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Message from the Chapter President

“We the People...”

Those are the three most famous words, in combination, in the free world. They are the opening to the Preamble to the U. S. Constitution. On September 17, we shall celebrate Constitution Day, and then through September 23, Constitution Week. This observance was enacted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower from a congressional resolution

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2014 Old Soldiers Day Parade

Patriotism is alive and well in north Georgia as evidenced by the turnout for the 62nd annual Old Soldiers Day Parade held on August 2, 2014 in Alpharetta, Georgia.

The event was well attended with representation from the SAR, DAR, C.A.R., Centennial High School, American Legion, Alpharetta High School, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veteran Groups, Shriners, and several other organizations. Piedmont Chapter President Bill Lusk, who was one of the organizers for this year's parade, offered the following observation, *“If anyone thinks that patriotism is dead, they need to attend the Old Soldiers Day Parade in Alpharetta. Next to the Memorial Day Ceremonies Roswell and Milton, this has to be the best showing of patriotism in Georgia.”* The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard and other members of the Georgia Society Color Guard led the parade.

Shown in the photo above left to right are Color Guardsmen Ed Rigel Sr., Allen Greenly, Shep Hammack, and Bruce Maney. Additional photos of this event are shown on page 5.

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petitioned by the DAR, but was officially declared Constitution Week by President George W.

Bush in 2002.

The guiding principles of this document are the longest enduring in the history of civilized mankind. They have ensured that we have secured our liberty, provided for our common defense, insured our domestic tranquility, promoted the general welfare, not only for ourselves, but for posterity. For this, we should all be thankful.

There are those who wish to eliminate certain Articles from this living time tested document. Elimination of those articles would set us back 227 years. Those self-proclaimed "Constitutional Scholars" of today arrogantly believe that they possess greater wisdom than our Founding Fathers. It is up to patriotic citizens like the SAR to promote and defend the freedoms ensured in the Constitution.

"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."

Stay the Course,

Bill

August Chapter Meeting Highlights



present-day Austria by edict.

Captain Roger Coursey, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired) and GASSAR President, was the guest speaker at the August Chapter meeting. His presentation was about the town of Ebenezer, Georgia. The town near Savannah was established in 1734 by 150 Salzburger Protestants who had been expelled from the Archbishopric of Salzburg in

Ebenezer was moved closer to the Savannah River in 1736, and at its new location many silk mills were opened. The Salzburger's pastor, the Reverend Johann Martin Boltzius, sought to build "a religious utopia on the Georgia frontier." That idea was very successful for a time, and the economy thrived. Jerusalem Lutheran Church was completed in 1769. After the British invasion of 1778, the town was severely damaged. It never fully recovered, although it briefly served as the capital of Georgia in 1782. Ebenezer became the county seat of Effingham County in 1797, but two years later the seat was transferred to Springfield, taking the county business with it. By the time Ebenezer was abandoned in 1855, the town covered only 1/4 square mile. The Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church is one of the few buildings that has survived in Ebenezer, and is believed to have the oldest continuing congregation in the state.



The Ebenezer Townsite and Jerusalem Lutheran Church were listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 4, 1974. The New Ebenezer Camp, established 1977, is located in former Ebenezer. One of the more notable people from Ebenezer was John Adam Treutlen, the first state governor of Georgia. Captain Coursey is a descendent of the Salzburger.

Membership Award



Compatriot Shep Hammack was presented the Liberty Medal by Chapter President Bill Lusk for recruiting ten new members to the SAR. President Lusk and the Membership Committee have challenged each Piedmont Chapter member to sponsor one or more candidates for membership this year. Carl Bham, Registrar, reported that our membership presently is 104 with eight applications in process.



August Chapter Meeting Highlights

Middle School Brochure Contest Winner



Carter Hehir, a graduate of Little Mill Middle School in Forsyth County, who is now a freshman at Central Forsyth High School was the 1st place winner of the Piedmont Chapter Brochure contest. He was also the 1st place winner of the GASSAR brochure contest, and the 2nd place winner of the NSSAR contest. Carter was presented with a certificate of accomplishment and a NSSAR check for \$150 at the Piedmont Chapter August meeting. Carter was joined by his family members to celebrate his award. Shown in the photo l-r: Compatriot George Thurmond, Piedmont Middle School Brochure Contest Chairman, Mr. James Hehir, grandfather, Mrs. Cheri Hehir, grandmother, Carter Hehir, Mrs. Sandra

Gibson, grandmother, Mrs. Leslie Hehir, mother, Mr. Jimmy Hehir, father, and Miss Brenna Hehir, sister.

Flag Retirement Project Initiative



Compatriot Allen Greenly, Robert Forsyth Chapter President, spoke at the August Chapter meeting about the Robert Forsyth Chapter's flag retirement project. The following is an outline of this important initiative which relies on developing partnerships with other patriotic organizations in the community.

Flag Retirement Project Initiative:

Develop a method to collect used and worn US flags for proper disposal.

Develop partnerships with other organizations as co-sponsors.

Develop a way to display the logos of partners and place the receptacles in high traffic areas.

Partner with a crematorium to properly dispose of the flags collected.

According to Piedmont Chapter Flag Committee Chairman, Paul Prescott, the project has been defined and presented to the Piedmont Chapter Board of Managers (BOM). Used "book return receptacles" which have been modified and design painted will be located at participating Home Depot stores. Ideally, there will be three sponsors for each receptacle. Paul said: "At the BOM, we discussed having Piedmont SAR and Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR as two of the initial sponsors." Other sponsors will be identified in the future.

Upcoming Events

Chapter meeting Saturday September 20, 2014
Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting
Speaker: Mr. Ed Hooper member of Robert Forsyth Chapter
His topic will be: **The First Salute** and its relationship to the Isle of St. Eustatius

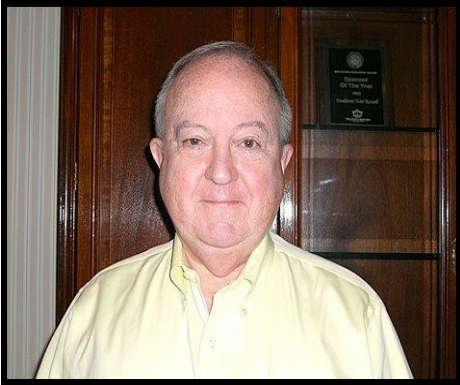
Chapter meeting Saturday October 18, 2014
Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting

The program will include an overview of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)



From

Allen Finley Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



The “Declaration of Independence”

As SAR members we often talk about the Declaration of Independence. It is a unique document in our organization and in our country, and it has influenced people throughout the world.

It is the first public document to use the name “The United States of America”. It embodies the ideals and principals on which our country was founded: the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It also spells out the consent of the governed and the resistance to tyranny.

One of the more famous components of this document is the sanctity of the individual. Thomas Jefferson and his committee wrote the following words: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights”.

It took our country several generations to end slavery, to guarantee the rights of women and to insure civil rights for all citizens. Even as we view the news channels of today, one of the more pressing dilemmas of intentional politics is how to protect universal human rights where sover-

eign countries guard themselves from outside reporters and authorities.

Another element of this unique document is the assertion of the rights of people to create a new state. This has influenced the entire world: in the 1790’s, Flanders (now the Netherlands) expressed a desire to be free; in the early 1800’s, Venezuela used this same document to express their desires; in the 1940’s, Ho Chi Minh used these words in Viet Nam; and as late as 2012, the Catalonia nationals used these words in seeking freedom from Spain.

From this layperson’s perspective, these sovereign countries love to quote and use the first part of this document, but as we view certain countries like China, the “unalienable rights” of their citizens is creating major problems in Hong Kong with their pending election.

It has been written that nations progress in the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From great courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to complacency; From complacency to apathy; From apathy to dependence; and from dependence back into bondage.

I have read that the first draft of Declaration of Independence was written in my ancestral grandfather’s house. I am sure the Rev. James Finley would have encouraged the spiritual faith of those men who were able to draft this document. It is our job to continue their work and not allow complacency and apathy to take over.



IT’S A SMALL WORLD

The Color Guard of the Piedmont Chapter attends every Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) held at the Richard B. Russell Federal Court in Atlanta. After the new citizens receive their certificate of citizenship, they are welcomed by the Color Guard and others in a receiving line. George Thurmond and I usually head-up that line and many of the new citizens want to have their picture taken with us.

Normally we welcome 150+ new citizens at each ceremony, and I have never before met any of them afterwards -- that is, not until recently. I have a salt water fish tank and I purchase seaweed in the sushi department at Publix to feed the fish. Yesterday when I was at Publix buying seaweed, the lady who prepares sushi said, “I know you!” Her name is Lucy Pau. I had not recognized her with her hair covered, but she recognized me. She then proceeded to show me a picture of herself with George on one side and me on the other taken at the INS ceremony. What are the chances?

Paul Prescott



The Annual Chapter Picnic at Roswell Park

The Piedmont Chapter SAR and the Martha Stewart Chapter DAR held the annual picnic at Roswell Park on Woodstock Road Roswell, Georgia on Saturday July 19, 2014. It was a rainy day, but the food was good and the conversations were lively. Below are a few photos of those attending.



Old Soldiers Day Parade in Alpharetta

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The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States



We the People

of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

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North Carolina { Richd. Batts. Speight.
McWilliamson
J. Rutledge
South Carolina { Charles Cotesworth Pinckney
Charles Pinckney
Pierce Butler.
Georgia { William Few
Abner Dobson





Flag Certificate Awarded

The Piedmont Chapter recently recognized the City of Milton, Georgia for the proper display of the United States Flag. A Flag Certificate was presented to Milton Mayor Joe Lockwood by Piedmont Flag Committee Chairman Paul Prescott at the August 18, 2014 Milton City Council Meeting. In the photo below, Compatriot Prescott and Mayor Lockwood are shown in the center along with members of the Milton City Council and Piedmont Color Guardsmen George Thurmond and Shep Hammack. Photo provided by Jason Wright, Communications Manager City of Milton.



Piedmont Chapter Color Guard

13 Sep Blue Ridge Mountains Grave Marking for Comp. Fred Smith 1400 hrs: Greenly, Thurmond, Prescott
 14 Sep Chestatee River Chapter DAR Picnic, Fowler Park, Cumming, 1400 hrs: Mortison, Kabel, Reese, Thurmond
 17 Sep William Few Ceremony, Augusta: Thurmond, Prescott
 17 Sep Elijah Clarke Chapter DAR Constitution Day Program, Danielsville, 1800 hrs.
 20 Sep Chapter Meeting: Kabel
 20 Sep GSSDAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Piedmont Driving Club, Atlanta: Thurmond, Prescott
 26 Sep INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Hammack, McCleskey
 25 Sep NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY (Present Colors): Kabel, Thurmond, Prescott
 27 Sep NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, (Retrieve Colors): Kabel, Thurmond, Prescott
 4 Oct Compatriot Kit Braselton grave marking, Braselton, GA, 1100 hrs: Prescott, Thurmond, Greenly, Mortison, McCleskey
 7 Oct Kings Mountain: Thurmond, Prescott
 8 Oct Roswell Ramblers, 1130 hrs: Kabel
 9 Oct Battle of Savannah: Thurmond, Prescott
 10 Oct INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Prescott, Thurmond, Kabel, McCleskey
 11 Oct Wansley Grave Marking, Elbert County, 1100 hrs: Thurmond
 12 Oct University of Phoenix Commencement, Gwinnett Arena, 1000 and 1430 hrs: Prescott, Kabel, Thurmond
 18 Oct Chapter Meeting: Kabel, Prescott, Thurmond



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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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