



Captain John Collins Chapter
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

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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.

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

Sept 16 Chapter meeting

Sept 21 Constitution Day with the DAR at Ansley CC

Sept 27,28 Leadership Meeting
 Louisville, KY

Oct 12 Fall Outing to Pine Mountain, Cobb County 9:30A

Oct 26 GASSAR BOM Barnesville, GA 10A

Check the GASSAR website for other statewide events you may wish to attend.
www.georgiasocietysar.org

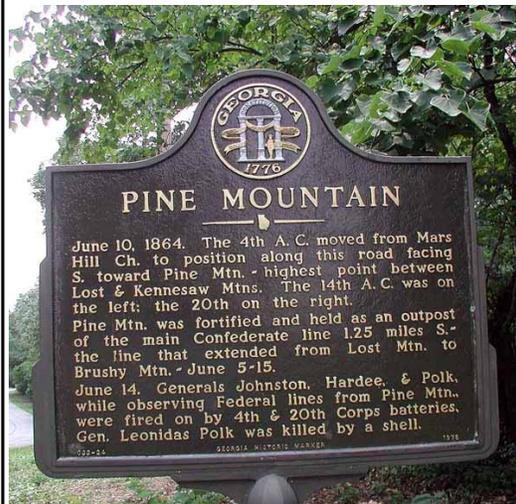
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2013 Fall Outing Saturday 12 October 9:30AM

PINE MOUNTAIN,

COBB COUNTY'S UNDISCOVERED HISTORY



Melvin Dishong, unofficial tour guide of Pine Mountain and the role it played in the defense of Atlanta is our guide. He is quite enthusiastic about our visit and subsequent tour starting promptly at 9:45 am at his home on the top of Pine Mountain. The address is 1460 Beaumont Dr. NW Kennesaw, GA 30144. His phone is 770-427-7923 if you get lost.

From our Golden Corral meeting place, go west on Barrett Parkway. Pass US 41 and then Old 41 and turn right onto Stilesboro Rd. Pass Kennesaw Due West Rd. and at about the third street on the left, turn left onto Beaumont Dr. Beaumont dead ends atop Pine Mountain.

We'll combine the tour with a visit to the

Whistle Stop Cafe in downtown Kennesaw around 12:15-1:00 pm for lunch along with a brief walk "under the tracks" and then back to his place for the final part of his tour which should end around 2:30 pm. Pine Mountain is located at approximately 33° 59'21.13" North, 84°38'43.00" West. The small "mountain" has an approximate elevation of 1292 feet or 394 meters above sea level. Contrary to the implications of its name, Pine Mountain is plentiful with various deciduous trees. However, pines are usually the first tree to grow after deforestation, so it was likely covered with pines when it was named in the 19th century.

The mountain is also part of the ridge which divides the two watershed basins of the county. To the north and west is Lake Allatoona, while to the south and east is the Chattahoochee River. From here, the line runs west-southwest across Lost Mountain, and east-northeast across Kennesaw Mountain and Sweat Mountain.

Pine Mountain is the site where Confederate Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk was killed on June 14, 1864, during the Civil War.

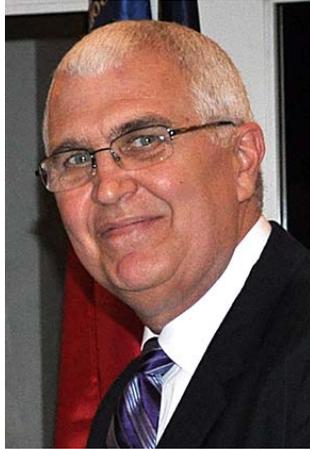
Because Pine Mountain was the highest point between Kennesaw Mountain and Lost Mountain, it was of interest to both Confederate and Union forces.

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

Where has the summer of 2013 gone? Most weather observing pundits would probably say that the typical Georgia summer was washed away by all of the rain that we have had recently. Rainy weather is not necessarily a bad thing.

In the summer of 1776, the success of the American Revolution was far from certain. General Washington was trying to prevent the British from occupying the Hudson River Valley and splitting the colonies. About 9,000 American Soldiers consisting of Continentals and Patriot Militias built their defenses at Brooklyn Heights, New York, in preparation to face General Howe's 20,000 British troops. On August 27th Howe engaged and soundly routed Washington's army in the fields below Brooklyn Heights. Washington and his men fell back to the fortifications on the Heights waiting as night fell for a final British assault. The American Patriots were in a trap, facing nearly 20,000 British Regulars and Loyalists with the East River at their backs. On August 29th the temperature dropped sharply and the rain came down in torrents. Although the rain and wind added to the American's misery it also caused General Howe to stop his advance and prevented the British navy from navigating up the East River to entrap the Patriots between them and the British army. Washington's army was able to retreat across the East River to fight another day.



As the summer fades away and schools are back in session we will resume our late summer and fall routines. Our educational programs will also resume. If you can volunteer for any of these educational programs please contact John Mattingly or David Martin. Planning is also underway for our annual fall outing. This year's outing promises to be very interesting and informative. Plan updates for the outing will be given as they are finalized.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for homes and businesses that would be worthy recipients of a flag certificate.

Our Vice-President, David Ludley, has scheduled some very interesting programs for future meetings. Please plan on attending the meetings and bring a prospective member.

At the 123rd NSSAR Congress, President General Dooly announced the startup of the NSSAR Vietnam War Veterans Corp (VWVC). Vietnam Era Veterans are eligible if they served in the Republic of Vietnam from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 and received either the Vietnam Service Medal or the Vietnam Campaign Medal. A veteran with a standalone National Defense Service Medal is not eligible. If you are eligible make a copy of your DD-214 and then we can then begin the application process.

Terry Gibbs, President

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The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. **October 4th** will be the next deadline for articles. Send articles, photos, or your bio to Larry Guzy at 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 rblackwell1001@comcast.net

Collins Member News & Happenings

- William Forrester for ancestor William Brimer - approved by National #188025
- Freddie Lloyd Blackwell for ancestor Robert Higginbotham - pending at National
- Charles Hunt for ancestor Michael Steffey—pending at National
- Robert Van Blackwell (supplement) for ancestor James Blackwell - pending at National
- Frank W. Johnson III for ancestor John Johnson – pending at National
- William Carey Pickens for ancestor John Mayes – At State
- Jacob and Charles Hutto (minor grandsons of Richard Canfield)-signed at State
- Jerry Anderson for ancestor Joseph Anderson - ready to sign
- Eugene Stafford Irvine for ancestor Abner Hammond - ready to sign
- David Wayne Beam for ancestor James Carlile - ready to sign
- James R. Hollifield (supplement) for ancestor Phillip Null - ready to sign
- Frank Riley-Cartersville-being signed
- Lee Hulsey and Thad Brummett still working to complete
- Willian Seippel is transferring his membership after moving to GA. His son, Jacob will apply for membership

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

Bert Christy 770-640-7617
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Signers of the Declaration

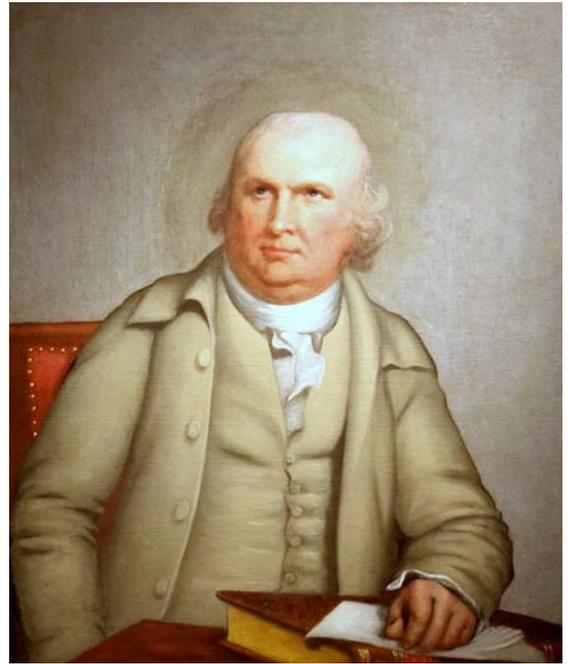
Robert Morris, Jr. January 20, 1734 – May 8, 1806, was a Liverpool-born American merchant, and signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution. He was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly, became the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee of Safety, and was chosen as a delegate to the Second Continental Congress, where he served as chairman of the "Secret Committee of Trade" and as a member of the Committee of Correspondence. In 1769 at the age of 35, he married Mary White, sister of the well-known Anglican bishop, William White. They had five sons and two daughters.

From 1781 to 1784, he served as the powerful Superintendent of Finance, managing the economy of the fledgling United States. As the central civilian in the government, Morris was, next to General George Washington, thought to be the most powerful man in America. His successful administration led to the sobriquet, "Financier of the Revolution." At the same time he was Agent of Marine, a position he took without pay, and from which he controlled the Continental Navy.

His wealth came from extensive shipping and trading enterprises which included slaves until this was abolished in Pennsylvania in 1780. As a government official, Morris tried to tax the domestic slave trade, and to lay a head tax on the slaves payable by the owner. The Southern States resisted this and thus these efforts went nowhere. His company, Willing, Morris & Co, was founded in 1757 and thus was able to profit from the Seven Years War (French and Indian War) that occurred from 1756 to 1763. Eventually, Morris would personally pay £1,000,000 to pay the Continental troops under Washington. This helped to keep the Army together just before the battle of Princeton. He subsequently paid the troops via "Morris notes" from his own funds to continue Washington's ability to wage war as the US currency had no value.

Morris used his extensive international trading network as a spy network and gathered intelligence on British troop movements. One of his spies sent the information that allowed the Americans to defend Fort Moultrie near Charleston, South Carolina.

During the war, privateers seized the cargo of English ships. Since Morris owned an interest in many privateer ships, and his firm helped sell the English spoils as they came into port, he was seen to be profiting from the War. He sarcastically wrote a friend that his firm had lost over 1900 ships during the war and so came out "about even." He had lost one of the largest private navies in the world during the War, but he never asked for reimbursement from the new government. Morris personally supplied the funding for 80% of all bullets fired during the war and almost 75% of all other expenses for the fledgling government, though he never asked to be reimbursed. His remaining money was used to buy shares in a variety of



ships that waged an economic war on Britain.

He was one of Pennsylvania's original pair of US senators, serving from 1789 to 1795. Unwise land speculation right before the Panic of 1796–1797 led to his bankruptcy in 1798, and he spent several months in debtors' prison. After his release in 1801 he lived a quiet, private life in a modest home in Philadelphia, until 1806 when he died. He is buried at Christ Church in Philadelphia.



David Ludley awarded a *Certificate of Appreciation* to State Registrar **Bob Sapp**, who spoke to the chapter in July on "Faces of the American Revolution".

At the June meeting, Piedmont Chapter's **George Thurmond** spoke about "Francis Marion".

OPPORTUNITIES TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORIES OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Our organization has several purposes, not the least of which is fellowship of descendants of those who served in the Revolution. Part of that fellowship involves joining descendant organizations which will be the focus of a following Dispatch.

Within the SAR, there are many groups who contribute time and funds to special areas of interest at the National level as well as the State and Chapter levels. Nationally, there is support of JROTC programs, Eagle Scout Recognition, Oration contest support, Unfunded Committee programs (George Washington Fellows), our genealogical Library support, our Center for Advancing America's Heritage (The Center), and several others.

We often wonder why our sister organization seems to have more visibility than ours. Part of that reason is they are more willing to support visibility projects than we do. We hear of a project worthy of our time and money yet we hesitate until the moment passes and pass up an opportunity to serve financially without involving our personal time.

This month's topics are the National Society's Library and George Washington Fellows.

The National Society recognized about 15 years ago that our headquarters facilities were not sufficient to house our growing collection and embarked on a program to build a new facility. Through many changes, the Library became the first section of our new facility on Museum Row on West Main Street in Louisville, KY to be occupied. Our headquarters will move there also once the build out is complete and the rest

of the area will be dedicated to telling the story of the Revolution to the public. With 1.5 plus million people crossing in front of the doors each year, we are sure to increase our visibility.

Our Library is a beauty to see and a joy to use. Having been supported solely through donations, the Library is now limited in use to those who can personally visit. In order to change this requires an expanded base of donors who recognize the value to each of us as well as a path to membership expansion. A very simple program of being a "Friend of the SAR Library" for \$25 annually has raised sufficient funds to pay for barcoding each of the 30,000 volumes within the library itself for ID and security. Less than 375 members out of over 31,000 have become "Friends". The goal is for a minimum of \$150,000 in an endowment fund. See <http://library.sar.org/> for greater details of the Library and donation opportunities.

More personal programs involve larger donations, but with more visible recognition. For \$300, an individual or a Chapter would be listed on a special plaque named for Ben Franklin due to his efforts at establishing public libraries. Gifts of \$500 or more are listed on the Endowment Fund Plaque. One-time contributions of \$2000 or more are listed on a special plaque named for Robert Morris, "Financier of the Revolution".

How do committees and others find funds to get the job done? This is the basic concept behind the **George Washington Endowment Fund**, commonly called GW Fellows. A donation of \$1000 or more entitles a member to a special recognition pin and the knowledge that that money will be preserved in a Trust to fund projects worthy of the name.

Many National committees request funds and many State Societies solicit them when looking for funding for monument and other projects. Last year, the Fund donated over \$19,000 to such projects, and that was just the interest! Search the <http://SAR.org/> site for much more information, or contact Larry Guzy who is an elected Board Member.





Dave Perkins, Bill Coffeen and President General Joe Dooley at SAR booth

visitors could earn our SAR Jamboree patch by answering questions about our American Revolution. The exhibit also displayed the various forms of recognition for Eagle Scouts and our local, State and National College Scholarship competition. We were warmly received and many (both youth and adults) expressed interest in joining the SAR and supporting its mission. I encourage anyone who has an interest in the next Jamboree to contact me for information. - Bill Coffeen



Boy Scout Jamboree NSSAR participated as an exhibitor in a National Jamboree for the first time in 2010 believing that it could raise the level of awareness of our organization and its objectives by a physical presence among some 50,000 Scouts and adult Scouters. The venture was quite successful so it was decided the SAR would again participate as an exhibitor in this year's National Jamboree at the Bectel Summit Reserve in the heart of West Virginia's mountains astride the famous New River and a national Wilderness Area. The property, completely owned, developed and operated by the Boy Scouts of America, is spectacular. It is intended to be the BSA's high adventure camp in the Eastern US. Our contingent, composed of 5 SAR members, staffed our exhibit over the course of 2 weeks. We were part of a Faith and Values exhibit area. Compatriots in period attire explained our purpose as an organization and the many youth and adult recognition programs we support. All

National Congress Kansas City

Compatriots from all over the country gathered in Kansas City, Missouri for the 123rd National Congress in July. With over 450 attending, as members and trustees, the five day Congress offered a diversity of activities.

Upon arriving, an optional evening function invited attendees to visit the Steamboat Arabia Museum which houses the artifacts of a late 1800's ship that sank in the Missouri River filled with merchandise for pioneers out west. The river subsequently moved 6 miles making the archeology challenging. When the ship was found under silt in a farmer's pasture, a local family recovered the contents of the ship—buttons, dishes, boots, shoes, crystal, etc.—cleaned it and put it on display.

The host society function was held the second night at the World War I Museum. This very well executed museum appealed to the history buff SAR's, who also enjoyed the BBQ dinner offered.

City tours were offered as well and wives had a tour of the Hallmark Card headquarters museum.

All the annual functions of Congress occurred, including Awards night, the semis and final competition of the Orations Contest, the always inspiring Youth Awards

Luncheon, district and Georgia Washington Fund breakfasts, and, of course, committee and trustee meetings.

In 2014, Collins members will have an opportunity to participate in Congress at nearby Greenville, SC—an easy drive from home. It is scheduled for July 19 to July 23, enabling members to participate in Fourth activities at



Over 100 color guardsmen marched from the hotel to the Memorial Service at a nearby church.

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

Supporting Our Veterans

Compatriots, as we all know freedom is not free. Help us support our Veterans by bringing things needed at the Veterans Hospital.

Some of the things need are comfort items. These include shampoo, conditioners, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, and combs. All of these items can be travel or full size items.

Female Veterans need hairbrushes, nail polish, mirrors, panties (M/L), sports bras, socks and slippers. Male veterans need socks, t-shirts, boxers/briefs, slippers, and

pajama bottoms.

Some recreation items that are appreciated include cards, board games, crossword and Sudoku books. Other items they could use include coffee and supplies, books and magazines not over 3 months old, gas and phone cards.

This is a quick list of needs for Veterans and always, last but not least, if you have some time to volunteer call 404-321-6111 and they will assist you with ways you can help. There is nothing appreciated more than your time.

Curtis McWaters

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!

Jones Grave Marking



On June 29th the Collins Color Guard and other members joined the DAR in celebrating the lives of John and Addie Jones and their daughter Judy who was John's transport and support after Addie's passing.

The ceremony was attended by President Terry Gibbs, NW Regional VP Wayne Brown,

Earl Cagle, Jim Castle, Larry Lines, Larry Guzy, Steve Tyler, and Rodney and Nancy Pritchett.

John was a charter member, having attended the very first chapter organizational meeting on 23 March 2000. Addie accompanied him. John volunteered to be our first Chaplain and continued in that role until just before his passing. He will be missed.



Tye Carter Sanders, Charter member, passed on July 25th, 2013. He is also buried in Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery in Marietta. Tye was always a lively participant in Chapter meetings. His wife preceded him, but he was survived by three daughters. He was a first cousin to former Georgia Governor Carl Sanders.