

# The Piedmont Piper



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

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## From the President's Desk



Von Starkey

## Volunteering?

*"I am not influenced by the expectation of promotion or pecuniary reward. I wish to be useful, and every kind of service*

*necessary for the public good, becomes honorable by being necessary."*

*-- Nathan Hale (remark to Captain William Hull, who had attempted to dissuade him from volunteering for a spy mission for General Washington, September 1776) - The Patriot Post Founders' Quote Daily.*

In any good volunteer organization the community service commitment is the life blood of the group. This most basic need is fulfilled by the requirement for members to offer their precious time and talents for the good of the organization. In our community service organization the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the good tasks of the chapter usually fall on a few members. To continue the

quest of the Award Winning Piedmont Chapter we need a few more volunteers to step forward. The time and effort of these "well worn, always there, members" is appreciated and recognized. However, these tired members need our help!

**We have a great number of opportunities approaching.**

First, I would like for all members of the Piedmont Chapter to attend the upcoming grave markings scheduled over the next several months, by our Graves Chairman, Col. George Thurman. I am asking that you attend not one but all of them. The "Path of Honor" that we now follow in the Piedmont Chapter, is but a mere tracing of these marker foot steps laid down by these early members. I am making a personal request that you help us to recognize these past members by attending the services.

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday Sept. 16, 2006 Sept. Chapter Meeting

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

#### Speaker:

To be announced

**Color Guard Highlights**  
Frank Darwin Grave Marking  
DAR Constitution Day Luncheon  
NSSR Leadership Meeting  
Nathan Veal Grave Marking  
Kings Mountain Ceremony  
Siege of Savannah & Pulaski Mem.  
BOM, Forsyth, GA  
Ocmulgee Chapter Grave Marking  
Richardson Grave Marking  
(See Details on Page 4)

### Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 October Chapter Meeting

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

#### Speaker:

To be announced



Please, mark your calendars and let George Thurman know ASAP, that you will take the time to be there. Let each of us say," ... I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary for the public good, becomes honorable by being necessary."

Each member of the Piedmont Chapter is an important and necessary part of the chapter activities. These activities are kept updated by our web master, Paul Simpson.

Second, our award winning Piedmont Chapter Honor Guard could use a few extra members. Please contact Paul Prescott to become a part of this well respected and cherished group. He will be happy to help you order your uniform.

Third, our Americanism Committee Chairman Walt Woliver needs you to support our proclamation program. We will be adding a new Veterans Proclamation activity this November. Your presence at these community functions is recognized and appreciated by our elected officials.

Fourth, we have slipped and stumbled in our support of our veterans activities. Please contact Charles Moran and Skip Gray to offer your support. We need to be supporting these members to a far greater extend.

Finally, now more than ever, we need to stand out in the crowd as a beacon of our American values. It has become so easy to let someone else do it by saying I am too tired, I can't get there, I don't know the directions to where I need to go, or I really won't make a difference. Can you say that to the widow of the past member when you chose not to attend the grave marking? What about the widows of our Veterans when they are laid to rest? What about our children, in our schools, deprived of our past true history by the new revisionist historians? What excuse do you

have?

Let each of us say" ... I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary for the public good, become honorable by being necessary."

Are you necessary? Only you can answer that question. Will you become honorable by becoming necessary? What will be your answer and commitment? It is your turn to step forward.

If after all of these requests you can still not find the personal time to

### Wreath Presentation in Washington D.C.

Piedmont Past President George Thurmond had the rare opportunity to attend the Atlantic Middle States Annual Conference held in Washington, D.C. Following tradition, the National Society Executive Committee has its first meeting following appointments received at Congress. George is serving as a member of the NASSAR Executive committee for 2006-2007.

Each year the Conference attendees visit the Congressional Cemetery to place a wreath on the grave of the only Signer of the Declaration of Independence who is buried there, Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts. The cemetery contains the remains of 38 Revolutionary War Patriots and a number of early members of Congress.

Guardsmen from Maryland, Virginia and Georgia participated in the ceremony, viewed by 90 attendees and wives.



### IN MEMORIUM WILLIAM F. AIMONE 1918 — 2004

Compatriot William (Bill) Frederick Aimone was born November 16, 1918 in Patterson, N.J. to William Aimone and Ruth Tilton Aimone. He was raised in Hawrhorne, N.J. and attended Patterson College before entering the U. S. Army at the start of WWII.

Bill served two stints in the U. S. Army: World War II from August 1941 through January 1946 and the Korean War from July 1951 through October 1952. During WWII he was a Captain and the Commanding Officer of the 81st Division Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC). Under his command were a 12 man team of Special Agents and a 12 man Nisei (Japanese-American) interrogation team that won honors in the South Pacific and Japan. In 1945 he participated in the invasion of Palau Islands. As part of the Counter Intelligence group, he holds the distinction of being the first American

officer to set foot on mainland Japan at the conclusion of WWII. He was called back to the Korean War as an instructor in basic intelligence know-how for entering troops.

After the Korean War, Bill had a distinguished career in the insurance industry. He gained his CPCU (Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter) and went on to become Vice President and President of several insurance firms.

Bill is a direct descendant of John Antonides who served in the Continental Army and fought in the Battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778. The Antonides home was burned by the British on the date of this battle.

Bill is survived by his wife, Sabena, two children, Bill, Jr. and Patricia Pietrowsky, six grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Bill's proudest initials were CIC, CPCU and SAR.



From:

**Bill Walker**

Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



I Read the News Today

There is an old Beatles song that starts, "I read the news today, oh, boy," then describes two events (one trivial, one significant) and the public's reactions to them. At the first (an auto accident) the song says, "the crowd of people stood and stared." However, at the second (a film of the Allied victory in World War II) "the crowd of people turned away." How sad. They didn't appreciate the importance of the victory, which kept them free and speaking English instead of German.

Unless you're living in isolation, it's pretty hard not to read the news today. Oh, boy! Wars and talk of future wars in the Middle East, Africa, and East Asia; earthquakes in Indonesia, Eastern Europe, and Mexico; talk of pandemics and famines all over. All of these are significant. It seems, though, that most people are concerned instead with trivial things like steroids in baseball, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' new baby, and, of course, auto accidents. I guess little has changed since the Beatles' time.

In contrast, I'm like the singer in the song. After seeing the film he sang, "I just had to look, having read the book." I don't know which book the song meant, but *I* mean the Bible. After reading the news today, I'm reminded of Matthew 24:6-7, "*You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, [...]. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom*

*against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.*" (NIV) I'm no expert on prophecy, but it seems as though prophecy is being fulfilled right before our eyes. Those who *are* experts are saying the same thing, although they've been saying that for years.

Whether or not the end times are starting, many people wonder how the United States of America will fit in to them. She is currently the most powerful nation on Earth, yet the Bible makes no mention of her. Why? Probably for one of three reasons: (1) the US doesn't exist anymore as a world power, (2) the US is included among the group of nations that turn from God and against Israel, or (3) the US doesn't have a significant role in End Times prophecy. I prefer (3), because the first two are quite unattractive.

The United States has been blessed and protected by God because her people have loved God. Should America turn from God, He will more than likely withdraw his blessings and protection, leading to (1). We've seen some turning away in recent years. Some say 9/11 may have been a warning resulting from God pulling His hand back a bit. Fortunately, we've started seeing a return to God since then.

The United States is also the world's biggest supporter of Israel. We support Israel with our money, our military, and our influence in the international

community. The Bible says that in the End Times, nations that support Israel will be blessed, but those that are against Israel will be cursed. That could lead to (2). This latest war between Israel and Lebanon severely tested America's resolve to stand up with Israel. While the US did not get directly involved in the war, we did work behind the scenes on Israel's behalf.

Interestingly, an obscure reference in the Bible may show that the US will do just that in the End Times. In Ezekiel 38, Israel faces the final battle, during which the merchants of Tarshish "*and the young lions thereof*" basically observe and give encouragement but don't get involved. Several experts believe the "merchants of Tarshish" refers to Great Britain, and the "young lions" refer to the United States. If so, then the Bible supports (3) and the US is still around.

Our forefathers, fathers, brothers, children, and grandchildren fought over many years to create and keep this nation under God, and many are still fighting to keep her a nation under God for many more years, even into the End Times. They need our prayers, though. Pray that Americans keep turning to God. Pray for our leaders to make Godly decisions and to do His will. Pray for His protection of our military men and women, and for His blessings on their families.

Oh, and if you read the news today in English, be sure and thank a Veteran!

"Pray without ceasing" – I Thessalonians 5:17

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Remember, half the people you know are below average.

42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

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### MEET BOB BUCK

Compatriot Robert J. Buck is pictured above at age fifty-two, shortly before moving to Atlanta. He was born in Providence, R.I., and moved as a child with his family to the village of Garden City, Long Island, N.Y, where he and fellow Piedmont member Harold McPheeters grew up and knew each other well.

Bob entered Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. during World War II as a part of the navy's V 12 program and from there went on active duty, attending Midshipman School at Columbia University. Ultimately Bob was assigned to a CV Escort Carrier, which toured the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, while serving in the Navy, Bob married Ruth Burns, also from Garden City. They now have two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren. Ruth graduated from New Rochelle College in New York State. In the early days of their marriage Ruth acquired a pilots license and had a job flying small planes for delivery to the military.

After retirement from active duty at the end of World War II Bob remained in the Naval Reserve and spent two weeks each year on active duty until his ultimate retirement at the Naval Air Station in Marietta, GA.

Upon returning to civilian life at end of the war Bob worked for a number of years with an advertising agency in

New York, one of whose major clients was the Coca Cola Company, and he was transferred to Atlanta to service this account. Bob and Coke took a liking to each other, and after a time he entered Coke's employment here in Atlanta, where he held various marketing jobs including brand advertising, promotion and sales, product development, packaging visuals, budgeting, etc. Bob is now retired, and he and Ruth live in East Cobb County.

Bob joined the Piedmont Chapter shortly after its formation in 1994. He served as our Chaplain from 1998 through 2003.

Bob traces his ancestry back to Jonathan Buck, Sr. of Bucksport, Maine and maintains a dual membership with an SAR chapter in Maine, honoring this ancestor.

### COL. BOB BAUCHSPIES HONORED

The Piedmont Chapter presented two flags to the Georgia Society Color Guard at the Board of Managers Meeting in Forsyth on July 29, the Hopkinson and Sons of Liberty Flags, with funds derived from participation in the Windward Children's Parade on July 4.

The flags were presented in honor of Compatriot Bob Bauchspies, who, as a member of the Windward Homeowners Association and Past Deputy Commander of the Color Guard, has organized the Piedmont Chapter's participation in leading the parade for many years.

Robert Sapp, Past President of the Piedmont Chapter, made the presentation, while Compatriots Jack Ferguson and Paul Prescott brought the flags forward on staffs provided by the Georgia Society.

A photo of the event is shown on Page 5.

### GASSAR COLOR GUARD COMING EVENTS

9 Sep. Grave Marking Honoring Piedmont's First President, **Frank Darwin**, Blairsville, GA. 1100 hrs.

16 Sep. DAR Constitution Day Luncheon, Ansley Golf Club. Speaker: Sen. **Johnny Isakson**. 1100 Hrs.

29, 30 Sep. Leadership Meeting, NSSAR, Louisville, Ky.

30 Sep. Nathan Veal Grave Marking, Deepstep, GA

7 Oct. Kings Mountain Memorial Celebration, Kings Mountain, SC

9-10 Oct. Siege of Savannah & Pulaski Memorial, Savannah, GA

7-14 Oct. Board of Managers Meeting, Forsyth, GA 1000 hrs.

14 Oct. Ocmulgee Grave Marking. Details to follow.

15 Oct. Richardson Grave Marking, Hart County by Samuel Elbert Chapter.

19 Oct. Celebration of Surrender at Yorktown, Yorktown, VA

29 Oct. Marquis de la Fayette Chapter Grave marking.

4 Nov. Grave Markings, Piedmont Members James Colvin & William Aimone, Arlington Mem. Park.

5 Nov. Grave Marking, Marquis de Lafayette.

18 Nov. Ft. Morris Celebration, Liberty County (near Midway, GA)

2 Dec. Grave Marking, Piedmont member, Richard Titus, Ft. Mitchell National Military Cemetery, AL, 1100 hours.

For additional details, contact Piedmont Color Guard Commander, Paul Prescott . (770) 360-5766.



Above: Two flags presented on behalf of the Piedmont Chapter at the Board of Managers Meeting in Forsyth on July 29. The flags were presented in honor of Compatriot Bauchspies seated to the left between the two flags. See story on Page 4.

Below: On August 2 at 7 AM the Piedmont Color Guard presented the colors at the Grand Opening of the new grocery department at the Wal-Mart superstore in Dunwoody. During the event Wal-Mart presented our Chapter a check for \$500.



### MY CUP HAS OVERFLOWED

I've never made a fortune,  
And it's probably too late now.  
But I don't worry about that much,  
I'm happy anyhow  
And I go along life's way,  
I'm reaping better than I sowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough  
But I've got loving ones all around  
me,  
And that makes me rich enough.  
I thank God for His blessings,  
And the mercies He's bestowed.  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went  
wrong,  
My faith wore somewhat thin.  
But all at once the dark clouds broke  
And the sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe  
About the tough rows I've hoed  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and  
courage,  
When the way grows steep and  
rough.  
I'll not ask for other blessings,  
I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy,  
To help others bear their loads.  
Then I'll keep drinking from my  
Saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

When I think of how many people in  
this world have it worse than I do,  
I realize how blessed we really are.

### DON'T BE TOO BUSY TODAY

LOVE NEVER GIVES UP,  
NEVER LOSES FAITH,  
IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL,  
AND ENDURES.

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## SAMPLING HISTORY

### Founding of Georgia and The Four Prohibitions

It isn't always necessary to search for history in some weighty tome. And sometimes it is only necessary to look for it right where you happen to be.

Several weeks ago Mary and I joined our daughter and her family for a vacation on Saint Simons Island. One day we drove up to Savannah and decided to take a guided tour to see as much as we could during our brief stay. Our tour guide was a middle-aged lady who knew the City and its history quite well.

As our tour got underway our guide launched into her discourse with enthusiasm. Georgia, she explained, was chartered in London in 1772 and got underway in 1773 with the founding of the City of Savannah. Its Royal Governor and commander of its armed forces was General James Edward Oglethorpe. The citizens of the neighboring Colony of South Carolina were pleased with the new settlement as it was perceived as a buffer between South Carolina and the troublesome Spaniards in Florida to the south.

Many of the earliest citizens of the new colony were paroled from Debtors Prison and became small independent farmers in the new settlement. Their homes were in Savannah but they tended farms just outside the City. A Substantial contingent of British troops were also in evidence.

General Oglethorpe decreed there were to be four prohibitions in the new colony:

**1. No Catholics.** Britain had become a protestant nation officially but there was still a substantial number of British Catholics. The reason for this prohibition was not religious prejudice, as one might at first suspect, but concern that British Catholics might tend to sympathize with Catholic Spain, in a situation where complete loyalty to

the Crown was deemed of the utmost importance. In the ensuing years Savannah attracted a substantial number of Catholic citizens, primarily of Irish descent. Today Savannah has the second largest Saint Patricks Day Celebration in the nation (second only to New York City), the Savannah River is dyed green, and everyone is deemed an "honorary Irishman" for the day.

**2. No Slavery.** Oglethorpe sought for Georgians to be hard working free men living by the sweat of their own brow. Unfortunately this prohibition did not continue as the upcountry above Savannah and beyond rapidly began to fill up with immigrants from the Carolinas who brought slaves with them. Because of the great distances involved this prohibition became increasingly difficult to enforce and after a time fell by the way.

**3. No Lawyers.** Under Oglethorpe's system disputes were to be settled by requiring the litigants to represent themselves or to have a friend to speak for them. Many people today may feel it is a tragedy this system did not remain in effect. (Sorry, Russ, just kidding!) The British common law was the governing authority. Soon it became apparent that this system was impractical, because lay people just don't understand what the law is. Under this system it was quite possible for two persons to be tried in separate instances under identical circumstances, but with opposite results simply because the applicable law was not understood and applied equally.

**4. No Liquor.** This prohibition anticipated the Constitutional Amendment in the early part of the

Century forbidding alcohol, which was later repealed. Both failed for the same reason — lack of public support.

—Submitted by Scott Ray,  
Piper Editor

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**Your Contributions To Sampling History Will Be Appreciated**

Not all history items need be about weighty matters such as the signing of the Declaration of Independence. If you wish to research such items as these we suspect you would look to reputable history books—not back issues of the Piper. Where we can make a difference is in printing items of local or personal interest. Perhaps you are aware of some past event which occurred in the area where you grew up or perhaps where you lived at some later time. Events which touched on the life of one of your ancestors are always welcome.

If you have questions or suggestions please call the Editor at (404) 3 25-9516.

**Attorney: What is your date of birth?**

**Witness: July 18th.**

**Attorney: What year?**

**Witness: Every year.**

**Attorney: What gear were you in at the moment of impact?**

**Witness: Gucci sweats and Reebocks.**

**Attorney: Were you present when your picture was taken?**

**Witness: Would you repeat the question?**

**Attorney: ALL your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?**

**Witness: Oral.**

**Attorney: How was your first marriage terminated?**

**Witness: By death.**

**Attorney: And by whose death was it terminated?**





August 5, 2006

**OLD SOLDIERS DAY PARADE, ALPHARETTA, GA.**

Above: Float jointly utilized by Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter, DAR and Piedmont Chapter, SAR.

Below: Uniformed participants with the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard.





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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.

**DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT MONTH EDITION:**

The last Monday of the month preceding the date of issue. Please send all articles and photos as early as possible because the space available in the newsletter is often filled prior to the deadline date. Pictures will be scanned and returned to the sender.

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