



CAPTAIN JOHN COLLINS CHAPTER

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Jul-Sep 2025



Painting by John Ward Dunsmore (1856-1945). "Colonel Knox Bringing the Cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to the Siege of Boston"

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Oct 21 —Chapter Meeting

Nov 18 —Chapter Meeting

Dec 16—Chapter Meeting

Additional events and activities, see the GASAR website:

www.gasocietysar.org

and the chapter website:

www.johncollinssar.org/events/

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The Guns of Ticonderoga

America Gets Artillery

The American Revolution would see quite a few men rise to prominence who never would have had a chance to distinguish themselves under the British class system. These men started life in relative obscurity, but the Revolution, and more importantly, their association with General Washington, would make them into national heroes. Washington had a reputation for being a great judge of character and ability. An American meritocracy developed during the Revolutionary War. Such men as Henry Morgan, Nathaniel Greene, Alexander Hamilton, the Marquis de LaFayette, and Henry Knox, all who served as Washington's most trusted lieutenants would become household names in the new nation.

Henry Knox began his career as a bookseller in Boston. And he read! Especially books on artillery and fortifications. When the Siege of Boston began after the battles of Lexington and Concord, General Ward and his staff turned to Henry Knox to begin planning the fortifications to surround Boston.

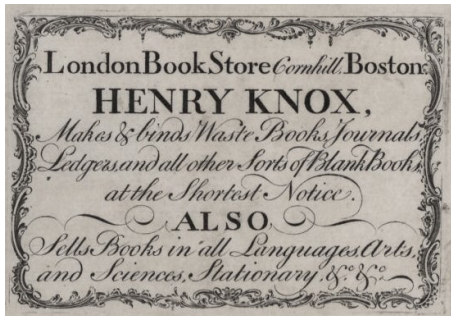
Henry Knox met General Washington for the first time on 6 Jul 1775. Washington was impressed with Knox's positioning of the fortifications. This meeting began a lifelong friendship between the two men.

Recall that on 10 May 1775, Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold had captured the unsuspecting British garrison at Ft. Ticonderoga along with all the cannon. Either Henry Knox or Benedict Arnold brought it to General Washington's attention to retrieve the cannon and bring them to Boston.

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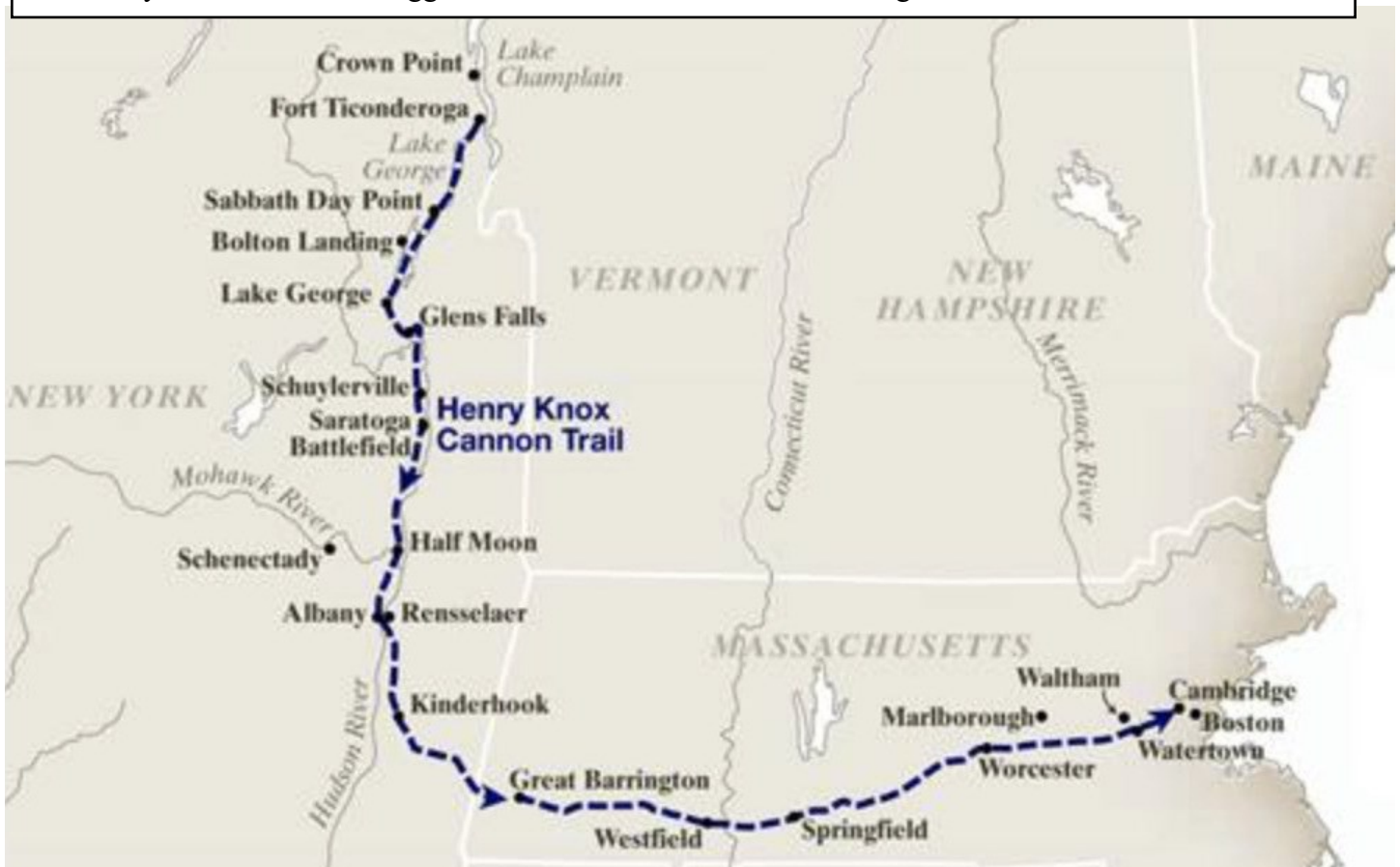


Here are the milestones of that famous trek!

16 Nov 1775—General Washington issues orders to Henry Knox to procure the cannon from Ft. Ticonderoga. See page 3 for the wording of the orders to Knox.
 1 Dec 1775 – Henry Knox reaches Albany, NY and confers with General Schuyler about how to transport the guns from Ticonderoga.
 5 Dec 1775 – Henry Knox arrives at Ft. Ticonderoga
 9 Dec 1775 – Henry Knox selects 59 pieces of artillery, along with 23 boxes of lead. The total cargo weighs 60 tons. They depart Ft. Ticonderoga and sail south down Lake George. They will encounter difficult winds sailing on the lake.
 17 Dec 1775 – Henry Knox reaches Ft. George, at the south end of Lake George. He writes a letter to General Washington informing him of their progress, and refers to his cargo as “a noble train of artillery”.
 2 Jan 1776 - While crossing the iced-over Mohawk River, one of the cannon crashes through the ice, but it is recovered.
 6 Jan 1776 – They cross the frozen Hudson River at Albany
 10 Jan 1776 – They reach the Berkshire Mountains in western Massachusetts.
 24 Jan 1776 – The Knox expedition arrives at General Washington’s headquarters in Cambridge, MA
 16 Feb 1776 -George Washington holds a Council of War where it is decided to capture Dorchester Heights and set up the newly acquired artillery. The date is set for March 4th.
 4 Mar 1776 – General John Thomas with 2000 men occupy Dorchester Heights and erect fortifications. The cannon are then positioned, overlooking Boston and Boston Harbor.
 7 Mar 1776 – After debating whether to assault Dorchester Heights, Gen Howe decides it would be another bloody battle and decides instead to evacuate Boston.
 17 Mar 1776 – **Evacuation Day. Ay, t’is St. Paddy’s Day! The British evacuate Boston...never to return!**

Left: At the age of 21, Henry Knox had started his own bookstore in Boston. It would later be looted by the British after he left Boston to join the Continental Army following the battles of Lexington and Concord.

Below: The route taken by Henry Knox’s “Noble Train of Artillery” from Ft. Ticonderoga to Cambridge, MA. Sixty tons of cannons dragged a total distance of 300 miles during the Winter of 1775-1776.



Officers and Committees

President – Jason Shepherd	Editor – Jami Andrew
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Chaplain – Rodney Pritchett	DAR Liaison – Dan King
Sergeant-at-Arms - Lewis Ray Jr	Membership / Welcome - Vacant
Historian – Jim Castle	Chapter Directory – Larry Guzy

Right: General Washington's orders to Henry Knox to procure the cannon from Ft. Ticonderoga.

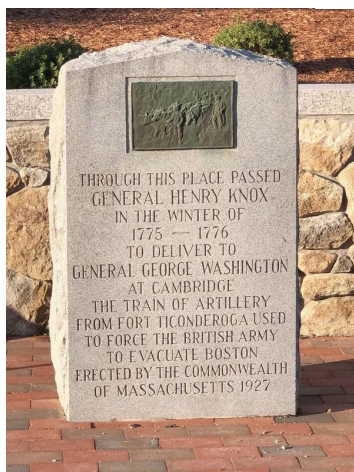
Below: One of the 56 markers on the Henry Knox Cannon Trail identifying the expedition's return path.

Below Right: Painting showing the cannons going into position on Dorchester Heights on 5 Mar 1776, overlooking Boston and Boston Harbor.

You are immediately to examine into the state of artillery of this army, and take an account of the cannon, mortars, shells, lead, and ammunition that are wanting; when you have done that, you are to proceed in the most expeditious manner to New York; there apply to the president of the Provincial Congress, and learn of him whether Col. Reed did anything, or left any orders respecting these things, and get him to procure such of them as can possibly be had there. The president, if he can, will have them immediately sent hither; if he cannot, you must put them in a proper channel for being transported to this camp with despatch before you leave New York. After you have procured as many of these necessities as you can there, you must go to Major-General Schuyler and get the remainder from Ticonderoga, Crown Point, or St. John's; if it should be necessary, from Quebec, if in our hands. The want of them is so great, that no trouble or expense must be spared to obtain them. I have wrote to General Schuyler, he will give every necessary assistance, that they may be had and forwarded to this place with the utmost despatch. I have given you a warrant to the Paymaster-General of the Continental Array, for a thousand dollars, to defray the expense attending your journey and procuring these articles, an account of which you are to keep and render upon your return. Given under my hand at head-quarters at Cambridge this 16th day of November, Anno Domini, 1775.

G. Washington.

Endeavor to procure what flints you can.



President's Message

Every meeting we close with a recessional:

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men."

We are members of this organization for a simple yet profound reason: our forefathers fought a rebellion based on the belief that we could — and should — govern ourselves. This month, we celebrate the distillation of that principle into a single document: a Constitution that transformed a revolution whose rallying cry was "No taxation without representation" into a government established by the words, "We the People of the United States..."

As a nation born to govern itself, I have intentionally focused some of the chapter's efforts on creating opportunities to both meet those elected to represent us and to better understand how this government of the people, by the people, and for the people actually operates on our behalf.

Over the past year, we have welcomed elected officials at the local, state, and — at least formerly — national level, each sharing their own expertise. This month, we are honored to welcome the leader of the city where we meet, Kennesaw Mayor Derek Easterling. We have also learned about our community through presentations on the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield and the Georgia Room at the Switzer Library. These programs have not only deepened our own engagement with the community, but have also helped introduce more of our community to us as we prepare to celebrate our 25th anniversary next month.

We will continue that engagement on Wednesday, September 17, when we dedicate a marker in Acworth to commemorate America's 250th anniversary.

As an organization committed to carrying forward the legacy of the founding generation, I encourage each of our members not only to remember, but to live out our obligations to our forefathers — who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.

In Patriotism,

Jason M. Shepherd

From the Treasurer

Gentlemen,

It is that time of year for Dues collection. Your dues may be paid using either of the two methods.

You may pay your 2026 dues using the conventional method which is to complete the form that was sent to you by email on Sep 15th and mail it with your check to me OR you may give me your check at the next chapter meeting. My mailing address is listed on the form.

You may pay your 2026 Dues online by going to the Georgia SAR website (<https://gasocietysar.org>) and following the instructions that were included in the email of Sep 15th.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via email and/or my phone number listed below.

Thank you for your continued support of the Captain John Collins Chapter SAR.

Wayne L. Brown

Treasurer

Phone: 404-694-4609

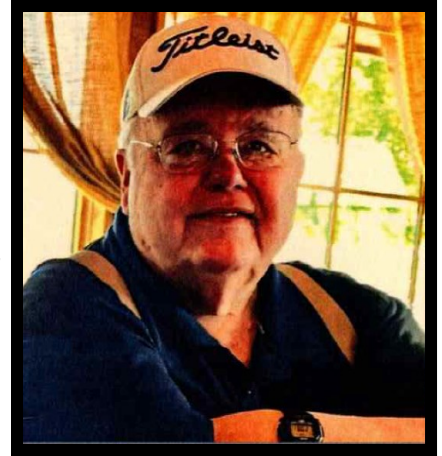
email: engineerscorner@gmail.com



Remembering Compatriot Leland “Lee” Hulsey

March 26, 1947—August 8, 2025

Leland “Smitty” Hulsey, age 78, of Dallas, Ga, passed away peacefully on August 8th, 2025. Lee is survived by his loving wife Gwen Hulsey, children, Jennifer Davidson (Cris) of Woodstock, Russell Voakes (Amy) of Prague, grandchildren Weston Crusselle, Anabelle Voakes, Benjamin Davidson, Taylor Davidson, Annika Davidson, great grandchildren, Daisy and Charlotte Crusselle.



Born and raised in Marietta, Georgia, Lee lived a life marked by kindness, integrity, and deep devotion to his family and community. He graduated from R. L. Osborne High School and built a fulfilling career in technology at Lockheed Martin. Lee served in the United States Air Force, the Sons of the American Revolution and was a member of Burnt Hickory Baptist Church. Lee shared 30 years of marriage, creating a loving home filled with laughter, warmth, and enduring support.

Lee had been an active member of the Captain John Collins Chapter S.A.R. since 2013 and served as Chapter President during 2016-2017. In addition, he had served as Chairman of the Chapter's Membership Committee since 2017.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00 PM in Mayes Ward Dobbins Historic Marietta Chapel. A Graveside committal service was held on Thursday, August 14 at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga.

Lee's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered for his generosity, unwavering love for his family, and the joy he brought to every life he touched. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cure Childhood Cancer.

Ancestor Histories

As part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of American Independence for the next several years, we will be asking all chapter members to do write-ups on their Revolutionary Ancestors.

We ask that your write-ups include as much detail as possible about your ancestor. Try to connect your ancestor to a major event, particularly near the anniversary celebration of that event so we can publish it in this newsletter.

The next major events of 1775 are the Siege of Boston and the Battle of Quebec. If you had an ancestor involved in either of these, please do a write up and send it to me at: jami.andrew@att.net.

The following chapter compatriots have submitted Ancestor histories to our newsletter:

Compatriot	Ancestor	News-letter
Jami Andrew	Josiah Brown	Jun 2025
Bill Coffeen	John, Lake, & Michael Coffeen	Jun 2025, Sep 2025
Tom Harnden	John Honeyman	Jun 2023
Earl Cagle	John Nicholson	Sep 2023
Jim Poole	Henry Pool	Jun 2024
Lew Ray Sr	Spencer Henry Ray	Sep 2024
Robert Blackwell	Levi Truett	Sep 2025

Georgia Democracy Resilience Network 2025 Awards Winners

Our own Jason Shepherd was recently honored at the Carter Center on Aug 28th by receiving the Georgia Democracy Resilience Network 2025 Defender Award along with Mayor Michael Owens, City of Mableton; Amanda Seals, Executive Vice President, Cobb County Chamber of Commerce; and Emily Shaw, Executive Director, Georgia Council of International Visitors.



L-R: Kimberly Sherk, Jason Shepherd, Saxby Chambliss, Julianne Chambliss, Scott Johnson, Rose Wing.

The **Georgia Democracy Resilience Network** is a cross-partisan initiative, led by former State Senator Don Balfour and Emmy-nominated political analyst for CBS News Atlanta Dr. Rashad Richey. The network is made up of civic, business, and religious leaders and citizens from both sides of the political aisle. Members will serve as community advocates for peaceful political engagement and work to foster confidence in electoral processes and address disinformation. The Georgia DRN is supported by The Carter Center.



L-R top row: Paige Alexander, CEO Carter Center; Kelvin Williams, Gwinnett County Elections; John Fervier, Chair, State Board of Elections; Saxby Chambliss, former US Senator; Roy Barnes, former Governor of Georgia; Don Balfour, former State Senator.

Bottom row: Dr. Rashad Richey; Amanda Seals, Executive Vice President, Cobb County Chamber of Commerce; Shirley Franklin, former Mayor of Atlanta; Michael Owens, Mayor of Mableton; Emily Shaw, Executive Director Georgia Council for International Visitors; Jason Shepherd, assistant Professor, Kennesaw State University; and Tom Crick, the Carter Center.

Chapter Meeting, 17 Jun 2025



Above: Bill discussing the historic Stanley-Lake House in Topsfield MA, built between 1675 and 1693. Bill's Lake ancestors lived in the house.

For our Jun meeting, the featured speaker was our own Bill Coffeen! He delivered a memorable presentation on the Battle of Bunker Hill, sharing the story of his Patriot ancestors John, Lake, and Michael Coffeen. Both of them participated in the Siege of Boston. Bill also spoke about the Bunker Hill monument honoring those who fought and fell that day...connecting personal heritage with national history in a meaningful way.



Left: Jim Poole presents Bill with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation on the Battle of Bunker Hill and the Bunker Hill monument.

Ancestor History—John, Lake, & Michael Coffeen—by Bill Coffeen

John Coffeen was born in 1727 in Topsfield, MA (north of Boston). His parents were Michael and Lydia (Lake) Coffeen. He married Susanna Goldsmith in 1751 and moved to Middletown, CN on the Connecticut River. His first son, **Lake**, was born in 1752 followed by a second son John in 1754 and a daughter, Susanna, in 1756. John moves the family to what is now Rindge, NH in early 1758. Their fourth child, **Michael**, is born soon thereafter.

Timeline of the Coffeen family in the American Revolution:

1775

Early 1775 – Lake enlists in Col. Woodbridge's Massachusetts regiment.

April 19 – Battles of Lexington and Concord, siege of Boston starts

May 1 – Lake re-enlists through Oct 1775

May 10 – Michael travels to Massachusetts and enlists in Col Doolittle's Regiment. Both Lake and Michael are deployed in the Siege of Boston.

June 17th – Battle of Bunker Hill

July 3: Washington assumes command of the Continental Army

November 13: Patriots occupy Montreal

December 31: American forces fail to secure Quebec

1776

March 17: British evacuate Boston

Spring: A Company of militia is formed under the command of Cpt. John Coffeen (age 49)

July 4: Declaration of Independence

September 15: British occupy New York City

October 15: Benjamin Whitcomb's (age 39) forms an Independent Corps of Rangers at the request of General Gates

1777

January 15: Representatives from the "New Hampshire Grants" declare the independence of Vermont,

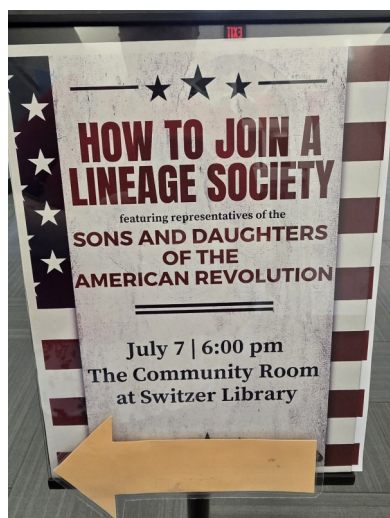
March 8: Michael enlists in Whitcomb's Independent Corps of Ranger, a militia group of spies and scouts with a bounty on their head.

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New Hampshire militia face the British at Bunker Hill.

Switzer Library Event—7 Jul 2025



On July 7, 2025, members of the Captain John Collins Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in a public event titled "How to Join a Lineage Society", held in the Community Room at the Switzer Library in Marietta, GA.

The event featured representatives from both the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, including members of the Kennesaw Mountain and Fielding-Lewis DAR Chapters. Representing the Captain John Collins Chapter were President Jason Shepherd, Vice-President Jim Poole, Secretary Chris Thompson, and DAR Liaison Chair Dan King, who shared insights into the SAR membership process and the importance of preserving patriotic lineage.



L-R: Jason Shepherd, Jim Poole, Chris Thompson, Dan King



Ladies from the Kennesaw Mountain and Fielding-Lewis DAR chapters.



Chris Thompson looking very patriotic!

Coffeens in the American Revolution, continued from preceding page:

1777 (cont'd)

May: Cpt. John Coffeen is asked to represent Cavendish, VT at the new constitutional convention.

July 5-6: British retake Forts Ticonderoga and Crown Point

July 7: Battle of Hubbardton (only significant engagement fought in the "Grants"). Despite losses, the Green Mountain Boys fight a successful rear guard action. Michael Coffeen participated.

August 16: Battle of Bennington. Both Michael and Lake participated. Lake was wounded.

September 19: 1st Battle of Freeman's Farm. Whitcomb's Rangers and Michael participated.

October 7: 2nd & decisive Battle of Freeman's Farm. Whitcomb's Rangers and Michael participated.

October 17: Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga

August-October: Both Lake & Michael Coffeen fight at the Battles of Bennington and the Saratoga campaigns under the flag of the Green Mountain Boys.

1778- April 14: Michael marries Sarah Preston. First son is born in 1779

1780- November 11: Michael discharged from the Rangers

1781- February 17: Michael's 2nd son is born. He continues to serve Vermont and his country as part of his father's command until the Peace Treaty is signed.

1782- Michael becomes one of the first missionaries for the Universalist Church

1791- Vermont is admitted to the union on March 4.

1802—Cpt John Coffeen dies in Cavendish, VT, age 75.

Chapter Meeting 15 Jul 2025



Above: Ed Ettel talking about his organization, Project Mail Call.

For the July meeting, the chapter invited Mary and Ed Ettel, founders of Project Mail Call

Mary and Ed shared with the chapter the heartfelt mission behind Project Mail Call. This is an initiative dedicated to supporting deployed US service members. Through this program, volunteers gather to assemble personalized care packages and handwritten letters for Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, and Coast Guardsmen stationed overseas. Special emphasis is placed on reaching those in isolated areas or units that receive little to no mail at all.

Their efforts also extend to personnel engaged in humanitarian outreach, supporting schools, clinics, orphanages, and local villages abroad.



Left: Mary Ettel showing some of the recipients of letters from Project Mail Call.

Right: Jim Poole presents Ed & Mary Ettel with a Certificate of Appreciation as well as the chapter's hallmark compensation—a \$2 bill!



Chapter Meeting—19 Aug 2025



Top: Scott Johnson talks about Literacy in Georgia.

Above: Jason and Jim present Scott with certificate of appreciation.

Our program featured Scott Johnson, Chairman of the Georgia Council on Literacy. Scott shared insights on the Council's mission to improve literacy outcomes statewide and drew on his years of service on the State Board of Education, Georgia Student Finance Commission, and more. We appreciate his leadership and thoughtful remarks.

Scott previously served for a decade on the State Board of Education (2013-2022) including serving as Chairman of the State Board. He has also served as commissioner on the Georgia Student Finance Commission, and board member of Stone Mountain Memorial Association. He also currently serves as a member of the Georgia Board of Human Services.

Professionally, Scott is founder and principal owner of Southern Strategic Solutions, LLC (S3), a business & government consulting firm based in Marietta. He has been chairman of the Cobb County Republican Party and 11th Congressional District chair of the Georgia Republican Party.

About Literacy in Georgia: In 2023, the Georgia General Assembly passed, and Governor Kemp signed into law, two significant bills that address the state's literacy rates: House Bill 538 and Senate Bill 211.

HB 538 requires kindergarten through third grade reading instruction to be based on the science of reading. Senate Bill 211 created the Georgia Council on Literacy, a 30-member council appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House. The Council's primary responsibility is to ensure the implementation of the science of reading instruction in every Georgia public school. The Council is also responsible for community engagement, research of literacy efforts in other states, and prioritizing low income, minority and ESOL students.

From the Veterans Committee - Gary Hoyt, Chairman

Upcoming Veterans-Related Activities

Members of the Captain John Collins Chapter, and their families, deserve a lot of credit for their support for veterans and veterans' programs. As we move from summer into fall, it's a good time to pause and update your record of creditable activities in support veterans in 2025. The NSSAR Stark Points Tracker is a great way to document your veterans-related activities, year over year, as you accumulate points towards a Service to Veterans Medal (5,000 points) or Oak Leaf Cluster(s) (3,000 points each). As you update your records it's also a good time to plan ahead for some important upcoming events.

Fall Clothing Campaign for Homeless Veterans (formerly Operation Stand Down)

The Chapter continues to gather new and gently worn fall and winter clothing for donation to homeless veterans. A needs list will be distributed at the September 16th chapter meeting. Donations will be collected at the October 21st meeting and donated the following week.

Five Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

The Button Gwinnett, Blue Ridge Mountains, Joseph Habersham, Lyman Hall, Piedmont, and Robert Forsyth Chapters will sponsor a 5 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony at 11 A.M on Saturday November 1st at the City of Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery. No Stark points are earned, but the symbolic importance of today's veterans saluting America's first veterans remains timeless.

Veterans Day Observances

Veterans Day (11-11-2025) falls on a Tuesday this year. That day many local restaurants and national restaurant chains will honor veterans with a free lunch or dinner. Patriotic organizations and many National Cemeteries will host events the following Saturday.

Wreaths Across America Day

Wreaths Across America Day will be observed on December 13, 2025. On that day wreaths will be placed at the gravesites of veterans nationwide in recognition of their service and sacrifices. Major observances will take place at the Marietta, Georgia, and Andersonville National Cemeteries as well as the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Milledgeville, GA. Special pricing for wreaths is available to members of the GASSAR, and wreaths you order can be delivered to any of the thousands of cemeteries served by Wreaths Across America. This enables Compatriots to participate in a local wreaths event, and at the same time memorialize friends or loved ones who rest in far-away places. The GASSAR member discount code is GA0057, and each order of three wreaths earns a \$5 credit towards the purchase of additional wreaths

BG Robert L Scott, Jr. and USS Stark Memorial Award Competition

The Captain John Collins Chapter figures prominently in state and national service-to-veterans competitions. The GASSAR's Brigadier General Robert L. Scott, Jr. competition is based on Stark award reporting and recognizes the winning chapters with 10-24 members, 25-49 members, 50-99 members, and 100+ members. The NSSAR's USS Stark Memorial Award Competition ranks competing chapters based on the number of members – 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200+ members. Every competing chapter receives a certificate of appreciation from the NSSAR, and additional recognition goes to chapters that sponsor events in cooperation with other Partners in Patriotism.

Blessings of Liberty

President Jason Shepherd has challenged the members of the Captain John Collins Chapter to each submit five Blessings of Liberty. The Chapter goal is to reach 250 Blessings.

Secretary Chris Thompson has exceeded the call and has provided 20 Blessings of Liberty, below!

1. The freedom to worship according to conscience.
2. The right to speak openly without fear of reprisal.
3. The privilege to participate in free and fair elections.
4. The security of due process and equal justice under the law.
5. The opportunity to pursue education and knowledge.
6. The ability to assemble peacefully and petition government.
7. The right to bear arms in defense of liberty.
8. The preservation of private property and the benefits of one's labor.
9. The freedom of the press to inform the people.
10. The dignity of being judged by a jury of peers.
11. The opportunity for economic advancement through hard work.
12. The promise of protection against tyranny and arbitrary power.
13. The right to travel freely within our nation.
14. The blessing of self-governance at local, state, and national levels.
15. The ability to honor and preserve our heritage and traditions.
16. The chance to volunteer, serve, and contribute to civic life.
17. The security of a government accountable to the people.
18. The freedom to dream, innovate, and build for future generations.
19. The ability to defend liberty at home and abroad.
20. The inheritance of a Constitution and Bill of Rights that safeguard all these freedoms.

Goal: 250 Blessings
To-date 30 Blessings (Jason Shepherd – 10, Chris Thompson, - 20)
To go: 220

Ancestor History—Levi Truett

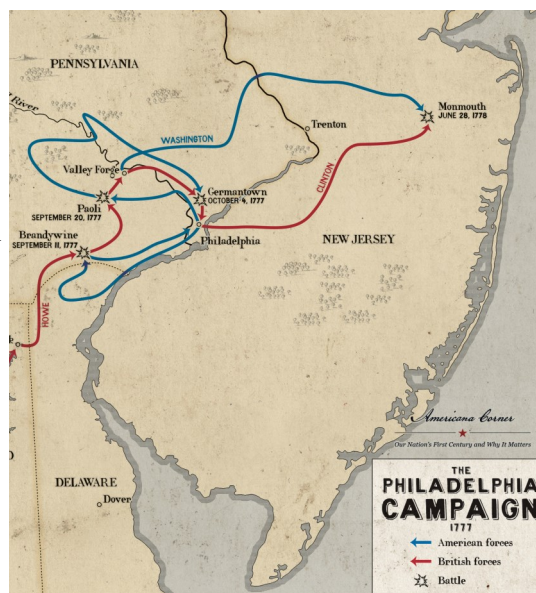
Patriot Levi Truett is the 6th great-grandfather of our chapter compatriot, Robert Blackwell.

Levi Truett was born about 1750 in Worcester, Maryland. About 1770 Levi married Ann Virginia Phillips. Their daughter, Rebecca was born on April 1, 1771, their son Levi Marion was born in 1775.

In the summer of 1777, Levi enlisted as a Private in Co. F, Capt. Nathaniel Mitchell's Company of Foot which was part of Col. William Grayson's Additional Continental Regiment. At the time of his enlistment the unit was assigned to the 4th Virginia Brigade as part of the main Continental Army.

Levi is shown on the company muster roll from September to December 1777. During this time, his unit was in the Battle of Brandywine, fought on September 11, 1777, and the Battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777. Grayson's Regiment was one of the units that wintered at Valley Forge beginning on December 19, 1777.

On the company records, Levi was already shown as being in the hospital on December 1, 1777. He died on December 27, 1777.



Touring the Georgia Governor's Mansion



L-R (front to back): Terri Fopiano, Dan King, Donna Owens, Carla Jones, Cheryl Hunt-Clements, Jane Bronner, Vickie Rogers, Beth Stewart, Brenda King

Dan King volunteers at the Georgia Governor's Mansion as a docent. As the Captain John Collins DAR Liaison, Dan joins Terri Fopiano (Regent), James Waldrop Chapter, NSDAR (Fayetteville, GA), who hosts the monthly second Thursday docent group. The State of Georgia's Governor's Mansion is a free museum open to the public. Tours are available weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, excluding November and January, between the hours of 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Walk-ins are acceptable, but an appointment is recommended. Appointments can be booked online at:

https://gov.georgia.gov/governors-mansion?utm_source=mansion.georgia.gov&utm_medium=redirect&utm_campaign=tld



Dan and Brenda sitting on one of the Governor's settees!

250 years ago...1775



15 Sep 1775—Col William Moultrie captures Ft. Johnson on Charles Town Harbor and raises the Palmetto Flag. SC Royal Governor William Campbell flees Charles Town to a British warship.

24 Sep 1775—Ethan Allen is captured and imprisoned by the British after his unsuccessful raid near Montreal.

18 Oct 1775—The British Royal Navy burn Falmouth (modern day Portland, Maine).

27 Oct 1775—George Washington suspects Dr. Benjamin Church, the Surgeon General of the Continental Army, of being a spy and has him arrested. It was determined that Dr. Church was sending coded letters to General Gage in Boston. Dr. Church is placed on trial for treason on 2 Nov 1775 and found guilty. He is expelled from Massachusetts.

7 Nov 1775—Lord Dunmore's Proclamation (Royal Governor of Virginia) - offering freedom to slaves if they fight for the British.

13 Nov 1775—American forces under General Richard Montgomery capture Montreal

5 Dec 1775—Henry Knox arrives at Ft. Ticonderoga and begins collecting the cannon to take to General Washington at Cambridge, MA.

9 Dec 1775—Battle of Great Bridge, near Norfolk, VA. Victory for the American militia that led to the British abandoning Norfolk.

31 Dec 1775—Battle of Quebec. Fought in a fierce snow storm. The American assault is repulsed. Gen Richard Montgomery is killed, General Benedict Arnold is wounded, and Col Henry Morgan is captured.

Upcoming Events

27 Sep 2025—Grave Marking for 5 patriots by the Little River and Button Gwinnett chapters, GASSAR. St. Paul's Church Cemetery, 3235 Thomson Highway, Lincolnton, GA 30187

7 Oct 2025— 245th Anniversary of Kings Mountain. 11 am at the Kings Mountain National Battlefield Park, Blacksburg, SC. Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR.

16 Oct 2025—Carter Center Liberty Tree Dedication, 2:30pm at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Atlanta, GA. **(National event)**

8 Nov 2025—Grave Marking by the Samuel Elbert chapter, GASSAR, Stephen Heard and John Benson chapters, NSDAR, for four patriot soldiers. 10am, 1884 Coldwater Rd, Elberton, GA 30635.

22 Nov 2025—Siege of Ft. Morris. 10:30am, Fort Morris Historic Site, 2559 Ft. Morris Rd, Midway, GA 31320.

13-15 Feb 2026—Battle of Kettle Creek. Callaway Historic Site, 2160 Lexington Rd, Washington, GA.

21 Feb 2026—Battle of Vann's Creek. Danny Guthrie Pavilion, Bobby Brown State Park, 2509 Bobby Brown State Park Rd, Elberton, GA 30635.

*Come join us in a ceremony dedicating
a Liberty Tree recognizing the*

**250th Anniversary of the
United States of American, 1776-2026
and in honor of James Earl Carter, Jr.**

The Carter Presidential Center
441 John Lewis Freedom Pkwy NE
Atlanta, GA 30307

Thursday, October 16, 2025, 2:30 PM



Sponsored in cooperation with the Carter Center
and the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum
by the
Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution.

**For questions, contact
Ron Redner - NSSAR Liberty Tree Chair
Cell: 404-401-0204**



BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK

LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT & COLONIAL MARKET FAIRE

13-15 FEBRUARY 2026

CALLAWAY HISTORIC SITE

2160 LEXINGTON RD. WASHINGTON, GA

Come be apart of history we are seeking
REENACTORS, LIVING HISTORIANS AND
HISTORIC SUTLERS

CONTACT 706-990-3159

RRENO@WGA.GOV

FOR REGISTRATION LINK AND MORE INFORMATION

The Siege of Fort Morris

Saturday, November 22nd, 2022

10:30 am,

Fort Morris Historic Site
Midway, Georgia

WREATH REGISTRATION

Name of Wreath Presenter: _____

Address/phone: _____

Organization: SAR, DAR, CAR (Please circle) other: _____

Chapter/Society: _____

Position: _____

Presenter's e-mail address: _____

• Color Guard: _____ Militia: _____

• Loves Seafood # _____ Sunbury Crab Co# _____
(Limited Seating)

Please send the registration form in by November 18th, 2025, to:

J. Steven Hinson, Marshes of Glynn Chapter
Email: stevenhinson61@gmail.com or 912-258-2033

Snail mail registration to:

J. Steven Hinson
128 Deerfield Dr
Brunswick, Ga 31525

Event Location:

Fort Morris Historic Site
2559 Fort Morris Rd
Midway, GA 31320

State Park Admission Fee per person is
required



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Holiday Inn Express, Richmond Hill
4601 US Highway 17
Richmond Hill, GA 31324

- GROUP NAME: Sons of the American Revolution
- GROUP CODE: IUD
- DATES: November 21-22, 2025
- RATE: \$139 plus taxes per night (Nov 1 cutoff for the booked rate)
Note: Rate has not increase in the last 3 years
- CALL IN RESERVATIONS: 912-756-6668 - Reference to the above information
- You can make your reservations online through the following Link

Sons of The American Revolution

<https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=SAVRH&checkInDate=21&checkInMonthYear=102025&checkOutDate=23&checkOutMonthYear=102025&PMID=99801505&GPC=N21&cn=no&adjustMonth=false&showApp=true&monthIndex=00>

Once reservations are made you will have up to 24 hours prior to arrival to cancel the reservation. If you cancel less than 1 day prior to arrival, you will be charged a 1-night cancellation fee. When making a reservation a valid credit card must be provided. Guests will be required to provide a credit card upon check in at the Hotel.

Friday Evening Hospitality will be from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm on the lobby Area in the Holiday Inn Express. A time to meet and greet.

Friday Evening Dinner Gathering: 7:00pm (DUTCH)

Loves Seafood Restaurant

6817 Chief of Love Rd, Savannah, GA 31419 (912) 925-3616
(Reservations for 40)

Saturday Lunch Will be at Noon (DUTCH)

NOON (DUTCH)

Sunbury Crab Company

541 Brigantine-Dunmore Road, Sunbury, Ga (912)-884-8640
(Reservations for 50)

If Waze etc. can't find that address the use 539 Brigantine-Dunmore Rd, then continue straight.

Captain John Collins Chapter

Aug 2025

2025 Budget Status Report Ending December 31, 2025

Prepared by Treasurer Wayne Brown and approved by BOM on 10 Dec. 2024.

REVENUE

	Budgeted Amount	Actual YTD
1 Membership Dues	\$ 1,945.00	1,900.00
2 Annual Banquet (February 2024)	\$ 2,500.00	1,470.00
3 Donations Received	\$ 5,050.00	5,316.02
4 Amount Needed from General Fund to Balance Budget	\$ 4,000.00	1,500.00
Total Revenues	\$13,495	\$10,186

EXPENSES

	Budgeted Amount	Actual FYTD
5 Officers		
President		
a Wreaths Across America (November)	\$100.00	
b Office Supplies (Certificates, Photocopies, Ink, etc.)	\$50.00	38.13
c Annual Banquet (February 2025)	\$2,500.00	2,354.66
d Uniform Stipend	\$100.00	
e Kettle Creek Battlefield Association	\$100.00	
f National Memorial Association (Memorial Day Sponsorship)	\$125.00	125.00
g Mars Hill Memorial Association (Custodians of Cemetery)	\$250.00	250.00
h Grave Marking Sponsorship (Midway, GA) (April)	\$100.00	100.00
i Donation to Project Mail Call	\$250.00	250.00
j Donation/flowers - deceased member (from Responders Fund)	\$230.00	227.79
6 Vice President	350	164.14
7 Secretary	100	
8 Treasurer	105	32.65
9 Registrar	250	86.60
10 Webmaster	420	312.97
Committees		
11 Color Guard	0	0
12 EagleScout	125	100.00
13 Education	50	0
14 Flag Respect	50	0
15 Knight Essay Contest	0	0
16 Medals & Awards Committee (Annual Banquet, & Cmte. Cert.)	1400	1,371.64
17 Membership Committee	30	0
18 Public Service & Heroism Cmte.	200	0
19 JROTC Program	0	0
20 Rumbaugh Orations Contest	0	0
21 Veterans	0	0
22 Grave Marking	150	0
23 a 250th Anniversary	200	96.30
b Marker to commemorate the 250th Anniversary.	4500	4,451.40
24 Chapter's 25th Anniversary	0	0
Total Expenses	\$11,735	\$9,961

Estimated Revenue in Excess of Expenses

\$1,760

Actual Revenue in Excess of Expenses Year-to-Date

\$225



The National Park Service in partnership with the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR announces

245th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
11 AM

Kings Mountain National Battlefield Park
2625 Park Road
Blacksburg, SC 29702
RSVP for Wreath Ceremony by September 26th
stapler1@comcast.net or (540)255-3428