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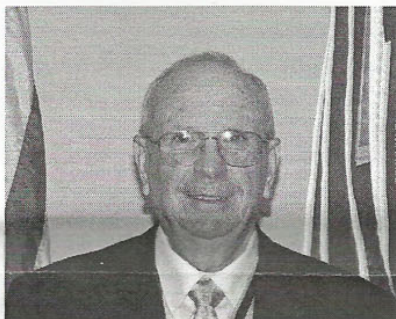
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From the President's Desk



Bob Shaw

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

As I write this article, with only a few days left in 2009, I find myself reflecting on the past year and the coming New Year. As each New Year approaches, people say "Out with the old – In with the new" and "Father Time is exiting and Baby New Year is entering". We hear questions like "Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet?", or you might hear "What are your plans for the New Year"? Sometime in the future historians will evaluate the events of 2009. What will be their assessment? Only time will tell. Some of the events of 2009 will soon be forgotten with the approach of 2010. Others may survive. A common refrain is "Out with the old – In with the New".

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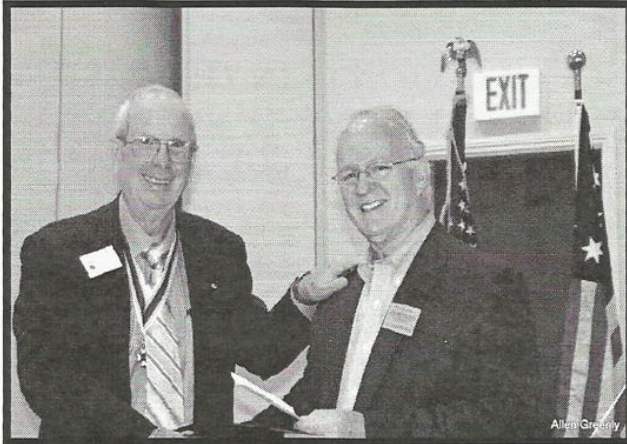


Above (l-r), Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution President, Terry Manning participates in welcoming Ryan Bassett and his father Timothy Bassett as new members of the Piedmont Chapter as Chapter President Bob Shaw looks on. Ryan will be a Junior member until his eighteenth birthday.

A Newsletter of the Piedmont Chapter, Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Gerald B. Breed, Editor



Piedmont Chapter continues to have interesting speakers at the monthly meetings



Dr. Joseph Kitchens Professor Reinhardt College was our speaker at November 21 meeting

Above, President Bob Shaw presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Joseph Kitchens who spoke about the Colonial Deerskin Trade. Dr. Kitchens highlighted the importance of the deerskin trade with Great Britain and he noted the involvement of the numerous participants in this important part of the colonial economy.

The Native Americans were essential in hunting and harvesting the deer. The colonists were heavily involved in trading with the Native Americans to acquire the deerskin for export to Great Britain. All of this required the establishment of trading posts on the key waterways in the Southeastern Colonies along with warehouses and vessels in the main seaports at Charleston and Savannah. Because of the heavy demand for the deerskins, there was a devastating impact on the deer population. Eventually, the Colonists moved from the deerskin trade to raising cattle, causing increased tension between the colonists and the Native Americans.

Billy Templeton was the Guest Speaker at the December 19 meeting

The Piedmont Chapter was privileged to hear Billy Templeton impersonate Benjamin Franklin at the December Chapter meeting. As "Dr. Franklin" entered the room, he carried one of his numerous inventions and he was heard to ask "Has anyone seen Thomas Jefferson? He proceeded in a monologue to give his account of the final edits to the Declaration of Independence, offering comments about several of those who participated in the review and the ratification of that document. After the monologue, Dr. Franklin asked for questions from the audience and he proceeded to show examples of his inventions. As he discussed each of the inventions, he explained the use and what motivated him to invent the item. He showed diagrams and descriptions. As he discussed the Franklin Stove, he pointed out that he never filed a Patent on it since it was his intent not to profit the invention.

Billy Templeton is a member and Past President of the Cherokee Chapter. He is a dual member of the Piedmont Chapter.

Upcoming Events

Saturday January 16, 2010

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

Speaker

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Tom Daniel who will speak about "The Day the Myth Died"

Saturday Evening February 20, 2010

Piedmont Chapter Annual Meeting and Dinner

Best Western Inn Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

6 pm

Speaker

Cliff Lowery whose topic will be "The Hand of God"



The Piedmont Chapter Welcomes Four New Members and Two new Junior Members

The Piedmont Chapter welcomed Junior Member, Eric Danielsson, who is in the 6th grade at South Forsyth Middle School. Eric enjoys the Chess Club and holds an A average in all subjects with a perfect 100% in Science. Besides playing on a basketball team at First Redeemer Church, Eric enjoys hiking trips with Scout Troop 1099. Eric is currently working on his 2nd Class Scout Requirements. Eric is interested in politics and looks forward to paging for Representative Tom Knox next month. Eric is fluent in Swedish and visits his grandparents in Sweden every summer where he enjoys fishing for Pike. His father, Magnus Danielsson, is a Biochemical Engineer who builds Ethanol plants around the world. Eric's mother, Melissa Danielsson, is an active member of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter NSDAR. Eric was a member of the Martha Stewart Bulloch CAR Chapter before becoming a Junior SAR member. Eric is very interested in history and enjoys attending Civil War re-enactments. He became interested in joining the Piedmont Chapter after meeting several Color Guard members at events such as Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Celebration, the Richard Russell Federal Building Naturalization Ceremony, the Marietta National Cemetery Memorial Day Flag Placing for Scouts, and the Battle of Kettle Creek weekend. Eric can trace 11 Patriot Ancestors to the American Revolution. Below, Piedmont President Bob Shaw presents a Junior Member certificate to Eric Danielsson. In the second photo, Eric is shown with his parents Magnus and Melissa Danielsson.



Above, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution President, Terry Manning, places a label pin on Timothy Bassett as his son Ryan Bassett looks on.

Tim Bassett and Ryan Bassett were welcomed into the Piedmont Chapter at the December Meeting. Ryan will be a Junior Member until his eighteenth birthday. They joined the SAR as descendants of Patriot Richard William Bassett who served as a Dragoon in Lee's Legion Maryland Corp. Their applications were the first in their line to claim Richard William Bassett as a Patriot Ancestor. In addition to his ancestor Richard William Bassett, Tim is currently working on documenting three other ancestors who served in the American Revolution. These are James Langley who served in Virginia, James Doster and Edward Richardson both of whom served in North Carolina.

Tim is originally from Childersburg, Alabama, and he graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Environmental Sciences. He is married to Melissa whom he met while they were students at the University.


They reside in Cumming, Georgia with their two children Ryan and Ashley. Ryan is a junior at South Forsyth High School, where he participates in the football program playing both on the Junior Varsity and Varsity squads. Ashley is in the eighth grade, is very active in school and also competes nationally in Irish Dancing.

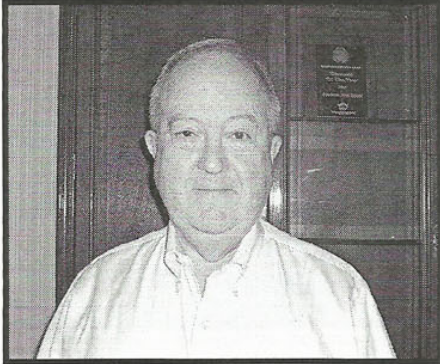
Tim is employed by Waste Management as the Atlanta area Environmental Protection Manager overseeing the environmental compliance of 21 sites around the metro area.

Tim and Ryan look forward to being active in the Piedmont Chapter.





From 
Allen Finley
 Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



2010: What will our New Year's Resolution be?

As I was preparing this last article for 2009 and the first for 2010, I thought that we needed to take a detour. We have been on the road of examining words that best describe our ancestral grandparents who left their homelands to build this great country.

After reading Rev. Billy Graham's prayer for our country at our last meeting, I began to think about the saying – "If it is to be, then it is up to me." That led me to wonder what appropriate 2010 New Year's Resolutions might be for us as SAR members. The following are some that I suggest we consider:

Honor God. There are many forces at work that would remove the word *God* from almost everything. Our forefathers had the wisdom to keep church and state separate, but they had the intelligence to make sure that God was included. We open and close every meeting with a prayer. We recite the "Pledge to the S.A.R." which ends when we say— "solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

Hold fast to the principles of our ancestors and the founding fathers of this country. It is our responsibility to use our God-given talents to defend the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free

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President Shaw Presents Supplemental Ancestor Certificates to Compatriot Tom Chrisman and Past President Jim McIntire.

Tom Chrisman's Supplemental Ancestor is Cornelius Vanausdal, who served two separate tours. Living in Berkeley County, now West Virginia, he served a six month tour in the Virginia militia in 1779 as a private assigned to the western part of the state from Wheeling to Fort Pitt. Then from 1781 until the end of the war, Cornelius served again in the Virginia militia as a private and saw action at Yorktown. After Yorktown, he was in a unit that escorted British prisoners to Frederick County, Virginia, and was discharged once they arrived in Winchester.

Jim McIntire was recognized for three Supplemental Ancestors. Egbert Haywood (Hayward) was a 2ND Major, NC Militia from 9 September 1775 – 22 April 1776. He was a Member of the Committee to Furnish Arms & Ammunition for Continental Army, 19 April 1776; a Member of NC Provincial Congress, Halifax, NC, November 1776. He was Appointed Justice of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Halifax County, 23 November 1776, and he was a Member of NC House of Commons from Halifax County, 1777-1778.

Jim's second supplemental is Michael Koonce – Captain of a Company of the Jones (NC) Regiment of Militia under the command of Col. Nathan Bryan at a General Muster on 9 March, 1779. The third Supplemental is Mrs. Elizabeth Koonce. She provided impressed supplies (27 ½ bushels of corn) as per Voucher 2 from Daniel Harget, Commissioner of Jones County (NC) for the year 1782. Shown below (l-r) Tom Chrisman, Past President Jim McIntire and President Bob Shaw.





***Books and More
By
George Thurmond***

When I joined the SAR, I was only vaguely familiar with the history of the American Revolution and set out to improve this deficiency. At that time, only a few books were in stock at our local Barnes & Noble on what has become my favorite reading topic. I asked around but few had any suggestions for books to read. Fortunately, I made a few trips to Historic Sites programs conducted at National Parks – a great place to start. Each (Cowpens, Kings Mountain, Guilford Courthouse, Yorktown) has a good selection of books on the American Revolution. Over time, I have collected more than one hundred and ninety volumes and, thus have a few opinions to offer.

My favorite reading on the conduct of the war (chronologically) goes like this:

Decisive Day

Robert Ketchum

Winter Soldiers

Robert Ketchum

1776

David McCullough

Saratoga

Robert Ketchum

The Road to Guilford Courthouse

David Buchanan

The Southern Strategy

David Wilson

Almost a Miracle

John Ferling

There are other great books like The Road to Valley Forge (Buchanan) that chronicles how the Continental Army became an effective fighting force; Founding Brothers (Joseph I. Ellis); Founding Fathers (T. J. Stiles); Pictorial Field Book on the Revolution in the Carolinas and Georgia (Lossing);

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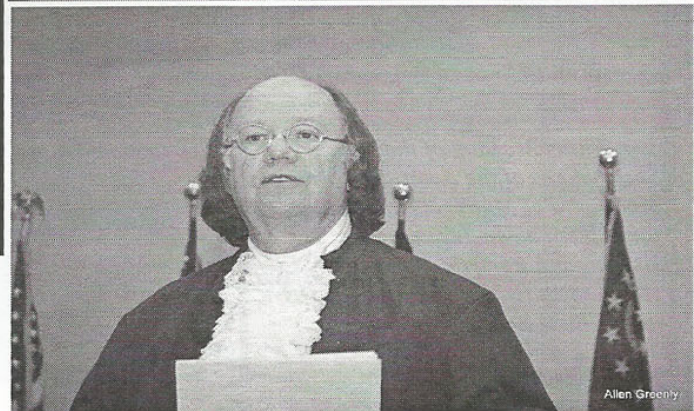
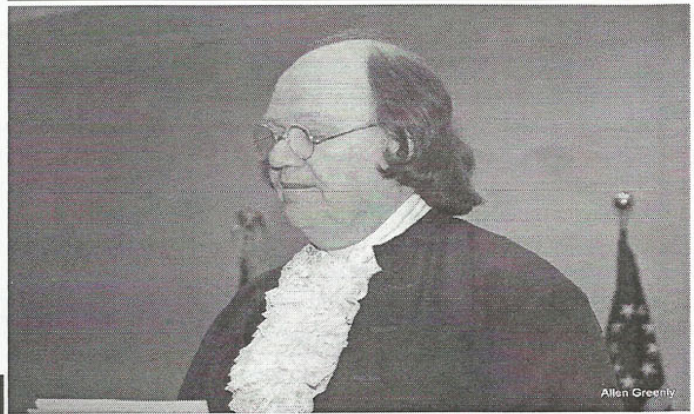
Cliff Lowery will be our guest speaker, and the topic will be "The Hand of God ".

President Bob Shaw presented membership certificates to Bill Lusk who accepted the certificates on behalf of his son, Mark Lusk, who lives in New Jersey, and also for his son, Mathew Lusk, who lives in New York.

Below (l-r), Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution President, Terry Manning, Bill Lusk and Chapter President Bob Shaw.



Shown below is Billy Templeton impersonating Benjamin Franklin at the December Chapter Meeting





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Men—just as we recite in the recessional as we close our meetings.

Make sure that everyone understands the difference between the words opportunity and entitlement. Our forefathers were perceptive enough to realize that each person had rights, although, it took our countrymen a while to include everyone. Our ancestral grandparents took those rights and made an opportunity for each of us today. There were no such things as entitlements. We all have the opportunity with our God-given abilities, to do our best and apply ourselves to achieve. But we have no right to be entitled to anything. Remember: it is better to give than to receive.

Invite at least one potential new member to attend a Piedmont Chapter Meeting. If each of our 100+ members brings just one potential new member, and if we are only 50% effective, our Chapter will be even more vibrant and active than it presently is.

Count your blessings. This season should bring thanksgiving and joy to our hearts. As you read this article, you are not among the 3 billion who cannot read. If you are reading this in your house, you are blessed, since more than 70% of the world does not have a warm house in which to live. If you have money in the bank you are fortunate; 92% of people in the world do not have money in the bank. If you are still married to the person you first married, that is very rare. And if there are people in your life who care about you, you are truly blessed. Why? Because you have friends who enrich your life.

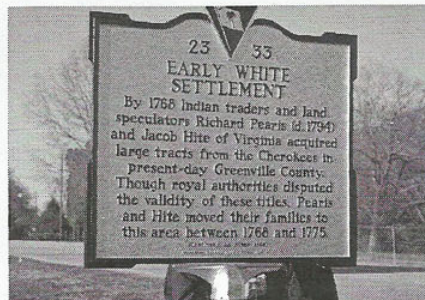
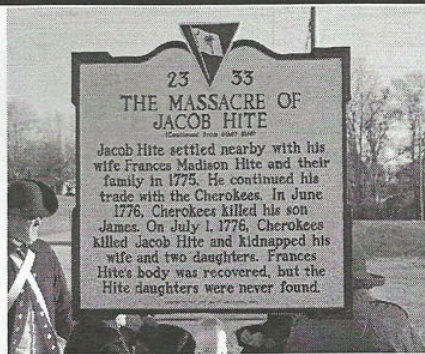
May God bless you and your family in 2010!

The Winter Meeting of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on January 23 at the Holiday Inn Forsyth, 480 Holiday Circle, Forsyth (I-75 at Tift College Drive and Juliette Road).

Jacob Hite Historical Marker dedicated

Tom Chrisman represented the Piedmont Chapter at the dedication of a historical Marker in Greer, South Carolina on December 5, 2009, in honor of Patriot Jacob Hite. Literature on file at the South Carolina Archives shows that Patriot Hite was murdered by the British at the beginning of the Revolution. The British used the Cherokees to raid and murder settlers in an effort to discourage them from supporting the militia and colonies in the war. Hite was very prominent as a justice in then Frederick County, Virginia. He sold his holdings and moved to the Greenville area in December, 1775, where he and his partner, Richard Pearis, acquired a 100,000 acre tract of land from the Cherokees, who then attacked and murdered Hite and his family on July 1, 1776. His wife, Francis Madison, aunt of James Madison, was carried off and brutally murdered by the Indians, later being found by a search party made up of South Carolina militia. Tom Chrisman is a descendant of Jacob Hite and a member of the Hite Family Association.

Below, are a photos of the Historical Marker and photos of members of the Hite Family who were present at the dedication.



Georgia Society President Terry Manning notes plans for Kettle Creek Historic Site Celebration

I see from my calendar for January that I have thirteen SAR events scheduled. While our ancestors may have slowed down their activity during the winter months, our SAR members find January and February very active with induction of new officers, Washington's birthday celebrations, grave dedications, and lecture opportunities. We hope you will support your chapter events with your attendance and that many of you can visit the **Cowpens (January 16)** and **Kettle Creek (February 13)** historic site celebrations this year. Kettle Creek has become our annual SAR, DAR, CAR "family reunion" in Washington, Georgia, and offers a variety of indoor and outdoor activities over 3 days. The wreath presentation at Kettle Creek is one of the largest in the Southeast. **Let's make it the largest in the nation this year!** We encourage all SAR, DAR, CAR, and lineage and genealogy societies to participate by contacting Robert Hale at sonsofdixie@bellsouth.net with the name of presenter, title, organization, and e-mail address or by contacting him for a form.





At the December Chapter Meeting, Past President George Thurmond shown below on the right provided an update on the chapter's activities in grave marking. Since its beginning in 1994, the Piedmont Chapter has marked forty four patriot graves and the graves of thirteen deceased members. The Chapter has also installed seven grave stones for patriots, including the one for John Maxwell, the brother-in-law of Patrick Henry. Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott, on the left gave an update on the activities of the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard and the Georgia Society Color Guard.



Georgia Society Color Guard Schedule

16 Jan – Daniel Morgan Wreath Presentation, Spartanburg, SC: Ed Rigel, Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Walker Chewning, Jack Ferguson

16 Jan – 228th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC: Ed Rigel, Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Walker Chewning, Jack Ferguson

16 Jan – Chapter Meeting

23 Jan – BOM, Forsyth, GA, 1000 hrs: Larry Wilson, Paul Prescott, Terry Manning, Ed Rigel, Walker Chewning, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Roger Coursey

30 Jan – Austin Dabney (former slave) Grave Marking, Sponsored by the Coweta Falls Chapter, Georgia Society SAR, near Zebulon in Pike County, GA, 1130 hrs: Ed Rigel, Bill Hay, Paul Prescott, Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Walker Chewning, Jack Ferguson, Bob Galer

12 Feb - INS

13 Feb – Kettle Creek Parade, Washington, GA: Ed Rigel, Bill Hay, Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Walker Chewning, Jack Ferguson, Bob Galer

13 Feb – Kettle Creek Wreath Presentation, Washington, GA: Ed Rigel, Bill Hay, Terry Manning, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Walker Chewning, Jack Ferguson

14 Feb – Elijah Clarke Wreath Presentation, Lincolnton, GA: Ed Rigel, Terry Manning, Paul Prescott, Walker Chewning, Jack Ferguson
20 Feb - Chapter Meeting

22 Feb – Washington's Birthday Celebration, Sponsored by the Lyman Hall Chapter, Gainesville, GA 1600 hrs

27 Feb – Battle of Brier Creek
6 Mar – Last Naval Battle, Sponsored by the Florida Society SAR, Cape Canaveral, FL, 1000 hrs: Jack Ferguson

7 Mar – A. R. Veterans Memorial in Watkinsonville, GA

13 Mar – 229th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC

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Some of us will make New Year's resolutions concerning our life such as losing weight, stopping bad habits, spending more time with our family, etc. These resolutions, personal in nature, may not make the headlines in the news media. Other resolutions such as government proclamations and new laws are given more publicity.

The Piedmont Chapter participated in the celebration of several historical events this year which were acknowledged by resolutions issued by government entities. These resolutions called attention to the resolve of our forefathers to insure that we as citizens remember what they lived, fought and died for in establishing this great country. While we remember these resolutions when they are issued and for a short time thereafter, we need to be reminded each year of their importance. In each document the phrase "*Be it resolved*" or "*resolved*" denotes the intent of the issuing government to convey the importance of these events to the citizens of our nation.

While a number of resolutions, personal and historical, are issued each year, our remembrance wanes with the passage of time. There is one resolution, called by most historians the greatest resolution ever written, which is honored with a national holiday. Richard Henry Lee presented a three part resolution to the Continental Congress in 1776. Part of this resolution reads...."Resolved, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be, totally dissolved...." *The word resolved has a prominent place in this document we all know as the Declaration of Independence.*

While most resolutions will be forgotten or replaced, let us never allow the greatest resolution ever written be labeled "Out with the old – In with the New".

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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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