



CAPTAIN JOHN COLLINS CHAPTER

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Jul-Sep 2023



Charge of the 1st Maryland Regiment at Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781. Painting by Frederick C. Yohn

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Chapter meeting starts at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of every month.

Sep 19 – Chapter Meeting

Oct 17—Chapter Meeting

Nov 21—Chapter Meeting

Dec 19—Chapter Meeting

Additional events and activities, see the GASAR website:

www.gasocietysar.org

and the chapter website:

www.johncollinssar.org/events/

Next edition of the Dispatch is planned for Dec 2023.

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The Politics of Tea

It does not seem likely that a beverage like Tea would lead to a rebellion, but that is what happened 250 years ago. It all started in May 1773.

Parliament pass the Tea Act in May 1773 in an effort to help the East India Company (EIC). It seems the EIC was facing bankruptcy and had London warehouses full of tea that they were not able to move fast enough. One reason for the tea piling up was that people both in Britain and America preferred to buy the cheaper smuggled tea from the Dutch. A large amount of tea sold in America was smuggled. (continued on page 2)



Americans throwing the Cargoes of the Tea Ships into the River, at Boston

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Thinking about taking a trip to Boston this December?
Then check this out!

Boston will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party on Dec 16, 2023. There will be a grand-scale re-enactment of the tea being dumped into Boston Harbor.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.december16.org>

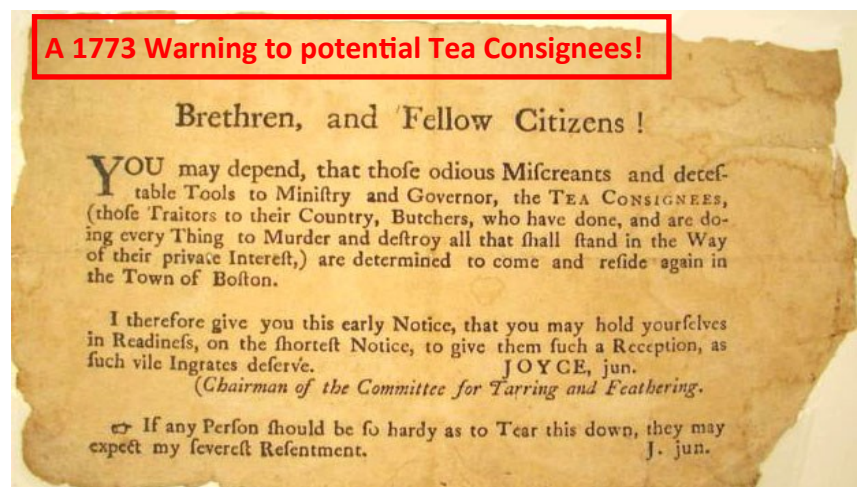
Or while in Boston, check out the museum;

<https://www.bostonteatartyship.com>

The Tea Act helped the EIC by removing all duties and taxes on tea, except one. This would make the EIC’s tea cheaper than the smuggled tea. The Tea Act also removed the “middleman” British merchants from selling the tea and allowed the EIC to now sell directly to the American colonies as a monopoly.

The only tax remaining on tea was the tax on tea sold in the American colonies. Parliament and the British Prime Minister, Lord North, still wanted to maintain at least one tax on the American colonies to demonstrate Parliament’s supremacy, and that tax would be on the tea sold in America. Sensing the tax on tea was politically sensitive in America, the EIC try to conceal the tax from public knowledge, but were not successful.

The Tea Act affected several groups in America; the Patriots who objected to Parliament’s taxation; the smugglers of tea who now had to compete against a cheaper EIC tea, and legitimate merchants who were now forced out of business unless they were approved as “Tea Consignees”, i.e., working on commission to sell EIC tea in America. These disparate groups now began to band together to boycott the shipments of tea under the Tea Act.



In Sep and Oct 1773, seven EIC ships carrying 600,000 pounds of tea sailed to the Colonies; 4 ships sailed for Boston (where tea consumption was higher), one each for New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston. News of the Tea Act and the “hidden” tax on tea had already reached America, and protestors had forced the “Tea Consignees” to resign in all the ports but Boston.

In Boston, two of Massachusetts Governor Hutchinson’s sons were EIC Tea Consignees. When the EIC ships arrived in Boston, local protestors (i.e., the Sons of Liberty) intimidated the custom officials from unloading the tea. Hutchinson refused to back down to protests and refused to allow the EIC Tea ships to leave.

On the evening of December 16, 1773, tensions came to a head, and an estimated 130 members of the Sons of Liberty boarded the EIC tea ships and threw 92,000 pounds of tea overboard, the equivalent of about \$1.7 million dollars today.

This event, known today as the Boston Tea Party, was a major demonstration of American defiance that would bring a swift reaction from Parliament and the British Crown. The preceding incidents like the Stamp Act (1765), the Townshend Acts (1767), the Boston Massacre (1770), and the Gaspee Affair (1772) had not attracted as much ire as this event. Reaction from Great Britain would be swift and punitive. If the fire of rebellion had been smoldering since the Stamp Act, it had now burst into flame!

Trivia Question: Which Bostonian Patriot was probably behind the Boston Tea Party? Answer on last page.

Officers and Committees

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Historian – Earl Cagle Sr.	Chapter Directory – Bruce Wampler, Larry Guzy

President's Message

It is hard to imagine that Labor Day is around the corner and the summer is almost over.

The Captain John Collins Chapter has been active this summer despite this heat. It was gratifying to see great turnouts from our members at all of the events this summer.

I was able to attend the Congress in Orlando and can report that our National Society is strong and thriving. It was great to meet so many friends from all over the country. Thank you to Bruce Wampler for leading the July chapter meeting while I was at Congress.

The first weekend of August held two landmark events for our chapter. First, the compatriot grave marking for Curtis McWaters was well attended by the chapter members and compatriots from across the state. The family was so appreciative that this compatriot was so honored by his friends in the society. Thank you to Stallings Howell for coordinating this event.

On the same day as the McWaters grave marketing service the chapter participated in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in which five young men were presented the Eagle Scout Award. The youth were presented with certificates and scholarship information from the Sons of the American Revolution. The mission of the society was exemplified to well over 150 scouts, leaders, parents, and community members. A special thanks to Bill Coffeen, Tom Harnden, and Jason Shepherd for making this a truly memorable event for these boys.

This past Saturday was the Patriot Grave Marking for William and James Dysart. Even with the "dog days" heat, there was a large turnout by the chapter. Thanks to everyone for attending and helping to make this event special for the patriots' descendants who were in attendance.

Enjoy this issue of The Dispatch and think about all our society is doing to promote citizenship and the ideals that make America truly exceptional. Also, let us all consider what content we may contribute to the next edition of The Dispatch!

Yours in Patriotism,

John W. McAskill
 President, Captain John Collins Chapter SAR

Committee on Americanism—from Wayne Brown

Have you done something recently that has promoted Americanism and the goals of the Sons of the American Revolution?

Below are the categories that the Americanism Committee of the SAR are looking for members to get involved in, and even better, report their participation.

- Publicity including newspaper, television, radio and social media coverage of events with an SAR or historical component.
- Speakers who provide presentations with either a historical or SAR theme.
- Support of other organizations with a historical and/or SAR related mission.
- Youth programs such as Reserve Officer Training Corps and Eagle Scouts.
- Attendance and support of Public Service Programs in the areas of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, Life Saving and Heroism.
- Attendance at historic events and wreath presentations.
- Attendance and Sponsorship of grave markings for Patriots and compatriots.
- Color Guard participation.
- Awards presented to SAR members and non-members.
- Service at the National Society level such as a General Officer, National Trustee, National Committee Chairman, and/or committee member. Donations to the NSSAR are also recorded in this section.
- The numbers of new members, supplementals and member dues paid prior to year-end.
- Attendance at state, district and national meetings.

If you have contributed in any way to any of the above categories, please let Wayne Brown know the name of the event, the date, and if applicable, the location. Wayne can submit a report to the national Americanism Committee on all the great things that the members of the Captain John Collins Chapter are doing.

From the Veterans Committee—Gary Hoyt

Dear Captain John Collins Chapter Compatriots:

Things get busy as the calendar year winds down. The 242nd Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Augusta is scheduled for September 16, as is the funeral service for Korean War Veteran SFC James L. Wilkinson, whose remains were identified by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System using DNA and dental records.

On October 21, the Button Gwinnett, Blue Ridge Mountains and Robert Forsyth Chapters will host a double grave marking ceremony for Patriots John Bagby and Philip Isley at the Fairview Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Lawrenceville, GA. Patriot Isley was a founding member of the Fairview Presbyterian Church in 1823, and the church is commemorating its 200th anniversary this year.

On November 11, GASSAR chapters will host a variety of Veterans Day Observances statewide, On December 16, chapters and partners in patriotism will gather statewide to observe Wreaths Across America Day.

Given what lies ahead, now is a good time for Compatriots to document their Stark activities year to date and make preparations for year end reporting. I am attaching two examples for Stark Award Reporting. The first is a summary of my personal Stark participation from 2018 to 2023 year to date. In parallel, this year, I have been recording my Stark Award activities using the attached NSSAR Stark Activities Tracker. You use the tabs at the bottom of the tracker to navigate to each numbered Stark Report Section, then summarize your activities for each section. The tracker automatically computes the points total for all of your activities.

December 31 marks the end of the 2023 Stark Award competition. Since I'm compiling points for 35 GASSAR chapters I would sincerely appreciate receiving your Stark Award reporting by January 15, 2024. As always, I will gladly assist any Compatriot who needs help with 2023 reporting.

Our 2023 activities total will likely exceed 2022, when the GASSAR won the USS Stark Memorial Award Competition. Please accept my gratitude for the tremendous energy and generosity you have provided in support of our nation's veterans.

Gary J. Hoyt
Veterans Committee Co Chairman, Captain John Collins Chapter
Veterans Committee Chairman, GASSAR
Veterans Committee Member, NSSAR

A Patriot of the Orphan Strip

by Earl Cagle



Compatriot Earl Cagle at the gravesite of his 6th great grandfather, Patriot John Nicholson.

An area of the French Broad River in Cherokee Territory was settled through land grants by white settlers sometime before 1786. The settlers believed this land belonged to South Carolina. However, South Carolina withdrew any claim to the “western settlements.”

The grantees petitioned Congress for annexation to South Carolina. When the appeals failed the settlers formed their own government in 1793. As it was not claimed by either South Carolina, North Carolina, or Georgia, it became known as “The Orphan Strip”.

The Federal Government, believing the Orphan Strip to be below the 35th-parallel which separates North Carolina from Georgia, ceded it to Georgia in 1802.

The settlers of the Orphan Strip petitioned Georgia Governor, John Milledge, to recognize their settlement. The Georgia Legislature acted on the Governor’s recommendation and on December 10, 1803, the Orphan Strip became Walton County, named for George Walton who was the last living signer from Georgia of the Declaration of Independence. George Walton had also served as Congressman and former Georgia Governor.

This “old” Walton County should not be confused with present day Walton County with the county seat of Monroe. The present-day Walton County was formed from Jackson County on December 15, 1818. The “Old Walton” was right along the North Carolina and Georgia border and extended over the South Carolina line.

Two citizens were elected to represent Walton County in the Georgia Legislature, John Nicholson, Sr. and John Akins. More about John Nicholson later.

The “Walton War”. Both Georgia and North Carolina disagreed on where their border was located. Buncombe County, North Carolina, claimed the land. The settlers, claiming Georgia as their state, resisted attempts to pay taxes to Buncombe County and retaliated, with several skirmishes ensuing. John Nicholson was taken prisoner and jailed in Morgan District. He was charged in a trial with refusing to accept the North Carolina claim to the contested area.

In 1811, to resolve the dispute over the boundary line, Georgia hired a nationally known surveyor, Andrew Ellicott, to do the survey and locate the 35th Parallel. Ellicott found the 35th Parallel further south than what Georgia thought it should be. John Nicholson who had served in the Georgia Legislature from Old Walton County in 1806, 1808 and 1809 relinquished his position finding himself a citizen of Buncombe County, North Carolina. The “Orphan Strip” became a part of both Buncombe and Transylvania Counties in North Carolina.

John Nicholson was born in Butte County, North Carolina on May 1, 1762/63, the son of William Nicholson who had first settled in Virginia prior to the Revolution. John made the decision to volunteer for service in the Revolution



Compatriot Jami Andrew finds the elusive “Ellicott Rock”, where in 1811, Andrew Ellicott marked the location of the 35th Parallel on the east bank of the Chattooga River, effectively ending the Walton War in North Carolina’s favor. N=NC, G=GA

serving four 3-month terms.

The old Patriot's pension application relates the following service in the quest for freedom for the young nation:

1. Seventeen year old John enlisted in the service of the Revolution in 1780 under the command of Captain John White, in Colonel Eaton's North Carolina Regiment with General Caswell, which served at the Battle of Camden where Major General Horatio Gates was defeated. He was discharged on the Yadkin River.
2. His second enlistment was in 1781 as a Private in the North Carolina Regiment of Captains Fluwallen and Norsworthy. This regiment was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse under the command of Major General Nathaniel Greene. He was discharged at Colonel Ramsey's Mill at the forks of the Deep and Haw Rivers.
3. John's third 3-month enlistment was under Colonel Linton in the North Carolina troops, he was discharged at Tarborough, North Carolina.
4. In 1782, John enlisted for the last time in Captain Cox's Company of the North Carolina Regiment under Colonel John Sevier and discharged on the Tennessee River in North Carolina.

John Nicholson sold his Buncombe County, North Carolina property and moved to Habersham County, Georgia. Later, in 1830, John was living in Hall County, Georgia with his son, John, Jr. It was while in Hall County, at the age of seventy years he applied for and received a Revolutionary War Pension of forty dollars per year.

Patriot John Nicholson died December 20, 1858, in Union County, Georgia. He is buried in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Cemetery about eight miles west of the Old Courthouse Square in Blairsville, Georgia off Highway 76. A DAR tombstone marks his grave.

Some months ago, my wife, Marguerite and I took a road trip to visit all the graves of my relatives that had served in the military. The main objective was to visit the resting place of Revolution War ancestors, Richard Bearden and John Nicholson

Cemetery Cleanup—Old Allatoona Cemetery



At the Old Allatoona Cemetery cleanup, from left to right: Betsy Wampler (Bruce's sister), Bruce Wampler, Elaine Poole, Jim Poole, Brenda King, Dan King

On June 24, members of the John Collins Chapter joined up with the Kennesaw Mountain DAR Chapter for a workday at the Old Allatoona Cemetery, also known as the Allatoona Baptist Church cemetery. The cemetery is located off of County Line Rd, in West Cobb County. The cemetery is not in great shape, but has been lovingly adopted by the Captain John Collins Chapter to improve its up-keep. Only 14 graves are marked with stone. Most of the graves are from the 19th century.



Chapter Meeting, 20 June 2023

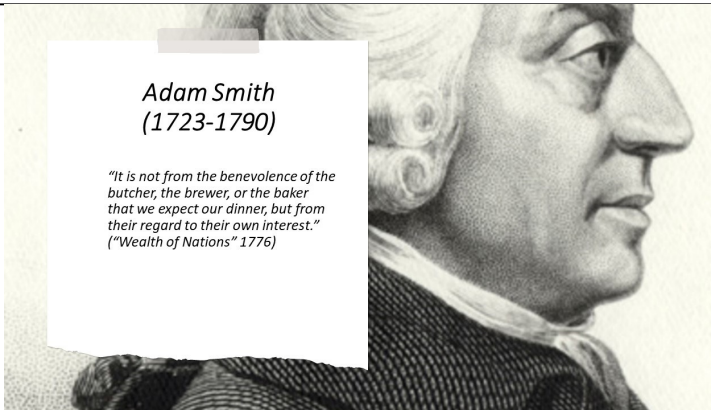


Our guest speaker was Vietnam veteran Bill Kabel, a long time member of the SAR and past president of the Piedmont Chapter, and who has always been involved in veterans issues at the national and state levels.

Bill talked this evening was entitled “Danny’s Flag”. It was a moving story about a childhood friend of Bill’s, Danny Sullivan, who as a Green Beret in Vietnam, suffered a serious head injury during a Viet Cong artillery barrage on an American fire base. While he was being medevac’d the next morning, Danny noticed the American flag was still

flying and asked his company commander to “...keep it flying. Don’t let them get it”. Danny had to be evacuated to Japan and had part of his skull replaced with a steel plate. After even more surgeries in the States, he was discharged from the US Army. Years later, his old company commander came to Danny’s house and presented him with that same flag that had flown over the old fire base. Danny donated the flag to the local American Legion. Danny’s story and that flag became famous in his hometown, and the flag was proudly displayed at any ceremony Danny attended.

Chapter Meeting, 18 Jul 2023



Adam Smith
(1723-1790)

“It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest.”
(“Wealth of Nations” 1776)

Our own chapter Chancellor, Jason Shepherd, gave us a political science lecture on the “Enlightenment”. The Enlightenment was that period in 17th & 18th century European history where intellectual and philosophical ideas on science, government, and individual happiness began to take hold. And with the printing press now in full vogue, these ideas could be communicated faster and over a wider audience than ever before.

Leading the charge in political philosophy were great thinkers like Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Frances Hutcheson, David Hume, and Adam Smith. These men had their thoughts on how governments should function for the general population and had their works published for others to read.

Other men, like Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Madison, would read these works and begin to apply them in the real world. And, as they say, the rest is history!

Our Chancellor, Jason Shepherd, is an attorney specializing in health care regulatory law and a part time Assistant Professor of Political Science at Kennesaw State University’s School of Government and International Affairs. He has been on the faculty of Kennesaw State University since 2017. Jason is a UGA graduate, and has a Law degree from the John Marshall Law School. He lives in Marietta and has two children.

Chapter Meeting, 15 Aug 2023



Dr David Noble, retired dentist and periodontist, gave a great lecture to the chapter on the battlefield archaeology being done at the Kettle Creek battlefield. Dr Noble is currently active in archaeology work and the history of the American Revolution. He has been a SAR member for over 25 years. Dr. Noble has been working with a team of experts doing forensics archaeology on the Kettle Creek battlefield. The Battle of Kettle Creek was fought on Feb 14, 1779 near Washington, GA. Patriot militia under the command of Colonel Andrew Pickens surprised a large Loyalist force of about 700 men under the command of Colonel John Boyd. And estimated 70 Loyalists were killed, with another 75 wounded or captured. Col. Boyd was mortally wounded. The remaining Loyalist force were able to retreat and join up with the British force near Augusta.

Researchers, like Dr. Noble, have recently been trying to ascertain if there are any graves from the battle that can still be located. To aid in the search, they have employed some sophisticated technology, like Ground Penetrating Radar and Human Remains search Dogs (HRD) that are specifically trained to detect human remains, possibly even remains as old as 244 years ago. The dogs did alert on 13 areas on the battlefield as being possible gravesites, but more research is needed. Using technology, artifacts found on the battlefield, and the documentary record from Col Pickens himself, Dr Noble and other members of his team have been able to provide a detailed map of how the battle unfolded that fateful day in February.

Welcome New Member—John Throckmorton!



Welcome to our newest SAR member John Throckmorton III!

John comes to us from a distinguish military lineage, and John has distinguished himself in the service of our country. His grandfather, John L. Throckmorton, was a retired 4-star US Army general, veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, and a West Point graduate. His great-grandfather Russell Throckmorton was a retired Army Colonel after 30 years of service. And his Revolutionary ancestor was Pvt John Bullen of the Massachusetts militia.

John is the son of an Infantry Platoon Leader who served in Vietnam, John L Throckmorton Jr, who

retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after various assignments both in the US and overseas.

John graduated from West Point in 1992 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer. He had assignments with the 82nd Airborne Division in the 1990s, as an Instructor at the Infantry School in the early 2000s, and with the 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq.

He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after commanding a battalion in 2013.

He now works in the telecommunications industry. He is married, with three children.

Grave Marking Ceremonies



Bill Edelen and his wife Janet attended the George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying Memorial Event in Vincennes, IN on 27 May 2023. The grave markings were for Patriots Charles Baptist Bonneau, Joseph Bowman, Francois Riday Busseron, Jacques Cardinal, and Pierre Cuerre.

Did you know there was a Revolutionary War battle in Indiana? In Feb 1779, the American Patriots under George Rogers Clark marched 180 miles through wilderness in the winter to surprise the British garrison at Ft. Sackville in Vincennes, on the Wabash River. After a two-day siege, the British surrendered to Clarke.



Bill Edelen and his wife Janet attended the Colonel Daniel and Rebecca Boone Grave Marking and Wreath Laying event in Frankfort, Kentucky, 4 June 2023. That is Bill on the far right in his trademark blue coat



Community Outreach



Scott Collins instructs a young girl on the proper way to discharge an 18th century flintlock rifle at the Patriotic Sunday Service at New Hope United Methodist Church, Gainesville, GA on 2 Jul 2023.



Upcoming Events 2023

When	Where	What	For more info:
Sat, Sep 16, 2023	Rocky Mount State Historic Site, TN	Overmountain Men Encampment	https://www.rockymountmuseum.com/events/overmountain-victory-trail-association-day
Sat, Sep 16, 2023 at 1pm	1833 Broad Street, Augusta, GA	242nd Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Augusta	https://scssar.org/?event=8265
Sun, Sep 17, 2023 3:30pm	Downtown Kennesaw, GA	Bells Across America—celebrating the signing of the US Constitution.	Sponsored by the DAR Kennesaw Mountain Chapter
Sat, Oct 7, 2023	Kings Mountain Natl Bfld, Blacksburg, SC	Battle of Kings Mountain	https://gasociety SAR.org/event/battle-of-kings-mountain-sc/
Mon, Oct 9, 2023	Savannah, GA	Siege of Savannah Battlefield Memorial	https://gasociety SAR.org/event/siege-of-savannah-2023-battlefield-memorial-march-645-am/
Oct 13-15, 2023	Union, SC	Battle of Blackstock's Farm Re-enactment	https://www.unioncountymuseum.com/page/battle-of-blackstock-s-farm-living-history-reenactment-event#!
Oct 21, 2023	Fairview Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceville, GA	Grave marking for Patriots John Bagby and Philip Isley	Sponsored by the Button Gwinnett, Blue Ridge Mountains, and Robert Forsyth SAR Chapters.
Sat, Nov 18, 2023	Fort Morris Historic Site, Midway, GA	Ft. Morris / Sunbury Memorial Ceremony	https://gasociety SAR.org/event/come-at-take-it-fort-morris/
Sat, Dec 2, 2023	Elberton, GA	Battle of Vann's Creek Commemoration	https://gasociety SAR.org/event/battle-of-vanns-creek-commemoration/
Sat, Dec 16, 2023	Boston, Mass.	250th Anniv. Re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party	https://www.bostonteatartyship.com/events/boston-tea-party-reenactment

250 years ago...1773



1 Jan 1773—The hymn, “Amazing Grace”, is first used in a church in Olney, England, to accompany a sermon by its author and Anglican priest, John Newton.

10 May 1773—Parliament passes the Tea Act, giving the British East India Tea Company a monopoly on selling tea in North America.

11 Sep 1773—Benjamin Franklin’s satire “Rules By Which A Great Empire May Be Reduced To A Small One” is published in the London newspaper, *The Public Advertiser*.

10 Oct 1773—Daniel Boone attempts to lead American colonists to establish a settlement in Kentucky, but Native Americans attack the group and kill his son.

16 Dec 1773—Boston Tea Party. The Tea Act that was passed in May was seen as a duplicitous trick by Parliament to use a “hidden tax” in order to tax Americans. In reality, it was a government intervention to attempt to bail out the East India Company who was losing money. Anyway, Americans began to boycott tea. And on 16 Dec 1773, the Sons of Liberty in Boston threw 46 tons of tea overboard into Boston Harbor.

A Visit to Washington DC



Exhibit in the museum displaying how the nascent American Army acquired its first cannons...by removing them from Ft. Ticonderoga and dragging them 300 miles to Boston during the winter of 1775-1776. With those cannons, the Americans were able to force the British to evacuate Boston in March 1776.

Dan and Brenda King recently visited the National Museum of the US Army located at Ft. Belvoir, VA, during their visit to the DAR's 132nd Centennial Congress in Washington, DC, 28 Jun—2 Jul.

The museum opened recently, in Nov 2020, and as you would expect, covers the entire history and future of the US Army.

While in Washington they also stopped at Freedom Plaza and visited the Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski Monument. General Pulaski was Chief of Cavalry in command of all Cavalry of the American forces, 1777-1779. During the Franco-American assault on Savannah in Oct 1779 he was mortally wounded. He died two days later, on October 11, 1779 at the age of 31.



Dan King at the National Museum of the US Army, "Founding the Nation" Exhibit.

Brenda King at the Casimir Pulaski statue in Freedom Plaza, Washington, DC.



Trivia Questions:
1. Who was the young intrepid Bostonian who organized the expedition to retrieve the cannons from Ft. Ticonderoga?
2. Where is General Casimir Pulaski buried?
Answers on last page.

Remembering the Korean War



Korean War Veterans Remembered July 29, 2023

Sorry, we do not know the names of these 4 Korean War veterans!

The ladies are from the DAR Chapters of Kennesaw Mountain and Hightower Trail.

Back-Row, L-R: Kate Sklikas, unknown vet, unknown vet, unknown vet, unknown vet, Cynthia McGuffey, Brenda King, Kip McVay

Front-Row, L-R: Marcia Sasser, Pam Dover

A small group of ~50 gathered for the Korean War memorial service at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton on Saturday, July 29, 2023. The service was a call to remember how important it is that we never forget the sacrifices made by Americans during the Korean War and those who have served in Korea since the war's end. Over approximately 1 million Korean War veterans are still living. Georgia National Cemetery Advisory Council insures that those who served in the "Forgotten War" are no longer forgotten.

The four Korean veterans present embraced one another on meeting, grateful to see one another, and to be remembered and honored along with the 5,867 Korean War Veteran's resting at Georgia National Cemetery Canton.

The Korean War started on June 25, 1950; the United States officially entered the War June 27, 1950. The U.S. supported the Republic of Korea (commonly called South Korea) in repelling an invasion from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (commonly called North Korea). The war ended on July 27, 1953, after the signing of an armistice agreeing that the country would remain divided at the 38th Parallel.



SFC James L. Wilkinson (1931-1950)

In Dec 2022, the remains of Georgia-born SFC James L. Wilkinson were identified by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner using dental and DNA records. SFC Wilkinson was a member of the 2nd Infantry Division that was rushed to Korea from the US in the early days of the Korean War. He was reported missing in action on Sep 8, 1950, near Yong-son along the Naktong River, part of the famous Pusan Perimeter battle. It was not until Jul 1951 that his remains would be recovered, but were not identifiable at that time. He was declared presumed dead in Dec 1953. He was 19 years old at the time of his death.

A Graveside Service will be held for SFC Wilkinson on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, 2656 Old Bush Mill Rd, Bremen, GA. Survivors include, two sisters, Pauline Wilkinson Wood of Buchanan and Rachel Wilkinson Almond of Temple and numerous nieces and nephews.

Full Military honors will be rendered by the United States Army.

Grave Marking for Compatriot Curtis E. McWaters



August 5th was a beautiful Saturday morning, a bit warm, but beautiful and sunny as we gathered to honor the memory and service of Curtis Eugene McWaters. Curtis was one of our brothers and so well respected throughout the State that many came to honor his service to the Georgia SAR and to our chapter. A full complement of Color Guardsmen was present with seven members of the Col. Elijah Clarke Militia who fired three musket volleys. In addition, representatives from eight SAR chapters and several DAR chapters were present. Curtis' wife, daughter, brother, sister, niece and sister-in-law were also in attendance with his friend from high school who traveled from Alabama to honor the memory of Curtis.

Curtis became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of the Captain John Collins Chapter in 2002.

His Patriot Ancestor is Private William McWaters who served in the South Carolina militia during the Revolutionary War.

Curtis loved the SAR and his dedication was proven through his service. One could always depend on seeing him at State and local meetings. During his tenure, Curtis served in the following positions:

- I. Vice President of the Chapter in 2004.
- II. Chapter President in 2005.
- III. Chairman of the Flag Respect Committee (2006-2013).
- IV. Chairman of the Public Service & Heroism Committee (2006-2014).
- V. Chairman of the Veterans Committee (2006-2011).
- VI. Georgia SAR Vice president of the NW Region for several years until his death.

Curtis enjoyed attending the various SAR ceremonies and even with his mobility issues, one could count on Curtis being in attendance. During the last few years of his life, he had his truck modified with hand controls so he could travel and visit his chapters in the Northwest Region.

Curtis' dedication to the SAR and his work at the chapter and state levels were well known and in 2015, he was presented the Patriot Medal which is the highest award offered by the state. While Curtis was not present at the 2015 Georgia SAR Annual Conference for the presentation, a group of his fellow chapter members led by the Chapter's Charter President Larry Guzy made a trip to the Rehab Center where Curtis was recovering from surgery to present him with this prestigious award.

Curtis Eugene McWaters was indeed a true Patriot!

The Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia present a 21-gun salute at the grave marking ceremony for Compatriot Curtis Eugene McWaters. The event was held at the Georgia Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery on Cobb Parkway in Marietta, GA on Aug 5, 2023.



Compatriot Curtis E. McWaters—continued



Dedication of grave marker for Curtis Eugene McWaters by GASSAR President David Ludley at the Georgia Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5 Aug 2023.



Family of Curtis Eugene McWaters at grave marking ceremony, Aug 5, 2023.

Wreaths representing JROTC and Eagle Scout committees, placed by Compatriot Cagle, recognizing Curtis' leadership.



Miscellany

Answers to Trivia Questions:

1. Samuel Adams is believed to be the Bostonian ringleader behind the Boston Tea Party of 16 Dec 1773, but there is no direct evidence that he actively participated.
2. It was the young Henry Knox, age 25, who led the Patriots to recover the cannons at Ft. Ticonderoga and bring them to Boston. He soon became a general in the Continental Army, and a close friend of George Washington.
3. Polish-born General Casimir Pulaski is buried under the Pulaski Monument in Monterey Square, Savannah, Georgia. He is one of only 8 foreign citizens to have received honorary US Citizenship from the US Congress.