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## THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

September 17, 2012 marks the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. This means that the Constitution was signed in 1787, a long time after the Declaration of Independence, the battle at Lexington, and the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown. What happened?

The next step after declaring our independence from British rule was to lay the foundation for a new government. It took the Continental Congress the next five years, until 1781, to approve the Articles of Confederation. This document was sorely lacking in establishing a governing foundation. The Articles of Confederation did not provide for an Executive branch to administer Congressional laws; did not have a means to provide for the military; did not have a Judicial branch to rule on national laws and settle claims between the states; and did not have a system to provide fair trade with foreign governments. The one-state one-vote system regardless of population was a system that provided for neither a democracy nor a republic.

In 1787, James Madison, a scholar who had studied various forms of government and assailed their strengths and weaknesses, proposed a new plan of government that provided for the three branches of government we know today: the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. The States' representation in the two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives, took three and a half months to sort out and reach agreement. It was basically a large state versus a small state issue. The nine states in attendance signed the new Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787. The states then had to ratify the Constitution. It was not until May 29, 1790 that the last state, Rhode Island, signed the document.

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## Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New Members

Jared Ogden, II was born and raised in Roswell, Georgia, and graduated in 2004 from the United States Naval Academy with a B.S. in Political Science. He trained as a SEAL and served four world wide deployments. Among his numerous awards are the Bronze Star with "V" for Valor and The Joint Commendation Medal.

After nearly eight years of active duty service as a commissioned officer, he transitioned to the private sector where he is a Program Manager at Procinctu Group, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) that serves the government and private sector clients including EOD, Naval Special Warfare, and Law Enforcement Agency's SWAT units, and select commercial entities. He is also a Managing Director of both The Southern States Business Coalition which focuses on holding conferences and confexes within the Southern States and at Kudos LP, a company that provides courses and seminars teaching real world skills to help people meet their full potential.

In his spare time, Jared is the CEO of Phoenix Patriot Foundation, an 501(c)3 organization he founded, whose mission revolves around creating opportunities for combat wounded veterans, from all branches of military service, and assisting them to return to a life of service - typically through job training and placement. He is the son of Piedmont Compatriot Jared Ogden, and their Patriot Ancestor is Daniel Ogden. In the photo above Jared Ogden, Sr. pins the SAR rosette on his son Jared Ogden II as Past State President Bob Sapp looks on.



Other new members inducted in July were:

Preston Poore, Thomas Abbott Smith and Thomas Hunter Smith. *Editor's note:* Biographical information was not available in time for publication. This information will be provided once it is available.

### New Member Lee Warren Welcomed at August Meeting



Eugene "Lee" Warren, born in Dothan, Alabama, 1946, is a descendant of revolutionary war veterans on both his mothers and fathers line. And as do most southerners, he descends from War Between the States veterans and home defenders on both sides as well. He is a member of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta. Lee graduated from the University of Alabama in 1969. He served overseas in the US Army as a combat company commander, on the DMZ in Korea, an as an artillery communications officer instructor at Ft. Sill, OK.

Lee retired from IBM Corporation after 32 years. He was a Golden Circle IBM sales executive for years in Nashville and Birmingham. During this career he served as Marketing Manager in Mobile Alabama, and later as Internet Product Solution Manager at IBM Headquarters in Atlanta. Lee now owns and manages an internet services company, IRCUSA.

He married the lovely Alma Joanna O'Rear, also a revolutionary war soldier descendant; and they share four highly successful children with ten perfect grandchildren. They are active in local politics and represented East Cobb county as delegates to the Georgia State Republican Convention in 2012. He is active in several local election campaigns.

President Prescott, with the assistance of Compatriots Bob Sapp and Tom Chrisman inducted Lee Warren along with three members of his family. Charles Hendry was also inducted. Biographical information will be provided once it is available.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday September 15, 2012

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell,  
Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

**Speaker Mr. Doug Dahlgren**

**Can Fiction Stir a Rebirth in Interest of the Principles  
and Standards of our Founding Fathers?**

Saturday October 20, 2012

Chapter Meeting

Holiday Inn 909 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell,  
Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

**Speaker**

**To be announced**



## Piedmont Chapter Meeting Highlights

### Piedmont Chapter Meeting for July 2012

The Piedmont Chapter was privileged to have State Senator John Albers representing District 56 as the guest speaker for the July Chapter meeting. Senator Albers gave an update on the recent session of the Georgia Legislature. His topics ranged from redistricting necessitated by Georgia's growth in population and, therefore, the creation of an additional Congressional Seat. He stated that this was the first time that the Federal Department of Justice approved Georgia's redistricting map upon its first submission.

Senator Albers recapped the fiscal responsibility shown this session by going to zero based budgeting. He also discussed topics relating to education reform, technology, welfare strengthening by requiring drug testing, criminal justice reform, tax reform and the upcoming transportation bill.

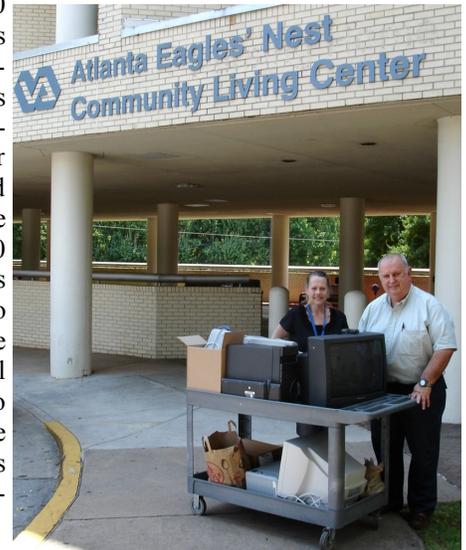


Shown above L-R: State Senator John Albers receiving a Speaker's Certificate of Appreciation from Piedmont Vice-President Walt Woliver.



### Piedmont Chapter Earns STARK Award Points With Its Donations to Veterans

Piedmont Chapter has earned over 1,800 STARK Award points by making various donations to the Atlanta Department of Veterans Affairs. Since donations for veterans were first requested in March, Chapter members have shown they have the spirit of their forefathers by caring for those who served our country. Through their generosity there have been 98 books, 119 magazines, 40 pairs of socks, 285 personal care items (soap, tooth paste, shampoo, etc.) donated to the Voluntary Services Department of the Atlanta VA Medical Center (VAMC). All such donations are used by the VAMC to better provide for hospital and nursing home patients, and homeless veterans. There is very little funding by the Federal Government for such items.



Veterans Committee member Bill Kabel recently delivered to VA Voluntary Service representatives two complete computer systems and a television that had been donated by fellow compatriots. Bill states that such "big ticket" items add greatly to the Chapter's STARK Award points since points are based on 30% of an item's original cost. Compatriot Kabel, who is retired from the VA, was recently selected to represent the GASSAR on the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Committee. He also serves on the Veterans Advisory Board. Bill and his wife Carolyn are shown in the photo above.

### Mr. Sheffield Hale, President and CEO of the Atlanta History Center was the guest speaker at the August Chapter Meeting.

Mr. Hale, pictured below, gave a very interesting presentation on the Atlanta History center and the center's plans. He commented on the Research Center at the Museum which is a repository of records for the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. One of the priorities of the center is to be able to connect with community by connecting people with history. He referred to the number of Civil War artifacts under one roof for the public to review and enjoy. He discussed some of the various aspects of the history center such as, Botany, Margaret Mitchell items, and Sports memorabilia. Another priority is the collection of history and its preservation and use to connect with the community since history is an essential part of our society. He is working to insure that the center becomes more open and accessible to visitors as a part of community outreach.

### Compatriot Maddox Receives Award

State President Ed Rigel Sr. presented a certificate to member Jerry Maddox for his contribution to the capital campaign to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

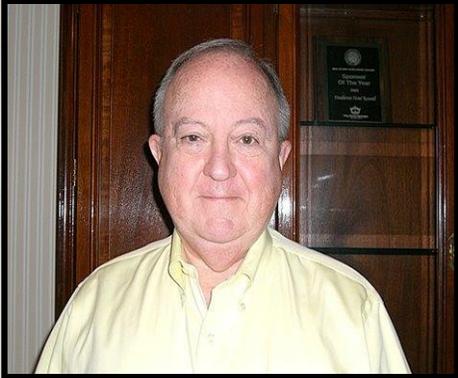




From



# Allen Finley Piedmont Chapter Chaplain



## IN GOD WE TRUST

The FIRST AMENDMENT of the United States Constitution reads:

*“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”*

There are two clauses that guarantee freedom of religion: The ‘establishment’ clause and the ‘free exercise’ clause. The Supreme Court requires the government to provide justification for the **interference** with this right where it attempts to regulate the ‘content’ of the speech. In the summer of 2012, we have allowed representatives of some city governments to ignore the rights that our forefathers carefully put into our Bill of Rights?

Our Judeo-Christian values are being attacked by our governmental officials and by the press. Case in point is the attack by the mayors of several U.S. cities on the company whose CEO said “...., but thank the Lord, we live in a country where we can share our values and operate on biblical principles”. The Mayors of Bos-

ton, Washington, DC, San Francisco, and, the Mayor of Chicago where values are reflected in their reputation as the murder city have attacked a company whose corporate mission statement reads: “To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A”

These mayors stated the following: “there is no place for this company along Boston’s freedom trail”; “bigotry”; their “values are not Chicago values”; and they do not share our commitment to equality for everyone...” All of this was said in response to Dan Cathy’s comment about his faith and beliefs. Why the attack on this company when many other companies have faith based values: Interstate Battery, Tyson Foods, Marriott International, Hobby Lobby, and even Alaska Airlines. Is this a planned and strategic movement?

Theologian G.K. Chesterton wrote: “When people stop believing in God, they don’t believe in nothing—they believe in anything”. Is that what some of our leaders are trying to accomplish?

Our national motto is not “E Pluribus Unum” as our President once stated, but is “IN GOD WE TRUST”. As SAR members, we must never forget John Adams timeless words: “It is religion and morality alone, which can establish the Principles upon which Freedom can securely stand”. Are we in danger of losing those Freedoms?

## Fallen Warrior Honored

Three members of the Piedmont Chapter recently attended the funeral of Navy SEAL Pat Feeks at Arlington National Cemetery. Pat Feeks was killed on 16 August 2012 in Afghanistan. Compatriot Jared Ogden II was a close personal friend and SEAL team mate of the deceased. Ogden also served as honorary pallbearer. The two other Piedmont compatriots in attendance were Jared Ogden, Sr., and wife Judy, and their son JC Ogden. At the funeral home they were met by Compatriot Barry McKeon representing the Maryland Society of the SAR. Compatriot McKeon provided the Ogden family with helpful information about the Edgewater, Maryland area as well as articles about the funeral from the local newspapers.



The accompanying photos show the casket leaving the Memorial Chapel at Fort Myers in route to burial at Arlington Cemetery and the casket just prior to interment. Compatriot Ogden is on the far left facing the casket offering a final salute to his friend Pat.





### Piedmont Chapter Recognizes Cooper Davis at Johns Creek City Council Meeting



At a recent Johns Creek City Council meeting, the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded eight-year old Cooper Davis with a medal and certificate commemorating his heroism in rescuing another child from drowning. Cooper, who was age 7 at the time of the rescue, was vacationing with his family in California and had been swimming laps in the hotel pool, when he saw a boy face down at the bottom of the swimming pool.

Cooper immediately swam to the bottom of the pool, grabbed the unconscious boy under his shoulder and swam him to the surface one-handed. Upon reaching the surface, Cooper realized the boy's mouth was still underwater, so he was able to flip him over in the water, and then swam him to the side of the pool. Cooper was trying to push the boy, who was also age 7, up and out of the pool, when another child shouting for help caught the attention of Jeff Davis, Cooper's father. Jeff pulled the boy out of the pool, and after determining that he was not breathing, Jeff and another bystander performed CPR and were able to revive him.

Cooper was given a medal for courage by one of the police officers who was at the scene (see photo above). The California police also contacted local Georgia authorities to tell about the boy's bravery, which has prompted national media attention and the award ceremony by the City of Johns Creek, in which the Piedmont Chapter participated.

Cooper turned eight on the 4th of July, two days after the incident. His birthday wish was that the other boy would be OK, and according to the hotel staff, Cooper got his wish. After a two-day hospital stay, the boy made a full recovery.



In the photo from left to right Council Members Brad Rafensperger, Randall Johnson, Mayor Michael Bodker ( kneeling) then Cooper Davis and Fire Chief Jeff Hogan, Council Members Kelly Stewart, Bev Miller, and Ivan Figueroa along with Piedmont Color Guard Members Allen Greenly, Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, and George Thurmond.

### Piedmont Chapter Member George Thurmond presents Mary Lou Pittman, Chief of Voluntary Service, Atlanta VA Medical Center with WWI Memorabilia

On Wednesday, August 22, 2012, members of the Piedmont SAR Chapter George Thurmond, Bill Kabel and George's son Tom Thurmond went to the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Decatur, Georgia, to present the Veteran's Affairs Voluntary Service Section a World War I "Doughboy" jacket worn by Clarence Eugene Lindsay of Berrien County,



Georgia, while deployed in France during WWI. Clarence was Marty Thurmond's uncle and the jacket, along with Clarence's dog tag and Victory Medal were presented to the VA to be placed in a glass case which can be viewed as people come through the Hospital entrance. Several letters written by Clarence Lindsey, including one posted just after he returned to the United States, as well as his induction paperwork, were also presented.

The Doughboy jacket bore the "Rainbow Division" patch (unit patches being a rarity for WWI uniforms) which signified that the division was made up of a rainbow of National Guard Units from all over the United States. The jacket has the original buttons and Clarence's PFC and Overseas Stripes on the sleeve. The Jacket and memorabilia is to be part of a collection of items from several eras of U.S. Military history. Clarence Lindsey was born on January 1, 1897, and died of a heart attack on June 5, 1955. He never married and had no children.



### Members of the Atlanta and Piedmont Chapters honor Revolutionary War Patriot



Patriot William Suttles was honored at a Patriot grave marking service held at the Utoy Cemetery near Fort McPherson Georgia. Participating in the service was the award winning Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard who were dressed in period uniforms. The Color Guard included Ed Rigel, Sr., Commander and State President, State Vice President James Stallings, Atlanta Chapter President Terry Manning, Piedmont Chapter President Paul Prescott, State Past President Bob Sapp, Jack Ferguson and George Thurmond. Special guests included descendants Joe Suttles, Terry White and additional family members. Paul Prescott, Piedmont Chapter President, served as Master of Ceremonies. Bagpipes were played by Piedmont member John Mortison.

A Commendation was issued by Governor Nathan Deal and a Proclamation was issued by the Atlanta City Council proclaiming September 8, 2012 as Patriot William Suttles Day. These were presented to Suttles descendants Joe Suttles and Terry White who gave the biography of his ancestor.



Revolutionary War patriot William Suttles, was born about January 1738 in Virginia, and died in DeKalb County (later Fulton), Georgia, on 23 January 1839, at the approximate age of 101 years. Mr. Suttles was a "Daniel Boone" like figure, and a soldier of the French and Indian Wars, where he was captured by Indians at Braddock's infamous retreat from Ft. Duquesne (now Pittsburg, Pa.). A reliable family tradition, reported by the late Col. William Emmett Reese's excellent history on the Settle/Suttle family, says that at Braddock's Retreat, Suttles was captured by the Indians, but being a gunsmith, he began to repair the Indians' hunting rifles, and thereby won their trust. Eventually, they allowed him to go out and hunt alone, and on one

such occasion, he made his escape and made his way back home to Virginia on foot. There is also another reliable story, reported in the 1850s by the Rev. George White, that William Suttles had once rescued a small girl who had been taken hostage by a band of Indians. This supposedly happened in Elbert County, Georgia, before the family moved to this area. Suttles led a group of Franklin County, Georgia families to the area that is now Fulton County, Georgia, in 1822. This was one of the very first--if not the very first--group of pioneer families to settle in the area that is now Atlanta. At his death in 1839, Suttles was estimated to have over 400 living descendants. Today, his descendants probably number in the tens of thousands, and are scattered from coast to coast. One branch of his descendants still resides on a portion of the ancestral lands in Fulton County, Georgia. The Master of Ceremonies concluded with "We are assembled today to honor this family man, farmer and patriot. May we never forget his service to our country and his family." Wreaths were presented by several organizations, including the Suttles family descendants. Following the playing of Amazing Grace by Bagpiper John Mortison, the colors were retired. Atlanta Chaplain Harold Brooks began the service with an inspiring invocation and Piedmont Chaplain Al Finley closed with a solemn benediction. Photos courtesy of Ms. Lisa Tobin VIS Chairman Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the NSDAR.





## Piedmont Chapter Color Guard at Old Soldiers Day Parade in Alpharetta



### Piedmont Chapter Color Guard Schedule

- 16 Sep – Elijah Clarke Chapter NSDAR Constitution Day Commemoration, Athens, GA, 1530 hrs:
- 16 Sep – Constitution Day Commemoration, Marietta Square, Joint with John Collins Chapter, 1200 hrs: Prescott, Thurmond, Ferguson
- 18 Sep – Wreath Presentation, NSDAR, Augusta, GA: Thurmond, Prescott
- 22 Sep – GASDAR Constitution Week Luncheon, Ansley Country Club, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, George Thurmond
- 28-29 Sep – Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY: Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly
- 5-7 Oct – Point Pleasant Battle Days, Point Pleasant, WV
- 6 Oct – Peace Monument, Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA 1400 hrs:
- 7 Oct – Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC, 1000 hrs: Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly
- 9 Oct – Battle of Savannah, Savannah, GA, 0700 hrs: Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly
- 9 Oct – Ceremony at Pulaski Monument, Savannah, GA: Jack Ferguson, Bob Sapp, Paul Prescott, George Thurmond, Allen Greenly
- 12 Oct – INS, Atlanta, GA, 1100 hrs: Paul Prescott, Allen Greenly, Jack Ferguson
- 12 Oct – Celebrate Patriot/Governor John Clark, 1812 & DAR Sponsors, Marietta National Cemetery, Roswell, GA: Thurmond, Ferguson
- 13 Oct – Patriot Ledford Grave Marking, Sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mtns. Chapter, Hayesville, NC, : Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson, Thurmond
- 13 Oct – Mule Days, Calloway Plantation, Washington, GA, all day:
- 15 Oct – Applling Sword presentation, GA Capitol, Atlanta, GA, 1000 hrs: Paul Prescott
- 19 Oct – MOAA, Lake Lanier Resort, Dinner: Paul Prescott, Jack Ferguson

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May we all remember the struggles that produced the Constitution of the United States and wish it a happy 225th anniversary.

In recognition of the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, the Piedmont Chapter is presenting schools and city halls with beautifully framed copies of the Constitution.

### Registrar Notes through August 2012:

Piedmont Chapter Registrar, Tom Chrisman reported that membership for the Piedmont Chapter grew in August to 105. In June and July, we added a net of 10 new members. Since then, 2 additional applications have been approved, so our membership will be reported as 107 in September. In addition, currently, 1 new application and 5 supplemental applications are under review at State or National; and, 9 new applications and 6 supplemental applications are under review at the chapter level. So, by the end of the calendar year, Registrar Chrisman expects we will reach 115 members in our chapter, which will make the Piedmont Chapter one of the largest in the Georgia Society. Hopefully, as we go through our renewal period in the fall, we will maintain this level as we move into 2013.

### 1776 The Musical September 14 - October 7, 2012

Dorsey Studios Theater, Atlanta Georgia

Features: America's Prize Winning Musical in Concert., Music and Lyrics by Sherman Edwards, Original Production directed by Peter Hunt. Originally produced on the Broadway Stage by Stuart Ostrow. Contact Past President Carl Bhamme for more information or go to [www.1776themusicalatlanta.com](http://www.1776themusicalatlanta.com)

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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.

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

The deadline for material for the next issue is November 1, 2012. In addition to the material, please include a copy of any photos to be included. Please direct all inquires or suggestions regarding the Piedmont Piper to the editor at the following address: 3344 Thomashire Court Marietta, Georgia 30066 Phone: 770-579.1869 [jcbreed77@hotmail.com](mailto:jcbreed77@hotmail.com)

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