



Piedmont Chapter  
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

# The Piedmont Piper

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## Message from the Chapter President

This is the time of the year when we gather to commemorate long standing celebrations in our society; Christmas, Hanukkah, New Years, just to name a few. As members of the premier historical based organization in the United States, we memorialize specific historic events that occurred in the formation of our nation. Battles of Concord/Lexington, Bunker Hill, Saratoga and Yorktown come to mind. But, during this special time of year,

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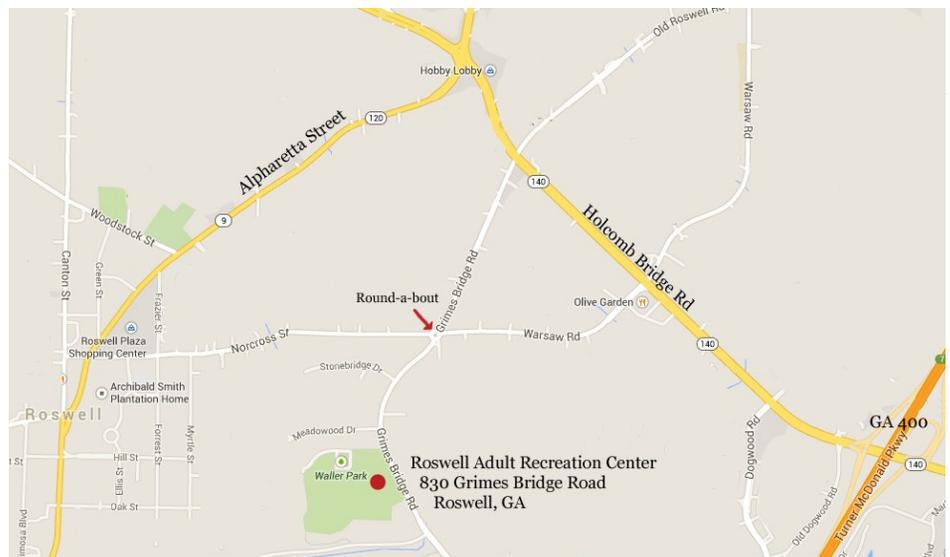
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## Change in Piedmont Chapter Meeting Venue Effective January 17, 2015



### **NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!**

**We are changing our chapter meeting venue.**

**The January 2015**

**Meeting and our Annual Banquet will be at the new location.**

The location for the Piedmont Chapter monthly meetings has changed. We are moving from the Holiday Inn on Holcomb Bridge Road to the Roswell Adult Learning Center at 830 Grimes Bridge Road, Roswell. The January meeting will be at the new location. We're confident this facility not only will provide us an outstanding venue for our meetings, but also give us greater flexibility in meeting the needs and desires of our members. Here are the directions to the Roswell Adult Learning Center:

From GA 400 go west on Holcomb Bridge Road to Warsaw Road. Turn left onto Warsaw Rd. at the Olive Garden restaurant and go to the traffic round-a-bout, which is 1/2 mile. Go 3/4 of the way around the round-a-bout to Grimes Bridge Road. The Roswell Adult Learning Center (830 Grimes Bridge Road) is 2/5 mile down Grimes Bridge Road, on the right. The new location is just 1 mile from the Holiday Inn.



### Message From the Chapter President Bill Lusk



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the Battle of Trenton stands out. For it was on that Christmas night of December 25, 1776, that General

George Washington led his army of 2,400 men across the Delaware River in freezing stormy weather, then marched them nine miles to Trenton and overtook a garrison of 1,500 crack Hessian troops. That battle served as a turning point to re-energize his rabble in arms and encourage others to enlist in that pursuit for liberty.

We should recognize our great fortune to have had the leadership of Washington and other notable Patriots in that period. It is only fitting that we give thanks to our forefathers who have answered the call to serve our great nation.

With fewer than one percent of our current population in our armed services, our freedoms are often taken for granted. Unfortunately, we will always be faced with battles. Let us continue to preach our principles in patriotism as we embark on a New Year. Let us pray for the return of the type of leadership that Washington provided us.

Happy New Year.  
Stay the Course,  
Bill

### November Chapter Meeting Highlights



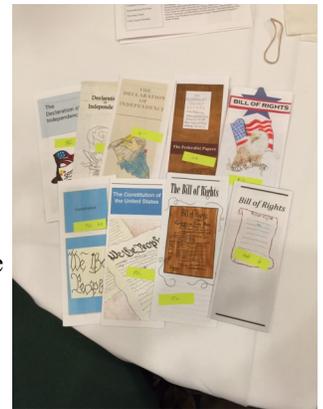
Vice President Bill Kabel introduced Mr. Tom Grace, Associate Director of the Atlanta VA Hospital. Mr. Grace provided an interesting talk about the current work and plans at the VA Hospital and other facilities. His comments centered on the volume of medical assistance provided through this institution to wounded veterans as well as the performance of the support medical staff in the discharge of their responsibilities. He reflected upon the current controversy surrounding the Veterans Administration. The different services available to those in need was highlighted and in this arena, further services are being developed and expanded to support veterans. Examples are: Improved customer service to insure that veterans receive medical care and support in a more timely basis; women's clinics to provide specialized services to female veterans; increased attention to the needs of homeless vets; expanded regional type facilities to bring services closer to the population. Mr. Grace was presented a speaker's certificate.

Veteran's Committee Chairman Bill Kabel recognized Compatriot Tom Owens and presented him with the War Service Medical and certificate. A certificate of Patriotism was presented to Compatriot Jared Ogden. The printed program and agenda for this meeting contained a listing of all members who served in the armed forces and each name was read by Chairman Kabel. In addition, Mr. Vondell Brown and Mr. Ric O'Brian were presented with a Wounded Warrior Certificate and coin.



### Sergeant Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

During 2013-2014, the NSSAR Americanism Committee introduced a new program designed for Middle School students since all other schools had existing programs available in which to compete. The original thought was for the theme to coincide with where the annual congress was to be held. This did not work out well as these locations had nothing to do with the curriculum being taught. Following the first year, the theme was revisited by the committee which changed the theme to "The Foundational Documents of the United States". This proved to be a winner as these topics are taught in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade each year and will be the annual theme.



This year the Piedmont Chapter has been very successful with 88 entries from two schools, 86 being from Fellowship Christian. The winning brochures will be on display at our annual meeting for all to view. As the judges will tell you, this year the judging was extremely difficult as there were considerable knowledge and skill displayed from the brochures submitted. All entries provided significant insight in the document selected. It makes you proud of our youth and what can be accomplished by making this program available to schools in our area.

Cash awards are presented in the classroom to the winners as listed below. Last year we had a national 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner who earned \$350 for his effort. The national 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning brochures are on display at Headquarters in Louisville.

George Thurmond  
Chairman  
Piedmont Chapter Middle School Brochure Contest



## December Chapter Meeting Highlights

Our December chapter meeting featured Mr. Bruce Maney as the guest speaker. He is the Vice President of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, GASSAR Region Vice President, Genealogist and State Historian. He was introduced by Piedmont Chapter Vice President Bill Kabel. His presentation was titled: "Colonial Etymology - The Origin of Words and Sayings"

Piedmont Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Reese later wrote, "Bruce entertained our chapter members with the etymology of many words and expressions that we use in speech today. Some were familiar derivations, just as many were not quite so well known, and some were downright surprising. It was a very enjoyable talk."

Some of the interesting phrases he covered were:

- "Big wig" identified someone who purchased a large white powdered wig for special occasions.
- "Flip his wig" occurred as the wig fell off when the person bowed to greet someone.
- "Mind your own bees wax" rebuked a person who stared too long at someone's face who was wearing bees wax as a makeup.
- "The whole nine yards" was an entire bolt of cloth used to make a formal dress.
- "The whole hog" was an expensive item, purchased with a British shilling called a "hog".
- "Lock, stock & barrel" were parts of the "Brown Bess" colonial rifle.
- "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" referred to the tearing of pages from a hymnal to provide the fighters with paper to make cartridges.
- "Read the riot act" referred to British soldiers reminding patriots that they had violated the "riot act" when they remained in a group.
- "Mind your P's & Q's" refers to Pints & Quarts at a tavern.
- "Tinkers damn" refers to a tinker who repaired kitchen copper pots. He would make a dam to patch a hole. If the repair didn't last, the colonist would complain, "...not worth a tinkers damn".
- "Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar" came from dividing up/cutting a Spanish silver dollar. The pieces would be melted down for bartering.



Did you know:

- Inn keepers would keep money in a cash box with a trap, and people stealing from the box would get their hand caught in the box. They were "caught red handed".
- Ink quills and ink jars provided about four letters at a time, but the ink would not dry right away. A left handed person would smear the ink with their arm, so Colonist were taught to write "right handed" so they didn't smear the ink.
- A woman who went into public without wearing her stays was referred to as "a loose woman".
- Pewter is a combination of tin and lead. The colonist who made a meal with tomatoes didn't know that the acidic tomato sauce combined with the pewter was poisonous. They thought tomatoes were poison.
- The colonists of Georgia were fighting two wars at once, hostile Indians and the British. Some remained behind when others went to fight. It was Benjamin Hawkins who said, "I will make the trip if the Lord's willing and the Creeks don't rise." This had nothing to do with water in a creek; it meant if the Creek Indians don't rise to fight.

## Upcoming Events

Chapter meeting Saturday January 17, 2015

830 Grimes Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Meeting

**Guest Speaker will be Mr. Chris Cooper of the Roswell Fire Department. His topic will be "Stroke Awareness and Reaction."**

Chapter Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Meeting

Saturday February 28, 2015

830 Grimes Bridge Road Roswell, Georgia

6 pm Social Hour

7 pm Dinner

**Guest Speaker will be Ms. Donna Rowe**



### Wreaths Across America

On Monday, December 8, 2014, Piedmont Color Guard Commander Bill Kabel, Color Guardsmen George Thurmond, and Shep Hammack represented the Piedmont Chapter at a ceremony honoring the military veterans at the Georgia War Veterans Memorial located at the GA state capitol in downtown Atlanta. The ceremony was well attended. During the event a wreath was placed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial statue to honor those Georgians who died or are still MIA in Southeast Asia. Our color guard members were very prominent during the ceremony. Piedmont Chapter Vice President Bill Kabel read a proclamation from NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock honoring the Wreaths Across America event.



On Saturday, December 13, 2014, Allen Greenly (Robert Forsyth Chapter), Shep Hammack (Piedmont Chapter), and Wayne Brown (Captain John Collins Chapter) represented the SAR at the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Marietta National Cemetery. Montez Hammack, Marguerite Dyal, Sharon Sowders, and Sarah Meyer from the Martha Stewart Bulloch DAR were also in attendance. The event was organized by the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and was attended by veterans and active duty military personnel representing all branches of the military, as well as the American Legion motorcycle riders in full force. A record number of 6000 wreaths were donated to honor the more than 18,000 final resting places of veterans from all wars. During the event Robert Forsyth chapter President Allen Greenly read a proclamation from NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock honoring the Wreaths Across America event.



### Revolutionary War Patriots Priscilla Avery Breed and Thomas Bonner Honored



Piedmont Chapter President Bill Lusk presented Gerald Breed with two Supplemental Ancestor Certificates at the November 2015 Chapter Meeting in honor of his Patriot Ancestors Priscilla Breed and Thomas Bonner. Patriot Bonner served in the South Carolina Militia and Patriot Priscilla Breed provided beef to feed the militia in the Fairforest Community of South Carolina where her farm was located. The farm was about twenty miles south of Cowpens.

### Chapter Awarded Fort Morris Streamer

On November 22 Piedmont Color Guardsmen Paul Prescott and George Thurmond attended an event at the site of Fort Morris. The Continental Congress recognized the importance of that fort in protecting the seaport at Savannah from the British.

The steamer awarded to our chapter proclaims the words of defiance by Colonel John McIntosh "Come and take it", uttered when the British demanded that Fort Morris surrender on November 25, 1778.

In the photo, President Lusk presents a steamer for the Piedmont Chapter's attendance and support of the Fort Morris event to Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Reese for display on the Chapter's flag.



### Nominating Committee

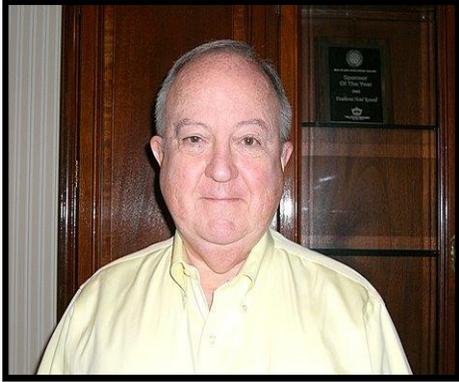
Vice President Kabel has presented the slate of officers for 2015 from the nominating committee. The officers nominated are: President, Bill Kabel; Vice President, Rick Reese; Secretary, Ross Glover; Treasurer, Shep Hammack; Registrar, Carl Bham; Chancellor, Eric Thorstenberg; Historian, Bob Walker; Chaplain, Bill Floyd; Sergeant-at-Arms, Tom Owens; and Gerald Breed, Editor Piedmont Piper.

### TAKE NOTICE!

**236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek  
This is to Proclaim to the Citizens of Georgia and to Other Colonies  
Revolutionary Days  
February 13, 14 and 15, 2015  
Washington, Georgia**



## Challenge, Opportunity and Involvement



As my tenure as the Chaplin for the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution comes to a close, there are three words that resonate for me, as I assume that they must have for my ancestral grandfather.

First: **Challenge:** In our challenging work of tracing our Finley family back to the 1400s in Ireland, we learned that my revolutionary ancestral grandfather was a Presbyterian minister who arrived here in the early 1720s. As I have reflected over what I have learned about the Rev. James Finley, there must have been several challenges that he dealt with- leaving Ireland, his survival in this new land, and his ministering to his extended flock.

Second: **Opportunity:** In that role of ministering to his flock, an opportunity must have come about to provide spiritual guidance to a group of men in the Philadelphia area that had some ideas about forming a new country. It is alleged that these men gathered in his home and wrote the first draft of what is now known as the Constitution for the country that we know as The United States of America.

Third: **Involvement:** While his signature was never seen, his involvement as a spy must have helped provide feedback to those circle of men as it is recorded in the archives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and noted for “Services Rendered” by George Washington.

The relevance of these three words plays out to this lay person who was asked to be involved in our Chapter to minister to the current needs of our members. The challenge that confronted me was the difficulty in writing these articles for the Piper. I am by profession, a numbers person, so for me to write an article was daunting and the most challenging thing that I have had to do since graduate school.

However, this challenge provided me an opportunity to grow and to get involved in this Chapter. As I step down from my role as Chaplin, there are many challenges for you as members of one of the most active chapters nationally. Your involvement hopefully will allow our chapter to continue to grow and take advantage of the many challenges that we are currently involved with, from our veterans outreach, to the speaker’s bureau, to the educational role we have within many schools, to the unknown areas awaiting for someone to develop and grow and extend our outreach.

It has been an honor to serve and it will be an honor to help encourage all of you to get involved and help us become even better. God Bless you and the United States of America. While my ancestral grandfather came from Ireland, I have no hyphen when I say that I am glad to be an AMERICAN.

## Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Meeting

The 2015 Piedmont Chapter Annual Banquet will be held Saturday evening, February 28. The location for this year’s banquet is the Roswell Adult Recreation Center, 830 Grimes Bridge Road, Roswell (which is just 1 mile from the Holiday Inn). Chapter leadership is enthusiastic about this venue change. They are confident everyone will enjoy an outstanding evening at this newly renovated facility. The banquet will be in the Center’s spacious Grand Ballroom. A Social Hour will begin at 6:00PM; Dinner will be at 7:00PM. The cost for the banquet will be \$40 per person (same as last year). However, as opposed to previous years, beer, wine and soft drinks are included in the price of the ticket. Magnolia Moments will cater the banquet. The menu will feature a salad of mixed greens with raspberries, raisins, candied walnuts, and gorgonzola with raspberry vinaigrette; a choice of two entrees – pork tenderloin with apricot glaze, or chicken marsala; accompaniments of roasted rosemary red potatoes and grilled garden vegetables; and a choice of Mississippi Mud Ice Cream Cake, or Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting for dessert. Ice tea and coffee will be provided. Our Guest Speaker will be Ms. Donna Rowe. She is an accomplished speaker who we’re sure you will find to be most entertaining as she relates a very touching story of her personal experiences.

All in all, this year’s banquet promises to be an evening that you will not want to miss – good food, free drinks, an outstanding speaker, a wonderful venue, and best of all –fellowship with your fellow compatriots and their guests.

## Honoring Compatriot Jack Ferguson

On Sunday, November 30, 2014, the Martha Stewart Bulloch Society Children of the American Revolution held their monthly meeting. Mr. Walker Chewning, Jr., Georgia C.A.R. President, and Mrs. Jo An Chewning, Senior State C.A.R. President were present and acknowledged the donations of rocking chairs for the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center.

On behalf of the Piedmont Chapter, Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Reese presented two rocking chairs that the chapter has donated for the C.A.R. state project. Since one of the dedicated rockers held special meaning for the Piedmont Chapter, Rick invited Jack Ferguson's family to the ceremony. Jack's family turned out in fine numbers to honor him.



Shown in the photo from left to right are: Back Row: Lulu Cauthorn (Jack's middle daughter), Jo An Chewning, Rick Reese holding Jack's naval uniform portrait painted by his sister, Walker Chewning Jr., Raymer Wilson (Jack's youngest daughter), Buz Etheredge (Jack's first cousin), Peg Etheredge (first cousin's wife). Front Row: Marijane Sanders (Lulu's daughter), Lou Ferguson (Jack's wife of 66 years), holding Garnett Sanders (Marijane's daughter and youngest family member), and Taylor Wilson (Raymer's daughter).

## Piedmont Color Guard Supports Scouting

Piedmont Color Guardsmen Shep Hammack and Paul Prescott made a flag protocol presentation to Boy Scout Cub Pack Troop 7153 on November 18, 2014. Scout Leader Ms. Catherine Jimenez sent the following note of appreciation:

"Thank you so much for coming to visit Cub Scout Pack 7153. The boys really enjoyed your visit and learned a lot about the flag. I think the parents learned a lot too! Here are some of the photos I took of your visit."





### Grave Marking for Patriot John Jones

On November 8, 2014, Piedmont Chapter members Paul Prescott, John Mortison, and Rick Reese participated in the grave marking for Revolutionary War Patriot, Private John Jones in Ripley, Georgia at the Jones Family Cemetery. This event was sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter GASSAR and it was well attended by members of other SAR and DAR chapters. Several descendants of Patriot Jones were also in attendance. A representative from each organization saluted the grave and the Georgia Society Militia Color Guard fired a musket salute in honor of Patriot Jones. Piedmont Chapter Piper John Mortison played the bagpipes. Mr. Brad Wimberly, a descendant provided the biographical account of Patriot Jones.



### Piedmont Chapter Color Guard

- 17 Jan. Piedmont Chapter Meeting, 0830
- 16 Jan. Patriot Daniel Morgan Ceremony, Spartanburg, S.C., 1430
- 16 Jan. Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, S.C., wreath laying, 1000
- 20 Jan. Bascomb Elementary School, 1335 Windgate Pkwy., Woodstock, Traveling Trunk 4th grade-3 sessions of 45 mins/per; 0900, Gail Eakin- Prescott, Kabel
- 23 Jan. Cheer Home School, Perimeter Church School, Duluth, 5th/6th grades, 0900; Prescott, Thurmond, Kabel
- 23-24 Jan. GASSAR Annual Conference, Duluth
- 2 Feb. Kelly Mill Elem. Sch., Cumming, Traveling Trunk, 0800, 200 students; Kabel
- 9 Feb. MSB DAR spring meeting, East Roswell Rec. Center 1000, Kabel, Hammack,
- 11 Feb. Roswell Ramblers, 1130; Kabel
- 14 Feb. Kettle Creek parade & skirmish
- 14 Feb. Kettle Creek Battlefield Memorial
- 15 Feb. Colonial Worship Service, Phillips Mill Church, 0900 hrs; Kabel
- 15 Feb. Heroes of the Hornets Nest – Elijah Clarke State Park, 1100, wreath layer: Kabel;
- 20 Feb. Cheer Home School, Perimeter Church School, Duluth, 2nd/3rd grades, 0900; Prescott, Thurmond, Kabel
- 20 Feb. INS, Atlanta, 1100; Kabel
- 28 Feb. Piedmont Annual Banquet, 1800 hours
- 6-7 Mar. Spring Leadership Conference, Louisville
- 11 Mar. Roswell Ramblers, 1130; Kabel
- 14 Mar. Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, N.C.
- 21 Mar. Piedmont Chapter Meeting, 0830



### The Piedmont Piper

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The Piedmont Chapter serves communities of the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia including Cobb, Cherokee and Northern Fulton County. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Roswell Adult Education Center 830 Grimes 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, Carl Bham** 770.394.1282 or any other chapter officer.

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

The deadline for material for the next issue is March 1, 2015. 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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