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## A New Term Begins

As I begin my term as President of the Piedmont Chapter, I want to express my appreciation to Past President Allen Greenly and the Chapter Officers for the leadership they provided last year. It was indeed another good year for the Award Winning Piedmont Chapter. As we look to the plans for 2012, I am inviting each of you to join a committee of your choice. The committees are a great way for you to learn about the workings of the Piedmont Chapter and how it relates to the State and National entities. All you need to do is contact one of the committee chairmen and he will willingly include you. The contact information is shown on page two of the Membership Directory and on the Chapter website. The Knight Essay/Oratory Committee Chairman position is open and needs to be filled as soon as possible. This is an excellent committee which works with schools and young people. Let me know if you are willing to serve in this area.

Speaking of committees, the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution just held the semi-annual Leadership Conference and Trustee Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. I'm pleased to report that Piedmont members attended the Conference and participated in or led many of the National committee meetings. There were four members from Piedmont Chapter and fourteen attendees from Georgia's thirty-nine chapters, so you see that Piedmont was well represented. The photo on page six shows the Georgia delegation. Incidentally, we all had to go to a heavily reinforced area in the hotel because two tornadoes were headed for Louisville. Fortunately for us, one went twenty-three miles north of Louisville and the other went south.

The Speakers Bureau and the Color Guard have been busy the first two months of 2012. Combined, they have participated in thirty

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## Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Member JC Ogden



**Above, from left to right, Chapter Registrar Tom Chrisman, JC Ogden, GASSAR President Bob Sapp, Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Davis and Piedmont Chapter President Allen Greenly are shown welcoming new member JC Ogden.**

JC Ogden grew up in Roswell, GA and graduated from North Springs High School in 2007. Before graduating, he served as the Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 431, attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and was the captain of the school tennis team. He enrolled at Sewanee: The University of the South, where he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity. In May of 2011, he graduated from there cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, a subject he continues to study in his free time. He is now enrolled at Vanderbilt University attaining his Master of Accountancy degree. As part of the master's program, currently he interns for Ernst and Young, an international public accounting firm. He enjoys Nashville but is planning to move to the Atlanta area upon completion of his graduate degree. JC is deeply concerned about personal liberty and the preservation of the way of life enjoined on its citizens by the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, and is proud to be a descendant of Patriot Daniel Ogden. JC is the son of Piedmont Member Jared Ogden.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday March 17, 2012

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

**Speaker:**

Dr. Joseph Kitchens Executive Director of the Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College will present "Testing Your Knowledge of Georgia History"

Saturday April 21, 2012

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

**Speaker**

**To be announced.**



**On February 18, 2012 the Piedmont Chapter held its Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner which included the induction of the newly elected officers. Below GASSAR President Bob Sapp on the right administers the oath of office and presents the gavel to the new Chapter President Paul Prescott.**



**In the photo below from left to right are the newly elected officers: Tom Davis, Sergeant-at-Arms, Gerald Breed, Editor Piedmont Piper; Robert Walker, Historian; Tom Chrisman, Registrar; Al Finley, Chaplain; Shep Hammack, Treasurer; Bob Shaw, Secretary; Walt Woliver, Vice President; and Chapter President; Paul Prescott.**

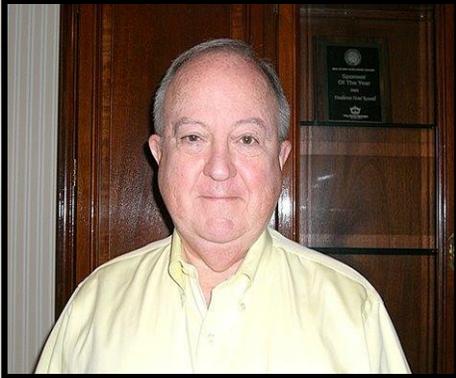




From



**Allen Finley**  
Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



### DO WE STAND ON OUR PRINCIPLES?

As SAR members we repeat our recessionary "Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men." at the conclusion of each Chapter meeting. How do we remember our obligations to our forefathers?

Last year we discussed the fact that our forefathers established a country that was the first nation in the world to be founded upon a set of principles, which are generally stated in the American Creed written in 1917 by William Tyler Page:

*"....a sovereign Nation of many sovereign states: a perfect Union, one and inseparable: established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes."*

Are those principles helpful in guiding us in the way we conduct business or in the way we live our lives? Are they relevant as we are called upon to offer an opinion or give advice to others?

Since our forefathers had the wisdom to give us a legacy of principles, how

do we apply these principles in our day-to-day lives? Many of us are called upon to make ethical or moral decisions. Are those decisions expedient for the moment or are we governed by a higher set of principles? I would imagine that there are very few of us who are truly governed entirely by principles. Some of these decisions might just entail a case where some "wiggle room" is required. Let us imagine the following scenario:

Your oldest child is living in a small community in rural America. This area has been hit hard by the recent economic downturn and currently is experiencing a higher than normal rate of unemployment. Within this community, there is a manufacturing company where your child is a newly appointed sales representative. Early one morning you get a phone call asking for help.

"Dad, I need your advice. What should I do?" We hear the following dilemma:

"I am not sure if you know this but my company is struggling to survive. Last week I got back from a business trip with a potential order that will allow our company to double its work force by the end of this year and will carry it forward for a least the next five years. Everyone was excited and I was told to make sure that it happens no matter what.

Somehow the community has gotten wind of this and is 'giddy' to say the least. I had people talk to me at church this past weekend and the kids have even heard about it at school. The community seems to be looking at me as the 'White Knight' who is going to save the company from destruction. But there is now a very big catch. I just got off of the phone with my contact, and I have not yet talked with management about this

new development. I need your advice.

My contact informed me that he wants part of our offer to be diverted as a "finder's fee" for him before he gives us this business. I know how much our company and community need this, but to me it seems like a bribe. According to my contact, this is standard procedure. So what do I do and what do I say to the owner?"

You are now faced with a situation where you need to advise your child. The owner has said to get it done no matter what it takes. How do your principles guide you and what advice would you give your child?

What do we want our legacy to be? E-mail me your response labeled "SAR Dilemma" to [arfinley@aol.com](mailto:arfinley@aol.com) and I will summarize the responses in an upcoming Piper.

The 2012 Edition of the Chapter Membership Directory is available for distribution. If you are a new member beginning in 2011, you should request a directory with a binder that can be reused as updates are published annually. If you have been a member for some time, you will receive an updated packet that can be inserted in the binder you already have replacing the outdated information. In order to help control costs for postage and handling, please plan to pick up a copy at our next Chapter meeting. If you are unable to attend a Chapter meeting, you can request a copy to be sent to you by mail. Send an email request to: [tomchrism1@aol.com](mailto:tomchrism1@aol.com).



**The Piedmont Chapter's Annual Meeting included recognition and awards for individuals who made exceptional contributions to the Chapter's success during the past year.**

Carl Bhamé – Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service to the chapter as Past President and especially for his support of the Chapter President during the year 2011.

Jim McIntire - Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service to the chapter as Past President, Color Guard Member, DAR/SAR Picnic Coordinator and support of all Chapter activities.

Greg McMenemy, Jr. – Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the chapter as Chapter Secretary and support of Chapter activities for the year 2012.

Gerald Breed - Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Compatriot Breed has excelled while serving as Editor of The Piedmont Piper and as coordinator of the chapter website. His attention to detail while volunteering to serve as Editor came along with his membership in the chapter. He has worked diligently to get to know the chapter and our numerous activities. His publication won the best chapter newsletter award at the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual NSSAR Congress in our category, reflecting great credit to Compatriot Breed and the Piedmont Chapter.

Tom Chrisman – Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Tom assumed registrar duties in 2010. This position had been held for many years by the same member and Tom aggressively pursued the learning necessary to perform the duties. He demonstrated the characteristics of quickly learning and applying the knowledge towards processing of applications, seeking new members and keeping the membership apprised of the standing of current and potential membership.

Al Finley – Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his service as Chaplain for the chapter for the past five (5) years, staying on top of all activities regarding the Chaplaincy Corps responsibilities in addition to providing articles for each edition of The Piedmont Piper.

Allen Greenly – Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for his service as President of the chapter during 2011-2012 in addition to joining the Color Guard and participating in a number of National, State and Chapter Color Guard events.

Charles Moran, Jr. – Bronze Good Citizenship Medal his service as Sgt.-at Arms of the chapter during 2003-2005 in addition to serving as Veterans Chairman for 2007 – 2012.

Eric Thorstenberg - Meritorious Service Medal for his service as Chancellor for the chapter for the past sixteen (16) years, staying on top of all activities regarding the Chancellor's responsibilities in addition to filling in as Secretary as needed. He has served as Graves Chairman conducting the very first grave marked by the chapter and continues to be active in this role. He is the only active Charter Member serving since 1994.



***Eagle Scout Michael Heninger Honored at Annual Dinner***

Jeffrey Michael Heninger was recognized as the winner of the Piedmont Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Bob Sapp presented the Award and a check for \$100 to Eagle Scout Heninger at the Piedmont Chapter Annual Meeting. Jeffrey's winning essay was on the Thaddeus Kosciuszko: Engineer of Liberty. Shown in the photo on the left: l-r Piedmont Chapter President Allen Greenly, GASSAR President Bob Sapp, Eagle Scout Jeffrey Michael Heninger, and his parents Suzanne and Michael Meldrum Heninger.



Shown below are Members of the Piedmont and Georgia Society Color Guard who attended the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution semi-annual Leadership Conference and Trustee Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky in February 2012.



### January Guest Speaker

Vice President Paul Prescott introduced the guest speaker, Allen Bowen, from the Overmountain Victory Trail Association, who gave a wonderful talk about the Battle for Kings Mountain. Mr. Bowen grew up in Sandy Springs and spent his first two years of college playing football for Georgia Tech. He was part of the 1976 team that beat Notre Dame here in Atlanta. Mr. Bowen owns a tree farm in Cartersville and works to preserve the National Historic Trail from Abbingdon, Va. to Kings Mountain, S.C. He spoke of how a purely volunteer army of Overmountain Men battled British Major Patrick Ferguson and his western wing of the most feared army in the world. On October 7, 1780, after a one hour battle, Ferguson lay dead and every single member of his eleven-hundred man army was either killed or captured. Thirty to forty thousand shots were fired, and the mountain was coated in a thick smoke. The Battle for Kings Mountain is a great story of the true American spirit.

Mr. Bowen is shown in the photo on the left as he receives a Certificate of Appreciation presented by Piedmont Vice President Paul Prescott.





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separate events. Looking forward to March and April, there are twenty-seven events currently scheduled, and other events are always added at the last minute. While these events directly involve the Color Guard and Speakers Bureau, they impact other committees such as Americanism, Communications, Revolutionary War Graves, Publicity, Veterans, and Web Site Liaison. Hopefully, these events will have an impact on the Membership Committee with new applications and members.

I want to encourage each of you to attend our monthly Chapter meetings and to make every effort to get involved in a committee. Let's make 2012 another great year for the Piedmont Chapter.

### ***Grave Marking for Patriot William Peeples***

The grave marking service for William Peeples was conducted on March 10 by the Piedmont and Rome Chapters of the SAR. William Peeples enlisted in the Continental Army on April 1, 1776 for two and one-half years. He served as a member of Capt. Robert Fenner's Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and Col. John Patten's Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Regiment and was mustered out October 1, 1778. He appeared on the roll at Camp White Plains, New York September 9, 1778. He was stationed at Hudson River Highlands and West Point in 1777-1778 but did not fight at the battle of White Plains, NY. He is buried in the Mt. Zion Methodist Church Cemetery in Chatsworth, GA. William Peeples is the Patriot Ancestor of Piedmont Chapter-Compatriot Jerry Maddox.

In the photo above, members of the Piedmont Color Guard join with the other members of the Georgia Society Color Guard at Washington, Georgia on February 12, 2012 to mark the anniversary of the battle at Kettle Creek.

### **PIEDMONT COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE**

- 13 Mar – Freedom Middle School, Canton, GA, 1900 hrs: Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott
- 17 Mar - Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, George Thurmond
- 17 Mar – Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 1000 hrs: George Thurmond
- 20 Mar – Roswell King DAR, Traveling Trunk, 1830 hrs: Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp
- 23 Mar – INS, Rome, GA, Allen Greenly
- 24 Mar – Col. Wm. Bratton Grave Marking, McConnellsville, SC:
- 31 Mar – Patriot Smith Grave Marking, Washington County, GA, 1130 hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Ed Rigel, Sr., Allen Greenly
- 7 Apr – Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC:
- 13 Apr – INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly
- 14 Apr – Georgia Patriot's Day, St. Simons Island, GA, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson, Ed Rigel, Sr., Bob Sapp
- 21 Apr - Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly
- 21 Apr – Heritage Festival, Verizon Center, 1100 hrs – 1700 hrs.: Bob Sapp, Allen Greenly, Paul Prescott
- 28 Apr – GASSAR BOM, Barnesville, GA, 1000 hrs: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott
- 3 May – Framed document presentation at Fellowship Christian School Roswell, GA
- 3 May – Pegasus Parade, Louisville, KY
- 12 May – Battle of Pensacola, Pensacola, FL, 0900 hrs:
- 19 May - Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly
- 19 May - Kings Ridge Christian Academy, Milton, GA, 0930 hrs: Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott
- 26 May – Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA, 0900 hrs: Paul Prescott
- 26 May – Buford's Massacre, Buford's Crossroad, SC, 1030 hrs:
- 28 May – Memorial Day, Roswell, GA:
- 28 May – Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC:

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The Piedmont Chapter serves communities of the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia including Cobb, Forsyth, Cherokee and Northern Fulton County. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia. Most members choose to arrive by 8:00 a.m. to enjoy breakfast together.

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

**DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION:**

The deadline for material for the next issue is May 1, 2012. In addition to the material, please include a copy of any photos to be included. Please direct all inquires or suggestions regarding the Piedmont Piper to the editor at the following address: 3344 Thomashire Court Marietta, Georgia 30066 Phone: 770-579.1869 jcbreed77@hotmail.com

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