



Piedmont Chapter

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Piedmont Piper

Message From Chapter President Bill Lusk

Greetings, Compatriots! I want to thank Walt Woliver for the excellent leadership he has provided as President of the Piedmont Chapter this past year. I am honored to be your President for the new year. Being a member of the award winning Piedmont Chapter is an honor in itself, but to be selected to lead you for this term is an especially grand treat. With your help, we will carry our patriotic tradition to even higher levels this year. Under the leadership of

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Bill Lusk Takes Oath as President of Piedmont Chapter at Annual Banquet

The Piedmont Chapter held the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Roswell on February 15, 2014. The evening began with a social time, and at 7 pm, Piedmont Piper John Mortison began playing the bagpipes as the head table was introduced. Chaplain Al Finley gave the Invocation. This was followed by the presentation of the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR. After an enjoyable dinner, President Walt Woliver called the meeting to order and introduced Past President Jim McIntire who announced the awards for the past year. A list of those receiving awards is shown on Page 9. Dr. Ed Rigel Sr. was introduced, and he gave the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Chapter Officers for 2014. In addition to President Bill Lusk, also serving during the 2014 term are: Vice President, Bill Kabel – Secretary, Bob Shaw - Treasurer, Shep Hammack - Sergeant-at-Arms, Rick Reese - Registrar (Interim), Tom Chrisman - Chancellor, Eric Thorstenberg - Chaplain, Al Finley - Historian/Librarian, Bob Walker, and Editor, Jerry Breed. The Guest Speaker was Compatriot Terry Manning who is serving his third term as President of the Atlanta Chapter SAR. Terry came dressed in colonial attire and gave an interesting talk about George Washing-

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the Committee chairmen, along with the Color Guard, we will continue to be

contenders at the State and National levels. However, the continued success of our Chapter, as it is with any organization, is to engage the entire membership. The age old history of the 80/20 rule where eighty percent of the work is performed by twenty percent of the membership is not a plan for a sustainable organization.

I encourage each of you committee chairmen to enlist at least two assistants. A continuation plan for every element of our chapter will ensure that we will be as strong next year as we have been in the past. I am here to lead, but I am primarily open to your guidance, suggestions and support.

Additionally, I challenge each one of you to sponsor a new member this year. Without new members, we also will not be sustainable. Natural attrition as we have seen this past year will inevitably continue. We must advance our objectives of promoting patriotism, perpetuating the people and events of the American Revolution, and preserving the ideals of freedom to all whom we meet.

Lastly, I would like to pay tribute to those who have passed on this past year. Tom Holcombe, Jack Ferguson and Charles Hendry have been pillars of our organization. They will be missed.

Compatriot Jack Ferguson Honored



The Georgia Society Color Guard honored Compatriot Jack Ferguson as Honorary Pall Bearers at his funeral service which was held at the Mayes Ward Funeral Home Chapel in Marietta, Georgia on January 20, 2014.

Past Georgia Society

President Bob Sapp shown in the photo delivered the tribute to our friend and Compatriot. Bob noted Jack's many accomplishments and his devoted service to the SAR. Following the memorial service, the Color Guard, proceeded to the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia where Jack was given full military honors prior to his burial.

Travels With Jack By George Thurmond

It has been my pleasure to have traveled with Jack Ferguson over the past thirteen years to all parts of the Southeast. Jack received his Color Guard uniform around 2001 and immediately put it to use. He was an annual fixture at the Alpharetta Old Soldiers Day parade, Historic Sites observances, grave markings and in a number of schools and organizations promoting the educational, historical and patriotic tenants of our noble organization.

One of my most memorable trips with Jack was in 2002 to Buchanan Elementary School near the Alabama line. Jack, always comfortable in the kitchen, invited me to join him for breakfast about 5 a.m. one weekday morning as it was a long trip to Buchanan ES. We arrived about the time the school buses arrived and taught each one hour period during the day. We left (following the schools buses of course), arriving in time for the local traffic congestion. With that long day behind us, we both ended the day exhausted!

In 2004, the local DAR in Washington, Georgia invited us to make our presentations in the Oglethorpe Elementary School well in advance of the Washington-Wilkes SAR Chapter being organized. The request came from a grandmother for the benefit of her 4th grade granddaughter attending the school in nearby Lexington. We checked with the local Athens Chapter and at that time they were not involved in the classroom (we make presentations to the 4th grade as the American Revolution is taught at that grade level). So we took on this long distant teaching opportunity.

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January Chapter Meeting Highlights

Color Guard Change of Command

Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott has served the Piedmont Chapter for ten years, participating in more than 1,100 SAR events in uniform. Additionally, he served as Georgia Society Color Guard Commander for six years and he was named Color Guardsman of the Year by the NSSAR in 2011.



At the January Chapter Meeting, Vice President Lusk introduced Mr. Grant Butler, History Department Chairman at Kings Ridge Christian School. Mr.



Butler's presentation concerned the establishment and importance of schools and education in the revolutionary era. He wondered how our founding fathers would view today's education programs. Mr. Butler gave a history of Government and the evolution of education. During the revolutionary era, the founding fathers, especially Webster and Jefferson, deemed it mandatory that the young men be educated in order to become leaders in order to participate in government. Jefferson, especially, viewed the well educated to be a preventative measure against tyranny and that they should be able hold the government accountable.

At a traditional and proper ceremony, which was held at the end of the January Chapter Meeting, Piedmont Chapter Past President Paul Prescott, relinquished his position as Color Guard Commander to Compatriot Bill Kabel.

This change of command ceremony was conducted by Sergeant-At-Arms, Tom Davis under the direction of Chapter President Walt Woliver. At the appointed time, Sergeant-At-Arms Davis advised those present of the pending change and proceeded to relieve Commander Prescott of the chapter's flag which he respectfully returned to Piedmont President Woliver who in turn presented the flag to the new Color Guard Commander, Bill Kabel with appropriate instructions regarding responsibilities and care. Commander Kabel assumed the flag and command. His first act as Piedmont Color Guard Commander was to appoint Compatriot Paul Prescott as the Assistant Color Guard Commander.



Upcoming Events

Chapter meeting Saturday March 15, 2014
Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting
Mrs. Linda Bhame will give a presentation entitled:
"George Washington's Will"

Chapter meeting Saturday April 19, 2014
Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting
Mr. Brad Quinlin will speak about:
"The History of Marietta National Cemetery"



2014 Annual Winter Meeting of the GASSAR



The GASSAR Winter meeting was held February 24-25 at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place hotel. Our own Bob Sapp set the Friday afternoon pace with his thoughtful, well-attended, interesting and lively seminar for GASSAR Registrars. Registrar General J. Michael Tomme, Sr. also commented on upcoming changes in the NSSAR member acceptance procedures to make them more helpful to chapters and new members. The Friday evening Member Awards Banquet was preceded by colorful opening ceremonies in which twenty members of the Georgia Society Color Guard posted the colors, led by Commander Ed Rigel, Sr. During the evening, Past President of Piedmont chapter Allen Greenly (2011) was honored with the GASSAR highest individual award, the Patriot Medal, for his work in recent months in several roles in GASSAR circles, but most clearly to lead and assure the formation of the new Robert Forsyth Chapter in Cumming, GA, for which he now serves as the President. Congratulations, Allen!

NSSAR President General Joe Dooley (VA) shown in the photo below, addressed the gathering with a thought-provoking topic: *Was the American Revolution a product of Conservative or Liberal elements in the colonies?* No easy answers there.

A poignant reminder marked the evening. Our recently-passed member, Jack Ferguson, who was very active in GASSAR for many years, was recognized by a place at Table 6 set for him with a placard and white rose. Jack had about 100 interesting talks ready for groups in schools and adult circles, among them the "Pig Wars", which astounded many of us at our chapter meeting about a year ago. His education efforts earned him the Stewart Boone McCarty award in 2005, for emphasis on teaching history, and the John Dooley Education Outreach award in 2011, for reaching so many students. He also was recognized by the GASSAR Color Guard with the Bronze and Silver Medals (2004) and received the prestigious Patriot Medal in 2006. Eleven other awards bear his name as well. His name was among those for whom the bell tolled at the Saturday morning Memorial Service at which all GASSAR deceased of 2013 were remembered. A copy of the Memorial service program that included Jack's name and the vase containing a white rose at the Friday banquet was delivered to Jack's wife, Lou. The Saturday Chapter Awards Banquet was important for Piedmont chapter as we received some high honors, among them the first place in Americanism Award for chapters of 75 or more members, and second place in the President General's award, after the Atlanta chapter. The chapter again received an Education Outreach Streamer and a Distinguished Chapter award. Bob Sapp also received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal.

New officers of GASSAR were elected at the Saturday morning Board of Managers meeting by all members and were installed at the banquet by President General Joe Dooley. Outgoing President James E. Stallings in the above photo on the left gave an emotional farewell to close his year of dedicated and successful service. Shown in the photo above, incoming President Roger W. Coursey on the right accepted the challenge and asked for our support in the upcoming year. The closing ceremonies with the many flags to be retired gave us a reminder of our patriotic heritage, intent and duties to the society. Submitted by Piedmont Past President Carl Bhame.



ALERT! Change in Monthly Meeting

Fellow Compatriots. Holiday Inn has once again increased our monthly fee. Heretofore, the cost of a breakfast was \$15.00. However, the Inn charged us \$16. The Chapter was subsidizing your meal for \$1.00. In January they proposed charging \$18.00. We believed that many members would not want to spend that much and the Chapter would not want to subsidize \$3.00. This hotel and every other event center charges rent for meeting space. So, we met with the hotel management (new owners) and came up with this proposal:

They normally rent the space we use, including the tables, podium, sound system, etc., for \$350.00 (plus Tax). They would not offer the same buffet style breakfast, but rather a continental breakfast (orange juice, coffee, fresh fruit and pastries) for that amount, based on 40 attendees. We felt that this was a great compromise, since we could reduce the price to \$10.00 per person, a 50% savings to us. However, everyone entering the door would have to pay in order to cover the cost and everyone gets to eat.

Beginning with the March 15 meeting, the cost for everyone in attendance will be \$10.00.

Another alternative would be to increase annual dues to cover this additional cost. It was agreed that this would not be embraced by the membership. Our previous experiences with other venues have shown that this facility closely fulfills our needs. As always, your comments are appreciated. Piedmont Chapter President Bill Lusk



Travels with Jack

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Jack and I (with our wives) would travel to Washington, Georgia two days prior to the annual Kettle Creek observation and since we were in the area, recruited the local Washington-Wilkes Elementary School to also receive our presentations. We would travel back to Lexington the next morning and on Friday, appear at the W-W Elementary School. During this time, we retired four school Principals and several teachers! Oglethorpe had a student-led closed circuit TV program that would feature us to all classrooms. Not many people get interviewed by a 4th grader on TV!

We started by visiting schools in uniform and providing them with a short list of our topics. We would tell the Principal that we were there to tell stories relating to events and personalities of the American Revolution. And, we would go where we were invited. A number of schools contacted us as they heard of our “free” in-school presentations.

Bob Sapp joined us for this expansion of our classroom programs and the three of us maintained a schedule of about 25 schools a year. The addition of Bob Sapp provided a degree of flexibility with three of us available.

Early on, we would make individual class presentations, so if a school had 8 classes, we would each do back-to-back presentations. This would later change to consolidating some of the classes, usually doubling up two classes for a presentation. On one occasion in 2011 during Kettle Creek week, Jack had laryngitis and was unable even to whisper. This led to my presentation to the entire 4th grade in the cafeteria at Oglethorpe ES, using a microphone and to the W-W ES in the gym.

About 2010 Piedmont obtained a Traveling Trunk with assistance from the Georgia Fellows Fund that added greater flexibility to our presentation and also provided for additional participation by our Color Guard members, Paul Prescott, Bill Kabel, Jared Ogden, Allen Greenly and Bob McCleskey.

All this time Jack was very active in the Speakers Bureau, developing and presenting over 100 topics to chapters, organizations and to any group requesting a topic. He traveled throughout the state and even out of state to make these presentations. Jack probably wore his uniform more than any member in the national society. He was a terrific face of the Piedmont Chapter and will be sorely missed by all, especially by his traveling partner. Submitted by George Thurmond.

(Garnett Lane “Jack” Ferguson passed away on January 17 , 2014)

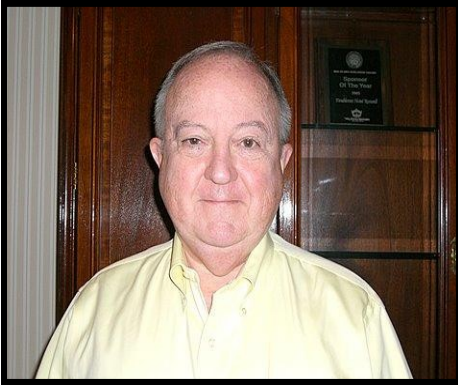
The photos below were taken at the service honoring Compatriot Jack Ferguson at the Georgia National Cemetery on January 20, 2014.





From

Allen Finley Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



PATRIOTISM

As members of the SAR, we look back to view how our ancestral families got involved in this great country; one which was founded with great principles. As we raised our family, we prayed and hoped that these principles would be passed along to the next generation.

My wife and I raised three children and now we have four grandchildren. And the hope continues. It should come as no surprise but we are very proud of all four grandchildren, as are most grandparents.

One of the hardest things that I have to do is to write these articles for the "Piper". I can work all day long on numbers but writing does not come easily to me (but I have a great editor that makes it readable). When I look at what my oldest granddaughter, a 13 year old, wrote for a school activity, it makes this grandfather very proud to share with you what patriotism means to my granddaughter.

What Patriotism Means To Me

While I am not a "news junkie", I follow more news than my fellow 8th graders. If not for my parents, who up until recently both served as Army Officers, I would find the arguments made by the so called patriots running our country confusing. My parents explained the challenges of running a diverse country when its leaders (who each think they are doing the best thing for the country) do not agree. I call myself a patriot too, but I do not serve in the armed forces like my

mother or participate in debates deciding our country's next move like our elected officials. I strive to do other things that show the same devoted love, support, and defense of my country necessary to serve, just like those around me. That's what patriotism means to me feeling a devoted love and showing the willingness to act on that love.

I've been lucky enough to demonstrate my patriotism as a military 'brat' all over the world. I'd like to continue to travel the globe and experience other cultures. I also want to represent my own country in a positive way and embody the morals and beliefs I believe make America the 'Land of the Free and Home of the Brave'. Values such as Honor, Equality, Justice, Courage, and Service. I want to leave the people I meet with a positive image, more powerful than any headline, post, or tweet, showing that my country is not only powerful, but open minded and respectful of other countries and their beliefs.

While traveling is something I love to do, most patriots act much closer to home. One of the best ways to show patriotism is getting active in your community. This can be done so many different ways. Personally, I volunteer for service projects through my church or school, help work to feed the homeless, spend time with the disabled and run in charity races.

Patriotism also means sacrifice. I do not wake up every day with the chance of military deployments but I do feel the effects when my parents sacrifice their time to put our nation's mission first. It means missed birthdays, sporting events and everyone pitching in for the sake of the family. I gladly take these responsibilities because that is part of my job as a patriot.

124th Annual Congress hosted by the South Carolina Society

"A Return to Revolutionary War Country"

**Greenville SC Hyatt Hotel 19
July—23 July 2014**

Make Greenville SC your destination this coming July for the 124th Annual Congress hosted by the South Carolina Society! Following several Congresses out west, the Society returns to Revolutionary War country and a state critical in the Southern Campaign. In the planning for 5 years, this Congress will be a great place to understand your Society, make new friends, learn about the different activities and committees, and return to your chapter energized.

So, what is a Congress? From the 1st meeting in 1890, a Congress is full of men and ladies who reaffirm their passion for the Sons of the American Revolution. Plus, we "remember our obligations to our ancestors." Men arrive from all over the country with ideas and enthusiasm to further our Society. A lot of that takes place in the business meeting and in face-to face meetings with the general officers. Plus, those new friends may have ideas which will help you back home. It's not just for men. Many wives accompany their husband to the Congress.

The above announcement provided by the South Carolina SAR. See George Thurmond for additional details.

Cobb Firefighters Honored



The Piedmont Color Guard presented the Colors at the Cobb Public Safety Awards Appreciation Celebration for about 175 members of the Cobb Firefighters. In the photo left to right: Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott, Piedmont Past president George Thurmond, Jared Ogden and Bill Kabel.



Revolutionary Days

Revolutionary Days was celebrated in Washington, Georgia on February 7, 8 and 9, 2014. The parade proceeded from the Courthouse to Fort Washington Park. A dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek was also presented at Fort Washington Park. This year's parade, wreath laying, and re-enactment were well attended. Leading the parade and shown in the photo below (l-r) Mike Tomme, NSSAR Registrar General, Lindsey Brock, Treasurer General, Roger Coursey, President, Georgia Society, and Dr. (Rev.) Randy Moody, South Atlantic District Vice President General.



The Traveling Trunk Presented at Garrison Middle School

On Wednesday February 26, 2014 George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Bill Kabel and Rick Reese presented the SAR Traveling Trunk to the students at Garrison Middle School in Marietta, Georgia. The students were attentive and participated in several activities which were typical for kids in the eighteenth century. Shown below are photographs of the presentation.





Piedmont Chapter's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

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ton and his family entitled "The Washington Family Arrival in America-Women, Wealth and Land". Terry also made several gracious comments about the power of Piedmont and the leadership contributions members of the Piedmont Chapter have made through the years. Below are a few of the photos taken during the evening by Rick and Linda Reeves.





Awards Presentation at Annual Banquet

Jack Ferguson Awards presented by Paul Prescott and accepted by Mrs. Louisa Ferguson:

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
Distinguished Service



Chapter Awards presented by Jim McIntire

Certificate of Appreciation: Robert Kabel
Distinguished Service: Glynn Acree, Paul Prescott,
Robert Sapp, and George Thurmond.
Bronze Good Citizenship: William M. Kabel
Meritorious Service: Walt Woliver

Chapter Awards presented by George Thurmond

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal: Jim McIntire, Paul Prescott, Robert Sapp, and Bob Shaw

Special Recognition presented by Jim McIntire

Lydia Darrah Certificate: Linda Bhame, Robin McIntire, Nancy Prescott, Joyce Sapp, Beth Shaw and Marty Thurmond

Robert B. Vance, Sr. Membership Trophy presented by Tom Chrisman

Shep Hammack

2014 Piedmont Color Guard Schedule

14 Mar	GA State Society DAR Annual Meeting/Banquet, Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort, Stone Mountain: Prescott, Kabel
15 Mar	Chapter Meeting: Prescott, Kabel, Thurmond, McCleskey
15 Mar	Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC: Greenly
21 Mar	Home School, 4 th Grade, Perimeter Christian School, 0915 – 1115 hrs: Prescott, Thurmond
22 Mar	Compatriot Jacob Highsmith grave marking, Waynesville, GA, 1500 hrs: Greenly, Prescott
25 Mar	American Heritage Society of Georgia, Alpharetta City Hall, 1900 hrs: Kabel,
29 Mar	Compatriot Tom Holcombe grave marking, Big Spring Methodist Church Cemetery, 1100 hrs: Kabel, Prescott, Thurmond, Greenly, McCleskey, Mortison, Ogden
5 Apr	Patriot Jeremiah Sparks grave marking, Fairplay, GA: Prescott, Greenly, Thurmond, McCleskey, Mortison
9 Apr	Roswell Ramblers: Roswell, GA, 11:30 hrs: Kabel
11 Apr	INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Kabel, Thurmond
12 Apr	Compatriot Kit Braselton grave marking, Braselton, GA: Prescott, Thurmond, Greenly, Mortison, McCleskey
19 Apr	Frederica Days, St. Simons: Prescott, Greenly
19 Apr	Chapter Meeting: Kabel, Thurmond, McCleskey
25 Apr	Home School, 5 th & 6 th Grades, Perimeter Christian School, 0915 – 1115 hrs: Prescott, Thurmond
26 Apr	GASSAR BOM, Garden Patch Restaurant, Barnesville, GA, 1000 hrs: Kabel,
14 May	Roswell Ramblers: Roswell, GA, 11:30 hrs: Kabel,
17 May	Chapter Meeting: Kabel, Prescott, Thurmond, McCleskey
17 May	Kings Ridge Graduation Ceremony, Milton, GA, 0930 hrs: Prescott, Thurmond, McCleskey, Kabel



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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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