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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.

- Sept 9. Patriot Grave Marking
- Sept 28-30. National Society SAR Fall Leadership
- Sept 28 & 30. GSSAR Color Guard
- Oct 6. Fisher Craft Grave Dedication

Additional events and activities, see the GA SAR website [georgiasocietysar.org](http://georgiasocietysar.org)

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## Representation in High Places

Captain John Collins Chapter is very proud to have Larry Guzy representing our chapter in his new role as President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Known for assisting over 150 men in documenting their lineage to qualify for membership. Larry founded the Captain John Collins Chapter in Marietta in 2000 and has previously served as Chapter president so this promotion is well deserved.



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

## Officers and Committees

President - Charles Sanger

Vice President - Earl Cagle

Secretary - Bert Christy

Treasurer - James Castle

Registrar - Robert Van Blackwell

Chancellor - Chandler Vreeland

Chaplain - Lloyd Blackwell

Sergeant-at-Arms - Rodney Pritchett

Historian - Vann Beasley

Editor - Drew Burr

Americanism/Fire/Law/EMS - Wayne Brown

Cemetery WC Pickens

JROTC - Curtis McWaters

Eagle Scouts - Bill Coffeen

Flags - Terry Gibbs

Membership - VP & Registrar

Veterans - Bert Christy

DAR Liaison - Bert Christy

Welcome - OPEN

Education Outreach - Bill Coffeen,  
coordinator

## President's Message

Last month I had the honor of being a Delegate at the 127th Congress in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Congress was also attended by Wayne Brown, President of Georgia and Earl Cagle, Vice President of our chapter. I enjoyed some quality time sharing some meals together.

It was a privilege to cast my vote for our very own, Larry Guzy, for President General, for the coming year.

Congress is not always just about meetings and lunches. As I was fortunate enough to stumble upon a lecture by the award winning Author and Storyteller, Randell Jones. The topic of the lecture was "The Battle of Kings Mountain."

Compatriot,

Charles Sanger - Chapter President

## TIME TO RENEW - Reminder

The Chapter Renewal process is here. Your 2018 Membership dues are now being collected. Now is the time to write and mail your check. Dues not paid by December 31st means that you become inactive and must be reinstated to be current.



The Color Guard for the 127th Annual Congress in front of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN.

# WASHINGTON VS ARNOLD

## VALIANT AMBITION

Nathaniel Philbrick

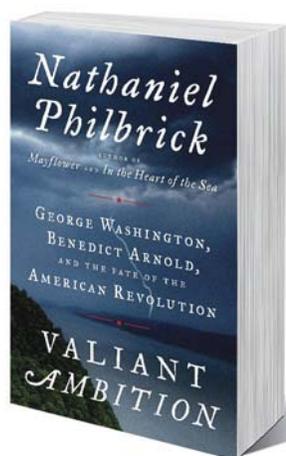
The early years of the American Revolution were turbulent, confused, and downright dangerous. Patriots and Loyalists were evenly matched, and often at violent odds. The British were maintaining the upper hand. George Washington, a charismatic and able backwoods fighter, was being consistently out-generaled by His Majesty's forces, who better understood how to conduct a set-piece battle strategy. Within the Continental Army and the Congress there were vigorous rivalries for power among those who disputed Washington's abilities and right to leadership. Philbrick's account lays out all the dirty laundry you didn't hear about in your school years.

Now comes Gen. Benedict Arnold, regarded by many on both sides as America's most capable general, somewhat like Gen. George Patton. He is brave and smart. His men love him. Though he failed to gain control of Canada, he has outfought the British in several decisive land and sea battles. Though the conniving and somewhat lazy Gen. Gates has the PR to capture credit for the vital win at Saratoga, it was Arnold, out in front, who turned the tide and made it possible. Washington admires Arnold, and the feelings are reciprocated. But Arnold is not without problems. He has been wounded in the same leg twice, and for a while cannot ride his horse. He has expensive tastes, and runs short of cash. Recuperating in Philadelphia he falls headlong for Miss Peggy Shippen, who happens to have a loyalist father, and somewhat loyalist leanings, herself. She and he get married, but she proves to be a very expensive bride.

Arnold's proclivities and wife are his weaknesses. Pleading his wounds, he turns down field command, but accepts command of the fortress complex at West Point. This fortress is vital to control of Hudson River traffic. The British want to seize it to split the Union in two. They tantalize Arnold with filthy lucre, and a plot is hatched. But Arnold flubs it. Washington has begun to understand how to deal with the British, and is about to pull an inspection of West Point.

The British liaison, Major Andre, has made the deal and stuffed the plans in his boot. But he leaves with bad advice from Arnold as to how to get back to the British side. Andre is intercepted, almost by accident, and the plot is foiled.

Only hours before Washington's arrival at West Point, Arnold flees. Coming from the other direction, a messenger brings an amazed Washington the news of Arnold's deceit. He is distraught. Peggy puts on a great show of razzle-dazzle to confuse the issue, and it's now too late to catch up with Arnold, destined soon to become a British general. As they say, "you can't make this up!" The book ends at mid-revolution, obviously to make room for a more cheerful sequel. Washington, meanwhile deals with other plots and sub-plots on his own side, managing to come out on top. No one can displace him as Commander-in-Chief. But they sure do try. Do read the book. You'll understand America much better.



--Reviewed by Stan Virden

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# NSSAR AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

## CHAPTER AWARDS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Wayne Brown - Vice Chairman of NSSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee

Terry Gibbs - Vice Chairman of NSSAR Knight Essay Contest Committee

“Collins Dispatch” - Awarded Second Place and Fifty Dollars

### GEORGIA STATE SOCIETY AWARDS:

Middle School Brochure Contest. Certificate of Participation

Walter G. Sterling Award. Certificate

Allene Wilson Groves Award. Certificate

PG’s Activities Award. Certificate

Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award. Certificate

ROTC/JROTC Contest. Certificate

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Certificate

C.A.R. Activities Award. Certificate

Officer’s Attendance Award. Certificate



*Submitted by: Wayne Brown/Earl Cagle*



## 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.

# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT GENERAL

## SECOND PG COMMUNICATION Wednesday 8.9.17

It is now four weeks post Congress and excitement is in the air! We have a focus on our Members, our Committees, and our Mission. They have the same focus--Engagement. This second communication is about the "How To". The "Why" will become apparent as you engage your Compatriots.

**Our Challenge:** To Grow

**Our Goal:** 64,000 members by 2026, less than 9% per year

**Our Path:** Engage each current and new member to help them fulfill the Why they joined.

Engagement is the key to our growth. Every member joins for a reason. If we address that reason, and provide an outlet for accomplishing the Why we joined, we will retain our current members. When you attend functions, do you seek to be with only those you know? If you reach out to those you see sitting alone, or who are obviously new, you might find a friend, but will surely help that person feel welcome. This next month, purposely seek out someone you may only have seen, but with whom you seldom interact. Bring him into your established group and find out what you have in common. We all want to feel we belong and are helping accomplish our Mission, otherwise why would we have put in the effort to complete the Application process.

The C.A.R. is perhaps the easiest way we can increase our total numbers. The Indiana Society put out a notice to their C.A.R. Societies about how they can join. That same day, a C.A.R. member produced a tri-fold brochure and distributed it to their whole membership telling all how it was the easiest and best investment they could make. The California Society, through their member Tom Adams, has produced even more information about the C.A.R. Check with both these Societies to find what works.

A ready source for members are those who live in your area, but are no longer active. They are called Drops, and can be reinstated if you tell them you are there, and that you have a desire to get to know them. They may have been members in a completely different area of the country than where you live, so you did not even know they existed. They in turn may not know you exist. To access this hidden trove of information, have your State Secretary either compile it from the National Database, or ask him to obtain same from National. Please go through your State Secretary so our National Staff Registrar, Jonathan Toons isn't bombarded with 500 emails requesting what you can get locally.

We Can Grow, it just takes a mindset to so. Now is the time to pursue engagement, C.A.R, and Drops to affect your State's and Chapter's bottom line of membership since you will be pursuing renewals all too soon. However, be sure to have fun doing it with your Compatriots.

### **A few things on the horizon from National:**

1. A Guide on How to use Hashtags in Social Media from our Branding and Engagement Committee
2. Public Relations Guides on the Website from our Community Outreach Committee
3. Having a Society propose Reinstatements in line with the Congress change for New Members dues being applied to the following year on September 1st. Currently Reinstatements before October 31st must also pay next year dues
4. A Fundraising Committee dedicated to pursuit of funding for All Youth Awards, as well as all projects
5. Addressing our Website fixes and situation
6. Genealogy Staff dropped below 8 weeks for New Application approval and hopefully near 6 weeks by Fall
7. Genealogy Staff attacking the backlog of Supplements now that the New Application time has fallen

Here's a number to remember: on July 21st, 1 week post Congress, Our Active Membership was 34,667 Compatriots. Until next fortnight, let's enjoy our membership and help others do the same,

*Larry T. Guzy*

## NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION



*Jay is on the left in the green shirt (taller); Mark is on the right*

Jay Dungan was born in Tokyo, Japan while his parents were working overseas but considers Marietta, Georgia to be his home. Jay is a junior at Lassiter High School and a member of the Naval Junior ROTC program. He is also a Boy Scout in troop #008 and hopes to complete his Eagle Scout certification within the year. Jay plans to attend college and join the military.

Mark Dungan was born in Fayetteville, GA and attends the 7th grade at Mabry Middle School. He is also a Boy Scout in troop #008 and enjoys playing baseball.



Jay and Mark's patriot is Sergeant Jean Baptiste Champagne (1742 – 1803) who served in the German Coast Militia (1778) in Louisiana under General Bernardo de Galvez. Bernardo De Galvez was governor of Louisiana and organized Louisiana and New Orleans for war in support of the American colonies.

The German and Acadian Coasts are not "coasts" as one would think of the term today as land along the seashore of an ocean. A coast by definition is "the land near the shore" but in this case, the shore is the land along the Mississippi River.

The German Coast Militia under Galvez defeated the British at several key battles:

- Battle of Baton Rouge
- Battle of Fort Charlotte (Mobile, Alabama)
- Battle of Pensacola, FL (British capital of West Florida)

The importance of Gálvez's campaign from the American perspective was that he denied the British the opportunity of encircling the American rebels from the south, and kept open a vital conduit for supplies.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German\\_Coast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Coast) -- *Bio by Michael Reither*

## 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*.



## Earl S. Howell III

Earl S. Howell III was presented with a certificate of membership and a the SAR rosette. Earl Cagle also presented each new member with a personal copy of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.




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## SPEAKER & GUESTS



## Robert Van Blackwell

Robert provided a very interesting, detailed and well documented account of his father’s World War II service as a gunner in the US Army Air Corps. His presentation included representative pictures and charts showing his father’s tour of duty from his home in Marietta to the place where his plane was shot down over Germany after several missions. He ended with his presentation showing a picture of his father finally home after spending over a year in a POW in a German prison camp prior to the end of the war.

## 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 [peterashtononlyon@gmail.com](mailto:peterashtononlyon@gmail.com) or call 770-579-9373