



Captain John Collins Chapter GASSAR

The Collins Dispatch

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Dates to Remember

November 20th 7:00PM

Marietta Library

Speaker: Mack Abbott

"First and Last Shots Fired in World War II"

December 18th 7:00PM

Marietta Library

Holiday Meeting, wives invited. Speaker: Collins chapter member Capt. Dares Wirt USNR(ret).

A comprehensive listing of upcoming Collins chapter, state and national functions is printed on the back page of this issue for your reference. Anyone interested in attending state or national events should contact Larry

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Chapter Anniversary Celebrated

We are officially a year old! Our celebration was held at the Country Roadhouse Grill on October 16th. State



GASSAR State President Roger Lamb attended anniversary meeting and spoke to chapter.

President Roger Lamb came to wish us well. Many of our spouses joined us as well. The dinner meetings are a time to get to know each other better and to help our wives get to know the chapter.

We presented new member certificates to James McPherson and Daniel Meacham. Daniel will present his father with his the next time he is home in North Caro-

lina. Joe Cornish presented the Chapter with a 1776 Flag. If you have not made a dinner meeting, plan ahead to attend the next one in January.



A good attendance for the Chapter's anniversary meeting.

September Meeting Notes

If you missed this one you missed someone special. Dr. Livingston, a professor at Emory spoke about Revolution and how our Patriot ancestors viewed theirs. Their idea of



States Rights caused several states to desire cession long be-

fore the civil war, and they were Northern States!

Our attendance was the largest to date.

Through luck we were able to use the large meeting room so we were able to accommodate

Dr. Donald Livingston all comfortably.

We also approved our Constitution and By-Laws at the meeting.

Allatoona Cemetery Project Recognized by County



Doug Frey accepted this Certificate of Recognition from the Cobb County Board of Commissioners for the chapter on October 23rd, "for tireless efforts to help preserve and protect the heritage of Cobb County for future generations through (the) adoption of the Old Allatoona Cemetery."

President's Message

The Captain John Collins Chapter is now established with a record 83 Charter members in the first year! Once everyone has their applications approved, and we have the member numbers, all will appear in the Charter Directory that **Peter Lyon** has volunteered to publish. **Jack Gibson** has had the Charter itself reduced in size and printed on stock so that it looks exactly as the original. We will add this to the Special Charter Member Certificate that will be personalized for each of you to commemorate your belief in our chapter's future success. Congratulate yourself for a great start!!



President Larry Guzy

For those who like facts, the 83 members come from the following: 50 new, 8 reinstated, 8 transferred from Etowah Valley, 8 from Atlanta, 6 from Piedmont, and 3 elsewhere. We have 4 members who have passed into deceased membership leaving the chapter with a Georgia Society count of 78, once everyone is approved.

If you have not sent your \$45 2002 dues renewal to Treasurer **Andy Drook**, please take time now to do so. If you were approved or reinstated before November 1st you need to pay these dues. If you have not paid your dues, there will be a reminder letter enclosed with this issue of the Collins Dispatch.

Our first year has seen some unique chapter activity. It appears that the Collins Chapter thinks "outside the box". We have adopted a historic cemetery to maintain, and it is designated as such by a road sign. **Doug Frey** received the certificate from the Cobb Board of Commissioners in a ceremony October 23rd. We have had a field trip to the National Medal of Honor Museum set up by **Chuck Smith**; great monthly speaker meetings arranged by **Jimmy Flanagin**; three issues of a four-page newsletter; recognized 49 Eagle Scouts through the efforts of **Dick**

Dolsen; had many participations in: grave markings, parades, national and state historic sites celebrations, and management meetings among many other activities. **There is no doubt that your chapter is the best new chapter ever formed!**

Officers and Committee Chairmen

President	Larry Guzy
Vice President	Jimmy Flanagin
Secretary	David Martin
Treasurer	Andrew Drook
Registrar	Charles (Chuck) Smith
Chancellor	Joe Vancura
Chaplain	Douglas Stansberry
Sergeant-at-Arms	Doug Frey
Americanism	Charles Switzer
Cemetery & Veterans	Doug Frey
Dinner meetings	Tom Cloys
Flags/Law/Fire	Bert Christy
Eagle Scouts	Dick Dolsen
JROTC	Jimmy Flanagin
Membership	Larry Guzy
Patriot Grave	Brad Jones
Publicity/phone	Tom Cloys
Schools	Dr. John Austell

Proposed Slate for John Collins Chapter Officers for 2002

President	John (Jack) Gibson
Vice President	Joe Cornish
Secretary	David Martin
Treasurer	Andrew (Andy) Drook
Registrar	Charles (Chuck) Smith
Chancellor	Joe Vancura
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bert Christy
Chaplain	TBA
Historian	Doug Frey
Editor	Larry Guzy

Bert Christy and **George Canup** have made \$20 donations along with their dues renewal. Remember to remind the IRS of these donations come April!

Joe Vancura and **Jack Gibson** came forward to volunteer to fill the positions of Chancellor and Historian. We forgot to vote to approve Jack for that position, but will do so next meeting.

From the chapter, thank you for your belief and support. You are what make the extras possible.

That Extra Mile...

The chapter would make it with only the dues paid by each of us, but it is the extras that make the chapter as special as it is. This Extra Mile recognizes those who have truly made the chapter something to which we can be proud to belong. If someone is missing, it is an oversight.

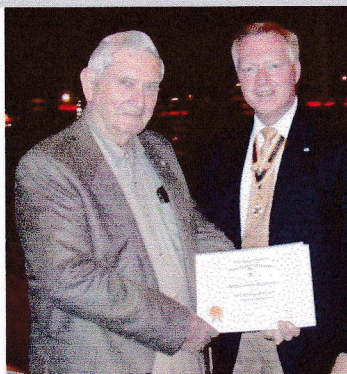
Joe Cornish has donated a 1776 flag that was carried in the Paulding County Nov. 10th Veterans Day Parade. Joe has also blessed us with "presents" at the chapter dinner meetings. **Jack and Diane Gibson** are donating the flagpoles and stands for our National and Chapter flags. Our National Flag was donated by **Congressman Bob Barr** who had it flown over the Nation's Capitol on our charter day, October 14, 2000.

Bill Teasley continues to support the chapter through monetary donations that will fund the postal expense of this newsletter for the next two issues! Bill has also made donations to state and national. His total donation of \$125 came along with his most recent supplemental application. This makes 15 the number of additional ancestors Bill has identified. Now that **Jack Bledsoe** is no longer competing, Bill appears to be the chapter leader in supplemental applications. **Bob Stubbs** holds 10! Time for all of us to get busy and identify other Patriots we descend from.

MEMBER NEWS



Private Michael Tanner, Patriot of the Revolution. His grand children, **James A.**, and **J. Allen Henson** (father and son) joined other descendants to mark his resting place in the North Georgia Mountains just south of Blairsville, GA. This area is the start of the Appalachian Mountains Trail. Allen missed the photo, but **James Henson, Doug Stansberry, Dares Wirt, and Larry Guzy** managed to pose for **Carole Stansberry's** photo.



James McPherson and **Daniel Meacham** both received their Certificates at the October meeting. Daniel's father, **Hudson Meacham**, lives in North Carolina and will transfer to a chapter closer to his home. Both **James** and **Daniel** spoke to us about their Patriot Ancestors.



Bert and Betty Christy attended Constitution Day DAR luncheon along with other members and wives.

"From Patriotic Kitchens"

The Ladies For the SAR Library are ready to take orders for their SAR recipe book, "From Patriotic Kitchens".

The padded, hard cover book will be in a 3-ring binder format, that allows cooks to add their personal recipes on 5 1/2 x 8" note paper. It will include 700 recipes submitted by compatriots and their wives from all over the country. A four page introduction will discuss the SAR and the new genealogical library being built in Louisville. Inside 8 full color tabbed dividers will feature patriotic im-

ages.

Proceeds from sale of the book will benefit the library fund. The Ladies expect to raise \$250,000.

At \$15, this is a great value. The Ladies will waive the \$2 shipping fee on all orders received before January 31, 2002!!

A portion of the purchase price will be tax deductible. An order form has been inserted in your newsletter.

The recipe book will be introduced for the first time at the National Congress in Nashville in June 2002

and pre-ordered books will be shipped at that time. Early orders will help fund the initial printing of the book.



Jack Gibson, Matt Hale, Larry Guzy, Douglas Stansberry, Bert Christy and Dares Wirt at Constitution Day.

In memoriam

Jack Bledsoe passed away 16 October 2001 at the age of 70. He is survived by his widow **Marion Chapman Bledsoe** and their four children. Jack reinstated his SAR membership to join the chapter, and was to be our speaker in December. Jack was a member of an incredible number of organizations. He held the SAR record for supplemental ancestors at 63! It is hard to comprehend how one person of Jack's age was fortunate enough to have had 64 ancestors who could be proven to have supported the American Revolution. We are the poorer for his passing.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Most of the following events are in the metro area. If you want to see who in the Georgia Society is doing stuff, come to these events and learn first hand how to be one of them.

Note that collection of dues must be completed by year end, Dec. 31st. The dues are \$45.00 per year. This includes \$15 Chapter, \$10 State, and \$20 National.

Please send your \$45 check for 2002 dues to: Treasurer Andy Drook, 3661 Bramblewood Way, Marietta, GA 30062.
Issue check payable to John Collins Chapter. Member cards will be issued once the year has ended.

ALL CHAPTER MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, AND WILL START AT 7 PM WITH GATHERING STARTING AT 6:30 PM. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MAIN LIBRARY IN MARIETTA.

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| Nov. 20th | Tuesday, Marietta Library-Collins Chapter meeting-Nominations for 2002 Officers.
Speaker to be Mack Abbott, Author, <i>First and Last Shots Fired in WWII</i> |
| Dec. 18th | Tuesday, Marietta Library-Collins Chapter meeting-Elections of Officers. Wives are invited to this mainly social function , but one of our members will be our speaker on a topic dear to his heart. |
| Jan. 12th | Saturday, Cowpens Anniversary |
| Jan. 15th | Tuesday, Installation of officers and annual meeting banquet. We are still planning this event but it will include spouses and a dinner. We will announce the particulars at the next meeting and by mail. |
| Jan. 26th | Saturday, Winter GASSAR BOM-Forsyth, GA |
| Feb. 9th | Saturday, Kettle Creek-Washington, Wilkes County, GA |
| Mar. 1-2 | Trustee Meeting, SAR Headquarters, Louisville, KY |
| Mar. 16th | Saturday, Guilford Courthouse- Greensboro, NC |
| Mar 29-30 | Friday night & Saturday morning, GASSAR Annual meeting-Marriott Hotel NE Atlanta |
| June 29-July 3 | 112th NSSAR Congress in Nashville, TN |