



Captain John Collins Chapter
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

Winner of the Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award 2011

June 2013

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.

June 11 Board of Managers, Charlie Rhyne's home, 6:30 pm

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

July 16 Chapter Meeting Robert Sapp, State Registrar, "Faces of the Declaration of Independence"

August 20 Chapter Meeting James Stallings, GASSAR President, "Writing the Constitution"

Check the GASSAR website for statewide events you may wish to attend.

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Memorial Day in Marietta



Memorial Day ceremonies began, as usual with the placement of over 18,000 flags on Saturday morning by a multitude of scouts. The SAR Color Guard was in attendance.

David Ludley and Earl Cagle presented the Collins wreath in ceremonies on Monday. Others in attendance included Atlanta Chapter President Terry Manning, Chapter President Terry Gibbs, Larry Guzy, Bryan Black with his

daughter, and Jim Castle, who missed the group photo op. Many compatriots from other chapters attended as well.



The honored group at this year's ceremonies were the Tuskegee Airmen.



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

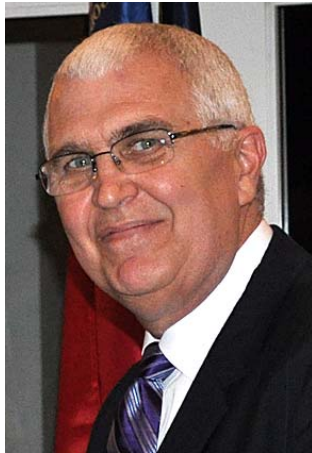
President's Message

We've all heard the phrase "There is no such thing as sitting still. You're either moving forward or you're moving backwards". The Captain John Collins Chapter continues moving forward in 2013. Our success is due to the dedication and work of our members and committee chairmen that coordinate and participate in our chapter's activities.

So far this year we have added five new members; Jackson A. Cheatham, Jackson A. Cheatham, Jr., Richard Albert Roberts, Russell Allen Roberts, and Jerry Carl Slate. Chapter Registrar, Van Blackwell reports there are at least ten original and supplemental applications either pending at GASSAR or in progress at Chapter level.

Thanks to Compatriot David Martin and the Education Committee and the successful poster contest that they coordinated. Compatriot Curtis McWaters has again done great work as Chairman of the JROTC recognition program coordinating awards presented at nine area high schools. Thanks to Curtis and all that participated in these presentations.

We continue to recognize the achievements and sacrifices of members of our community. Compatriot Earl Cagle continues his good work in our Eagle Scout program. As of this writing Earl has



presented nine Eagle Scout Certificates and has plans for three upcoming Courts of Honor in June. We recognized Marietta Police Officer Brian Vaughan with a Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate and Medal for his service. We also recognized and honored those that made the ultimate sacrifice with a wreath presentation at the Marietta National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

We are continuing to work out details of a joint Grave Marking Ceremony with the Hightower Trail DAR Chapter for Compatriot John Jones, Addie Jones, and Judith Jones Smith. The ceremony will take place Saturday, June 29, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Mountain View Park Cemetery, 410 Whitlock Avenue, N.W., Marietta.

Thanks to all members that support the activities of the Captain John Collins Chapter. Whether you helped photograph, document, made presentations, or participated in any way, thank you very much. Let's keep moving forward!

Terry Gibbs, President

Officers and Committees

President	Terry Gibbs
Vice President	David Ludley
Secretary	Bert Christy
Treasurer	James Castle
Registrar	Van Blackwell
Asst Registrar	Earl Cagle
Chancellor	Larry Lines
Chaplain	Larry Lines
Sergeant-at-Arms	Rodney Pritchett
Historian	Vann Beasley
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. August 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 Van Blackwell.

Collins Member News & Happenings

Robert Van Blackwell, Chapter Registrar, can be reached at: rblackwell1001@comcast.net or by mail: 4150 George Busbee Parkway Apt. 302 Kennesaw, GA 30144-0803. He reports the following: Five new members have been approved so far this year. Additionally seven applications are submitted to State that include William (Bill) Forrester, Donald C Webb, Jr. and his sons Ryan and Connor, Freddie Lloyd Blackwell, and Frank W. Johnson.

Additionally WC Pickens through John Mayes, Charles Hunt through Michael Steffey, and Richard Canfield's grandsons, Jacob and Charles Hutto have submitted their applications. Steve Tyler, Jim Hollifield, and Robert Blackwell have submitted supplements

Our State Registrar, Bob Sapp, is now being assisted by several others in the Society due to the State backlog from many new applications submitted.

Other Chapter applications are being completed that include Guy Wells and Lee Hulsey.

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



Earl Cagle pinned new member Jerry Slate at the May meeting.



New member Dick Roberts told us about his patriot ancestor during the May meeting.



Lamar Cheatham accepted certificates for his brother and nephew at the April meeting.

Heroism Award

Our Law enforcement communities all deserve our respect and appreciation and we were able to recognize one officer from the Marietta Police Department for heroism in the line of duty. Brian Vaughan attended our May meeting along with his two immediate superiors and was honored for his service.



Officer Brian Vaughan with Major Steve Kish and Lt. Donald Bertollo.



Speakers

In April, David Ludley presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Terry Manning, who is past state president and currently President of the Atlanta Chapter.



Speaker Jack Ferguson has visited the chapter on many occasions and in May spoke to us about Patrick Henry. Compatriot Ferguson is a member of the Piedmont Chapter, and a WWII Vet

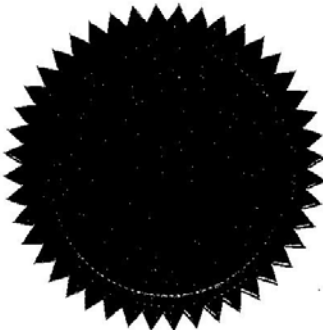


A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

PATRIOTS DAY

- WHEREAS:** April 19th marks the date in 1775 when the towns of Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts were marched upon by the British regulars in an effort to confiscate munitions of the local militia; and
- WHEREAS:** The resulting "shot heard 'round the world" and the defeat of the Redcoats are now celebrated as Patriots Day; and
- WHEREAS:** On April 19, 1778, Colonel Samuel Elbert, commanding three Georgia Navy galleys, Lee, Washington and Bulloch, encountered three British ships in the Frederica River near St. Simons Island; and
- WHEREAS:** After five hours of naval action, the British ships were captured by Colonel Elbert and the Georgia Navy, a victory which boosted the morale of all Georgia patriots and caused the British to delay their invasion of Georgia by more than eight months; and
- WHEREAS:** Patriots Day serves to remind citizens of our Revolution and the sacrifices endured during the years of struggle for American independence by patriots such as Captain John Collins; and
- WHEREAS:** The descendents of the soldiers who fought in the American Revolution encourage the community to proclaim April 19th of each year Patriots Day in commemoration of the American Revolution and the struggle for American independence; now
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Max Bacon of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2013 as PATRIOTS DAY and urge all residents to become more knowledgeable of the role which the Revolutionary War played in establishing the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 15 day of April in the year of Our Lord 2013.

Mayor

A. Max Bacon

Signers of the Declaration

We are in our 13th year as a chapter with over 70 issues of the Dispatch. The three binders of these issues is really an amazing tribute to all the Chapter has done over the years. We are not just a Lineage Society, we do things.

We periodically return to some items once featured since there are always new members who had not known some history of the Chapter. We will feature our namesake Captain John Collins in the next issue. In this issue, we will ask for you, our members, to consider writing a bio of one of the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence. We started this in 2007 but only covered 7 of them before we ran out of authors! The following list shows those covered as well as all who have not yet been featured. If you choose to write an article about your Patriot Ancestor, they also will be featured in a future issue.



Zachery Adams, grandson of Jerry Slate, received the Orations Award, presented by Wayne Brown. Adams could not participate in the State competition due to a conflict with another competition where he handily won a major prize toward his college education. We are thrilled that he chose to submit his ability to the chapter efforts.

NAME/STATE/ORDER OF SIGNATURE ON DOCUMENT

1	John Hancock (MA)	<u>NEW JERSEY 5</u>
<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE 3</u>		
2	Josiah Bartlett	27 Richard Stockton
3	William Whipple	28 John Witherspoon
4	Matthew Thornton	29 Frances Hopkins
<u>MASSACHUSETTS BAY 5</u>		
5	Samuel Adams	30 John Hart
6	John Adams	31 Abraham Clark
7	Robert Treat Paine	<u>RHODE ISLAND 2</u>
8	Elbrige Gerry	32 Stephen Hopkins
<u>DELAWARE 3</u>		
9	Caesar Rodney	33 William Ellery
10	George Read	<u>CONNECTICUT 4</u>
11	Thomas M'Kean	34 Roger Sherman
<u>MARYLAND 4</u>		
12	Samuel Chase	35 Samuel Huntington
13	William Paca	36 William Williams
14	Thomas Stone	37 Oliver Wolcott
15	Charles Carroll of Carrollton	<u>GEORGIA 3</u>
<u>NEW YORK 4</u>		
16	William Floyd	38 Button Gwinnett
17	Philip Livingston	39 Lyman Hall
18	Frances Lewis	40 George Walton
19	Lewis Morris	<u>PENNSYLVANIA 9</u>
<u>NORTH CAROLINA 3</u>		
20	William Hooper	41 Robert Morris
21	Joseph Hewes	42 Benjamin Rush
22	John Penn	43 Benjamin Franklin
<u>SOUTH CAROLINA 4</u>		
23	Edward Rutledge	44 John Morton
24	Thomas Heyward, Jr.	45 George Clymer
25	Thomas Lynch, Jr.	46 James Smith
26	Arthur Middleton	47 George Taylor
<u>VIRGINIA 7</u>		
50	George Wythe	48 James Wilson
51	Richard Henry Lee	49 George Ross
52	Thomas Jefferson	50 George Wythe
53	Benjamin Harrison	51 Richard Henry Lee
54	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	52 Thomas Jefferson
55	Francis Lightfoot Lee	53 Benjamin Harrison
56	Carter Braxton	54 Thomas Nelson, Jr.

Bold=complete; *Italics*=assigned

HONORING PATRIOTS AND PATRIOTISM

We know that Patriotism is the love of one's own Country, but the expression of this takes many forms. The images, proclamations, and actions described herein certainly prove that Patriotism is alive and well.

The Chapter has honored students who are discovering what it means to serve through the JROTC programs in the various Cobb County schools. It is truly gratifying to attend the ceremonies and honor those students who have shown their dedication to military principles of discipline.

The Patriots Day Proclamations presented by every Cobb City, once again demonstrates why we are proud to be here in Cobb.

On Memorial Day Weekend, several members joined the State Color Guard to honor Scouting since they were at the National Cemetery to honor our veterans with flag placement. This never ceases to be an amazing effort to place over 18,000 flags with rendering honors to each veteran in a little over an hour.

All we can say is that Patriotism is alive and well here at home.

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



Khalil Mason, South Cobb HS, with Curtis McWaters



Logan Hill, Allatoona HS, with Earl Cagle



Phillip Colburn, Marietta HS, with Earl Cagle

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Chris Bailey, Sprayberry HS, with David Martin



Carter Long, Kennesaw Mtn HS, with Bill Coffeen



Michael Gorth, Harrison HS, with Jim Castle



Joe Nugyen, Osborne HS, with Wayne Brown