



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

Tues 8/16 Chapter Meeting
Speaker Sgt. Major Gretchen Evans on American Vet Dogs

Sat 9/10 Celebration of the Battle of Brier Creek

Tues 9/20 Chapter Meeting
Speaker Lloyd Blackwell on "Interviewing Someone for Their History"

9/30 to 10/1
Fall Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY

Additional events and activities, see the GA SAR website georgiasocietysar.org

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Captain John Collins Chapter

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Collins Dispatch

Winner of the Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award 2011 & 2013

August 2016

Guzy Elected Secretary General

Four members of the Chapter attended the National SAR Congress in Boston in July, where **Larry Guzy** was elected Secretary General. **Wayne Brown, Terry Gibbs** and **Charles Sanger** served as delegates to the Congress.

Mike Tomme, a frequent visitor to the chapter, and well known to those who attend Georgia Society Board of Manager's meetings, was installed as President General.

During the Monday Night Awards ceremonies, the Georgia State Society gathered numerous awards, keeping State President William Allen Greenly jumping out of his chair to accept certificates and streamers.

The Collins Dispatch received Honorable Mention in the Carl Bessent Multi-Page Newsletter Award category. Only First Place and Honorable Mention are awarded. The newsletter is ineligible the following year after it has won first place:

- 2013 First Place
- 2011 First Place
- 2009 Honorable Mention
- 2007 Honorable Mention
- 2005 Honorable Mention

The 2017 National Congress will be held in Knoxville TN.



President General Tom Lawrence presented certificate to Editor Larry Guzy.



The large contingent of Color Guard members lined up for inspection by the President General before marching to the nearby North Church in Boston for a Memorial Service.

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos to Stan Viriden for inclusion in the next edition of *The Collins Dispatch*. Deadline **October 4**.

President's Message

Compatriots, I would like to take this issue of the Dispatch, to address something that is on the minds of our leadership, and that is membership.

As anyone can tell you, without members we would not be the organization that we are today. We should make the effort to recruit as many new members as we can. You can contact family members that you haven't spoken with in ages. What better way to bring someone into the fold than to ask a family member. After all, you have done the foot work to become a member yourself—why not ask a brother or cousin to join? All we need to do is ask around.

Let family or a neighbor know you are an SAR member and let them ask the questions. Plan on attending an event that we have during the remainder of this year and invite someone. Invite someone to a Chapter meeting.

And now a suggestion for the Chapter Fall Outing—the Fuller Gun Collection at the Chickamauga Battlefield in Fort Oglethorpe Ga.



In a room next to the museum is the gun collection of Claud Fuller, simply known as the "Fuller Gun Collection." While



there are hundreds of muskets and rifles, I do not remember if there is a description on every piece, plus there is a lot more to see in the museum if guns are not your cup of tea. You can look at the many displays in and around the museum. The time span of the guns runs from the 1700s up until the World War 1 era.

This is certainly NOT a carved-in-stone trip. However, if it is within the wishes of the members, we can work out a date and logistics as far as transportation. We have plenty of time to decide on that.

Another item that deserves attention are flag certificates. Recently I signed several flag certificates for Terry Gibbs. We need to give these certificates out, plain and simple. All that is needed is for us (and I include myself) to keep our eyes open. Look for flags displayed in the appropriate fashion, meaning that they are illuminated if flown at night, and replaced when faded. Anyplace - malls, corporate centers, schools, police stations, fire departments, and individual residences.

In closing I want to thank every member for their continued support during my time as President. I could not ask for a better bunch of men, and I would like to thank the spouses for their support and loyalty.

Lee Hulsey, President

Capt. John Collins Chapter

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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 Stan Virden at nedrivesf@gmail.com

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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or call 770-579-9373

Collins Member News & Happenings

John Wade's application is still at National awaiting approval. Registrar Blackwell reports that the following applications are also submitted: Michael Reither and his son William, Claud Thomas, and Stallings Howell. Another application is in the works for Jay Dugan

The Chapter may explore doing member interviews to preserve our own history/story. Lloyd Blackwell has been teaching this to ELM for 17 years and will be our speaker in September to show us how it is done.



Wayne Brown and Charlie Newcomer, Athens Chapter, compared notes at National Congress.

Larry Guzy is “On the Move” in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) By Peter Ashton Lyon

Our Captain John Collins Chapter founder and mentor, Larry Guzy, is moving up the ladder within the National SAR to become the Secretary General of the National Sons of the American Revolution (NSAR). Larry has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution since 1995 and his elevation to this position puts him in line for the President General in 2017.

His devotion and dedication to the SAR mission is highly valued and admired. He believes strongly in the patriotic, historical, and educational objectives of the SAR and has worked diligently over the past 20+ years to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people.

Over his years of service to the SAR, Larry has completed an outstanding list of accomplishments. In 1998, Larry became a Life member and also joined the National Color Guard and has served ever since. Also in 1998, he became the President of Georgia’s Piedmont Chapter, and in the year, 2000, he founded Georgia’s Captain John Collins Chapter, serving as President of the Chapter for two years (2000-2002).

In 1999, Larry was designated a Fellow by the George Washington Endowment Fund, and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the award winning “*The Collins Dispatch*” newsletter beginning in 2001. Also, in 2000 he became the President of the Georgia Society of the SAR and served as a Trustee of the Georgia SAR in 2001. In 2003, Larry became the National Membership Chairman and also served as Chairman of the Council of Vice Presidents General while serving as the VPG of the South Atlantic District.

Minute Man Awarded

In 2006 Larry was awarded the Minute Man of the National Society. That year he co-chaired the National Congress Planning Committee and from 2007 through 2011 served as Chairman of that Committee.

Larry’s continued to serve at the National level as a Board member of the George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) (2013-2017); and as a National Officer, serving as National Registrar (2014-2015), National Treasurer (2015-2016) and now as Secretary General (2016-2017).

In addition to the many positions he has held within the organization (locally, statewide and on the National level), Larry has contributed his time and funding for the National Center Development Campaign and for the National Library Fund and has received over 60 Certificates of Appreciation for his service. He is also the “First Line Signer” of 145 members. He is a member of the “Founders Circle” having indicated a desire to have funds donated to the SAR upon his death.

With Larry’s commitment to the National SAR, he is forced to step down as the Secretary of the Captain John Collins Chapter, which he took on after no one volunteered to serve in 2016, but remains the Editor of “*The Collins Dispatch*”.

The members of the Captain John Collins Chapter will miss Larry very much when national duties cause him to be away, but know he will always be a “Minute Man” resource for the Chapter whenever his advice and counsel is needed.



On Saturday, August 6th, Alpharetta held its 64th annual Old Soldiers Day parade. The Piedmont Chapter SAR sponsored a float representing the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. The Georgia SAR Color Guard presented the colors and led the parade. Marching color guard members included NSSAR Secretary General Larry Guzy, GASSAR President Allen Greenly, GASSAR Sr. Vice President Wayne Brown, Mount Vernon Chapter President Shep Hammack, Button Gwinnett Chapter President Bill Palmer, Button Gwinnett Chapter member Mike Watkins, GASSAR Membership Committee Chairman Gordon Woodard.



LIVE OAKING

Southern Timber for Tall Ships

Virginia Steele Wood, Naval Institute Press, Annapolis, MD 1981

--Reviewed by Stan Virden

Throughout the late 18th and much of the 19th Centuries, Northeast Atlantic Seaboard shipbuilders sent large gangs every winter to the Southeast and Gulf of Mexico seafronts to harvest vast tonnages of live oak timber for construction of American naval vessels, whaling ships, packets, and clippers that could be found in seaports throughout the world. Live oak was the framework of the finest naval and commercial sailing ships of the era. It was the secret ingredient of the highly successful six frigates that formed the backbone of the newly established U.S. Navy. USS CONSTITUTION was nicknamed “Old Ironsides,” because British canon balls bounced off of its hull.



St. John Cathedral Live Oak, LaFayette, LA is thought to be over 500 years old. It stands 126 feet tall and has a spread of 158 feet.

Live oak (*Quercus virginiana*, a member of the beech family) got its name as a semi-evergreen; that is, a deciduous tree that grows small, leathery leaves that shed annually as replacement leaves appear. Its range is a strip within 25 miles of the sea, from southeastern Virginia to Texas, as well as the west coast of Cuba. It should not be confused with several other trees and shrubs bearing the same name in California and other southwestern states. *Q. virginiana* grows 40 to 70 feet tall, with crown, and spans up to 150 feet to shade more than half an acre. Highly resistant to hurricanes, it divides 5 to 18 feet from the ground, forming immense horizontal limbs having weight that is measured in tons. The wood is exceptionally strong, with an internal structure more like steel cable than the straight grain of other trees. It is very difficult to work, as it dulls and breaks normal tools within a very short time.

Hardness of the wood was not the only problem in its harvest. Crews often had to fight their way through malarial swamps inhabited by numerous unfriendly critters, including alligators, venomous snakes, and insect swarms. Food rations were basic and disagreeable. Heavy rains and southern heat made camp life miserable. Medical care was primitive. Ponderous logs had to be dragged or carted through jungles to reach inlets where cargo ships could load them for the trip north.

Once discovered, live oak was found to be the strongest of all shipbuilding woods, resistant to salt water and infestation. New England shipbuilders, as well as those as far south as Norfolk, could not get enough of it. The British and French became acquainted with it later. For a period of time the British were paying Indian tribes five dollars a scalp to discourage harvesting by Americans. “Live Oakers” were the men composing the logging crews sent south by the shipwrights. Since shipping costs were high, they were provided with molds (templates) of ships' structural sections so that harvested wood could be cut on site to fit requirements. This process added greatly to time and effort in the camps and wasted about half of the usable timber, but proved cost effective.

In seven well-researched chapters, filled with illustrations, maps, and diagrams, Ms Wood carries us through early American maritime history with vivid and easily read prose. She reminds us that we began as a coastal nation, where travel from one state to another was often easier by sea than by land. Merchant shipping was basic to the American economy, and a Navy was needed to keep that trade intact. Shipwrights were our most essential industry, and they absolutely depended on live-oakers for the building materials with which they fashioned the most effective sailing ships ever known. This book is out of print, but can be found second-hand on Amazon and elsewhere, and probably in your favorite library.

Registrar's Notes #5

How familiar are you with the application process? As a member each of you have had to fill out the application and some have even submitted supplemental applications, but as registrar I have discovered that the exact procedure for correctly filling out an application is not known by most.

As a member of the Son of the American Revolution it is our duty to be always on the lookout for prospective members. Once we find such people it is also our duty to assist them in the application process by serving as their sponsor.

I want to strongly encourage you to become familiar with the correct process. It would be best if you download a copy of the Application Preparation Manual from the National SAR web site that was updated this past March.

Doing so will not only assist the registrar but will speed up the application process.

- Van Blackwell

The Midnight Ride of ... Sybil Ludington??

From *Lost to Time* by Martin W. Sandler, there is a story of American Revolutionary War heroine, her name was Sybil Ludington. Sybil rode more than twice the distance of Paul Revere, over more treacherous terrain, and was only sixteen.

As Pulitzer Prize-winning author Virginius Dabney wrote, 'If you mean to be a historical figure, it is a good idea to get in touch with a leading literary figure -- a Longfellow, a Homer, or a Virgil.' As Dabney points out, Paul Revere, Odysseus, and Aeneas 'all took this precaution.'

"Dabney was right. As schoolchildren, we all learned of Paul Revere's ride through Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem 'Paul Revere's Ride,' first published in 1861 [to rally the loyalty of citizens in the American Civil War]. What we didn't learn was that Revere was not the only Patriot to embark upon a midnight ride to raise the alarm of an imminent British attack. What our history books didn't tell us was that there was [another ride] more arduous and more dangerous than Revere's gallop. ...

"[This ride] took place in the Long Island Sound region, an area where, from the outbreak of the war, towns in both Connecticut and New York lived in constant fear of an attack by British troops. However, it was not until April 1777 that the long dreaded attack took place. The site was Danbury, Connecticut, a town that had become vital to the Patriot cause because of its use as a primary supply depot by the Continental Army. ...

"[After burning Danbury, the British were poised to ransack the vital region, and America's] militiamen were scattered on their separate farms in what may well have been more than a one-hundred-square-mile area. Who was available to ride out and tell them that they had to return immediately? Certainly not the rider who had brought the news from Danbury. He was too tired to go any farther. Besides, he had no idea where the various militiamen lived or how best to get there. [The American commander in the region,] Colonel Henry Ludington, could not go. He needed to begin making preparations for the march and had to be there as the members of his regiment returned.

"Ludington realized, however, that there was one person who had perhaps the best chance of carrying out the vital mission. It was Sybil, the oldest of his twelve children -- but still only just turned sixteen. But she was a marvel on horseback and knew the region extremely well. And she had taken on great responsibility by helping her mother care for her eleven brothers and sisters. ...

"Within minutes she was ready to go, fully aware of the difficulties, even the dangers, that lay ahead. It was a stormy night, and the heavy spring rain gave no indication of letting up. The narrow roads upon which she was about

to ride were not really roads at all, but mere dirt tracks. They would be totally muddy, and washouts would be a constant danger. And even before her father reminded her, she was all too aware of the danger of being overtaken and captured by British 'cowboys' or 'skinnners' who might well be operating along the route she was about to take. ...



Sybil Ludington and Star

"[The militia rallied and] discouraged the British from any further attacks in the area. As a result, the Americans in the vital region gained precious time to organize and resist, in large part due to the efforts of sixteen-year-old Sybil Ludington, who was officially commended by General George Washington for her heroic ride. In 1961, American sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington created a dramatic statue of Sybil riding her horse Star and spreading the alarm. Versions of the statue were erected in Danbury, along Sybil's route near Carmel, and at the Daughters of the American Revolution headquarters in Washington, D.C. In perhaps the ultimate tribute, the name of her hometown was to be changed from Fredericksburg to Ludingtonville. Paul Revere traveled about twenty miles during his historic ride. Sybil Ludington made a forty mile journey for the Patriot cause, and she did it over much more difficult terrain than did the Boston artisan and messenger.

"And, unlike Revere, Sybil Ludington completed her mission without being captured. Yet she remains largely unknown. As Virginius Dabney wrote, 'Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, God rest his bones, put Revere on the map. Unfortunately for Sybil, no one with the talent or reputation of a Longfellow did that for her.' "

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Wayne Brown, through his American Legion post in Powder Springs, arranged for the Chapter to participate in the community's Fourth of July celebration. Wayne, Jim Castle, Larry and Karin Guzy, each read portions of the Declaration of Independence. Audience members were recruited to read segments and included the mayor, several members of the local police force, and a small girl, nine or ten years old, who received applause from the crowd.



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

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.

**Peter Ashton Lyon
Elected Chapter Secretary**

With Larry Guzy's election as the National Secretary General, he needed to hand-off the Secretary duties to another member of the Captain John Collins Chapter. **Peter Lyon** stepped forward to serve and was elected to the post by the BOM of the Captain John Collins Chapter in July.



Peter Lyon was one of the Charter Members of the Captain John Collins Chapter back in 2000 and was the creator of the Chapter's first membership directory. Due to a long career in business development for architectural, engineering and construction management firms, he was unable to participate for several years; however, with his retirement, Peter has come back into the fold.

Peter has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution since 1976 when he joined the Palm Beach Chapter, Palm Beach, Florida. When he and his family moved to Atlanta, he joined the Atlanta Chapter and soon thereafter helped Larry Guzy start the



Sullivan Brown, grandson of Wayne Brown is shown presenting a wreath at St. Simons Island on 4/16/16 at the celebration of the Battle of Ft. Frederica. Sullivan lives in Jacksonville, FL but attended our Chapter meeting in July. He is an avid history reader and is very well versed in the Battle of the Cowpens.

Captain John Collins Chapter in Marietta, GA.

Peter's revolutionary war ancestor is, Pvt. Joshua Field who served in the Captain Humphrey's Co. in Col. Wingate's Regiment and fought at the Battle of Bennington, which was a part of the Saratoga campaign, that took place on August 16, 1777, in Walloomsac, New York, about 10 miles from its namesake Bennington, Vermont. A rebel force of 2,000 men, primarily composed of New Hampshire and Massachusetts militiamen, led by General John Stark, and reinforced by Vermont militiamen led by Colonel Seth Warner and members of the Green Mountain Boys, decisively defeated a detachment of General John Burgoyne's army led by Lieutenant Colonel Friedrich Baum, and supported by additional men under Lieutenant Colonel Heinrich von Breyermann.



Caroline Crawford, the Georgia Room Librarian, spoke to the Chapter at the July 19th meeting. She was presented with a Certificate by Charles Sanger.