



# The Collins Dispatch

August 2010

## Dates to Remember

The Chapter meeting starts at 7PM the third Tuesday every month. We gather at the Golden Corral on Barrett Parkway about 6PM for dinner and fellowship before the meeting. Family and friends are welcome

**August 17th Chapter Meeting**  
Dr. Martha Keber on Lafayette's 1825 Tour of GA

**Sept 21st Chapter Meeting**  
Stan Deaton on Early Scots, the Highland and Lowland

**Oct. 7th Kings Mountain Saturday October 16th Fall Outing:** Marietta National Cemetery Tour 9AM by Brad Quinlan followed by flower laying at John Collins Grave then catered lunch. **This is the 10th Anniversary of our founding.**

**Oct 19th Chapter Meeting**  
John Johnson on the Black Sheep of the Colonies

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## Fourth of July

An award-winning float was created for the Marietta Fourth of July Parade. Members of Collins and Sons of Liberty populated the float. They were joined by former state president Terry Manning of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, dressed as Uncle Sam.



The float won the Theme Award, as depicting the basis of the celebration.

Top row: Allen Henson, Jim Castle, Wayne Brown, Chris Boyce, Tony Toth. Front row: Former State President Terry Manning, Kendall Abbott, Rodney Pritchett, Cindy Abbott.



Looking very patriotic, Jason Bretch and Terry Manning ride to the assembly area.



In a joint venture with the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Collins was well represented in the Marietta Fourth of July Parade on July 3rd. Shown in uniform are Allen Henson and Wayne Brown.

Members are asked to submit articles and photos to Larry Guzy for inclusion in the next edition of the Collins Dispatch. Deadline October 4th.

## President's Message

Summer's almost over and most schools are back in session. It is a time of preparation for Fall activities and our chapter is no exception. While we continue to offer our membership monthly programs highlighted by outstanding speakers, your Board of Managers and committee chairpersons are preparing for many fall events that will inspire and encourage your participation.

Earl Cagle will begin to distribute Eagle Scout certificates to over 100 young men throughout Cobb County. Curtis McWaters hopes to encourage high school JROTC cadets to participate in a national essay contest. Our chapter will again invite local 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes to participate in our annual poster contest which this year will honor the Battle of Cowpens. Saturday, November 6 marks our annual flag retirement ceremony at a nearby church in Cobb County hosted by both our chapter and a local Boy Scout Troop.

Most importantly, you need to mark your calendars to attend our 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary celebration and outing on Saturday, October 16. We'll be ironing out all the details very shortly and will distribute the information at our next two chapter meetings. One of the highlights of our celebration will be a walking tour of Marietta National Cemetery on Saturday morning. We plan to honor the gravesite of our namesake, Captain John Collins plus recognize patriot ancestors of our members representing all 13



founding colonies. And finally we'll partake of some fine food. It will be a day to remember. All members, their spouses, children and grandchildren are welcome.

Our membership continues to grow thanks to all of you who reach out to our community through neighbors, business relationships or simply happenstance. Your pride in our organization and more importantly in what it stands for shines through to guests who attend our chapter meetings. A friendly smile, a warm handshake and a welcoming attitude make all the difference.

Our chapter (along with one other) leads all others in the State Society with 8 new members year to date. We are now 69 compatriots strong. We also have at least 10 other prospective members in various stages of joining us.

It is not how many of us that count, however. It is what we do as members and a chapter that counts. So for those of you who have been out of town on vacation and have missed any of our monthly meetings this summer you'll want to get back in the groove starting with our August meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Ask how you can get more involved. And don't forget to bring a guest. A Challenge Coin just may be presented to you for your efforts.

Bill Coffeen, President

## Officers and Committee

President	Bill Coffeen
Vice President	Allen Henson
Secretary	Larry Guzy
Treasurer	Bill Coffeen
Registrar	Bill Teasley
Chancellor	Clayton Farnham
Chaplain	John Jones
Sergeant-at-Arms	Rodney Pritchett
Historian	Charles Rhyne
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Americanism	Charles Switzer
Cemetery	David Thompson
Dinner meetings	Allen Henson
Flags/Law/Fire	Curtis McWaters
Eagle Scouts	Earl Cagle
JROTC & Veterans	Curtis McWaters
Membership	Bill Teasley
Patriot Grave	Brad Jones
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Schools	Charles Switzer

The Collins Dispatch is published every other month. **October 4th** will be the next deadline for articles. Send articles, photos, or your bio to Larry Guzy at [larry@adjustmentservices.com](mailto:larry@adjustmentservices.com) or regular mail at 4531 Paper Mill Rd SE, Marietta, GA 30067-4025.

*If you have new member leads, contact Registrar Bill Teasley, 770-479-8884  
SYLTBILL@aol.com*

## Collins Member News & Happenings

Secretary Jason Bretch has taken a job in Raleigh, NC and has resigned his position. Larry Guzy was appointed at the 8/12 BOM to fill the position until the January Annual Meeting. Bill Coffeen will fill the Treasurer's position due to David Martin's resignation as Treasurer. Our prayers go out to David and his family due to Ann's situation. New members include Michael Coon, Dr. David Ludley 177339/GA4990 and Ed Pierog 177341/GA4992. Ed's certificate will be presented at a chapter meeting in Wisconsin. Van Beasley and his two sons Bryan and Andrew are awaiting approval. Richard Canfield's and other applications are under way at this time and will be submitted soon. They include Bob and Larry Adams, Terry Kingery, John Mattingly, Harry Vaughn, and Doug Talley.

## 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 Larry Guzy 678-860-4477  
[Larry@adjustmentservices.com](mailto:Larry@adjustmentservices.com)

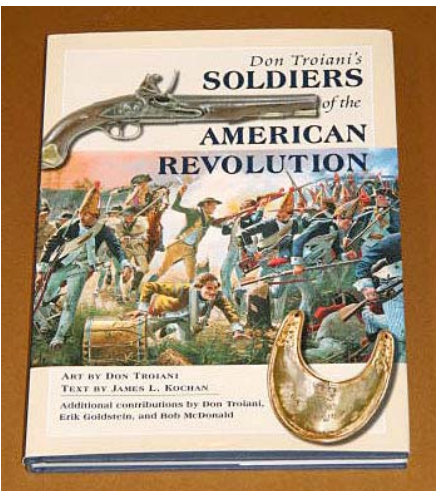




Honorees at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor standing with the First United Methodist Church's (FUMC's) plaque which lists the names of 110 Scouts who earned their Eagle Scout designation in the FUMC's Boy Scout Troop 277 since 1911. Pictured left to right: Daniel Dupree (18); Alex Runge (16); Preston Olds (17); Joshua Lee (15); Zachary Fisher (19). Compatriot Earl Cagle awarded the SAR Certificates of Recognition at the ceremony in June.

### *Soldiers of the American Revolution*

reviewed by Earl Cagle



Don Troiani's Soldiers of the American Revolution is the kind of publication you can't put down, and no doubt will turn back through before you lay it aside. Troiani's artistry depicting our Revolutionary War history, coupled with James L. Kochan's insightful text, and both liberally seasoned with illustrations of rare period artifacts, makes this

book a treasure for the Revolutionary War enthusiast. The illustrations are categorized as The British Army, The Loyalist, German and Native American Allies, and The Patriots and Their Allies, and bear witness to the wide variety of uniforms employed by all.

Published by Stackpole Books, the 182 page, hard bound book lists at \$40.00, but is available from Amazon for less.

## Knight Essay Contestant Wins 2nd at National

Doreen Xu, our Knight Essay entrant, won \$1,000 as the second place winner at the NSSAR National Congress in Cleveland.



GASSAR President Mike Tomme accepted the award and presented it to the chapter at the Board of Managers meeting. First place went to New York and third place to Arizona.

## Chapter Photographer

Compatriot Ray Ruggles has been appointed our first official chapter photographer, providing input to Historian Charles Rhyne and documentation for the *Collins Dispatch*.



*New Compatriot David Arthur Ludley received his lapel pin from Larry Guzy at the July chapter meeting after being sworn in by President Bill Coffeen. David's patriot ancestor was Samuel Durfee.*



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# New Member Installed

Wayne Brown assisted new member Michael Gregory Coon with his lapel pin after he was installed by President Bill Coffeen at the June meeting. Brown received a supplement approval after documenting his ancestor Abraham S. Lane. Coon's ancestor was Joseph Eastman.



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**Chapter Website** <http://www.captainjohncollins.org>

On August 4th Curtis McWaters delivered 310 toiletries, 120 magazines, 5 blankets & 5 books to the VA Hospital. Bring items to be donated to the chapter meetings and report your visits to Vets and other activities.

**Veteran & Americanism points can add up fast!**

## Speakers

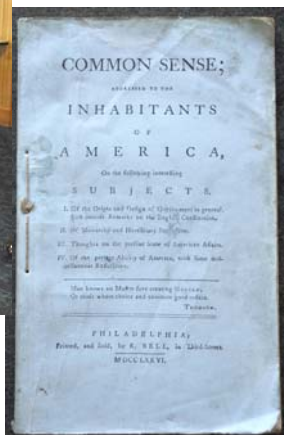
We were pleased to have Dr. John Ferling join us in June to discuss the Ascent of George Washington. Our July meeting brought us a presentation from Ed Forte, dressed in Colonial military garb, and sporting a musket. Ed brought with him a display of supplies and clothing specific to the era as well as a replica of *Common Sense*, the influential pamphlet by Thomas Paine.



Ed Forte demonstrated musketry.



Clothing and personal effects of a Colonial era soldier.



*Common Sense* was published anonymously. Thomas Paine's name does not appear on the cover.



Dr. John Ferling, professor emeritus at West Georgia University, discussed "The Ascent of George Washington" at the Chapter's June meeting. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from President Bill Coffeen.