

# The Piedmont Piper



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OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE**

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## A New Year for our Great Chapter

I want to thank all of the officers and members of the Piedmont Chapter for the opportunity of being inducted as your Chapter President at our annual meeting on February 16, 2013. Our Chapter has great traditions and a legacy of great service with our "Award Winning" Piedmont Chapter. I want to thank Past President Paul Prescott for his guidance and constant help this past year and for his great leadership in helping to bring our membership to a level of 110 members! I also want to thank our State Registrar, Bob Sapp for his leadership in this area and our Chapter Membership Chair Tom Chrisman for his great leadership, attention to detail and his commitment to our Piedmont Chapter. I want to also thank Past President Jim McIntire for his guidance and helpful navigation through the sometimes confusing parts of what we do through the Piedmont Chapter. I also want to thank The Piedmont Piper editor, Gerald Breed for his excellence in producing an award winning newsletter for our award winning chapter. Well done, Gerald! As we look to our plans for the new year, I ask all of you that are not involved in a committee to join one that you have some interest in. This is a great way to get involved, to help those in need of a little help, and to learn about the work our Chapter does on a local, regional and national basis. Please take time to look in your directory and contact one of the committee chairmen in an area of interest. The satisfaction you will get in return in helping our Chapter, our schools and our future leaders will be immense! Each committee will be asked to speak about their committee and about their goals and activities planned for the new year.

Our first Board of Managers (BOM) meeting will be after our March 16th meeting and our Officers are expected to attend. The committee chairmen are encouraged to attend, but all members are invited to attend. You will learn a lot about your Piedmont Chapter at these meetings. These meetings will continue on a quarterly basis with meetings of the BOM in June, September and December of 2013 and will be immediately after the Regular meeting at the same location of the Regular meeting. As with the Regular meetings, and the BOM, I ask that we maintain the practice of notifying me a week before the Regular meeting or the BOM of anything you would like placed on the agenda. This way we can all be informed about the agenda and ready and informed to take action. As a point of clarification, all members of the Piedmont Chapter are invited to attend the BOM but only members of the BOM will be entitled to vote.

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## Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Members

At the Chapter meeting in January, the Piedmont Chapter was privileged to welcome new member Robert W. "Bob" Reardon, his three sons and five of his grandsons. Bob is a Life Member of the Colonel William Henshaw Chapter, Massachusetts SAR. He and wife, Thomasina (Tommie) have five children and fifteen grand-



children. Bob was born and raised in Medway, Massachusetts, a town next to Holliston. Bob is one of five brothers who are all veterans. Bob's oldest brother, John, died in WWII in the Battle of the Bulge. Bob and two brothers served as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy. His brother Edward Cutler Reardon, became interested in genealogy initially due to his curiosity about the Cutler name. That interest led him to the SAR. He then recruited Bob and their youngest brother, retired Judge Joseph Reardon to join.

Bob and his family moved to Atlanta in 1978 due to a job change. They originally lived in Sandy Springs and moved to East Cobb in 1998. He recently became a dual member in Georgia through the assistance of Past Georgia SAR President Bob Sapp.

Shown in the photo left to right: Dan Reardon (youngest son), Miles Reardon (Dan's son), Bob Reardon, Tom Reardon (oldest son) and Piedmont Registrar Tom Chrisman.

The Reardon's Patriot Ancestor was Colonel Simeon Cutler. He was a sergeant in the Mass Militia and was among those called out to defend the arms cache the colonials had hidden and which the British army marched from Boston to seize. Cutler and others set up a defensive line at the bridge and started the battle of Lexington and Concord made famous by the line, "The shot heard around the world". He fought the entire time of the war and returned to civilian life as a Colonel. While he was gone, his wife, Elizabeth (Rockwood) Cutler, kept his Tavern business going. Her father was also known to be in the war as a Lieutenant. There is a large monument to Colonel Simeon Cutler in a prominent position in the cemetery in Holliston, Massachusetts, fronting on Main Street, right in the center of town.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday March 16, 2013

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell,  
Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

**Speaker**

**Mr. Charles Shepherd Jr.**  
**World War II Infantry Officer**

Saturday April 20, 2013

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell,  
Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

**Speaker**

**Mr. Philip Bettis**  
**Topic: The Bettis Rifle**

## Piedmont Chapter Meeting Highlights

### Piedmont Chapter Meeting for January 2013

Vice-President Walt Woliver introduced Frank Clark, Founder and creator of the Bell Research Center, and Cliff Roberts. These gentlemen gave an overview of the development and history of the Bell Research Center which is located in



Cumming, Georgia. The center contains a library which has 6,000 books and records dealing with genealogy, Civil War, World War I, World War II along with the history of the Cherokee Nation.

Their presentation included history on the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Several battles which included prominent officers, were reviewed and original Civil War era documents were on display during the meeting. Genealogists are able to visit the Bell Research Center and take advantage of all available documents in the center. Abstracts of colonial era deeds, land records and census material are available. The center is open Monday through Saturday. Check their website for hours of operation: [www.bellresearchcenter.com](http://www.bellresearchcenter.com)

Historic Cumming School  
101 School Street  
Room 113  
Cumming, GA 30040

### Piedmont Chapter Installs Officers for 2013

The Officers who will be serving the Piedmont Chapter were sworn in on February 16, 2013 at the Awards Banquet and Celebration of George Washington's birthday held at the Holiday Inn in Roswell. Shown below is 2013 President Walt Woliver taking the oath from GASSAR Past President Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr. as Past President Paul Prescott looks on.

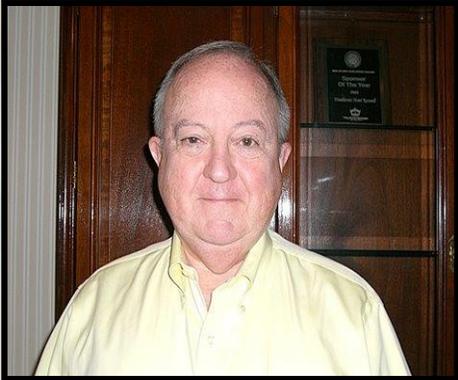


The Piedmont Chapter Officers for 2013 shown below are left to right: President Walt Woliver, Vice President Bill Lusk, Secretary Bob Shaw, Treasurer Shep Hammack, Chaplain Al Finley, Registrar Tom Chrisman, Chancellor Eric Thorstenberg (not in photo), Sergeant-at-arms Tom Davis, Historian Bob Walker, Piper Editor Gerald Breed. Past President Paul Prescott will also serve as an officer for 2013.





From  
**Allen Finley**  
 Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



**When nobody stands up, every-  
 one will lose**

My ancestral family came to this country from Ireland, and I have always been interested in the symbolism in the Irish flag. The orange of the tricolor represents the Protestant minority who were settled into Ireland by the British monarchy from the mid-1550s. It is also a reminder of Protestant William of Orange's defeat of the exiled Catholic King James II at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. The green has long been the color used in flags by the Catholic majority in their fight to gain independence from Britain. The white represents the truce between the Protestants and the Catholics. The tricolor made its first public appearance on March 7, 1848. A twenty-four-year-old nationalist Thomas Meagher, made a speech to explain the symbolism of the three colors. He said: "The white in the center signifies a lasting truce between the Orange and the Green, and I trust that beneath its folds, the hands of the Irish Protestant and the Irish Catholic may be clasped in generous and heroic brotherhood."

I am sure my ancestral grandfather, a Presbyterian minister, must have been mindful of the religious differences people experienced in Ireland

and in the colonies. It is interesting to me that there is some documentation that the first draft of the US Constitution may have been written in the home of the Rev. James Finley in the Philadelphia area. This is important to me as I think about his experience and relate that experience to the first amendment to of the Constitution: freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

As SAR members we pledge that we *"reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge to defend them against every foe"*.

There are many attacks on different religious beliefs yet they are protected under our Constitution. One example I recently saw was "We the People", a web-site which disparages groups who do not believe what the website sponsors believe. On "We the People", there was an attack on our Roman Catholic neighbors and friends at Christmas time, but tomorrow there could be one concerning our Protestant neighbors. We have seen similar attacks on our churches and business entities where Christian principles are challenged. Where will it end?

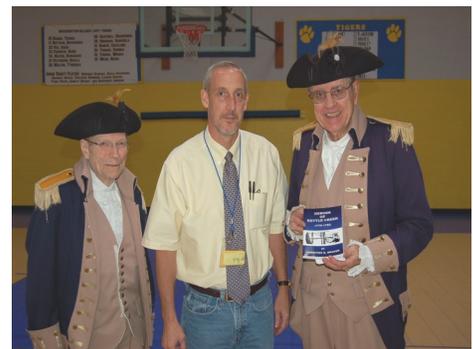
As members of the SAR and people of different faiths, I suggest that when one group is denied religious liberty we all are in danger of losing our religious liberties. Am I the only member who finds these attacks a threat to the US Constitution which our ancestral forefathers drafted and approved?

**Presentation at Washington-Wilkes Elementary School**

The photos below are from a presentation made by Compatriots Jack Ferguson and George Thurmond. They gave a very informative presentation to the 4th grade students at the Washington-Wilkes Elementary School during Revolutionary Days.



This was the 8<sup>th</sup> presentation of the year made by George and Jack. They also donated a copy of The Heroes of Kettle Creek to the school. Photos courtesy of Amy Long, one of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Shown below, David Harris one of the 4th grade teachers receives the book.



**Treaty of Paris**

The 230th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris is being observed during 2013 with the issuance of a special lapel pin. The pin features the busts of three American signers of the 1783 Treaty: Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, and John Adams. The pin is offered in recognition of a donation of \$100 to the SAR Foundation 1000 South Fourth Street Louisville, Kentucky 40203.



### The Annual Awards Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn Roswell, Georgia on February 16, 2013.



Our guest speaker was the Honorable Chip Rogers who gave a very informative presentation about the freedom we enjoy as citizens, the sacrifices made by those who founded our country and his confidence in the next generation of leaders we are fortunate to have.

In the photo below, Dr. Michael G. Smith, Chairman of the Piedmont Chapter Eagle Scout Award Committee presents the SAR Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout Kevin Colton as his parents Jeri and Steven Colton stand to his right. Kevin took first place in the Piedmont Chapter Eagle Award competition, and received \$100.00. He was 1st runner up in the State competition and received a cash award for that achievement as well.

Piedmont Chapter awards were presented to the following members for exceptional service to the Chapter and community the past year:

Walter Hugh Woliver – Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Vice President of the Chapter during 2012.

Thomas Allen Chrisman – Distinguished Service Certificate for his service as Registrar of the Chapter during 2011-2012.

Garnett L. “Jack” Ferguson – Distinguished Service Certificate.

Martin William “Bill” Kabel – Distinguished Service Certificate.

William “Bill” Lusk – Distinguished Service Certificate.

Gerald Brantley Breed – Meritorious Service Medal.

Thomas Davis – Meritorious Service Medal.

Georgia Society SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medals were presented to Bobby Shaw and John Mortison. Paul Prescott was presented the Past President’s Pin for his service.



### Grant Newton Presented with the SAR Heroism Medal

On February 16, 2013, members of the Piedmont Chapter presented nine year old Grant Newton with the SAR Heroism Medal and certificate at a ceremony in Roswell.

On November 18, 2012 Grant and his father Shane were walking in a remote wooded area near Lake Arrowhead. As they walked past a tree, Shane felt something hit is leg. When they looked, it was a rattlesnake. The snake had bitten Shane on his leg and the bite had hit a vein. They made some phone calls to get help and to call 911. Within a few minutes, Shane began having severe reactions to the snake venom, and he was having difficulty breathing and talking. He handed his phone to Grant who stayed on the line with the 911 operator and also made sure his father was breathing.

As rescuers approached, Grant was able to get their attention by yelling and waving his orange cap to guide them to his father. For the calmness he demonstrated during this stressful time and for his heroic acts, Grant Newton was presented with the SAR Heroism Medal. Pictured from left to right: Compatriot Bill Kabel, Piedmont Chapter President Paul Prescott, Jared Ogden, Nancy Newton, Grant Newton, Shane Newton, Jack Ferguson, Shep Hammack, and Past President Allen Greenly.



## Revolutionary Days 2013

The Piedmont Color Guard and the Georgia Society Color Guard participated in Revolutionary Days 2013 held in Washington, GA February 9-10. In addition to the parade downtown and Wreath Laying at War Hill, another important event was the presentation of a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence to Librarian Lillie Crowe at the Bartram Trail Regional Library (Mary Willis Library), in the city of Washington. Shown below in the photo on the left are (l-r): George Thurmond, Joe Dooley (NSSAR Secretary General), Bob McCleskey, Paul Prescott, Sara Lesseur (Portrays Nancy Hart), Sukie Hart, Lillie Crowe, Ed Rigel, Sr., Bill Kabel, Shep Hammack and Jared Ogden. Photos courtesy of Jared Ogden, James E Mitchell, Piney Woods Chapter Historian and his wife, Anne Sullivan Mitchell, who represented the Texas Society SAR during Revolutionary Days 2013.





## Registrar notes and Membership related activities

Compatriot Robert Sapp was recognized as the 2012 recipient of the Membership Trophy having sponsored nine new members during 2012.

We finished 2012 with 120 members up from 92 at the start of the year. In January, fourteen members did not renew, four new members were approved, one member was reinstated, and one member transferred to a chapter in south Georgia. We currently have 110 members in our chapter and there are approximately a dozen applications in the membership process.

On that note, if each member in our chapter recruited one prospective new member, and then if 30% were approved for membership, we could reach 150 by the end of 2013.

Lastly, the 2013 edition of the Chapter Membership Directory is out and will be available at the next chapter meeting.

### Piedmont Chapter Color Guard Schedule

16 Mar – Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830 Hrs:  
 16 Mar – Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 1000 Hrs:  
 10 Apr – Roswell Ramblers, Roswell, GA, 1130 Hrs:  
 12 Apr – Heritage Prep School, Atlanta, GA, Traveling Trunk, 0730 Hrs:  
 12 Apr – INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 Hrs:  
 13 Apr – GASSAR BOM, Barnesville, GA, 1000 Hrs:  
 13 Apr – Wreath presentation, Tomb of Unknown, Arlington, VA, 1615 Hrs:  
 17 Apr – Blue Star Proc., Montgomery, AL, 1400 Hrs:  
 19 Apr – Colonial Days, Perimeter School, 0830 – 1200 Hrs:  
 20 Apr – Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830 Hrs:  
 20 Apr – Frederica Days, St. Simons, GA:  
 21 Apr – Colonial Church Service, St. Simons, GA:  
 21 Apr – MSB Program 1400 Hrs:  
 18 May – Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA 0830 Hrs:  
 13 Jun – Prescott Flag Respect Program, Button Gwinnett, 1900 Hrs:  
 14 Jun – INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 Hrs:  
 15 Jun – Chapter Picnic, Roswell Rec. Park, 1200-1500 Hrs:

The Nathanael Greene Monument is located near Tour Stop 8 in Guilford Courthouse National Park Greensboro, NC. The monument was erected in 1915. The sculptor was Francis H. Packer of New York. Photo courtesy of Bob McCleskey.



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Our Piedmont Chapter Color Guard continues to grow and if you have any interest in joining and wearing the uniform, please contact Past President and State Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott. Many thanks to Bill Kabel and the work he has done and continues to do for our Veterans Committee. Our Piedmont Chapter has always had a commitment to our Veterans, but Bill has taken it to a new level. At the 2012 Fall Leadership Conference, President General Leishman announced the creation of the Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) for the purpose of establishing a means to recognize SAR Korean War veterans. His decision was in concert with United States Senate Resolution 602 that followed just two months later which recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Korean War and designates 2012-2013 as the “Year of the Korean War Veteran.” The VRC recently completed the establishment of the NSSAR Korean Service Veterans Corps to provide recognition to SAR veterans who served in Korea, either during the Korean War and/or in the defense of Korea. The recognition is a handsome Certificate of Patriotism that is personally signed by PG Leishman. It is the goal of NSSAR and the Georgia Society that all eligible members for the Korean Service Veterans Corps be identified and honored with a Certificate of Patriotism. Please help Bill Kabel in identifying these individuals.

Our new members are what keep our organization going and growing. If our new members are not “plugged” in to a Committee or activity they may not feel needed or feel ignored. I encourage all of our members, and especially our Committee Chairmen to visit with and encourage participation of our new members with a Committee. Rotarians have a saying that the only time you can say “no” is before you become a Rotarian. After you become a Rotarian you are expected to say “yes”. As a new member, before you say “no” to getting involved in an activity or Committee, please just ask yourself “Why did I join this group in the first place” and then say yes! I guarantee that you will get back more than you put in.

Many of our members have invited their wives, friends and family members to attend our meetings. I want to encourage everyone to continue this practice. Nancy Prescott was our first Piedmont Chapter spouse to ask if she could plan to bake, deliver and serve the beautiful and delicious Christmas breads that she has baked so often in the past. What a treasure and example Nancy is, as well as all of our other super Ladies! I, of course, said YES, but I am also selfishly thinking how long from now that will be.

Our speakers continue to be great and the fellowship our Chapter Members will continue to receive will be unmatched! Our Piedmont Chapter is great because of our great members and their great efforts!

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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.

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

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