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The Birth of American Independence

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's best-selling pamphlet "Common Sense," published in early 1776. On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee--including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York--to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

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Piedmont Chapter Meeting Highlights and New Member

Piedmont Vice-President Bill Lusk introduced James Stallings, President of the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution,



who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the development and evolution of military uniforms worn during the Revolutionary War. His remarks centered on the use of color and various combinations to identify the states, units and regiments of the troops. The uniform of the Georgia Society color guard is blue and buff which was the color of George Washington's staff uniforms. Washington specifically requested that red was not to be used in these uniforms. His talk included a slide presentation which showed the various uniforms used during this period. He had a series of watercolor illustrations painted by artist Charles Lefferts which included uniforms worn by the American, French, British and German soldiers during the American Revolution.

Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Member Steve Heard

Steve Heard is a Georgia native and currently lives in Roswell, GA. He spent several years of his youth in Georgia's Elbert County,



the home of his Patriot, Stephen Heard. Mr. Heard, who is a graduate of Georgia Tech, has three grown children and four grandchildren. He attends Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church in Johns Creek, GA. His interests include golf, history and the great outdoors. Mr. Heard is retired from IBM, after a 30-year career which carried him throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Patriot Stephen Heard was born in Hanover County, VA in November, 1740. His education was cut short when he joined George Washington's regiment in the French and Indian War. Promoted to the rank of captain, Heard and Washington became life-time friends. In 1759, Heard moved with his family and father, John Heard, to northeast Georgia, about 45 miles north of Augusta, where they built Heard's Fort, the family home in 1773-1774. During the Revolutionary War, Stephen Heard supported the Whig cause and fought under Elijah Clark at the Battle of Kettle Creek. In September, 1780, he was captured by British troops, along with his father and brother, and imprisoned in Augusta. During his confinement, a faithful slave visited often and enabled his escape on the eve of his execution. Following the recapture of Augusta, Georgia's tattered government was in default and a new assembly met in 1781. Heard served as a member of this legislature and its Executive Council. When Richard Howley was named as a delegate to the Continental Congress, Heard was elected President of the Council and became Georgia's chief executive, serving as its 11th governor from 24 May 1780 to 18 August 1781. After the war, Heard settled as a prosperous farmer and built Heardmont, his family home, in a forest near what is today Washington, GA. He remained active in politics, serving several terms in the General Assembly, as foreman of the first grand jury in Wilkes County, as a founder of the city of Elberton, and a representative to the Georgia constitutional convention in 1795. Stephen Heard died at his family home on 15 November 1815, and is buried at the family cemetery at Heardmont, with his wife and two slaves. The cemetery, open to the public today, is owned and maintained by the Stephen Heard chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday July 20, 2013
 Chapter Meeting
 Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road
 Roswell, Georgia
 8:00 am Breakfast
 8:30 am Meeting
Speaker
Mr. Herbert Nix
Indian Artifacts

Saturday August 17, 2013
 Chapter Meeting
 Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road
 Roswell, Georgia
 8:00 am Breakfast
 8:30 am Meeting
Speaker
Mr. Michael D. Hitt
Historical Writer

Piedmont Chapter Meeting Highlights and Flag Retirement Ceremony

Piedmont Veteran Recognized

In the photo below, President Woliver is shown presenting the Korean Service Veterans Certificate of Patriotism to Compatriot Lee Warren at the May Chapter meeting in recognition of his service on the DMZ. Lee was previously awarded the War Service Medal.



Below, members of the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard present the Colors on Flag Day at a ceremony sponsored by the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter DAR at Bulloch Hall in Roswell.



State Color Guard members (l-r) Bruce Maney, President of the Button Gwinnett chapter, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Bill Kabel and Ed Rigel, Sr. presenting the colors at the annual meeting of the Military Officers Association of America Wounded Warriors banquet where the association honors those who have been wounded in combat. The banquet was held recently at Lake Lanier Islands resort.



The Piedmont Chapter conducted a very moving Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 15, at the Northside Chapel 12050 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA.



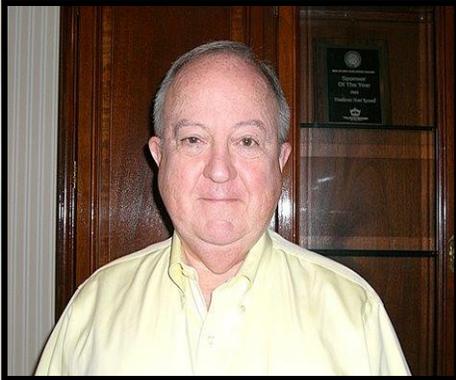
At the May Chapter Meeting, Compatriot Roger Lamb, President of the Georgia Fellows Endowment Fund announced that membership in this organization was available and the donations are used to fund incidental expenses and items not covered by the State Society's Budget.



From



Allen Finley Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



WHAT WILL WE HAVE?

God has given each of us talents and how we use those talents is important. In my church, I was taught not to look down on others who may have been blessed with fewer or different talents. I grew up on a dairy farm and I knew that profession was not for me. I did not have the right mix of talents to be a farmer. At a recent high school reunion, I was reunited with an old friend who is a farmer. My friend and I had the best conversation at the reunion and it was like we had been close friends even though we had not seen each other for more than 40 years. We chose different careers; one no better than the other and neither looking down on the other. We were just different in what we wanted to do. I was not a student who liked the sciences and so I knew that I would not like to be in the medical profession even if the financial rewards were greater in that profession than in the financial field which I chose. Our ancestral grandparents used the talents God gave them to build this great country. So I ask all of you, What will we have?

My answer is that we will have a land of opportunity that will allow each person to use his or her God given talents to pursue their dreams. And if we love what we do, we honor God

and our family, use our talents wisely, abide by the law and are self-sufficient, then we will continue to have what our ancestral grandparents gave us, the greatest country in the world: The United States of America.

The Piedmont Chapter and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter DAR held the Annual Picnic on Saturday June 15, 2013 at Roswell Park Woodstock Road Roswell, Georgia. Below are photos from this event which was well attended.



Registrar Notes

Piedmont Chapter membership currently stands at 115. In addition, there are twelve applications (new members and supplementals), in various stages of completion. These will be submitted before the end of the summer. There are also approximately twenty new applications under review for members who, once approved and inducted into the Piedmont Chapter, will then be transferred to the Robert Forsyth Chapter after that Chapter is officially approved and functional. Factoring in transfers to the Robert Forsyth Chapter and the drops we typically see in January, it is anticipated that membership in the Piedmont Chapter will be approximately ninety members as we complete 2013.

Consideration is being given to changing the Chapter Directory to an electronic format that can be distributed by email in order to reduce printing costs. We already use this method to distribute chapter minutes, copies of the Piper, and other types of communications. Other chapters have already adopted this format. If anyone has any comments or suggestions, please email: tomchrisman1@aol.com. Also, anyone who is interested in joining the membership committee to recruit new members, or, to assist prospective new members as they prepare and submit their applications, please email Tom Chrisman, Chapter Registrar at the address provided above.

Piedmont Sponsors New SAR

Chapter: The Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR adopted its name at the June 13th meeting. The chapter members also nominated officers for the 2013/2014 year. At the meeting on July 11th, the members will adopt its Constitution and By-Laws and elect its officers. The chapter now has twenty members in good standing and one Junior member in good standing. This is enough to submit its Application for Charter at the July 27th State BOM meeting.



Piedmont Chapter Supporting Students and Schools

The photos below are from presentations made by Compatriots Paul Prescott and George Thurmond. They gave a very informative presentation to the fourth grade students at the Perimeter Christian Schools during Colonial Days on April 21, 2013 and they also visited North Forsyth Middle School during the same month to present the Traveling Trunk.



Shown in the photos below Compatriots Paul Prescott and George Thurmond presented the Traveling Trunk to 6th and 8th grade students at North Forsyth Middle School. Photos with thanks to Delana Heard.



Piedmont Chapter Junior Member Eric Danielsson designs garden for South Forsyth Middle School



Eric Danielsson, who is a Junior Member of the Piedmont Chapter and a South Forsyth High School student used his Eagle Scout project as an opportunity to give back to the middle school he attended. Nichole Stancil, SFMS special education teacher, wanted to create a project for the middle school's special education students. She came up with the idea of a garden. Stancil got in contact with Danielsson, who jumped on the idea. The photos show the South Forsyth Middle School new sensory garden designed and built Eric Danielsson . "What was so great about Eric is that he just went on and kept pushing forward and keeping his commitment," Stancil said. "He told me going into it, 'if you will get the grant, then it will be my responsibility to raise the money.' After the original application for a grant fell through, Danielsson organized fundraisers for the garden.

He also designed the garden so it would primarily focus around the five senses, with wind chimes for sound, plants with texture for touch and decorations and flowers for sight. "Initially the garden is all about the senses, but I think it is one of those projects that's not finished because there's always something we can work with," Stancil said. "It gives our kids something else to do other than be in a classroom, and they can feel good about themselves and have an accomplishment. It is so good to get outside and be a part of something." by Kathleen Sturgeon.





Piedmont Color Guard Presents the Colors Saturday before Memorial Day and Area Scouts Place US Flags on Graves at Marietta National Cemetery

In the photo below on the right, Piedmont Past President Allen Greenly is shown with Scout Master David Johnson and his son William Christopher Johnson. The scouts placed approximately eighteen thousand US Flags on the graves of veterans buried in the National Cemetery on the Saturday before Memorial Day. David and his son recently submitted their applications for membership in the Robert Forsyth Chapter SAR which is being sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter. Compatriot Greenly, Piedmont Past President Bob Sapp, Past President George Thurmond and Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Davis have been instrumental in the organization of this new chapter which holds meetings in Cummings, Georgia. According to Compatriot Greenly, "The Piedmont chapter has been our sponsor and we rely a great deal on members of the Piedmont Chapter to help guide us through the process of becoming a new chapter. The chapter has been gracious enough to allow us to induct our new members into the chapter. We have also been working with some of the committee chairman to help us get our programs ready. The Robert Forsyth chapter officers and committee chairman are looking forward to working with their Piedmont Chapter counterparts for training and support as we get the new chapter up and running." Additional details provided by Compatriot Greenly are shown on page 4 of this issue.





Roswell Remembers

The Roswell Memorial Day Ceremony, drawing between 6,000 to 8,000 attendees, is the largest Memorial Day Ceremony in Georgia. One of the highlights this year was the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard presenting the Colors. This year Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bill Kabel and Jared Ogden opened the City of Roswell/Roswell Rotary Club Joint Meeting on Thursday, May 23 by presenting the Colors. On Memorial Day they were joined by Allen Greenly in manning the SAR tent and presenting the Colors. The Piedmont Color Guard has participated in these events since they began in 1998. Every year we hear the appreciation and gratitude from the veterans in attendance for this ceremony. Several years ago we invited the ladies of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the DAR to join us at our tent and they did this with enthusiasm. They now sponsor their own tent and include MSB Children of American Revolution. Photos submitted by Lisa Tobin Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter DAR.





Members of Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps receive SAR medals

North Springs Charter School JROTC and Roswell High School JROTC award recipients are shown below. In the photo on the left, Piedmont Chapter ROTC Committee Chairman, Barry Herrin is shown with Cadet Nick McCants and the JROTC advisers at North Springs High School. In the photo below on the right Cadet Miles Hudson receives the SAR medal from Piedmont Past President, George Thurmond at Roswell High School. Photo compliments of Lee Hills, Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR ROTC Committee.



Piedmont Color Guard members Paul Prescott and George Thurmond recently participated in the INS ceremony at the District Court in Atlanta, Georgia.

Milton City Council Proclamation Left to Right: Matt Kunz, Karen Thurman, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Bill Kabel, Lance Large, Burt Hewitt, Joe Lockwood, and W. C. Lusk. Photo courtesy of Jason Wright Communications Manager.



Below are photos of the tents which were manned by the Piedmont Chapter and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter DAR as part of the Roswell Memorial Day Ceremony and activities. These tents have proven to be a great way to educate and to encourage patriotism





Piedmont Chapter Color Guard Schedule

- 20 Jul – Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830 hrs.
- 27 Jul – GASSAR BOM Meeting, Barnesville, GA, 1000 hrs.
- 3 Aug – Old Soldiers’ Day Parade, Alpharetta, GA, 0730 hrs:
- 9 Aug – INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs.
- 17 Aug – Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830 hrs.
- 14 Aug – Roswell Ramblers, Roswell, GA, 1130 hrs.

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Early Fourth of July Celebrations

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III, as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty. Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the public reading of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war. George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

Our Award winning Piedmont Chapter and our Color Guard have been particularly active during these last few months. I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you who has represented the Piedmont Chapter so well through participation in our Memorial Day Ceremonies, our great family BBQ, our flag retirement ceremony and other special events.

We have a first for our Award Winning Color Guard! July 4th marks the first time we have carried the colors for the Atlanta Braves Baseball game. Congratulations to Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly and Bill Kabel for participating!

On a personal note, I can't tell you how much it meant to me and my family for the many cards, phone calls and the participation in the celebration of my wife, Louanne's wonderful life at her Memorial. This was a terrible shock for my family and a great loss of a very beautiful, talented, loving and spiritual person who was deeply loved and will be terribly missed. God bless all of you for your caring and love and propping me up during this most difficult time.

Members of the Piedmont Chapter participated in the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain Salute to Veterans on May 21, 2013 at Park Springs Retirement Community. In the photo below L-R: Piedmont President, Walt Woliver, Past President Paul Prescott, Rotary President, Al Lipphardt, Brigadier General, Joseph S. Stringham, Past President George Thurmond, and Color Guardsman Bill Kabel. Photo courtesy of Louise Plonowski, Stone Mountain Rotary Club.



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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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