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It is hard to believe that six months have passed since I became your President. I am very excited about what we have accomplished as a chapter so far this year, and there are many more opportunities coming our way.

The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard has remained active throughout the year and listed below are just a few of the recent events in which they have participated.

On August 6th, our Color Guard marched in the Old Soldiers Day parade in Alpharetta. The Chapter Color Guard was joined by Georgia Society Color Guard Commander, Ed Rigel and his son, Bruce Maney, Dennis Wolfe, Wayne Ellis and Roscoe McMillan bringing the total number of Color Guard members participating in this important event to eleven. Our best participation to date! See photo on page 7.

On August 12th the Color Guard presented the colors at the INS ceremony in Atlanta.

On August 13th, the Color Guard attended the Commemoration of the Battle of Musgrove's Mill in Clinton, SC.

On August 22nd, the Color Guard attended the funeral and interment of compatriot Paul Grimes in Jonesboro.

On August 23rd, the Color Guard attended the funeral and interment of compatriot Allen Henson at the Canton National Cemetery.

Also on August 23rd, members of the chapter along with several of the Color Guard presented the Heroism medal to Sergeant Jason Nipper of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department in recognition of his life saving effort of a school librarian.

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Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Member Don McClanahan at July 2011 Meeting



Above, Chapter President Allen Greenly on the right is shown presenting a New Member Certificate to Don McClanahan.

Don McClanahan was born in San Antonio Texas and served state side in the US Army during the Korean War era. He attended the University of Texas, and in 1960, he began working for Univac as a system analyst. He worked for thirty-two years for main frame computer companies and twelve years for the State of Georgia, all the time working with computers. Don was married for forty-two years and has two adult children. His wife, Carolyn, passed away from breast cancer in 2004. His interests include: photography, travel, genealogy, bicycle riding, computers, and history of colonial & civil war periods. He resides in Peachtree Corners area of Gwinnett County. Don's patriot ancestor is Capt. Robert McClanahan Jr. who was born 4/19/1747 in Augusta County, Virginia. Robert became a physician. During the French & Indian War, Robert served as a sergeant in Captain Alexander McClanahan's Company of Independents on an expedition against the Indians in 1764. Robert later served as a company commander in Colonel William Fleming's Botetourt command at the Battle of Point Pleasant, a battle against Indians. Captain McClanahan was among the seventy-five white men killed during the battle on 10/10/1774. Participating in the battle were two of Robert's brothers, Captain Alexander McClanahan (later a Colonel during the American Revolution) and Lieutenant John McClanahan. Robert's wife was Catherine Madison, who was a descendant of President James Madison. Robert Jr. was a member of a prominent family led by Robert Sr. who came to Augusta County from Northern Ireland before 1740.

Upcoming Events

Saturday September 17, 2011

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

Video about General Casimir Pulaski

Saturday October 15, 2011

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

Speaker: Color Guardsman Jack Ferguson

"Forgotten History of the Congress and Presidents."



Piedmont Chapter Welcomes Four New Members at August 2011 Meeting



Shown above from L to R Tom Chrisman, Registrar, Past President George Thurmond, Jerry Maddox, Dr. Lee Harford, Jr., Wesley "Butch" Wills, Gary Uitvlugt, and Georgia Society President Bob Sapp. Below are biographies for the new members shown above.

Jerry A. Maddox

Jerry A. Maddox is a descendant of William Peeples (1751-1854). The Peeples family emigrated from Scotland arriving in Surry County, VA, in 1649. William Peeples served as a private in the Continental Army under Captain Robert Fanner's Company, part of the 2nd Battalion commanded by Colonel John Patton of the 2nd North Carolina Regiment. Private Peeples mustered out in October 1778, after serving approximately two years and later removed to Georgia with his 2nd wife, Rebeckah Johnson, and raised five children. Compatriot Maddox and his wife, Roberta, live in Dunwoody. He is a graduate of the Emory University School of Business and the Emory University Law School. Since retiring from management with Sears, Roebuck, and Co, Jerry has authored seven books including two about genealogy and three works of historical fiction, and has been active in several Civil War Societies in the Atlanta metro area. He is currently working on a project with our Chapter to hold a memorial service marking the gravesite of William Peoples in Chatsworth, GA, on March 10, 2012.

Dr. Lee Shartle Harford, Jr.

Dr. Lee Harford was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as part of a family whose heritage in America dates back before 1700. Upon completion of study at Norwich University, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers and awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He entered active duty and served eight years in Virginia, Germany and Kansas. In 1983 he entered the Army Reserve where he served for another twenty years. In 1996, he mobilized and deployed to the peace-keeping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina as the Army Component Command Historian. Upon return from this deployment, he served as an assistant professor of military science at the Georgia Institute of Technology teaching military history to ROTC cadets, until his retirement from the Army Reserve in 2002.

He received a Master of Arts degree in Military History from Kansas State University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in History from The Florida State University. Dr. Harford was the Command Historian of the United States Army ROTC Cadet Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and prior to that an Assistant Professor of History at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia. During the period 1998 through 2011, he served as an adjunct history professor at the Georgia Military College (Atlanta Campus), teaching United States history, world civilization history, and military history courses. He has published several articles, chapters and books in the military history field.

His Patriot Ancestor is Ensign Samuel Darby (Derby), who served in the 17th Regiment, New York Militia. While a resident of Kinderhook, New York, he enlisted in May 1777 as a private and then sergeant on short tours providing security in the vicinity of Forts Edward and George until November 1778. Moving to New Britain in the spring of 1779, he was appointed ensign and again performed short tours for security until the summer of 1781. He married Margaret Hoes in 1776 who was related to Han-

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Piedmont Vice President Paul Prescott named Color Guardsman of the Year at National Congress



The Piedmont Chapter Color Guard, as part of the National Color Guard, attended all four Color Guard functions at the 121st Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution which was held in Winston-Salem, NC, on 8 – 13 July. The participating Piedmont Chapter members were Paul Prescott, Robert Sapp and George Thurmond.

The combined Color Guard mustered on Sunday for a review by the President General and then marched (in the heat) to a church for the Memorial Service. Bob Sapp and Paul Prescott had the honor of carrying the Commander-in-Chief's flag and the National SAR flag, respectively, for the entire Congress. The next Color Guard assembly was for the flag presentation at the opening session of Congress Monday morning.

Monday evening, George Thurmond, decked out in a white dinner jacket, escorted Paul Prescott, in Continental Uniform, to the podium where Paul received the 2011 Color Guardsman of the Year award from Present General J. David Sympson. The award is a gold medal, of which only one is presented each year. At the opening session, Bob Sapp presented a \$250 check to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in honor of Compatriot Prescott being Color Guardsman of the Year. The check was matched by an anonymous donor resulting in the Piedmont Chapter being credited with a \$500 gift to the CAAH.

Also on Monday, Awards Night, the Piedmont Chapter received the Liberty Bell Americanism Award and the Support of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Award. Compatriot Robert Sapp received the Liberty Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster) for being first-line sponsor for ten (10) or more new members.

The remaining Color Guard functions, where all three Piedmont members participated, were the posting of the Colors at the Awards Banquet on Tuesday and retirement of the Colors after the President General's Banquet on Wednesday. A Change of Command ceremony for the Color Guard took place at the Tuesday Banquet. Georgia's Mike Tomme is the new National Color Guard Commander.

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.



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nah Hoes, the wife of Martin van Buren, eighth President of the United States. He and Margaret had seven children, and worked as independent farmers until they passed in 1838 and 1835 respectively.

Wesley Orlando Wills, Jr. (Butch)

Wesley O. Wills, Jr. (Butch) was born in 1950, in Cumming, Forsyth County, Georgia. Wesley is an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, BSA. He attended North Georgia College and received his BBA with a major in Accounting. Wesley was Bravo Company Commander in the Corps of Cadets, a member of Scabbard & Blade, attended Airborne School as a cadet his junior year, graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a 2nd LT., Regular Army, Infantry. He was married in June of 1972 to Gail, his high school sweetheart. He graduated IOBC (Infantry Officers Basic Course), Ranger School and IMPOC (Infantry Mortar Platoon Officers Course) in 1972. Wesley was assigned as a Rifle Platoon Leader with the 1–5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Bks, Hawaii. While with the 25th, he earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge and participated in Operation New Life in Guam to coordinate and stage Vietnamese refugees fleeing from Vietnam. Wesley served in the U.S. Army from 1972–1975, and U.S. Army Reserves from 1976–1978.

After Military Service, Wesley worked with various Fortune 500 companies, became a CPA, and earned his MBA from Regis University. He has worked for The Home Depot HQS for 16 years and is a Senior Manager of Finance. He is a Mason, 32^o Scottish Rite Mason, an ordained Deacon, member of the USARA (US Army Ranger Association), Life member of NESA (National Eagle Scout Association), North GA College Alumni Assn., AICPA (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants), and GSCPA (GA Society of Certified Public Accountants).

Wesley and Gail have been married for 39 years, currently live in Cumming, GA., and have two grown sons, Kevin and Blake. He has always shown an interest in genealogy and has traced the Wills back to Wells, Lincolnshire, England.

Wesley's Patriot Ancestor is Leonard Wills who was born in 1758 in North Carolina. Leonard entered the service in Edgecombe County North Carolina as a volunteer under the command of Captain Horn, Colonel Lillington, and General Caswell. He was in the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in 1776, where they defeated Tories McDaniel & McCloud. Leonard again entered the service in 1780 in Captain John Sheppard's Militia Company and was attached to Colonel Linton's Regiment, under General Nathanael Greene and marched into South Carolina. Leonard, near the close of the war, went out again in 1781, against Cornwallis as he passed through North Carolina. Leonard requested and received a pension for his Revolutionary War service. He and his third wife moved to Georgia after receiving land lots granted to Revolutionary War Veterans. Leonard and his wife, Sarah, are buried at Mount Moriah Church in Paulding County, Georgia.

Gary Uitvlugt

Gary Uitvlugt was born in Cadillac, Michigan in 1950. He has lived in Michigan, New Mexico, Utah and now Georgia. He and his wife have five children and two grandchildren. His professional career was in recreation therapy. Gary's patriot ancestor is John Almy, who was born in 1750. He was a private in Capt. Benjamin Wilcox's company. The records show that he enlisted December 8, 1776 and served 29 days, on an alarm at Rhode Island; marched from Dartmouth to Holland's ferry, Rhode Island to repel the British forces which arrived at Newport, December 7, 1776. John was married to Sarah Kirby.

GSSAR Past President Terry Manning was the Guest Speaker at the July 2011 Chapter Meeting

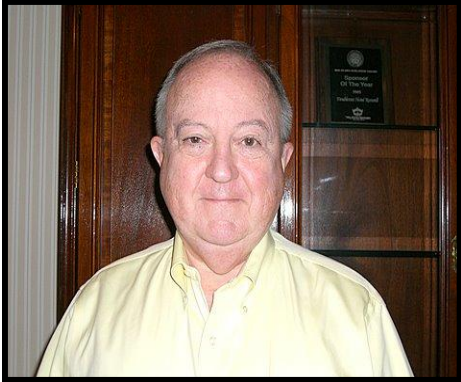
Vice President Paul Prescott introduced the guest speaker, Compatriot Terry Manning, Past President of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, a former Naval officer, world traveler, master gardener and genealogy expert. Mr. Manning presently serves as the Georgia Society Education Committee Chairman, Chaplaincy Corp Chairman and Finance Committee Chairman. He spoke about the history of the American Indian, the varied paths of the individual tribes, and how the European colonists were able to assume control over the lands controlled by the Indians. His talk focused on the Northern American Indian tribes primarily in the New England and Ohio Valleys areas. He provided a fascinating recounting of their tactics in war, their alignment with either the British or French, and even their adoption of family members from the white people they conquered.



From



Allen Finley Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



Journey's End

Our journey through the alphabet which we've used to explore the attributes of our ancestors who left their homelands to establish a new way of life has come to an end. Beginning with the letter A, we considered the God-given abilities they employed to face such a momentous challenge successfully. We have previously considered their courage, perseverance, respect and many other attributes. Now, at the end of the journey we arrive at the letter Z which was difficult until my wife suggested ZEST.

The synonym for Zest is enthusiasm. What might have sparked feelings of enthusiasm in our forefathers?

Enthusiasm for living a comfortable life—as you read about the hardships that our forefathers endured, I do not think comfort was their primary motivation. But there was always hope.

Enthusiasm for a better life—if this is true; they made a very large gamble, traveling in a boat or ship across a vast ocean. They did not know what they were going to experience upon their arrival. But there was always hope

Enthusiasm for freedom—this had to be one of the key factors for them. As many of their early settlements were founded upon religious traditions, they

finally came to experience the freedom to worship without a state mandated religion: That freedom became part of the Bill of Rights where we have freedom to worship as we please. This enthusiasm for freedom also carried over into their personal lives as the freedom to pursue whatever they wanted to put their heart and soul into.

As we bring this concept of enthusiasm forward to the present and look at something that exemplifies this type of enthusiasm or passion, I thought about the recent USA Ladies Soccer Team play in the World Cup. Several friends and colleagues who watched the final game commented on the passion these young women displayed for the sport. Yes the USA Team lost, but look at how those young ladies arrived at the final match and look at the enthusiasm they displayed. They came from different backgrounds, but they still came together as a team. There was a lot of enthusiasm or zest as they played their hearts out even though they were the underdog. That concentration on winning, on being the best and being adaptive when faced with obstacles -- that is the enthusiasm we must display as members of the SAR. As members of the Piedmont Chapter of the Georgia SAR, we must continue to show enthusiasm (Zest) and carry the messages that our ancestral grandparents did in their time:

Faith in God Almighty, the belief in a nation of free men, and the Constitutional Republic in which we live.

9-11 Flag Ceremony held at Milton High School organized by Milton Senior Maren Smith, daughter of Piedmont Member Dr. Michael Smith.



In Memoriam

On the afternoon of September 9 a group of compatriots and Color Guardsmen attended the inspiring service for Piedmont Chapter member Paul Simpson. Paul was well respected and active in his church, the Peachtree Corners Christian Church in Norcross where the service was held. Paul was 80 years old and he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Beverly Simpson, three sons and one daughter. He was a very early member of our chapter, joining in 1995. He served our chapter as Chaplain, Secretary and Piper editor for a total of 7 years. His illnesses put him in Hospice care this past Spring, but he was one of few who ever "graduated" from Hospice care. He was comfortable at his home until a recent short hospital stay. The six Color Guard members lead by Commander Paul Prescott stood honor guard at the church, then again at the graveside service where they gave fitting flag tributes. Compatriot John Mortison also played Amazing Grace for the service conclusion. The four other Color Guardsmen in attendance were Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Walker Chewning and Bruce Maney. Chapter members Walt Woliver, Tom Chrisman and Carl Bhamé also were in attendance.

Compatriot Wallace Boyce, 84, passed away August 15, 2011. He was born in New Jersey February 2, 1927 to Wallace Wardwell and Elsie Boyce. He was a veteran of the Navy during World War II. He served as a Seaman First Class and as a Aviation Cadet at the Cecil Field in Jacksonville, FL and other locations. While serving in Jacksonville, Wally met Shirley Meyer whom he married on April 22, 1950. They settled in New Jersey where they raised their family of four children.

Wally worked as a salesman in the Office Products Division of IBM for 33 years holding numerous sales positions. He retired to Roswell, GA in 1983. Besides being active in his church, Wally was an avid antique car & boat restorer, woodcraftsman, home builder, boater and tennis player. Wally is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley, and two sons and one daughter. Bruce and Caroline, Ron and Kathy, his daughter Nancy and Dick Skuse. He was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Roswell, GA



Color Guard Participated In Alpharetta Annual Old Soldier's Day Parade



Piedmont Color Guard Schedule

11 Sep – DAR Chestatee Picnic, Cumming City Park, Cumming, GA, 1400 hrs: Paul Prescott, John Mortison, George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Allen Greenly

12 Sep – Constitution Week Proclamation, Roswell, GA, 1900 hrs: Paul Prescott

15 Sep – William Few Wreath Presentation, Augusta, GA, 1015 hrs: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp

16 Sep – Lakeside Middle School, Flag Certificate, Forsyth Co., GA ???hrs.

17 Sep – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly

17 Sep – Constitution Week DAR Luncheon, Ansley Golf Club, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Walker Chewing, Terry Manning

17 Sep – Gathering at Sycamore Shoals, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park, TN, !000 hrs:

19 Sep – Constitution Week Proclamation, Milton, GA, 1800 hrs: Paul Prescott

19 Sep – Constitution Week Proclamation, Alpharetta, GA, 1900 hrs:

22 Sep – Vidalia Charter Banquet, (Details to follow): George Thurmond, Paul Prescott

24 Sep – USD 1812 Grave Marking for William Thames, (details to follow): Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, William Greenly

30 Sep – 1 Oct – Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Robert Sapp, Allen Greenly

2 Oct – Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Nathaniel Abney Chapter NSDAR, Fitzgerald, GA, 1400 hrs:

7 Oct – Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, NC: , Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly

9 Oct – Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA, 0730 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly

9 Oct – Salute to Casimir Pulaski, Savannah, GA, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly

9 Oct – Ceremony at the Haitian Monument, Franklin Square, Savannah, GA: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly

14 Oct – INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly

15 Oct – Chapter Meeting, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott

15 Oct – Peace Monument Rededication, Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA, 1330 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly

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Fall is now fast approaching and schools have started. Our committee chairs for the School/Poster Contest, Scouting, Knight Essay/Oratory and JROTC will be contacting the schools and getting the programs started. We hope to have another great year working with the schools.

If you haven't signed up to help on a committee and enjoy working with young people, I highly recommend that you choose a committee you want to work on and call the committee chair and join in.

As a reminder, it is time to pay your dues for 2012. You should have received a notice from our Treasurer, Bob Shaw. Please mail your check in right away so that we can report the renewal rate; this also will help us organize the 2012 Chapter Directory. The renewal form is available on the Chapter website under the Membership tab.

9-11 Flag Ceremony held at Milton High School

Shown below (l-r) Marty Thurmond, George Thurmond, Maren Smith, who is a Milton Senior and event organizer, Bill Lusk, and Lt. Mark Stephens, Battalion Chief, Milton Fire Department.





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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.

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