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Message From Piedmont Chapter President Stacey McCarver



Like others who have served as President before me, I want to start my comments with a note of appreciation for the honor of allowing

me to serve as your President in the upcoming year. Beginning with the day that I became a chapter member, I have received words of encouragement and advise from many of you. Now that I am President, I hope you will continue to reach out to me with your encouragement and advise while partnering with me to make this a great year for the Piedmont Chapter. I would like to especially thank now Past-President Mark Anthony for leading the chapter in 2022. He truly went the extra mile(s) as he drove back and forth to South Carolina to be with us while serving as our president last year.

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PIEDMONT CHAPTER CONTINUES AWARD TRADITION

2023 GASSAR annual meeting

January 27-28, 2023



CHAPTER AWARDS

- Americanism Award 2022
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- President General Award 2022
- Americanism Award 2022
- Distinguished Chapter Award 2022
- C.A.R. Liaison 2022
- Revolutionary War Patriot Graves Marked Certificate (Four White Stars)

2023 Piedmont Annual Dinner



Individual Awards Received

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| Ron Redner | Patriot Medal,
Silver Roger Sherman Medal |
| Rick Reese, Jr. | Silver Meritorious Service Medal |
| Rick Reese, III | Silver Roger Sherman Medal |



(Left) 2023 Annual Dinner, February 25th, 2023 - Outgoing Chapter President **Mark Anthony** places the neck ribbon on the newly installed Chapter President **Stacey McCarver**. (Above) GASSAR State President **David Ludley** installs the 2023 Piedmont Officers.

2023 Piedmont Chapter Officers

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

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Message From President Stacey McCarver (continued)

When I joined the SAR I thought, perhaps like many of you, that the work was done. I had made a tremendous effort to identify, research, document, and prove that I had a patriot ancestor. That work was recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution by giving me a beautiful certificate. I believed that from that point forward I would attend meetings and continue to learn more about the founding of our country; a lot of effort up front and reap the rewards going forward. The compatriots of the "Award-Winning Piedmont Chapter" soon proved me wrong.

From day one, I was, and have been, encouraged to learn more about what being a member of the Sons of the American Revolution is all about. We talk about many of those things during our chapter meetings by reporting on the activities in which we are involved. While we try to make our reports interesting, until you witness and participate through the eyes of the people we touch in our community with those activities, you can't begin to know what we're all about. Who we are as an organization does begin by identifying and honoring our patriot ancestors. Perhaps some of you became members by identifying an patriot ancestor who had not been previously documented – you honored them when you did that. We continue to honor them when we identify where they are buried by marking their graves in a beautiful ceremony. We do something similar for our Compatriot members when they die.

We have many different ways of recognizing the students in our community through contests that encourage them to learn more about the beginnings of our country; through recognition of Eagle Scouts who have achieved their highest honors; and through recognition of JROTC students who may be planning to continue in the service of our country. We recognize and support those who have served in our nation's modern military. There are many needs out there in our veteran community; we hope to fill as many of those needs as we can.

Through our Color Guard, we are able to offer a very visible sign to our community about who we are. When in uniform, it's amazing to see the eyes of young children who see these uniforms and it helps us engage with them. You'd be surprised at how many adults don't have even a working knowledge about the Revolutionary War; wearing the uniform encourages them to talk with us. Even through casual conversation we can teach them. Consider getting your own uniform.

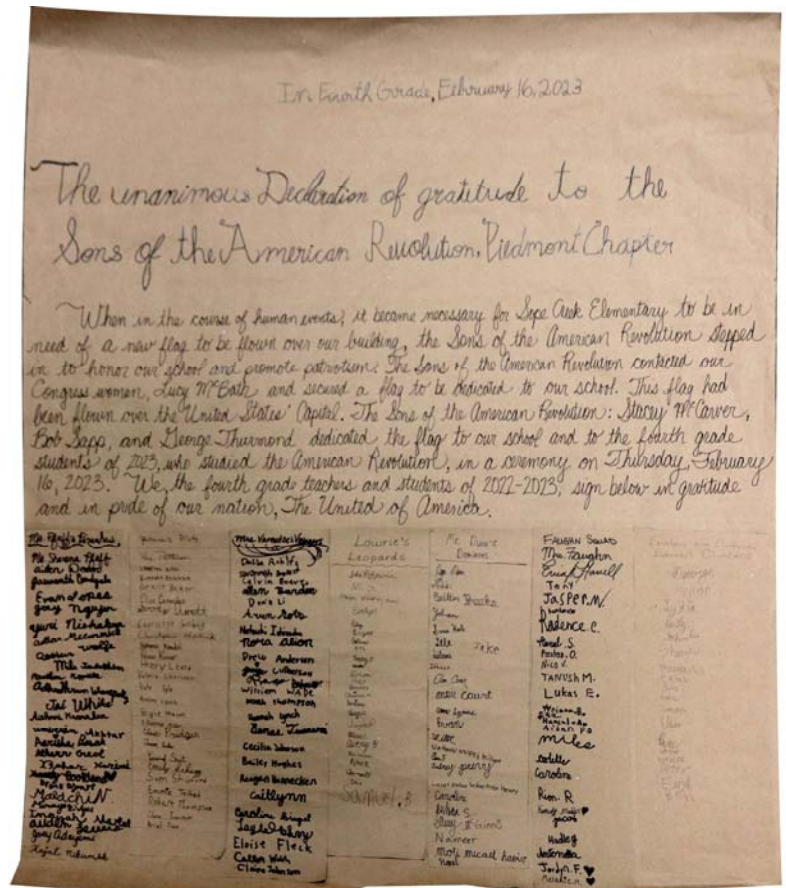
You don't have to start out by leading in a role with the Piedmont Chapter – just be willing to participate. Through participation you will find where your heart leads you. I ask that every one of you join me in making 2023 a great year of service for the Piedmont Chapter.

Gift From the 4th Grade Students of Sope Creek Elementary

Since early December, Bob Sapp and Stacey McCarver have been working with Sope Creek Elementary school to get them a new U.S. flag after theirs was damaged. On February 16, 2023, members of the Piedmont Chapter, Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp and Stacey McCarver, presented a new United States Flag to over 200 Sope Creek Elementary School Fourth-grade students. The flag has been flown over the U.S. Capital in honor of the students with the help of the office of the then 6th District U.S. Representative Lucy McBath.



As a thank you the 4th grade class of Sope Creek Elementary created the "Declaration of Gratitude" seen below.



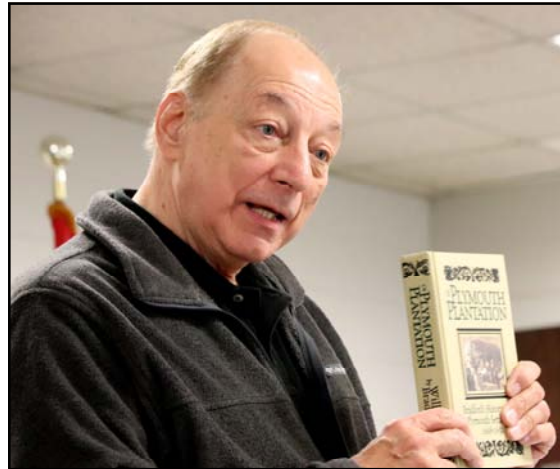


April Meeting Highlights

Piedmont Chapter Meeting - Roswell, GA

April 15th, 2023

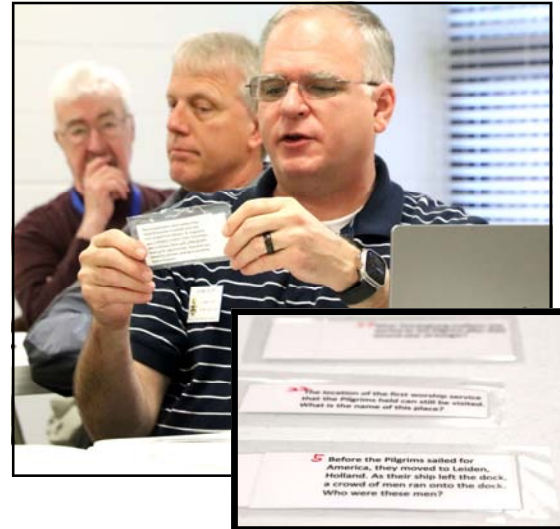
The Regular Chapter Meeting of the Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was held on Saturday, April 15th, 2023. **President Stacey McCarver** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Invocation was led by Chaplin Steve Morrison, **Sgt. At Arms Tim Dunn** led the Chapter members in their Pledge of Allegiance and in the pledge to the SAR. After the recognition of guests



Richard Wells

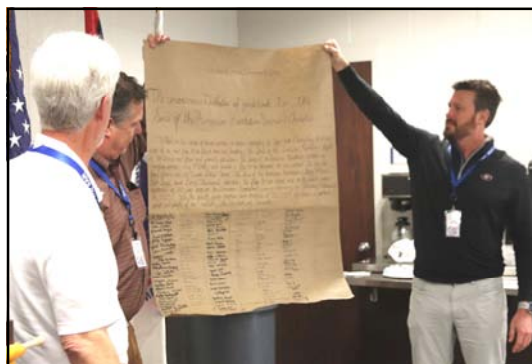
and visitors, **President McCarver** introduced our Guest Speaker **Richard Wells**.

Richard, a member of the Ohio Society SAR, moved to Roswell and expressed an interest in transferring to our Piedmont Chapter.



Richard gave a unique presentation on the "History of the Pilgrims". His presentation utilized audience participation. Each member in attendance picked 3 randomly numbered questions prepared by Richard.

Starting with the question numbered one, and continuing in numerical order, the membership read aloud their questions. In all we answered over 60 questions. This non traditional speaker presentation was received well and even taught us a few new facts. **President McCarver** presented **Richard** our traditional Certificate of Appreciation and a 2 dollar bill.



President McCarver presented compatriot **Jamie Ruff** a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate for his recently approved supplemental patriot **Elisha Talley**.

President McCarver also shared the "Declaration of Gratitude" that was given to the Chapter by the 4th grade

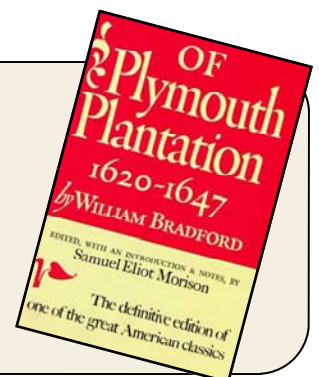


class of Sope Creek Elementary as a Thank you for the new U.S. Flag we presented to them earlier this year.

Further Reading

Of Plymouth Plantation is a journal that was written over a period of years by William Bradford, the leader of the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. It is regarded as the most authoritative account of the Pilgrims and the early years of the colony which they founded.

The journal was written between 1630 and 1651 and describes the story of the Pilgrims from 1608, when they settled in the Dutch Republic on the European mainland through the 1620 Mayflower voyage to the New World, until the year 1647. The book ends with a list of Mayflower passengers and what happened to them which was written in 1651.





Education Activities

KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

On February 15, 2023, Members of the Piedmont Chapter were at Fellowship Christian School to present our 1st and 2nd place winners with their certificates, checks and awards for the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.

- ➔ **Maddox Lewis - 1st place winner**
Cash award of \$300.00
- ➔ **Evelyn Mejia - 2nd place winner**
Cash award \$150.00
- ➔ In addition **Maddox Lewis** received an oak leaf cluster for his Bronze Good Citizenship Medal



(BACK ROW L to R) Al Finley, Ron Redner, Stacey McCarver, George Thurmond , Rick Reese. JR., Bob Sapp (Front Row L to R) Evelyn Mejia, Joan Ergle, Maddox Lewis

POSTER CONTEST

For the 2022-2023 school year, the students chose from five Revolutionary War-era personalities to develop their posters: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Sybil Ludington, Patrick Henry, or John Adams. First-place winner **Miraya Vyas** chose Benjamin Franklin as the subject for her winning entry. On April 13, 2023, members of the Piedmont Chapter, **Bob Sapp** and **Stacey McCarver**, went to the Sope



Bob Sapp, Miraya Vyas, Stacey McCarver

Creek Elementary School to presented certificates of achievement and award checks to the Piedmont Chapter first-place winner, **Miraya Vyas**; second-place winner, **Aiden Doan**; and third-place winner, **Bahar Karimi**.

Miraya Vyas 1st place entry went on to win **2nd place** at the State Level Competition!

On April 19, 2023 Fellowship Christian School students were recognized by the Piedmont Chapter for achievement in the annual Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest.



Bob Sapp, Aiden Doan, Stacey McCarver



Bob Sapp, Bahar Karimi, Stacey McCarver

BROCHURE CONTEST



(L-R) Tony Tacquard – Principal; Bob Sapp, Stacey McCarver, Hannah Chack, Dani Victor, Brady Berry, Al Finley, Brandon Siegler – Eighth Grade History Teacher.

Al Finley, President **Stacey McCarver**, and **Bob Sapp** presented certificates of achievement and award checks to Piedmont Chapter first-place winner, **Hannah Chacko**; second-place winner, **Brady Berry**; and third-place winner, **Dani Victor**.

The brochure entry of first-place winner **Hannah Chacko**, depicting "The Bill

of Rights," will be submitted to the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution for a state -side competition and finished in 2nd Place!

The Youth Video Contest award presentation was also made to **Maddox Lewis** at the Fellowship Christian School on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023.





Congratulations to Craig Benton

on being the Piedmont Chapter's first recipient of the **Silver 250th Anniversary Medal**. Craig has been participating in several color guard activities, both Chapter and State events which has earned him this award. These points represent his continued commitment to the color guard and the Piedmont Chapter.

The color guard is a great way to participate in the celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Here are some other ways to earn points.



(L to R) President Stacey McCarver, Ron Redner, Craig Benton

250th Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:

- a. Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
 - b. Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
 - c. Attending an Event (3 points)
 - d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)
- Points are cumulative. The maximum points that can be awarded for any one event is 28 points.

SAR Members may be awarded the Medals for achieving the following levels:

- a. Bronze Medal: 25 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state.
- b. Silver Medal: 60 promotion points as certified by his state society.
- c. Gold Medal: 150 promotion points as certified by the NSSAR 250th Anniversary Committee.



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.

Contact **Color Guard Commander/Color Guard Committee Chairman John Wassell** for more information.

Upcoming Piedmont Color Guard Schedule

05/10/23	Roswell Ramblers	07/04/23	Fourth of July Parade—Dunwoody
05/12/23	Eagle Scout Court of Honor	07/12/23	Roswell Ramblers
05/13/23	Eagle Scout Court of Honor	07/15/23	Piedmont Chapter Meeting
05/14/23	Eagle Scout Court of Honor	08/09/23	Roswell Ramblers
05/29/23	Memorial Day Roswell Remembers	08/11/23	INS Ceremony- Atlanta Courthouse
05/29/23	Memorial Day Marietta National Cemetery	08/19/23	Piedmont Chapter meeting
06/09/23	INS Ceremony- Atlanta Courthouse	09/16/23	Piedmont Chapter meeting
06/10/23	Flag retirement ceremony	10/13/23	INS Ceremony- Atlanta Courthouse
06/17/23	Piedmont Chapter Picnic	10/21/23	Piedmont Chapter meeting



March Meeting Highlights

Piedmont Chapter Meeting - Roswell, GA

March 18th, 2023

The Regular Chapter Meeting of the Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was held in a hybrid format on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Members and interested parties were able to attend either in person at the Roswell Area Park or via zoom technology.

President Stacey McCarver called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Invocation was led by Chaplin Steve Morrison, Sgt. At Arms Tim Dunn led the Chapter members in their Pledge of Allegiance and in the pledge to the SAR.

President Stacey McCarver introduced several guests and visitors, including past Chapter and NSSAR President, **Larry Guzy** and also **Shep Hammack**.



Josh Fuder presents his "Heritage Apple Development and Cultivation in Georgia" program to the assembled membership



Vice President Rob Ufford presented **Mr. Fuder** with a Certificate of Appreciation, a \$2 bill and a 250th Anniversary Challenge coin

Vice President Rob Ufford introduced the Chapter's Guest Speaker, **Josh Fuder** a resident of and extension agent for Cherokee County. Josh spoke on his favorite topic, apples, and traced the origin of American apples from the ancient times in the Roman Empire, over to Britain and across to the colonies in the 1620's. He noted that Thomas Jefferson had an extensive orchard at Monticello. In Georgia, P.J. Berkman started a massive orchard near Augusta. Josh also noted that

Jim Lawson, a retired nursery owner from Cherokee County (1968 – 2002), started an effort to preserve heritage apple varieties in Georgia.

Mr. Fuder can be reached for additional information on apple grafting and preservation efforts through the Cherokee County Extension service.

President McCarver informed the members of the recent passing of **Robert Edward Tracy**, who was a retired business owner and Air Force veteran and had been affiliated with the S.A.R. since 1946.

In Remembrance of our departed Piedmont Chapter member

- Robert Edward Tracy** _ 94 years old
- Born October 29, 1928
 - Died December 6, 2022
 - United States Air Force Veteran
 - Resident of Marietta, GA
 - Business owner of Bob's Plywood



President McCarver then inducted two new members, **Jeffrey G. Proctor**, who was present, and his son, **Ryan M. Proctor**, via zoom from Washington, DC. They



(L to R) President McCarver, Jeffrey Proctor, George Thurmond

both trace their revolutionary lineage to Samuel Mills, a patriot minister who took the oath of allegiance and served in the New York militia.



(L to R) Ryan Proctor via ZOOM, Stacey McCarver, Jeffrey Proctor

The colors were retired virtually. **Chaplain Steve Morrison** gave the benediction, **President Stacey McCarver** adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.



America 250 SAR LIBERTY TREE PROJECT

AMERICA 250 IS A MULTIYEAR EFFORT TO COMMEMORATE THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Our Nations 250th Birthday is July 4th 2026. Throughout the next three years we will joining the rest of the National Society in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary with patriotic, historical, and educational programs.

One of the ways The Piedmont Chapter is participating is with the **Liberty Tree** program. We are planting elm trees throughout the community with a focus on Schools, City Halls, and Public Spaces in commemoration of the Original Liberty Tree in Boston Common (1646–1775).

The original was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston, Massachusetts near Boston Common in the years before the American Revolution. In 1765, Patriots in Boston staged the first act of defiance against the British government at the tree. The tree became a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of Britain over the American colonies, and the ground surrounding it became known as Liberty Hall. The Liberty Tree was felled in August 1775 by Loyalists. **As April 2023 we have planted 4 Liberty Trees, including these recent events below.**



THE COTTAGE SCHOOL
March, 14th 2023

Compatriot **Bob Sapp**, sponsored this Liberty Tree for the Cottage School. Pictured in photograph is SAR Piedmont President **Stacey McCarver**, **Ron Redner**, **Bob Sapp**, **Rick Reese Jr.**, **Rick Reese III**, **George Thurmond**, **Craig Benton**, **John Wassell**, Headmaster **Steve Palmer**, Principal **Lynn Bosworth**, teachers and students of the Cottage School.

MIMOSA HALL - ROSWELL, GA
April, 28th 2023

Compatriot **Paul Prescott**, sponsored this Liberty Tree for Mimosa Hall. Pictured in photograph is SAR Piedmont President **Stacey McCarver**, **Julie Buroughs**, **Cynthia Waskowsky**, **Lee Hills**, **Leslie Ballard**, **Mike Ballard**, **Paul Prescott**, **Chris Prescott**, **Catherine Jimenez**, **George Thurmond**, **Ron Redner**, **Susan Rumble**, **Sue Gilbert**, **Rob Ufford**, **Craig Benton**, **Al Finley**, **Rick Reese Jr**, **Linda Reese**, **Bob Sapp**, **Rick Reese III**, **Peter Vanstrom**.



The national goal is 250 trees over the next three years, with over 500 chapters nationally, Piedmont plans to lead the way. *Each Elm Tree is purchased from the tree farm in South Carolina and the plaque is produced locally for a cost of \$150.00.* To Sponsor a tree contact Ron Redner.

Previously Planted Trees

- Milton City Hall - Sponsor Tom Price
- Fellowship Christian School - Sponsor George Thurmond



Piedmont Chapter Recognizes Eagle Scouts

Piedmont Chapter Eagle Scout Court of Honor activities

ONCE AN EAGLE SCOUT, ALWAYS AN EAGLE SCOUT



GENERATIONS OF EAGLE SCOUTS

Bob Sapp, Eagle March 1941 and Nicholas Dagnino, our Chapter Eagle Scout Award Winner for 2022, share stories during this year's Annual Dinner. 2-25-23

The Piedmont Chapter prides itself in our participation in the Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, and the relationship we have the Local BSA troops in our community.

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.

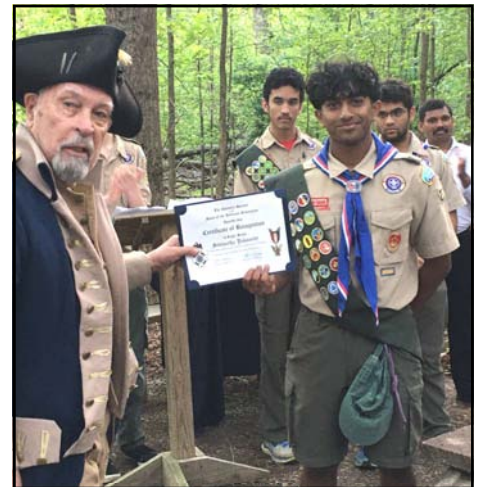
As of end of April we have presented 10 certificates to new Eagle Scouts

Craig Benton Presents **Liam Randolph Reid** of **troop 143** his certificate upon achieving the rank of Eagle at Lord of Life Lutheran Church **02-25-2023**



Stacey McCarver, and Ron Redner present **Evan DeHart** of **troop 143** his certificate upon achieving the rank of Eagle **01-14-2023** in **Cumming, GA.**

Bob Sapp Presents **Siddhartha Sai Valavarthi** of **Troop 27** his certificate upon achieving the rank of Eagle **04-15-2023**



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all Eagle Scouts interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. The contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and, except as provided in the paragraph below, have not reached their nineteenth birthday during the year of application. The year that the Eagle rank was awarded is not restricted. Contest year is Jan 1 to Dec 31.

The competition is conducted in three phases: the local Chapter level, State Society level, and National level. The competition is usually entered at the Chapter level, though in some cases, the competition may be entered at the State Society level. Applicants may not enter at the National level. Contest entrants need complete only one application for the SAR Chapter level competition.

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program

For many years the SAR has recognized the many common bonds of purpose and principles of the SAR and Boy Scouts of America.



Young men who achieve the rank of the Eagle Scout have demonstrated their belief in these common principles. For this reason, the SAR believes that Eagle Scouts deserve special recognition for their accomplishment and dedication.

The SAR Eagle Scout Award Contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year, 01 Jan. to 31 Dec.). The year that the Eagle was awarded is not restricted. College plans do not need to be completed in order to receive the cash award.

Three annual cash awards are given: (effective 2016-2018)

- National First Place winner - \$10,000**
- Runner-up - \$6,000**
- 2nd Runner-up - \$4,000**

You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirements but no more than \$10,000 total may be



Youth Awards

Piedmont Chapter recognizes outstanding JROTC cadets

On April 22nd, 2023 compatriot **Bob Sapp** represented the Piedmont Chapter at the Lassiter High School JROTC Awards Ceremony. Pictured below, **Bob** presented JROTC Awards to **Michael L. McLawhorn** for Pope High School, **Hayden Davis** for Kell High School, **Colin M. Rex** for Lassiter High School, as well as a bronze good citizenship medal to **Angel Olguin-Osorio**. In another ceremony (not pictured) **Bob Sapp** presented a JROTC award to **Maria Barbosa** and a bronze good citizenship medal to **Abby Matias**, both of Wheeler High School at the Wheeler JROTC ceremony.



On April 28th, 2023 Piedmont Chapter members **Rick Reese, Jr** and **Rick Reese, III** attended the Centennial High School JROTC Awards Ceremony. **Compatriot Rick Reese, JR.** presented our Outstanding Cadet Award Neck Ribbon to **Vivian Seago**. The Piedmont Chapter has had a long relationship with the Centennial JROTC program. Thanks to

in large part to their leader, **Colonel Jon Nepute LTC (Ret)** Jon is a familiar face at our Annual Banquets and other events around the community. At the award ceremony **Colonel Nepute** announced his intention to retire and this was his last year. This news was a surprise to many in



Vivian Seago and Rick Reese, JR.



attendance, other than the leadership, the rank and file JROTC were un aware until very that moment. As a thank you, the leadership presented a shadow box with a Centennial Knights Banner and ceremonial sword.

LTC Jon Nepute led the Centennial Army JROTC from 2012 to 2023. He was a valuable part of the high school careers of so many during that time. He will be missed as you can see this emotional send off.





Mayor Kurt Wilson, Rick Reese, III, Rick Reese, Jr

Roswell Honors Vietnam Veterans

Compatriot **Rick Reese, Jr.** and **Rick Reese, III** participated in Mayor Kurt Wilson's program to mark **National Vietnam Veterans Day** On Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

Members of the City Council were joined by Veterans, and community members, and City staff at the "Faces of War" Memorial located on the grounds of Roswell City Hall.



March 29th is a fitting choice for a day honoring Vietnam veterans. It was chosen to be observed in perpetuity as March 29, 1973 was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and also the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam.



PIEDMONT CHAPTER SUSTAINING MEMBER PROGRAM

At the Piedmont Chapter meeting on April 15, **Past-President Al Finley** introduced an opportunity for you to become a Sustaining Member of the Piedmont Chapter.

The cost for becoming a Sustaining Member of the Piedmont Chapter for 2023 is \$275. The money will go into two broad categories: (1) Fees that you would normally pay as they come up (Breakfast at each meeting and dues for 2024); and (2) a contribution portion that would help the chapter extend its

outreach programs in the community where we live (suggestions are made on the attached form).

For 2023, this is a six-month program that will take effect on July 1. You will have an opportunity to become a 2023 Sustaining Member until the end of June.

The advantages to you are that you don't have to pay for breakfast each time you walk through the door and your dues for next year (2024) will already be paid. In addition, you will be protected from any dues increases that may occur between now and the end of the year.

The chapter gains from this program because it helps reduce the amount of work we do at the end of each year to gather dues and our outreach programs benefit in an obvious way.

This is a completely voluntary program, but we encourage you to give it a try. Your form and check can be mailed to us at the address shown on the form or you can bring your form and check to the May or June meetings.



Piedmont Chapter Sustaining Member Form

PIEDMONT CHAPTER SUSTAINING MEMBER

PAYABLE BY JULY 1, 2023

2024 DUES : CHAPTER – STATE – NATIONAL \$75

MEALS : BREAKFAST FOR 6 MONTHS \$120

LOCAL SUPPORT:

PLEASE SPECIFY: _____ \$80
(For example: General budget, Veterans, Education, etc.)

SUB -TOTAL \$275

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION FOR _____ \$ _____

TOTAL PAYABLE TO PIEDMONT CHAPTER, SAR \$ _____

COMPATRIOT: _____

MAIL CHECK TO

PIEDMONT CHAPTER, SAR
885 WOODSTOCK ROAD
SUITE 430-306
ROSWELL, GA. 30075

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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.

Members of the Piedmont Chapter participated in two recently conducted ceremonies. February 10, 2023, and April 14, 2023 our newest citizens were sworn in at the Richard Russell Federal Court building, and our members were there to welcome them!

Upcoming dates:

June 9, 2023

August 11, 2023

October 18, 2023



On February 10th
Compatriots Ron Redner, and Al Finley
with our newest citizens



On April 14th
Compatriots Ron Redner, Bob Sapp, and Al Finley
with a US new citizen

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 John Wassell**

FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO BECAME NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZENS

Albert Einstein

The 1921 Nobel Prize recipient, is a renowned German-born physicist. He renounced his German citizenship and became a Swiss citizen in 1901. He became a U.S. citizen in 1940 and remained a citizen of both Switzerland and America till his death in 1955.

Mikhail Baryshnikov

One of the greatest Russian-American ballet dancers of the 20th century, was born in the Soviet Union. In 1974, he defected from the Soviet Union and moved to Canada. Later he applied for and gained political asylum in the U.S. He then obtained U.S. citizenship in 1986.





Photo Gallery



Stacey McCarver, Bob Sapp, Craig Benton, and John Was-sell speaking with the Security Guard at the Cottage School before the Liberty Tree Presentation 3-14-23.

Craig Benton, in uniform at the Jan Chapter Meeting.



Bob Sapp, and George Thurmond at the Piedmont Annual Dinner 2-25-23.



Evelyn Mejia expresses her pride in front of her Fellowship Christian High School classmates upon receiving 2nd Place in the Knight Essay Contest 2-15-23.



President Stacy McCarver, and Jamie Ruff present the Eagle Scout Award to Nicholas Dagnino at our Annual Dinner 2-25-23.



Paul Prescott, with his Mike Ballard, daughter Leslie Ballard, and his son Chris Prescott, standing along side the Liberty Tree he sponsored and was dedicated to Mimosa Hall in Roswell, GA 4-28-23.



The Piedmont Piper

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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 05-20-2023

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: Dan O'lonc
Topic: "*Spies and Saboteurs: Two American Women of Note*"

Piedmont Chapter Annual Picnic 06-17-2023

Time: Noon to 2 PM

Location: Roswell Area Park—Shelter #4
10475 Woodstock Rd, Roswell, GA 30075

Join us for fun and fellowship.

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