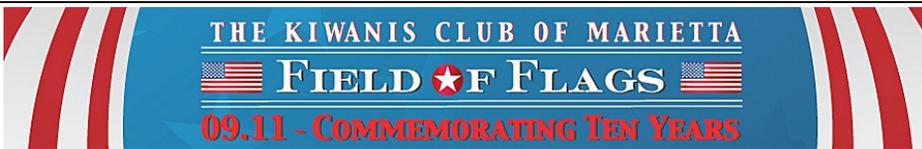


The Chapter's namesake, Captain John Collins' headstone is at the Mars Hill cemetery in Acworth.

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!



On September 11, 7:30 a.m., at Kennesaw Battlefield Park, the Marietta Kiwanis will recreate their Field of Flags, originally installed in 2002, to commemorate the tenth anniversary of this historic occasion.

The nearly 3,000 flags, one for each person lost, will be aligned in every direction. The flags used will subsequently be sold. Kiwanis and Collins member, Wayne Brown, advises that these are high quality flags with embroidered stars.

The ceremony will be repeated on 9/15, at which time the Collins Chapter will present the Kiwanis with a framed flag certificate.

For more information, contact Wayne Brown or go to the Kiwanis website at

<http://www.mariettkiwanis.org>



The Collins Chapter continues to pursue opportunities to encourage patriotism through the presentation of flag certificates. Members who have an appropriate recipient in mind, should contact Chairman Wayne Brown with the pertinent information. A Certificate will be produced to be presented by the sponsoring member, or arrangements will be made for another member to make the presentation.

An appropriate recipient would be one who displays the American Flag in accordance with rules of etiquette that dictate protocol. Many websites offer this information, including

<http://www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette.shtml>



Wayne Brown presented a Flag Certificate to the Marietta Kiwanis Club for demonstrating patriotism through the club's flag project. (L-R Standing) Wayne Brown of the Capt. John Collins Chapter presented Kiwanis President Mike Hebdon with this certificate. A second Certificate was presented to Glen Graham, chair of the Kiwanis Flag Committee, by Collins member Jason Shepard.