

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Message from President Redner



We have had a VERY BUSY year so far, especially in July with many events honoring our 250th Anniversary of the United States. Events like the July 4th Parade in Dunwoody, Georgia where we had over several thousand people attending, Then

on July 15th our Piedmont Chapter did a 250th Granite Bench dedication at Bulloch Hall, Roswell, Ga. that honors our 26th U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt at the home of his mother Mittie Bulloch. Teddy was also one of the first SAR members. On July 22 at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center our SAR Piedmont Chapter helped GPB TV do a presentation to the public on upcoming TV programs on the American Revolution events in Georgia with over 150 people attending.

Our SAR Piedmont Chapter has a lot more of great events coming up this year which we need your help and participation. Events like what you see here in our SAR Piedmont Piper Express.

After reading our Piper Express then call me and let me know which events you would like to participate in which be a lot of fun for everyone!

Thanks,

Ron

Remembering Compatriot Paul Prescott



The Piedmont Chapter mourns the loss of longtime Compatriot and Past President **Paul Prescott**, who passed away on July 24 after more than two decades of dedicated service to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Paul joined the SAR in March 2003 and became an active and highly respected member of both the Piedmont Chapter and the Georgia Society. He served as President of the Piedmont Chapter from 2012–2013 and devoted many years to the SAR Color Guard.

From 2010 through 2015, Paul served as Commander of the Georgia Society Color Guard, helping lead one of the most visible expressions of the Society's patriotic mission. His commitment and service were recognized nationally in 2011, when he received the prestigious National Color Guardsman of the Year Award, presented by President General David Sympton.

For 23 years, Paul gave generously of his time and talents to the SAR. Whether representing the Society in uniform, leading fellow Color Guardsmen, or serving the Piedmont Chapter, he demonstrated a deep commitment to honoring the Patriots of the American Revolution and preserving their legacy.

Paul's service, leadership, and friendship will be remembered by the many Compatriots who had the privilege of serving alongside him. His contributions to the Piedmont Chapter, the Georgia Society, and the Sons of the American Revolution leave an enduring legacy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

America 250 Bench Dedicated at Historic Bulloch Hall



Jennifer Phillippi, Allen Sells, Mayor Mary Robichaux, and Christine Hall

The Piedmont Chapter marked America's 250th anniversary with the dedication of a special America 250 commemorative bench at historic Bulloch Hall

in Roswell on July 15. The granite bench was dedicated in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, whose mother, Martha Stewart Bulloch Roosevelt, grew up at Bulloch Hall. Roosevelt was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, making the historic site an especially fitting location for the tribute.

Piedmont Chapter members Ron Redner and Stacey McCarver participated in the dedication along with Roswell Mayor Mary Robichaux, Bob Hagan of the Friends of Bulloch Hall, and Roswell City Council members Jennifer Phillippi, Christine Hall, and Allen Sells.

The bench now sits beside two Liberty Trees previously planted at Bulloch Hall, creating a lasting America 250 memorial on the historic grounds. Its commemorative plaque recognizes the 250th anniversary of American independence, 1776–2026, and honors President Theodore Roosevelt. Together, the bench and Liberty Trees provide visitors with a tangible connection between Roswell's local history and the broader American story.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Piedmont Welcomes New Members



Mark Amick, Stacey McCarver

We are pleased to welcome eight new Compatriots to the chapter: Mark Amick and Wyatt Amick, Mark Rainey, Jordan Proctor, Robert Lane and Andrew Lane, Col. Pete Stemnishi, and Jim Davis. Please join us in welcoming them to the Piedmont Chapter.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Memorial Day



Scott Chappell, Calvin Rhodes



Ron Redner, John Wassell, Rick Reese III, Stacey McCarver (Linda Reese)

Over Memorial Day weekend, members of the Piedmont Chapter were honored to take part in several events remembering the men and women who sacrificed so much in service to our country. On Saturday, May 23, members of the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors at Marietta National Cemetery during the annual placement of flags by area Scouts. Piedmont Chapter member William Lock, participating with Scouting America Troop 444, personally placed flags at approximately 250 gravesites during the event.

The ceremony and flag placement received local media coverage, including reports from Atlanta News First and the Marietta Daily Journal.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, Piedmont Compatriots Scott Chappell and Calvin Rhodes returned to Marietta National Cemetery, where they presented a wreath on behalf of the Piedmont Chapter during the Memorial Day observance. The chapter's participation was recognized in television coverage of the ceremony, with Scott and Calvin appearing during local news reports. The Piedmont Chapter was also represented at the 28th annual Roswell Remembers Memorial Day ceremony. Members of the Color Guard presented the Colors, while chapter members staffed an informational tent where they greeted visitors and shared items and stories from the chapter's Traveling Trunk.

It was especially good to see additional Piedmont Chapter members supporting the Roswell observance, including Will Timms and David Jimenez, who are also members of the Children of the American Revolution.

Piedmont Chapter Celebrates America's 250th on the Fourth of July



Shep Hammock riding the float

The Piedmont Chapter joined communities across the nation in celebrating a truly historic Fourth of July as America marked the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Continuing an annual chapter tradition, Piedmont members participated in the Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade, working in partnership with the Mount Vernon Chapter and alongside members of several DAR and C.A.R. chapters. The parade once again provided a wonderful opportunity to share the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution with thousands of spectators gathered along the route.

COLOR GUARD

Compatriot Craig Benton's Philadelphia Trip

by Craig Benton

Compatriot Craig Benton attended the SAR July 4th 250th celebration in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania July 2-5, 2026. The SAR sponsored many events over the weekend.



Compatriot Craig Benton, Piedmont Chapter, hangs out with Benjamin Franklin

We started on July 2nd with a public reading of the Declaration of Independence on the site of its original reading in 1776 behind Independence Hall. On July 3rd, the scheduled parade was canceled due to excessive heat, but the SAR had our own event anyway! We did the Pledge of Allegiance behind Independence Hall then marched around to the front and did it again! We took lots of photos with people on the Independence Mall. That evening, we had a great gala dinner with Benjamin Franklin. Many awards were given out that evening. On July 4th, we gathered on the Independence Mall with several tents and a stage with speakers throughout the day. That evening, we unveiled the 250th SAR granite bench at Washington Square near Independence Hall. On Sunday, July 5th, we marked the graves of 5 signers of the Declaration of Independence including Benjamin Franklin. All in all, it was great weekend with lots of great activities, fellowship, and new friends.

FEATURE

Piedmont Chapter Participates in Marked! Screening Event



Compatriot Jamie Ruff (Center)

On July 22, the Piedmont Chapter participated in a special screening event for the *Marked!* series in partnership with

Georgia Public Broadcasting and the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter, DAR. The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard represented the chapter during the event, while Chapter Registrar Jaime Ruff took part in the discussion panel following the screening. The evening also provided an excellent opportunity to introduce the Sons of the American Revolution to members of the community. Chapter members staffed an information table throughout the event, where four prospective new members stopped by to learn more about the SAR and the Piedmont Chapter.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Piedmont Chapter Annual Picnic



Members and guests of the Piedmont Chapter



On July 18, the Piedmont Chapter gathered for its annual picnic, marking the first year the event was held at the pavilion at historic Bulloch Hall, the Roswell home of Martha Stewart Bulloch, mother of President Theodore Roosevelt.

The beautiful historic setting provided an especially fitting backdrop for an afternoon of fellowship and chapter camaraderie.

The chapter was pleased to welcome its two newest members, Will Seippel and Mark Rainey. Members were also glad to see Bernard Gilliland, who is working to reactivate his membership.

We were pleased as well to welcome Vance Tyler, who is currently working with Chapter Registrar Jaime Ruff to complete his SAR membership application.