

CAPTAIN JOHN COLLINS CHAPTER

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution



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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., 6PM for dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Family and friends are welcome.

- Jan 18. Executive Committee Meeting
- Jan 27. GA SAR Annual Awards Banquet
- Jan 28. Board of Managers Meeting
- Jan 28. GA SAR Annual Meeting
- Jan 28. Chapter and Youth Awards Banquet

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

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Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony

On November 5, 2016, the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony was conducted by the Captain John Collins Chapter of the Sons of the American and Boy Scout Troop 540, sponsored by Due West United Methodist Church. Compatriot Bill Coffeen, Eagle Scout Chair, presided over the presentation with the support of fellow Chapter compatriots.

The ceremony was conducted in accordance with the solemnity of accepted flag retirement guidelines. Attendance was impressive with ideal weather. Post ceremony comments indicated this was probably the best overall flag retirement since the activity was implemented.

Compatriots and guests are encouraged to attend this ceremony in the future.

Photos are the courtesy of Marguerite Cagle of the Fielding Lewis DAR Chapter.



Scouts retire flags donated for the ceremony.



Program presentation by John Collins compatriots; (l-r) Bill Coffeen, Wayne Brown, Jim Castle and Earl Cagle.

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos to Drew Burr for inclusion in the next edition of The Collins Dispatch. Deadline February 4.

Officers and Committees

President - Leland Lee Hulsey
 Vice President - Charles Sanger
 Secretary - Peter Lyon
 Treasurer - James Castle
 Registrar - Robert Van Blackwell
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 Chaplain - Lloyd Blackwell
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 Editor - Drew Burr
 Americanism/Fire/Law/EMS - Wayne Brown
 Cemetery WC Pickens
 JROTC - Curtis McWaters
 Eagle Scouts - OPEN
 Flags - Terry Gibbs
 Membership - VP & Registrar
 Veterans - Bert Christy
 DAR Liaison - Bert Christy
 Welcome - OPEN
 Education Outreach - Bill Coffeen,
 coordinator

Gentlemen, that is all I will bring you now. It would take me "volumes" to express the gratitude and support I have received from all of you this year. Let's make 2017 an even better year, and give your support to the new President as you did for me.

And remember, let's be more aggressive about bringing new members. They need to know we are here. You walk by people every day that would be happy to hear about the SAR. Get yourself an SAR lapel pin, and wear it. Strike up a conversation with a stranger, and ask him to attend a meeting, at least they can eat dinner while they hear a speaker. Phone a friend, an old working associate, and specially a family member. Anyway, you have already have done the paperwork in most cases. While I am on the subject, National has a "decoration" they members can wear after they bring in "10" new members.

Men, it has been a pleasure as I said before. Let's keep honoring our Patriot ancestors, men and women.

Best Regards

Lee Hulsey
Chapter President

President's Message

Here we are again at the end of another year. It feels like only last month, I took the Oath of office as your President. We have been able to bring aboard a several new members to our great Chapter. But we need to work harder to bring as many new members in as humanly possible. One gentleman in another Chapter, offered a challenge to bring in 100 new members to their Chapter. Amazingly, he did so, at the rate of 25 per month. I know this sounds incredible, but it is true. You certainly do not have to match this Compatriot's accomplishment, but we can try, and I point the finger at myself.

Well, let me step down of the old soap box, and do a little congratulating. In the body of our membership, we have the most talented people in the "Society". Our JROTC program for instances, was a great success. As well as the Veteran Committee, each one that has contributed to this cause is also part of its success. Again, from the JROTC to the Chapter Chancellor, all have made us a success.

Our meeting place, has worked out OK, we have had our challenges, but all-in-all, we have done well in providing a comfortable, and inviting place to meet.



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 peterashtonlyon@gmail.com or call 770-579-9373

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award



Ed Rigel Sr. presented Ray Ruggles with our Society's national Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award. The award is given to a member in good standing who has displayed outstanding service to youth through the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. As Georgia Society Eagle Scout Recognition chairman it was my pleasure to submit the application for this award which reflects Ray's service to Boy Scouting over the course of some 39 years. From Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and the Order of the Arrow Ray has faithfully served Scouting's youth. In addition to the many programs he has chaired Ray was recognized by the Atlanta area Council with its highest adult award, the Silver Beaver in 1987 and the local Foothills district's Lifetime Achievement award in 2012. As a fellow Scouter and Captain John Collins compatriot it was my honor to recognize Ray before his family and friends on November 6, 2016. In addition, we presented Ray with our National Society's Veteran's award for serving in the Navy from 1960-1965.



Veterans Day: Giving back to our Veterans and Patriotic Seniors

In June of this year, Compatriot Allen Henson saw a flag at Greenwood Place (a senior living community in Marietta) in need of replacement. He approached the Director, Mrs. Marshall and he was given permission to replace that flag. He was then asked to come back inside to meet veterans living there who wanted to thank him for the new flag. Since that time, he has maintained their outdoor flag in new condition. In addition, on July the 4th and Veterans Day, Compatriot Henson has seen that each veteran and any other residents there who want a small American flag for their rooms, has received one.

VETERANS DONATIONS:

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.

THE ROMANOVS – 1613-1918

Simon Sebag Montefiore, Alfred A. Knopf, NY, 2016

Any person with the slightest interest in history or politics has a need to read this book. It covers not only the three centuries of the Romanov Tsars, but in a short epilogue, describes the Russian experience of leadership in the past century, up into the war in Syria in 2015. Montefiore annotates his commentary with numerous documentary citations and extensive footnotes, including rich color illustrations of the principal characters in the drama. He provides dramatic insights into why the world is as it is today. He describes Putin's "Sovereign Democracy" as ". . . a cult of authority and the entitlement to get rich in state service. . . . the Romanov compact: autocracy and the rule of a tiny clique in return for the delivery of prosperity at home and glory abroad."



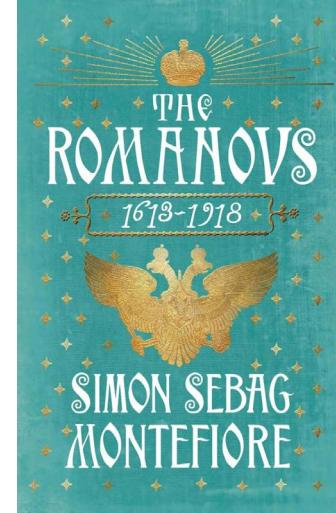
Why is this important? It takes only the merest peek into the palaces of the privileged elite in Europe to understand why the underclasses responded to Marxist philosophy with such an enthusiastic outpouring of revolution, socialism, and communism—to say nothing of the American and French revolutions of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The effects have completely reshaped the entire world, and continue to do so, even now. Russia has been and remains the pivotal player in this epoch. If we are to survive as a truly democratic culture, we need to understand what we face.

In fine and absolutely fascinating detail, Montefiore carries us from Michael I (1613-45) through the entire line of subsequent Tsars to the ill-fated Nicholas II (1894-1917) and his successor,

Michael II, who ruled as Tsar for only one single day. The saga is rife with intrigue, violence, sudden, often horrible death, wild and extensive sexual infidelities, alliances made and broken throughout Europe—including Great Britain—and endless warfare, as the borders of the motherland expanded and contracted. It was these tsars whose behavior tutored the more recent uncrowned leaders of Russia who, following in their footsteps, have continued to rule as they did, tyrants without the aristocratic lineage and titles.

Put on your thinking cap as you read this tome, and try to imagine what our world might be like had the Romanovs never entered the scene, had American style freedoms emerged in Russia early in the 17th Century. Perhaps those thoughts may frighten you as you evaluate how our society is developing today. It is the mass of uncaring, uneducated in history and human nature, that seek a leader to dictate their lives and who live to serve the tiny master class. That phenomenon of history is what today's thinking Americans need to consider most seriously if they wish to maintain their rights of independence.

--Stan Virden
5 October 2016



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is published every other month. January 4th will be the next deadline for articles. Send articles, photos, or your bio to Drew Burr at andrewdburr@gmail.com

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

Get To Know Our New Members



Earl Stallings Howell, Jr. - November 2016 New Member

Howell received approval for membership from the Registrar General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution on September 16, under National Number 199918 and GA Society. His Patriot is Joseph Howell, a Private in Captain Adam Alexander's Company, Militia of Mecklenburgh County, North Carolina.



Andrew D. Burr - October 2016 New Member

Andrew D. Burr was born in Savannah, GA just off the edge of Tybee Island. He attended public school in Savannah and Georgia Southern University where he received his Bachelors in Fine Arts with a Graphic Design concentration. After graduating from Southern he landed a job in Atlanta for DIRECTV as their in-house designer. Three years later he joined Harry Norman as a Graphic Designer and has worked 5 years at the Buckhead NW Office.

At a young age, Andrew was always told that both sides of his family were considered "Old Savannah" and this is what lead him

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to researching his family and their stamp on Georgia history.

His patriot ancestor is John Perkins Lucas (Captain - Georgia

• Continental Line) South Carolina.

• In June 2013, Burr married Anna Elizabeth Henson who is

• an organizing member of the Apalachee Chapter, National

• Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Bogart GA.

• (Ancestor - Hezekiah Davis - South Carolina).

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My Patriot Ancestor

If you have done research on your Patriot Ancestor, share the information with us through a short story for an upcoming edition of **The Collins Dispatch**.

Chapter Meeting: SPEAKERS



Bernard King
Public Program Coordinator
Cobb Co. Emergency Management

Bernard King discussed ways to be prepared during an emergency. He also answered personal questions from members about emergency situations and ways to be prepared for natural disasters. Mr. King introduced ways to be involved in disaster relief in Cobb Co along with suggesting websites and contacts for other counties.

For More Information on Cobb County Emergency Management visit: <http://www.cobbcat.org/tag/cobb-emergency-management-agency/>



Past President: Dr. Allen Henson Revolutionary Items Presentation

The program at the October meeting was presented by Compatriot Allen Henson. Allen detailed some of his family history while also providing family photos. In 1968 he was given, by his great-grandmother, Minerva Pruitt, two flintlock rifle ball starters that belonged to his Revolutionary War ancestor William Pruitt. He also showed his replica flintlock and possibles bag.

Timeline of the Revolutionary War in December and January

- 1775** December 30-31: American forces under Benedict Arnold fail to seize Quebec.
- 1776** January 15: Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" is published.
December 26: Washington crosses the Delaware and captures Trenton from the Hessians
- 1777** January 3: Washington victorious at Princeton, NJ.
- 1778** December 29: The British occupy Savannah.
- 1781** January 17: Patriot Morgan defeats British Col. Tarleton at Cowpens, SC.
- 1782** British leave Charleston, SC

