



The Collins Dispatch

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The Chapter meeting starts at 7PM the third Tuesday every month. We gather at the Golden Corral at 700 Barrett Parkway about 6 for dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Family and friends are welcome.

April 15th Proclamations at Kenesaw 6:30pm, Powder Springs 7pm, and Smyrna 7pm

April 16th Chapter Meeting: GASSAR Treasurer & President of the Atlanta Chapter, Terry Manning on "Oglethorpe's Folly and The Founding of Georgia"

April 18th Patriots Day Proclamation at Acworth City Hall 7pm

April 20th Ft. Frederica Naval Battle

May 21st Chapter Meeting Speaker Jack Ferguson, of the Piedmont Chapter, "Patrick Henry: Orator and Radical Dissenter"

June 18th Chapter Meeting George Thurmond, of the Piedmont Chapter, "Francis Marion"

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Appreciating Citizenship



South Korean immigrant Claire Lee recites the Pledge of Allegiance before becoming a U.S. citizen at a naturalization ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Rome, March 14, 2013. (Brittany Hannah/RN-T)

The lyrics to Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" take on a whole new significance when you hear them sung in Hindi, Mandarin, Russian, Korean and Spanish.

"God bless America, my home, sweet home," was bellowed out proudly by close to 50 people representing more than 20 counties who became naturalized United States citizens during ceremonies in the U.S. District Court in Rome on Thursday.

followed by South Korea with five and Vietnam with four. Taiwan and Colombia each lost

three citizens during Thursday's ceremony.



Immigrants from 14 countries raise their hands during the Naturalization Oath of Allegiance delivered by Sam Johnston (pictured), courtroom deputy clerk, at a naturalization ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Rome, March 14, 2013.

Olesya Sypchenko, a native of Russia who has lived in the U.S. for six years, was one of 29 women who took their citizenship oaths in front of U.S. District Court Judge Harold L. Murphy.

"It was hard, very hard," she said of the decision to renounce her Russian citizenship. "But I want to be helpful for this nation."

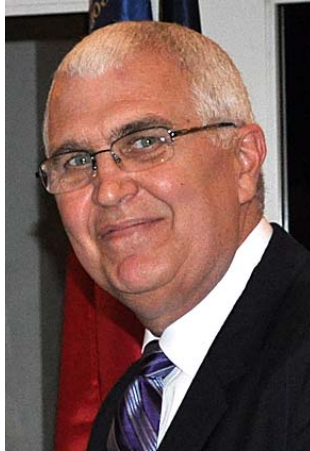
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Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos to Larry Guzy for inclusion in the next edition of the Collins Dispatch. Deadline June 4th

President's Message

The John Collins Chapter has had a busy first quarter of this year with many activities, including educational outreach programs and support for our community. Our community support and outreach are invaluable in increasing our visibility not only in our community but at the state level as well. Each member is encouraged to participate in our education programs, our celebration of patriotic events, and other chapter functions.

Among our activities this year:



We presented SAR Heroism Medals and Certificates at a ceremony in March at Sedalia Park Elementary School to two young men whose quick thinking and action helped a panicked mother administer CPR to her infant that had stopped breathing.

We presented a program in February about our patriot ancestors and what Colonial life was like to ninety-four 1st grade students at Westside Elementary. It was a new experience for the students. The program was very well presented and very well received.

We had a participant in the Joseph Rumbaugh Oratory competition make a presentation at our monthly meeting in March.

We had an Old Allatoona Cemetery Clean-up on April 6th, organized by Lee Hulsey.

A Patriots Day Proclamation was presented at the Cobb County Board of Commissioners meeting April 9th.

Patriots Day Observance at the Captain John Collins grave site at 10 AM on April 9th. Mars Hill Cemetery in Acworth.

Planned activities include:

Patriots Day Proclamation presentation at Acworth City Council meeting 7 PM on April 18th. Acworth City Hall, 4415 Senator Russell Ave., Acworth, GA.

JROTC award presentations at area high schools in April. The JROTC awards program is coordinated by Curtis McWaters. Curtis needs volunteers to assist in presentations.

Grave Marking of Compatriot John Jones Grave at Mountain View Park Cemetery in Marietta. Details are being discussed with Hightower Trail DAR Chapter about the possibility of a joint SAR/DAR ceremony. This target date for this ceremony is for May or June of this year.

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The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. June 4th will be the next deadline for articles. Send articles in Word, jpeg photos, or your bio to LarryGuzy47@gmail.com or regular mail at 4531 Paper Mill Rd SE, Marietta, GA 30067-4025.

If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Van Blackwell.

Collins Member News & Happenings

Lamar Cheatham's brother and nephew **Jackson Cheatham & Jackson Cheatham, Jr.** were approved 3/21/13 Nat 186734 & 35 GA 5519 & 20. **Dick Roberts** and his son **Russell Roberts** were approved 4/1/13 Nat 186877 & 78 GA 5536 & 37. **Jerry Slate** was approved 4/11/13 Nat 186924. **Bill Forrester, Don Carl Webb, Jr.** and his two sons, **Ryan** age 6 and **Connor** age 3 have submitted have applications.

Other applications are being completed include Guy Wells and his son, Lee Hulsey, Denton Hammond, W. C. Pickens, Don Buchanon, Justin Ove, Michael Aiken, Jim Smith, Jon Holland, Paul Bennecke, Thad Brummett, Josh Cooper, Chris Moody, Greg Settle, Doug Talley, Jonathan Shepperd, Chris Hinkle, Frederick (Wade) Sherwood and Ben Weinberg.

Registrar Van Blackwell is being assisted by Earl Cagle and Larry Guzy.

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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Finally, a couple of reminders:

Keep a lookout for residences and businesses that display the American Flag properly. Our chapter presented more Flag Certificates than any other chapter in the Georgia Society in 2012. We don't want to relinquish our Flag Certificate "championship" in 2013.

If you have articles of interest for publication in the "Collins Dispatch" please send them to our newsletter editor Larry Guzy.

Your participation in our chapter functions is vital. Please contribute any way you can.

Don't forget to attend our monthly meetings and bring a prospective member.

Terry A. Gibbs, President



Contact Lamon Smith to schedule a flag certificate presentation in your neighborhood.

Youth Activities



On Saturday, February 26, Earl Cagle presented an Eagle Award Certificate and instructions on entering the SAR Scholarship Contest to new Eagle Scout Walton Lanier Dorminey of Troop 805 at the North-West Georgia Boy Scout Court of Honor in Lilburn, GA.



Eagle Scout Kyle Mercer, shown here with Earl Cagle, was recognized at the GASSAR Youth Awards luncheon. Scout Mercer succeeded at the state level of the Eagle Scout Essay Contest and participated at the National Congress competition in Phoenix, AZ.



Contestant Zachary Adams was introduced by Wayne Brown at the March chapter meeting. Adams has been sponsored by the chapter to participate in the SAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest. Vann Beasley, Bill Coffeen, and Wayne Brown were judges in the chapter competition, with Bert Christy acting as timekeeper. Adams will proceed to state level competition.

Sea Cadets

Cadet Katherine Seippel received the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, presented by Wayne Brown at the Sea Cadet's 2745th SEABEE Battalion Dinner at Clay National Guard Center in Marietta on February 16th.



Patriots Day Proclamations



Austell Mayor Joe Jenkins holds Proclamation for Patriot's Day. The event was attended by President Terry Gibb and Wayne Brown.

All Cobb municipalities issued proclamations for Patriots Day, with compatriots attending the meetings at which they were or will be presented. Austell, Marietta, and Cobb County participated already, and Kennesaw, Powder Springs, Smyrna and Acworth will do so 4/15 or 4/18.



TWO YOUNG HEROES

Elementary school children are typically excited about the upcoming weekend on Friday afternoons and most of all, no school. However, the boys and girls of the 3rd and 4th grades at Sedalia Park Elementary School gathered on the Friday afternoon of March 29th as members of the Captain John Collins Chapter honored two of their classmates for saving the life of a neighbor's eleven week old baby.

Rocky Hurt, age 9, and his friend Ethan Wilson, age 10, were playing football in the neighborhood on the afternoon of March 8th when their neighbor, Suzanna Rohn, ran outside screaming for help. Her eleven week old baby had stopped breathing and she had already tried reviving the child, but without success. As Rocky Hurt's grandmother called 911, the boys went over to try and help and began watching Ms. Rohn perform CPR on her baby. From life saving techniques learned in school, the boys quickly realized that she was incorrectly performing CPR and began instructing her how to correctly perform CPR on the baby and after a short time, the baby began breathing and crying.



Bryan Black, Earl Cagle, Wayne Brown and Terry Gibb presented certificates and medals to Rocky Hurt and Ethan Wilson.

The bravery and calmness in a life and death situation exhibited by these two boys are the same type of characteristics exhibited by our Patriot Ancestors and that is why Rocky Hurt and Ethan Wilson were awarded the Medal for Heroism.

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Naturalization

Sypchenko said learning the language and absorbing the American culture and history have all been very difficult. On the other hand, Selva Ferrero, a native of Argentina, has been in the country for 42 years. "I really felt like I was an American," Ferrero said. "I was raised American with baseball, football and hot dogs."

Ferrero, who lives in Alpharetta, is a flight attendant with United Airlines. She said she travels the world but is so happy to finally, officially, call herself an American.

Kelvin Chen Chih Peng is a graduate student at Georgia Tech. He was born in Taiwan but has lived in New Zealand for most of his life. Peng said it was not such a big deal to him to give up his Taiwanese citizenship. Why the decision to become a U.S. citizen?



Wayne Brown with Ed Walraven, Rome Chapter, in the receiving line.

Hine reminded the newly naturalized citizens of the importance of the Bill of Rights. He recited each of the initial 10 amendments to the United States Constitution. He said each is critically important to their new rights as citizens.

"We welcome you to this country," Murphy said. "We all should remember that we are either immigrants or descended from immigrants and we're privileged to have the freedoms of the Constitution of the United States. It's not easy but it's a wonderful life and a wonderful country."

- Curtis McWaters



Indian immigrant Simon Padmanabhan (left) shakes hands with Ed Walraven of the Sons of the American Revolution after becoming a U.S. citizen at a naturalization ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Rome, March 14, 2013. (Brittany Hannah/RN-T)

"Because this is the greatest country in the world," Peng said.

Ed Hine Jr., a Rome attorney, served as the keynote speaker for the event.

"What a proud day this is, not only for each of you all, but every citizen here whom you have joined," he said. "The past is not nearly as important as the present. You are now United States citizens, and we welcome you and are glad that you are here."

If you are interested in attending a naturalization ceremony and welcoming new citizens to our country, speak with Curtis about future dates. Ceremonies are held in Rome, GA at the Federal Courthouse.

Kansas City Prepares to Welcome Compatriots

It's time to think about participating in the NSSAR National Congress in July. The event will be centered at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Kansas City and, in addition to meeting compatriots and their wives from across the country, the city offers some fascinating sights. See the Steamboat Arabia collection from a sunken riverboat of the 1800's; the intriguing World War I Museum; several fine art museums; the renovated Union Station, not to mention great eating in the heart of beef country. A destination in its own right, with like minded new friends waiting for you. See details in your SAR Magazine or online at sar.org.

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Old Allatoona Cemetery Cleanup



Members were assisted by scouts from Troop 540 in the clean up of the Old Allatoona Cemetery on April 6th.



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!



Speakers

Our February speaker was Willie R. Johnson, historian of the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park, who reviewed the battle on the 150th Anniversary.



Dr. Tom Scott spoke to the chapter at the March meeting on the KSU History and Growth post WWII

Compatriots Speak in the Community

Larry Guzy, Vicki Frey and Earl Cagle participated in March at the Andrew Howser Chapter DAR student awards event with a Patriotism presentation. Vicki Frey played the Star Spangled Banner

