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OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE*

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Carl Bhame

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Looking Forward

One of my tasks this past year, with the very necessary help of Bob Sapp, was to prepare the Americanism Committee report on the activities of our chapter. That process gave me better insight to our varied work and activities in the community and in our society. As I reflect on the many reported accomplishments of our chapter during this past year, it is difficult to set higher goals for ourselves without asking first whether they are reasonable in a voluntary organization such as ours. Some of our reality is that a "few good men" have been carrying the heavy loads for us. The Piedmont chapter owes much of its reputation to those men. We would not be recognized now as one of the best chapters in the national society without their dedication.

At the same time we have grown to a size that puts us in competition with larger chapters which challenges us to greater achievements. Our newer

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Shown above are the Piedmont Chapter Officers for 2010 (L-R): Carl Bhame, President, Allen Greenly, Vice President, LTC Donald Gunn Jr., Secretary, Bob Shaw, Treasurer, Allen Finley, Chaplain, Tom Chrisman, Registrar, Tom Davis, Sergeant-at-Arms and Robert Allgood, Historian, (not pictured: Gerald Breed, Editor and Eric Thorstenberg, Chancellor)



Piedmont Chapter continues to have interesting speakers at the monthly meetings



Above, Vice President Carl Bhamé presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to LTC (Retired) Tom Daniel.

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Tom Daniel was our speaker at the January Meeting. His presentation was entitled "The Day the Myth Died- 9/11 at the Pentagon".

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Tom Daniel's presentation to the Piedmont Chapter answered why this was "The Day the Myth Died." The "myth" was the Cold War notion that operations at the Pentagon could only be impacted by a nuclear strike. His eyewitness account of the events of that tragic day was spellbinding and his insight into national military strategy was enlightening to everyone in attendance. LTC Daniel's presentation has been given around the country to diverse groups including government, business and academia; from small audiences to groups greater than 2000. September 11, 2001 is a day that Americans will never forget.



Eagle Scout Michael Smith receives award at Annual Meeting

Eagle Scout Michael T. Smith, Troop 347, of Milton, GA was honored as the winner of the Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Essay Contest at the Annual Meeting. Michael's winning essay was titled "Revolutionary Heritage" that told the story of his three Revolutionary War ancestors. Piedmont Scouting Chairman, Bob Sapp presented Michael with a check for \$100 at the chapter's annual meeting held in Roswell. Above Michael's parents, Dr. Michael G. Smith and Julie Smith look on as he receives his award. In addition to the check, Michael received a medal and certificate. Applicants are required to complete a four-generation ancestor chart, write a patriot theme of five hundred words and show that they are well rounded citizens by stating their scholastic, community, scouting and religious activities and accomplishments. Eagle Scout Smith has earned forty-three merit badges. He is a senior at Milton High School and he has a Grade Point Average of 4.0.

Upcoming Events

Saturday March 20, 2010
Chapter Meeting

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

Speaker

Joe Kirby, who will make a presentation on The Bell Bomber Plant.

Saturday April 17, 2010
Chapter Meeting

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

Speaker

Admiral (Retired) James McGarrah will speak on the topic: Detention of Enemy Combatants



The Piedmont Chapter held its Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

The Piedmont Chapter held its Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn Roswell, Georgia on February 20, 2010. Carl Bhame and the other officers were sworn in and numerous awards were presented as detailed below. The speaker was Colonel (Retired) Clifford Lowery. Colonel Lowery's presentation focused on the "Hand of God" as seen through the supernatural events associated with the establishment of our nation and the Christian principles espoused by our Founding Fathers. He noted that the first motion raised in the Continental Congress was a call for the session to be opened in prayer – a tradition that continues to this day. Throughout those early years of our Republic the Congress called on God numerous times to protect and preserve our vulnerable nation as we faced the most powerful empire in the world. Calls to prayer for the people of Boston were followed in December of 1776 with a nationwide call for a day of fasting and repentance. Recognizing that the spiritual state of his Army was as important as their physical health General Washington prohibited profanity, encouraged prayer and established a Chaplains Corps throughout the regiments of the Continental Army. In summary, Colonel Lowery pointed out that our Constitution, as originally written, intended that we have "freedom of religion" versus the more liberal interpretation of "freedom from religion." Shown below are Piedmont Chapter Color Guard members (L-R): Color Guard Commander, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Glynn Acree, LTC. Don Gunn, Jack Ferguson and Eagle Scout Michael Smith.



Awards Presented at Piedmont Chapter Annual Meeting

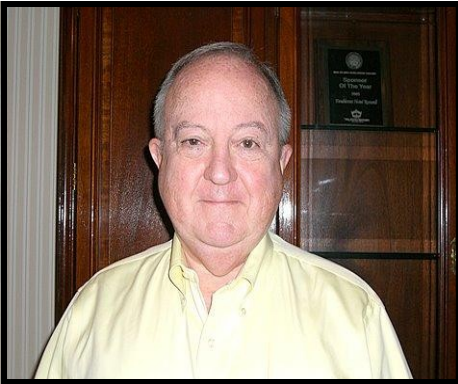
Mrs. Linda Bhame	Certificate of Appreciation
Mr. Gerald Breed	Certificate of Appreciation
Mr. Tom Davis	Certificate of Appreciation
Mr. Allen Greenly	Certificate of Appreciation
Mr. Bill Lusk	Certificate of Appreciation
Mr. Carl Bhame	Distinguished Service Certificate
LTC Don Gunn	Distinguished Service Certificate
LTC Don Gunn	War Service Medal
Mr. James Paine	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
Mr. Bobby Shaw	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
Mr. Bobby Shaw	Outstanding Georgian Certificate
Mr. Jim Paine	Outstanding Georgian Certificate
LTC Don Gunn	Outstanding Georgian Certificate
Mr. Bill Lusk	The Jack Martin Membership Trophy



From



Allen Finley Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



When the going gets tough. . .

Over the last year and a half, we have used letters and word association to take a journey back in time to understand better what our forefathers might have experienced as they came to found this great country. We have looked at words like “abilities”, “beliefs”, “prayers” and “perseverance”, and we now come to the letter “Q”. It has taken me a while to think of an appropriate word to associate with the letter “Q”. Some of the words that I entertained were “question” or “quiet”, but the more I thought, two words leaped out to me.

The first word was QUIT. You probably wonder why this word applies. In my thinking, this word must not have existed in our forefather’s vocabulary or character. I am sure that the old saying still holds some truth—“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.”

As we sit here today, we are proof that our collective grandparents never QUIT. Through all of the adversities they encountered- from their crossing, to surviving winter storms and severe heat, to lack of

food, or broken bones, and other challenges-they never quit.

As this word came to mind, the second word was right behind it. That word was QUALITY. There are several applications that seem to come into play. First, we all think of improving the Quality of our life from that which we experienced as children. So we work harder and smarter to improve our “lot in life”. Second, we think we must improve the Quality of life for our children. We feel that they should never have to endure what we went through as children, forgetting that there are only two things that we must give them—roots and wings. Finally, some have suggested that we improve the Quality of our values as we grow older, but our values are set by an early age.

The facet of the word Quality that I want us to think about is the “Quality of stock” that God gave our ancestral forefathers. These Quality people were able to come together to form a country and write the Constitution of the United States of America after fighting the British for their freedom. They were able to survive a Civil War and rebuild afterward, to fight two World Wars which killed millions around the world. What is amazing to me is that, in spite of all of this, the Quality of our ancestral stock gave them the ability to raise their families and make the United States of America a place where creative thinking has allowed the development of many items that we now take for

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In Memoriam Paul Grady Moss Jr.

Compatriot Paul Grady Moss Jr. was born in Americus, Georgia in 1918 and died in Roswell, Georgia February 7, 2010. He is survived by his wife Inez Riley Moss, son, Paul Grady Moss III, daughters, Anadora Moss and Penelope Moss. Paul was a charter member of the Piedmont Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

Paul graduated from the University of Alabama and later received his MBA from Georgia State University. He was employed with Southern Bell at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and was called to active duty. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Marines in the Pacific Arena during WW II. Paul served in the 3rd Marine Division and participated in the Iwo Jima, Bougainville and Guam campaigns. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service.

When released from active duty in November 1945 he returned to work with Bell South in Atlanta. Later, he became employed at Lockheed Corporation in Marietta, where he worked until he retired in 1983. For many years he was an active member of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist church in Atlanta where he taught Sunday school, served as a deacon, and was a member of the Triple E. Sunday school class. After moving to Roswell in 1975, he became very active in the Roswell Historical Society, serving as President, 1981-1982. He also became active in the First Baptist Church of Roswell. His lifelong interest in genealogy led him into member in the Page-Nelson Society, the Lee Society and the Charlemagne Society.

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

*Thomas Jefferson
Third President of the US
(1743-1826)*



Below: President Carl Bhamé presents a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing President Bob Shaw in recognition of his outstanding leadership during the 2009 calendar year. This presentation occurred at the Piedmont Chapter Annual Meeting in February 2010.



Below: Chapter Registrar Bob Sapp presents The Jack Martin Membership Trophy to Com-patriot Bill Lusk. The Jack Martin Membership Trophy was established by Past Chapter President Douglass Stansberry in memory of Jack Martin. The Trophy is awarded to the chapter member who recruits/first line sponsors the most members during the calendar year. Bill Lusk sponsored his two sons.



The Color Guard Awards Luncheon

The Georgia Society Color Guard Awards Luncheon was held on January 9 in Lawrenceville, Georgia. With an attendance of fifty persons, it was a colorful and fun-filled event.

It has been another record breaking year for our militia and men in blue and buff. The Georgia Society had participation by sixty-two members in seventy-four state events with a combined attendance of eight hundred forty-nine members during 2009. Thanks to Paul Prescott and Jay Guest for their leadership in this program and thanks to all of our Color Guard members for their active involvement in pursuing the goals of the SAR.

Below (L-R): Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution President, Terry Manning, Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Piedmont Chapter President Bob Shaw, Bob Sapp, Glynn Acree, Billy Templeton and George Thurmond.



Below: outgoing Chapter President Bob Shaw receives the Secretary of State's Outstanding Georgian Certificates from Roger Wise.





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granted. Things like lights, phones, cars, jets, etc. were not part of the world in which my father, who was born in 1894, grew up.

This raises a question. What are we leaving for our children and grandchildren? As members of an organization that traces our lineage to these people, we must always remember to strive for the Quality of our “stamp” on history. May God give us the wisdom to help others be aware of the challenge of maintaining this country as the one in which the candle of freedom still burns, and is a light on the hill for all to see.

Georgia Society's Annual Conference

The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference is scheduled for April 2-3, 2010, at the Marriott Atlanta Gwinnett Place, 1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth Telephone 770.923.1775. Rooms are \$79 plus tax. A registration form was included in the January issue of the Hornet's Nest and a copy of the form has been mailed to all members at as part of the Winter Bulletin.

Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom.

***John Adams
Second President of the US
(1735-1826)***

Jack Ferguson and wife Lou Ferguson were honored at The Georgia Society Color Guard Luncheon



Submitted by Color Guard Commander, Paul Prescott and George Thurmond

Hats off to Garnett (“Jack”) Ferguson who, as of 10 September 2009, passed a remarkable milestone. In less than nine years in the SAR, Jack has recorded over a thousand events in his Continental uniform, traveling inestimable miles every year and spending from half a day to a weekend for each event – and all at his own expense. You must know Jack: he’s the Piedmont Color Guardsman from Georgia who, at 82, still insists on carrying the SAR flag with many, many streamers.

The Georgia Society Color Guard Luncheon honored Jack with an engraved gorget and a plaque commemorating the occasion. Jack’s wife Lou received the Martha Washington Medal for her years of support of her husband.

Since 2001, Jack has participated in seventy national Color Guard events, two hundred thirty-eight state events, and six hundred ninety-two chapter events, for a grand total of 1,000 Color Guard events. He received the GAS-SAR Commander’s Certificate for attendance at the most state and national events for the years 2003 and 2005. He was second for the years 2002 and 2004. He also received the GASSAR Exemplary Service Award (exceeding 100 national and state Color Guard events) in 2005. Of course, Jack has received both the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals for his participation in the many Color Guard events.

In the photo above (L-R): Jay Guest, President, Athens Chapter SAR and Militia Commander of Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia, Jack Ferguson, Lou Ferguson, Paul Prescott, Color Guard Commander and Terry Manning, President Georgia Society SAR.



Below: Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard at Cow Pens 16 January 2010



Georgia Society Color Guard Schedule

27 Mar – O'Rear Grave Markings, Sponsored by the Rome Chapter, Bartow County, GA: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

2-3 Apr – Georgia Society Annual Meeting, Mariott Atlanta Gwinnett Place, 1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

10 Apr – Patriot James Waldrop Grave Marking, Sponsored by DAR, Fayetteville, GA: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

17 Apr – Colonial Times Festival, Neptune Park, St. Simons Isl., GA, 1000 – 1400 hrs: (Parade and Living History): Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

17 Apr – Patriot's Day Celebration, Casino Atrium, St. Simons, GA, 1400 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

17 Apr – Chapter Meeting

18 Apr – Colonial Worship Service, Frederica Baptist Church, St. Simons Isl., GA, 1100 hrs: (Color Guard participation) Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

1 May – GOP District Meeting, Dunwoody, GA: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

14 May – INS: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

15 May – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

15 May – Kings Ridge Academy, Milton, GA, 0930 hrs: Paul Prescott

29 May – Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

31 May – Memorial Day, Roswell, GA:

12 Jun – Battle of Ramsour's Mill Memorial Service, Lincoln, NC: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

19 Jun – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

19 Jun – Patriot Stephen Ashby Grave Marking, Sponsored by the Sons of Liberty Chapter, Georgia Society SAR, Madisonville, KY

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members can add to our cadre of leaders for the longer run, as none of us are getting any younger! We need that assurance of backup and future leadership from our broader member base. Those men who participate in one or more of our committees also will benefit from a greater sense of the chapter's accomplishments. They will have made a positive difference, to their credit, by their involvement. I look forward to seeing those who will be ready to participate in some committee's work.

The steps we need to take together to achieve additional participation and leadership growth will be a topic at our next Board of Managers' (BOM) meeting, after the March chapter meeting. At the same time we will be looking to the near-term when our faithful Secretary, LTC Donald Gunn, will be moving away, opening a place for an important replacement that will be filled by action of the BOM. We will hope for a ready-and-willing member to accept this position in mid-year.

There is much to be done, and we need more than a few good men now. Perhaps our chapter's slogan should be "We can do it better with your help."

On the GASSAR web site, Terry Manning our Georgia President reminds us that our reason for existing as an organization is much more than the society's competition, or the meetings or the camaraderie or the awards. He goes on to say it is the ongoing remembrance of the people and events of the American Revolution, our patriotism derived from those events, and our ideals of freedom bought with the price of many fortunes and lives then and since then. My own sense of what is most lasting, of all that we do as a chapter, is the passing of our SAR torch and what that SAR torch represents to the next generation.

Can we in good faith do any less than give some of our good fortune and our time to perpetuate those ideals?



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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, Tom Chrisman** 404.310.3338 or any other chapter officer.

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