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Message From Piedmont Chapter President Bill Kabel

The period from Memorial Day to the 4th of July is that time of the year when we see a resurgence of patriotic spirit all across America: homes and businesses display the American flag more often; we see special patriotic programs on television; politicians don't miss any opportunity to pound out a patriotic drumbeat; and there are any number of parades and other patriotic events to occupy our time. It's unfortunate that such spirit cannot prevail throughout the entire year instead of for such a short period of time. If so, perhaps our nation and our leaders would be able to solve some of our problems. Yet, in spite

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Declaration of Independence



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, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States....”

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of all the patriotic hoopla and the upsurge of patriotism, there is something that has gone awry over the past several years. I ask you these questions about what you noticed when you last saw the American flag presented. How many people did you see who did not salute or

place their hand over their heart? How many men did not even bother to remove their hats? How many people felt it was more important to continue a conversation on their cell phone? Sad!

Carolyn and I recently vacationed in Hawaii, and among the places we visited was the USS Arizona Memorial. For those of you who have had the opportunity to visit it, it is truly a heart-touching experience that stirs up every bit of your patriotic spirit. 1,177 men lost their lives on the Arizona on that day which will live in infamy – December 7, 1941. I can think of no more solemn place to honor those who gave their lives for us. Yet, despite instructions and reminders for people to treat the Memorial with proper respect there were those who displayed a spirit more akin to a three-ring circus.

We also went to the National Cemetery of the Pacific at the Punchbowl. We took a tour so that we would not have to contend with the traffic. Mistake – there was no traffic! The Department of Veterans Affairs now requires vehicles to drive through the cemetery slowly without stopping. No longer can the general public park their cars and walk through the cemetery. Why? The answer is one word – Respect – or the lack thereof. It seems there were too many people who allowed their children to run through the cemetery jumping on headstones, and treating a national cemetery like a grade school playground.

So, one must wonder what in the world has gone wrong. Is respect no longer taught in the schools? Are there really that many who feel they are the exception to every rule? Is it now the “politically correct” thing to show no respect for our flag, our country, deceased veterans, and national symbols? I don’t have the answer, but I can only speculate – which I won’t do now.

I do know this, however. As long as there are organizations like the Sons of the American Revolution that promote Americanism and urge respect for our nation and its symbols by supporting and encouraging educational, historical and patriotic interests there is hope. Yes, it’s discouraging, but only with each of us having conviction and dedication to teaching others what we stand for will there ever be any chance to see a return to the respect for the patriotic values we know so well.

Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Member Matthew Harlow



President Bill Kabel with the assistance of Registrar Carl Bhamme inducted our newest member, Matthew Harlow at the May chapter meeting.

Matthew was born in Harlan, Kentucky, which was founded in part by his patriot ancestor Samuel Howard. Matthew enlisted in the Air Force after High School then went to college at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky, where he met his wife Sarah. They moved to North Carolina where he attended seminary at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, and he was then ordained a priest in the Anglican church.

Sarah and Matthew have three children, Katrina 10, Lily 7, and John 10 months. In early 2015 Matthew was called to be rector of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Warner Robins, Georgia, where they now live. Matthew says “I look forward to continuing to learn about the Revolutionary War and helping educate the next generation about the virtues of patriotism.”

Piedmont Members Recognized

At the May chapter meeting, Piedmont Chancellor and charter member Eric Thorstenberg was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman medal for his many contributions to Piedmont Chapter, and Compatriot Bob Allgood was presented with the George Washington Fellow Award for his generous donation to the George Washington Endowment Fund.





May Chapter Meeting Highlights

The Piedmont Chapter held the May meeting at the J. Christopher's Restaurant in Roswell since our regular meeting location was not available. The alternate location accommodated our members well, and the breakfast was outstanding.

President Bill Kabel called the meeting to order after everyone was served breakfast. Vice President Rick Reese introduced our speaker, compatriot and GASSAR Registrar Bob Sapp, who provided a very enlightening talk of the various SAR medals - indicating what they represent, how they are awarded, as well as the protocol for wearing these medals. Piedmont Vice President Rick Reese presented Compatriot Sapp with a speaker appreciation certificate for his comprehensive presentation.



Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution entitles the members to wear the insignia of the SAR, and Compatriot Sapp explained in detail the symbols which are a part of the insignia.

The Maltese cross is at the center of the SAR insignia. The symbolism of the vertical bar is to "Love the Lord, your God", and the horizontal bar indicates that you should "Love your neighbor as yourself". The four limbs of the cross remind us of the four cardinal virtues:

- Prudence** – Learned by studying the past in order to regulate the present, and the future. It allows us to understand the fallacy of allowing a lesser evil to avoid a greater evil.
- Justice** – Means equality of individuals and to treat someone else as you treat yourself. Mercy is providing able assistance. It is an art and a science that involves the concept of impartiality and always begs the question, "Is it fair to all concerned?"
- Temperance** – Moderation of all of our actions, including the senses and especially the sensor.
- Fortitude** – Magnanimity and courage to serve God.

The points in each corner of the Maltese cross represent eight spiritual injunctions:

- To have spiritual contentment
- To live without malice
- To weep over your sins
- To humble yourself at insults

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Upcoming Events

Chapter meeting Saturday July 18, 2015
 Roswell Recreation Center 830 Grimes Bridge Road
 Roswell, Georgia
 8:00 am Breakfast
 8:30 am Meeting

GASSAR President Tom Owen will give us an update from the Georgia Society and Terry Manning, President of the Atlanta Chapter will speak about "Martha Washington - A Brief Biography"

Chapter meeting Saturday August 15, 2015
 Roswell Recreation Center 830 Grimes Bridge Road
 Roswell, Georgia
 8:00 am Breakfast
 8:30 am Meeting

Speaker: Robert C. Jones, President of the Kennesaw Historical Society



A replica of the French tall ship that aided the U.S. in the Revolutionary War makes a big splash in Virginia

By John Woodrow Cox, AP
June 6 at 11:53 AM

YORKTOWN, Va. — Like an apparition, the 17-story ship glided through the cool morning mist, its towering skeleton of masts and two sternward flags — one French and one a 13-starred American — all that were visible from shore.

Forty-eight days after the start of its voyage, and 237 years since its story began, the French tall ship Hermione maneuvered into the York River on Friday morning, and as its gilded-lion figure-head came into full view, hundreds of people on the beach waved and cheered.

The much-anticipated vessel — which took 17 years and nearly \$30 million to build — fired its unarmed cannons as it neared shore. A flurry of red, white and blue fireworks exploded in the air as the ship touched the dock. Even reenactors dressed in period clothing broke character and snapped photos, unwilling to miss the moment.

The original Hermione (pronounced “err-me-own,” unlike the Harry Potter character) carried the Marquis de Lafayette across the Atlantic Ocean more than two centuries ago with a message that would change this nation’s destiny: France was sending critically needed soldiers and ships to support the American Revolution.

Photos courtesy of Richard Noegel, William Few Chapter GASSAR and Julie Hardaway Regent, Henry Middleton Chapter NSDAR in Aiken, South Carolina. Richard, his sister Julie Hardaway, and his daughter, Eleanor Smolen, are members of the Jamestowne Society.



MY PATRIOT ANCESTOR



At the May Chapter Meeting, Compatriot Al Finley spoke about his patriot ancestor, Rev. James Finley,

who was born in Ulster County, Northern Ireland in 1725. James Finley was one of seven boys and he moved to the colonies when he was nine years old. He lived in the Philadelphia area. He and another brother went to a private church school and they became Presbyterian Ministers. He had a church in Cecil County, Maryland. His ability to go from place to place as a minister gave him the opportunity to spy for George Washington. Rev. Finley was married, and he and his wife had seven sons, one named Ebenezer and another named Joseph, who moved to the territory which became Ohio. Compatriot Finley said that he has read two sources which indicate that the first draft of the U.S. Constitution was written in Rev. Finley’s home in Philadelphia. The Rev. James Finley is buried in a Presbyterian Church cemetery near Finleyville, PA., in Washington County.



125th Annual NSSAR Congress Louisville, Kentucky

The Piedmont Chapter was well represented at the 125th Annual NSSAR Congress, which was held June 25-July 1 at Louisville, Kentucky. Over five hundred people were in attendance including sixty uniformed Color Guard members. Color Guard members Bob Sapp, George Thurmond and Randy Pollard represented the Piedmont Chapter. Compatriots Thurmond and Pollard are shown in the photo below.

The Piedmont Chapter and Georgia Society were honored to have Dr. Ed Rigel Sr. elected as VP General South Atlantic District. Compatriot Rigel is a Dual Member of the Piedmont Chapter and the Lyman Hall Chapter. Dr. Rigel previously served as Surgeon General NSSAR. The Piedmont Chapter received several awards which will be covered in the next issue of the Piedmont Piper and posted on the chapter web site.



(Continued from page 3) Meaning of the SAR insignia and the medals awarded by the organization.

- To love justice
- To be merciful
- To be sincere and open-hearted
- To suffer persecution

Lastly, there is an image of George Washington in the center of the insignia and a Latin phrase “*Libertas et Patria*”, which means Liberty and Country.

The cross is white as a sign of purity, which you are to carry in your heart. When you wear the emblem, remember that you’re standing behind the emblem and its meaning. Wear it with pride and with dignity.

Medals that we wear and medals that are awarded to SAR members:

Medals awarded to members:

- Membership Insignia
- Medals earned by the members for their activities, what they are involved in, and services they provide.
- Medals earned by members’ contributions as recognized by their peers.
- Medals for women.

Additionally, Bob described the various types of medals awarded to members, medals awarded to women and color guard medals. He also displayed some of the medals in his personal collection.



Piedmont Celebrates Memorial Day

Piedmont Chapter compatriots were busy in late May participating in and attending a number of events commemorating Memorial Day. The period of activity got started with the chapter receiving a Memorial Day Proclamation from the City Council of Milton on May 18. This was followed three days later by members of the chapter's Color Guard Presenting the Colors at the annual Roswell Rotary Club Memorial Day Luncheon. This was the fifteenth consecutive year the chapter has been asked to do the honors.

Members of the chapter participated with the GASSAR Color Guard and the GASSAR Elijah Clarke Militia for Scout Day at the Marietta National Cemetery, where over 18,000 American flags were placed on the graves of fallen veterans, with approximately 700 Scouts and visitors in attendance. The following day, May 24, members of the Piedmont Color Guard returned to the Marietta National Cemetery to Present the Colors for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Day commemoration. Memorial Day saw chapter compatriots at three separate Memorial Day services. An estimated 6,000 people attended Roswell Remembers, where the chapter Color Guard presents the Colors each year. Many of the visitors to the SAR/DAR tent enjoyed seeing and hearing Compatriot George Thurmond show and discuss flags in the chapter's display of historic American flags. Visitors also showed interest in items from the chapter's Traveling Trunk display. Just up the road, a Memorial Day program was taking place in the city of Milton, and there was also a service at the Marietta National Cemetery attended by a Piedmont compatriot.

The influence of Piedmont celebrating Memorial Day wasn't limited to just Georgia. While Chapter President Bill Kabel was vacationing in Hawaii he attended Scout Day at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at the Punchbowl in Honolulu. Later that day he visited the USS Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbor and paid his respects to the 1,177 men who were lost on the ship on December 7, 1941. Below are pictures of some of the events.



City of Milton Memorial Day Proclamation with
Compatriots Lusk, Thurmond, Sapp, Prescott and the Milton
City Council



Piedmont Color Guard at the Roswell Rotary
Club Luncheon. Compatriots Sapp, Thur-
mond, McCleskey and Hammack



Pearl Harbor Survivors Day – Compatriots
Thurmond and Reese



Scout Day at the Marietta National Cemetery.
Compatriots Thurmond, Greenly, and Sapp



Piedmont Celebrates Memorial Day



Roswell Remembers celebration at Roswell City Hall



Compatriot Thurmond tells visitors about Piedmont's Historic Flag Display



Visitors were interested in the Traveling Trunk display demonstrated by Compatriots Hammack and Reese



Piedmont President Kabel at the USS Arizona Memorial

Piedmont Chapter SAR and Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter DAR Picnic

On June 20th, the Piedmont Chapter SAR and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter DAR held the Annual Picnic at Roswell Area Park on Woodstock Road in Roswell. The event was well attended, and we were joined by Lee Hollingsworth and his wife Emily. Lee is a prospective member. Lee and Emily are the parents of 1st Lt. John Hollingsworth, Weapons Company - 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Division, who is currently deployed in the Middle East. John and his company are part of the MSBSDAR Project Leatherneck, in which Piedmont SAR members have participated in a boxing party to send items to the Marines.





Georgia Society Color Guard at Braves Game

On July 4th GASSAR color guard members Bill Kabel, Allen Greenly, Carter Wood, Bo Hill, Knox Herndon, Shep Hammack, and Rick Reese presented the colors on behalf of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution at the opening ceremony for the Atlanta Braves versus the Philadelphia Phillies baseball game at Turner Field. The game was well attended, and it was televised for a national audience. Photo provided by Associated Press.



Flag Day Ceremony at Bulloch Hall

On Saturday June 13th, Piedmont Color Guard members Bill Kabel, Bob McCleskey, and Rick Reese presented the colors for the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR Society Flag Day ceremony which was held at Bulloch Hall in Roswell, Georgia. The Piedmont color guard members also stood behind the podium as the presenters spoke to the assembled audience. Shown in the photos are MSBDAR member and Flag Day organizer Mary Simonds with the Color Guard and MSBDAR attending members with compatriots McCleskey and Reese.





Piedmont Chapter Pays Tribute to Veteran



the Quartermaster OCS Class 67-13, gave the eulogy for his classmate and friend.

On Tuesday, June 23, 2015 Piedmont Color Guard members Bill Kabel, Shep Hammack, Randy Pollard, Rick Reese, Bob McCleskey, and Bob Sapp, along with Chaplain Rev. Bill Floyd attended the memorial service for U.S. Army veteran Lt. Louis A. Azrak held at the Georgia National Veterans' Cemetery in Canton, GA. Lt. Azrak was a classmate of Bill Kabel in the Quartermaster OCS Class 67-13. Chapter President Bill Kabel welcomed the assembled family members and friends to the service. Piedmont Color Guard members presented the colors, and Rev. Bill Floyd gave the invocation. Compatriot Kabel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Col. Carey Cole (US Army Ret), President of

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

The Campaign to Advance American Heritage at our NSSAR Headquarters is underway. SAR members can be recognized with appropriate awards based on your level of giving. The Piedmont Chapter Board of Managers has agreed to support this important campaign with a gift of \$1776.00 in the name of your chapter, but individual gifts are needed as well. When completed The SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage will become one of the SAR's most important gifts to our nation, providing outreach education for New Generations. Below are some key points from the NSSAR website:

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage

- * Important Story to Tell
- * World-Class Museum
- * Perfect Complement to The NSSAR Library
- * "Can't Miss" Destination

Our Vision

- * Nearly \$10 Million Raised To Date
- * Site Construction Underway on the Future NSSAR National Headquarters and Museum
- * Restoration of the Building's Historical Façade Already Complete

Piedmont Color Guard Schedule

- 4 Jul Windward Children's Day Parade, Windward Subdivision, Lake Club, Milton, GA, 9:00 am; Kabel, Thurmond, McCleskey, Reese
- 4 Jul Atlanta Braves, Present Colors, 6:00 pm; Kabel, Hammack, Reese
- 5 Jul World Harvest Church, "Honor Our Heroes", 320 Hardscrabble Road, Roswell, Present Colors, 8:45 am and 11:00 am; Kabel, Thurmond, Reese, Prescott
- 8 Jul Roswell Ramblers, 11:30 am; Kabel, Thurmond, Hammack
- 16 Jul Milton Library Opening: 11:00 am, 815 Mayfield Rd., Milton; Thurmond, Kabel, Reese
- 18 Jul Chapter Meeting, 8:30 am
- 25 Jul GASSAR Board Meeting 10:00 am; Kabel, Thurmond, Prescott, McCleskey, Reese
- 30 Jul Alpharetta Library Opening Ceremony, 11:00 am 10 Park Plaza: Kabel, Thurmond, Reese
- 1 Aug Old Soldiers Day Parade, Alpharetta, 7:30 am; Kabel, Thurmond, Hammack, Ogden, McCleskey, Reese
- 12 Aug Roswell Ramblers, 11:30 am; Kabel, Thurmond,
- 12 Aug VAVS meeting; Kabel, 1:00 pm
- 14 Aug INS, Atlanta, 11:00 am; Present Colors; Kabel, Thurmond,
- 15 Aug Chapter Meeting, 8:30 am; Kabel, Thurmond,
- 9 Sep Roswell Ramblers, 11:30 am; Kabel, Thurmond, Reese
- 12 Sep Multiple Grave Marker Dedication, Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Mary's, GA, 11:00 am



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The Piedmont Chapter serves communities of the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia including Cobb, Cherokee and Northern Fulton County. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Roswell Adult Education Center 830 Grimes 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, Carl Bham** 770.394.1282 or any other chapter officer.

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