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*Allen Greenly*

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## A Busy Time of Year

It has been a busy time for our chapter since our March newsletter, and I want to thank each of you who have participated in the Chapter Meetings and the other events sponsored through the Piedmont Chapter.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, we honored Compatriot Paul Moss at a grave marking at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia. I was honored to be the Master of Ceremonies for this special event. Our Color Guard was on hand and represented by Paul Prescott, Bob Sapp, George Thurmond and Jack Ferguson and led by State Color Guard Commander Ed Rigel, Sr. George Thurmond read the bio, John Mortison played the bag pipes and Bob Shaw played Taps. It was a very moving ceremony, and I was happy to see so many chapter members in attendance.

On March 5, many of us attended the Lt. William Coggin grave marking sponsored by the Rome chapter. Our Color Guard in attendance were Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp and Jack Ferguson. Again, the Piedmont chapter was well represented by chapter members.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp and Paul Prescott attended the Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. Paul Prescott was named Color Guardsman of the Year and will be honored at the SAR Annual Meeting in Winston-Salem, NC in July. Congratulations, Paul!

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we attended the grave marking of Lt. William Clinton sponsored by the Casimir Pulaski Chapter. Our Color Guard in attendance included Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp and Jack Ferguson. John Mortison played the bag pipes.

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, we honored Compatriot Aubrey Morris at a grave marking at Green Lawn Cemetery, Roswell, GA. I again was honored to be the Master of Ceremonies for this special event. Our Color Guard was led by Ed Rigel, Sr. and included Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Bob Sapp and Jack Ferguson. This was a well attended ceremony even though it was a cold and rainy day. We were very fortunate that Green Lawn moved the

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## Piedmont Chapter program for March and Welcome to New Member Michael Smith



The above photo taken at the March Chapter Meeting, shows Color Guard Commander and Vice President Paul Prescott presenting the Flag of 1812, commonly known as the Star Spangled Banner as Georgia Society SAR President Robert A. (Bob) Sapp explains the significance of the flag.

At the March Chapter Meeting, Vice President Paul Prescott gave the introduction of the speaker's topic: "Flags of the American Revolution". Georgia Society President Sapp explained the significance of the flags and banners as the Color Guard presented the individual flags. From the Cross of St. George in 1277, to the Kings' Colors on the British Union flag in 1607, to the combination of St. George Cross with the Cross of St. Andrews, flags and banners have been used to lead and inspire troops and explorers across battlefields and oceans. Eventually flags were elevated to represent a country and are themselves to be treated with great respect. The first United States flag of 1766 was presented in opposition to the stamp tax. Several other historic and meaningful flags followed, including the Grand Union, Navy Jack, Culpepper Flag, Gadsden Flag (Don't Tread on Me), Pine Tree Flag, Liberty Tree Flag, Ft. Moultrie, Billington, Betsy Ross (June 14, 1775), Hopkins Flag, the Star Spangled Banner, and ultimately the 27<sup>th</sup> flag of the United States, christened in 1960, representing all fifty States. Bob Sapp and the Color Guard gave a fascinating talk and presentation.



Above, Chapter Registrar Tom Chrisman on the right presents a Membership Certificate to Michael Smith at the Piedmont Chapter Meeting in March as Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Davis provides assistance.

## Upcoming Events



July 8-13, 2011  
NSSAR 121st Annual Congress  
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Saturday June 25, 2011  
Chapter Meeting  
Roswell Area Park  
Woodstock Road Roswell, GA  
1 PM  
Chapter Family Picnic and  
Catered Barbecue  
\$10 per person

Saturday July 16, 2011  
Chapter Meeting  
Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia  
8:00 am Breakfast  
8:30 am Meeting  
Speaker  
Terry Manning  
Indian Wars from 1600 to the Revolution





Shown below are photos taken at the Patriots' Day Proclamation presentation held recently at a meeting of the Cobb County Commission. Commissioner Helen Goreham sponsored the proclamation and each of the Cobb County Commissioners signed the document proclaiming April 19, 2011 as Patriots' Day. From l-r Past President George Thurmond, Wayne Brown, Vice President of the Captain John Collins Chapter, Commissioner Goreham, President of Georgia Society SAR Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson and Larry Guzy, former President of the Piedmont Chapter, founder and Past President of the Captain John Collins Chapter, Past State President and Past Vice President General of the South Atlantic District. The second photo l-r shows Compatriots Thurmond and Brown with Commissioner Goreham.



Shown below is a photo taken at the Patriots' Day Proclamation presentation held recently at a meeting of the Milton City Council proclaiming April 19, 2011 as Patriots' Day. From L. to R.: Joe Longoria, Alan Tart, Karen Thurman, Mayor Joe Lockwood, Bill Lusk, Piedmont President Allen Greenly, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Jack Ferguson, President of Georgia Society SAR Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson, Burt Hewitt and Julie Bailey.



Photo courtesy of Mr. Jonathan Copsey of the Milton Herald



## My Patriot

Submitted by Allen Greenly

My patriot ancestor is John McCabe who was born on 5/13/1727 in Worchester County, Maryland. His father, John McCabe came over from Ireland in the early 1700's with three of his brothers. Each of the four settled in a different place in the colonies. John made his home in the same vicinity as his father. He married Mary Hudson (3/27/28 – 6/9/1797) on 3/15/1752 when each was 24 years old. Between 1752 and 1767 they had four sons: Arthur, John, Obediah and Matthew, and one daughter, Hearche. I am a descendant of Arthur McCabe and am a 7<sup>th</sup> generation from John McCabe.

John McCabe was one of the early revolutionaries. He joined the Delaware regiment of the Continental Army early in 1776 at the age of 50, as a Private, and received excellent training under Captain Enoch Anderson under the command of Colonel John Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Company of the Delaware Regiment of foot soldiers and enlisted again on 1/5/1778 under Colonel Hall.

The Delaware regiment was created by Congress in December 1775 and Colonel John Haslet assembled it in January 1776. The Delaware Regiment, which was actually a battalion, was organized by recruiting from the lower three counties of Pennsylvania. These counties are known today as Delaware. The Delaware regiment was noted as having the best uniforms and equipment. A deep blue coat trimmed in red with brass buttons for officers and pewter for enlisted, and belt buckles cast with "DB" for Delaware Battalion. Trousers of buckskin flared for the boot with leggings were custom fit for each soldier. The headgear was just as dashing. High peaked front caps with the Delaware crest were made of leather. In some instances tri-corners of the leather and wool were worn. The uniform was patterned after one of the elite British "Foot" units. The uniform would later become standard for the Continental Army.

The Regiment was assigned to the Middle Department (commanded by General George Washington from June 15, 1775 to December 23, 1783) to protect the mid-Atlantic region of the 13 colonies. Eight companies were formed to defend this region. Six of these were stationed in Dover, Delaware while the remaining two were sent to Lewes. Unfortunately there were problems obtaining enough weapons for the men. Even at full strength, many in Dover had no weapons. If attacked they were ordered to pick up a fallen man's musket and powder. Fortunately, many would have arms by the time of conflict. One particular battle proved that the Delaware could hold their own in the face of overwhelming odds.

John was assigned and stayed with General Washington until October 1777. He fought at White Plains, New York on 10/28/1776. On 9/11/1777, the Delaware Regiment fought in the battle of the Brandywine in Pennsylvania. The day-long battle resulted in an American defeat. In October 1777, he was reassigned to the newly formed Delaware First Regiment under Captain John Patton. Some of the famous battles they engaged in shortly thereafter included the battle at German Town on 10/4/1777 where a large percentage of the Delaware First were wounded. John was spared this hardship only to find himself at Valley Forge again with General Washington and the Continental Army. The records show each month from December 1777 to May 1778, he picked up his pay of \$6.60 with no subsistence. John continued fighting in the rest of the following months with the Delaware First Regiment which was now part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Brigade. On 7/22/1778 the Delaware First Regiment was relieved from the 1<sup>st</sup> Maryland Brigade and assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Brigade.

From 5/22/1781 to 6/20/1781 he was at the siege of 96 in South Carolina where he was wounded in the ankle. (There is some dispute on this wound as other documents have him receiving the ankle wound at the battle of Cooch's Bridge in Delaware on 9/3/1777 and not recovering.) Written on the back of the monthly return of the Delaware Battalion commanded by Captain William McKennan serving in the Southern Army in 1782, John was named on a list of Privates. A note on page 135 states that this was probably the detachment recruited by Captain McKennan and Lt. C.P. Bennett in 1780-1781 to reinforce the Delaware Regiment. John may, therefore, have taken part at the siege of Yorktown where Cornwallis surrendered on 10/19/1781. According to McKennan's letter from Ashley River, the battalion was later taken to the south. He was on the 3/7/1783 muster roll of the 1<sup>st</sup> Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of Colonel Williams Regiment serving in the southern army. On 3/1/1784 he received pay for 8/1/1780 thru 1/1/1782 and for 1/1/1783 thru 11/3/1783, thereby serving 2 months after the 9/3/1783 Treaty of Peace was signed in Paris.





**The photo below shows President Allen Greenly and members of the Piedmont Color Guard presenting a Flag Certificate to Principal Greg Moser at Fellowship Christian School in Roswell. Shown from l-r: Piedmont Vice President and Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott, Piedmont President Allen Greenly, Past President George Thurmond, Principal Greg Moser, Jack Ferguson, Gerald Breed, and Georgia Society SAR President Robert A. (Bob) Sapp.**



**In the photos below Piedmont Color Guardsman and Chairman of the Speakers Bureau Jack Ferguson addresses the fourth grade students of Mrs. Suzi Harrison at Fellowship Christian School in Roswell. Jack spoke about the causes of the American Revolution, and he used a replica of the Declaration of Independence as an illustration. This presentation by Jack represented his 1,228 appearance as a representative of the Piedmont Chapter.**

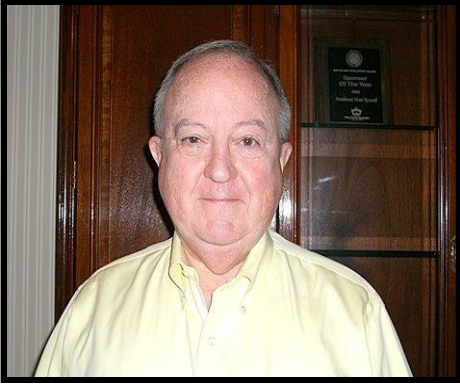




From



## Allen Finley Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



### Dealing with the Unknown

We are fast approaching the end of the journey we started a while back, reflecting on the challenges our ancestors must have faced when they came to this land. Using the alphabet as a guide, we started with the letter A, and we talked about the abilities that God gave each of us and how we as SAR members can apply these abilities.

We have come to the letter X. As I pondered words which begin with the letter X none seemed to apply. What came to mind was mathematics. X has always stood for the “unknown” in mathematics. So let us explore the “unknown”. There must have been a lot of unknowns for our American ancestors: the unknown of what they would be facing as they left their homes in the old country; the unknown of how they would support their families and where they were going to live; the unknown of who they would encounter upon arrival; and the unknown about the weather and environment.

In spite of all these unknowns, they were a determined group of people who faced these hardships and survived. Not only did they survive, they used the gifts which God gave them to solve their problems and to help

each other in times of need. They relied on their faith, their family and their friends to help them overcome hardships. The way people have responded to the tragic aftermath of the recent floods and tornadoes in which families have lost their homes and, in some cases, lost their loved ones demonstrates that many retain that ability today. I wonder to whom our ancestors turned when weather caused similar problems for them. Their faith and self reliance enabled them to pray to God for strength, to grieve their losses, and to help one another. They did not expect government to provide in this way. Do not get me wrong, our government should keep us safe and provide security as called for in our Constitution. I admire the faith and self reliant nature of the people who settled this country and hope and pray that these qualities will continue to be part of our nation’s fabric. I honestly believe that God will meet our needs, and He often uses family and friends to carry this out.

Sadly, bad things do happen to good people. As members of the SAR, we have the responsibility to help our communities understand the principles upon which the United States of America was founded: where liberty and justice are provided to a nation of free men and women. Let us never forget that we are “one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all” and let us recommit to helping our neighbors in time of need. As I conclude this article, I’m reminded of the old hymn:

*O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.*

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, The Psalms of David.*

### Grave Marking for Piedmont Charter Member Aubrey Morris

George Thurmond, Chairman of the Piedmont Chapter Graves Committee and the Piedmont Color Guard marked the grave of Aubrey Morris on March 26, 2011 with the Morris family in attendance. The photo below shows Piedmont Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott presenting Mrs. Tera Morris with a flag flown over the United States Capitol on September 11, 2010. This flag was presented to honor Aubrey Morris as a charter member of the Piedmont Chapter. Past President Bob Shaw is shown presenting a certificate attesting to the flag being flown for this special occasion as the Piedmont Color Guard and family members look on. The second photo shows the grave marker for Aubrey’s grave site.







## Piedmont Chapter Members Participate in the Grave Marking for Captain William Clinton

A grave marking was held on March 19, 2011 in Villa Rica, Georgia for Captain William Clinton who served in the American Revolution from South Carolina. After the war, he migrated to Georgia where he lived to be 93. The service was conducted by the Casimir Pulaski Chapter who prepared a beautiful program and displayed a number of historic flags in the cemetery, providing a very colorful backdrop for the ceremony. Color Guardsmen Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, John Mortison and George Thurmond participated along with chapter members from four other state chapters and a number of DAR chapters. The color guard was under the command of dual member Ed Rigel, Sr. State President Bob Sapp brought greetings from the Georgia Society SAR. Below are photos of this important event which included a hymn played on the bagpipes by Piedmont Piper John Mortison.







**A grave marking for Lt. William Coggin was conducted on Marh 5, 2011 in Gordon County Georgia by the Rome Chapter, assisted by Cherokee and Piedmont Chapters.**

**Lt. Coggin lived until 1862, dying at the age of 107. He may have been the last of the Revolutionary War Veterans to live in Georgia. The program was led by Ed Walraven, Vice President of the Rome Chapter. Participating from Piedmont was President Allen Greenly and five members of the Piedmont Color Guard (Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Ed Rigel, Sr. and George Thurmond). Georgia Society President Bob Sapp gave the dedication statement. This was the 48th Patriot grave marked or co-sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter in addition to the marking of fifteen member graves. Shown below are photos of this important event which included the playing of Taps on the bugle by Piedmont Vice President Paul Prescott.**



#### **Upcoming Events:**

The Piedmont Chapter will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory on June 11, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The Crematory is located at 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA.

The Piedmont Chapter picnic will be held on June 25, 2011 with the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the DAR, at Shelter No 1 at the Roswell Area Park on Woodstock Road starting at 1:00 PM. This event will be in lieu of our regular meeting. The shelter will be available to us from 1:00 PM until the end of the day. The Rib Ranch in Marietta will cater the picnic.





In the photo above, Cadet Howard Grant from the North Springs High School Army JROTC receives the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal for his record of achievement and service. Pictured are (L to R) Major Powers, the lead JROTC instructor at North Springs, Barry Herrin, Piedmont Chapter ROTC Committee Chairman, and Cadet Grant. The award was presented on April 21 at North Springs High School.

### *HELP WANTED:*

*Responsible compatriot who would like to take on the job of grave marking. The working conditions, benefits and pay are great. Extensive travel to exotic places is reward enough. Applicant must possess strong patriotic ties to those who fought for our freedom during the American Revolution. Send resume to George Thurmond at [scotlad@bellsouth.net](mailto:scotlad@bellsouth.net) or call 770-475-1463 for additional information.*

*I would also like someone to step up and take on the duties of Publicity Chairman. It's easy and can be done in a few minutes monthly from your computer. Over 40 examples of media releases are available as a guide in preparing media releases. Now is your opportunity to get more involved in the Sons of the American Revolution.*

*George Thurmond*

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ceremony inside out of the weather.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Color Guard attended the grave marking of Patriot Irwin in Tennille, GA which was sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Color Guard attended Revolutionary War Days, Ninety Six National Historic Site in Ninety Six, SC. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of attending the INS ceremony in Atlanta, GA with our Color Guard. If you haven't attended an INS ceremony, I urge you to do so.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Board of Managers meeting, and on April 16<sup>th</sup> our Color Guard attended the Patriots Day Ceremony at St. Simons Island, GA. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, a State Flag Certificate was presented to Paul Prescott, by George Thurmond, Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson and Mike Tomme.

Our Chapter also participated in three Patriots Day Proclamation events: Cobb County Commission on April 12<sup>th</sup>, Milton City Council on April 18<sup>th</sup> and the Cumming City Council on April 19<sup>th</sup>. We also participated in the Milton City Council Peace Officers Memorial Proclamation on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Milton City Hall.

Our JROTC Chairman Barry Herrin and outgoing Chairman Carl Tanner have also been busy attending and presenting medals at several high school JROTC events. I had the honor of attending the Lassiter High School event and the pleasure of presenting the JROTC medal to a fine young man on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Carl Bham also attended a JROTC ceremony on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jack Ferguson, Paul Prescott and I attended the Science Fair with the Traveling Trunk at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Alpharetta, GA on April 30<sup>th</sup>. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Bob Sapp, George Thurmond and Jack Ferguson attended the Webb Bridge Middle School History Day and gave five presentations. At the end of the event, they presented the Principal with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

As we observe Memorial Day on May 30<sup>th</sup>, let's stop and remember all of the soldiers and sailors that have served and fought for our country.



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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.

### **DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION:**

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