

CHAPTER ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT GEORGIA SOCIETY

Chapter Name: Piedmont Chapter
 Chapter Location: Roswell, GA
 Date of Chapter Officer Installation: 16 February 2008

I. CHAPTER OFFICERS:

President:	James M. McIntire
Vice-President:	Bobby D. Shaw
Immediate Past President:	Howard Carl Tanner
Secretary:	Carl D. Bhame
Treasurer:	Bobby D. Shaw
Chaplain:	Allen R. Finley
Registrar:	Robert A. Sapp
Historian:	Robert H. Allgood
Chancellor:	Eric E. Thorstenberg, Esq.
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Thomas R. Davis
Editor "Piedmont Piper":	Scott A. Ray
Web Master:	Paul C. Simpson

Number of New Members:	16	
Number of Members Beginning Term	76	
Number of Members Ending Term:	84	
Number of Transfers In:	16	transfer in 3; reinstatement 13
Number of Transfers Out:	24	transfer out 2; dropped for dues 22
Number of Deaths:	0	

Note: Membership activity is based on calendar year 2008

II. MEDALS/CERTIFICATES AWARDED

2008 Piedmont Chapter Awards

Recipient	Medal/Certificate	Date Awarded
John L. Mortison	Meritorious Service Medal	16 Feb 2008
David McCleary	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	16 Feb 2008
Paul C. Simpson	Certificate of Distinguished Service	16 Feb 2008
Col. George E. Thurmond	Certificate of Distinguished Service	16 Feb 2008
Bobby D. Shaw	Certificate of Distinguished Service	16 Feb 2008
Scott A. Ray	Certificate of Distinguished Service	16 Feb 2008
Robert A. Sapp	Certificate of Distinguished Service	16 Feb 2008
John D. Washburn	Eagle Scout Scholarship Medal	16 Feb 2008
Matthew R. Gordon	Outstanding Citizenship Award	16 Feb 2008
Cadet Cheyenne Scipio	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	2 May 2008
Cadet Nicholas Parker	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	2 May 2008

Arthalinda Bhame	Outstanding Citizenship Award	17 May 2008
Matt Ballard	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	28 Apr 2008
Alex Barker	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	28 Apr 2008
Walter Holman	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	28 Apr 2008
Chloe Myles	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	28 Apr 2008
Mary Ettel	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	9 Nov 2008
Ed Ettel	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal	9 Nov 2008
Annika Garber	Outstanding Citizenship Award	18 Dec 2008
Grayson McMichael	Outstanding Citizenship Award	18 Dec 2008

In addition to the above awards, the Piedmont Chapter has given 12 Certificates of Appreciation to guest speakers at meetings; four Certificate to Elementary Schools for participating in the Revolutionary War class room presentations; 5 Certificates to Eagle Scouts for participating in the Eagle Scout Scholarship program along with patches; and 157 Certificates of Participation to the students who participated in the poster contest.

III. CHAPTER PROJECTS

The Committees of the Piedmont Chapter have been active in the areas of their oversight as the time and season requires. The Americanism Committee is generally the umbrella for many of the chapter activities. A total of 15 proclamations were received from eight municipalities for Treaty of Paris, Public Safety, Patriot Day, Flag Day, Constitution Week and Veteran’s Day. Flag Certificates were given to three organizations for proper display of the American Flag. The Americanism activities were enhanced through the Speakers Bureau presentation of 189 Educational Programs in 25 schools. In addition the Speakers Bureau made 47 presentations to civic and other organizations covering SAR History and Revolutionary War History or participants.

Membership in the chapter was increased through sixteen new members. New membership was targeted by conducting one genealogy workshop.

The youth programs are covered by committees for Scouting, JROTC, Knight Essay and the Poster Contest. One hundred and thirty Eagle Scout congratulatory Certificates were mailed to Eagle Scouts in the area. Four Eagle Scouts responded to the invitation to participate in the Scholarship program. In addition, the chapter presented a “Citizenship in the Nation” Merit Badge workshop at the Milton Scout District spring Merit Badge Camp near Covington, Georgia. Five awards were given to Eagle Scouts who entered the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program in 2007. Eight JROTC Medals were awarded to JROTC Cadets at their awards events in each school. Mt. Bethel Elementary School has been a consistent entrant in the poster contest over the years. The school had 181 poster entries. One entrant was obtained for the Knight Essay program.

One Revolutionary War Patriot’s grave was marked by the chapter. Two Revolutionary Patriot graves in North Carolina were marked by NCSSAR for a descendant member of Piedmont. Two chapter members were in attendance.

The chapter Color Guard consists of seven members and a piper and had a high visibility during the year. The team participated in 227 events with 533 individuals participating. They participated in Alpharetta’s “Old Soldiers Day” parade, several July 4th parades and events.

The Veterans activities have been limited to providing the Veterans Hospital with personal items and publications, books and periodicals. Attendance was made by members to several Veterans’ funerals.

IV. CHAPTER OBSERVANCES/CELEBRATIONS

The chapter membership participated in Revolutionary Grave Markings throughout Georgia and on many occasions laid wreaths at the events. The chapter participated in the memorial ceremonies at Cowpens, Morgan Statue, Kettle Creek, Guilford Courthouse, Ramsuer Mill, Point Pleasant, Kings Mountain, Battle of Savannah, and Patriot's Day at St. Simons Island, Georgia and several others. The chapter was active in Memorial Day celebrations at both the National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia and the Roswell Remembers, Memorial Day, program in Roswell, Georgia. The Chapter Color Guardsmen lead the Alpharetta "Old Soldiers Day" parade. The chapter attended the Veterans Day programs at Perimeter Christian Church.

V. NBR OF MEMBERS ATTENDING GASSAR MEETINGS

BOM Meeting: Spring 6 Summer 3 Fall 5 Winter 7 Annual Meeting 6
Leadership Training: 6

VI. NBR OF UNIFORM COMPATRIOTS IN CHAPTER

Members owning uniforms: 7
Members in Color Guard: 10*
*1 Bag Piper, 2 Kilted members

VII. CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

Normal Meeting Place: Atlanta/Roswell Holiday Inn
909 Holcombe Bridge Road
Roswell, GA 30075
Normal Meeting Date: 3rd Saturday of Month
Normal Meeting Time: 8:00 AM for breakfast
8:30 AM for meeting start

The Piedmont Chapter has a speaker for each monthly meeting with an average attendance of 25.

Speaker	Subject	Month
Hon. Thomas Price	"Washington Accounts"	January
Col. Benjamin H. Purcell	"Five years as a Vietnam POW"	February
Linda Schultz	"Fulton County Schools"	March
Sam Olens	"Atlanta Regional Commission"	April
Linda Bhame	"Washington's Travels in Pennsylvania"	May
Milton Crabapple	"Country Humor"	June
Dick Yarborough	"Outlook on Politicians"	July
Mary and Ed Ettl	"Adopting a Soldier and Care Packages"	August
LTC. Donald Gunn	"Operations at Fort McPherson"	September
Judge Harris Hines	"Commentary on today's Society"	October
Hon. Tom Price	"Washington Events"	November

VIII. What is the amount of your Chapter Membership Dues: \$25
Dues increased from \$15 to \$25 effective 2010 for new members.

IX. OTHER COMMENTS:

In addition to the above the following is offered:

- Monetary awards were made to winners in the youth programs, i.e. Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, and Poster Contestants (3).
- Participated in all of the INS Immigration Ceremonies at Atlanta’s Richard Russell Building (8) for 2008 and presented the Colors for three ceremonies
- Conducted a formal Flag Retirement Ceremony with a local Funeral Home

The new Officers installed 21 February 2009

President:	Bobby D. Shaw
Vice-President:	Carl D. Bhome
Immediate Past President:	James M. McIntire
Secretary:	LTC. Donald Gunn
Treasurer:	Bobby D. Shaw
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Editor “Piedmont Piper”:	TBD

Respectfully submitted:

James M. McIntire
President, Piedmont Chapter, GASSAR
SAR Year 2008