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OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE*

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From the President's Desk



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From The President's Desk November 2011

Summer has gone and fall is upon us. This is a great time for our chapter to once again shine as the best chapter in Georgia!

Our scouting, JROTC and poster committees are all hard at work in the schools. Jack Ferguson has been booked for weeks in advance as the leader of our speakers' bureau. The award winning Piedmont color guard is also very busy and it seems like there is something going on every day. I also want to remind all of our committee chairmen to send their reports to Carl Bham at the end of every month so we can keep our Americanism Report up to date.

As of the end of September, our scouting committee has awarded 13 Certificates of Eagle Scout awards, and those were all to one troop! We have also given out two Flag Certificates. I would like to have two more by the end of the year, so keep your eyes open for a deserving business that flies the flag properly, and then let me know their name.

On September 11th the color guard presented the colors at the DAR Chestatee 9/11 picnic.

On September 12th, the color guard attended a Constitution Week proclamation ceremony at the City of Roswell.

On September 15th, the color guard attended the William Few wreath presentation in Augusta.

On September 17th, the color guard attended the Constitution Week DAR luncheon.

On September 24th, the color guard attended the grave marking for William Thames.

Several of the members of our chapter attended the Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville on September 30 – October 1st.

On October 7th the color guard participated in the Kings Mountain ceremony. On October 9th, the color guard participated in the Battle of Savannah and the Casimir Pulaski ceremonies.

On October 14th, the color guard participated in the INS ceremony in Atlanta. On October 15th, the color guard participated in the grave markings of patriots Dionysus and Peter Oliver, Mammy Kate and Daddy Jack.

On October 22nd, several of our chapter members along with the color guard attended the State BOM meeting.

On October 29th, the color guard participated in the grave marking of patriot Joseph Pinson.



Patriot Jesse Holbrook Grave Marking

On November 5 the Piedmont chapter Color Guard and Joseph Habersham chapter, sponsors of this grave marking, presented appropriate honors and wreaths to memorialize patriot Jesse Holbrook.

Jesse Holbrook served in the Revolutionary war from about 1779 to 1783 in several units in Virginia. He first served under Captain Robert Woodson in the second Virginia Regiment of the Continental Regular Army, then was transferred to Captain Kirkpatrick and Colonel Horsey at Manchester Barracks in Frederick County. He later reenlisted and was stationed in Goochland county where he guarded Hessian prisoners.

Jesse was born January 31, 1764 in Goochland county, VA as the 5th child of William Edy and Mary Tolben Holbrook. He married Susanna Meanley in 1786 in Goochland county. They had several children, some of whom later came with them to Union District, SC, then to Elbert county, GA then to Franklin county, GA. He applied for a pension in July 1832, and lived until 1844, age 80. His will mentions three children who were his heirs. His wife predeceased him. Several descendants still live in the Franklin, GA area. He is buried on the land he owned and loved.

Upcoming Events

Saturday December 17, 2011

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

Washington's Southern Tour, 1791

Speaker: Ruth Reddick

Saturday January 21, 2012

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

Campaign and Battle of Kettle Creek

Speaker: Alan Bowen



Fall Leadership Conference

The Georgia delegation to the Louisville Conference on September 30 was well regarded again with several Piedmont chapter members also in attendance. Pictured seated are David Jessel, GASSAR ROTC Chairman, then three past Presidents of GASSAR: Fisher Craft, Charlie Newcomer and Bobby Towns. Mike Tomme, Larry Guzy and George Thurmond (all standing) also are GASSAR Past Presidents.

Nearly always the GASSAR delegation tops those of other states at these Leadership Conferences. It is significant that these attendees have held responsible positions, and continue to serve, in both the state and national organizations.

Standing are Mark Anthony, previously of GASSAR, now SCSSAR President, Mike Radcliff, dual member of GASSAR, Mike Tomme, Sr., NSSAR Color Guard Commander, Allen Greenly, Roger Coursey, Americanism Chairman, Paul Prescott, Larry Guzy, Genealogist, Bob Sapp, GASSAR President, George Thurmond, and Ed Rigel, Sr. GASSAR Color Guard Commander and Sr. VP.



Ceremonies for the Battle of Kings Mountain

October 7th marked the anniversary of the 1780 patriot victory that Thomas Jefferson called the "Turn of the tide of success" for the revolutionary cause. This year the sunny October 8th celebrations were well attended by more than 80 SAR, DAR and related organizations' chapters and state societies from around the Southeast. The photo shows about 25 of those wreaths presented from various SAR chapters.

Leading this celebration each year is the Overmountain Victory Trail Association' who also spend the two prior weeks trekking and enacting the historic approach to this battle.

Kings Mountain is a unique battle for several reasons. It was one of the few major battles of the war fought entirely between Americans: no British troops served here. In the South, peoples' loyalties were divided. When the war started, some fought for independence, others for loyalty to England.

Kings Mountain is also unique in that large numbers of riflemen fought here. Rifles were not used much by the armies. A rifle was a hunting weapon, used by families on the frontier. The American militia that fought here mainly used rifles; the Loyalist troops had mostly muskets. The difference between a rifle and a musket is speed versus accuracy. A rifle is slow to load, but very accurate. Riflemen can hit a target at 200 or 300 yards. Yet the rifle can only be fired once a minute. A musket, with a smooth bore, is easy to load but inaccurate. Muskets have an accurate range of about 100 yards, but can be fired up to three times a minute.



Veterans Day Proclamation

November 11th was significant to all veterans of course, but those who were able to attend the Veterans Day Proclamation Signing by Gov. Deal at the Georgia State Capitol felt especially honored. In this photo with Gov. and Mrs. Deal are representatives of a number of organizations such as the American Legion, Active Duty military, the Old Guard (in white uniforms), GASSAR, and Georgia Commissioner of State Veterans Affairs, Pete Wheeler (holding the Proclamation with the Deals). Members of the GASSAR Color Guard in uniform are: front row, Sandy Lyons, Cherokee chapter; second row left, George Thurmond, Piedmont chapter, then Ed Rigel, Jr.; second row right, Robert Cruthirds, Okmulgee chapter and GASSAR Veterans Chairman; third row left, behind George, Ed Rigel, Sr, Paul Prescott, Piedmont chapter, then Roscoe McMillan, GASSAR Regional VP; third row right, Allen Greenly Piedmont chapter President, then Bob Faith, Cherokee chapter President. Fourth row right is Bob Sapp, GASSAR President and Piedmont chapter member. Among the Old Guard in the rear is Ken Howell, who also is a Piedmont chapter member.

Repeat Announcement of the 2012 Congress to be held in Phoenix, Arizona

Compatriots, are you ready for the 2012 Congress in Phoenix, Arizona? We are ready to make your visit to Phoenix a delightful experience. The Arizona and New Mexico Compatriots have been planning this for four years. We welcome you to come and experience our famous "It's a Dry Heat" life style. Congress 2012 will be a "Casual Congress". Leave your suits at home. Bermuda shorts and collared short sleeve shirts are the accepted attire except for the Tuesday and Wednesday night Banquets. Minutemen will need white coats on Recognition night. Events for the Congress will start at 8:00AM on July 6 with Info Sessions on the Tucson and Santa Fe Presidio's so plan your flights or drive to arrive on July 5th. July 7th will feature a tour of the Heard Museum (www.heard.org) followed by the Host Reception.

Please visit our web site at www.sar2012congress.com or access it via the Arizona or New Mexico State web sites for more details.



Milton City Council issues Veterans Day Proclamation



Few chapter members get to see the beautiful proclamations received by our Color Guard or chapter President as they attend ceremonies such as that pictured above. These documents are kept by our historian, yet are closely seen by few.

On November 7th this proclamation recognized the importance placed on appropriate recognition of veterans by all our citizens. It cites the several congressional acts beginning in 1926, is made specific to the City of Milton and signed by the Mayor, Joe Lockwood. Our chapter compatriot Bill Lusk sits on the city council and is shown in the center of the photo above between Paul Prescott and George Thurmond.

Others above from L to R are Julia Bailey, Mayor Joe Lockwood, Alan Tart and Burt Hewett of The Milton City Council. To the right of Jack Ferguson are Christian Stevens, VFW Post 12002 Commander, Urban Rump, member Korean War Veterans and Karen Thurman, City Council member.

It has been gratifying to me to participate at times in such recognitions of our veterans contributions. Scenes such as this were repeated many times and places preceding the November 11th Veterans Day itself, and our parades can only partially repay the debt we owe to those who served us so well and who now serve in harms way for our nation

We give a silent salute to those who serve us.

Proclamation

Veterans Day

Whereas, it has long been our custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by rededicating ourselves to the cause of peace; and

Whereas, in the intervening years the United States has been involved in several other great military conflicts, which have added millions of veterans living and dead to the honor rolls of this nation; and

Whereas, the Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926 (44 Stat. 1982), calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an act approved May 13, 1938 (52 Stat. 351), that the eleventh of November should be a legal holiday and should be known as Armistice Day; and

Whereas, in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this country, congress, by an act approved June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day:

Now, Therefore, I, Joe Lockwood, Mayor of the City of Milton, do hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Friday, November 11, 2011, as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us consecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

I also direct the appropriate officials of the government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on Veterans Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Milton to be affixed on this 7th day of November 2011.

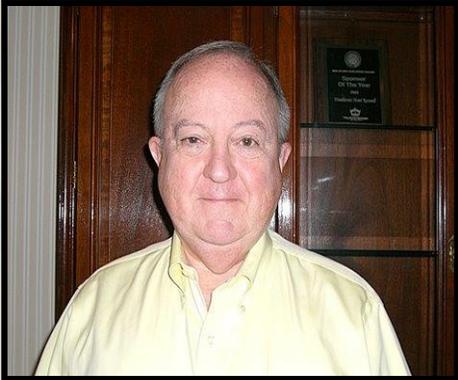


 Joe Lockwood, Mayor





From 
Allen Finley
 Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



The First Nation Founded on a set
 of Principles:
 The United States of America

Our ancestral grandparents really were a remarkable set of individuals. I am not sure that it was just being at the right place at the right time, but they were able to establish a nation that has survived for 235 years. One must ask not only how this was done but what were the principles that they used as the foundation for this birth of a nation.

I am not sure that we are able to pinpoint just how this was done briefly. But in reading the history of what happened in the mid eighteenth century, we can begin to realize that how they were treated by the English helped develop the core principles that surfaced to become the foundation of our nation.

First: **Equality.**

This principle, which our forefathers were developing in the late 17th and early 18th century, made them out to be almost subversive by the then-political culture. Equality before the law was just the spearhead of what was to come. Everyone had the right to become what they were capable of becoming. They rejected the idea of royalty and all the tiers of society that most of their native or home countries had at that time. Whether they were rich or poor, they just wanted the chance of having an opportunity to use their God-given talents and abilities to grow and prosper.

Second: **Toleration.**

I believe this principle was involved since many of our forefathers came to these shores because of their religious beliefs. As they struggled to survive in the wilderness, they learned to tolerate the other people who also had arrived here but with different backgrounds, different beliefs and different customs. Within these differences, they still realized that they were all children of the same Almighty Father: same destination but different avenues to get there.

Third: **Freedom.**

This freedom principle was the result of the cultures they had left behind: What is the justification for authority? To them Freedom became an important principle: To not have any arbitrary sources of authority like organized religion, nor governmental decrees by some 'overseer' for taxes, nor restriction of speech, or whatever was considered repressive.

As we look at these principles, it is our duty to carry them into the next century. Equality means opportunities, not handouts. Toleration means allowing immigration that is legal and avoiding a nation that pits people against people. And finally, Freedom means that we remain a "Nation of Free Men" whereby we are responsible, and not the government, to continue what our forefathers started—A Nation founded on Principles.



A Compatriot Grave Marking

Above you see the Color Guard at the September memorial service for Paul Simpson. Recently, on November 10 his gravesite was marked with the NSSAR Medallion, as a fitting way to remember his service to the SAR through our Piedmont chapter, for which he held offices as Chaplain, Secretary and Piper Editor for 7 years during his membership span of 16 years.

Paul left his home, the mining community of Desloge, Missouri to work in Atlanta for Raymond International, a construction company. Six years later, he went to work for Prudential Insurance Company as a sales trainee in New Jersey, later being in charge of training new agents. He moved to Atlanta where he became Director of Marketing, then returned later to New Jersey where he traveled extensively nation wide. For the newly established Prudential Property and Casualty subsidiary he served as Senior Vice President. But he returned to life insurance in Jacksonville, FL then back to Atlanta where he retired in 1987.

Paul was a graduate of the American Life College, attended Georgia State University, received a Certificate of Estate Planning, a Certificate of Agency Management and completed an executive management program at Princeton Uni-

Carl and Linda Bham are shown at the Old North Bridge Minuteman statue, Concord, MA. Their October trip through New England historical sites was fun and enlightening. This statue at Emerson's "Rude Bridge" honors the image of Captain Isaac Acton, killed April 19, 1775 when the "shot heard round the world" was fired by the farmer-minutemen to the surprise of the British. Erected in 1874 and now used on the MA quarter coin, it preceded the Lexington militiaman statue which was erected in 1900.



Color Guard Schedule

11 Nov – Perimeter School, Duluth, GA, 0900 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly

11 Nov – Veterans Day Ceremony, Johns Creek ES 1300 hrs : Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Ed Rigel, Sr.

12 Nov – Patriot Zachariah and Patrick Butler Grave Marking, Butler Cemetery, Elberton, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly.

13 Nov - Scout Flag Presentation, Pac 2010, Woodstock, GA, 1400 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson.

19 Nov – Chapter Meeting: Paul Prescott, Bruce Maney

19 Nov – Fort Morris, Midway, GA, 1100: Ed Rigel, Sr., Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson

3 Dec – Vann’s Creek, Elberton, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Ed Rigel, Sr.

10 Dec – Patriot Edward Ware Grave Marking, Danielsville, GA, ??? hrs: Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Paul Prescott, Ed Rigel, Sr.

14 Dec - Roswell Ramblers, Roswell, GA. 1200 hrs. Paul Prescott

17 Dec – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

7 Jan – Color Guard Banquet: Holiday Inn, Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, GA. Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Ed Rigel, Sr.

14 Jan - Daniel Morgan Wreath Presentation, Spartanburg, SC 100 hrs.

14 Jan - Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC 1400 hrs.

21 Jan Chapter meeting

27-28 Jan – Georgia Society Annual Meeting: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Ed Rigel, Sr.

10 Feb - INS Ceremony, Atlanta 1100 hrs. Paul Prescott

11 Feb – Kettle Creek, Washington, GA: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Ed Rigel, Sr.

12 Feb – Colonial Worship Service, Washington, GA, 0900 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly

12 Feb – Elijah Clark Wreath Laying, Lincolnton, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott , Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond

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President’s Message

On October 29th, the color guard participated in the grave marking of patriot Joseph Pinson.

On November 4th, the color guard participated in the INS ceremony in Atlanta.

On November 5th, the color guard participated in the grave marking of patriot Jesse Holbrook.

On November 7th, the color guard participated in the Veteran’s Day Proclamation by the City of Milton.

I have heard several of our members discuss becoming members of our color guard. I urge you to do so. It is one of the most active and exciting parts of our chapter’s work. I also urge any of our members to join our committees to lend a hand. The chairmen will welcome you.

This is the time of year when a slate of officers is presented to the chapter for election for 2012. I believe that the nominating committee has assembled a very strong slate.

We have several activities coming up as we end 2011. Refer to the Color Guard schedule for more details. I hope that you will make an effort to attend some of these events.

Old Ironsides (officially the USS Constitution) is berthed at Pier 1 of the former Charlestown Navy Yard, at one end of Boston's Freedom Trail. The top photo shows her from a harbor view that few easily get, against the Bunker Hill monument background, as seen by Carl and Linda Bhome on their recent harbor tour. The fully flagged view is on her 213th anniversary October 21, 2010. She is fully commissioned as a museum ship, with an active duty crew under a Commander, 365 days each year. *Constitution* is most famous for her actions during the War of 1812 against Great Britain, when she captured numerous merchant ships and defeated five British warships, among them the *Guerriere*, which earned her the nickname "**Old Ironsides**" and public adoration that has repeatedly saved her from scrapping. She continued to actively serve the nation as flagship in the Mediterranean and African squadrons, and circled the world in the 1840s. During the American Civil War she served as a training ship for the United States Naval Academy and carried artwork and industrial displays to the Paris Exposition of 1878. Retired from active service in 1881, she served as a receiving ship until designated a museum ship in 1907. In 1931 she started a three year 90-port tour of the nation, and in 1997 she finally sailed again under her own power for her 200th birthday.





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Prospective members are always welcome at monthly membership meetings. Men, eighteen years of age and older, who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests are urged to contact the **Chapter Registrar, Tom Chrisman** 404.310.3338 or any other chapter officer.

DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION:

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