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OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE*

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My thanks to Allen Greenly and those of you who made the June meeting a success in my absence.

The Saturday morning you were meeting, Linda and I were taking in the annual celebration of "March-Out Day" at Valley Forge. We attended the reenactment of Washington's army's camp, saw their training and living conditions, complete with outdoor cooking in earthen facilities; log huts, cannon firings, musket firings, costumed camp followers and musicians. However we did not have to deal with the then-necessary work of logistics and food-on-the-hoof. Thank goodness! Our PASSAR compatriots were very much in evidence all day as visitors came through the site. I almost felt as though Baron von Steuben was going to come around the next turn or out of a grove of trees at any moment.

The pleasant rolling terrain today is kept quite open, but the archeologists are still trying to determine where the log huts had been arranged, supposedly quite well laid out. A few foundations have been discovered. The young PhD candidate who led us around knew her stuff. (See photos on page 7.)

The Friends of Valley Forge who hosted a dinner for Linda's lineage society have done much to help the National Park Service improve the park, including helping to save from encroachment some adjacent land that was of great interest to developers. The National Park Service dedicated their new underground visitors' center on July 4th in 1976, noting the passing of its care from the Pennsylvania state park system to the National Park Service. At this ceremony President Gerald Ford, himself a former park service ranger, alluded to the refining fires of training at Valley Forge where the result was "to forge the iron will of this nation." The Park Service chose this phrase as part of their centerpiece in the visitor center. May that iron will continue to hold the day. President Ford also said: *"Independence has to be defended as well as declared; freedom is always worth fighting for; and liberty ultimately belongs only to those willing to suffer for it."* How true.

We also enjoyed the wonderful new visitor center at Independence Hall, and the new Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The Presi-

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Piedmont Chapter programs for May and June 2010



Above, Vice President Allen Greenly on the left presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to Murray Lynn at the May Meeting.

Murray Lynn is a Holocaust survivor and made the point well that the persecution of Jews was not a new phenomenon in Hitler's time. Persecution of Jews had roots in centuries of official edicts and actions by political and church bodies in several countries. He said, "Hitler had many good teachers." He also said "The Jews' only fault was their faith." Murray told us of his experience as a 14 year old in 1942 when his father and other Jewish leaders of his Hungarian home town were taken away by the Hungarian secret police. They soon learned that the leaders all were executed. It was 2 years later, in 1944, after living in constant fear and poverty without his father, that his mother and 3 brothers were taken to Auschwitz along with all Jews in his town. When Auschwitz was on the brink of liberation his family and many others were taken to Buchenwald where all of his family except Murray was killed in the gas chambers. After liberation from Buchenwald he wandered alone around Europe for a year or more, at the age of 17. He described his poignant return home to find it occupied by a Nazi sympathizer. The town synagogue also was desecrated. Continuing his wanderings, he finally was fortunate to be recognized with talent and given a scholarship to the USA. However the psychological damage kept him in fear of police and soldiers for many years. Even today he has bad nights with unpleasant dreams. He now is a director of the Anne Frank Museum in Sandy Springs and speaks now about his experiences to help assure that extreme intolerance will not again find roots in our nation or world.

Above, Vice President Allen Greenly presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Jim Picuch

Dr. Jim Picuch was the guest speaker at the June meeting of the Piedmont Chapter. Dr. Picuch is Assistant Professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. He is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and he earned a Ph. D in history at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia (2005). He is the author of three books about the American Revolution and the battles fought in the south. His latest book, "The Blood Be Upon Your Head": Tarleton and the Myth of Buford's Massacre, is slated for publication in 2010.

Dr. Picuch gave a very interesting presentation entitled: Uncovering the Truth Behind the Waxhaws Massacre. The battle at Waxhaws District in South Carolina has always been controversial, since after breaking Colonel Buford's Continental line Tarleton's men slaughtered many of the Virginians who surrendered, hacking them down with their sabres.

Some sources, such as Buford's Adjutant Henry Bowyer and Surgeon's Mate Robert Brownfield, claim that Buford belatedly raised a white flag but was ignored by Tarleton. In Tarleton's own account, he alludes to a massacre stating that his horse had been shot from under him during the initial charge and his men, thinking him dead, engaged in "a vindictive asperity not easily restrained."

Upcoming Events

Saturday July 17 2010
Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting

Speaker

Alan Davies who lived through the London bombings in WWII

Saturday August 21, 2010
Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Meeting

Speaker

To be announced



Colonel William Washington



William Washington was one of a small, loyal cadre of key field officers who served with distinction in the Continental Army for duration of the War of the American Revolution. His independent operations and battle-field actions as a cavalry commander in the South were comparable to the exploits of his better-known fellow officers. Unlike William Davie, Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, Francis Marion, Daniel Morgan and Thomas "Gamecock" Sumter -- and their famous British adversary, Banastre Tarleton -- an extensive, published biography has not been written about William Washington.

Maj. General Nathanael Greene referred to "Light Horse Harry" Lee as his "eye," but he called Colonel Washington his "arm." Washington was a gallant battlefield commander who personally led his men, and he was wounded on at least two occasions (possibly four). His battlefield dash and personal bravery were balanced by modesty and selflessness, and the mercurial aspects of his military career offer a view of the difficulties in maintaining the cavalry. His story is thus an all the more believable, fascinating example of the war's soldier-cavalrymen.

William Washington was born on February 28, 1752. He and George Washington were second cousins, once removed. He was elected a captain of the 3rd Virginia Regiment in 1775. He fought at Harlem Heights. He was one of the few Patriot wounded at the Battle of Trenton on December 26, 1776. In January 1777, he was promoted to major in the newly formed 4th Continental Light Dragoons. In late 1778, Congress promoted him to lieutenant colonel of the 3rd Dragoons and told him to take full command of the regiment. In late 1779 the rebuilt 3rd was ordered to South Carolina.

William Washington and Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton frequently faced each other in cavalry skirmishes and full-fledged battles. William encountered Tarleton near Sandy Hill on March 27, 1780, Monck's Corner on April 14th and Lenuid's Ferry on May 6th. Washington then retreated to North Carolina until October. On December 4th, he skirmished at Rugeley's Farm. Later that month, he defeated Tories at Hammond Stores. Washington then fought at Cowpens on January 17, 1781, Guilford Courthouse on March 15, 1781, Hobkirk's Hill on April 25, 1781 and was captured at Eutaw Springs on September 8, 1781.

He married Jane Elliott on April 21, 1782. The couple had two children. He was an active member of the South Carolina General Assembly for 17 years. He hosted President George Washington in 1791. He died on March 6, 1810.

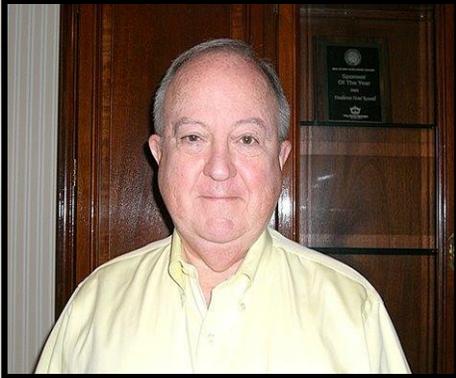
William Washington's military career reflected the glory and the desperation of the War of the American Revolution. He was one of a vital core of young officers who often accomplished much with very little resources. His cavalry was essential to Greene's successful campaign to drive the British from the Carolinas. That Washington embodied the spirit of resistance until the end is certain, and it was the very spirit that was required to defeat the British in North America. British military historian Sir John Fortesque observed: "It is true that Tarleton and, still more conspicuously, the American Colonel Washington had occasionally wrought great results by the charge of a mere handful of sabres."

Source: patriotresource.com

From



Allen Finley
Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O Lord, as we celebrate the independence of this great country which is the United States of America, we should be mindful as to what that means for some of us. For some, it is just a national holiday where they can have fun under the sun, enjoy it with their family, have a picnic and watch fireworks; and they are correct.

For some, it is just another day trying to get by where they can find food and shelter for them and/or their family; and they are correct.

For some, it is another long and hot day on patrol as they are out looking for those who are stated enemies of, and are trying to destroy, this country; and they are correct.

234 years ago, only 2 of these were correct. It was not a national holiday, but people were trying to survive and those who were on patrol were volunteers –just like today.

If it were not for our current volunteers doing what many of them are doing for more than their first tour, what many of our brothers and sisters, our fathers and grandfathers have done (either thru the draft or volunteering), we would not be able to enjoy this national holiday in 2010.

O Lord, You allowed and gave our forefathers the wisdom and the foresight and were instrumental in allowing this unique opportunity to occur. Since there has never been this type of circumstance before in the history of the world, we are grateful.

Without Your guidance, we the current members of the Sons of the American Revolution would not be able to continue Your work in this experiment of having a republic of free men. We are grateful for this opportunity. Give us the wisdom and the foresight to continue this work and to help others see the external and internal threats that are at work trying to destroy this blessing that You have bestowed upon us.

May You bless us, and all those who want to have the same legal opportunities that our Constitution, and our Bill of Rights, have allowed this great country to endure. Help us to be ever mindful that in our busy schedules and personal struggles, to never forget that we are here to serve You.

God bless.

Welcome new member Shep Hammack



Shep was born and raised in Edison, Georgia, which is located in Southwest Georgia. He graduated from Ga. Tech with a degree in Industrial Engineering, went to work for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Athens, Georgia and is married to his high school sweetheart, Montez Drinkwater. Together they raised two beautiful daughters, Linda Robitscher and Christy Payne, both of whom currently live in Atlanta, Ga. He holds a Professional Engineering License from the State of Georgia. Shep moved later to North Carolina to accept the General Manager position for Premier Circuit Assembly. He is retired and his hobbies, besides enjoying his three grandchildren (Walker, Emily and Morgan), are: coin collecting, genealogy and attending any and all Ga. Tech sporting events. His patriot is William Duggan (1744-1800) who served with General Washington at Valley Forge.

Shown above: l-r Vice President Allen Greenly, new member Shep Hammack, Montez Hammack, Past President and Treasury Bob Shaw.

President Carl Bhamé presided over the flag retirement ceremony which was held June 12, 2010 at the Northside Chapel Crematory, on Crabapple Road in Roswell, Georgia. The Piedmont Color Guard assisted by Roswell area Boy Scouts, conducted a very respectful and important affair which was well attended by local residents and business leaders. Shown below are photos of the event including a Musket Salute fired by Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott.





Roswell, Georgia Memorial Day Celebration May, 2010

There was a good turn out for Roswell Remembers-The Memorial Day celebration held in Roswell, Georgia on May 31, 2010. This was the thirteenth annual event and it was sponsored by The City of Roswell and the Roswell Rotary Club. Senator Johnny Isakson, Congressman Tom Price and Mayor Jere Wood were in attendance. There was a Wreath Laying Ceremony to honor those who sacrificed their lives in service to our nation. The Piedmont Chapter was well represented by the Color Guard and other Compatriots. Below: U.S. Congressman and Piedmont Compatriot Tom Price was presented with our new Piedmont Chapter SAR shirt by Past President Bob Sapp. Shown from l-r are Junior Member Eric Danielsson, Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott, Past President George Thurmond, Congressman Tom Price, and Past President Bob Sapp.



The Georgia society Color Guard provided the colors for the brief service which started the flag installation on Scout Day at Marietta National Cemetery where 1,600 scouts placed more than 18,000 flags on Veterans graves in about 30 minutes.





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dents' house (Washington and Adams) on its site, next to the Liberty Bell on 6th Street, is being rebuilt after archeological work was finished there. All places were busy this time of year. It is always good to see young families and children at these historic places. Our heritage is so dependent on that kind of tutelage and care.

James Madison's Montpelier home restoration was a nice balance of the newer DuPont horse racetracks, which were saved for their continued use even now each year, and the removal of all other changes the DuPonts made to the house and its vicinity, bringing the classical estate house back to its original design. And did you know that Dolly Madison's favorite ice cream flavor was (of all things) oyster? We did NOT try it.

Another new visitor center at Monticello, only one year old, houses a new museum of Jefferson's artifacts and work. It seems there always is a new aspect of Jefferson's life I find interestingly presented by a docent, or displayed in the museum or in the well managed rooms of the mansion.

Mt Vernon is not to be outdone by other places, with its very new (largely) underground visitor center and the latest in IMAX and video presentations, capturing the imagination of all with multisensory venues. It's easily an all-day place to visit, and the hot June weather made us glad for the indoors and A/C. The Ladies of Mt Vernon continue to gather original pieces from the estates of descendants to add to their wonderful museum.

While Linda and I also looked for dead ancestors in Philly and Richmond, we were not too surprised that we found no new links. The highlights noted above are the real meat of this excursion into history. I hope you can enjoy our trip vicariously at least, or get to some of these new centers soon.

In the above photo on the left, Mrs. Linda Bhame stands beside the Liberty Bell at the Liberty Bell Center in Philadelphia. The photo on the right shows the log huts at Valley Forge.

PIEDMONT COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE

10 Jul – BOM, Forsyth, GA, 1000 hrs:
Paul Prescott

17 Jul – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott

17 Jul – GOP BBQ, Roswell Area Park, Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott

31 Jul – Traveling Trunk at Roswell Library 1030-1200 Hrs: Paul Prescott

7 Aug – Old Soldiers Day, Alpharetta, GA: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp

13 Aug – INS: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

15 Aug – Battle of Musgrove's Mill, Clinton, SC, 1100 hrs:

21 Aug – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp

4 Sep – Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutawville, SC, 1030 hrs:

18 Sep – Chapter Meeting: Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott

18 Sep – DAR Constitution Week

Luncheon : Paul Prescott

19 Sep – Gen. Andrew Pickens Birthday, Clemson, SC, 1430 hrs:

24-25 Sep – Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp

2 Oct – BOM, Forsyth, GA, 1000 hrs:
Paul Prescott

7 Oct – Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC, 1100 hrs: Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp

9 Oct – Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott

10 Oct – National Rose Show Banquet, Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs St. , Marietta , GA 30064, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

16 Oct – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond

16 Oct – Veteran's Muster, Newnan, GA, 0900 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

19 Oct – Yorktown Days, Yorktown, VA, 0930 hrs: George Thurmond

22 Oct – Military Officers Association of America Opening Banquet, Athens, GA, 1930 hrs: George Thurmond, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson



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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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