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OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT
OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE*

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Carl Bham

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Changing of the Guard

Our new year is upon us. The slate of chapter officers prepared by Alan Greenly is strong and ready for approval and induction at upcoming meetings of the chapter. Of course the Annual Meeting in February is the outstanding meeting event of our chapter's year. Our own Bob Sapp will lead the officers' swearing-in ceremony as he will then be the new GASSAR state President. In that role he will continue to be a busy man with new duties. That has an implication for those who must take on the many and varied duties Bob has handled for Piedmont chapter in the past. Yet I believe our leadership is ready, and our congratulations to Bob for the recognition he receives at the state level.

You will receive an invitation to the chapter's annual dinner meeting in the US mail. It will again be at the Holiday Inn where we regularly meet in Roswell. If you have recommendations for those who should be recognized for awards this past year, please communicate now with either Bob Shaw or Jim McIntire who comprise the awards committee for the chapter.

The GASSAR Annual Meeting will be held nearby on February 4th and 5th as announced in a recent email distribution to Piedmont members. Late registrations will still be accepted after January 8th. To support Bob Sapp's rise to the GASSAR presidency, and to be part of our strong state SAR organization, plan to be there. Awards and swearing-in activities will be Friday evening and the GASSAR BOM meeting is Saturday morning. As last year, the meeting is at the Marriot in Duluth.

It has been an honor to serve as your chapter president this past year. I have appreciated the support of many long-time, widely

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Piedmont Chapter programs for November and December 2010



Above, President Carl Bhame on the right presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Joseph Kitchens, Executive Director Funk Heritage Center of Reinhardt College.

President Carl Bhame introduced the guest speaker, who gave a presentation entitled "Creek Women in Two Worlds".

Dr. Kitchens gave an overview of the various Native American tribes who inhabited the southeastern United States around the time the European settlers arrived in the area. The Muscogee, also known as the Creeks, are a Native American people traditionally from the southeastern United States. They were descendants of the Mississippian culture, who built earthwork mounds at their regional chiefdoms located throughout the southeast. The Creek people lived in permanent settlements with smaller outlying villages that were associated with the larger town. The Cherokees, who inhabited parts of the Carolinas, fought with the Creek and forced them out of North Georgia in the eighteenth century. The Creeks retreated south of the Chattahoochee and they were subsequently forced into Alabama. The Cherokee were farmers and adopted European customs. They were also a maternalistic culture and the Europeans never fully understood this. The women owned most of the property and managed the household. The men focused on hunting and defending the village.

Above, Vice President Allen Greenly presents the Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation to Liz Coursen who was the speaker at the December Meeting.

The Piedmont Chapter was privileged to hear an informative presentation by Author Elizabeth Coursen who grew up in Brunswick, Maine. During her senior year at Brunswick High School, she attended Bowdoin College as a special student and became a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. She graduated from Emory University in Atlanta with a B.A. in English literature.

Her latest book titled The Complete Biography Workbook is a guide for those who are interested in writing their biography. This work was inspired by her realization that no one had captured the life story of her paternal grandmother. Liz Coursen has turned this experience into a service that helps people who are interested in publishing their biography or autobiography. She began collecting postcards following her college graduation, starting with view cards of Brunswick. Following a move from Atlanta to Sarasota, Florida, in 1999, she launched AmericanPostcardArt.com, an Internet-based business that enlarges vintage postcards and republishes them as art prints.

Upcoming Events

Saturday January 15, 2011

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

Speaker

Mr. James Walters will speak about the Georgia National Cemetery located near Canton, Georgia

Saturday February 19, 2011

Annual Chapter Dinner Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

6 pm

Induction of Chapter Officers for 2011

Speaker

To be announced.



A very Special Christmas Gift for our Newest Member LeRoy Bassett Jr.



LeRoy Bassett Jr. became a member of the Piedmont Chapter as a surprise Christmas gift from his son and grandson who are current members of the chapter. The three generations of the Bassett family joined the SAR as descendants of Patriot Richard William Bassett who served as a Dragoon in Lee's Legion. Their applications were the first in their line to claim Richard William Bassett as a Patriot Ancestor.

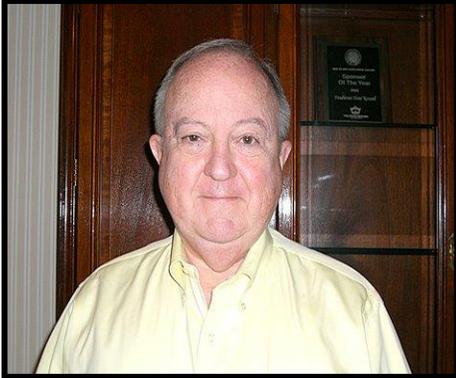
LeRoy has been married to his high school sweetheart, Frankie Helms Bassett, for over 50 years. They have two children: Tim Bassett of Cumming, Ga. and Tamera Bassett Lane of Birmingham, Al. He is also the proud grandfather of four grandchildren: Ryan and Ashley Bassett, and Hunter and Heath Payant.

After serving in the United States Air Force, LeRoy attended the Horn School of Drafting and Design, Jefferson State College, and University of Alabama in Birmingham where he studied Electrical Engineering. After college, he worked for the Southern Company Nuclear Division until he retired in 2004 after 36 years of service. They currently reside in Birmingham, Alabama, where they are enjoying an active retirement.

In the photo above on the left, Piedmont President Carl Bham looks on as Past President Bob Sapp, in uniform presents the SAR Membership Certificate to LeRoy Bassett Jr. Other members of the Bassett family are from l-r: LeRoy's grandson, Ryan Bassett, son, Tim Bassett and wife, Frankie Bassett.



From
Allen Finley
 Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



2011: What will our New Year's Resolution be?

For my first column of 2011, I'm taking the opportunity to review the resolutions I suggested for us as SAR members last year. Do they still apply?

Honor God. There are many forces at work that would remove the word God from almost everything. Our forefathers had the wisdom to keep church and state separate, but they had the intelligence to make sure that God was included. We open and close every meeting with a prayer. We recite the "Pledge to the S.A.R." which ends when we say—"solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

In 2011, we must work harder to counteract those who want to remove GOD from everything in our country.

Hold fast to the principles of our ancestors and the founding fathers of this country. To use our God-given talents to defend the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men—just as we recite in the

recessional as we close our meetings.

Still true in 2011

Make sure that everyone understands the difference between the words opportunity and entitlement. Our forefathers were perceptive enough to realize that each person had rights. However, it took our countrymen a while to include everyone. But our ancestral grandparents took those rights and made an opportunity for each of us today. There were no such things as entitlements. We all have the opportunity with our God given abilities, to do our best and apply ourselves to achieve. But we have no rights to be entitled to anything. Remember: it is better to give than to receive.

Still true in 2011. Some would say there is hope that our Congress might better understand this, based upon the election in November of 2010

Invite at least one potential new member to attend a Piedmont Chapter Meeting. If each of our 100+ members brings just one potential new member and if we are only 50% effective, our Chapter will be even more vibrant and active than it presently is.

Still true. I have been talking to several people but have not been able to bring in my one new member. I plan to do better in 2011.

Count your blessings. This season should bring thanksgiving and joy to our hearts. As you read this article, you are not among the 3 billion who cannot read. If you are reading this in your house, you are blessed,

Grave Markings for Paul Moss and Aubrey Morris Announced

George Thurmond, Chairman of the Piedmont Chapter Graves Committee announced the dates for marking the graves of Paul Moss and Aubrey Morris as noted below.

26 Feb – Compatriot Paul Moss Grave Marking, Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA, at 11am

26 Mar – Compatriot Aubrey Morris Grave Marking, Green Lawn Cemetery, Roswell GA, at 11am



since more than 70% of the world does not have a warm house in which to live. If you have money in the bank you are fortunate; 92% of people in the world do not have money in the bank. If you are still married to the person you first married, that is very rare. And if there are people in your life who care about you, you are truly blessed. Why? Because you have friends who enrich your life.

We must reach out to our members who have lost loved ones this past year, have had medical problems or have had economic issues. Our light is to be put on a hill not hidden.

DO THEY STILL APPLY? Remember, "If it's to be it's up to me." May God bless you and your family in 2011!



Piedmont Members Present Flag Certificate to City of Roswell, Area Parks Department

Presentation of a Flag Certificate to the City of Roswell Parks Department took place at 38 Hill Street, Roswell, Georgia on December 30, 2010. As shown in the photos below, the flag is displayed on an island in the middle of a lake. Shown below from left to right are Past President Bob Sapp, presenting the flag certificate to Scott Laarso, Supervisor, Roswell Parks, Registrar, Tom Chrisman and Past President, George Thurmond.





In the photo below, Past President Bob Shaw presents a (belated) Certificate of Appreciation to Com-patriot Russ Deutschman in recognition of Russ's contribution to the success of the National Congress which was held in Atlanta in July of 2009.



**230th Anniversary of the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals
Elizabethton, TN - September 18, 2010**

Sycamore Shoals is the latest Revolutionary War Site to be added to the Roster of Events sponsored by the National Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee of the NSSAR. Befitting such a significant event, the Patriotic Organizations met for a second year in a row to honor the Overmountain Men who made the long trek from Fort Watauga in Eastern Tennessee (then North Carolina) to Kings Mountain in South Carolina. It was noted that the attendance at this years event was larger than last year's. Perhaps it's because the guests came to see if the new home-built saluting cannon would actually work - and it did, as evidenced by the photo below. See page photo of Sycamore Shoals Historic Marker at the bottom of page 7. (Description and photos courtesy of Bob Yankle, NCSSAR)





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experienced members who know the ropes and have helped me “over the hump” several times. When needing help with a challenge they were there. As they have served I also will continue to serve, in varied ways in supporting roles, such as handling email distributions and the recording of Americanism committee data. We have both newer and older members accepting the major responsibilities for 2011, as officers and committee chairs. Our chapter is strong as it moves forward.

In the photo above, members of the Piedmont Color Guard join with the, Athens, Lyman Hall, Samuel Elbert, Casimir Pulaski, Marquis de Lafayette, Button Gwinnett and Ocmulgee Color Guards at the Vann’s Creek Annual Battle observance, held on December 4, 2010, at Richard Russell State Park.

2011 PIEDMONT COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE

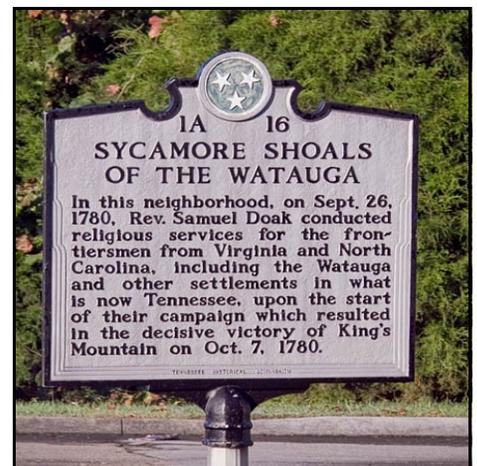
- 15 Jan – Wreath Presentation at Daniel Morgan Statue, Spartanburg, SC, 1400 hrs: George Thurmond
- 15 Jan – Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC, 1000 hrs: George Thurmond
- 15 Jan – Chapter Meeting
- 22 Jan – Battle of Burke Jail, Sponsored by the Burke County Genealogical Society, Waynesboro, GA:
- 30 Jan – Battle of Cowan’s Ford, Charlotte, NC, 1000 hrs:
- 4-5 Feb – Georgia Society Annual Meeting: George Thurmond
- 11 Feb – INS, Atlanta, GA: Paul Prescott, Robert Sapp
- 12 Feb – Kettle Creek, Washington, GA: Bob Galer, George Thurmond
- 13 Feb – Elijah Clarke Wreath Presentation, Lincolnton, GA: George Thurmond
- 14 Feb – Martha Stewart Bulloch Meeting, Traveling Trunk Program, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp
- 19 Feb – Chapter Meeting: George Thurmond
- 22 Feb – George Washington’s 279th Birthday Celebration, Gainesville, GA: George Thurmond
- 26 Feb – Memorial Service Honoring Medal of Honor Recipient Hilliard Wilbanks, Cornelia, GA (Tentative)
- 26 Feb – Battle of Brier Creek, Sylvania, GA

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference

February 4-5, 2011

Marriott Atlanta Gwinnett Place
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth,
Georgia 30096

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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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