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Message From Piedmont Chapter President Mark Anthony



I began my initial column by extending my thanks. It only seems appropriate as I conclude my term as

President of the Award-Winning Piedmont Chapter to once again extend my thanks to the officers and members.

This past year saw the chapter once again confirm its position as the best chapter in the Georgia Society SAR.

Our successes included partnering with the newly reorganized LaGrange Chapter to mark patriot and compatriot graves in

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Happy New Year!



2022 was a good year for the Piedmont Chapter. We were happy to be able to meet in person again, although we do broadcast on Zoom for those who wish to join virtually, thank you compatriot **Rick Reese Jr.** We saw our community and educational programs resume again, as well as our State and National events. 2023 promises to be a great year, we begin the year with 121 members on



ANNUAL PIEDMONT CHAPTER PICNIC - July 16, 2022



Piedmont Color Guard Present the Colors at the 2022 Roswell Remembers Celebration. - May 17th 2022

our rolls (*as reported on the Dec Membership report*) and an exciting year ahead. Many of the activities and events scheduled for the up coming year include, Color Guard Activities, our Youth and Educational Programs, such as our Brochure and Poster contests, Knights Essay, JROTC Awards, and the Traveling Trunk.

CURRENT ROSTER

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As of Dec, 2022

We will continue our Eagle Scouts Courts of Honor, and of course we will have our 2nd Annual Golf Ball Drop for Veterans. We will be Active in the Community participating in events including Roswell Remembers

Memorial Day Celebration, and Wreaths Across America. There will be many GASSAR and NSSAR events available to attend and of course the Piedmont Annual Meeting and George Washington's Birthday Dinner will be Thursday February, 23rd, 2023.

2023 Slate of Chapter Officers

Election to be held at the Jan Meeting

- President** – Stacey McCarver
- Vice President** – Rob Ufford
- Treasurer** – Shields Blankenship
- Secretary** – Eric Thorstenberg
- Registrar** – Glenn Kirk
- Chaplain** – Steve Morrison
- Sgt. St Arms** – Tim Dunn
- Webmaster** – Rick Reese, III
- Piper Editor** – Rick Reese, III
- Historian** – Ron Redner
- Communications** – Rick Reese, Jr.
- Genealogist** – Jaime Ruff
- Quartermaster** – Al Finley

Committee Chairs for 2023

- Veterans** – Rob Ufford
- Flag Respect** – Craig Benton
- Color Guard** – John Wassell
- Source Book** – Bob Sapp, George Thurmond, Paul Prescott
- Eagle Scouts** – Jaime Ruff
- Awards/Medals** – Ron Redner, Al Finley, Mark Anthony
- Grave Markers** – Steve Morrison
- 250th Anniv & Liberty Tree** – Ron Redner
- Americanism** – Ron Redner & Piedmont BOM members
- Education** – Stacey McCarver



Message From President Mark Anthony (continued)

LaGrange and conducting our initial Golf Ball Drop for Veterans Day which raised over \$4,000 for the Women’s Center at the Atlanta VA Facility.

The meetings presented great speakers on a variety of topics and were made available to all members via Zoom.

Now looking to the future, I want to wish the incoming slate of officers all the success possible. They are already at work planning the activities of the chapter. I would encourage the membership to support them and the chapter with your attendance and time. There are multiple avenues for each member to plug in and become more active.

Once again, thank you.



Battle of Trenton December 26th, 1776

NEW YEARS DURING THE REVOLUTION

On New Year’s Day 1777, Robert Morris wrote to George Washington and said: “The year 1776 is over, I am heartily glad of it and hope you nor America will ever be plagued with such another.” While many of us have similar thoughts every New Year’s about the previous year, the year 1776 was exceptionally bad for the patriot cause, despite the Declaration of Independence being signed that summer. After losing New York and a string of battles, Washington had shocked the world at Trenton on the day after Christmas. This glimmer of hope was almost crushed by the fact that most of his army’s enlistments expired on January 1st.

Here is an excerpt about this pivotal moment from the book **Victory or Death** by Mark Maloy

“Washington’s men had sacrificed much in the past few weeks and suffered greatly. Many believed they had done their duty, and rightly so. But at this moment, they were needed more than ever before. All day on December 31, 1776, Washington’s generals appealed to the soldiers to reenlist. Washington authorized an exorbitant \$10 bounty to those men who agreed to remain, this being funded by financier Robert Morris in Philadelphia. Some of his generals, such as Gen. Thomas Mifflin, a politician and public speaker from Philadelphia, were successful in retaining some of the men, others were not as successful. However, the most affecting scene was when Washington himself personally appealed to the patriotism of the men who had campaigned by his side. Washington paraded Gen. John Sullivan’s and Gen. Nathanael Greene’s divisions just outside Trenton. He entreated the men to stay on just a few weeks more. He asked those who wished to reenlist to move forward, but at that point no one moved. Sergeant Nathaniel Root of the 20th Continental Regiment (Connecticut) remembered that the men were “worn down with fatigue and privation” and had their “hearts fixed on home.” Washington, pleading with his brave soldiers wheeled his horse in front of the men and declared to them, “My brave fellows, you have done all I asked you to do, and more than could be reasonably expected; but your country is at stake, your wives, your houses and all that you hold dear. You have worn yourselves out with fatigues and hardships, but we know not how to spare you. If you will consent to stay only one month longer, you will render that service to the cause of liberty and to your country which you probably never can do under any other circumstances. The present is emphatically the crisis which is to decide our destiny.” After considering their commander’s words, more than two hundred of these men stepped forward to stay on and fight, and some of these men would be killed in the coming battles. The combination of patriotic pleas and hard currency helped persuade many more to stay. Washington retained a force of about 3,000 men from his army. These veterans would prove invaluable in the coming days.”



November Meeting Highlights

Piedmont Chapter Meeting - Roswell, GA

November 19th, 2022



President Mark Anthony

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After the recognition of guests and visitors, which included **Thomas P.**

Harnden, GASSAR Historian, Vice President **Stacey McCarver** introduced the guest speaker, Compatriot **Rob Ufford**.



Rob Ufford

Rob Ufford, a West Point graduate, and current chairman of the Chapter's Veterans Committee. Rob gave a very informative presentation on his topic, "Spy Techniques of the Revolutionary War." George Washington, as commander of the Continental Army, established a very innovative web of intelligence gathering. This included the use of ciphers and secret codes, as well as the masked letter, the use of invisible ink, the sending of ghost messages and the dissemination of disinformation about things such as troop strength, supplies, etc. Both the Americans

and British had female spies who would gather information about nearby forces.

President **Mark Anthony** thanked **Rob** for his presentation and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and the traditional \$2 bill that has become our custom. The \$2 Dollar Bill is the only legal tender that features an engraving of the circa 1818 painting *Declaration of Independence* by John Trumbull.



(L to R) Francis Joseph Hamilton, Vice President Stacey McCarver



(L to R) Vice President Stacey McCarver, Timothy Lamar

New Member Induction: President **Mark Anthony** conducted the induction ceremony for two new members, **Timothy Lamar Washington**, and **Francis Joseph Hamilton, III**.

Timothy Lamar Washington whose patriot ancestor, John Lawrence, served in the Virginia militia.



(L to R) Francis Joseph Hamilton, Timothy Lamar



(L to R) Joseph Hamilton, Timothy Lamar, Tom Price, Stacey McCarver

Francis Joseph Hamilton, III, whose patriot ancestor, William Hackett, designed the frigate Alliance, which was commanded by John Paul Jones.



December Meeting Highlights

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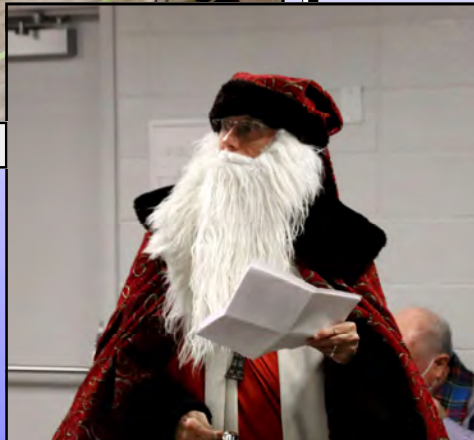
Compatriot Terry Manning



When the Revolutionary War came, the fighting did not necessarily break for the holiday, and soldiers were not exchanging gifts. Most famously, Christmas saw George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River and the attack on Trenton, New Jersey. Otherwise, fighting slowed during this time of year, not because of the holiday, but because of the weather. Joseph Plumb Martin, a Continental Army soldier who wrote a memoir detailing his service throughout the war, noted Christmas' passing only as a means of giving a timeframe. No celebrations are mentioned.

Vice President Stacey McCarver introduced the guest speaker, **Compatriot Terry Manning**. **Terry** gave an outstanding presentation of "The History of Santa Claus since 1776" Tracing the origins and evolution of the story of Santa Clause.

Compatriot Manning's presentation had many interesting and even some forgotten facts like Santa's Dog named Watch, and the original reindeer names.



Christmas was celebrated much differently in the 17th and 18th centuries than it has been in the 20th or 21st centuries. Even among those who celebrated it outwardly and joyously, it was still much more subdued than it is today. Gifts were typically reserved just for children and servants if given at all. While Christmas' religious meaning is still vital and is its most important aspect for so many, it still pales in comparison to the religious fervor attached to it in those early days of America. While some used religion to emphasize the day, others denounced it. It was marked by the firing of guns and church services. All of this is to say that Christmas mattered to many people in colonial and revolutionary America, but it was celebrated in a different way than it is today. There are certainly still some familiarities between the celebrations, but the observation of the day has certainly developed over the centuries.



Mark Anthony, Terry Manning, Neil Cobb, Mary Cobb



Ron Redner and Santa (aka Neil Cobb)



Neil Cobb and Mary Cobb

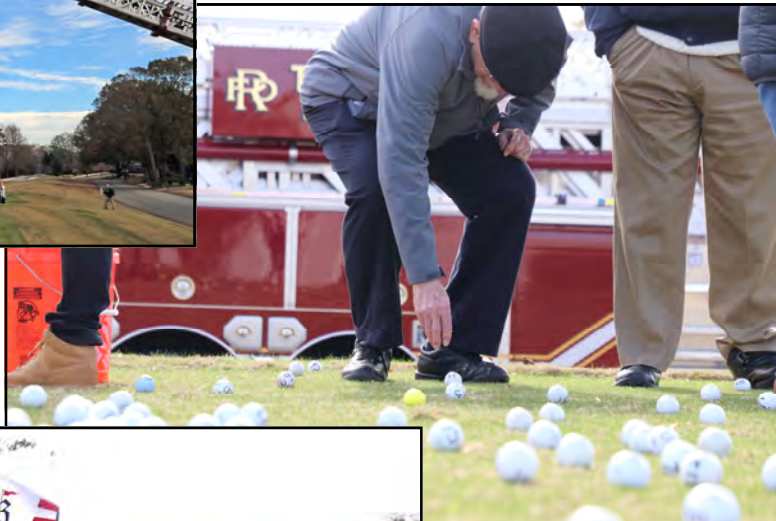


Please visit www.give2veterans.com

1st Annual Golf Ball Drop was a success! and raised \$4200.00 for the VA



The city of Atlanta has a female veteran population of 24,000. These women who gave so much to our nation now face severe challenges. Challenges include health concerns, housing issues, and high suicide rates. The SAR donations



are used to assist these women in times of crisis, whether it is a MARTA subway card to get to their medical appointment or an overnight hotel room to escape domestic violence. Atlanta VA Hospital social workers can use SAR donations to provide assistance in a time of emergency as a stopgap while waiting for supporting government paperwork to be processed.



On November 14th, 2022 The Piedmont Chapter SAR with support from VFW Post 12002, Alpharetta, GA sponsored a Veterans golf ball drop raffle at the Brookfield Country Club.

A bucket of numbered golf balls were dropped from high above utilizing a ladder fire truck provided by the Roswell, GA fire department. All money raised (exclusive of prize money) will go to the Atlanta VA Medical Center. This year's donations will be to support Women Veterans.

Benefit: Atlanta VA Medical Center, Women Veteran's Support

Entry fees:

- Bronze** 1 golf ball raffle ticket: \$15
- Silver** 2 golf ball raffle tickets: \$25
- Gold** 10 golf ball raffle tickets: \$100
- Platinum** 30 golf ball raffle tickets: \$300

(all platinum participants received a signed, historical print as a special thank you!)

Prizes:

- 1st Place won \$1000
- 2nd Place won \$250
- 3rd Place won \$100



On December 19, 2022 Piedmont Chapter Veterans Committee Chair **Rob Ufford** and Past Piedmont Chapter President **Ron Redner** presented a check in the amount of \$4200.00 to VA Women Veterans Program Manager **Kathleen O'Loughlin**.

Funds collected as a result of the Piedmont

Chapter Golf Ball Drop to raise money to support the Atlanta Medical Center Women Veterans earlier this year.

Look out for our 2nd Annual Golf Ball Drop later this year!





In Memoriam *Compatriots who passed away in 2022*

These men were our friends, compatriots, veterans, family members, and loved by many. They all shared a dedication and love for the Sons of the American Revolution. They will be missed, but not forgotten.



Joe Zimmerman

Joe was an active member of Sons of the American Revolution and participated in many of their activities and research projects. He was also extremely involved in family and community genealogy and was truly the family “historian”. That family history telling will be sadly missed because he loved family and all the family connections. But his genealogy went far beyond family because he was also involved in many communities and also did searches for other families. He gave of his time generously to help research various projects, especially where his relatives originally settled many years ago. He was actively involved in Beaver Creek, Ohio Historical Society where the small town of Zimmerman, Ohio once existed. He has a display of Zimmerman family items at their location. He also was a key historian for the Christiansburg community, his boyhood home, as well as many other communities.



Joe Vancura

Even though Joe was not a member of the Piedmont Chapter, in fact he was a member of the John Collins Chapter, he was the 2022 GASSAR President. After presiding over the 132nd congress hosted by the Georgia Society, a project Joe worked tirelessly on and was so proud of, Compatriot Vancura unexpectedly passed away. In addition to his leadership role as the GASSAR State President, he served many other positions both at the state level and at the chapter level. Mr. Vancura was a Chapter Charter Member of Captain John Collins and a Life member of the National Society. In addition to his academic accomplishments, workplace achievements, and love for history through his service in the Sons of the American Revolution, Joe enjoyed travel, music, and live theater. He often advised his friends to just attend their local theater, sit back and enjoy a live play.



Bob Allgood

Bob was born Robert Hanks Allgood on December 15, 1925 in Opelika, AL. He was the youngest of three sons born to Earnest and Eleanor Allgood. He grew up in Lee county. AL and attended Lee County High School in Auburn, AL, graduating in 1943. Bob entered Auburn University in September 1943. While a student at Auburn he volunteered for service in the U.S. Army Air Corps on November 27, 1943 and was placed in the Enlisted Reserve Corps at 17 year of age. Following his 18th birthday he was ordered to active duty on March 20, 1944 and was inducted into the Air Corps at Ft. McPherson, GA. He reentered Auburn University in June of 1946 to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering, which he received in August 1949. While seeking answers to queries from his grandson Neal, who was seeking information about family ancestry needed to complete a writing assignment for a high school subject, Bob learned that he was descended from a patriot ancestor through Joel Dean, Sr. and his wife, Mary Brockman, whose father, John Brockman, was a Revolutionary War patriot. Bob became a member of SAR and of Piedmont Chapter August 31, 2005 and served as Chapter Historian for many years.



FLAGS of FREEDOM sponsored by the Martha Stewart Bulloch C.A.R. 4th annual Flags of Freedom Fundraiser for National and State C.A.R. projects



On November 7th Piedmont Chapter members **Rick Reese Jr** and **Rick Reese III** worked with members of the Martha Stewart Bulloch C.A.R. chapter at historic Bulloch Hall in Roswell to install a display of US Flags to honor veterans of all service branches. This was known as Flags of Freedom, an annual fund raiser to honor our service members.

This 4th annual tradition has become a favorite in the town of Roswell. The Mar-

Members of the MSB C.A.R., Parents, and volunteers
PHOTO: Catherine Jimenez



PHOTO: Rick Reese III



Rick Reese, III, and Rick Reese Jr.
PHOTO: Catherine Jimenez



tha Stewart Bulloch Society Children of the American Revolution conducts the fundraiser to commemorate a Veteran with a \$25 donation to sponsor a flag. Each customized stand and flag will be displayed on the front lawn of beautiful Bulloch Hall in Roswell during the time of Veteran's Day.

100% of proceeds will go to Our Military Kids, Inc. through the National Society Children of the American Revolution (www.nscar.org) & to Camp Southern Ground through the Georgia State Society C.A.R. (www.gsscar.org)



Color Guard in the Community



Bob Sapp, George Thurmond, Al Finley, John Wassell, Stacy McCarver, Craig Benton, Rick Reese Jr. at Roswell City Hall supporting Ron Redner leading the pledge for the December 12th city council meeting.



Ron Redner, Al Finley, Rick Reese Jr., Bob Sapp, George Thurmond, lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Roswell City Hall October, 25th 2022



On November 16th the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard members **Bob Sapp, John Wassell, Ron Redner, and Stacey McCarver** presented the Colors for the Roswell Ramblers social club at the Roswell Adult Recreation Center for their Thanksgiving Meeting. The assembled group consisted of over 300 attendees, including The Roswell City Mayor, city council members.



Craig Benton of the Piedmont Color Guard participated in a compatriot grave marking in Demorest, GA December 13th, 2022



Ron Redner, Al Finley, Stacy McCarver, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, present Law Enforcement Commendation Medals to 4 members of the Roswell Police Dept. on Dec 13th, 2022.



Members of the Piedmont Color Guard **Mark Anthony, and Craig Benton** marched alongside the Robert Forsyth Chapter Color Guard at The annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.



Have fun, do something worth while, represent our chapter, the country, and Join the Piedmont Color Guard. Our color guard has a long tradition of representing the award winning Piedmont Chapter. Members of our color guard are beginning to retire after a long term of service. We need to replenish our ranks. Please join Color Guard Commander John Wassell and keep the tradition and the most visible part of our chapter strong and engaged in our community for years to come.

Either the Continental or the Militia uniform, all welcome. The chapter has a \$200 Stipend to assist in the purchase of the Colonial Uniform and \$100 for Militia.

The Color Guard participates many activities throughout the community on a regular basis. The Color Guard proudly presents the colors at many City Hall Events, Schools, and Churches. The Color Guard participates in naturalization ceremonies, Community events, Grave Markings, and Parades. Please consider joining, its a fun and patriotic way to contribute to the Chapter and the community. Contact **Color Guard Commander/Color Guard Committee Chairman John Wassell** for more information.



An offer from Color Guard member Craig Benton:

“For anyone who would like to join the Piedmont Chapter color guard and is of “larger” size, Craig Benton is offering free a blue coat and white shirt like the ones he is wearing in the attached photo. He will bring them to the chapter meeting this month for anyone interested. Please contact Craig Benton (krang1@comcast.net). If you would prefer to pick them up at a different time let Craig know that as well.

Upcoming Piedmont Color Guard Schedule

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| 01/11/23 | Roswell Ramblers | 02/11/23 | Kettle Creek Celebration |
| 01/14/23 | Eagle Scout Court of Honor | 02/23/23 | Piedmont Chapter Annual Banquet |
| 01/17/23 | Battle of Cowpens | 03/08/23 | Roswell Ramblers |
| 01/21/23 | Piedmont Chapter Jan Meeting | 03/18/23 | Piedmont Chapter March meeting |
| 01/27/23 | GASSAR Annual Meeting & Awards dinner | 04/12/23 | Roswell Ramblers |
| 01/28/23 | GASSAR BOM & Youth Awards Lunch | 04/14/23 | INS Ceremony- Atlanta Courthouse |
| 02/08/23 | Roswell Ramblers | 04/15/23 | Piedmont Chapter April meeting |
| 02/10/23 | INS Ceremony- Atlanta Courthouse | 05/10/23 | Roswell Ramblers |
| 02/10/23 | Heroes of the Hornets' Nest | 05/20/23 | Piedmont Chapter May meeting |
| 02/10/23 | KCBA Celebration Banquet | 06/09/23 | INS Ceremony- Atlanta Courthouse |



Roswell Honors Veterans

November 18th, 2022 Past President **Rick Reese Jr.** was presented with a Proclamation for the “**Esteemed Veteran of Roswell**” Award. This Proclamation celebrates **Sergeant Frederic Miller Reese, Jr.'s** service to the community of Roswell, to his fellow service members, and to our Country. The Proclamation was read and presented by **Mayor Kurt M. Wilson**. Com-patriot Reese was accompanied by his wife Linda Reese, Daughter Ashley, and his son, fellow Piedmont Member, Rick Reese III. .





Piedmont Chapter Recognizes Eagle Scouts

Piedmont Chapter Eagle Scout Court of Honor activities

When a Scout has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the Chapter will recognize the Scout by presenting the Scout with a Certificate of Achievement. This Certificate can be presented to the Scout at the Court of Honor ceremony by a member of the Piedmont Chapter. It's a rewarding experience, all members are encouraged to participate. Uniforms are not required, but if you have one it always makes an impression.



On November 13th Piedmont Color Guard member **Bob Sapp** and Past President **Allen Finley** recognized the achievement of three new Eagle Scouts at the Johns Creek Presbyterian Church.



Compatriot **Bob Sapp** making his Eagle Scout presentations on December 17th, 2022 at St. Brigid Catholic Church.



Craig Benton presented Certificates of Achievement to the newest Eagle Scouts of Troop 841, Alpharetta, GA at The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on August 29th 2022

Five Scouts – Henry Leeman, Rohith Acharya, Nikhil Acharya (twins!), Ronan Chandaria, Oliver Stone

If you would like to participate as a presenter or would like attend a ceremony please contact Eagle Scout Chairman **Jamie Ruff**



On May 14th, 2022 Compatriot **Rick Reese** presented certificates of achievement to some of the first girls to reach Eagle Scout. Mari Kate and Mika from Troop 2000-G



George Thurmond's Boston Butt Massacre 12-10-22

While the real Boston Massacre occurred on March 5th, 1770, this annual tradition continued this year on December 10th, 2022 with a great afternoon of fabulous food, featuring a brisket prepared to perfection by George's Daughter and Son-in-law. The afternoon continued with fellowship, and good ole' Holiday Cheer!

Every year Compatriot **George Thurmond** opens his home to his Piedmont Family for this feast. Thank you George for a great day!

Here are a few shots from the event.



(Left to Right) Our Host George Thurmond and Shep Hammock



Paul Prescott poses for a Christmas Portrait



(Left to Right) Bob Sapp and Linda Reese—Where's the Mistletoe?



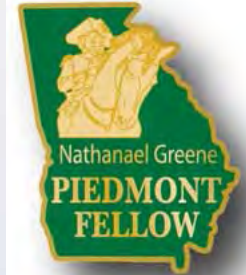
(Left to Right) Barbara Florence, Glenn Kirk, AL Finley, Pat Smith, Rick Reese, Jr., Bob Sapp, Linda Reese



(Left to Right) Eric Thorstenberg, Rick Reese, Jr. finding time for a little chapter business.



Help Support our Chapter by becoming a Piedmont Fellow



The Piedmont Fellow Fund is established for the purpose of funding, supplementing or reimbursing worthy activities, events, or needs of the chapter that are not included in the annual budget.

The Fund is in honor of **General Nathanael Greene**, who was instrumental in recapturing the South from the British in the Revolutionary War, and who lived in Georgia after the war and is buried near Savannah. (See story on next page)

Any member of the SAR, friends, relatives, spouses, or other individuals, living or deceased, having an interest in furthering the goals of the Piedmont Chapter, or that are being recognized or memorialized, may become a member the Fund with a contribution being made in their name for the required minimum amount. Those who are so named shall be designated a "Piedmont Fellow" and be awarded the distinctive "Piedmont Fellow Fund" pin which identifies them as a "Piedmont Fellow."



Wearing of the pin which identifies one as a "Piedmont Fellow" connotes support of the ideals of the Piedmont Chapter and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and provides a tangible source of identity and pride to the wearer.



Jan 16th 2016 President Kabel presented the **Piedmont Fellows** pin to Charter Members in attendance: **Jerry Breed, Cecil Palmer, Rick Reese Jr., Rick Reese III, John Wassell**

Contributions

A minimum contribution of \$100 is required. Contributions will be acknowledged by a letter from the Chapter President. A contributor may designate themselves or designate another person a "Piedmont Fellow," but just one pin will be awarded for each \$100 contribution.

Are YOU interested in becoming a Piedmont Fellow? Contact our Chapter President, Mark Anthony for

FUN FACT:

In addition to the Nathanael Greene Monument, Johnson Square is the location of the SAR Bench that was dedicated during the 2022 Congress in Savannah this past July.



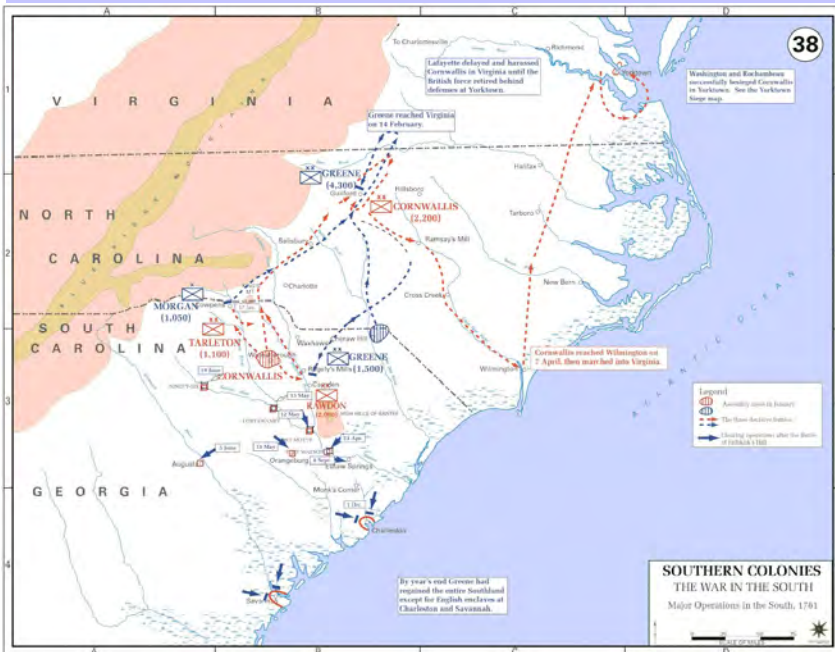
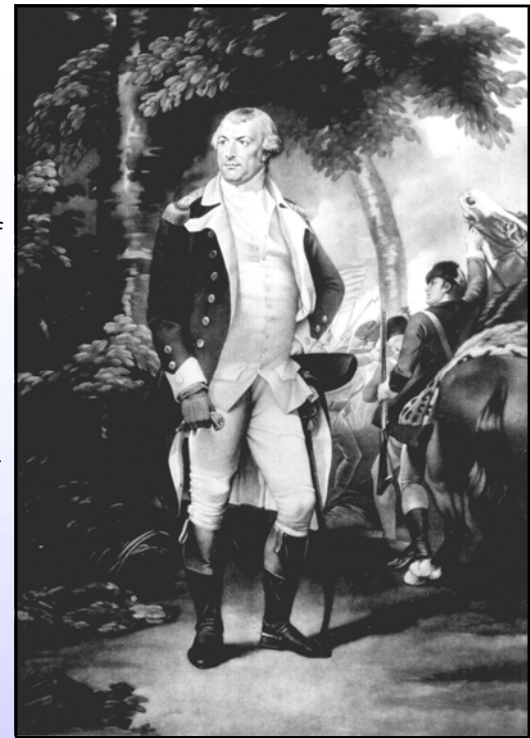


Here is some further reading on General Nathanael Greene who is proudly memorialized on our Piedmont Fellow Pin.

General Nathanael Greene takes over the Southern Department

On this day in history, December 3, 1780, General Nathanael Greene takes over the Southern Department of the Continental Army after the Americans suffered a string of defeats in the southern states. General Robert Howe lost the city of Savannah, Georgia; General Benjamin Lincoln lost the city of Charleston, South Carolina with over 5,000 soldiers; and in August, 1780, General Horatio Gates' army was destroyed at Camden, South Carolina with almost 2,000 men killed or captured. These losses left South Carolina and Georgia completely in British hands. British General Charles Cornwallis then turned his sights on North Carolina and his ultimate goal, Virginia. After these defeats, morale was at an all-time low in the southern colonies. There was virtually no army remaining. Congress needed to turn something around before the South was completely lost.

Congress had bypassed George Washington's authority by appointing all three failed generals in the South. This time, they deferred to Washington's judgment as Commander-in-Chief, who immediately selected General Nathanael Greene to take over. Greene had already proved himself in battles at Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and Newport and had shown an enormous talent for organizing and logistics as Quartermaster General at Valley Forge. Nathanael Greene was the owner of a foundry in Coventry, Rhode Island and had trained himself in the art of war through books. He was appointed a Major General in Rhode Island at the outbreak of the war and soon became a Brigadier General in the Continental Army, becoming one of Washington's most trusted advisers.



Greene took charge of the Southern Department at Charlotte, North Carolina on December 3, 1780 and things immediately began to turn around. Greene first concentrated on rebuilding the forces with the help of his legendary organizational skills and ability to procure supplies and garner local support. He began making strikes against Cornwallis, but would pull back and outrun the British pursuers, often using swollen rivers to keep distance between them. Cornwallis' army began to wear out as Greene drew them further inland, away from their supply depots on the coast. Greene gathered all the forces he could to Guilford Courthouse in Greensboro, North Carolina and fought a battle there that was extremely costly to the British, who were forced to return to their base at Wilmington on the sea. Cornwallis decided to abandon his attempt to conquer North Carolina and he turned north to Virginia instead, setting up the surrender at Yorktown less than one year later.

Rather than follow Cornwallis into Virginia, General Greene turned south and aided the local militias in driving the British back from the interior toward the sea. By the time the Treaty of Paris was signed to end the war, only a few southern coastal cities remained in British hands. The remainder of their territory was securely in American hands.

General Nathanael Greene is usually regarded as the most talented military mind of the American Revolution after George Washington, even though he never won a single decisive victory. All the major battles he fought in the South were draws. However, his strategy of dividing and weakening the British lines, separating them from their supply lines and forcing them to a chase on long marches eventually wore them out and returned the South safely into American hands. Nathanael Greene is truly one of the great geniuses and heroes of the American Revolution and deserves all the praise he usually receives.



Immigration and Naturalization Service Ceremonies Resume

SAR Members Welcome our Newest Citizens

The Piedmont Chapter has been very involved in these ceremonies in the past. The in person activities were

suspended during the pandemic. Now that they have resumed, we are excited to once again participate in these rewarding events. The upcoming dates for the scheduled INS Ceremonies are listed below. All ceremonies will take place at the Richard Russell Federal Court building in the 23rd floor courtroom. **Address: 75 Ted Turner Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30303**



Upcoming dates:

- February 10, 2023
- April 14, 2023
- June 9, 2023
- August 11, 2023
- October 18, 2023

These ceremonies are fun and interesting to attend, and you have an opportunity to greet the newly inducted US citizens from many diverse counties. We are invited to attend in uniform or militia attire; sometimes to present the Colors to open the ceremony and other times to represent our County's history. You will see



many smiling faces, and be a photo opportunity for the new Citizens to remember.

For chapter members considering getting a uniform or militia clothing here is a good reason to do so. Please consider participating if you are available...you will not regret it! **FOR MORE INFO: contact Color Guard Commander**



This Month in American Revolutionary War History

January 12, 1737

John Hancock born, often remembered for his bold signature to the Declaration of Independence. President of the Second Continental Congress, Hancock was the first to sign the document.

January 14, 1784,

The Continental Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris officially establishing the United States as an independent and sovereign nation. It was signed, Sept. 3 1783

January 17, 1706

Benjamin Franklin was born on , in Boston, Massachusetts.



Photo Gallery A look back at 2022



2022 Congress in Savannah, GA



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

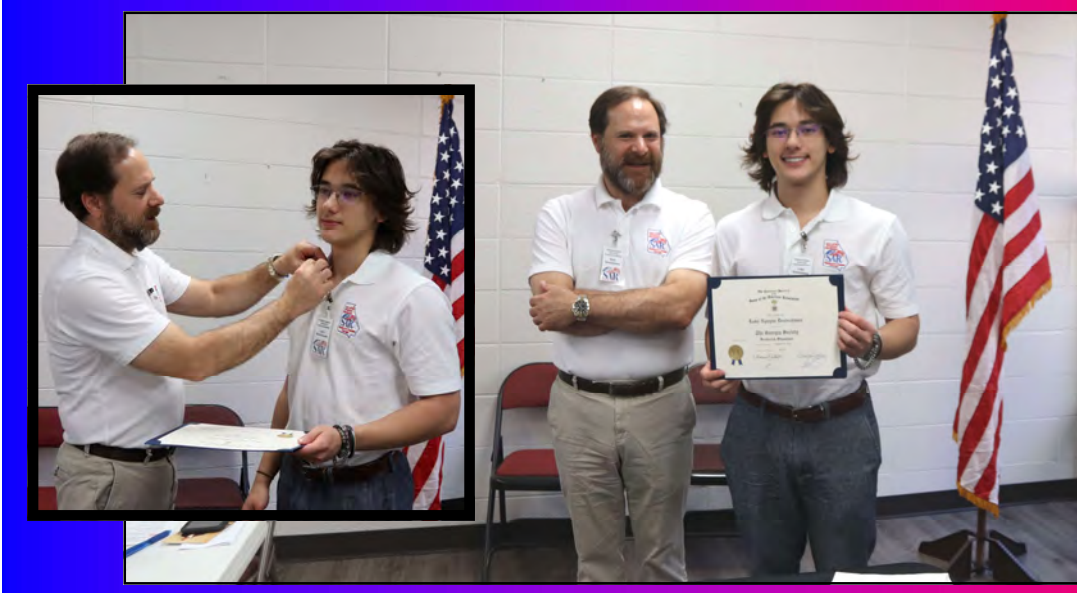
During our May Chapter Meeting Past President **Rick Reese Jr.** inducted **Jackson Wallis**. Jackson was accompanied by his mother DAR Member **Becky Wallis**.





Photo Gallery

A look back at 2022



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

During our October Chapter Meeting President **Mark Anthony** inducted **Luke Deutschman** into the SAR. Luke was accompanied by his dad fellow Piedmont Member **Russ Deutschman**.



Rick Reese Jr. Gives his patriot ancestor's home program to the Captain John Collins Chapter



Stacy McCarver with our 2nd Place NATIONAL brochure contest winner Katie Trizzino and her mom Amy Trizzino





Photo Gallery A look back at 2022



George Thurmond at the Piedmont Tent at Roswell Remembers



Bob Sapp making remarks at this year's Flag retirement Ceremony



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During our September Chapter Meeting President **Mark Anthony** inducted 5 new members (*L to R*) **Atlee Stephen Wampler**, **Atlee Thomas Wampler IV**, **Brendan Thomas Wampler**, **Scott Chappell**, and **Connor Chappell** (on Zoom)





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The Piedmont Chapter serves communities of the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia including Cobb, and Northern Fulton County. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at **Bill Johnson Community Activity Building Roswell Area Park Drive, Building A Roswell Area Park 10495 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA**. 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, Glenn Kirk 770.993.4933** or any other chapter officer.

Upcoming Events

Piedmont Chapter Monthly Meeting 01-21-2023

Breakfast will Begin at 8:00 AM
The meeting will begin at 8:30 AM

Location: Roswell Area Park at the Bill Johnson Activities Building: 10475 Woodstock Rd, Roswell, GA

Guest Speaker: Hal Coleman
Topic: "Old Roswell"

Piedmont Chapter 29th Annual Awards Dinner Thursday February 23, 2023

Social Hour at 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM

Location:
Houck's Grille
10930 Crabapple Rd., Roswell, GA 30075

Guest Speaker:
Georgia Society President David Ludley

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