



The Piedmont Piper EXPRESS

2024 Highlights of the Piedmont Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Inspiring the next generation of patriots is at the heart of our mission. This year, we were proud to recognize outstanding students through the **Knight Essay, Poster, and Brochure Contests**, where young scholars explored the impact of the American Revolution. Our chapter also presented multiple Outstanding Citizenship Awards to deserving students and engaged local schools with interactive history presentations.

KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

On January 31, 2024, **Al Finley, Stacey McCarver**, presented certificates of achievement and check to Piedmont Chapter first-place winner, **Maddox Lewis**, essay Title: In God We Trust - America's Guiding Principal.



L-R in the photo: **Stacey McCarver, Joan Ergle**, History Teacher Fellowship Christian School; **Maddox Lewis, Al Finley**,

POSTER CONTEST

Stacey McCarver and Romey Baker

Our Chapter winner for the Poster contest is **Romy Baker** of East Side Elementary School. This being year ending in an even number means this years Theme is Revolutionary Events opposed to those ending in odd numbers which them includes Revolutionary person or persons.



BROCHURE CONTEST



(Front Row L-R) **Aubre Pendino, Emma Gibby, and Graham Keeter**. (Back Row L-R) **Tony Tacquard, Ron Redner, Stacey McCarver, Rick Reese, Jr.**

Compatriots **Stacey McCarver, Ron Redner, Rick Reese, Jr. and Rick Reese 3**, made presentations to this years 1st Place winner, **Emma H. Gibby** who also was recipient of Bronze Good Citizenship medal, 2nd Place winner **Aubrey K. Pendino**, and Third Place winner **Graham W. Keeter** at the morning assembly Fellowship Christian School on April 10th, 2024.

JROTC



Centennial High School in Roswell held their JROTC award ceremony on Wednesday April 17th. Compatriot **Rick Reese Jr. and Rick Reese. III** were on hand with several other community partners to present our JROTC Outstanding Cadet Award to **Kate Camarillo**.

EAGLE SCOUTS

The Piedmont Chapter takes great pride in honoring young leaders who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This year, 12 different members presented certificates to 19 Eagle Scouts in recognition of their dedication, leadership, and service. For example, on Sunday, October 13th, Compatriot **Craig Benton** presented **Jackson Burbrink** with a Certificate of Achievement at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Jackson is now eligible to compete for the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship, which encourages further exploration of American history and patriotism. We look forward to continuing this tradition and supporting future Eagle Scouts in their journey.



TRAVELING TRUNK



Bringing history to life, the Piedmont Chapter's interactive education programs continue to engage students with hands-on learning experiences. On October 25, 2024, at East Side Elementary School, Compatriot **Rick Reese Jr.** presented the **Traveling Trunk** program, allowing students to explore artifacts, clothing, and tools from the Revolutionary War era. This immersive program gives young learners a tangible connection to America's founding history, sparking curiosity and appreciation for the sacrifices of

VETERANS ACTIVITIES

This year, the Piedmont Chapter actively supported veterans through service projects and recognition events. On November 11, Compatriots **Rick Reese III, Ron Redner, and Craig**



Benton proudly represented our chapter in the Color Guard at the **Roswell, GA Veterans Day Program**, paying tribute to those who served. Continuing our commitment, on December 10, 2024, Compatriots **Ron Redner and Ed Klaas** joined in presenting the 5th Annual Joe Zimmerman veterans fundraiser check for **\$5,000** to the VA in support of **Women Veterans**, demonstrating



our dedication to those who have sacrificed for our country.

COMMUNITY

The Piedmont Chapter remains dedicated to serving our community through historical commemorations, civic engagement, and patriotic events. This year, we proudly participated in **Roswell Remembers**, one of the largest Memorial Day commemorations in Georgia, honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Our chapter also continued its longstanding relationship with the **Roswell Ramblers**, presenting the colors at their monthly meetings and celebrating the contributions of a dear friend of the chapter. Throughout the year, our chapter collected **1,095 worn American flags** from the community, culminating in a **flag retirement ceremony** where they were respectfully retired in accordance with tradition. We also presented the colors at the **INS Naturalization Ceremony**, welcoming new citizens, including our longtime friend Lucy on her final day with the organization.



Beyond local events, our Color Guard proudly represented the chapter at state and national commemorations, including the **Battle of Kettle Creek** and the **Frederica Naval Battle**, keeping the spirit of our patriot ancestors alive through these meaningful tributes.



AMERICA 250 LIBERTY TREE PROJECT



As we approach America's 250th anniversary, the Piedmont Chapter is proud to play a leading role in the **Liberty Tree Project**, a national initiative honoring the ideals of freedom and independence. **Compatriot Ron Redner**, a member of our chapter, serves as the **National Chairman for the America 250 Liberty Tree Project**. To date, we have planted **121 Liberty Trees** across **19 states**, each serving as a living tribute to the sacrifices made for our nation's independence. **Pictured left** is the Liberty Tree dedicated at **Bulloch Hall in Roswell, GA, on February 17, 2025**. For the latest updates, visit www.piedmontchapter.org.

Welcome Our Newest Compatriots & Celebrating Our Achievements! The Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to welcome three new members in 2024: **Dallas Johnson, John Stunda, and Andrew Benton**. Their dedication to preserving and honoring our nation's history strengthens our chapter, and we look forward to their involvement.

This year's annual meeting was especially rewarding as our chapter was honored with multiple distinctions, including the **Americanism Chapter of Excellence, Distinguished Chapter Award, Membership Award, Veterans Award, and recognition for Best Chapter Newsletter and Website**. These achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of our members, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.



IN MEMORIUM



Chase Winston Redner – 20 February 2024



Fred Jack Ridgeway, Jr. – 07 September 2024



Glenn Franklin Kirk – 02 October 2024



Steven Francis Bass – 22 October 2024