

The Piedmont Piper



OUR INSPIRATION IS IN THE PAST
OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT
OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE

January 2006

From the

President's Desk



Bob Sapp

There comes a time to relinquish and reflect. This is the last article that I as president of the Piedmont Chapter will prepare for the Piper. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Pied-

mont Chapter for these past two years. As an SAR member, I have grown in awareness of the many arenas where the SAR play an active role.

In the November issue of the Piper, I discussed the value of SAR membership. The Piedmont Chapter's SAR community membership can be best measured by the activities in which Piedmont participated. In the last quarter of 2005, Piedmont has been very active and ventured into a new arena. I will touch on some of the activities. Piedmont's national activities were attendance at the 225th Kings Mountain Ceremony and Savannah's Pulaski Jubilee. Five Piedmonters participated at Kings Mountain and the Chapter presented a wreath at the ceremony. Four Piedmonters journeyed from there to Savannah for the three day Pulaski Jubilee ceremony. A wreath was presented at the Battle of Savannah Commemoration. The re-interment of the

bones of Casmir Pulaski was a part of the Jubilee celebration. Piedmonters had the opportunity to participate in the Jubilee alongside representatives from Poland who came to honor Casmir Pulaski.

Piedmont had the opportunity to inform social studies educators of Georgia of SAR educational programs at the Georgia Council for Social Studies meeting in Athens. Piedmont was present at eight grave markings of Revolutionary patriots and a marking of a SAR Com-patriot's grave.

Piedmont participated in three Veteran's Day activities. The Veteran's buddy program at River Eves Elementary School placed a Piedmont veteran with a fourth grade student. The student's role was to interview the veteran buddy to learn about his service activities. The Speakers Bureau is in full

Saturday, January 21, 2006 January Chapter Meeting

Integrity Bank Building
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Meeting
Speaker:

Reginald Bohannon

"Patriotism"

Upcoming Events

**Color Guard Highlights
Commemoration Services**

**Battle of Cowpens
Chesnee, SC
Saturday, January 14, 2006**

**Battle of Kettle Creek
Washington, GA
Saturday, February 11, 2006**

Friday, February 17, 2006 Annual Dinner Meeting

Founders Hall
1076 Canton Street, Roswell, GA

6:00 p.m., Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Speaker:

To be Announced



force, teaching at Elementary Schools and making presentations to civic organizations. Poster Contest judging was held at Mt. Bethel Elementary School where approximately 180 students participated. Piedmont selected the best three for future judging with other school entries.

Piedmont entered in two new arenas. Members in Colonial Uniforms were present at the Citizenship Ceremony for 87 new American Citizens in Atlanta. The second area was the inauguration ceremony for the mayor and city council of the new city of Sandy Springs, Georgia. The Piedmont Color Guard presented and posted the Colors for this event. This represents only a portion of the Chapter's activities.

In closing, I thank you for the honor of serving as your president and the privilege to represent Piedmont Chapter to the SAR society. I have been blessed and rewarded by the experience with SAR goals and camaraderie with fellow compatriots. I leave you with this challenge, are you getting all the reward from SAR that you could? Then get active.

From:

Roger G. Lamb, Jr.
Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



The Bell

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas – Christmas, not Holiday – I was remembering the many times I realized that an isolated event applies to life, like when I was helping coach a boys' soccer team. There was one boy who was a great ball handler. He could maneuver the ball with grace, feet in perfect coordination. He could thread the ball past many moving opponents and place that ball right at a teammate's feet. He could work that ball right to the center of the goal - but he would not shoot. Why not? He could not tell me. For fear of failure? I assured him that he would not be criticized if he missed. He was part of a team, and the team did their best. If the team lost the game, they all lost the game. And if the team won, they all won. But he would not shoot. How many of us in life will not take our shot for fear of failure? Take your shot.

Anyway, I wander. I read a short article a man wrote about two horses, so this is not my story. But I thought about how it might apply to real life.

A man drove by a pasture at the corner of an intersection on his commute. After many days and weeks and months of passing this intersection, he began to notice something peculiar about the two horses in the pasture, many times at the corner of the fence

watching the cars go by. One morning one the horses was standing at the corner of the fence, and the smaller horse was walking towards the corner of the fence. That was when the man heard the bell. Then he realized that the horse standing at the corner of the fence was blind, and that the horse coming to the corner had a bell attached to her halter. That way the blind horse always knew where his friend was, and he could follow her, trusting that she would not lead him into trouble. Two things came to mind. First, that the owner of the horses thought enough of the blind horse not to put him down. Second, that the owner was creative enough to develop a trust between the two horses that would satisfy a need in both, that the blind horse would be guided, that the horse with the bell was needed, and that both would have a companion.

O.K. Here comes the in-our-life part. First, God does not put us down because we are defective, and we are all defective in some way. We are still free to find our place in the world, and to be loved. Second, I believe that God does bring others into our lives to be the bell, to be our guide, if He feels we need one. And I believe that sometimes He brings us into somebody's life when He needs for us to be the guide. And maybe because we need each other. Are you the blind, or are you the guide? How do you know? Do you listen for the bell?

A prayer attributed to St. Francis:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

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**Election and Installation
of Officers for 2006**

In accordance with our Combined Constitution and By Laws, the election of Piedmont's new officers for 2006 will be held at our January meeting on January 21. The new officers will be formally installed at our Annual Dinner Meeting the evening of Friday, February 17.

Nominations for our new officers were previously announced by Jim McIntire, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The nominees are:

- President—Von Starkey**
- Vice President—Carl Tanner**
- Secretary—Russ Deutschman**
- Treasurer—Bobby Shaw**
- Chaplain—Bill Walker**
- Registrar—Paul Prescott**
- Chancellor—Eric Thorstenberg**
- Sgt-at-Arms—Walt Wolliver**
- Historian—Bob Allgood**
- Piper Editor—Scott Ray**



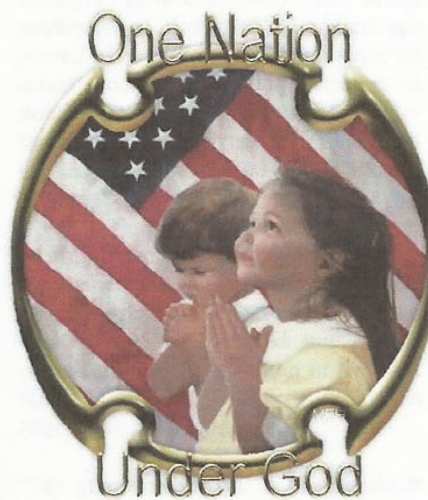
Battle of Kettle Creek 227th Anniversary

The Georgia Society and Samuel Elbert Chapter, SAR, with support from the Kettle Creek Chapter of the DAR, encourage you to participate in the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek on Saturday, February 11, 2006, in Washington, Georgia and the nearby Kettle Creek Battlefield.

Several new activities are currently being planned including parade and living history exhibits in the historic Washington Town Square; a Kettle Creek for Children discussion at the library by author Christine Swager; and two tours of the battlefield by U.S. Army historians. The Annual Memorial and Wreath Ceremony with the U. S. Army Band will be held Saturday afternoon at the Kettle Creek Battlefield Monument. The battlefield is located ten miles from Washington, GA off SR 44.

Additional details, including lodging options, parking instructions and arrangements in case of rain will be provided by the GASSAR Historic Sites 7 Celebration Committee later in January. Early requests for participation in the Wreath Presentation may be made through Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott and will be appreciated. When your registration is received, you will be sent instructions with a map and other details.

—Submitted by Paul Simpson



MEET CARL TANNER

Compatriot Carl Tanner is a native Mississippian, being born in Brookhaven, Mississippi; a small town approximately 60 miles south of Jackson, the capital of Mississippi. However, shortly afterwards his family moved to Jackson where he spent most of his developing years.

After completing high school, Carl entered Mississippi State University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. While at State, like many of his other classmates, he completed the ROTC program and, upon graduation some four years later, was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the Artillery. Graduation was conducted on a Saturday, and on Sunday he signed in to the Army at Fort Benning, Georgia to await the beginning of the Artillery Basic Officer Course which was conducted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

After completing the Artillery Basic Course Carl traveled to Germany where he was assigned to the 3d Armored Division. This occurred during the buildup in Germany due to the Russians attempting to close the autobahn from West Germany to Berlin. He entered the division as a second Lieutenant and 3 years later left Germany as a Captain. During this time he progressed in assignments beginning as a Forward Observer (the beginning point for all Artillery second lieutenants), then as a battery executive officer, the battalion S2, a battery commander, and then as adjutant for the battalion.

Upon returning to the US he was assigned to the G2 section of the 82d Airborne Division just in time for the deployment of a portion of the division to the Dominican Republic, where they remained for only about 6 months and then returned to Fort Bragg. Shortly after returning to Bragg, Carl received orders for Vietnam.

He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division (Better known as "the Big Red One") and then was further assigned as the artillery liaison for an Infantry Battalion where he had responsibility for three forward observer teams and was always with the Infantry Battalion command team. Carl says this was definitely a period to be remembered!!!! The last four months of his assignment in Vietnam he was moved up to be the fire support coordinator for a Brigade. In this assignment he worked directly with the Brigade Commander- a Lt. Col. Alexander Haig. Yes, the same one!

The final two years of Carl's active duty was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he was assigned to the Field Artillery School as a special Actions Officer for the Director of Instruction. During this time Carl and Phyllis were married, and as Carl proudly tells us, this was the best thing that has happened in his life.

Carl then resigned his Regular Army Commission and was assigned to the Army Reserve for the remainder of his military career. This consisted of an assignment with the 75th Military Area Command, and then when he was promoted to Colonel, he was assigned to the adjunct Faculty of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.





Paralleling his assignments in the Army Reserve, Carl worked as an engineer for a number of companies in the area of Houston, Texas. It was also during this time that he attended the University of Houston and obtained a masters degree in business administration.

Carl joined the Sons the American Revolution in 1995. Since that time he has served as Sergeant-at-Arms for two terms and Treasurer for two terms. In February he will be installed as Chapter Vice President.

In researching his genealogy to join the SAR Carl discovered several interesting findings, which he relates as follows:

“My oldest known ancestor was Leonard Varnado who immigrated to the colonies from the Limousin area of France in approximately 1730 (?). He was probably a Huguenot, although records do not exist to prove this. Nevertheless, the Huguenot Society of South Carolina recognizes the family as having been Huguenots. Psychologically it hard to come to grip with having a French line, but my view is that he was a cut above most because he got the hell out of France and after coming to the colonies married Sarah Hutto, a German, in 1742. After the voyage from Europe, Leonard settled in Orangeburg, S.C. After the Revolutionary War one of the sons moved to Mississippi and fought in the battle of New Orleans during the war of 1812. Two of the grandsons of Leonard were active in establishing the town of Midway, Georgia (approximately 20 miles southwest of Savannah). Leonard appeared to be quite enterprising since he established a rum running business in South Carolina until he and Mr. Oglethorpe had a difference of opinion on the use of rum, and the Brits decided to pollute the Savannah River.

“Another ancestor, who established my supplemental in SAR, was a James Ratcliff from South Carolina. He was a Quaker and was booted out of the church for his participation in the war. He was also a courier for Francis Marion’s organization.

“My grandmother was a Foster which

Established my line to Scotland and my connection to the Douglas Clan. If you see my kilt you will understand.

“My grandfather was a second generation German in a line from Hanover, Germany.

“My wife, Phyllis, belongs to the first families of Georgia. While this may be difficult for me, I do have credentials for joining the first families of South Carolina and Mississippi.”

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THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THERE CANNOT BE A NATIVITY SCENE IN WASHINGTON THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

THERE IS NO RELIGIOUS REASON BEHIND THIS DECISION; THEY SIMPLY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND THREE WISE MEN AND A VIRGIN IN THE NATION’S CAPITOL.

THERE WAS NO PROBLEM, HOWEVER FINDING ENOUGH ASSES TO FILL SEVERAL STABLES.

—Submitted by Thornton Lambert



SANDY SPRINGS INAUGURATION

The Piedmont Color Guard had the honor of posting the Colors at the inauguration of the new City of Sandy Springs. The inauguration took place on 30 November 2005 before a standing room only crowd. Posting the Colors were Jack Ferguson , Paul Prescott and Bob Sapp with bagpiper John Mortison providing marching music. Our Color Guard was accompanied by Commander Ken Curry and Marine Sgt. Manse Towery as pictured above. The swearing in of the City Council and Mayor was conducted by Presiding Justice Carol Hunstein of the Georgia Supreme Court.

The news media were very evident, and the Color Guard flashed across television sets around the State. If one looked at the right time the Piedmonters were on for a few milliseconds.



Some Interesting Information

In George Washington's days there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but on how many limbs were to be painted. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

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In the late 1700's many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a wide board folded down from the wall and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, usually a man, would be invited to sit in the chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the "chair man". Today in business we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board".

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Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in "straight laced", wore a tightly tied lace.

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Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but applicable to the Ace of Spades. To avoid paying this tax, these people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be dumb because they were not "playing with a full deck".

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At local taverns people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in pints and who was drinking in quarts, hence the term "minding your P's and Q's".

Submitted by Von Starkey



Back to School for the Color Guard

On November 7 our Color Guard along with members of the VFW answered a call to participate with pupils of the River Eves Elementary School in Roswell, sitting with them at tables, and piquing their interest in The Declaration of Independence and early American leaders. Color Guardsmen Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp and Scott Ray represented our Chapter.



Founders Hall

Site of Piedmont Chapter's Annual Banquet

Our Annual Banquet is to be held at Founders Hall in Roswell, GA on February 17. Our ladies are especially invited. The meeting will open with a social time beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. with our February Business Meeting to follow to include installation of our new officers for the ensuing term. Founders Hall is located at 1076 Canton Street not far from the center of Roswell. There is ample parking at the rear of the building. It was also the site of last year's Annual Meeting and Banquet.



Sampling History

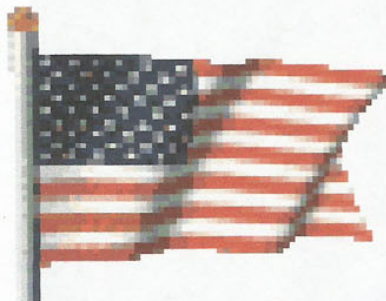
Can You Recite the Presidents of The United States?

First, why would anyone want to know the names of our Presidents by heart? The answer is that history made today is affected by what came before. History is a continuum. In order to understand the successes and failures of one administration it is well to understand the events that occurred in earlier years which set the stage. For example, Abraham Lincoln served as a 23 year old volunteer during the Black Hawk War of 1832 during the administration of President Andrew Jackson. This gave Lincoln some first hand experience with warfare and was helpful in opening up the west for settlement through the defeat of the Sac and Fox Indians under Chief Black Hawk in Illinois and Wisconsin.

On a more personal level, as we learn more about our ancestors, it may become more interesting to relate the era in which a particular ancestor lived to the presidents who held office at the time.

For those who would like a memory aid to help recall the names of our presidents in proper order, I suggest a method I learned from one of my high school teachers. Oddly enough, this teacher was Dr. Paul Gaertner, a native of Germany, who taught German in high school after he retired from Georgia Tech. One day Dr. Gaertner felt we needed a break from concentrating on German grammar and vocabulary, and he told us of his system.

Think of a sentence that is easy to remember, making the first letter in each word of the sentence stand for the



first letter in the name of a president, all in proper order. For example:

Washington And Jefferson Made Many A Joke. Let's see, now:

Washington
Adams
Jefferson
Madison
Monroe
Adams
Jackson

The next sentence to remember is:

Van Buren Had Trouble, Plenty To Find.

These initials stand for:

Van Buren
Harrison
Tyler
Polk
Taylor
Fillmore

That covers the first 13. Unfortunately, Dr. Gaertner didn't have time to give us the rest of the system. Perhaps one or two of our readers could provide additional sentence memory aids. We will be glad to publish them in a future Edition.

—The Editor

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In Re: Atlanta, GA

This is for anyone who lives in Atlanta, who has ever lived in Atlanta, ever plans to visit Atlanta, or anyone who has ever heard of Atlanta, Georgia.

Atlanta is composed mostly of one way streets. The only way to get out of downtown Atlanta is to turn around and start all over when you reach Greenville, South Carolina. All directions start with "Go down Peachtree" and include the phrase "When you see the Waffle House". Except in Cobb County, all directions begin with "Go to the Big Chicken and ..."

Peachtree Street has no beginning

and no end and is not to be confused with Peachtree Circle, Peachtree Place, Peachtree Road, Peachtree Parkway, Peachtree Hills Avenue, New Peachtree, West Peachtree, Peachtree Battle or Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

Atlantans only know their way to work and their way home. If you ask anyone for directions they will always send you down Peachtree.

Atlanta is the home of Coca-Cola. That's all we drink here, so don't ask for any other soft drink unless it's made by Coca-Cola. Even then it's still "Coke". A carbonated soft drink isn't a soda, cola or pop... it's Coke, regardless of brand or flavor. Example: "What kinda Coke you want?"

It's impossible to go around a block and wind up on the street you started on. The Chamber of Commerce calls it a "scenic drive" and has posted signs to that effect, so out-or-towners don't feel lost...they're just on a "scenic drive".

The 8:00 AM rush hour is from 6:30 to 10:30 AM. The 5:00 PM rush hour is from 3:00 to 7:30 PM. Friday's rush hour starts Thursday afternoon, and lasts through 2:00 AM Saturday.

"Onced" and "Twiced" are actual words. There ain't no such thing as "lunch". There's only dinner—and then there is supper. "Jeetjet?" is actually a phrase meaning "Did you eat yet?"

The local papers cover national and international news on one page, but need six pages for local gossip and sports.

You know whether another Georgian is from North Georgia, South Georgia of Middle Georgia as soon as they open their mouth (Albany = All benny).

Sweet tea is appropriate for all meals, and you start drinking it when you are 2.

If you understand these, Welcome to GEORGIA!

—Submitted by Von Starkey



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

In November and December the Piedmont Color Guard attended two naturalization ceremonies at the United States District Court in Atlanta. Compatriots Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp and George Thurmond were present in Continental uniforms to greet the new citizens and hand out information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, etc.

At the Naturalization Ceremony qualified immigrants take the Oath of Allegiance and become citizens of the United States. They then receive their citizenship papers and pass by a receiving line which in these instances included representatives of the SAR, DAR and the Museum of Patriotism. About 150 people from 50 different countries became new citizens at each of these ceremonies. It is gratifying to see the smiles of utter joy of these new citizens. As the pictures show, the Piedmont Color Guard created a popular photo opportunity.





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The Piedmont Chapter serves communities of the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia including Cobb, Forsyth, Cherokee and Northern Fulton County. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Integrity Bank, 11140 State Bridge Road, Alpharetta, Georgia. Most members choose to arrive by 8:00 a.m. to enjoy breakfast together.

Prospective members are always welcome at monthly membership meetings. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests are urged to contact the **Chapter Registrar, Paul Prescott at 770-360-5766** or any other chapter officer.

(Youth Memberships are available for applicants under 18).

Please send all inquires and suggestions to the editor at the address shown below.

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