

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

- July 17. John Collin's Chapter Meeting
- July 28. Georgia Society SAR Board of Managers
- August 21. John Collin's Chapter Meeting

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

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## EAGLE SCOUT: THE COURT OF HONOR FOR TROOP 304



*"The Court of Honor for twelve Eagle Scouts of Troop 304 was attended by State and Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman William Coffeen and Chapter President Earl Cagle at The Lovett School Chapel, in Atlanta on May 6, 2018."*

For the second time in three years, a local Boy Scout troop had 12 members become Eagle Scouts. In May Troop 304, based at the Lovett School in Buckhead, honored the dozen Scouts who earned their Eagle awards. Kevin Link, whose three sons each received their Eagle award, with the youngest getting his in 2016, served as the troop's scoutmaster before retiring from that role in 2013. For 20 years he's been involved with the troop, which has 91 Boy Scouts and 150 Cub Scouts.

## Officers and Committees

**President** - Earl Cagle Sr.

**Immediate Past-President** - Charles O. Sanger III

**Vice President** - Michael B. Reither

**Secretary** - E. Stallings Howell, Jr.

**Treasurer** - Wayne L. Brown

**Registrar** - Charles O. Sanger III

**Chancellor** - L. Chandler Vreeland

**Chaplain** - Lloyd Blackwell

**Sergeant-at-Arms** - Rodney Pritchett

**Historian** - Terry A. Gibbs

**Editor** - Drew Burr

**Americanism/Fire/Law/EMS** - Wayne L. Brown

**Flags and Knight Essay** - Terry A. Gibbs

**Cemetery** Harry F. Hagan

**JROTC** - Curtis McWaters

**Eagle Scouts / Education** - Bill Coffeen

**Veterans** - Gary Hoyt / Patrick Reese

**DAR Liaison** - Bert R. Christy

**Membership / Welcome** - Lee Hulsey

**Chapter Directory** - Peter Ashton Lyon



On May 18, 2018, Curtis McWaters presented a Flag certificate to the American Legion Posts 304 in Acworth, Georgia. Bob the post commander accepted the Certificate on the posts behalf.

## President's Message

After three months of whirlwind activities that included battle sites, grave sites and scenic sights, we reached the crescendo of activities – JROTC Programs. The Chapter, through the efforts of the Committee Chair and volunteers recognized fifteen JROTC high school programs with eight presenters. As if to challenge the JROTC activity, the Eagle Scout program responded by attending Courts of Honor for sixteen Eagle Scouts. Not to be outdone, the VA Committee mustered an impressive effort and the membership responded with donations/contributions the we can all be proud of. Fellow Compatriots I am honored to be a part of this organization and associated with the people you are. Now, that we have responded extremely well to our various activities, it's time to look ahead to our Nation's birthdate. Remember with solemn respect and thankfulness those who would and did give their all for our ability to live free. With my heartfelt thank you for your support and friendship.

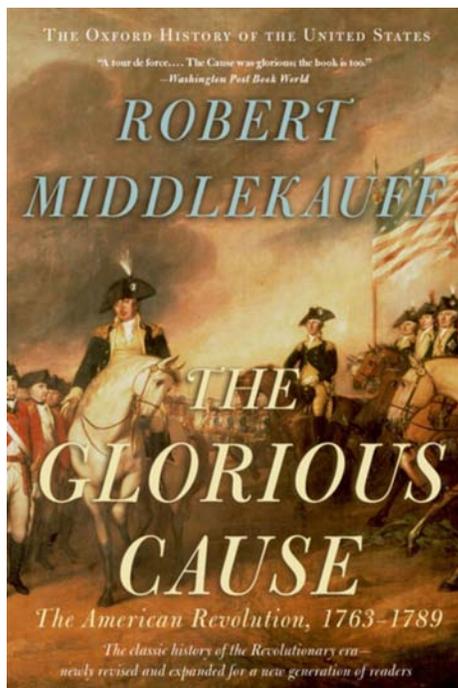
*Earl L. Cagle Sr.*

# THE GLORIOUS CAUSE

The American Revolution 1763–1789 Revised and Expanded Edition

ROBERT MIDDLEKAUFF

The American Revolution, 1763-1789 (Oxford History of the United States; Oxford University Press)



No other book that I have read lays out the history of the American Revolution so thoroughly and evenhandedly. In bright colors of language, it paints a dynamic panorama of American growth from the 17th Century through the development and establishment of the U.S. Constitution. The reader is introduced to the societies of Europe and The British Isles, whence came most early settlers to the New World--excepting the slaves they imported for the roughest of their work. We are shown their principles of government and warfare, much different from what we experience today.

In the 17th Century European nations were emerging from clusters of autocratic principalities, frequently contentious over territorial boundaries and trading franchises. Wars were small-scale, fought in brief clashes during amiable weather. Army officers were recruited from the privileged aristocracies, their enlisted men dragged up from the lowest-class rabble. The middle class of merchants and artisans were exempted from military service to preserve their economic value to the overlord. Armies were expensive to assemble and maintain, especially in their inactive winter hibernations, so care was taken to preserve them and minimize disease and wounds. A general, who might win a battle but lose a high portion of his troops, was considered a failure. It was better and more economical to lose a battle but suffer light casualties. Navies were used to protect ocean trade and fisheries, as well as for defense against invasion. Their ships' crews were often "recruited" through brute force.

Government supported the autocrat. It did not permeate local affairs, except to gain taxes and military support. City populations were small, with most folk following rural pursuits in support of their families, villages, and liege lords. Commoners were not "citizens," as we understand that status, but subjects. Parliaments were not broadly representative so much as they were centers of power development for ambitious individuals. The Army and Navy, as well as government bureaucratic structures, were established to protect and assist the interests of the Crown.

Voluntary migrants to the New World, by and large, were innovation-minded misfits and malcontents who wanted out from under the old system. They sought opportunity for greater personal independence to create a better livelihood for themselves and their families. Even so, they were content to maintain friendly connections to their past, depending on the mother country for trade and other forms of support. Great Britain, as that mother country for thirteen American colonies, had a mercantile interest in keeping those colonies protected, healthy, and productive. The colonies, themselves, were each founded for differing reasons and functioned under differing terms. Independent of each other, they sometimes quarreled, sometimes cooperated. But generally, they considered themselves as separate extensions of Great Britain, loyal to the Crown. Even so, they intended to lead their lives their own way.

To understand the American Revolution, one must be cognizant of these fundamental differences in attitudes and practices between the colonies and between the colonies and Great Britain. Each was acting in behalf of its own interests, assuming the others would understand and be supportive. But as the New World began to mature, the 18th Century saw a growing divide that would not heal easily.

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We all have read of the French and Indian War (in Europe, the Seven Years War) and how it lighted the first tinders of rebellion in the 13 colonies (two southern continental colonies, East and West Florida, chose not to participate, as did Canada). We have been treated to countless books and movies that portray the heroes and villains as that rebellion progressed, as well as the internal arguments within our states over who should lead and how, over where the resources to proceed might be attained, and of the turmoil in Europe in which America's fate was practically an afterthought. Now we have in one highly readable volume, that tells it as it was, a sharp and impartial focus on the cultural imbalance, politics, commercial factors, and military concerns that increasingly drove apart America and Britain; attracting certain undemocratic allies to the rebellion. While developing common ground on which the 13 colonies could grow together. First in the Oxford's incomparable series on American history, we see detailed and sometimes surprising accounts of why and how these colonies learned to subjugate their individual differences to create and launch our United States of America.

*--Reviewed by Stan Virden*

## SAR ROTC Awards



Last Friday evening at **Hillgrove High School** a ceremony was held recognizing their Navy Junior ROTC program and its cadets and our chapter presented the Bronze ROTC Medal & Certificate to an outstanding cadet, Jaden Booker. A special thanks to our Secretary's wife, Julia Howell, for taking photos during the ceremony.



**Sprayberry High School**, Cadet Hunter Guette, presented May 12, 2018 by Curtis McWaters  
**Campbell High School**, Cadet Gustavo Moctezuma, presented May 15, 2018 by Curtis McWaters  
 The award ceremony was held at the Navy Lake Allatoona Lodge in Cartersville, GA.



Kennesaw Mountain High School - SAR Bronze ROTC medal to Cadet Master Chief Petty Officer Jamal Dean.



Cadet Ethan Rice of North Cobb High School is recognized by William Coffeen with the Bronze ROTC medal and Certificate.



Cadet Kivan Rivas of Pebblebrook High School is recognized by President Earl Cagle with the Bronze ROTC medal and Certificate.



Cadet Hayden Hicks of Marietta High School is recognized by President Earl Cagle with the Bronze ROTC medal and Certificate.

**VETERANS DONATIONS:**

Toiletries (but not small bar soap), blankets, and socks are needed at Veteran care facilities. Bring items to be donated to the chapter meetings and report your visits to Vets and other activities.

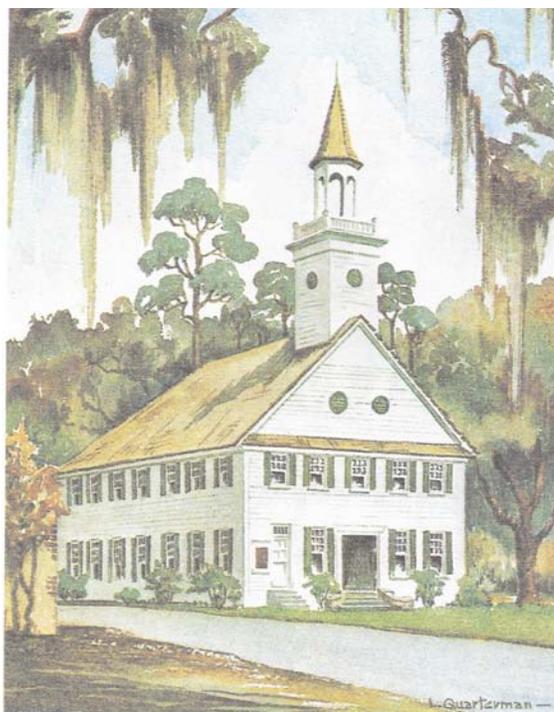


Cadet Shira Villa of **East Paulding High School** is recognized by President Earl Cagle with the Bronze ROTC medal and Certificate.

Gary Hoyt and his collection of VA contributions. As a chapter, we are putting extra emphasis for the month of July! Keep the donations coming!

## MIDWAY GRAVE MARKING

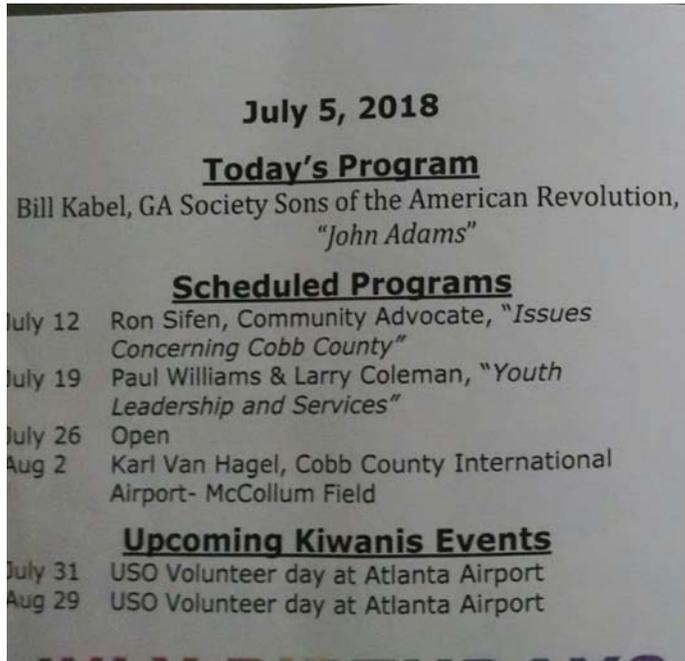
Sunday, April 29th, was a beautiful sunny day in Midway, Georgia with a gentle breeze blowing through the moss hanging from century old oak trees. With just a little thought, one could be taken back to the 18th century which was so fitting since this day was chosen to honor five Revolutionary War Patriots. The day started out with a service in the church which was organized in 1792 and in the building which Registrar Charles Sanger's ancestors helped build. The service was followed by lunch on the grounds and a Grave Marking Ceremony in the afternoon.



*Historic Midway Church, Erected 1792  
Liberty County, Georgia*



The five Patriots honored were Thomas Bacon, John Osgood, Josiah Osgood, Joseph Quarterman and William Way. Our Registrar is related to one of the five, William Way and was selected to read Patriot Way's biography during the Grave Marking Ceremony. As was learned, Registrar Sanger is also related to several ancestors buried in the Midway Church Cemetery and as can be viewed by the smile on Charles' face in the above photo, he was delighted to locate the grave site of Audley Maxwell, one of his Patriot Ancestors buried in this cemetery.



## JOHN ADAMS

Randy Huber from Collins SAR was invited to attend the Kiwanis Club of Lost Mountain in Powder Springs this AM.

Our own Bill Kabel portrayed John Adams giving the famous speech for freedom to the delegates, and then proceeding to give a history of the Declaration of Independence. SAR State Registrar Robert Sapp and our own State President Wayne Brown presented the colors in period garb.

## LIFE SAVING AWARD

Nick St Onge of the Marietta Police Department receives the Life Saving Award from Patriot Wayne Brown.



## 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.

# SPEAKER & GUESTS



## Phillip Whiteman

Phillip Whiteman presented on 19th Century Money and Banking. He discussed the introduction of the first banks in America and how they progressed or how they crumbled. Whiteman spoke of how the American presidents interacted with early banking and how it shaped their presidencies. Panic (recession), Gold Rush, Credit, & Currency. To receive a 34 Page pdf file on his lecture email - GA6thDist@aol.com



Robert Van Blackwell receives the Certificate of Appreciation for new member recruitment from Lee Hulsey.

## THIS MONTH IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION HISTORY:

1773: July: Publication of Thomas Hutchinson letters  
In these letters, Hutchinson, the Massachusetts governor, advocated a ‘great restraint of natural liberty’, convincing many colonists of a planned British clamp-down on their freedoms.

1775: July 5th: Olive - Brach Petition - Congress endorses a proposal asking for recognition of American rights, the ending of the Intolerable Acts in exchange for a cease fire. George III rejected the proposal and on 23 August 1775 declared the colonies to be in open rebellion.

1776: July 4th: Continental Congress issues the Declaration of Independence.

## 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 or call 770-579-9373