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From the President's Desk



Allen Greenly

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Another Good Year for the Piedmont Chapter

It's hard to believe that almost a year has come and gone since I became your President. This will be my last letter to you as your President. I am very proud of the progress we have made this past year. We are still tabulating the final activities from our committee chairmen, but it looks like another banner year for our chapter. My grateful thanks to all of these hard working individuals. I set several goals last March for our chapter. I am proud to say that we have reached many of them. During this past year, we started our mentoring programs for members that wanted to become officers. I feel very confident in the slate of officers for 2012 as many of them have been mentored this past year. We also restarted our annual picnic as a social gathering for our members and their families, which was a great success. We also started the My Patriot program and several chapter members volunteered to talk about their patriot ancestor.

Since my last letter, the award winning Piedmont Chapter Color Guard has been very busy.

On November 10th, they attended the Perimeter Elementary School Veterans Day celebration and were at the State Capitol for the Veterans Day Proclamation by Governor Deal.

On November 11th, they presented the colors at Johns Creek Elementary School Veterans Day celebration.

On November 12th, the Color Guard attended the Paul and Zachariah Butler grave markings.

On November 15th, the Color Guard attended the funeral of Compatriot Ramsaur.

On November 16th, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Roswell Ramblers luncheon.

On November 19th, the Color Guard attended the Fort Morris celebration.

On November 28th, the Color Guard attended the awarding of Public Safety medals and certificates to the Policeman, Fireman and EMS persons of the year at the Roswell City Counsel meeting.

On December 3rd, the Color Guard attended the Van's Creek celebration.

On December 10th, the Color Guard attended the Patriot Ware grave marking.

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December Chapter Meeting Highlights



Above photo shows Vice President Paul Prescott presenting a Speaker's Certificate to Ms. Ruth Reddick who was the guest speaker at the December meeting. Her topic was: Washington's Southern Tour, 1791. The purpose of his mission was threefold: 1) fact finding for agriculture and industry; 2) to promote the new Federal Union; and 3) to restore his health (He was recovering from pneumonia and the warmer southern climate would help). He logged 1,887 total miles on terrible mud roads. Meeting and greeting, speeches, dinners and entertainments were all part of the routine. Washington traveled south through the eastern parts of the Carolinas and Georgia and then returned to Virginia by a route that took him farther to the west. Washington visited Savannah, Georgia, and South Carolina's major towns. He entered North Carolina on the return trip late in May near Charlotte. The presidential party left Salem and on June 9 crossed back into Virginia. In every State but South

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Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Member Jared Ogden

Above, Chapter Sergeant at Arms Tom Davis on the right presents the SAR lapel pin to new member Jared Ogden as Chapter Registrar Tom Chrisman in the center looks on. Jared was born and raised in Augusta, GA. After graduating from the University of Georgia, he was commissioned in the US Army. After finishing Airborne and Ranger School, he served as an Infantry Platoon Leader in Vietnam. Upon completion of active military service he became an accountant in Roswell, GA. When called to active duty for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he sold his CPA practice and served on the General Staff of the US Army, Central Command in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. On returning home, he was employed by The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), starting as a Member Representative, and then becoming a regional and national trainer. He finished his career with NFIB as the Division Manager for Georgia.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday January 21, 2012
 Chapter Meeting
 Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
 8:00 am Breakfast
 8:30 am Meeting
Alan Bowen will present
"The Campaign and Battle of Kings Mountain"

Saturday February 18, 2012
 Chapter Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
The Honorable Bob Barr will speak on the topic:
"CONSTITUTIONAL DISSEVERANCE –
Weakening the Constitution by Executive Power Grabs
and Congressional Acquiescence"
 Social hour 6 p.m.
 Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia



Piedmont Chapter Recognizes Roswell First Responders

On November 28, 2011 the Piedmont Chapter recognized Ms. Cheryl Dawson who is a part time Firefighter/ Paramedic with the city of Roswell. She was presented with the Sons of the American Revolution Medical Service Award. Ms. Dawson has been instrumental in the saving of lives of individuals, rendering emergency aid to persons involved in cardiac attacks, traffic accidents and related medical emergencies and in providing emergency medical skills to the people of Roswell. Shown in the photo below L-R: Ms. Cheryl Dawson , Piedmont Vice President Paul Prescott and Piedmont President Allen Greenly.



Master Police Officer Mark Macdonald, an officer with the city of Roswell for seven years, was recognized for his bravery and selfless actions and was presented the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal on the 28th of November 2011. Officer Macdonald is a highly regarded member of the Roswell SWAT team. He has been instrumental in rendering the streets of Roswell safer through diligent investigative work and legally sound arrests. Shown in the photo below L-R: Officer Mark Macdonald Piedmont Vice President Paul Prescott and Piedmont President Allen Greenly.

Mr. Pabel Trache who is a part time firefighter with the city of Roswell and a full time firefighter with the city of Smyrna was presented with the Sons of the American Revolution Fire Safety Commendation Award at a ceremony on the 28th of November 2011. Mr. Trache is a state Certified Firefighter and Paramedic who has been instrumental in the saving of lives and property in Roswell and in Smyrna. Shown in the photo below L-R: Mr. Pabel Trache, Piedmont Vice President Paul Prescott and Piedmont President Allen Greenly.



Milton Mayor Receives Award from Piedmont Chapter

Mayor Joe Lockwood was presented with a Silver Good Citizenship Medal at a recent meeting of the Milton City Council by the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Piedmont President Allen Greenly made the presentation. Joe Lockwood was recognized for his significant contributions to the community while serving as Mayor of the City of Milton since 2006. Displaying strong management skills, Mayor Lockwood has inspired others to be more responsible citizens, enabling him to work effectively together with city employees and the city council for the good of the community.

Shown in the photo below L-R: Georgia Society President Bob Sapp, Piedmont President Allen Greenly, Mayor Lockwood and Piedmont Past President George Thurmond.



Young Hero Recognized By Piedmont Chapter

A young man, Taylor Parrish, from Milton, Georgia, was swimming with his friend in the pool at the Manor Country Club where he lived. His friend went down the slide and apparently hit his head on the slide, knocking him unconscious. Taylor saw his friend on the bottom of the pool, pulled him out, called 911, and started CPR. The Emergency Medical Service arrived and took over. Taylor's friend is alive today, thanks to Taylor's quick thinking and prompt actions. Taylor reported that he had no formal training in CPR; he learned it by watching CPR performed on a television show. The Piedmont Chapter attempted to present the heroism medal and certificate to Taylor at a Milton City Council meeting. However, we found out that the Parrish family had moved to San Clemente, CA, shortly after Taylor saved his friend's life. Paul Prescott contacted Ernie Bray in the California SAR Society and sent him the certificate and medal. In December, at the regular meeting of the Coachella Valley Chapter, SAR, in San Diego, CA, Ted Rudisill, 1st Vice President, presented the certificate and medal to Taylor, who gave a good talk about the heroic rescue. Shown below L-R: Taylor's father, Mr. Ray Parrish, Mrs. Parrish, Taylor Parrish and 1st Vice President, Ted Rudisill.



Compatriot Mortison Receives Award from VASSAR

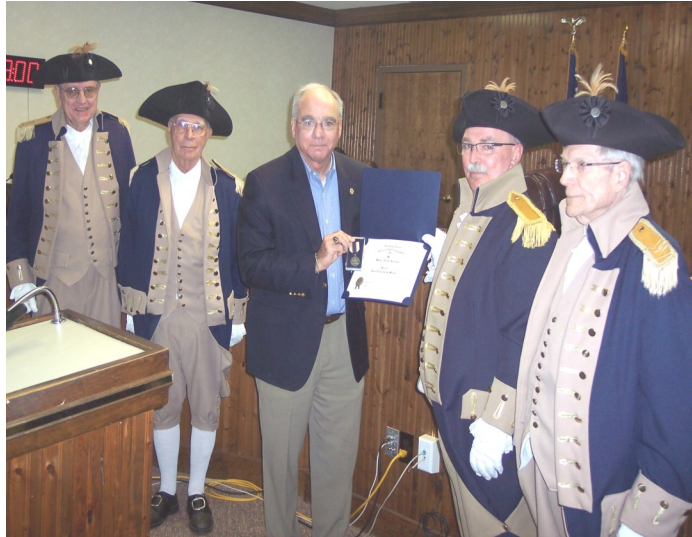
At the December Meeting Piedmont's Piper, John Mortison was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the George Washington Chapter of the VASSAR for participating in the grave marking of the graves of Patriot Heard, Patriot Darden and others. In the photo below on the left is Georgia Color Guard Commander Ed Rigel, Sr. presenting the Certificate of Appreciation to John Mortison on behalf of the George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution.





Alpharetta Mayor Receives Award from SAR

Mayor Arthur Letchas was presented with a Silver Good Citizenship Medal at a recent meeting of the Alpharetta City Council by the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Piedmont President Allen Greenly made the presentation. Arthur Letchas was recognized for his significant contributions to the community while serving as Mayor of Alpharetta since 2001. The certificate read "Through his dedication, Mayor Letchas has inspired others to be more responsible citizens, while leading the City of Alpharetta to be selected as a City of Excellence". In the photo below L-R: Piedmont Past President George Thurmond, Georgia Society President Bob Sapp, Mayor Letchas, Piedmont President Allen Greenly and Jack Ferguson.



GASSAR and GASDAR Mark Grave of Patriots Paul and Zachariah Butler

The Piedmont Color Guard participated in marking the grave of Patriots Paul and Zachariah Butler on November 12, 2011 in Elbert County Georgia. The event was sponsored by Samuel Elbert Chapter, the Washington Wilkes Chapter of the GASSAR and the Stephen Heard, Kettle Creek Chapters of the GADSAR. Below is a photo of Patriot Zachariah Butler's grave.



Important Message from Chapter Registrar

Chapter Registrar, Tom Chrisman is in the process of updating and printing the 2012 Chapter Directory. He will send it to the printer in late January/early February so that it will be available at the February dinner. He wants to be certain that all the information is correct and current.

Piedmont members who have not already done so, need to send Tom Chrisman any changes to their contact information, membership information, patriot, etc. based on the information published in the 2011 Membership Directory.

If you need a copy of the draft 2012 spreadsheet used for this printing, please send your request by email to:

tomchrisman1@aol.com

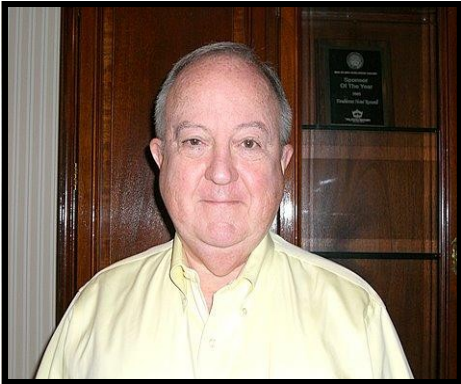
Piedmont President Allen Greenly Given Color Guard Award

Piedmont President Allen Greenly was named "Rookie of the Year" by Georgia Society Color Guard Commander Ed Rigel, Sr. This award is given to the guardsman who has been the most active the year he first wore his uniform. Allen did not get his uniform until mid-year and was on a thirty event per year track for 2011.

The second award Allen received was a humorous award. Allen has a habit of arriving at a Color Guard function about five minutes before the event is about to start. In fact, at one event he arrived after the event was over. It is a policy that guardsmen arrive one hour before the event. Thus, Past Commander Paul Prescott gave Allen the "Its About Time" award which consisted of a plaque and an alarm clock.



From
Allen Finley
 Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



Do we Give or Do we Teach?

As members of the Sons of the American Revolution, what is the legacy that we received from those who came to this land and were involved in the establishment of what is now The United States of America?

It is stated in “The American Creed”:

“I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people: whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed: a democracy in a republic: 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. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it: to support its Constitution: to obey its laws: to respect its flag: and to defend it against all enemies.”

The question is: How do we pass that legacy on?

Did our ancestral grandparents give their children, who in turn passed down to us, a love for the country which was founded on principles described in the Creed? I recall my parents saying that they wanted me and

my sisters to have the opportunity to a life that was better than they had growing up. I think that this is true of every parent, whether 300 years ago or today.

But as I have grown older, I realize that this love was not given to me but was taught to my sisters and me. Today, as a business person, I realize that some things which are given hold little value. An old proverb comes to mind: “Give a man a fish, feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, feed him for a life-time.”

So we must ask, do we teach or do we give? Do we teach a person or an entire country how to fish, or do we just give them the fish?

It seems that there are parts of our society today that want to give people things rather than teach them how to work to earn these things. One example is that we have people who have been “given” down payments for homes that they cannot afford. This has resulted in the State of Georgia having one of the highest foreclosure rates in the country. We must learn that the only place that “success” comes before “work” is in the dictionary, or let me put it another way--a silver spoon only teaches a person the shape of that spoon.

So it becomes very clear to me, as a member of the SAR that we need to teach our children, our friends, and many of our country men and women what our parents and grandparents taught us: They taught us how to fish so that we can continue the traditions of our heritage. The heritage that enabled them to establish this country with people from many countries formed a beautiful quilt based upon the “American Creed”.

FRAMED HISTORIC DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

The Piedmont Chapter has five (5) beautifully framed Declaration of Independence and one (1) Constitution of the United States of America. The goal is to donate these historic documents to schools, government entities (city councils, courts, etc.), libraries, and others, where they will be on permanent display for the public to see, read, and appreciate. It is also a goal to get publicity, from the donation, for the Sons of the American Revolution and the Piedmont Chapter.

The Piedmont Chapter Board of Managers would appreciate any suggestions that you have as to where we should make the donations.



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Carolina, he stayed in public housing to avoid any appearance of preference. Along with him for the trip were his charger named Prescott and his dog (a greyhound) named Cornwallis – an obvious reference to the British General. President Washington referred to his trip through Georgia as traveling down the Devil’s Own Roads.



Color Guard

COLOR GUARD 2011

The Piedmont Color Guard had a very active year. "Active" is really an understatement. The Piedmont Color Guard participated in 221 events in 2011: 20 National events, 55 State events, and 146 local events. These events resulted in 583 Color Guard member participations. One new member, Allen Greenly, was added to the corps in mid-year and became a regular attendee. As expected, Jack Ferguson was the most active, participating in 167 Color Guard events. The Color Guard members, in order of participation in 2011, are: Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Robert Sapp, Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, John Mortison, and James McIntire.

2012 Piedmont Color Guard Schedule

14 Jan – Daniel Morgan Wreath Presentation, Spartanburg, SC, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Allen Greenly

14 Jan – Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC, 1400 hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Allen Greenly

17 Jan – Police Award, Cumming City Hall, Cumming, GA, 1900 hrs: Paul Prescott

21 Jan – Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond

27-28 Jan – Georgia Society Annual Meeting: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Bob Sapp

10 Feb – INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly

11 Feb – Kettle Creek, Washington, GA: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly, Bob Sapp

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

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

13 Feb – MSB meeting, Historic Flags Presentation, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Allen Greenly

18 Feb – Washington's Birthday Parade, Laredo, TX:

18 Feb – Moores Creek Bridge, Wilmington, NC:

18 Feb - Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 1800hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond

22 Feb – Commemoration of George Washington's Birthday, Gainesville, GA, 1700 hrs: Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp, Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond,

2-3 Mar – Spring Leadership, Louisville, KY: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly

3 Mar – Last Naval Battle, Brevard Veterans Center, 400 South Sykes Creek, Merritt Isl., FL:

4-5 Mar – Battle of the Great Canebreak, Simpson, SC:

10 Mar – Peoples Grave Marking, Chatsworth, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly

17 Mar - Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA, 0830hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, George Thurmond

17 Mar – Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 1000 hrs: George Thurmond

23 Mar – INS, Rome, GA, Allen Greenly

24 Mar – Col. Wm. Bratton Grave Marking, McConnellsville, 31 Mar – Patriot Smith Grave Marking, Washington County, GA, 1130 hrs:

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On December 12th, the Color Guard attended the awarding of the Silver Good Citizenship award to the Mayor of Alpharetta.

On December 14th, the Color Guard presented the colors at the Roswell Ramblers luncheon.

On December 19th, the Color Guard attended the awarding of the Silver Good Citizenship award to the Mayor of Milton.

The chapter has also awarded several Eagle Scout certificates this fall. Our poster contest is off to a great start and posters are in the process of being judged. Jack Ferguson has already booked 32 events for 2012, and that is only through April!

It has truly been another outstanding year for our chapter. I want to express my thanks to Paul Prescott, Gregory McMenamy, Bob Shaw, Allen Finley, Tom Chrisman, Eric Thorstenberg, Tom Davis, Robert Walker, Gerald Breed, Jim McIntire and Carl Bhome for all their hard work and dedication this past year. We could not have achieved our goals without you.

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Jared is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserve.

While serving on active duty during two wars, he was awarded three Bronze Star Medals, including a "V" device for valor, a Purple Heart, and many other awards and decorations. He and Judy have been married 38 years and have four grown children. His revolutionary ancestor, Daniel Ogden served as a private, but was later commissioned an officer in the New York State Militia. After the Revolutionary War he settled in Clearfield, Pennsylvania as a farmer where he was noted for his sense of humor.

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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 February 27, 2012. In addition to the material, please provide 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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