

# The Piedmont Piper



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## A Strong Start in 2012

Your Piedmont Chapter has been very active recently and we are on track for another good year. During March and April the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard attended two grave markings and two historic site memorials (Battle of Guilford Courthouse and Frederica Naval Battle), participated in a parade at St. Simons Island, GA, presented five traveling trunk programs and attended the NSSAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville.

Our Committees are continuing to serve our community. The Speakers Bureau had fifteen presentations to school children through mid-March 2012 at various schools for the Academic year 2011-2012, and they have made twenty-nine presentations to other organizations year to date. Another twenty three are scheduled for the remainder of the year and we are on track to have another record year. We have had new organizations request our participation in their programs this year and that gives us more exposure in the community. Our Veterans Committee has plans to finish 2012 with excellent results and each member has been challenged to do their part. I encourage each member to get involved in these important activities to support the Piedmont Chapter.

Since 17 September 2012 is the 225th anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution, The Piedmont Chapter has obtained twenty framed copies of the US Constitution and five framed copies of the Declaration of Independence. Our plans are to present these documents to schools, libraries, city halls, etc., as a way of calling attention to this significant event. To date, copies of both documents have been presented to Perimeter Christian School and Fellowship Christian School.

The up-coming major events for May and June are Scout Day on 26 May at the Marietta National Cemetery, a combined event with the Georgia Society Color Guard, Memorial Day at Roswell City Hall, and the commemo-

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## Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Members



Shown above left to right are new members Robert Kabel, Bill Kabel, Chapter Registrar Tom Chrisman, and Piedmont President Paul Prescott. Bill Kabel says that he is one of those “Transplanted Yankees.” After receiving his degree from Ohio University, he entered the Army and served as the Protocol Officer for the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Army Commendation and Bronze Star medals. He then moved to Atlanta and married Carolyn, his wife of forty-two years. He is retired from Sentry Insurance, and from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Bill enjoys trout fishing, studying military history, doing genealogical research, and writing. Bill is already active in our Chapter serving on the Veterans Committee. His Patriot Ancestor is Private Matthew Brown who enlisted and served in South Carolina as a ranger.

Robert Kabel --- “Rob” is a 2001 honors graduate of Pope High School, and he earned his degree in religion from the University of Georgia. He was one of three Atlanta Area Council Eagle Scouts to be awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal in 1996. Rob has generously given his time to help others by volunteering one of his college summers at the VA hospital, serving as an Intern for UGA’s Wesley Foundation, and serving as a Missionary for a year in Great Britain. He hopes to begin working on a Master of Divinity to become a minister. His Patriot Ancestor is also Private Matthew Brown.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday May 19, 2012  
 Chapter Meeting  
 Best Western 907 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell,  
 Georgia  
 8:00 am Breakfast  
 8:30 am Meeting  
**Speaker**  
**GASSAR President Ed Rigel Sr.**  
**“Georgia’s Reluctant Rebels”**

Saturday June 16, 2012  
 Chapter Meeting and Picnic

Piedmont Chapter, GASSAR will host our Annual Picnic at Shelter No 1 at the Roswell Recreation Park located at 10496 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075. We plan to begin serving at 1 pm.



## Piedmont Chapter Meeting Highlights



### Piedmont Chapter Meeting for March 2012

Vice-President Walt Woliver introduced Dr. Joe Kitchens, Director of the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt University as the guest speaker at the March Chapter meeting. The Funk Heritage Center is located in a replica Longhouse inspired by Native American architecture. The center offers films about the Southeastern Indians, and the Hall of the Ancients depicts 12,000 years of Native American life through artifacts and dioramas. Also on display is an extensive collection of contemporary Native American artwork. Dr. Kitchens' topic was "Testing Your Knowledge of Georgia History." He "tested" members' knowledge of the history of Georgia by posing questions about people and places in Georgia History. He peppered his presentation with humor which made the topic very interesting. The members acquitted themselves quite well in answering most of the questions. Dr. Kitchens gave an update on the current and future development of Reinhardt University's building program and the decision to field a football team in the Fall of 2013.

Shown above L-R: Vice-President Woliver presenting Dr. Kitchens with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$50.00 as a donation to Reinhardt University.

### Piedmont Chapter Meeting for April 2012

The guest speaker at the April Chapter meeting was Mr. Don L. Shadburn, a retired middle-school science teacher. He is a native of Forsyth County and began historical and genealogical research in 1969 on the county's non-Indian pioneers and families of Cherokee blood. Thus far his research has resulted in the publication of six books: Pioneer History of Forsyth County, Georgia (1981); Cherokee Planters in Georgia 1832-1838 (1989); Unhallowed Intrusion: A History of Cherokee Families in Forsyth County, Georgia (1993); Crimson and Sabres: A Confederate Record of Forsyth County, Georgia (1997, with Ted O. Brooke); Blood Kin: Pioneer Chronicles of Upper Georgia Centered in Forsyth County (1999); and The Cottonpatch Chronicles: Reflections on Cherokee History, People, Places, and Events in Forsyth County, Georgia (2003).

Mr. Shadburn topic was "Tories Among the Cherokee", and he gave a very interesting talk about the Cherokee Planters in Georgia. He spoke about the Waters and the Rodgers families and their role in the development of our nation.

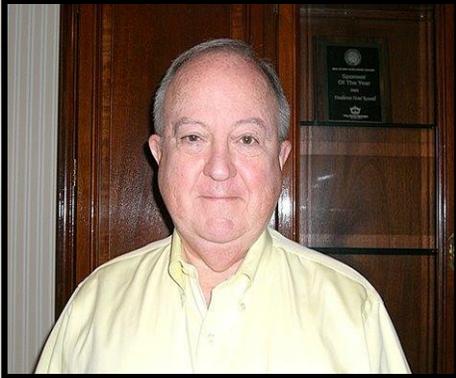
Shown above L-R: Vice-President Woliver presenting Mr. Shadburn with a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation.



From



**Allen Finley**  
Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



### WALK or TALK?

As members of the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, do we really walk the walk or do we just talk the talk?

Let me begin by reviewing what we do at the beginning of every meeting when we “say” the Pledge of the SAR: “We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly swear to defend them against every foe.” At the conclusion of every meeting we stand and repeat our Recessional: “Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, The Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.” These are powerful words.

We are living in a time when many of the principles and institutions of our forefathers are being challenged. One reason I say this

is that I have worked for over 40 years in an industry that has seen many changes. New practices are developed and generally we have been a self regulated type of industry. We have recently come under the control and influence of a powerful individual in the executive branch of our federal government called a “Czar”. We are not the only industry being controlled by newly appointed “Czars”. These are powerful individuals who are allowed to operate and provide directives to industry without the oversight of the U. S. Congress. These appointments were made without approval by the legislative branch of the federal government. You might ask how they were selected. I can’t speak for the qualifications of many of the newly appointed Czars, but in my industry the person in this position has admitted that he has no knowledge of my industry. So why was he chosen? It is my understanding that this was purely a political appointment. This is only one example of what I see as a threat to our Constitutional Republic.

I honestly feel that several of our institutions are under attack. Our independent Supreme Court is mocked, Our Liberties are being challenged, and even a state’s requirement for voter’s to show a photo ID is being challenged.

So do we continue to talk about our beliefs in our meetings or do we walk the walk.

This year I encourage you to become more active in your community and be in contact with your congressional representa-

tives. Become better informed. Call attention to acts which are clearly unconstitutional. We must resist the ‘us vs. them’ mentality, but please do not sit on your hands. – Let’s do what we pledge.

Let’s “reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and defend them against every foe.”

As members of the SAR, let us be citizens who talk the talk and walk the walk.

### American Creed written in 1917 by William Tyler Page:

*“...a sovereign Nation of many sovereign states: a perfect Union, one and inseparable: established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.”*

### Buford's Massacre

Buford's Massacre took place on May 29, 1780, in the Waxhaws region of South Carolina, when Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's legion overtook Lt. Col. Abraham Buford's retreating Virginia Continentals, who had arrived too late to aid in the defense of Charleston. The battle was an impressive display of Tarleton's tactical ability, but the Patriots chiefly remember it for the brutal slaughter of Buford's defeated troops. This tragedy aroused a spirit of vengeance among the Patriots, and "Tarleton's Quarter" became the byword for no quarter.



### Two Compatriots Honored for Service to the Piedmont Chapter

At the March 2012 Chapter meeting Charles Moran, Jr. was presented with Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his service as Sgt.-at Arms of the chapter during 2003-2005 and for serving as Veterans Chairman for 2007 – 2012.

Eric Thorstenberg was presented the Meritorious Service Medal at the April Chapter meeting for his service as Chancellor for the chapter for the past sixteen (16) years, in addition to filling in as Secretary as needed. He has served as Graves Chairman conducting the very first grave marking by the chapter. He is the only active Charter Member serving since 1994. Shown in the photo below on the left are L-R Eric Thorstenberg and Chapter Piedmont President Paul Prescott. In the photo on the right are shown Charles Moran Jr. and President Paul Prescott.



### The 225th Anniversary of the Signing of the U.S. Constitution to be Marked on September 17, 2012

The U.S. Constitution established America's national government and fundamental laws, and guaranteed certain basic rights for its citizens. It was signed on September 17, 1787, by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, presided over by George Washington. Under America's first governing document, the Articles of Confederation, the national government was weak and states operated like independent countries. At the 1787 convention, delegates devised a plan for a stronger federal government with three branches--executive, legislative and judicial--along with a system of checks and balances to ensure no single branch would have too much power. The Bill of Rights--10 amendments guaranteeing basic individual protections such as freedom of speech and religion--became part of the Constitution in 1791. To date, there have been twenty-seven constitutional amendments.





## Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Member Ross Glover



At the April Chapter meeting, Ross Glover was presented with his Membership Certificate and welcomed into the Piedmont Chapter. Shown in the photo above is Past President George Thurmond on the left and new member Ross Glover on the right. George Thurmond sponsored Ross and accompanied him as he received his certificate. Ross is a native Georgian having grown up in Cedartown, Georgia. He served two years active duty and four years Reserve duty in the Navy and graduated from the University of Georgia's Henry Grady School of Journalism. He worked in journalism even before he graduated from college. His last years were spent with Chicago Tribune Syndicate selling features to daily newspapers in the Southeast. He retired in 2004 and now spends his time writing fiction with one published book, The Cedar Tree, to his credit.

Ross's Patriot Ancestor is John Lawrence. Patriot Lawrence joined the Revolutionary Army in 1777 for a three year enlistment. He was at Valley Forge during the terrible winter of 1778. He was taken prisoner in 1780, months before his enlistment was up. The British shipped him to prison in England on a merchant ship. In a deposition to obtain a pension in 1829 John wrote, "I was taken prisoner by the enemy in the Spring of 1780 and was afterwards carried to England, where I remained a prisoner until I made my escape and was unable to affect my return to rejoin my regiment till after the war." Through a series of moves he and his family settled in Gwinnett County, Georgia, and he is buried in the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church cemetery near Lawrenceville, GA. There is nothing written about where he was held prisoner, how he escaped (if he did) or how he returned to the U.S. Family stories tell that he worked his way back on a merchant ship.

### Important Notice from the Piedmont Chapter Veterans Committee

SAR members and their forefathers have answered our country's call in every American conflict, beginning with the battle of Lexington and Concord in April, 1775, to the present. One of the goals of SAR is to honor, respect, and support those who have served so that all Americans might live with the freedom our forefathers so desperately sought.

There are two medals with which SAR recognizes its members who have served in the armed forces of the United States. The first is the War Service Medal which is authorized for those who have served in the armed forces of the United States (or an ally, or a United Nations Peace Keeping Force) and fought against a common enemy of the United States in a war or action that has been recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces and for which a campaign medal is authorized. A second medal is the Military Service Medal which is authorized for those who served in the armed forces of the United States (or an ally, or a United Nations Peace Keeping Force) and who do not qualify for the War Service Medal.

It appears there are many present members of the Piedmont Chapter who have served in the armed forces, and who would qualify for one of the two medals described above. Your DD 214 form that you received when you separated from service provides information that will help determine the medal for which you are qualified. If you feel you qualify for either of these medals, please see either Bill Lusk or Bill Kabel. They can provide you with additional information and help get you qualified for an honor which is richly deserved.



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ration of the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill in Lincolnton, NC.

If you have not been to Scout Day in Marietta and Memorial Day in Roswell, you need to treat yourself to a great experience. Hope to see you there!

Shown above are Members of the Piedmont Color Guard and members of the Georgia Society Color Guard and family members who attended the events commemorating the Battle of Guilford Courthouse which was celebrated on March 17, 2012. Photo courtesy of Bob Yankle.

### Color Guard Schedule

- 19 May - Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson
- 19 May - Kings Ridge Christian Academy, Milton, GA, 0930 hrs: Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp
- 24 May – Rotary Luncheon, Roswell, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson
- 24 May – Medal Presentation, Forsyth Middle School at Lanier Conference Center, Ronald Regan Parkway, 1900 hrs: Paul Prescott
- 26 May – Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA, 0900hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson
- 26 May – Buford’s Massacre, Buford’s Crossroad, SC, 1030 hrs:
- 28 May – Memorial Day, Roswell, GA: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson
- 28 May – Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC
- 28 May – Memorial Day Parade, Canton, GA
- 28 May – Memorial Day Parade, Rome, GA
- 2 Jun - Patriot Grave Marking, Sponsored by J. Habersham Chapter
- 8 June – Present Colors at INS, Atlanta, GA 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson
- 16 Jun - Chapter Meeting, Picnic, Roswell Area Park, Roswell, GA, 1200-1700 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson
- 23 Jun – Battle of Ramsour’s Mill, Lincolnton, NC, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson
- 24 Jun – Phoenix Graduation, (2 sessions): Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson
- 4 Jul – Children’s Parade Windward Subdivision, Milton, GA: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson
- 7-11 Jul – 122nd Annual Congress, Phoenix, AZ: Allen Greenly, Bob Sapp
- 21 Jul - Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson
- 28 Jul – GASSAR BOM, Barnesville, GA, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson
- 4 Aug – Old Soldier’s Day Parade, Alpharetta, GA, 0900: Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp, Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson

### Piedmont Chapter’s Annual Picnic

On June 16 the Piedmont Chapter, GASSAR will again host our Annual Picnic at Shelter No 1 at the Roswell Recreation Park located at 10496 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075. We will be joined by members of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the DAR. The food is again being catered by the Rib Ranch and will include Barbecue Pork, Chopped Chicken Breasts, Barbecue Sauce, Fresh Sandwich Buns, Cheese Potatoes, Coleslaw, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Pickles, Sweet & Unsweet Tea, Ice & Lemons. They will also furnish all paper products--plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils as they have in the past. The setup will occur between 12:30 and 12:45 with lunch being served at 1:00. Tickets are \$10 each. Members who plan to attend should notify Carl Bhome by phone or email (770-394-1282, [cbhome@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbhome@bellsouth.net)) in advance to enable us to get an accurate head count for the caterer.

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

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