

The Piedmont Piper



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OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE

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From the President's Desk



Carl Tanner

The talk made by Dr. Malone Dodson at our August Meeting was equal to the expectations expressed by several of our members who have known Dr. Dodson over the years. His knowledge of early Georgia personalities and their

roles during the revolutionary war places him as a true patriot.

The next group of speakers will point in a new direction for our meetings. Many events will be taking place in the near future, and in one way or another may provide additional information relative to perspectives on the presidential and congressional elections that are to take place in November of next year. Consequentially, some of the speakers we are to hear will be able to provide us with some insights on events of the recent past.

The first of these will be Karen Handel, Georgia's Secretary of State. She will be speaking in our September meeting which also happens to be on September 15, which is Constitution Day, the date the Constitutional Convention approved our Constitution and submitted it to the states for ratification. There-

fore, as Sons of the American Revolution, this should be an important date for each of us. Let us show our colors by attending this important event.

The DAR will also be holding its annual Constitution Day Dinner, which is heavily supported by the SAR. This will be a formal dinner held in the Ansley Golf Club located at 196 Montgomery Ferry Drive in Atlanta beginning at 11:00 AM on September 15, following shortly after our Chapter Meeting in Roswell. The Guest Speaker will be Judge William S. Duffey, Jr. Make your reservations by sending \$28.00 per person payable to Mary Simonds at 12865 Bucksport Drive, Roswell, Georgia 30075-6316. Reservations must be received by September 5 in order to facilitate the preparation of nametags.

During the next period of the chapter we will be forming a review committee to review the performance of the chapter so far this year. The work for this
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Upcoming Events

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007
September Chapter Meeting
Double Tree Hotel
1075 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Roswell, GA
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Meeting
Speaker:
Hon. Karen Handel
GA. Secretary of State

Color Guard Highlights
Sept. 15—DAR Constitution
Week Luncheon, Ansley Golf Club,
Atlanta. 11:00 AM
Sept. 22—225th Anniversary of
Last Battle of American Revolution
Near Chattanooga, TN

Saturday, October 20, 2007
October Chapter Meeting
Double Tree Hotel
1075 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Roswell, GA
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Meeting
Speaker:
To Be Announced



JIM MCINTIRE

A Word From Our Vice President

We are advised in Matthew Chapter 5 Verses 14 - 15 that “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house”.

We in the Piedmont Chapter, GAS-SAR, are singularly blessed with the ability to provide light to our members, our friends and the general public through the strong communications and outreach provided to the news media by Col. George Thurmond, Publicity Chairman; to our members by Carl Bhame, Secretary, who blasts email announcements and Chapter minutes; to Paul Simpson, Webmaster, whose website has been visited over 1100 times in the one month period ended August 14, 2007 by viewers ranging from California to Washington, DC; and to Scott Ray, Editor of the *Piedmont Piper* which is made available to our members both by snail mail and by download from our web site.

I commented in an article in the May 2007 issue of the *Piper* that “both in the newspapers and in individual conversations I have heard the complaint that in the Atlanta area it is difficult to meet people, form friendships and develop a sense of community”. Our Chapter is fortunate to have a large number of members. Attendance at our regular meetings has been running at or above 30 attendees for the past several months and is still growing. These meetings provide an opportunity to

hear interesting programs, learn of the recent and planned activities of the Chapter and to enjoy each others’ fellowship.

We have a number of members who, for a variety of reasons, do not have the opportunity to attend our meetings. In addition to our local members we have others who, while in Georgia, live too far away to attend. We also have members who live in seven states outside Georgia. Thanks to the *Piper* they, too, can be kept informed of the activities of the Piedmont Chapter and continue to feel that they are a part of our organization. An additional use which has proven to be invaluable in recruiting potential new members and speakers is to include the *Piper* in PDF format as an attachment to an email which contains the message and includes links to the web sites of our Chapter and the State and National Societies.

A review of recent *Piper* issues discloses the kind of information provided:

1. Commentaries by the President, Vice President and Chaplain;
2. Member profiles containing valuable information that would not be otherwise available;
3. Historical vignettes that help to frame our perspectives;
4. Upcoming events including the Color Guard Schedule;
5. Pictures and articles describing recent Chapter activities;
6. And last, but not least, stimuli for the Funny Bone.

In the twelve years of its existence the *Piper* has had only four editors: Herman Tovey for one year; Jack McCord for three years; Paul Simpson for three



years; and Scott Ray who will complete his fifth year this September. I hope each of you who reads this comment will think fondly of Scott and extend to him your thanks for a job well done.



**COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE
September through November
2007**

- 1 Sept.—Thomas Trammell Grave Marking, Thomaston, GA. 1400 hrs.
- 6 Sept.—Marquis de Lafayette Birthday, LaGrange, GA. 1800 hrs.
- 14 Sept.—Wreath Laying, Augusta, GA. (no request yet)
- 15 Sept.—DAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Atlanta, GA. 1030 hrs.
- 15 Sept.—Francis Marion’s 275th Birthday, Stephens, SC, 1000 hrs.
- 22 Sept.—225th Anniv. Of Last Battle of the American Revolution near Chattanooga, TN.
- 23 Sept.— Gen. Andrew Pickens 268th Birthday Celebration, Clemson, SC.
- 30 Sept—Porter & Cooper Grave Markings near Pickens, SC. 1300 hrs.
- 6 Oct.—John Harris Grave Marking, (Button Gwinnett Chapter) 1100 hrs.
- 7 Oct.—Battle at Kings Mtn, Kings Mtn, NC. 1100 hrs.
- 9 Oct—Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA. 0700 hrs.
- 13 Oct-BOM, Forsyth, GA 1000 hrs.
- 13 Oct—Allen Gay Grave Marking, Newnan, GA. 1600 hrs.
- 19 Oct—Surrender at Yorktown, Yorktown, VA. 1000 hrs.
- 19 Oct.—GA Council for Social Studies, Athens.

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From the President's Desk
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Committee will be to review all the measures that are to be used by the state and national organizations to determine how we have performed. This will provide us the ability to determine for ourselves what areas need quick improvements. Additionally, these measures should provide us with information needed for the end-of-the-year report.

COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE

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20 Oct—Grave Marking, Ocmulgee Chapter, 1400 hours.

27 Oct—Kettle Creek, 5 Grave Markings.

3 Nov.—Michael Gaar Grave Marking, Ruckersville, GA, 1100 hrs.

3 Nov.—Dozier Thornton Grave Marking, (near above). 1430 hrs.

17 Nov.—Ft. Morris (no request yet)

1 Dec.—Daniel Higdon Grave Marking, Columbus, GA . 1115 hrs.

7 Dec.—We the People, Atlanta (no contact yet).

14 Dec.—Battle of the Great Cane Brake, near Simpsonville, SC.

Old Soldiers Day Parade, Alpharetta, GA
August 4, 2007



Above: Piedmont Color Guard Ready to Parade



Above: Parade Float with DAR/SAR Display



Above: Piedmont Color Guard at Alpharetta City Hall

FLY THE FLAG

A message from Piedmont Past President Von Starkey:

Please join us in this FLY THE FLAG Campaign.

THE PROGRAM IS THIS:

On Monday, September 11, 2007 an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office and store in the United States.

Every individual should make it his or her duty to display an American flag on this the fifth anniversary of our country's worst tragedy. We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who are today fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11 our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder to shoulder against terrorism. Sadly these flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times, and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

Action Plan: So, here's what we need for you to do:

Fly an American flag of any size on 9/11. Honestly, Americans should fly the flag the year-round, but if you don't, then at least make it a priority on this day.



SAR/DAR/CAR JOINT PICNIC Roswell Area Park Pavilion 1

Our Chapter is planning a picnic together with the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter, DAE and the CAR to be held September 22 at 3:00 p.m. at Pavilion 1 at the Roswell Area Park on Woodstock Road.

Originally the plan was to have been a potluck affair, but recognizing the busy schedules of many of our members, the decision was made to have the event catered. Come and eat and leave preparations and cleanup to someone else at the low cost of \$15 per person.

The decision to have the event catered does require that we have a reasonable estimate of anticipated attendance so we can place our order in advance of the event. At our September meeting a sign-up sheet will be circulated indicating the names of the members planning to attend and the number of guests anticipated. This list was also made available at the August meeting. Recognizing that not all of our members who wish to attend could be present at either of these meetings, please notify our Vice President Jim McIntire by E-mail or phone of your plans if you should be unable to attend either of these meetings.

(Jim.Mcintire@rrmcpa.com or 770-552-9410)

There has been a great deal of interest expressed by the members of the SAR and the DAR. We hope that this event will stimulate interest and participation in both chapters and will provide some End-of-Summer fun for us all .

__Submitted by Jim McIntire, V.P.

PROGNOSTICATIONS GONE AWRY

1. "Man will never reach the moon regardless of all future scientific advances." —Dr. Lee DeForest, "Father of Radio."

2. "The bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosives." —Admiral William Leahy, US Atomic Bomb Project.

3. "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."—Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949.

4. "But what is it good for?"—Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.

5. "640 K ought to be enough for anybody."—Bill Gates, 1981.

6. "This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." —Western Union internal memo, 1876.

7. "I'm just glad it will be Clark Gable who will be falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."

8. "We don't like their sound , and guitar music is on the way out."—Decca Recording Co, rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

9. "Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau."—Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929.

10. "Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value."—Marshall Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre, France.

11. "Everything that can be invented has been invented."—Charles H. Duell, Commissioner , US Office of Patents, 1929.

And last but not least..

12. "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home"—Ken Olson, president , chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977.

—Submitted by Jack Ferguson



CAMELIA SIMS
Early Independence Day
Celebrations

In 1776, John Adams, one of the signers and later the second president of the US, wrote to his wife Abigail that he believed the signing:

"...will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

A year later on July 4, 1777, the city of Philadelphia held the first elaborate celebration containing all the elements of typical future Independence Day celebrations. The Philadelphia celebrations were described the following day in a newspaper:

"Yesterday the 4th of July, being the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America, was celebrated in this city with demonstration of joy and festivity. About noon all the armed ships and galleys in the

river were drawn up before the city, dressed in the gayest manner, with the colours of the United States and streamers displayed. At one o'clock, the yards being properly manned, they began the celebration of the day by a discharge of thirteen cannon from each of the ships, and one from each of the thirteen galleys, in honour of the Thirteen United States. In the afternoon an elegant dinner was prepared for Congress, to which were invited the President and Supreme Executive Council, and Speaker of the Assembly of this State, the General Officers and Colonels of the army, and strangers of eminence, and the members of the several Continental Boards in town. The Hessian band of music taken in Trenton the 26th of December last, attended and heightened the festivity with some fine performances suited to the joyous occasion, while a corps of British deserters, taken into the service of the continent by the State of Georgia, being drawn up before the door, filled up the intervals with feux de joie. After dinner a number of toasts were drank, all breaking independence, and a generous love of liberty, and commemorating the memories of those brave and worthy patriots who gallantly exposed their lives, and fell gloriously in defence [sic] of freedom and the righteous cause of their country. Each toast was followed by a discharge of artillery and small arms, and a suitable piece of music by the Hessian band. The glorious fourth of July was reiterated three times accompanied with triple discharges of cannon and small arms, and loud huzzas that resounded from street to street through the city. Towards evening several troops of horse, a corps of

artillery, and a brigade of North Carolina forces, which was in town on its way to join the grand army, were drawn up in Second street and reviewed by Congress and the General Officers. The evening was closed with the ringing of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks, which began and concluded with thirteen rockets on the commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated. Every thing was conducted with the greatest order and decorum, and the face of joy and gladness was universal. Thus may the 4th of July, that glorious and ever memorable day, be celebrated through America, by the sons of freedom, from age to age till time shall be no more. Amen, and amen." (Virginia Gazette, 18 July 1777)*

*Source: <http://www.american.edu/heintze/fourth.htm> -- James R. Heintze, The Fourth of July Encyclopedia

Did You Know?

- Many resolutions in favor of independence began to appear throughout the colonies in the spring of 1776.
- On June 7, 1776, during the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, according to instructions from the Virginia convention introduced a resolution stating, "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states...."

On July 2, 1776, twelve colonies voted for the resolution for independence, drafted by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia.

- Independence Day is celebrated on July fourth because that is the day when the Continental Congress adopted the final draft of the Decla-

ration of Independence drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

- John Adams, a lawyer at that time, and later the first Vice President and the Second President of the United States, was one of the members of the Second Continental Congress who signed the Declaration of Independence. Although he was mistaken in thinking that independence would be observed July 2nd, he was right that Independence Day would be greatly celebrated in American history.

- George Washington did not sign the Declaration of Independence because he was with his army, not in Philadelphia. Since 1775, he had been appointed the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

- Presidents born on the 4th of July:
 - Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States. Born on July 4, 1872 in Plymouth, Vermont.

- Presidents who died on the 4th of July:

- John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The two presidents died on July 4, 1826, fifty years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

- In 1941, the Congress declared the 4th of July a federal holiday.

Patriotic-Sounding Names*

- Thirty places nationwide have “liberty” in its name. The most populous one is Liberty, Mo. (29,042). Iowa, with four, has more of these places than any other state: Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty.

- Thirty-two places are named “eagle” — after the majestic bird that serves as our national symbol. (Places include cities, towns, villages and census-designated places.) The most

populous such place is Eagle Pass, Texas, with 25,571 residents. There is also Eagle-County, Colo., with a population of 49,085.

- Eleven places have “independence” in their name. The most populous of these is Independence, Mo., with 110,208 residents.

- Five places adopted the name “freedom.” Freedom, Calif., with 6,000 residents, has the largest population among these.

- There is one place named “patriot” — Patriot, Ind., with a population of 195.

- And what could be more fitting than spending the Fourth of July in a place called “America”? There are five such places in the country, with the most populous being American Fork, Utah, population 21,372.

*Source: http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/010033.html

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HUMOR FOR LEXOPHILES (Lovers of Words)

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Police were called to a day care center Where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He’s all right now.

The roundest knight at King Arthur’s round table was Sir Cumference.

The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a short medium at large.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.

Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.

We’ll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.

When the fog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The math teacher went crazy with the blackboard. He did a number on it.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A bicycle can’t stand alone. It is two tired.

A will is a dead giveaway.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

—Submitted by Billie Vidmar.



COL. BOB BAUCHSPIES INTERMENT
Arlington Cemetery near Washington, D.C. May 1, 2007

In our July 2007 edition we featured an article and photos of Chapter Past President Bob Bauchspies' interment at Arlington Cemetery. Three additional photos are shown here.

Above left: Compatriot Skip Gray with Arlington tombstones in background. Above right: Bob's widow, Karin, holding American flag presented as part of ceremony.

Below: Compatriot Jack Ferguson stands at attention before Church with Bob's casket at right.



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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 Double Tree Hotel, 1075 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, Georgia. Most members choose to arrive by 8:00 a.m. to enjoy breakfast together. The cost is \$15.00 each.

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, Robert A. Sapp at 770-971-0189** 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 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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