

The Piedmont Piper



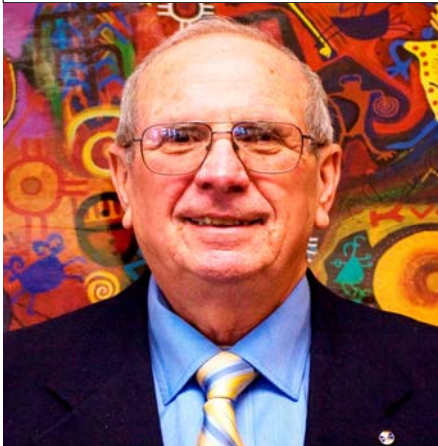
OUR INSPIRATION IS IN THE PAST
OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT
OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE

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From the President's Desk



Bob Shaw

in 2008. I also want to thank the other officers who served with Jim last year. It is my hope that we can continue to build on the strong sense of service which has been a part of this Chapter.

A recent ad on television for an automobile used the tag line "I am Mister Opportunity and I am knocking." This ad was designed to tell us that we will be missing a great deal on a new car if we don't take advantage of an opportunity.

As we begin a new year in the "award winning" Piedmont Chapter, opportunity is knocking for us – not to buy

anything- but to put our talents and interests to work in honoring our ancestors and educating others about the legacy they left each of us.

Opportunity presents itself in our chapter through attendance, interest and participation in various programs. Look around at the offices, committees and civic activities open to each compatriot and see if your interest can be enhanced by joining and becoming active in a committee. During the coming year, you will be hearing from various chairmen about the mission and activity of their committee. I encourage each of you to examine these opportu-

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As I begin my term as President of the Piedmont Chapter, I want to thank Past President, Jim McIntire, for his leadership and service to the Chapter

Upcoming Events

Saturday April 18, 2009
Chapter Meeting
Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb
Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting

Speaker

**Gary Mauldin, a manager
from the US Army Corps of
Engineers**

The Piedmont Chapter Officers were installed at the Annual Chapter Meeting and Banquet which was held on 21 Feb. at the Holiday Inn Roswell, Georgia. Senator Johnny Isakson was the Guest Speaker. L-R Sen. Isakson, Bob Shaw, Chapter President, Carl Bham, Vice President, Jim McIntire, Past President, LTC Don Gunn, Secretary, Allen Finley, Chaplain, Robert Allgood, Historian, Thomas Davis, Sergeant-at-Arms and Bob Sapp, Registrar.



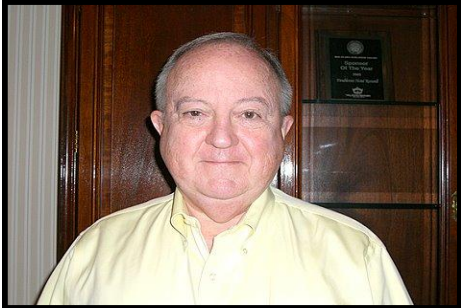


The Revolutionary Days Celebration and the honoring of the Patriots who fought at Kettle Creek in Wilkes County Georgia was a tremendous success with excellent participation from the Piedmont Chapter and the other Chapters in the surrounding area. The photos below capture some of the activities which included a parade in downtown Washington, Georgia and Grave Marking for Patriot David Cresswell, Continental Line and six other honored Patriots.





From **Allen Finley**
Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



OUR JOURNEY

My previous two articles dealt with two ideas based upon our ability to have "Joy" and our ability to just "Imagine". As we think about this, the next thing that we need to reflect upon is "LIFE". What did this mean to our forefathers as they arrived in this new environment and land? I am sure that survival was paramount to everything that they did.

So what is our Life's Plan? Since most of our chapter members are 'middle age', we must ask the question that we intuitively did when we were young and growing up. That was, and should still be, what is our plan currently for the rest of our life? It is still as vital now as it was years ago: We still need to remember that if we do not plan for ourselves, chances are that we will fall into someone else's plan and rest assured they do not have much planned for us.

So as we look back at our ancestral grand parents, they had to have had a lot of respect for their life's plan. My first article in this journey was a concern as to whether or not we were using our ability to take the God given talents that were given to each of us. Are we using them to raise our family, to help our grandchildren understand respect and responsibility, and to make a living so that they are not dependent upon others. Someone once said that in this

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Twelve Medals and eight Certificates were awarded at the Annual Meeting

Among those receiving an award was Scott Ray. Scott received the Certificate of Distinguished Service. Scott has served the Piedmont Chapter as President and he also served as the editor of the Piedmont Piper for the last six years.

Many thanks to Scott for such outstanding service. Below Scott receives the award from **Bob Sapp**, Chapter Registrar and a former Chapter President.



The Piedmont Chapter Annual Meeting and Banquet was well attended. Below Chapter President Bob Shaw presents the certificate of Appreciation to Senator Johnny Isakson at the 15th Anniversary Annual Meeting.



Welcome Trevor Woodbury, a Third Generation Compatriot to the Piedmont Chapter

Trevor Woodbury works for McKesson Corporation in Alpharetta, GA where he serves to architect, develop, and consult on Healthcare Information Technology. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, from Georgia State University in Atlanta where he majored in both Finance & Computer Information Systems. A resident of Roswell, GA, Woodbury is very active in the community and serves as a Board Member and Committee Chairman for his neighborhood and several professional organizations. In his spare time, Trevor captains and plays on several sports teams and recently made it to the USTA City Finals in tennis. He was also recently commissioned a Kentucky Colonel and is proud to serve as one of their ambassadors.

Trevor is very proud to join the ranks of the SAR as a 3rd Generation Compatriot. His grandfather, Troy Woodbury, and father, Troy Woodbury, Jr., were both members of the Andrew Jackson Chapter in Nashville, TN. Trevor's Grandfather served for many decades on the Honor Guard and held posts at both the State and National level. Trevor looks forward to continuing in this proud tradition and representing the youth of the Piedmont Chapter.

Piedmont Chapter Piper, Honorable John Mortison lead in the opening of the Annual Meeting and lead the Recession.





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great country (that our SAR families helped form), there is no security. But, there are unlimited opportunities. As an avid reader, every successful person I have ever heard of or read about has done the best that they could with conditions as they found them and have not waited until the next year for better conditions.

Another one of our ancestral forefather's traits must have been the ability to laugh: Never at someone else, but at one's self. Another part of this had to be the ability to find and use humor and to be able to laugh with others. Their hardships are things that we can only imagine. So what that means to us today is that we should never take ourselves that seriously and fail to smile and laugh.

The ability to Love must have also been critical to our grand parents since their life expectancy was so much shorter than it is for us today. For many of us, our parents probably never talked much about love (if they did so at all) since they were busy providing for us. But they lived their lives so that we could see it—but it was not evident during those times and we did not realize it until we got older and reflected on it.

As we have gotten older, we must ask what does the word “age” mean?

Since my “ancestral” connection (Rev. James Finley) lived to be well over 70 back in the early 1700's, do we just mean those physical years? As we have aged, when do we stop our learning? ***So I leave you with the word ---learn. Do we acquire knowledge for the sake of acquiring it, or do we acquire knowledge daily so we can learn how to use it to put our light on a hill for all to see?***

We can not take this young country for granted, since there is no difference between us and any one else in this world – physically or by DNA. What our forefathers did was to draw a line separating good and evil, not through the original 13 states or even now through our political parties, but through our hearts and souls.

Honoring the Patriots buried at Smyrna Methodist Church Graveyard east of Washington, Georgia



**Georgia Revolutionary War Trail Highlighted at the Winter Board of Managers Meeting
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Forsyth, Georgia
24 January 2009**

President COL Robert F. Towns called the Winter Quarter Meeting of the Board of Managers to order at 1000 hours with the posting of the Colors by the Georgia Society Color Guard; the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by President Towns; the Pledge to the SAR by President Towns and the Invocation by Chaplain Dan Gates.

Walker Chewning, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee provided an update on the plans for the Georgia Revolutionary War Trail. The purpose of this trail is to promote the American Revolutionary War battlefields and to publicize the GASSAR Society to the general public.

They are planning to print approximately 10,000 brochures and pamphlets which will be placed in the visitor's centers and other locations around the state. He talked about funding and the need to adjust the state budget. He stated that requested funding in the amount of \$22,840 will be needed. They have prior approval on the funding. They have received a grant from the Georgia Tourism Department for 50% of \$22,840. This leaves \$11,420 that the GASSAR will cover. That amount will be covered through funding and grants, some of which has already been received. The amount already received is \$3,000. Other grants are in process. They need to start expenditure of the amount the GASSAR has requested and the Georgia Tourism Department will reimburse by May 2009.

Chairman Walker made a motion: That the 2009 Budget of revenues and expenditures be revised to call for the printing of publications for the Georgia Revolutionary War Trail. The motion was seconded and approved.



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nities for service and become involved. This is an excellent avenue for all to learn about the sons of the American Revolution and its goals.

We are fortunate that the chapter has committee chairmen who have been serving for several years. The experience of these compatriots makes it easier for members to become involved and each chairman will be glad to explain the workings of their office. I have been delighted that a number of new members have come forward and are becoming active in the workings of the chapter. They answered the knock of opportunity and we will be stronger because of their involvement.

Opportunity is knocking. I hope you will answer and not miss out on a great deal of service to our country and community. Join with me and the other officers and committee chairmen of the Piedmont Chapter in furthering our mission.

*Yours in patriotism,
Bob Shaw, President*

*Below the Piedmont Chapter
Color Guard preparing to retire
the Colors at the
Annual Meeting and Awards
Banquet*



*“Georgia Patriots Day”
Celebration
April 17, 18 & 19, 2009
St. Simons Island,
Georgia*

Georgia Society Color Guard Schedule

The following schedule is subject to change. Please check with Color Guard Commander, Paul Prescott for latest updates.

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

14 Mar – Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 1100 hrs

15 Mar – Patriot John Tiller Grave Marking, Oglethorpe County

21 Mar – Piedmont Chapter Meeting

22 Mar – Compatriot Donald Denney Grave Marking, Sponsored by the C. Pulaski Chapter Georgia Society SAR, Carroll Memory Gardens, Carrollton, GA, 1400 hrs

28 Mar – Patriot Nathaniel Dobbs Grave Marking, Sponsored by the Button Gwinnett Chapter

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

17 Apr – Monument dedication, Jesup, GA, 1400 hrs

18 Apr – Piedmont Chapter Meeting

18 Apr – Patriot McGriff Grave Marking, Norristown, GA, 1600 hrs

18 Apr – Patriot Day, St. Simons Island, GA, 1000 hrs

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

8 May – INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs

9 May – The Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL, 0900 hrs

9 May – Revolutionary Monument Dedication, Baldwin Co, AL, 1400 hrs

16 May – Piedmont Chapter Meeting

21 May - Rotary Luncheon (pre Memorial Day), Roswell, GA, 1100 hrs

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

25 May – Memorial Day, Marietta, GA, (present Colors), 0900 hrs

30 May – 229th Anniversary of Buford’s Massacre, Lancaster, SC, 1030 hrs



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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.

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

The deadline for material is the last Monday of the month preceding the date of the issue. In addition to the material, please include a copy of any photos to be included. Please direct all inquires or suggestions regarding the Piedmont Piper to the editor at the following address: 3344 Thomashire Court Marietta, Georgia 30066 Phone: 770-579.1869 jcbreed77@hotmail.com

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