



Captain John Collins Chapter

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

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Dates to Remember

The Chapter meeting starts at 7PM the third Tuesday every month. We gather at the Cherokee Cattle Co., 2710 Canton Hwy., about 6 for dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Family and friends are welcome.

Tuesday 4/21/15 Chapter Meeting, Speaker
Saturday 4/25/15 State BOM 10am Barnesville, GA

Tuesday 5/19/15 Chapter Meeting, speaker

Tuesday, 6/9/15 Chapter BOM- Cherokee Cattle Co. Dinner and camaraderie will be at 6 p.m. and business meeting will start at 7 pm

Friday, 6/12/15 Willis West grave marking—more in the next issue

Check the GA SAR website for other statewide events

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The Ongoing Quest

Beyond the quest for financial security and personal comfort, to what, if anything, are we committed?

Many of our members are always making our news: Wayne Brown, Terry Gibbs, Bill Coffeen, Earl Cagle, Larry Lines, and the list goes on. The Officer Corp has taken our Chapter to new heights year after year, not necessarily in winning awards set by others, but surely in guiding our efforts to realize an answer to this stated question. We are committed to recognizing our ancestors' efforts to form a Country for which we can be proud, and sharing that pride with others outside our organization wherever we see it.

The upcoming JROTC recognition, Patriot's Day Proclamations, sharing in the grief and recovery of our members, assisting the Scouts in marking veterans graves for Memorial day and dedicating our Patriot's graves are but a few of the many great aspects of belonging to an organization steeped in History.

If you only answer that you are committed to the Sons of the American Revolution, that would be wonderful.

- ◆ Patrick Reese has stepped forth to join an elite group of National

Life Members by becoming the newest Georgia Society, and Collins Chapter, Life Member!

- ◆ David Thompson has acquired the land in which his Patriot is buried and has a dedication planned in June.
- ◆ Wayne Brown is our State Treasurer for the second year in a row.
- ◆ Terry Gibbs has become our State Recording Secretary.
- ◆ Curtis McWaters continues to serve as our NW Regional Vice President.
- ◆ Bill Coffeen is continuing to serve as the State Eagle Scout Chairman.
- ◆ Larry Guzy continues to serve as a Georgia's Nominating Committee Chair and as National Registrar General

As Mark Twain once commented:

"Always do right. It will gratify some and amaze the rest."

This holds true for commitment as well. Look at this issue and all the previous ones to see all of our members who have found the answer to our question and are involved.

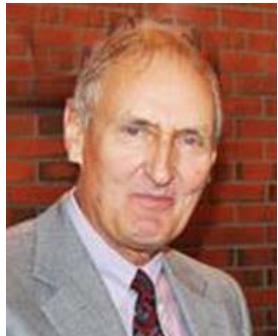
Look for "The Swarm Theory" article in the next issue to gain more insight on action.

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

President's Message

Dear Fellow Compatriots:

Once again we exit the bleak, gray winter, and welcome with gusto the beauty and warmth of spring. And it's also the time we in the SAR celebrate with certificates and medals for some of our young citizens in high school ROTC programs around the county.



The Army ROTC program was begun in 1916, by President Wilson, in order to, of course, train officers for war. Similar but less organized programs had been in place in various colleges from as early as 1819, but it was the National Defense Act of 1916 that brought officer training under the aegis of the US Government. The Navy and Air Force ROTC programs came later, but were basically similar in scope and purpose.

The strict military aims of its original inception have

morphed over the years, and now, just as important as training of officers is the training of our young fellow citizens in the arts and manners of ethics, leadership, order, courage, self-accomplishment, self-responsibility, discipline, life skills, and citizenship; all noble virtues that we in the SAR rightly applaud and celebrate.

Many and huge thanks to our Americanism Chairman, Wayne Brown, and also to Bill Coffeen and Stan Virden, who have made arrangements to present these SAR certificates and medals to our deserving young ROTC men and women. They can always use more help in this effort, and if you have a bit of time to spare, please call Wayne.

Yours in the joy of spring,
Harry F. Hagan, President

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The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. **June 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. Cell 678-860-4477

If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Van Blackwell rblackwell1001@comcast.net

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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Collins Member News & Happenings

Several people are working on applications with Registrar Van Blackwell. There is always room for more! One of the most prestigious National Recognitions available to any member is the earned **Liberty Medal**. This is earned by being the First Line Signer of 10 new members. This means locating and assisting one to complete his application for membership. Locating eligible men is the easy part—simple tell friends/family/those you meet about the Sons of the American Revolution. You would be amazed by the number who say they have an interest. With our Registrar's help, you can actively assist these men to document their heritage and membership.

Why are you hiding your heritage? Bring a guest to the next Chapter meeting and get started.

PG Visits the Queen

National Society President General Lindsey Cook Brock and DAR President Lynn Forney Young were introduced to the Queen of England. Their March visit was in conjunction with the release of over 250,000 pages of King George's papers written during the American Revolution.

Veterans Recognition by National Society SAR

Those of us who may not have served in any number of armed conflicts, but who have served in the military, are encouraged to provide the Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) with their documented service. This is a very simple procedure. Simply complete the form available on the National site using your DD214 and have the Chapter President sign off. Then supply it by mail or scanned form on line. Col. Chuck Sweeney will do the rest as indicated below:

- “First, any correspondence concerning NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) can be sent to either one of the following email addresses: Chuck_Sweeney@msn.com (Note there is an underscore between the first and last names); or Vet-Corps@sar.org. Both addresses deliver e-mail to me.
- Next, during the early days of any given month, Certificates of Patriotism are printed for those Compatriots who sent VetCorps Survey forms to the Veterans Recognition Committee during the preceding month. When the certificates are ready to go, they are sent



Queen Elizabeth with PG Lindsey Cook Brock and DAR President Lynn Forney.

Photo: English Press Association



via parcel post to the Director of Operations at NSSAR HQ in Kentucky. He in turn places the certificates into staffing, which includes affixing the PG’s signature on them and sending them to the appropriate State Society Secretaries for further distribution.

- Finally, the process from the time I receive the Survey Form to the moment it arrives at the desks of a State Society Secretary is about 30 days. If a delay goes beyond that time, it’s usually because the certificate in question is sitting either on a State Society Secretary’s or Chapter Secretary’s desk.
- Bottom line...if a Survey Form currently in affect is sent to the VRC prior to the 15th of a given month, it will be on its way to

HQ no later than the 20th. If 30 days pass since the 20th of a month and a specific VetCorps’ Compatriot Certificate of Patriotism has not been delivered to him, he should check with his Chapter and/or State Secretary to determine if it has cleared their processing procedures. If the State Secretary and/or Chapter Secretary indicate that neither of them has received it, contact me so arrangements can be made to issue a new certificate.

Best regards and thank you for your service to our country

Chuck Sweeney



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The John Collins Chapter was invited to join the Kennesaw Masonic Lodge to celebrate patriotism and Boy Scouting at a March 17 banquet.

Compatriots Larry Guzy, Earl Cagle and Bill Coffeen presented the Patriotism program the same time as the March Chapter Meeting. They are shown here with the Worshipful Master, Cabot Bohrer

SAR BRANDING—THE NEXT BIG CHANGE

What in the world is this? Branding is instant recognition. The National Society has recognized that one of the reasons people say they never heard of the Sons of the American Revolution is that it is hidden within our own usage. What difference do you see in the following: MSSSAR or MS SAR—Mississippi SAR—MS Sons of the American Revolution ? GASSAR or SAR GA Society—Georgia SAR? The SAR is the brand. We should not hide it. Let it stand out and tell everyone who sees it that we do exist!

The National Branding Committee is chaired by Hon. Rick Hollis of the TN Society and Southern District Vice President General. This committee is explaining the needs to change in order to gain the recognition that the DAR already has! They do not confuse their brand with 50+ Societies as we do. The Committee report is available for review and will be the focus of much discussion to come.

On a similar theme, there will be a move toward making our organization more business and professional oriented in order to help bring better structure. Look for a new website and membership database that will bring us into the 21st Century, potentially doing applications online.

Washington's Birthday

The Laredo Texas George Washington Birthday Parade celebrated the 120th consecutive event this past February with well over 250,000 spectators and participants.

Many compatriots attend this parade. Meeting members and making friends from around the country is a prime benefit of attending national and state events.



Southern District Meeting—Tupelo Mississippi



Bryant Boswell is a current chapter president in Natchez as is Attorney Jack Smith of the Tupelo chapter in Mississippi. Boswell, a dentist, took two years off (yes TWO) to portray Meriwether Lewis in a Corp of Discovery reenactment. Both attended the Southern District meeting.



Compatriots are always welcome at the chapter meetings and state events held elsewhere. The schedule of local meetings can be checked when making plans to travel around the country, or perhaps a particularly interesting meeting site will spark an idea for a vacation. Look in the SAR Magazine for ads for some chapters who feel their chapter is worth a visit, or check SAR.org—pull down membership tab for State websites.

- Chapter meeting times are listed in the SAR Magazine.
- State and District meetings are listed on the SAR website.

Registration is normally required for anything other than a chapter meeting, and prior notice for a local meeting would be appreciated. Wives are usually welcome as well and often activities are planned for them during meeting times.

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

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On March 21st, WC Pickens, Charles Sanger, Harry Hagan, and Larry Guzy continued to clean the Old Allatoona Cemetery for which the Chapter has been committed since 2001.

Veterans

Toiletries (but not small bar soap), magazines, blankets, socks, 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.

A Wintry Welcome to Louisville

The March 28th Trustee's meeting was held at our new national headquarters on West Main Street. This is the first time that the Trustee's meeting was held in the renovated facility. It wasn't all fun and games though. A 9" snow storm in downtown caused some to cancel, but it was not enough to cover the bat of the Louisville Slugger factory directly across the street from our home. Some Georgia Compatriots were on the road for 15 hours or more to attend the meeting, as the primary highway I-65 was closed and alternate routes were clogged with traffic.



Sidewalk in front of NSSAR Headquarters



Louisville Slugger factory across from Headquarters