

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT



As we head into the fall, it is incredible to look back at how quickly this year has flown by. Our SAR **Piedmont Chapter** has had an outstanding time participating in events celebrating the **250th Anniversary of the United States**, and we have some fantastic activities lined up to close out this milestone year.

Most notably, our chapter will be decorating historic **Bulloch Hall in Roswell, Georgia** for the entire holiday season (November and December) using a **250th American Revolution** theme!

If you want to be a part of this once-in-a-generation celebration, now is the time to get involved. We have a packed calendar and truly need your help and participation. You can find a complete list of upcoming opportunities right here in this issue of the *Piedmont Piper Express*.

Once you've had a chance to read through the *Piper Express*, please give me a call to let me know which events you'd like to join. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone!

Thanks,
Ron

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Join the SAR Piedmont Chapter at Bulloch Hall this Holiday Season!



The Piedmont Chapter has been invited this Christmas Season to decorate the historic living room at **Bulloch Hall** in Roswell, Georgia—the childhood home of Mittie Bulloch, mother of our 26th U.S. President, Theodore Roosevelt.

In honor of the **U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary)**, our display brings Revolutionary War history to life. Visitors will be greeted by a prominent portrait of George Washington over the fireplace, flanked by Revolutionary War uniform displays provided by the families of compatriots Paul Prescott and Rick Reese Jr.

The walls will feature historic American colonial flags, including the Betsy Ross and the "Don't Tread on Me" Gadsden flag. In the corner, a beautiful Christmas tree will showcase custom-donated 250th anniversary wooden U.S. ornaments.

We will also feature an antique information table with details on how to join the Piedmont Chapter. The exhibit will be open to the public for over a month and is expected to welcome thousands of visitors. We encourage all compatriots, friends, and family to visit this spectacular display, which offers a fantastic opportunity to educate the public about our heritage and the American Revolution.

FEATURE

Meet Bob Sapp



(L-R) Al Finley, Bob Sapp

Robert A. "Bob" Sapp, a **World War II veteran**, is one of the Piedmont Chapter's most accomplished and dedicated compatriots. Since joining on February 21, 1995, he has devoted more than three decades to honoring our Revolutionary War ancestors and helping others discover their connection to America's founding.

Bob served as Chapter President from 2004 to 2006 and as Registrar from 2007 to 2010. He also served the Georgia Society as President, State Genealogist, and State Registrar. His genealogical guidance and recruitment efforts have helped many prospective members document their patriot ancestry and join the SAR. An active Color Guardsman and knowledgeable historical speaker, Bob has contributed to numerous chapter committees and programs. In 2018, he received the **Minuteman Award**, the National Society's highest honor for distinguished and exceptional service. His other major recognitions include the National Liberty Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters and the National Meritorious Service Medal.

Beyond these accomplishments, Bob's guidance and friendship have enriched our chapter family. We are proud to honor his lifetime of service to our country and the SAR.

Bob is now staying at **Regal Pointe East Cobb**, located at **886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, Georgia 30068**.

Compatriots and friends are encouraged to stop by and visit. A little time together is a meaningful way to show our appreciation for his years of service and friendship. **He would love to see you!**



PIEDMONT CHAPTER

COLOR GUARD & PATRIOTIC EVENTS

Six Upcoming Events • October–December 2026

OCT 14 WEDNESDAY	Roswell Ramblers Color Guard	OCT 18 SUNDAY	New Horizons Pops Band Concert Roswell City Hall Lawn 5:30–7:00 p.m. • Color Guard
NOV 9–11 MONDAY–WEDNESDAY	Decorating Bulloch Hall America 250-themed Christmas Display	NOV 11 WEDNESDAY	Veterans Day Parade Little River Elementary School Woodstock, GA • 7:15 a.m.
NOV 18 WEDNESDAY	Roswell Ramblers Color Guard • ESTIMATED DATE	DEC 9 WEDNESDAY	Roswell Ramblers Color Guard



★ As of October 13, 2026 • Based on the chapter calendar ★

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Senator John Albers to Speak at October 17 Chapter Meeting



The Piedmont Chapter is pleased to welcome **Georgia State Senator John Albers** as our featured speaker on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**, for a

program on **“The Star-Spangled Banner.”**

Senator Albers has served in the Georgia State Senate since 2011, representing District 56, which includes portions of Cherokee, Cobb, and Fulton counties. A fourth-generation fire-fighter, he also serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

The program will offer an opportunity to reflect on our national anthem and the American flag as enduring symbols of patriotism, sacrifice, and service. These themes hold special meaning for SAR members as we honor the patriots who secured our independence and preserve their legacy for future generations.

Please join us for fellowship and this special program as we welcome Senator Albers to the Piedmont Chapter.

Craig Benton Presents Washington's Navy and Revolutionary Privateering



The Piedmont Chapter welcomed **Craig Benton** as our featured speaker at the **September 19 meeting**.

His engaging and informative presentation explored **Washington's Navy and privateering during the American Revolution**, highlighting the maritime struggle for American independence. The program offered members a deeper appreciation of the role naval operations and privateers played in the Revolutionary War, broadening our understanding beyond the familiar battles on land. We thank Craig for sharing his knowledge and bringing this fascinating part of our nation's history to life.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Piedmont Chapter Welcomes Three New Members



The Piedmont Chapter proudly welcomed **Jim Davis, Mark Rainey, and Andrew Lane** at our September 19 meeting.

Each new compatriot carries a personal connection to America's founding through his Revolutionary War patriot ancestor: **Jim Davis descends from David Pritchard; Mark Rainey from Tobias Lassetter; and Andrew Lane from Samuel Kimball.** Their membership honors these patriots and helps preserve their legacy for future generations.

We are pleased to have these new compatriots join our fellowship and our work to preserve Revolutionary War history. We look forward to getting to know Jim, Mark, and Andrew and serving alongside them in chapter activities. Please introduce yourself at an upcoming meeting and help make them feel at home.

Welcome to the Piedmont Chapter—we're proud to have you with us!

SAR Piedmont - Sustaining Member



What is a Sustaining Member? It is a convenient option that allows you to write just one check to cover all your National,

State, and Chapter dues for the year, as well as the costs for all regular breakfast meetings and the annual banquet. This simplifies our chapter's record-keeping and saves you the hassle of making multiple payments throughout the year. For more information or to sign up, please contact **Piedmont Treasurer Al Finley**.

COLOR GUARD

Piedmont Chapter Welcomes New American Citizens



The Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is honored to participate in naturalization ceremonies at the U.S. Courthouse in Atlanta, Georgia, welcoming immigrants as they take the oath to become United States citizens.

Chapter members participate once or twice a month, often presenting the colors at the opening of the ceremony. At the judge's invitation, members also offer remarks about the meaning of American citizenship and the legacy of the patriots who fought for our nation's independence.

Dressed in Continental uniforms, these SAR members provide a connection between America's founding generation and its newest citizens. Their participation celebrates both the sacrifices that secured our independence and the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship today.

EAGLE SCOUTS

The Piedmont Chapter proudly continues the SAR tradition of recognizing exceptional young men who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Their accomplishment reflects years of dedication, leadership, community service, and perseverance. To date, the chapter has honored **13 new Eagle Scouts**, with **11 of those recognitions presented in person** at their Courts of Honor. These ceremonies provide a meaningful opportunity to celebrate each Scout's achievement alongside his family, fellow Scouts, and troop leaders. We congratulate these young men and thank the compatriots who represent our chapter at these special occasions. Presenting an Eagle Scout recognition on behalf of the SAR is an inspiring and rewarding way to serve our chapter and community. Compatriots interested in participating are encouraged to contact **Jamie Ruff, Eagle Scout Chairman**, at PiedmontSAREagles@gmail.com.