



Captain John Collins Chapter
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

Winner of the Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award 2011

December 2012

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

December 18, 2012 – Monthly Meeting, Officer Election, and entertainment with Compatriots Rodney Pritchett & Harry Hagan presenting Trombone Duet Christmas Music

January 15, 2013 – Annual Banquet, installation of Officers and our speaker, The Honorable Bob Barr

January 18-19, 2013—Cowpens commemoration and South Atlantic District meeting Spartanburg, SC

January 25-26, 2013—GASSAR Annual Meeting Gwinnett County, GA

February 8-9, 2013—Kettle Creek commemoration Washington, GA

February 19, 2013 – Monthly Meeting speaker Compatriot Jack Ferguson “Nathaniel Green – Quaker Patriot”

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A Promise of Renewal

In far northern countries, December is celebrated as a Promise of Renewal and a first look toward a new year. By all standards, the Captain John Collins Chapter has had a very good 2012.

Our President’s Message details some of the many accomplishments. Our meeting on the 18th will see elections of a new slate of leaders for 2013 with a start toward another year of fellowship, education about our Nation’s History, and a chance to let others know what we have to share.

You are why we are here. Your ancestors’ stories of hardship, commitment, and joy of establishing something new, prove to us that what we do is worth our time. We hope you take a few minutes during the remaining days of 2012 to complete your membership renewal and to consider becoming a Life Member—something that gets less expensive but more precious as we age. Our Secretary has the information on Life Membership, and the annual renewal form is enclosed if you have not already sent in your dues.

Many of us were influenced by the inaugural address of President Kennedy. “Ask not what your Country can do for you, but what you can do for your Country.” What have you done recently? David Martin has made contact with Kincaid Elementary. They will work on the Poster Contest—”The Declaration of Independence”—over the holiday break. Do you have a contact in a school? We have programs that they can use for student participation at nearly any age.



Resolve now to do something different next year that will get you to do something for your Country. It can be as simple as helping to honor veterans, travelling to Spartanburg, SC in January to celebrate the victory at Cowpens, resolving to learn what happens at the State or National level, or honoring a neighbor or business for their proper display of our Flag. There are too many simple things that do not take a lot of time or money you can do to feel you are doing something for others. Act now. Renew and get involved.

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

President's Message

Compatriots,

With the holiday season upon us and only a couple of tasks remaining, this year is about to end and I look forward to serving as needed next year. I have been truly honored to serve as your president and as I reflect on this past year, we have accomplished our mission and our Visibility Campaign has been very successful. We began in the spring by asking Cobb's municipalities to recognize Patriots' Day with Cobb County, Marietta, Kennesaw, Acworth, Powder Springs and Smyrna responding by issuing proclamations. The next order of business was to commend our first responders which began with a Marietta Policeman and Firefighter. We then issued two Law Enforcement Commendations to Cobb County Policemen and afterwards, we contacted the Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services Department where two Fire Safety and two EMS Commendations were issued. The last law enforcement officer to be recognized this year



Wayne Brown

was our Sheriff, Neil Warren, whom we presented the Law Enforcement Commendation and Outstanding Citizenship Award.

In addition to recognizing our first responders and Patriots' Day, we fulfilled the objectives of our Visibility Campaign by achieving our goal of thirty flag certificates for 2012 and participating in Marietta's July 4th Parade, Constitution Day Festival and Veterans' Day Parade.

Serving as your president this year was made easy and enjoyable by the assistance from all our talented compatriots. Because of their patriotism and desire to honor our Patriot Ancestors, these men stepped forward and accepted various responsibilities and it has been enjoyable to serve with a group of men whose primary objective was to bring about prosperity for our chapter.

May God bless the United States of America and the Captain John Collins Chapter.

Wayne Brown, President

Officers and Committees

President	Wayne Brown
Vice President	Terry Gibbs
Secretary	Bert Christy
Treasurer	James Castle
Registrar	Larry Guzy
Asst Registrar	Van Blackwell
Chancellor	Larry Lines
Chaplain	John Jones
Sergeant-at-Arms	Rodney Pritchett
Historian	David Ludley
Editor	Larry Guzy
Americanism	Wayne Brown
Cemetery	Leland Lee Hulsey
Law/Fire/JROTC	Curtis McWaters
Eagle Scouts	Earl Cagle
Veterans/Flags	Lamon Smith
Membership	Bill Coffeen
Patriot Grave	Leland Lee Hulsey
DAR Liaison	Bert Christy
Welcome/Education	John Mattingly
Public Relations	Lamar Cheatham & Rich Morrison
Schools	David Martin

The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. February 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 or Asst. Registrar Van Blackwell.

Collins Member News & Happenings

National approved the following 7 men as new members since our last issue:

- Lamar Cheatham 10.10.12 185098/5422
- Andrew Seger 11.1.12 185161/5429
- William (Bill) Reese 11.2.12 185211/5431
- Patrick Reese (12 yr Navy) 11.2.12 185212/5432
- Chandler Vreeland 11.3.12 185253/5438
- Richard Hoyt 11.27.12 185568/5462
- Jonathan Snyder 11.27.12 185569/5463

Dick Roberts and his son Russell, as well as Jerry Slate, all have applications at National awaiting review. **Twenty** Applications are being completed: Guy Wells and his son, Lee Hulsey, Denton Hammond, W. C. Pickens, Don Buchanon, Justin Ove, Will Johnson, David Stone, Michael Aiken, Jim Smith, Jon Holland, Paul Bennecke, Thad Brummett, Josh Cooper, Chris Moody, Greg Settle, Doug Talley, Jonathan Shepperd, and Ben Weinberg

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

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New Members



William (Bill) Reese



Andrew Seger



Chandler Vreeland



Brian Black

Captain John Collins

Nominations for 2013 officers

President---Terry Gibbs

Vice-President---David Ludley

Treasurer---Jim Castle

Secretary---Bert Christy

Registrar---Van Blackwell

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Chaplain---John Jones

Historian---Van Beasley

Sergeant-at-Arms---Rodney Pritchett

Editor---Larry Guzy

If there are any who wish to be considered for any position, nominations will be accepted from the floor during the December meeting.

The elected officers will be installed at our annual meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at the Marietta Conference Center. Our vice president, Terry Gibbs, has obtained an extraordinary speaker, former U.S. Representative Bob Barr. Rep Barr last spoke to the chapter in 2003.

Speakers



Compatriot Terry Gibbs spoke at the October 16th meeting



At the November meeting, Past President Bill Coffeen discussed the Vermont Grants and the part played by his family.

Battle of Cowpens 233rd Anniversary

Have you ever been to the Cowpens Battlefield? Have you been there in January? It is highly recommended that you bring some warm clothes, just ask David Martin!

The 2013 Battle of Cowpens Commemorative weekend is 18-19 January and begins in Spartanburg, SC. If your Patriot served there, this is a perfect time to visit. The visitors center has a video and display that details the battle. With only 25 Patriots killed, and over 800 British killed, wounded or captured, it is hard to describe how important this battle was for the War. You will also have an opportunity to attend a South Atlantic District meeting and meet other society members at a welcome reception on Friday evening.

The schedule of events is listed on page 4.

Patriot Tribute

On October 12th, the 180th anniversary of the death of Patriot John Clarke, the Georgia Color Guard gathered at Marietta National Cemetery to pay tribute. Marietta historian Brad Quinlan related stories about Clarke.

John Clarke, son of well-known Patriot Elijah Clarke, was born in 1766 and supported his father in various campaigns of the Revolution. He also served in the War of 1812 as a Major General, commanding troops along the Georgia coast.

Clarke served in the Georgia House of Representatives and was chosen by the Legislature to serve as Governor from 1819-1823. In 1827, he and his wife, Nancy Williamson Clarke, the daughter of Micajah Williamson, moved to St. Andrews, FL, in the Western peninsula. He served as an agent of the Federal government. He died 12 Oct 1832 at the age of 66 from yellow fever, as did his wife.

They were both originally interred in a cemetery in St. Andrews Bay, but due to the development of the St. Andrews Bay area, they and two grandchildren were reinterred at Marietta National in 1923 with the help of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The original cemetery was replaced with a golf course.

John Clarke's grave is marked with both Revolutionary War and War of 1812 emblems. Members of the SAR assisted with the marking by the DAR in 2000.

Brad Quinlan plans a more formal ceremony during the 2014 150th anniversary of the end of the War of 1812.



Larry Clark; Robert McCleskey; Chapter President, Wayne Brown; GASSAR State President, Ed Rigel; George Thurmond, Piedmont Chapter; David Cook, Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter; Larry Guzy and John Manning of the Collins Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Judith Young and Linda Harvey.



Color Guard stands behind the head stone of John Clarke. Cemetery historian Brad Quinlan presented the program.

Battle of Cowpens Commemoration Weekend Schedule

Friday, 18 January 2013

2:30 pm Ceremony at the Daniel Morgan Statue, Spartanburg, SC

4:00 pm South Atlantic District Meeting, Quality Inn, Spartanburg

5:30 pm Host Society Reception. Quality Inn, Spartanburg

Dinner on your own

7:30 pm SAR/DAR sponsored lecture on Cowpens

Saturday, 19 January 2013

7:00 am Breakfast, sponsored by South Carolina Society

10:00 am Battle of Cowpens Ceremony, beginning with the march to the Battlefield.

Quality Inn and Suites, Spartanburg, (864)542-0333

Recognizing a Hero

13 October 2012

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon and the beginning signs of fall were all around. The perfect day for a football game and yet, members of the Captain John Collins Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) were not at Shiloh Hills Christian School to cheer on the team. They were there to recognize a hero and as the three SAR members stepped onto the field, a young man (a member of the football team) was standing on the sideline. This young man was the reason for their visit.

Adam Smothers, just seventeen at the time, stepped forward on June 11th while vacationing in Panama City Beach, Florida and rescued two men caught in a rip tide and in desperate need of help. Adam heard a voice off shore screaming for help and without any thought for his own safety, he swam out to help the man and while helping the victim to shore, he heard a second voice calling for help. After towing the first man to shore, Adam went out to help the second man and as Adam was bringing this second victim who was passing in and out of consciousness toward shore, the current shifted and Adam was able to save him.



Through this act of bravery, Adam Smothers exhibited the very characteristics of those who established the United States of America and those who throughout our history have made America the greatest Nation on God's green Earth. This is why Wayne Brown, Larry Guzy, and Terry Gibbs of the Captain John Collins SAR Chapter were there to present Adam with the Medal for Heroism.

Adam could have turned away and waited for someone else to respond, but he didn't. Throughout the history of our great Nation, there have been individuals like this young man who chose not to simply stand by, but they decided to take action. Wayne Brown

Tribute to WWII Veterans

The Hightower Trail Daughters of the American Revolution honored World War II veterans at a luncheon December 8th.

Our own Wayne Brown and Sons of Liberty member Chris Boyce presented the Colors during the Pledge of Allegiance. Collins members Jim Castle also participated.

Members John Jones and Everett Porter spoke of their WWII experiences.



WWII Army Air Corp veteran Everett Porter



WWII Army veteran John Jones saw action in the Pacific.

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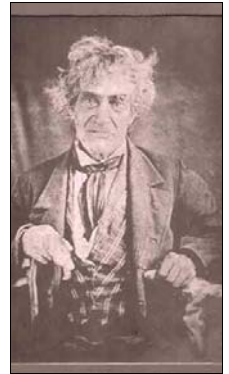
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An Amazing Patriot

David Kinnison was born on November 17, 1736 in Old Kingston, Maine. An early convert to the cause of American independence, he participated in the dumping of tea into Boston Harbor, an escalation of resistance to British rule that would come to be known as the Boston Tea Party. After serving in the Revolution and being taken captive by Mohawk Indians, he returned to farming. Still vigorous at the age of 75, he rejoined the military to fight in the War of 1812. The last survivor of the Tea Party, David Kinnison had 22 children and out-lived four wives. When he died at 114 in 1851, the nation he had helped give birth was only a few years away from being divided by Civil War.



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

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

Toiletries (but not small bar soap), magazines, blankets and books are needed at Veteran care facilities. 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!

Willis West Cemetery Cleanup



On Saturday, November 3rd, David Thompson, his son-in-law Andrew Eckerd, and Larry Guzy traveled to Fayette County to continue David's work in clearing brush in the Willis West Cemetery. The cemetery is about an acre of land on a hilltop surrounded by planting fields, a power line and a subdivision. It had been neglected for a long time.

over the thicket of briars on this property! David had previously cleared enough to identify the Patriot grave. He ordered and installed a headstone, but much more work is needed before a proper dedication can be held.

David has requested assistance from the local Marquis de LaFayette SAR Chapter for a proper dedication, hopefully in the spring of 2013.

Joel Chandler Harris's Briar Patch holds nothing