

The Piedmont Piper



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

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From the President's Desk



Von Starkey

My wife, Christina, and I have made many wonderful friends and have very special memories through my involve-

ment in the award winning, Piedmont Chapter, of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Because much of our lives are related to community involvement and relationships that built memories, I would like to dedicate this month's column to the opportunities that permit our members and their spouses to be involved and build fond memories through the activities of the award winning, Piedmont Chapter.

First, I cannot envision how any man could serve in the position of Chapter President and do an acceptable job without a talented, intelligent, and loyal wife as I have been blessed to have. I am ever mindful and appreciative of all the wonderful and supportive wives of our members that have helped sustain the activities of our award winning, Piedmont Chapter.

Secondly, I am truly aware that we have numerous members that have given so much of their time and talent over the years to build our honorable chapter. To each and every one of you, and especially to Bob Sapp our outgoing president, I say "Thank You!" Your dedication and generous support are recognized and always welcomed.

In a progressive and developing organization, growth translated into recognition, depends upon involvement. Therefore, I am inviting each SAR member to select an area of involvement that you have an interest in and do something special this coming year! If every member agrees to do a small part then each individual part will add up to continual major accomplishments. One step at a time.

Next, we must repeatedly ask ourselves "Who are we?" The SAR is a histori-

Saturday March 18, 2006 March Chapter Meeting

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

Speaker:

Jack Gibson

**"The Seviars at Kings
Mountain"**

Upcoming Events

Color Guard Highlights Commemoration Services

11 March-Groover Grave Marking,
Holly Springs Cemetery, Marietta,
GA
18 March-Guilford Courthouse,
Greensboro, N.C.
19 April -Naval Engagement at
Ft. Frederica, St. Simons Island, GA

Saturday April 15, 2006 April Chapter Meeting

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

Speaker:

Lt. Col. John Miller

"The Iraq Experience"



cal, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c) 3, corporation that seeks to maintain and extend:

- * the institutions of American freedom
- * an appreciation for true patriotism
- * a respect for our national symbols
- * the value of American citizenship
- * the unifying force of *e pluribus unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

Subsequently, we ask, "How do we do this?" We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it, too, is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions. The task remains for us to continue the struggle!

In closing, I want you to know that I look forward to working and serving with each of you, as we build upon the foundation of our award winning Piedmont Chapter and leave a legacy for those that follow us.

"[W]e've got to teach history based not on what's in fashion but what's important—why the Pilgrims came here, who Jimmy Doolittle was, and what those 30 seconds over Tokyo meant. You know...on the 40th anniversary of D-day, I read a letter from a young woman writing to her late father, who'd fought on Omaha Beach. Her name was Lisa Zanatta Henn, and she said, 'we will always remember, we will never forget what the boys of Normandy did.' Well, let's help her keep her word. If we forget what we did, we won't know who we are. I'm warning of an eradication of the American memory that could result, ultimately, in an erosion of the American spirit. Let's start with some basics: more attention to American history and a greater emphasis on civic ritual. And let me offer lesson

number one about America: All great change in America begins at the dinner table. So, tomorrow night in the kitchen I hope the talking begins. And children, if your parents haven't been teaching you what it means to be an American, let 'em know and nail 'em on it. That would be a very American thing to do."
—Ronald Reagan

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Quotables

The Christian faith is meant to be deeply personal but never solitary.

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A heart set on love will do no wrong.
-Confucius

To handle yourself, use your head. To handle others, use your heart.
-Eleanor Roosevelt

Two ears, one mouth. is there a lesson here?
-Anonymous

Conceit is an odd disease. it makes everyone sick except the person Who has it.
-Anonymous

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.
-Thomas Jefferson

Christians with "horse sense" do not become nags.

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Falseness lasts an hour, but truth lasts until the end of time.

—The ChristChurch Messenger

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From:
Bill Walker
Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



Out On A Limb

Greetings, Compatriots! For those who do not already know me, my name is Bill Walker, and I am the latest Chaplain for the Piedmont Chapter. Although I am a relative newcomer to the SAR roster, I was quickly tapped for the privilege of serving the Chapter. I am in my second year serving as the chairman of the JROTC Committee, and as you can see have now been elected as Chaplain.

I had thought of taking on additional service responsibilities in the Chapter, perhaps on the Color Guard, another committee, or even as an elected officer, but honestly I had never considered Chaplain. So it was with genuine surprise that I received a call from the Nominating Committee asking if I would serve as Chaplain. I'm a Christian and consider myself spiritually mature (well, OK, *somewhat* mature), so I accepted the nomination, glad for the opportunity and honored to be asked.

As Election Day drew near, though, I began feeling the upcoming responsibility deeply, prompting me to do some careful introspection and self-examination. The Chaplain does much more than simply recite the prayers at the beginning and end of each meeting and send get-well cards to ill Compatriots. The Chaplain provides spiritual leadership for the Chapter, both collec-



tively and individually. He is a source

of comfort to those Compatriots who are hurting. He serves as an example to the men of the chapter. The more I pondered these things, the more unqualified I felt, sometimes to the point of reconsidering the acceptance of my nomination. I felt as though I had been pushed out on a limb.

However, a good friend from church suggested that God may want to use this opportunity to get me a step closer to where He wants me to be in my relationship with Him. She reminded me that the Apostle Paul compared our spiritual growth with gold being refined by fire – a process that is intense, painful, and time-consuming. God sometimes allows us to face difficulties – or occasionally He specifically calls us to face difficulties – knowing that our overcoming those difficulties will refine our character and cause us to grow in areas of our spiritual life that need the growth.

Plus, God doesn't arbitrarily ask us to face difficulties. The tough challenges He gives us and the sacrifices He calls us to make will also further His plan in some way, even if we can't see it at the time.

That gave me a very different perspective on my situation. No longer did I view it as a difficulty, but rather as a gift. God thought enough of me to present me with an opportunity to grow, and to serve others in the process. By accepting the challenge of being the spiritual leader for the Piedmont Chapter, I will be allowing God to further refine me as a Christian, which in turn will allow me to be a better Chaplain.

So if you, like me, find yourself out on a limb, consider that it may be right where God wants you to be. Max Lucado wrote in *God Came Near*, "Have you ever been called to go out on a limb for God? You can bet it won't be easy. Limb-climbing has never been easy.... Ask Jesus. He knows better than anyone the cost of hanging on a tree."

Where Do We Stand Today?

About the time that our original 13 states adopted their new constitution in 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian republic some 2,000 years prior:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the results that every democracy will finally

collapse over loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history is about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith;
From faith to great courage;
From courage to liberty;
From liberty to abundance;
From abundance to complacency;
from complacency to apathy;
from apathy to dependence;
And from dependence back into bondage."

And yes, where do we stand today?

—Contributed by Von Starkey



Jack Martin Trophy

Former Chapter President Bob Sapp, pictured above with Compatriot Paul Prescott, is presented the prestigious Jack Martin Trophy at our Annual Banquet in recognition of his bringing in the greatest number of new members during the past year. The Jack Martin trophy was originally contributed to our Chapter by Compatriot



MEET JACK FERGUSON

Many of our newer members who have not yet had the privilege of knowing Compatriot Garnett L. "Jack" Ferguson as long as we older members will recall that Jack was called upon to fill in as our speaker at our Annual Banquet on February 17, when the originally scheduled speaker was unable to attend. Jack gave an informed and highly interesting presentation on the life of George Washington.

Jack was born January 21, 1927 in Atlanta and was educated in the Atlanta School System where he attended Boys High School and majored in ROTC. Jack was a Boy Scout and attained the rank of Life Scout with 26 merit badges. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, entering as a Seaman and departing as an Ensign.

Following his discharge from the Navy Jack attended Emory University for two years, then transferred to Duke University, graduating in 1947 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then worked in the textile industry, designing sewer and water works installations for several years before joining Lockheed, where he worked 36 years before retiring in 1987.

Jack married Louisa Carter in 1947. They have three daughters, eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Following Jack's retirement he and Louisa traveled extensively both within the United States and abroad, where they have visited eighty-five countries on six continents.

Jack became interested in genealogy and joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 1999. His primary ancestor is Frederick Selleck of New York. He is a member of a number of other organizations including the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Sons of Confederate Veterans, The Old Guard and the American Legion.

Compatriot Ferguson has served well as a member of the Piedmont Chapter. He has been quite active in the Color Guard, serving as Color Guard Commander in 2003. He has a strong interest in history, especially American history, and for quite some time has been making historical presentations in school classrooms in an effort to let our children know that history is important and interesting. As some of our compatriots have witnessed, when Jack talks about Washington and our other founding fathers, our children sit in rapt attention.

Jack also makes presentations to adult groups and currently has over a dozen talks on individuals and events in colonial times. He and Louisa have traveled over 75,000 miles participating in SAR activities to ensure that our history will never be forgotten.

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Partnering in Youth Programs

The Piedmont Chapter, SAR is proud to have as Partners in our youth Programs the following organizations:

- Imerys
- Roswell Rotary Club
- Roswell East Rotary Club

These organizations provide the funds to award the participant winners of Piedmont's youth programs:

- Poster Contest
- Knight Essay
- Enhanced JROTC and JROTC recognition
- Eagle Scout Program

The Piedmont Chapter extends its Sincere appreciation to these Organizations for joining with us in our community and patriotic Services.

—Submitted by
Past President Bob Sapp

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Installation of Piedmont's New President

Our new President, Vonley "Von" Joseph Starkey, pictured below, is receiving the oath of office administered by State President and Piedmont Chapter Past President, George Thurmond at the Annual Banquet February 17, 2006.





The following article was submitted by Compatriot Harold McPheeters, a native of Maine.

PROVINCE OF GEORGIA – IN MAINE?

While researching a McPheeters family from Maine at the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, DC some years ago I came upon a transcription of a "Petition of Some Settlers in Georgia" made in October of 1729 and transmitted to the Lords in London on 17 January 1730.

The Petition was addressed to "His Honnar, Colo. David Dunbar, Commander and Settler of His Majustis Provance of Georgia." David Dunbar was Surveyor to the King whose responsibilities were primarily to seek out sturdy pine trees in the colonies of New England and claim for use as masts of British Navy ships. Apparently Dunbar had been led to believe that one of the rewards for having served in that capacity would be that he would be allotted a Colony to settle.

The Petition states:

"We His Majustis loyall subjects & ye Honnars Humble Petitioners Earnestly Desirs and requests that according to His Majustis Instructions made Publick for the Inhabiting and Settling the Eastard of this Contry, would grant us a township to be laide out on the Eastern side of Kennebeck River, to run Eastwards amongst Mounswack Bay and Northerdly amongst Kenabeck River and so into the Contry, and we pray that your Honoar wuld give orders that it may be laid out this fall in order that we may make Improvements on the saim this winter by Clearing and making fraims in order to be in arediness to plant and make Houses in the Spring, the Delaying of which until the Spring will be a means of losing our Summers Improvement; Therefor we Humbly pray that as little time be lost as will Shewt with your Honoars Conveniency; And as in Duty bound we Shall Ever Pray."

The Petition was signed by 44 men including John McPhetres and his

father-in-law, James Duning.

Because our Georgia Colony was not established until 1733, it seemed strange that this petition was made in 1729 yet referenced the "Provance of Georgia." I wrote to the Maine Historical Society for further information. Their explanation was a bit vague and implied that either David Dunbar had been mistaken about the promise of a colony or some persons back in England had changed their minds about the offer.

In the additional materials sent by the Maine Historical Society was an account by David Dunbar's brother that this party of settlers from Northern Ireland had departed from Rotterdam intending to sail to the Pennsylvania Colony, but were blown off course to the coast of what is now Maine.

John McPhetres settled there on Arrowsic Island in the estuary of the Kennebeck River and raised his family there. His oldest son, Archibald McPheeters, was one of the founders of Bangor on the Penobscot River. Both Archibald and his son, Archibald McPheeters, Jr., later served in the Continental forces of the Revolutionary War at Orono, Maine, to keep British Navy ships from sailing up the River into the interior of Maine.

This is not my immediate line of the McPhetres family (which did settle in Pennsylvania Colony a few years earlier) but it is highly likely that they were close kin. I am trying now to get a Y-Gene DNA test specimen from one of the direct male descendants of the Maine family to check whether that is true.

--Harold L. McPheeters



Our Chapter Welcomes 13 New Members

We are pleased to report that our Chapter continues to grow with the addition of 13 new members during 2005. Additionally thus far in 2006 we have had one transfer / reinstatement and two transfer/reinstatements pending .

The 13 new members who joined us last year are:

- Robert Hanks Allgood,** Alpharetta, GA
- Robert Noble Allgood,** Austin, TX
- Neal Alexander Allgood,** Austin TX
- Carl Duane Bhame,** Atlanta, GA
- William Howard Bhame,** Madison, GA
- Wallace Wardwell Boyce, Jr.,** Cumming, GA
- Sean Robert Dodrill,** Alpharetta, GA
- Leon DeJarnette Dunham,** Alpharetta, GA
- Larry Alan Genn,** Buford, GA
- James Attaway Kennedy, Jr.**
- Joseph Kenneth Knox**
- Robert Earl Mitchell,** Alpharetta, GA
- Richard Pierce Smith,** Rutledge, GA

Our new Compatriot, **Robert Hanks Allgood**, now serves as our new Historian.

Never be afraid to try something new—

Remember that amateurs built the ark.

Professionals built The Titanic.

—Anon



Sampling History

Reciting the Presidents of The United States

In our Sampling History column in the January edition of the Piper we provided sentence memory aids to help recall the names of our first 13 presidents. We then invited our readers to provide additional sentence memory aids to complete the entire list of presidents, if possible.

Indeed, we soon heard from Compatriot Bill Forrester, who wrote:

“Your article in the January Piper aroused my curiosity, so I did a search of the World Wide Web for similar mnemonics. This one I found on a site maintained by the Psychology Department at the University of Illinois (Chicago). They use it as part of their studies of human memory.”

Here it is:

Washington and Jefferson made many a joke.

Van Buren had to put the frozen pan back.

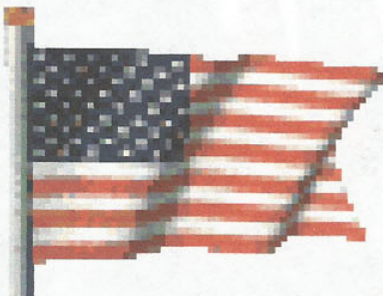
Lincoln just gasped, “Heaven guard America!”

Cleveland had coats made ready to wear home.

Coolidge hurried right to every kitchen jar nook.

Ford could read books carefully, but...

Bill’s mnemonic provides the last name



initials of all our presidents in proper order from Washington through George W. Bush. It will be recalled that Grover Cleveland served two non-consecutive terms with Benjamin Harrison serving a term in between. Cleveland therefore appears twice in the listing.

The list of Presidents follows:

1. Washington; 2. Adams; 3. Jefferson;
4. Madison; 5. Monroe; 6. Adams;
7. Jackson; 8. Van Buren; 9. Harrison;
10. Tyler; 11. Polk; 12. Taylor;
13. Fillmore; 14. Pierce; 15. Buchanan;
16. Lincoln; 17. Johnson; 18. Grant;
19. Hayes; 20. Garfield; 21.. Arthur;
22. Cleveland; 23. Harrison;
24. Cleveland; 25. McKinley;
26. T. Roosevelt; 27. Taft; 28. Wilson;
29. Harding; 30.. Coolidge;
31. Hoover; 32. F. Roosevelt;
33. Truman; 34. Eisenhower;
35. Kennedy; 36. Johnson; 37. Nixon;
38. Ford; 39. Carter; 40. Reagan;
- 41.. G. Bush; 42. Clinton;
43. G. W. Bush.

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FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1940

We are survivors! Consider the changes we have witnessed!

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees, and the PILL. We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ballpoint pens. Before panty hose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes...and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes, not for “coming out of”. Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagons. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Rivera Theater. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, yogurt and guys wearing earrings. ...not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware, and software wasn’t even a word.

Back then, “Made in Japan” meant *junk* and the term “making out” referred to how you did on your exams. Pizza, McDonalds and instant coffees were unheard of. We hit the scene where there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Ice cream cones sold for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600...but who could afford one? A pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon!

In our day, grass was mowed, COKE was a cold drink, and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a grandma’s lullaby, and AIDS were helpers in the principal’s office. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had, and we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today.

But, we SURVIVED! What better reason to celebrate?

-Contributed by Von Starkey



Snapshots from our Annual Banquet February 17, 2006

Above—Some of Piedmont's Past Presidents, l to r: Glynn Acree; Scott Ray; George Thurmond; Bob Bauchspies, Larry Guzy; Roger Lamb.

Below—State President George Thurmond with Piedmont's newly installed officers for the current term, l to r: Von Starkey, President; Carl Tanner, V.P.; Russ Deutschman, Secretary; Bill Walker, Chaplain; Bobby Shaw, Treasurer; Paul Prescott, Registrar; Bob Allgood, Historian; Walter Wolliver, Sergeant-at-Arms; Scott Ray, Piper Editor





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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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