

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



Bob Shaw

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It's Thanksgiving or is it?

This time of year we celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving, first observed by the early settlers to acknowledge the bounty they received during their first year in the new world.

Do we give thanks for our bounty each year as these settlers did, or do we look forward to a weekend of leisure?

When Thanksgiving rolls around I am reminded of a portion of a verse from the book of Ecclesiastes "...a time to sow and a time to reap that which is sown..." Growing up on a farm, I was heavily involved in the harvest. Cotton had to be picked, corn had to be gathered, fodder had to be pulled, sugar cane cut to make syrup, sweet potatoes dug and mown hay put in the barn, along with many other

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Below President Bob Shaw presents a Flag Certificate to Laura Hollie and John Brooker Jr. of the IMERYS Company in Sandersville, Georgia. In addition to properly displaying the American flag, IMERYS has provided a generous donation to the Piedmont Chapter for several years. The Piedmont Chapter attendees were left to right: George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott and President Bob Shaw.





Piedmont Chapter Meetings and Upcoming Events



Allen Greenly



Above Vice President Carl Bham presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to Sally Bethea who was our Guest Speaker at the September Chapter meeting. Ms. Bethea provided information about efforts to protect and restore the Chattahoochee River. She is the founding director of Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, a 4,500 member non-profit environmental advocacy organization established in 1994 whose mission is to protect and restore the Chattahoochee River, its tributaries and watershed.

Ms. Bethea has an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a masters degree in city planning from Georgia Tech, and an honorary doctorate from LaGrange College—as well as thirty years of experience in environmental issues. She has served on the national boards of Waterkeeper Alliance and River Network and the Georgia Board of Natural Resources (1999-2007). Currently, she is a member of the board of Earth Share of Georgia.

In 2008, Georgia River Network established the *Sally Bethea River Champion Award* and recognized her as its first recipient. She also received the 2008 *Ullman Innovative Leadership Award* presented by the Georgia Center for

Mr. Mark Webb, President of the Cherokee Chapter, was the Guest Speaker at our October Meeting. He presented an outstanding talk about Cavalry of the Revolutionary War, a topic he has researched extensively. His interest in the Revolutionary Cavalry was sparked by his discovery that his patriot ancestor was a member of the Cavalry.

Mark has been serving the Georgia Society for several years as Chairman of the IT Committee (winning the prestigious PG Vance Best Website Award for three consecutive years), Vice Chairman of the Source Book Committee, which is available in its Web Edition, and past Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mark was awarded the Meritorious Service Award from the Georgia Society, SAR in 2007, and is a George Washington Fellow with the National Society, SAR.

Most recently Mark was awarded the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals, for his participation and service with the award-winning Georgia Society SAR Color Guard.

Upcoming Events

November 21, 2009
Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting

Speaker

Dr. Joseph Kitchens of the Reinhardt College Funk Heritage Center. He will speak on the Colonial Deerskin Trade.

December 19, 2009
Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting

Speaker

Billy Templeton who will impersonate Ben Franklin.



President Bob Shaw welcomes new members, Jim Paine and his son Richard Paine to the Piedmont Chapter. They are descendents of Colonel Jesse Root, a Captain in the Connecticut Volunteers and a member of the Continental Congress from Connecticut.



Richard Paine

Richard was born in Atlanta and grew up in Alpharetta. He has a brother, Greg and a sister, Melanie. All attended Milton High School, and all still live in the Alpharetta area. Richard has enjoyed working on the family history with his father, Jim Paine, and they decided to join the SAR together. Richard learned that he and his family are descendents of Colonel Jesse Root of Connecticut.

Richard is interested in genealogy, and this interest was really thrown into high gear when his family was going through his grandfather's collection of historical family documents and other items after he passed away in 2001. Richard was "appointed" the family historian, and he has had a good time researching and cataloging the family history. He hopes to continue to add new items over time and to provide a good record for the next generation of Paines.

Richard currently lives in Woodstock and has two children, Elizabeth, 9 years old, and Carter who is 6 years old. Photography is one of his hobbies, and he has turned his photography skills into his business. He works in the field of construction documentation photography, traveling the State and visiting many interesting job sites. Richard also enjoys hiking and boating with his children, and he spends as much time as he can with them.

Jim Paine

Jim was born in Atlanta and has lived in Alpharetta since 1971. Jim attended the University of Georgia and Georgia State University. He has three children, Greg, Melanie and Richard and six wonderful grandchildren all living nearby! Jim retired last year from a thirty-five year career as an Independent Manufacturer's Representative in the radio communications field. He also has served fourteen years on the Alpharetta City Council, and his current term ends this year because of term limits.

Jim's interest in genealogy resurfaced several years ago when his daughter Melanie found DAR documents dated 1901 listing his Grandmother. Melanie, Jim and Richard worked together to collect information for Melanie's application to DAR and Jim's application to SAR. They had a great time and learned a lot in the process.

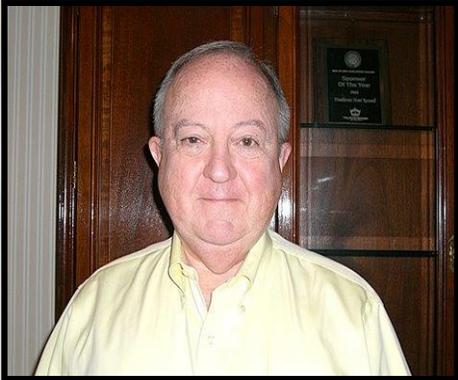
Jim and Richard are descendents of patriot Colonel Jesse Root. Colonel Root was an active member of the Council of Safety of Connecticut, which originated and completed the project of capturing Ticonderoga and Crown Point. On December 30, 1776, he enlisted as a Captain in a Company of Connecticut volunteers. General Putman appointed him Deputy Adjutant General for his Detachment (East side of the Hudson River) in an order dated Camp Peekskill, July 9, 1777. In 1779, Colonel Root was elected delegate to the Congress of the Continental Congress and remained there until the close of the War in 1783. In 1796 he began his service as Chief Justice of Connecticut which lasted eleven years.



From 
Allen Finley
 Piedmont Chapter Chaplain

Piedmont Chapter Color Guard Participated in Constitution Week sponsored by the Ft. Peachtree Chapter DAR

The Piedmont Color Guard participated in the annual Constitution Week luncheon sponsored by the Ft. Peachtree DAR Chapter. The Piedmont Color Guard was invited to present the colors. The luncheon was held at the Northern Trust Bank Building on Northside Drive, Atlanta, Georgia. Notice the table decoration shown to honor the United States Constitution. Shown below L-R are Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp and Jack Ferguson.



Our walk continues and we arrive at the letter “P”.

This is a continuation in a series of articles written to help us think about various words that will give insight into what our ancestral grandparents must have experienced when they came to this “new” land.

As they left their respective native homelands and crossed the ocean, they came to build a new life. Collectively, they also helped build what we know as the greatest nation on the face of the earth. We know that there are some people who live here and disagree with that statement. But consider “greatest” in terms of things like individual freedoms, and the ability of everyone to achieve whatever they perceive for themselves. I know that our country is evolving. As members of the SAR we must be engaged helping it evolve on its founding principles as our ancestors did as slaves of all colors, ages and nationalities were freed and women were given the right to vote. But as our forefathers and their families struggled to accomplish their dreams, two words must have been in each of their minds.

Prayer and Persevere are those two words. At each of our SAR Chapter meetings we begin with an invocation, a prayer: “Almighty God.....” Although we do not all belong to the same church, this individual freedom that our forefathers worked for allows each of us to come together to thank God for our free-

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Membership Renewal Form

The Piedmont Chapter membership renewal process

Now is the time to write and mail your check for the 2010 membership dues. To ensure all information on members is current for the production of our Annual Directory in time for our February Annual Banquet, provide your current information with your membership renewal. The 2010 national, state and chapter dues are shown below. If you are a dual member only the \$25 Chapter dues is required. If you are a life member, your dues are \$38. Dues not paid by **December 31st** will mean that you become inactive and must be reinstated to be current.

Please make your check payable to: **Piedmont Chapter, SAR** and mail it, with this form to:

Bob Shaw, Treasurer
2900 Barbara Lane
Marietta, GA 30062-1433

Please make any needed corrections to the information shown on your address label and include your e-mail address.

Enclosed are my annual dues for the Sons of the American Revolution:

Chapter dues:	\$25.00	
National dues:	\$30.00	
State dues:	<u>\$13.00</u>	
	Sub-total	\$68.00
Optional Contribution to Piedmont Chapter (Please designate appropriate committee)		\$ _____
Optional Contribution to NSSAR (CAAH, etc) (Please designate appropriate program)		\$ _____
Dual Membership Dues: ()	\$25.00	_____
	Total remittance:	\$ _____

Directory information:

Name: _____ National Number: _____
Address: _____ State Number: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Mil Svc Branch/Dates _____
Telephone number: _____ e-mail: _____
Wife's name: _____
Has information changed?



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dom and to seek His blessings and guidance.

We then repeat the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America”, and we say “I pledge..... one Nation under God....” Again we are acknowledging our fundamental belief in “liberty and justice for all”. Are we merely repeating it, or are we making a pledge in the form of a prayer to stand up for that which our forefathers worked and died?

At the conclusion of our Chapter meetings, we stand and give a Benediction, another prayer. So in the matter of the hour that our meeting last, we have offered three prayers. The most wonderful part of this is that they are individual in that we are asking and praying to our God as a person.

While we live our structured lives, we have to recall that our ancestors lived a much different type of life. I am sure that I would have said several prayers as I got on a boat to cross the ocean. I know that I would have said several prayers as the shore line disappeared from view. I know that I would have been praying for the next shore line to appear. I know that when I saw the shoreline again, there would have been another prayer, to be followed by yet another once I had my feet on dry land again.

Our ancestors were able to persevere in those tough and trying times as they crossed the ocean and as they established a life, building a home in this new land. My SAR ancestral grandfather lived to be 75 years of age. As a man of the cloth serving as a spy for General Washington, I am sure his life was one of prayer.

May God Bless these forefathers and help us to honor them and those who serve today in harm’s way. Amen.

Piedmont Chapter Registrar Bob Sapp provided the Registrar’s Report at the October meeting. Bob also explained some of the challenges of this position as he works to help individuals research their genealogy and submit accurate applications for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. The Registrar’s Report for October is included on page 9.



Allen Greenly

Below President Bob Shaw and members of the Piedmont Color Guard present the Patriotic Recognition Award to members of the Jared Irwin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. The Jared Irwin Chapter raised the funds and installed this impressive life size statue of George Washington in Irwin Park, Sandersville, Georgia. Left to right are: Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, and President Bob Shaw. Representatives of the DAR are: Marylin Daniel, Regent, Stella Sue Jackson, Anne Smith, Bernice Strickland, Penny Smith, Vonnie Boyer, and Nancy Tarbutton.



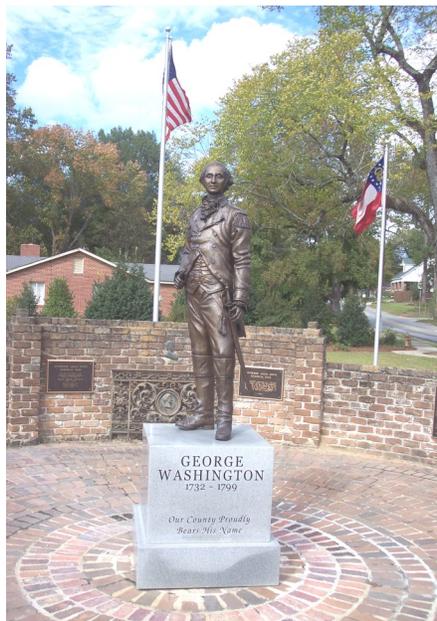


Above President Bob Shaw presents the Liberty Bell Award streamer to Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott, who also serves as GAS-SAR Color Guard Commander. The streamer was awarded to the Piedmont Chapter by the NASSAR Congress for excellence in following NASSAR principles and policies in programs and activities.

Georgia Society Color Guard Schedule

- 11 Nov – Perimeter Christian School Vet Day Program, Duluth, GA
- 11 Nov – Vet Day Parade, Dawsonville, GA
- 12 Nov – Johns Creek Elementary School Vet Day Program, Johns Creek, GA
- 14 Nov – Patriot Benjamin Wofford Grave Marking, Bartow County, GA
- 21 Nov – Piedmont Chapter Meeting
- 21 Nov – Ft. Morris “Come and Take It” Celebration, Midway, GA
- 5 Dec – Vann’s Creek Celebration, Elberton, GA
- 11 Dec – “We the People”, State Capitol, Atlanta, GA
- 17 Dec – Washington-Wilkes Chapter Charter Presentation, Washington, GA
- 9 Jan – Color Guard Awards Luncheon, Lawrenceville, GA
- 16 Jan – Daniel Morgan Wreath Presentation, Spartanburg, SC
- 16 Jan – 228th Anniversary of the battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC

Impressive bronze statue of George Washington displayed in Governor Jared Irwin Memorial Park, Sandersville, located in Washington County Georgia.



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“chores” that had to be accomplished. Each year, my father would assess whether the harvest was bountiful enough to sustain us until the next harvest or if it failed to even pay the merchant who extended credit in the spring for seeds and fertilizer. This was my family’s bounty.

Because of the patriots we honor in our organization, we are able to remember the good and poor harvests of our lives. But how did our ancestors celebrate Thanksgiving? Some members of the Revolutionary army were farmers who left their homes to fight for a cause they believed in which enabled them to make sacrifices for victory. I doubt that many had a feast to honor the harvest of food-stuffs, but the meager rations of their feast let them remember the wives left behind to look after the crops and gather that which had been sown. In researching one of my ancestors, I found a statement about his wife donating a cow and five bushels of wheat to the army.

Times have changed. Instead of the events outlined above, today we are able to go to the supermarket and purchase food for our Thanksgiving feast, and we can donate to various charities to feed those in need.

Our Thanksgiving bounty should be to thank and remember our patriot ancestors who fought and died to establish the United States of America; those who fought and died to preserve the freedoms endowed to us by those patriots; the men and women of the Armed Forces who are currently serving around the world and at home to perpetuate this legacy. We can enjoy a feast, we can relax and watch sporting events, we can volunteer to help others, we can reap that which was sown by our forefathers and sustained by our current military.

Let’s pause and give thanks because this is our bounty today and, hopefully, tomorrow.



Piedmont Chapter Color Guard Participated in Grave Marker Dedication sponsored by the William Few Chapter Georgia Society Sons of American Revolution

The Piedmont Color Guard participated in the Grave Marker Dedication commemorating Patriots James Gunn, Roger Lawson, Patrick Carr and Ambrose Wright at the Old Capital Cemetery in Louisville, Georgia. Shown below are members of the Georgia Society Color Guard, and the other distinguished participants who attended this important event.



Grave Marker Dedication

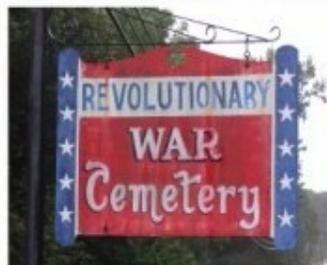
Commemorating the Service of
Revolutionary War Soldiers

James Gunn ~ Roger Lawson ~ Patrick Carr
& Ambrose Wright

Old Capital Cemetery
Louisville, Georgia

October 24, 2009

Presented by the William Few Chapter
Georgia Society, Sons of American Revolution





**Registrar's Report for October 30, 2009
Contributed by Chapter Registrar Bob Sapp**

Potential Members and Membership Application Status

NAME	1	2	3	4	5
Gary H. Uitylugt				*	
Gerry S. Tilson	x	x	x	x	
Timothy Bassett	x	x	x	x	
Ryan H. Bassett	x	x	x	x	
Matthew K. Lusk	x	x	x	x	
Mark M. Lusk	x	x	x	x	
Kleber M. O'Neal	x	x	x	x	
Michael O'Neal	x	x	x	x	
William O'Neal	x	x	x	x	
Jose D. Creamer	x	x	x		
Michael Creamer	x	x	x		
William Wilson	x	x			
Robert Harrison	x	x			
John Moses	x	x			
Joseph Wilson	x	x			
Gary M. Johnson	x	x			
Timothy K. Dunn	x	x			
Charles F. Cox	x	x			
Greg McMemany	x	x			
William Adams	x				
Dallas Johnson	x	x			

Application Status Code:

- 1) Worksheet sent to applicant
 - 2) Worksheet received and genealogical work in process
 - 3) Application complete awaiting signature
 - 4) Application at NSSAR for approval
 - 5) Application Approved
- * Pended at NSSAR for clarification of Patriot

**Compatriot Jack Ferguson
reaches 1,000 Color Guard
Event Milestone**

Compatriot Jack Ferguson shown below presenting the colors at the October Chapter Meeting was honored at the Board of Managers Meeting in October for his service to the Georgia Color Guard. Jack has participated in more than 1,000 events, and this milestone was celebrated with a large, patriotically decorated cake provided by Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott.





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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. at the Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, 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, eighteen years of age and older, 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, Bob Sapp, at 770-971-0189** or any other chapter officer.

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