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OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT
OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE*

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No Identity Crisis Here!

Have you felt at times that we are in a crisis of identity as a nation? Maybe that is expected as a result of our open-ended dialog in the media. How many emails have you seen from those meaning to be helpful but who instead are alarming? Unfortunately these emails too often deal with less than the full set of facts.

Perhaps some are questioning who we are as a nation and what we should stand for. Perhaps we are losing touch with our foundations as a nation.

I am sure not a seer of the future, nor is any of us. Yet there is a need for a strategy of living in the face of an onslaught of news about our nation's troubles.

I have found that returning to the basics is a good strategy in any field of endeavor including mathematics, sports, music, business plans, religion and, just as surely, our nation's values and history. Historical perspectives for me are even more crucial since I was not a good student of history. I always have learned more from a good book about our nation's early years.

Our SAR pledges and their cogent statements are fine reminders of our heritage and our responsibilities. As individuals we pledge to act responsibly in the defense of our beliefs and principles as a society. We pledge much less than our founders who pledged their entire fortunes, but we are still saying we are ready to do whatever we can to right an errant direction for our country. Some of our members are doing just that as they see fit, in their other groups and meetings. Our official functions "stick to the basics" of necessity, leaving it to each of us to apply those basics to business and political decisions.

I find it refreshing to be part of our chapter meetings and our rituals. Are you able to be with us more often to support your fellow compatriots? Would you not also be gathering some fresh perspectives from that time

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Piedmont Chapter programs for March and April 2010



Above, Vice President Allen Greenly on the left presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to Joe Kirby at the March Meeting.

Joe Kirby has been Editorial Page Editor of the Marietta Daily Journal since 1992 and has won the prestigious Freedom of Information Award and Public Service Award from the Associated Press (Georgia) and the Georgia Press Association numerous times, as well as winning awards for Best Columnist, Best Editorial, Best Editorial Pages and Best Feature from those groups. Kirby worked in the late 1980s and early 1990s as a city hall/general assignment reporter for the MDJ. Prior to that, Kirby was a reporter/anchorman for radio stations in northeast Georgia. He has a B.A. from James Madison University in History and Communication Arts. He serves on the boards of the Marietta Museum of History, the Cobb Library Foundation, the Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association, and the Marietta Kiwanis Club.

He is the author of "The Bell Bomber Plant", and he gave a very interesting presentation on the history of the plant in Marietta, providing interesting details on the design and production of the B-29 bomber, the most expensive U.S. weapon of World War II.



Above, Vice President Allen Greenly presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to Rear Admiral (Retired) James (Jim) McGarrah.

Jim McGarrah graduated "With Distinction" from the U. S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and received his Navy commission in 1973. He served in both the active and reserve components of the U. S. Navy for 33 years. During his final uniformed position as Deputy Chief of Civil Engineers and Director of the Contingency Engineering Group, he assumed additional duties leading a special assignment for the Secretary of the Navy. On July 9, 2004, when McGarrah was a Rear Admiral, Secretary of the Navy, Gordon England, appointed him as the Director of the Office of the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants. McGarrah testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee about the Combatant Status Review Tribunals (CSRT), held in the Guantanamo Bay detention camps, in Cuba, from July 2004 to March 2005. Following retirement from the Navy in 2006, he served an additional two years as a senior civilian Special Assistant working for the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Jim provided a very interesting talk about the process for Combatant Status Review, including the number of detainees at Guantanamo in 2004 and the period for which he had responsibility.

Upcoming Events

Saturday May 15 2010
Chapter Meeting

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

Speaker

Murray Lynn, Holocaust survivor

Saturday June 19, 2010
Chapter Meeting

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

Speaker

Dr. Jim Picuch : Uncovering the Truth Behind the Waxhaws Massacre



“Light Horse Harry” Lee



Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee III, born at Leesylvania near Dumfries, Virginia, was blonde, blue-eyed, and full of spirit. He graduated from Princeton in 1773 and returned home to prepare for war. His skill as a horseman, as well as his temperament, made him a natural cavalryman. He soon was commissioned as captain in the fifth group of Virginia Light Dragoons and sent north to join the Continental Army.

Leading his men on lightning raids against enemy supply trains, Harry attracted the attention and admiration of General George Washington and was rapidly promoted. In a surprise attack at Paulus Hook, New Jersey, he captured 400 British soldiers with the loss of only one man. His adroit horsemanship soon earned him the nickname "Light Horse Harry." When the military theatre shifted, he enjoyed equal success in the Southern Department.

Resigning his commission after the British surrender at Yorktown, Harry returned to Virginia to marry his cousin, the "divine Matilda" Lee. The wedding took place at Stratford, and it is said that General Washington contributed several pipes of his best Madeira to the festive occasion. Matilda had inherited Stratford in the division of her father's estate and lived there with her new husband. The dashing young cavalryman, however, was no farmer. His interests in the livelier arena of politics led to Harry's election to the new Virginia House of Delegates. After only eight years of marriage, Matilda died in 1790, leaving three young children and a husband desperate with grief.

Two years later, Harry was elected Governor of Virginia, serving three one-year terms. While living in Richmond, he fell in love with Ann Hill Carter of nearby Shirley Plantation. In 1793 they were married. His governorship behind him, he took his bride to Stratford.

Again, family life was interrupted by his appointment to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Upon the death of President George Washington, Harry was asked by Congress to deliver a tribute to his beloved general, describing him for posterity:

***“First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen...
second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life.”***

After the death of his idol, Harry's fortunes began to decline rapidly. The support of a family of six, coupled with disastrous land speculation, reduced him to financial poverty. Then, on January 19, 1807, in the large upstairs room at Stratford where so many Lees had come into the world, Ann gave birth to their fifth son, Robert Edward, named after two of his mother's favorite brothers. As Robert was learning to walk, his father was carried off to debtor's prison in Montross.

With characteristic courage, in a 12-by-15 foot prison cell, Harry wrote his *Memoirs of the War in the Southern Department of the United States*, still the standard text on that portion of the Revolutionary War. When the book was finished in 1810, the family moved to Alexandria, where a new life on a modest scale was made possible by a legacy from Ann's father. Harry's eldest son, Henry IV, became master of Stratford.

"Light Horse Harry's" last years were marred by sorrow and pain. Internal injuries, received when he was beaten by a mob as he defended a friend and freedom of the press in Baltimore, kept him in constant physical pain. He sought relief in the warm climate of the West Indies. When his health continued to decline, Harry attempted to return home, but died on Cumberland Island, Georgia, in the home of the daughter of his former commander, Nathanael Greene.

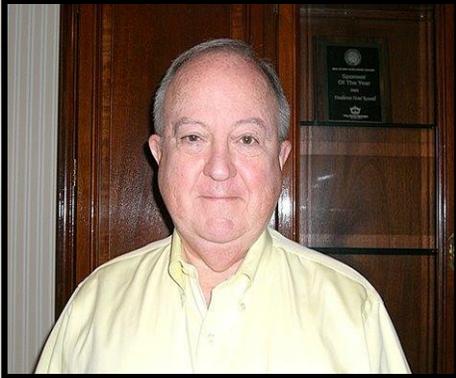
Source: Stratford Hall Plantation website. Portrait by Charles Willson Peale, "Light-Horse Harry" Lee, 1782.



From



Allen Finley
Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



Our Journey Continues

As we have thought about the time when our forefathers came to the land that is now the United States of America, we started with the letter A and now come to the letter R. This letter suggests many words we can consider in exploring the traits and characteristics that were relevant at that time. Some words that may have been in the hearts and minds of our forefathers are:

Re-organize. I start with this word because our forefathers turned their entire lives around. As you try to picture what it must have been like to leave structure and begin an entirely new way of living, a new way of obtaining food, a new land that had no major roads, no houses, no way of knowing what the weather was like, and this list could go on and on.

They altered their practices as they acquired new knowledge. They adjusted to new ways survival. They determined what would work and what would not and changed a lot of what had been the norm in their lives.

**WHAT IF? Can you picture how we would have to re*

organize if the price of gas becomes what it is in Europe or higher?

Responsibility. This is another word that must have been very relevant to our forefathers. I do not think that it was their intention to use this word to blame others but to instill a sense of accountability – a sense of duty- or, a sense of trustworthiness.

It was dependent upon them to raise their family, to provide food and shelter for them, to educate them and also instill a sense of believing in GOD. The old adage applied—if it is to be done, it is up to me to do it.

**WHAT IF? Can you picture what would happen to this country if we all demanded that someone else do it for us? Is anyone really entitled?*

Respect. It seems strange that I picked this word since the revolution was about opposition to the British Crown. There are times when the respectful thing to do is to oppose tyranny and injustice. It is now our privilege and duty to demonstrate our respect for those who left their homeland and came here to start over.

There have been some misguided events which occurred during the history of this country. However, one enduring principal is the respect we demonstrate for others.

**WHAT IF? Can you picture what will happen to this country if we, as SAR members, do not enlighten others as to this principal of respect?*

Among the Missing

Paul Grady Moss, Jr. (1918 – 2010).

Paul was a Charter Member of the Piedmont Chapter who was a dear friend and loyal supporter of the SAR. He served our country in time of need, being of the Greatest Generation. He was a Captain in the 3rd Marine Division and veteran of several campaigns in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

I got to know Paul and Inez, his wife of many, many years, shortly after my membership in the chapter in September 1997. Paul met Inez while serving the Marine Corps as she too was a Marine (serving as a “Weather Bimbo” quoting Inez). They married shortly after the war.

It was in the Battle of Bougainville that his photo of his sweetheart got an unwelcomed bullet right through her profile! Paul had a photo of Inez in his satchel that contained the radio call signs and frequencies of the division. Paul survived but the Japanese soldier who fired the shot did not. Paul would later say that he witnessed the flag raising on Iwo Jima as the 3rd Marine Division was in reserve off shore. “The entire fleet could be heard cheering” said Paul.

I had the good fortune to visit with Paul several times, both in his home and at Veterans Day functions in the area. Paul was very patriotic and frequently attended Veterans reunions. He was kind to share several publications with me, including my favorite, “Still a PFC” written by one of his fellow Marines. The History of the 3rd Marine Division is also a remarkable story about those who answered the call to duty in WW II.

Paul had remarkable faith and loved his family. He is buried at the beautiful Georgia National Cemetery in Canton where, at his request, Reveille was played at the conclusion of his funeral. Vintage Paul.



Aubrey Morris (1922 - 2010)

We lost another friend and Charter Member in the passing of Aubrey Morris.

Aubrey was an icon in radio and journalism, working with WSB radio, the Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Constitution. I knew the name and distinctive voice of Aubrey long before my membership in the chapter. He told me gleefully that the legendary Dean Tate, head of the University of Georgia Department of Journalism, once told him that with his voice, he would never make it in radio! Aubrey proved him wrong for 33 years.

As a Charter member of the Piedmont Chapter, Aubrey made many contributions. One contribution was the Chapter name. It was his idea to name the chapter "Piedmont". Aubrey was a strong patriot who treasured his genealogy, even publishing the History of the Haygood Family, his Revolutionary War ancestor. He even gave me a copy of his publication.

It was quite a coincidence that our ancestors crossed paths so many years ago in the migration to settle Georgia following the Revolutionary War. It was Benjamin Haygood who sold the land on which the Mars Hill Baptist Church in Watkinsville stands today. Aubrey and I attended the 200th anniversary celebration of the church several years ago. Aubrey had a copy of the bill of sale, recorded for \$7.50 or \$750, depending on how you interpreted the deed.

Aubrey's ancestors also sold (or provided) the land that the old Lebanon Baptist Church occupied at the corner of Crossville Road and Alpharetta Highway (Route 9). The location now has a bank on the property.

Aubrey even obtained the homestead of his ancestor which was located at the current site of Longhorn's on Mansell Road. He had the house moved to its current location on Francis Road and remodeled. It would be at this location that Aubrey would enjoy his retirement.

Aubrey was acknowledged as the most prominent historian of Old Milton County. He thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the grave marking activities of the Piedmont Chapter, among other things. He continued to perform volunteer work for the Roswell Historical Society & Archives while supplementing his "spare time", writing articles of historical interest for local newspapers.

I had the good fortune to visit Aubrey at his home on several occasions and my walks with him around his flower garden are most cherished memories.

We have lost two of our finest members, good citizens, appreciating patriotism and both serving their country in their own individual ways.

Rest in peace Paul and Aubrey, you are missed by your friends in the Piedmont Chapter

George Thurmond

Below: President Carl Bham presents a Certificate for a Supplemental Ancestor to Tom Chrisman. Tom's supplemental ancestor is Patriot Robert Fulton, who immigrated to America from Articlave, Northern Ireland about 1770. He settled in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania. During the Revolution he served as a Private in Hugh Mitchell's company and Archibald Leech's company as a ranger and he was a member of the Continental Line in Pennsylvania. Robert was married to Nancy Agnes Sloan, and they had a large family, many of whom moved west after his death in 1820.



Allen Greenly

Below: Past President Bob Shaw presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Gerald Breed in recognition of his work as Editor of the Piedmont Piper. It was also noted that the Piedmont Piper was recognized with the PG Westlake Communications Award by the Georgia Society for 2009.

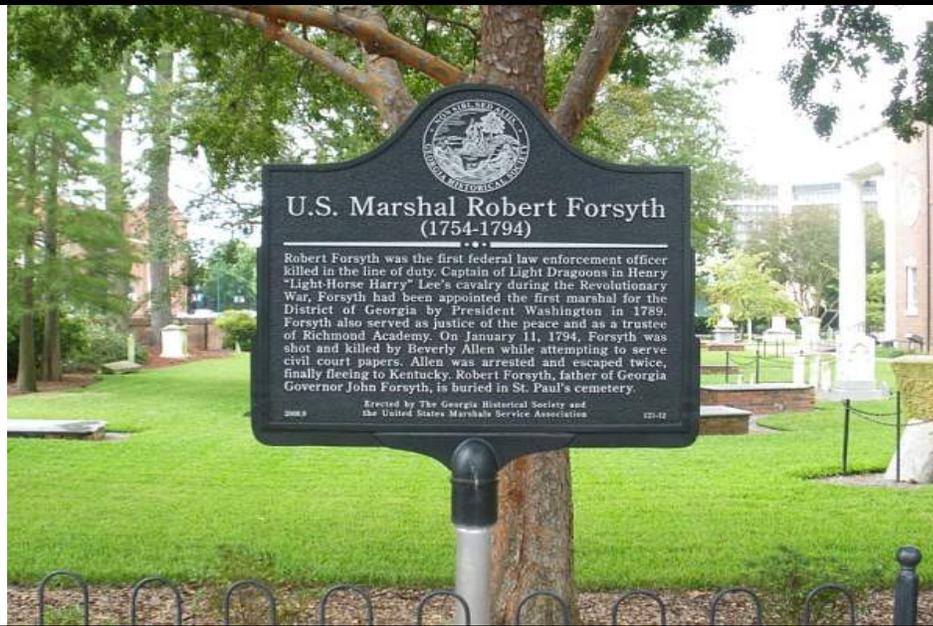


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Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week May 9-15, 2010

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week is an observance in the United States that pays tribute to the local, state, and federal peace officers. The Memorial takes place on May 15, and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial falls. The holiday was created on 1 October 1961 when Congress asked the president to designate 15 May to honor peace officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. According to a proclamation by George W. Bush in 2002, "Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism." Much of the holiday centers on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall in Washington, D.C., whose walls feature the names of the more than 17,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.



Above: Historical Marker honoring U.S. Marshall John Forsyth, Patriot of the American Revolution and the first Peace Officer killed in the line of duty in Georgia . He was a Captain of Light Dragoons in “Light-Horse Harry” Lee’s cavalry unit.



Above: Past President and ROTC Committee Chairman Colonel (Retired) Carl Tanner, on the left, presents the Piedmont Chapter JROTC medal to Cadet/LTC Maung Chit Ko, Commander of the JROTC Battalion at North Springs Charter School, Sandy Springs. The school JROTC Advisor is in the center. The purpose of the JROTC program is to motivate young people to be better citizens.



Above: Georgia Society Color Guard at Guilford Courthouse on March 13, 2010. L-R: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Bruce Maney, Jack Ferguson, Jr., Charlie Newcomer, Roscoe McMillan, Ed Ringle, Sr., Terry Manning, Michael Tomme, and Bobby Towns. Photo courtesy of Bob Yankle.

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with us? We have a wonderful series of speakers at our meetings who give us food for thought and action.

So long as there are SAR, DAR and heritage groups who serve us well and we are involved with those groups faithfully, we will regularly be reminded of who we are as a nation. Also important is what we believe and the direction we should steer ourselves and others. I submit that by being an enthusiastic part of our SAR functions we will likely avoid ever having to deal with a personal identity crisis. And we can lead in the direction of our national identity as well.

Georgia Society Color Guard Schedule

8 May – Crawford Monument Dedication, Elberton, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott

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, George Thurmond

27 May – Rotary Memorial Day Kickoff Luncheon, Roswell Area Park, Woodstock Rd, Roswell, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond

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

31 May – Memorial Day, Roswell, GA: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Robert Sapp

19 Jun – Battle of Ramsour’s Mill Memorial Service, Lincolnton, NC:

Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

19 Jun – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott

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

20 Jun – Univ. of Phoenix Graduation, Phillips Arena, Atlanta, 1400 to 1630 hrs: Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Walker Chewing, Bruce Maney

17 Jul – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson

7 Aug – Old Soldiers Day, Alpharetta, GA: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond

13 Aug – INS: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

21 Aug – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

18 Sep – Chapter Meeting: Jack Ferguson

24-25 Sep – Leadership Meeting,

Louisville, KY: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond

9 Oct – Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA

10 Oct – National Rose Show Banquet, Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs St., Marietta, GA

16 Oct – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson

16 Oct – Veteran’s Muster, Newnan, GA, 0900 hrs

5 Nov – INS: George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson

6 Nov – Jackson Grave Marking, Sponsored by the Rome, Cherokee, & Piedmont Chapters, Gordon County: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

13 Nov – Joel Early Chapter, 1100 hrs

20 Nov – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson



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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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