

# The Piedmont Piper



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OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE

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## From the President's Desk



**James M. McIntire**

This is the last newsletter article to be drafted by the current administration of the Piedmont Chapter, GASSAR, therefore it seems appropriate to review the activities and accomplishments of our Chapter this year. At the beginning of the year we initiated electronic dis-

tribution of our newsletter to reduce cost and increase efficiency and engaged the services of a professional webmaster to maintain our web site which can be found at (<http://www.piedmontsar.com/>). Recognizing the need to more comfortably address the financial requirements of our operations in the future we adopted a line item invoice and raised our Chapter dues by \$10 to become effective next year. During the year we have issued 16 new member certificates, 4 youth certificates, 1 memorial certificate and reinstated 2 members. As the year draws to a close we are pleased to have our membership exceed 100. We recognize that we will now face stiffer competition as a result of this growth.

Our community outreach this year was strongly supported by our Color Guard which participated in over 167 events.

During the course of the year we conducted our second annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day at the Northside Funeral Chapel in Roswell to which members of the American Legion, the VFW and the DAR were invited. We presented Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to 4 youngsters in Milton (Alex Barkley; Paul Prescott's Grandson, Matt Ballard; Walker Holman and Chloe Myles) for their courage in singlehandedly extinguishing a house fire before it got out of hand and to the 2 founders of the Support Our Troops program (Mary and Ed Ettel) established to help insure that service members in Iraq and Afghanistan, identified through "Anysoldier.com", receive care packages of personal items. We also presented Good Citizenship Certificates and Pins to two Girl Scouts (Annika Garber and Grayson McMichaels) who assisted the Friends of Roswell Library in a book drive and participated in the Nicodemus Wilderness Project. The chapter Speakers Bureau made histori-

Saturday, January 17, 2009  
**Chapter Meeting**  
Holiday Inn  
909 Holcomb Bridge Rd.  
Roswell, GA  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Meeting  
**Speaker:**  
**Bobby Towns**  
**President, GASSAR**

**Slate of Officers  
for 2009 to be voted on at  
January Meeting**

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Saturday, February 21, 2009  
**Annual Dinner Meeting**  
Holiday Inn  
909 Holcomb Bridge Rd.  
Roswell, GA  
6:00 p.m. Social Hour  
7:00 pm Dinner  
**Speaker:**  
**Johnny Isaakson**  
(tentative at this time)



cal and informative presentations to 41 adult meetings and historical presentations to 33 schools. In addition the chapter Color Guard presented colors at three INS ceremonies at the Richard Russell Federal Court and the chapter participated in welcoming new citizens in eight INS ceremonies. During a recent meeting the Chestatee Chapter, NSDAR recognized 18 of our members (James Armfield Acree; Lytton Glynn Acree III; Harry D. Allen; Robert Allgood; Sion Bass; Wallace Boyce, Jr.; Robert J. Buck; LTC Farish Carter Chandler, Jr.; Leon Dunham; Garnett L. Ferguson, Jr; James M. Fletcher; William Gordon; Ed Hereford; David Manker; Harold McPheeters; Aubrey Morris; Paul Moss, Jr. and Robert A. Sapp) with Certificates of Appreciation for their service during WWII. Looking to the future, our Registrar, Bob Sapp, has been requested to once again conduct a Genealogy Workshop at the next Roswell Magnolia Storytelling Festival.

We have been assisted in our philanthropical efforts by donations of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart to assist our Veterans' Program and by donations from Wal-Mart, Imery's and the Roswell East Rotary Club for our Youth Programs. In exchange we made a contribution of \$1,000 to the Support our Troops program, and of \$15,095 to the Center for the Advancement of American Heritage that includes \$1,500 coming from the Chapter Treasury.

The New Year is upon us and our new Officers stand ready to move to their posts. We look forward to 2009 and its challenges and opportunities. We particularly look forward with enthusiasm to having the GASSAR host the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress here in Atlanta in July. From all of us in the Piedmont Chapter to all of the other members of the GASSAR we wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



### **GEORGIA SOCIETY COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE 17 Jan—9 Oct 09**

**The following schedule is subject to possible change. Please verify with Color Guard Cmdr., Paul Prescott.**

17 Jan—Daniel Morgan Statue, Wreath Presentation, Spartanburg, SC, 1000 hrs.

17 Jan—Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC, 1400 hrs.

23 Jan—Anniversary of Founding of Washington, GA, 1780, Washington, GA, 1300 hrs.

24 Jan—GASSAR BOM, Forsyth, GA, 1000 hrs.

24 Jan—GASSAR Leadership Training, Forsyth, GA, 1300 hrs.

14 Feb—Parade, Washington, GA, 1000 hrs.

14 Feb—Kettle Creek Wreath Presentation, Washington, GA 1400 hrs.

15 Feb—Colonial Church Service, Washington, GA, 0900 hrs.

15 Feb—Wreath Presentation, Elijah Clarke State Park, Lincolnton, GA, 1100 hrs.

21 Feb—Grave Marking, Jos. Habersham Chapter.

28 Feb—Last Naval Battle of Revolutionary War, Cape Canaveral, FL, 1000 hrs.

6-8 Mar—NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY.

13 Mar—Infantry Monument Dedication, Ft. Benning, GA, 1300 hrs.

14 Mar—Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 1100 hrs.

3-4 Apr—GASSAR Annual Meeting, Athens, GA

11 Apr—Patriot John Bankston Grave Marking, Button Gwinnett Chapter.

11 Apr—Halifax Resolves Celebration Wreath Laying, Halifax, NC, 1400 hrs

18 Apr—Patriot McGriff Grave Marking, Norristown, GA, 1300 hrs

19 Apr—Patriot Day, St. Simons Island, GA, 0900 hrs

2 May—Patriot Henry Holcombe Grave Marking, Piedmont and Cherokee Chapters, Cherokee County

9 May—Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL, 0900 hr.

9 May—Revolutionary Monument Dedication, Baldwin Co., AL, 1400 hrs

23 May—Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA, 0900 hrs

30 May —229th Anniv of Buford's Massacre, Lancaster, SC, 1030 hrs

6 Jun—GA Society Picnic (tentative date) at ???, 1100 hrs

13 June—Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC 1000 hrs

1 Aug—Old Soldiers Day Parade, Alpharetta, GA, 0900 hrs

5 Sep—Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutawville, SC, 1030 hrs

12 Sep—Patriot Lewis and Gaines Grave Marking, Bartow County.

25-26 Sep—Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY.

3 Oct—Point Pleasant Battle Days, Pt. Pleasant WV, 1100 hrs

7 Oct—Battle of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, SC, 1100 hrs

9 Oct—Battle of Savannah , 0730 and Samuel Elbert Wreath Laying, 0900 hrs, Savannah, GA

The Color Guard will also post colors at all Piedmont Chapter Meetings during this period



From:  
**ALLEN RAY FINLEY**  
Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



Our next leg of our ancestral journey takes us to the letter J.

In our last article we talked about the letter "I" and we discussed the word Imagine. Just imagine this next leg of our journey as we arrive to the "JOY" of what our forefathers must have experienced.

The JOY of making that decision to leave their native homeland to journey to this place called the 'new world'. If their household was like ours is today, we can be assured that it was not a joyful time as they deliberated this difficult and emotionally charged decision. In those trying times, one can only imagine what the pros and the cons must have been: the known vs. the unknown. As they boarded everything that they owned and could carry with them, the only joy was probably that they were on their way.

The first morning out---waking up and realizing that they were on their way: what a Joyful morning that had to have been. As they sailed and encountered their first storm with no harbor or port to pull into (just like what we face today with our economy in a downturn) so they could get off of this boat-ship-vessel, the work that they had to do to manage the turbulent waters. The Joy that they must have had when they came out of those times and to find that they had survived. Must have been the

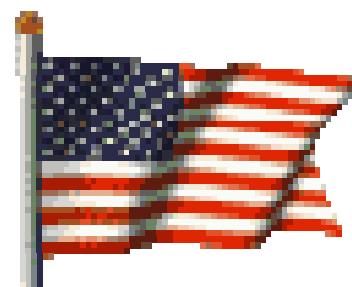
first time that they realized that success only precedes work in the dictionary.

The Joy of seeing birds knowing that land was just a short distant away. And then actually seeing the shore of this new land. What a JOYFUL sight that must have been and then actually being able to land and walk on something that was not moving. I know what it was like the first time I got off of an airplane, let along a ship of some sort that was not the QE2 in all probability.

As we think of the other things that our forefathers must have felt JOY, they had to have been the Joy of: having their first born child born in this New World; the Joy of having survived the first winter; the Joy of the seeing your children grow up: the Joy of seeing their first grandchild: the Joy of their first Christmas in their new homeland; the Joy of celebrating their first Easter as they imagined the rebirth of not only Jesus but of themselves; and the list goes on.

Their Joy at these items could not have been any different than those of our JOY at these same items. In these difficult times we must never forget all the things we have to be thankful for and the joy that we live in a country where our forefathers came and sacrificed so that we could have the opportunity to be where we are today.

We just survived Thanksgiving and are now approaching the glorious time of Christmas. We need to remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive. So, let us leave this country to our grandchildren in a better shape than what our forefathers found when they came here years and years ago. Some one once said that many a good undertaking has failed by unnecessary delay.



### Eye Halve a Spelling Chequer

Eye halve a spelling chequer. It came with my Pea Sea.

It plainly marques four my revue  
miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word and weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write. It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee fore two long,  
And I can put the error rite. Its rarely ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it, I am shore your pleased two no.  
Its letter perfect in its weigh. My chequer tolled me sew.

Passenger: Excuse me. How high is this plane?

Flight Attendant: About 30,000 feet.  
Passenger: And how wide is it?

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A man is now able to go across the United States in eight hours . . four hours for flying, and the other four to get to the airport.

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Flight Attendant: I am sorry, Mr. Jones, but we left your wife behind in Chicago.

Man: Thank goodness! I thought I was going deaf!

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Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer. Now let's try that again.

Soldier, do you have change for a Dollar?

Soldier: No, sir!

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There's one proverb that really depresses him: "Hair today, gone Tomorrow."

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**CAMELIA SIMS**  
**Lafayette's Triumphal**  
**Tour of America**

(Reprinted from "History Tidbits," August 2006)

The Marquis de Lafayette, a rich and influential French nobleman, was the best known and most beloved of the foreign officers who fought in the Revolutionary War. He first came to America in 1777 at the age of nineteen and soon became Washington's friend and a strong supporter of the American cause.

Lafayette's promotion of a military alliance between the French king and the American rebels resulted in the provision of French troops and naval forces strong enough to stand against the powerful British fleet. The French naval blockade during the battle of Yorktown was crucial to America's victory.

After the Revolutionary War, Lafayette revisited the United States in 1784. During that private visit he stayed at Mount Vernon several days to visit his most important friend and mentor,

George Washington.

Years later when the French Revolution turned violent, to save his life Lafayette fled France, and for five years was a political prisoner in Austria. He returned home in 1779 but had to deal with financial problems because most of his wealth had been confiscated. After the French Revolution Lafayette spent a lot of his semi-retirement at his estate, La Grange.

In gratitude for his crucial help during the Revolutionary War, in 1824 Congress proclaimed Lafayette an honorary citizen and invited him to tour the United States as the nation's official guest. After an absence of thirty-nine years the Marquis de Lafayette returned, accompanied by his son, George Washington Lafayette, and his secretary, Mr. Levasseur. Lafayette was greeted by large crowds and acclaimed everywhere he went, and his thirteen-month-long visit came to be known as his "triumphal tour."

Although sixty-seven years old and with some physical infirmities, Lafayette had enough stamina to visit each of the 24 states that formed the United States at that time. Officials from small towns and big cities, governors, and the President honored him with special receptions, dinners, balls and parades, and the newspapers reported at length whatever he said and did in his triumphal procession around the country. Thurlow Weed, a famous journalist of the nineteenth century wrote one such account, covering Lafayette's arrival and the beginning of his long trip. General Lafayette arrived by ship in New York on August 15, 1824.

*The General's landing on the Battery, his reception by the military under General Morton, his triumphal progress through Broadway, his first visit to the City Hall, awakened emotions which cannot be described. The joy of our citizens was expressed more by tears than in any other way... But the crowning glory of that series of honors and festivities was the fete at Castle Garden on the evening of the General's departure for Albany. The*

*castle was expensively, elaborately, and gorgeously fitted up and adorned for the occasion. I remember that even without*

*The aid of gas, the illumination was exceedingly brilliant. There was a ball and supper; the occasion was graced by the intelligence, beauty and refinement of the metropolis.*

The City of New York chartered a steamboat for Lafayette's travels, and it waited for him down the river opposite Castle Garden until two thirty in the morning, when he and his friends (including Weed) embarked to be taken to West Point.

The pace of his procession from town to town was grueling especially at the beginning of his trip. For example, Weed notes that Lafayette left West Point later than expected and it was dark when they reached Newburgh.

*Upon landing, a scene of indescribable confusion ensued; troops were in line, but powerless to preserve order. The desire to see the nation's guest was uncontrollable. The huzzas of men mingled with the shrieks of women and the cries of children. All were eager to see. But everywhere good humor and kindness prevailed. The village was illuminated, and the occasion was honored by a ball and supper...Notwithstanding the excitement and fatigues of the day and of the preceding night, General Lafayette was as cheerful and buoyant at the ballroom and at the supper-table as the youngest and gayest of the revelers.*

They re-embarked the steamboat at one o'clock in the morning, and arrived at Poughkeepsie a bit later, at two-thirty.

*Our approach was announced by a discharge of cannon from the bluff, just below the landing at Poughkeepsie. Large piles of seasoned wood, saturated with tar and turpentine, were kindled on that bluff, fed by hundreds of boys who had been entrusted with the duty, and were kept blazing high, filling the atmosphere with lurid flame and smoke until daylight. Soon after sunrise, a large concourse of the*





Citizens of Poughkeepsie, with a military escort, arrived at the wharf. The General, on disembarking, was shown to a splendid barouche, and the procession moved to and through the village of Poughkeepsie, where congratulatory speeches were made and reciprocated.

The same morning their procession continued.

We reached Catskill at seven o'clock. A large procession, civic and military, awaited the General's arrival at the landing. General Lafayette and the Revolutionary officers were seated in open barouches, and the procession moved through the main street for more than a mile, affording the dense mass of men, women, and children the great happiness of seeing the compatriot and friend of Washington. Several beautiful arches, profusely dressed with flags, flowers, and evergreens, each one bearing the inscription, "Welcome, Lafayette," were thrown across the street. In the center of the village a brief address was made, to which the General responded. After this he was escorted in the same order to the boat, and at eleven o'clock reached Hudson, where a hearty welcome awaited the General.

If the general population was rejoicing to see Lafayette the hero as the famous foreign celebrity of their day, the old surviving veterans of the Revolutionary War were rejoicing to see one of their own. Perhaps many of them were forgotten and neglected by this time, and Lafayette's visit and great reception by the people brought them some comfort and attention. Weed describes a touching incident when a veteran met with Lafayette:

As the steamer was approaching Esopus, on the second day, I observed a small boat pulling out from the west shore with a signal, and called the attention of Commodore Wiswall to the circumstance..It proved to be a skiff, with an old gentleman seated in the stern, with his bandana handkerchief fastened to his cane as a signal. As we approached the skiff Commodore Wiswall remarked, "I know him," and then directed the steamer to be stopped

received the old gentleman and walked with him to the promenade deck, where General Lafayette, surrounded by his old comrades, was seated. No word was spoken. As we approached, Commodore Wiswall led the old gentleman by the hand, General Lafayette rose, as did the other officers, but still no word was spoken. The stranger offered both his hands, which the General received, and each looked the other steadily in the face. It was evident that General Lafayette was taxing his memory severely, and after a profound silence of more than a minute, the General exclaimed, "My old friend, Colonel Harry Livingston!" and then, after a few words of mutual congratulation, he added, "Do you remember when I reviewed your regiment of infantry in Rhode Island?"

Thurlow Weed observed, "General Lafayette's welcome was alike hearty and joyous by all classes and all descriptions, all colors and all ages. The enthusiasm was universal and pervading, in whatever else the education of our

People may have neglected, all had been taught to honor and love Lafayette. None were too high to pay him voluntary homage, and none were so humble as to feel they had no right to participate in the general joy which his visit occasioned."

As reward for his role in the American Revolution, Congress awarded Lafayette \$200,000 and an entire township (thirty-six square miles) of land to be selected at his discretion. On July 4, 1825, President John Quincy Adams signed a warrant granting to Lafayette the chosen township, which lay adjacent to the new town of Tallahassee, Florida.

After his 13-month triumphal tour. On September 7, 1825, Lafayette and his party went on board the American frigate, Brandywine, and departed for France. Through his visit Lafayette not only provided the nation with a living reminder of the Revolution, but also became an inspiration for a new generation of Americans to celebrate their past and renew their patriotism.

(Quotes from Thurlow Weed's article,

**SCOTT RAY**  
**Editor, Piedmont Piper**



#### A FOND FAREWELL

The September issue of the Piper marked the end of my sixth year as Editor. I became Editor in 2002 while still serving as Chapter President. At that time I understood very little about the intricacies of the computer as a publication medium, and without the help of former editors Paul Simpson and Jack McCord I never would have made it.

I have notified our President and Vice President that I will resign as Editor following publication of the January '09 issue. I am undergoing some health problems, but mainly I feel that six years is long enough for anyone to hold this job.

I sincerely hope that a volunteer will come forward (or be drafted) to take over as Editor in time for publication of the March 2009 issue. I will be glad to assist the new Editor in getting started with respect to format and general editorial duties. Paul Simpson has agreed that he will be glad to assist with technical training, if needed.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact our President, Jim McIntire. If you have any questions I will be glad to assist in any way I can. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure and heartily recommend it.

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## Nominations for 2009 Officers' Slate

The following nominations were presented by Bobby Shaw, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at the December Meeting of the Piedmont Chapter. No further nominations were made from the floor. The vote will be taken at our January Meeting.

**President: Bobby D. Shaw**

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**Registrar: Robert A. Sapp**

**Chancellor: Eric E. Thorstenberg**

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Thomas R. Davis**

**Historian: Robert H. Allgood**

**Editor Piedmont Piper: open**

**Web Master: open**

**Past President : James M. McIntire**

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## Revolutionary Days

**February 13, 14 and 15, 2009  
Washington, GA and the Kettle Creek Battleground**

**Friday, Feb. 13—3:00 PM “Heroes of Kettle Creek” author Dr. Christine Swager.**

**Saturday, Feb. 14—8:30 AM, Battle Video & Discussions.**

**Saturday, Feb. 14—10:00 AM, Parade commencing from Mary Willis Library thence to Washington Town Square.**

**Saturday, Feb. 14—2:00 PM, Pageantry at Kettle Creek Battle Ground including Continental Army, Georgia Militia, fife & drum music, and more.**

**All Activities are FREE—**

**Hope to see you there.**



Above: Piedmont Chapter Compatriot and Milton City Councilman, Bill Lusk, took it upon himself in 2007 to memorialize deceased veterans in that new Georgia city. Based on the practice of neighboring towns, he erected fifty-five markers bearing the names of residents' family members who served in past conflicts. The markers are placed along the road in front of City Hall for two weeks at a time around Memorial and Veterans Days. As the effort became more recognized, requests for additional markers have poured in. "Let us not forget those who have given so much for the sake of our freedom," Lusk said.

Below: New Compatriot William Allen Greenly receives membership certificate from President Jim McIntire.





Reverend Henry Ward Beecher entered Plymouth Church one Sunday and found several letters awaiting him. He opened one and found it contained the single word, "Fool."

Quietly and with becoming seriousness he shared the letter with the congregation and announced: "I have known many an instance of a person writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of a person signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."

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Did you hear about the church janitor who also played the piano on Sunday? He watched his keys and pews.

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Did you hear the one about the ministers who formed a bowling team? They called themselves the Holy Rollers.

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A couple was touring the capitol in Washington D.C., and the guide pointed out a tall benevolent gentleman As the congressional chaplain. The lady asked, "What does the chaplain do? Does he pray for the Senate or House?" The guide answered, "No, he gets up, looks at the Congress, then prays for the country!"

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A minister forgot the name of a couple he was going to marry, so he said from the pulpit, "Will those wishing to be united in holy matrimony please come forward after the service."

After the service 13 old maids came forward.

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Little Mary, the daughter of a radio announcer, was invited to a friend's house for dinner. The hostess asked Mary if she would honor them by saying grace.

Delighted, the little girl cleared her throat, looked at her wristwatch, and said, "This good food, friends, is coming to you through the courtesy of Almighty God."

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**Robin McWhirter as Nancy Hart**

**At our December Meeting Robin McWhirter rendered a lively performance as Nancy Hart and recounted the "War Woman's role during the Revolutionary War. During the first part of the Revolution Georgia was in the iron grip of the British, all but part of Wilkes County, where they met severe resistance from Elijah Clarke, his son, and others. Nancy Hart acted as a spy to bring them information. Sometimes she acted as a crazy woman, going to and fro in the streets of Augusta, but collecting news about the British to help the patriots.**



**Robin McWhirter receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Vice President Bob Shaw at the Piedmont Chapter's December Meeting.**



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## First Class Mail

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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 Holiday Inn, 909 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 inquiries 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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