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Message from the Chapter President

Veterans Day

It has long been our custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by re-dedicating ourselves to the cause of peace.

In the intervening years the United States has been involved in several other great

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On November 1, 2014, members of the Piedmont Chapter joined with a contingent of the Button Gwinnett Chapter Georgia Militia Color Guard to mark the grave of Compatriot Dr. Charles H. Hendry at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia. Because of inclement weather, the ceremony was conducted in two parts. Inside the reception area, Piedmont Chaplain Al Finley offered the Invocation and Compatriot Jared Ogden read a eulogy and tribute to Compatriot Hendry. Piedmont Past President Paul Prescott performed the ceremonial placing of a wreath and Piedmont President Bill Lusk presented a United States Flag to Mrs. Evelyn Hendry. Those present then proceeded to the grave site where the Militia Color Guard fired a musket salute in honor of Compatriot Hendry. The ceremony was very moving and the Hendry family expressed their appreciation for the way the SAR honored their loved one. Pictured from left to right, Paul Prescott, Deputy State Color Guard Commander, Color Guard members Jared Ogden and Bob McCleskey, Bruce Maney, State Militia Commander and Bill Palmer, Militia member. Also participating in the ceremony were Piedmont Past President George Thurmond and Compatriot Randy Pollard.



Message From the Chapter President Bill Lusk



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military conflicts, which have added millions of veterans living and dead to the honor rolls of this Nation.

The Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926 (44 Stat. 1982), calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an Act approved May 13, 1938 (52 Stat. 351), that the eleventh of November should be a legal holiday and should be known as Armistice Day.

In order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful Nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation, the Congress, by an Act approved June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day.

In our organization, many of us are Veterans. But, all of us are descendents of the first Veterans. It is only fitting that the SAR promote the celebration of this important patriotic day.



October Chapter Meeting Highlights

Piedmont Chapter President Lusk began the meeting with a ceremony honoring Cobb County Fire Department Engineer Michael McIntosh with the SAR Public Safety medal and certificate for his years of service and clear and calm



thinking during the aftermath of gunfire incident in a Kroger grocery store. Two victims were wounded. Michael McIntosh assessed the situation of the victims through triage, and applied life-saving efforts to calm and stabilize the more seriously wounded victim until police and EMS personnel arrived on the scene. Shown in the

photo L-R: Piedmont President Bill Lusk, Fireman Michael McIntosh and Mrs. McIntosh.

Vice President Kabel introduced Compatriot Rick Reese who gave an update of his activities as the liaison between the Piedmont Chapter and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Society Children of the American Revolution. He outlined the activities of the organization and introduced Tyler Baker, President of the Martha Stewart Bulloch Society Children of the American Revolution who reviewed their current projects and activities. The society is supporting the Georgia Society Children of the American Revolution state project to provide rocking chairs for the veterans at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. This local project is in line with the C.A.R. national project to support veterans.



In the photo above, Compatriot Reese is shown presenting a check to Tyler Baker from the Piedmont Chapter for one hundred dollars in support of their overall activities. In addition, he announced that the Piedmont Chapter executive committee approved the purchase of two rockers to support the Children of the American Revolution's Veterans Administration project at a cost of four hundred dollars. One rocker will be dedicated to honor Jack Ferguson, and one will be dedicated in support of all veterans.



Also shown is a photo of Vice President Kabel presenting a Certificate of Speaker Appreciation to Tyler Baker.



Cobb County Heroes Celebration

On Thursday evening October 9, 2014, the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard presented the colors for the Cobb County Heroes Celebration. This event held at the Olde Towne Club in Marietta honored members of the police department with a banquet and evening of fun and entertainment. There were approximately two hundred people in attendance.

Shown in the photo L-R: Color Guard members Bill Kabel, Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Reese, Paul Prescott, and Bob McCleskey.



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

(A message from the 2015 Nominating Committee Chairman)

The Piedmont Chapter has a proud tradition, dating back to the founding of the chapter in 1994. Our chapter has been blessed to have had outstanding leaders – they’ve been local leaders; they’ve been state leaders; and, they’ve been national leaders. Due to their efforts, Piedmont is recognized as a dynamic and effective chapter that can be counted on to support educational, historical and patriotic causes – causes which our forefathers dreamed of and fought for.

Unfortunately, there are a number of our long-tenured officers who have indicated their desire not to return to their positions for 2015. The decisions we make in the next few months to replace them will have a significant impact on Piedmont’s future success. Just as they worked hard to establish a standard of excellence, our challenge now is not to diminish that standard, and not to just maintain that standard, but to add to it. How do we go about doing that?

As we prepare for 2015, and the replacement of a cadre of officers and committee chairmen, the call must now be made for all chapter members to step forward to fill the void. Regardless whether you’re a 20-year chapter member and have served the chapter previously, or if you’re newly inducted, you have something to offer the chapter. You are needed! Relying on somebody else to shoulder the responsibility is not an option. Only when everybody contributes will Piedmont have any chance to set a standard in which all of us can rejoice.

Many Compatriots have had successful careers in business and know the value of succession planning. Ineffective leadership and limited committee participation do not promote the long-term success of the chapter. Only when we have effective leaders, effective committee chairmen, and fully staffed committees comprised of those who are willing to do whatever it takes for the chapter to succeed can we be assured that Piedmont will continue to achieve high standards. If you have experience or interest in any officer position, or in any of the committees, please let me know. Where we go from here depends on you, and me, and every one of us. Are we up to the challenge? Shall we get on with it?

Thank you,
Bill Kabel

Upcoming Events

Chapter meeting Saturday November 15, 2014
Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting

“Salute to Veterans” Mr. Thomas Grace, Associate Director of the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Chapter meeting Saturday December 20, 2014
Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting

Compatriot Terry Manning, President of the Atlanta Chapter will speak about a Colonial Christmas.



Proclamation of Thanksgiving

George Washington was the first president to proclaim a day of thanksgiving, issuing his request on October 3, 1789. Exactly 74 years later, President Lincoln issued the proclamation which set the precedent for America's national day of Thanksgiving. Sarah Josepha Hale, a 74-year-old magazine editor, wrote a letter to Lincoln on September 28, 1863, urging him to have the "day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and fixed Union Festival." www.abrahamlincolnonline.org

Washington, D.C.

October 3, 1863

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln
William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

The American Veteran

One of our nation's founding fathers, Patrick Henry, put it this way: "The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

These are the signature characteristics of American veterans. Their strength, vigilance and courage occupy a revered place in the collective conscience of a public made free by the willingness of some to protect all others.

Veterans Day is a time to honor them, living and dead, from the patriots who fought for independence in the late 18th century to the men and women who saved the lives of their fallen comrades on the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq. Some came home to become movie stars, professional athletes, generals and presidents. Others, like the four chaplains of different faiths who went down with a sinking troop ship after passing out life jackets to everyone else they could, would not live to see their legacies honored.

The American Legion

Flags on Display at the Grave Marking for Piedmont Compatriot Charles Hendry





Remembering Pat Feeks

By Jared Ogden

George Thurmond forwarded an email from Barry McKown, a Maryland SAR Compatriot, to me with a copy of a Maryland newspaper article about the naming of a bridge in Annapolis, Maryland in memory of Pat Feeks, a US Navy SEAL who was killed defending his country. Pat and my son, Piedmont Compatriot Jared Ogden II, were very close. Pat and Jared bonded as SEAL trainees and were house mates in San Diego. I got to know Pat during a very personal 30 minute one-on-one conversation a couple of weeks before he deployed. I met his parents at that time and I have often wondered how I would have handled it if it were my son rather than theirs who was killed in action. Pat was killed along with six other men on August 16, 2012 when the helicopter he was in was shot down northeast of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Pat's death has served as inspiration for my son, Jared, to continue growing a foundation he started, The Phoenix Patriot Foundation (phoenixpatriotfoundation.org). The Phoenix Patriot Foundation was one of the organizers of the 1,600 mile "Never Quit Challenge". During the Challenge last year, the American Flag that Pat kept folded in his field gear, and that went on every mission Pat participated in, was transported 1,600 miles over open ocean on jet skis driven by severely wounded veterans, from Key West to New York City.



Barry's thoughtful email illustrated the continuing bond SAR compatriots share with one another for the common good of our country. In the photo L to R: Compatriot Jared Ogden II, Pat Feeks, and Pat's father Thomas Feeks. Photo taken shortly before Pat's final deployment.

City of Milton Constitution Week Proclamation



Members of the Piedmont Chapter SAR, members of the Chestatee River Chapter DAR and members of the Martha Stewart Bullock Chapter of the DAR attended a meeting of the Milton, Georgia City Council on September 22, 2014. The Piedmont Color Guard led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Milton City Council presented a Constitution Day proclamation. Piedmont Chapter President and Council member Bill Lusk read the Proclamation and members of the groups represented went forward to receive a copy of the Proclamation. In the photo (l-r): Council members Karen Thurman and Matt Kunz, Piedmont Color Guard members in uniform, Bill Kabel, Shep Hammack, Paul Prescott, Bill Lusk and George Thurmond. In the front center l-r Paula Nelson

(MSBDAR regent), Jennifer Gorell (MSBDAR), Marguerite Dyal (MSBDAR), Mary Simons (MSBDAR), Joyce Mortison (Chestatee River DAR regent), and Carol Wuthrich (Chestatee River DAR). Behind the ladies l-r are Council members Rick Mohrig, Joe Longoria, Burton Hewitt and Mayor Joe Lockwood.



The SAR Traveling Trunk-Supporting Education

The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard and speakers bureau members presented the Traveling Trunk program to the eighth grade students of Vickery Creek Middle School on October 20, 2014. During that day Bill Kabel, Paul Prescott, and Rick Reese made five presentations to 450 students and teachers. The students were very attentive and participated in these interactive presentations with enthusiasm. We received a note of appreciation from the teachers of those eighth grade classes.



On October 9, 2014, Piedmont Chapter Color Guard and speakers bureau members Bill Kabel and Shep Hammock presented the Traveling Trunk program to four 8th grade classes at Fellowship Christian School in Roswell. The program was presented to a total of 85 students and teachers during that day. Our thanks to Jerry Breed, whose grandchildren attend FCS, for coordinating the arrangements. Below is note of appreciation received from Mr. Jonathan Fickley, the 8th grade history teacher. “Thank you all for coming yesterday. The kids were very interested and attentive. It is great to have members of the SAR volunteer their time to bring history to life for kids in the classroom. We appreciate it very much.”





The Piedmont Chapter membership renewal process

Now is the time to pay your 2015 membership dues. The 2015 national, state and chapter dues are shown below. If you are a dual member only the \$25 Chapter dues is required. If you are a life member at National, your total dues are \$38 (State & Chapter). Please Pay by **December 15th**. Dues not paid by December 31st will mean that you will become inactive and must be reinstated to be current.

National dues:	\$30.00
Chapter dues:	\$25.00
State dues:	<u>\$13.00</u>
Sub-total	\$68.00
	or \$38.00 (Life Member)

Please make your check payable to: Piedmont Chapter, SAR and mail it, along with the membership renewal form to:

Shep Hammack, Treasurer
1586 Dunwoody Club Crossing
Dunwoody, Ga. 30338

Piedmont Chapter Color Guard

- 13 Nov. Speakers Bureau, Button Gwinnett Chapter, "Service to Veterans," Chew Chew Café, 106 Depot St., Lawrenceville, 19:00 hours: Kabel
- 15 Nov. Chapter Meeting: Kabel, Prescott
- 15 Nov. Grave Marking for Patriot James Starrett, sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter & John Habersham Chapter, 11:00 hrs. Thurmond, Prescott
- 16 Nov. Grave Marking for Compatriot Richard Neal, Antioch Christian Church., 14:00 hrs., Watkinsville: Hammack, Reese
- 19 Nov. Speakers Bureau, "A Revolutionary Christmas" to Colonial Dames. 11:30. Location TBD, Kabel
- 19 Nov. Roswell Ramblers, NOTE DATE & TIME CHANGE -12:30 (Thanksgiving Luncheon): Thurmond, Hammack, McCleskey, Prescott
- 21 Nov. Cheer Home School, Perimeter Church School, Duluth-2nd/3rd grades: Prescott, Thurmond, Kabel
- 22 Nov. Fort Morris, Midway, GA. 10:00: Greenly, Thurmond, Prescott
- 2 Dec. Speakers Bureau Chamblee UMC, Marie Glover's Church group, "A Revolutionary Christmas," Kabel
- 5 Dec. INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Kabel, Prescott, Thurmond, McCleskey
- 6 Dec. Vann's Creek, Elbert County: Thurmond, Greenly, Prescott
- 8 Dec. Wreaths Across America, Georgia State Capitol, 12:00 noon: Thurmond, Kabel, Hammack
- 10 Dec. Speakers Bureau, "A Revolutionary Christmas" to Cherokee Chapter DAR, Kabel
- 10 Dec. Roswell Ramblers, 11:30, CG Invited for Christmas Luncheon: Thurmond,
- 12 Dec. Speakers Bureau, George Walton SAR Chapter, "Revolutionary Christmas," 6:00, Mystic Grill, Covington, Bill Dobbs, Kabel
- 13 Dec. Wreaths Across America, Marietta National Cemetery, 12:00 noon, Kabel, Hammack, Greenly
- 13 Dec. Wreaths Across America, Roswell Presbyterian Church: Prescott, McCleskey, Ogden
- 20 Dec. Chapter Meeting: Kabel, Thurmond, Prescott



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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:

The deadline for material for the next issue is January 1, 2015. In addition to the material, please include a copy of any photos to be included. Please direct all inquires or suggestions regarding the Piedmont Piper to the editor at the following address: 3344 Thomashire Court Marietta, Georgia 30066 Phone: 770-579.1869 jcbreed77@hotmail.com

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