



# The Piedmont Piper

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## Message From Piedmont Chapter President Stacey McCarver



What's in a number? In the modern world of today, numbers become important from the moment that

we're born. Immediately after birth we must get a Social Security number from the federal government to identify ourselves. This is a unique number. In essence, this number is part of who we are; it belongs to no one else. In the digital world that we live in today, much of our life is governed by unique passwords made up of letters, symbols, and numbers to help establish our identity and preserve our privacy.

If we're smart, or have appropriate experience, or both, we create a budget of numbers to help manage our finances. If we're really good at budgeting, the numbers are positive at the end of the month!

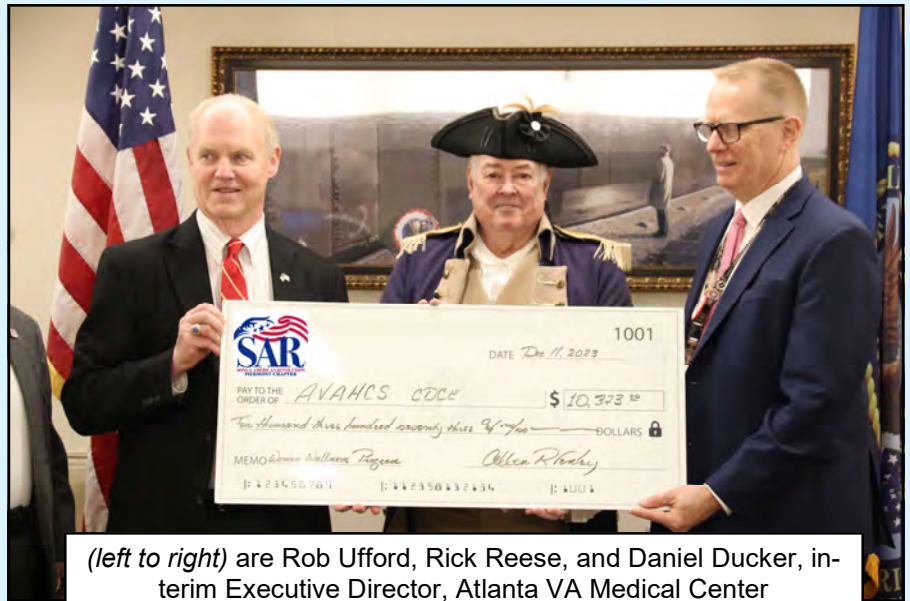
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## FORE A CAUSE! The 2023 Golf Ball Drop Raffle was a Tremendous Success

The Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, completed its fourth annual Joe Zimmerman fund raiser for Veterans. A Golf Ball Drop Raffle held on



(left to right) are Rob Ufford, Rick Reese, and Daniel Ducker, interim Executive Director, Atlanta VA Medical Center



November 13th was the main attraction, and with the addition of generous donations this years fundraiser brought in over \$10,000 for the support Atlanta area women veterans. The Atlanta area has the highest number of women veterans (over 24,000) of any city in the

United States. The funds provide immediate assistance to area women veterans in time of need ranging from shelter and medical assistance to newborn care. The Golf Ball drop raffle was supported by the **Brookfield Country Club** and the **Roswell Fire Department**. It was a sight to see the ladder truck tower over the green and release the numbered golf balls to the ground. Closest to the hole wins! Fun for all and a great cause to support!





**Message From President Stacey McCarver (continued)**

In the Piedmont Chapter, we will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a chapter in the coming year. When the Piedmont Chapter was formed on February 22, 1994, chapters in the SAR created a physical scrapbook each year to document the activities of the chapter and capture the impact the chapter had in the community around us. As our chapter historian, Ron Redner is now the keeper of these historical chapter scrapbooks. Can you imagine the stories these scrapbooks could tell if they could talk? There is beauty in holding a physical history in your hands and seeing the stories it tells.

Today, chapters in the SAR don't create scrapbooks to tell their stories. We track our activities in spreadsheets. Yes, cold, hard, number-filled digital pieces of technology. Spreadsheets certainly aren't as elegant or artful as our scrapbooks once were. How often have you told someone, "Let me show you my spreadsheet?" Even though the numbers in our spreadsheets don't have the visual impact the scrapbooks once did, the spreadsheets do still tell a story about our SAR chapters.

Each year, we submit two key spreadsheets to tell our story, the Americanism Spreadsheet, and the Stark Report. Combined, these two spreadsheets capture how well we've helped support the mission of the SAR. Just by looking at the numbers, the Piedmont Chapter had a very good 2023 with over 16,000 Americanism points and over 15,000 Stark points. But the numbers don't really matter; they are simply an outcome. What matters is the impact we had in 2023 in our community sharing the activities building toward the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our nation, helping foster better understanding of history in students, and support of women veterans. That's what really matters.

Don't get me wrong. I'd be thrilled to have great report cards in 2024 too but only because those numbers would mean we had significant impact again. And even better, that would mean that we did it together working on delivering the mission of the SAR. Won't you be a part of writing our story in the new year? I look forward to it.

*In 1775 Thomas Paine published an ode to the Liberty Tree in **The Pennsylvania Gazette***

**LIBERTY TREE**

In a chariot of light from the regions of day,  
The Goddess of Liberty came;  
Ten thousand celestials directed the way,  
And hither conducted the dame.

A fair budding branch from the gardens above,  
Where millions with millions agree,  
She brought in her hand as a pledge of her love,  
And the plant she named Liberty Tree.

The celestial exotic struck deep in the ground,  
Like a native it flourished and bore;  
The fame of its fruit drew the nations around,  
To seek out this peaceable shore.

Unmindful of names or distinctions they came,  
For freemen like brothers agree;  
With one spirit endued, they one friendship pursued,  
And their temple was Liberty Tree.

Beneath this fair tree, like the patriarchs of old,  
Their bread in contentment they ate  
Unvexed with the troubles of silver and gold,  
The cares of the grand and the great.

With timber and tar they Old England supplied,  
And supported her power on the sea;  
Her battles they fought, without getting a goat,  
For the honor of Liberty Tree.

But hear, O ye swains, 'tis a tale most profane,  
How all the tyrannical powers,  
Kings, Commons and Lords, are uniting amain,  
To cut down this guardian of ours;

From the east to the west blow the trumpet to arms,  
Through the land let the sound of it flee,  
Let the far and the near, all unite with a cheer,  
In defence of our Liberty Tree.

*T. Paine*



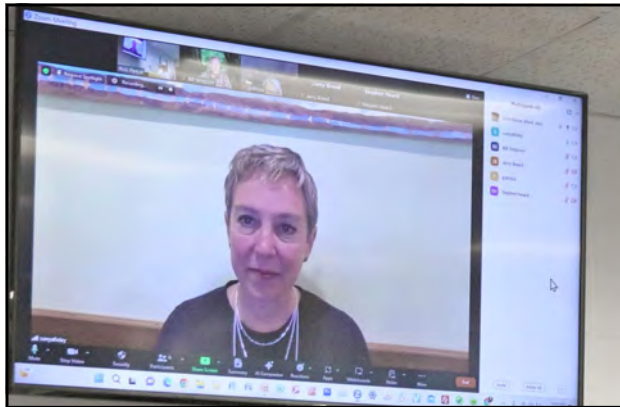


# NOV Meeting Highlights

Piedmont Chapter Meeting - Roswell, GA

NOV 18th, 2023

The Regular Chapter Meeting of the Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was held in a hybrid format on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Members and interested parties were able to attend either in person at the Roswell Area Park Community Center or via zoom technology. President **Stacey McCarver** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.



Dr. Sonya Finley via ZOOM

**President McCarver** recognized the following guests and zoom attendees: **Stephen Heard**, dual member **Bill Simpson**, who was attending via zoom from his home in Utah, daughter of past President **Al Finley** and the Chapter's invited speaker, **Dr. Sonya Finley**, and past NSSAR President **Larry Guzy**, who also served as a past President of the Piedmont Chapter.

**Dr. Finley, Col. U.S. Army (Ret.)**, who appeared via zoom. In addition to her PhD, Dr. Finley also earned a Master's degree at Cornell and an undergraduate degree at Emory. She has taught at West Point, and served in Korea, Iraq and the Pentagon. She now teaches at the National War College in Washington, D.C. Dr. Finley spoke about today's military, "An Agile Force for Our Uncertain Today and Tomorrow."

Today's military, including all branches, reservists and the National Guard, totals about 2.7 million members. They address overt threats, such as support for Ukraine, which was recently invaded by Russia, as well as covert threats such as from China, which seeks to dominate world markets, and

does not recognize any normal standards with respect to other countries' intellectual property and technology. We have formal treaty alliances with NATO, Japan, South Korea, Australia/New Zealand, the Philippines and other Southeast Asian nations, including Taiwan. In the Middle East, we seek to deter Iranian backed terrorism. In short, our forces have to be agile and deployed around the world.



Chapter Honors Our Veteran Members

**President McCarver** recognized the Chapter's veterans who had served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Seabees and Marine Corps. Chapter member who served in the different branches include: (a) Army: **Sonya Finley, Glenn Kirk, John Mortison, Bob Shaw, Bob Sapp** (Army Air Corps), **George Thurmond**; (b) Navy: **Jerry Breed, Larry Guzy, Ed Klaas, John Wassell**; (c) Seabees: **Bill Lusk**; (d) Air Force: **Paul Prescott**; (e) Marines: **Rick Reese, Jr.**

As each branch's marching song was played, the members who had served in that branch rose and were warmly applauded by all of those present.



Stacey McCarver, George Thurmond

**Chapter Awards: 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress: President McCarver** reported that the Chapter received the "Partners in Patriotism Award" from NSSAR for Chapter Outreach: 2022-2023. He also recognized two Chapter members who received the Liberty Medal Award at Congress: (a) **George Thurmond** for outstanding service in the recruitment of new members and (b) **Jaime Ruff** for continued outstanding service in the recruitment of new members.



Jamie Ruff, Stacey McCarver



# DEC Meeting Highlights

Piedmont Chapter Meeting - Roswell, GA

Dec 16th, 2023



The Regular Chapter Meeting of the Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was held in a hybrid format on Saturday, Dec 16th, 2023. Members and guests were able to attend either in person at the Roswell Area Park or via Zoom.

**President Stacey McCarver** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The colors were posted at the start of the meeting. The Invocation was led by **Chaplain Steve Morrison**. **Sgt. At Arms Tim Dunn** led the



members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR pledge.

**Ron Cowan** Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 12002, was this month's speaker. Ron gave an informative program on the VFW support of our Deployed Troops and families during the Holiday Season, as well as a general overview of the VFW. There are several parallels that our two organizations share such as the support of the boy scouts, the education of patriotism, and the support of veterans were some of similarities that were highlighted during the presentation.



As is our tradition, Santa paid a visit to share some goods tidings, and put his final edits on the 'Nice or Naughty List'



**Ron Redner** as part of his report on the America 250 reminded the assembled members that this day Dec 16th was the **250 anniversary of the Boston Tea Party**, and along with compatriots **McCarver**, and **Finley** performed a brief demonstration. **Compatriot Ed Klaas** was in Boston to participate the actual reenactment, that was a fantastic event that **Ed** will be providing a presentation of his adventure at our January Meeting.

As the end of year was approaching we took our Chapter Portrait during this last meeting of 2023. We closed the year with a total of 125 members, and as we begin our 30th year in 2024 we are excited to continue to grow and contribute to our community. The following are nominees for the Piedmont Officers and Committee Chairs for 2024.

- Piedmont Chapter Officers - 2024**  
 President – Stacey McCarver  
 Vice President – Rick Reese, III  
 Treasurer – Al Finley  
 Secretary/Chancellor – 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 Director – Rick Reese, Jr.  
 Genealogist – Jaime Ruff  
 Quartermaster – Al Finley

- Piedmont Committee Chairmen – 2024**  
 Veterans – Ed Klaas  
 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  
 Grave Markers – Alex Hughes  
 250th Anniversary & Liberty Tree – Ron Redner  
 Education – Stacey McCarver  
 Americanism – Ron Redner and Piedmont BOM members





# 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 join 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 in the **Liberty Tree** program, is 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.

## THE LATEST LIBERTY TREES TO BE PLANTED (45 have been planted to date)

### McFARLANE NATURE PARK - MARIETTA, GA

Oct, 27th 2023

On October 27th, 2023 the Piedmont Chapter held a Liberty Tree planting ceremony at McFarlane Nature Park in Marietta, GA. The American Elm 'Princeton' Liberty Tree was planted to recognize the upcoming 250th anniversary of our country. This elm is reputed to be resistant to Dutch Elm disease and is one of the varieties promising to return the American Elm to our landscapes. In attendance for the ceremony were Piedmont Chapter President **Stacey McCarver** and his wife **Sherry, Ron Redner, Rick and Linda Reese, Rick Reese III, Larry Guzy** and his wife **Karin Guzy**, who is the Chairwoman of the Cobb Land Trust, and the McFarlane Nature Park Caretaker **Valerie Stewart**.



**Rick and Linda Reese, Rick Reese III, Larry Guzy** and his wife **Karin Guzy**, who is the Chairwoman of the Cobb Land Trust, and the McFarlane Nature Park Caretaker **Valerie Stewart**.

This tree will proudly live among the other trees in the McFarlane Nature Park's impressive collection of Oak and Native trees.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT McFarlane Nature Park and the Cobb Co. Land Trust. Please visit:**

[www.mcfarlanenaturepark.com](http://www.mcfarlanenaturepark.com)

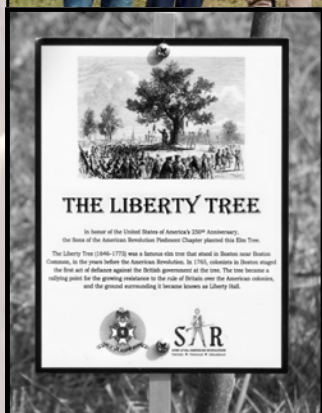
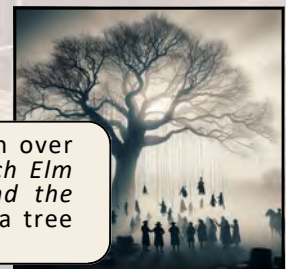


Photo credit **Sherry McCarver**

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**.







# VETERANS Day Activities NOV, 11th 2023

Piedmont chapter members participate in ceremonies around the area



On November 11th, the city of Roswell had planned an Honor Walk & Ceremony to celebrate and pay tribute to veterans. However, due to inclement weather, the Veteran Day Honor Walk & Ceremony shifted its venue to the Bill Johnson Community Activity Building and Roswell Area Park.

Among the participants in this memorable event were chapter members **Rick Reese, Jr.**, and **Shields Blankenship**. In the parking lot, the Roswell Fire Department proudly flew the flag, capturing a striking image as shown in the photograph to the left. Mayor Kurt Wilson delivered an inspiring address, joined by numerous dignitaries and veterans in attendance,



On October, 29th the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the C.A.R. and DAR are proud to honor veterans with their Flags of Freedom display in front of Roswell City Hall. In past years it has been installed at Bulloch Hall in Roswell and this is the first year for the flags to be installed at City Hall. Compatriots **Rick Reese, Jr.**, senior leader, and **Rick Reese III** were among the volunteers to assisted the C.A.R.

The Flags of Freedom project is annual fundraiser conducted by the Martha Stewart Bulloch Society Children of the American Revolution! The Program commemorates your favorite Veteran with a \$25 donation to sponsor a flag. Each flag is customized with the Veterans Name and 100% of proceeds will go to Our Military Kids, Inc through the National Society Children of the American Revolution.







# Piedmont Needs New Color Guard Members

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 are all welcome. The chapter has a \$200 stipend to assist in the purchase of the Continental uniform and \$100 for militia. Contact Color Guard Commander / Color Guard Committee Chairman **John Wassell** for more information.



**D**uring our recent Board of Managers Meeting, a proposal was raised to reintroduce the tradition of presenting the colors at our Chapter Meetings. As depicted in the attached pictures, we have a rich history of presenting the colors,



George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott

a tradition fondly remembered by many of you. Amidst the challenges of the COVID era, especially during our exclusive Zoom sessions, we adapted by recording the color presentation and featuring it at the outset of our virtual meetings.



March 16th, 2019 Chapter Meeting  
George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott  
Presenting the colors

Even as we transitioned back to in-person gatherings, the option to join via Zoom remained, accompanied by the pre-recorded color presentation evolving into a PowerPoint slide. While these adaptations have served us well, there's a unique significance to the live ceremony that we are eager to revive. The return of our Color Guard presenting the colors at chapter meetings not only adds a touch of ceremonial grandeur but also offers a fantastic showcase of the Color Guard in action.

We believe that increasing visibility through live presentations might inspire more members to join the ranks of the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard, a call to action given the retirements in our current lineup. If you're interested in participating, even without current Color Guard affiliation or a uniform, please reach out to **John Wassell**, the Color Guard Commander. Let's bring the colors back with pride!

## Upcoming Piedmont Color Guard Schedule

- 01/19/24 INS Ceremony, Atlanta Courthouse
- 01/20/24 Piedmont Chapter Meeting
- 01/26-27/24 GASSAR Annual Meeting
- 02/09/24 INS Ceremony- Atlanta Courthouse
- 02/09/24 Heroes of the Hornets Nest
- 02/10/24 Kettle Creek events
- 02/14/24 Roswell Ramblers
- 02/22/24 Piedmont Chapter Annual Awards Meeting
- 03/13/24 Roswell Ramblers
- 03/16/24 Piedmont Chapter Meeting





# Holidays with the Roswell Ramblers

## Piedmont Color Guard Presents the Colors

### Piedmont Color Guard is invited to join the Thanksgiving celebration and in Decembers Holiday Luncheon

The Piedmont Chapter and the Roswell Ramblers share a long-standing relationship, having collaborated on presenting the Colors at monthly meetings for many years. On November 15, **Color Guard Commander John Wassell**, Piedmont/Mt Vernon dual member **Shep Hammock**, and **Piedmont Chapter President Stacey McCarver** showcased their commitment at the 46th Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon hosted by the Roswell Ramblers.



Roswell Mayor Kurt Wilson

Graciously invited to partake in the Ramblers' annual Thanksgiving celebration, the luncheon featured an inspiring keynote address by **Mayor Kurt Wilson**.

In a festive December meeting of the Roswell Ramblers, **Color Guard Commander John Wassell**, along with **Craig Benton** and **Piedmont Chapter President Stacey McCarver**, once again took center stage to present the Colors. Invited to stay and savor the Annual Holiday Luncheon, this lively gathering drew over 100 Ramblers. Adorned with delightful handmade decorations and featuring scrumptious fare courtesy of Outback Steakhouse, the event was further enriched by the outstanding performance of the Roswell New Horizons Band.

These gatherings are not only enjoyable but also offer an excellent opportunity for heightened visibility within our community.



Photo credit: Roswell Rambler Facebook Page



Craig Benton , Stacey McCarver, John Wassell



(L to R) Shep Hammock , Stacey McCarver, John Wassell



Color Guard Commander John Wassell



#### About Roswell Ramblers • [www.roswellramblers.com](http://www.roswellramblers.com)

A membership organization of active adults who are interested in developing and participating in social, recreational, cultural and educational programs. They plan activities for the mutual benefits of citizens aged fifty and over in Roswell, GA and the surrounding areas.

Activities include day and overnight trips, social functions, business meetings, luncheons, and many more. The club is based out of the Adult Recreation Center, a facility of the Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs Department.





# FLAG RESPECT CERTIFICATES



**Craig Benton** serves as the Flag Respect Chairman for our chapter, continuing Piedmont's rich tradition of honoring community members—whether governmental, commercial, or private—who proudly display our nation's flag. When we identify a deserving recipient, we present them with a certificate and photo opportunity. This not only enhances our chapter's visibility but also fosters patriotism and educates the public, a mission that gains significance as we approach the 250th anniversary of our country's birth.

The Flag Certificate is a prestigious acknowledgment reserved for those individuals, schools, companies, and government agencies that adhere to proper flag-flying etiquette. Compatriot Benton is enthusiastically dedicated to presenting as many certificates as possible in the upcoming year. However, he requires our collective assistance. If you encounter or are aware of a flag being properly flown, please share the information with Craig, enabling him to extend our chapter's recognition.

able in the upcoming year. However, he requires our collective assistance. If you encounter or are aware of a flag being properly flown, please share the information with Craig, enabling him to extend our chapter's recognition.

## United States Flag Protocol

- It is the universal custom to display the Flag only from sunrise to sunset on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The Flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- The Flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right, that is, the Flags own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of the line.
- The Flag should not be displayed on a float in parade except from a staff.
- No other Flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the Flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the Flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy.
- When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the Flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the Flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.
- When the Flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.
- When used on a speaker's platform, the Flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the Flag of the United States should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.







# SAR Vigil at George Washington's Tomb



PHOTO: Rick Reese III

Tucked away on the grounds of George Washington's beloved Mount Vernon estate lies the final resting place of the nation's first president. George Washington's Tomb, a historic site of immense significance, holds a rich history spanning centuries. After Washington's death in 1799, he was initially interred in the family vault on the estate. The humble brick structure served as a temporary resting place while a more fitting memorial could be constructed.

In 1831, nearly 30 years after his death, a grander tomb was built to honor Washington's memory. A circular sandstone structure known as the Old Tomb was constructed to house his remains, offering a dignified space that befit the stature of the Founding Father. This tomb became a revered pilgrimage site, drawing visitors eager to pay their respects to the revered leader.



PHOTO: Rick Reese III

However, the saga of Washington's final resting place didn't end there. In 1837, the decision was made to construct an even grander tomb, the New Tomb, which remains the site of his final interment today. The move was not without controversy, as some feared the disturbance of Washington's eternal rest. Nevertheless, with meticulous care, Washington's body was transferred to its new resting place in a marble sarcophagus, where it remains an enduring symbol

of the nation's gratitude for the sacrifices made by its founding figure.

In addition to George Washington himself, the tomb initially contained the remains of Martha Washington, his wife, who died in 1802. The bodies of other family members, including stepchildren and grandchildren, were also interred further back in the tomb.



PHOTO: Rick Reese III





On September 16, 2023, 27 Guardsmen from 8 states participated in the George and Martha Washington Tomb Vigil. National and **Georgia Color Guard Commander K. Scott Collins** led the group, with 3 other Georgia guardsmen including **Craig Benton**, representing Piedmont



(L to R) Bill Edelen, Craig Benton, Scott Collins, J.C. Hustis

Chapter. In 2 or 4 man 15 minute shifts, the SAR Color Guard stood honor guard positions at George and Martha Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon. The Color Guard mustered at 7:45, marched to the house for a photo at 8:30 and then proceeded to the Tomb for the day. We provided guards from 9am to 4pm. During the daily Mount Vernon Wreath Laying Ceremony, a member of the SAR Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance **while Commander Collins** emceed the ceremony.

The Tomb Vigil is timed to coincide with the annual Mount Vernon Colonial Faire and crowds were large. We had many spectators during the 28 shift changes throughout the day. **Commander Collins** delivered a short speech at each shift change. Guardsmen that participate in the Tomb Vigil receive a Washington Tomb Guard lapel pin and also credit for their 250th Anniversary medals.



(L to R) Craig Benton , J.C. Hustis (Robert Forsyth Chptr)



During our October meeting Craig gave a fantastic presentation on his time at Mount Vernon, and his experience as a member of Washington's detail. It is truly an experience not to be soon forgotten. Video of his presentation is available on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/hJhFEGhDqCc>





# Piedmont Chapter Recognizes Eagle Scouts

## *Piedmont Chapter Eagle Scout Court of Honor activities*

On Saturday, December 16th, past **Piedmont President, Reese Jr.**, attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Johns Creek Presbyterian Church. and presented Certificates of Achievement to **Jack Maloney** and **Saketh Poddu-**



**turi**, of troop 2000, acknowledging their remarkable ascent to the rank of Eagle. This marks the 30th certificate presented in person by the Piedmont Chapter this year—an excellent opportunity to commend exceptional youth within our community. For those yet to experience the honor of presenting at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, it's a gratifying endeavor. If you're interested or would like to accompany a member who is, please connect with Jamie Ruff, our Eagle Scout Chairman.



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.

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

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





# Piedmont Chapter Inducts New Members



**Grant Wendell Palm, being inducted by Stacey McCarver**

At the OCTOBER 21 Chapter Meeting **President McCarver** welcomed two new members to the Piedmont Chapter. He in-

ducted **Grant Wendell Palm**, who was sponsored by

his great uncle, Compatriot **Ron Redner** and is a descendent of **Gideon Ramsdell**. **President**

**McCarver**

also inducted new member **Calvin Clarence Rhodes**, a descendent of **William** Hendley of North Carolina, and was sponsored by compatriot **Scott Chappell**.



**Stacey McCarver, Calvin Clarence Rhodes, Scott Chappell**



*Scott Chappell placing the SAR rosette on new member Calvin Clarence Rhodes during his induction ceremony*



**Our newest members are welcomed in our traditional way, where each member gets to greet our new compatriots individually**



**Frank Hamilton III, Stacey McCarver**

**President McCarver** also presented a supplemental certificate to **Frank Hamilton III**, whose seventh great grandfather, **Jonathan Bagley** of Massachusetts, helped raise money for the Patriots.





# SAR Members Welcome our Newest Citizens

## Immigration and Naturalization Service Ceremony

We have been given advanced notice of the dates for the INS ceremonies in 2024 which will take place at the Richard Russell Federal Court building in the 23rd floor courtroom.

*Address: 75 Ted Turner Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30303*

### INS dates for 2024:

January 19, 2024

February 9, 2024

April 12, 2024

June 14, 2024

August 9, 2024

October 18, 2024



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 good reason to do so.

Please consider participating if you are available...you will not regret it!



(L to R) Craig Benton , Lithonia High School JROTC, Ron Redner



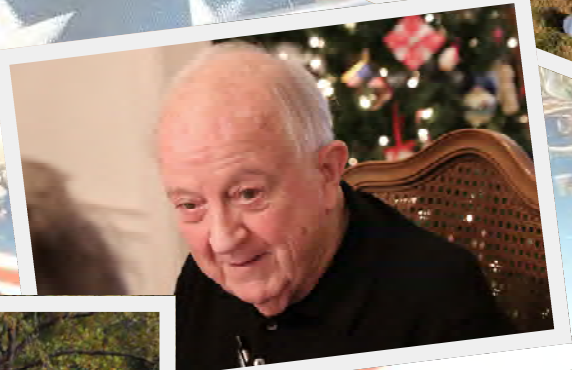
Craig Benton, Judge Mark H. Cohen, Ron Redner

December 8th Past President Ron Redner and Craig Benton attended the latest Immigration and Naturalization Service Ceremony welcoming our newest citizens.





# Photo Gallery







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# 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 1-20-2024

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: Ed Klaas

Topic: "250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party"

We will hold an in-person meeting this month, plus Zoom access for those unable to attend in person.

### Piedmont Chapter 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 02-22-2024

Annual Meeting & Washington's Birthday Celebration

Social Hour: 6 PM

Banquet & Awards: 7 PM

Location: Coastal\*Bar\*Grill\*Chill  
10930 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA 30075

Chapter Officers installation: Ed Rigel, Jr. GASSAR President

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