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THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA

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Photos and Biographies of South Georgia Council Council Executives, Presidents, and Other Professionals

Photos of South Georgia Council Executives

Matt Hart

November 2012 until the February, 2020

Matt Hart was the first Council Executive of South Georgia Council serving from its inception in November of 2012 until February of 2020. In 2020 he left to become Council Executive of Northwest Georgia Council. He is an Eagle Scout from Northwest Georgia Council. He had come to Alapaha Area Council from Northwest Georgia Council where he had been a District Executive.

In May of 2023, Matt became the Assistant Manager of Camping Services at Philmont.

Mark Randal Manchester

July 2020 until May, 2025

Mark Manchester is the second Council Executive for the South Georgia Council serving from July 1st 2020 until the present. He is a 1984 Eagle Scout from Troop 218 of San Jose, California. Prior to coming to South Georgia Council he was a District Executive with the Greater Yosemite Council in Modesto, California, the Development Director of the Cascade Pacific Council in Portland, Oregon, and then Assistant Scout Executive of the Crater Lake Council in Medford, Oregon.

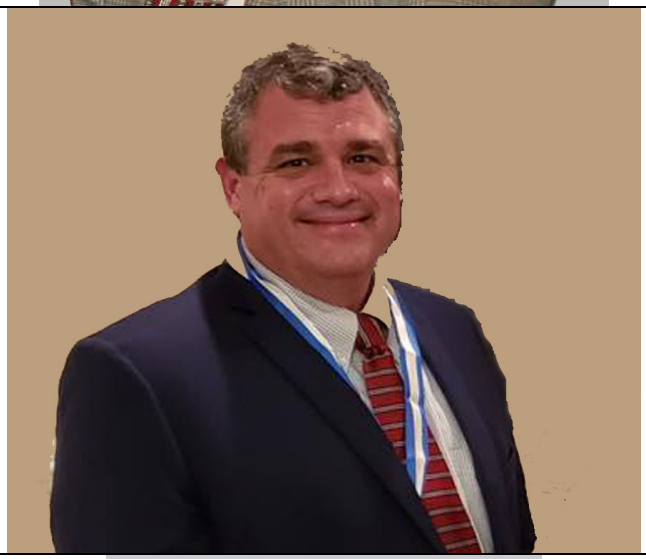
Photos of South Georgia Council Presidents[1]

	Jaime Gibbons **(November, 2012 to Mid-January 2013)** Jamie Gibbons was the first President of South Georgia Council. He served as council president during the merger and served as the new council president until the first Executive Board was elected. His term was from November of 2012 to Mid-January of 2013. He is a Vice President at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Lakeland.
	Julian Price **(Mid-January 2013 to 2014)** Julian Price was the second President of South Georgia Council. He served as President in 2013 and 2014. He was a retired business man and former mayor of Decatur, Alabama.

[1] All Past Presidents are assumed to be a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award; therefore, those are not listed.

W. A. (Bill) Roquemore
(2015 to 2017)

Bob Roquemore of Lakeland, Georgia, was the third President of the South Georgia Council. He served as President from 2015 until 2017.



Kevin King
(2018 to 2021)

Kevin King is the fourth President of the South Georgia Council. He served as President from 2018 to 2021. He is the Vice President of Development at Ambling Property Investments.

Tony Blakey
(2022 to 2022)

Tony is the fifth President of the South Georgia Council. He served as President in 2022. He was a partner with Kelly, Lovett and Blakey, Attorneys in Albany, Georgia. At the end of 2022 Tony resigned as President as he and his family moved to Missouri. Tony died on March 15th, 2023 in St. Louis, Missouri.

	William Whitesell **(2022 to 2024)** William is the sixth President of the South Georgia Council.
	Michael A. Johnson **(2025 to Present)**

Photos of other
South Georgia Council Professionals

Professional staff members who attended the founding meeting of South Georgia Council
(Roland McCarthy, Linda Miller, Matt Hart, Allison Flory)

John “Alf” Alford

Alf became Alapaha District DE on February 1st, 2021. He is retired after 23 years of service in the Air Force. He was promoted to Senior District Executive in June of 2023.

Andrew Bardes

District Executive for 8-Rivers District starting in October, 2023. In February, 2024 he replaced Chris Thigpen as office manager.

Andrew resigned to take another job effective February 6, 2026.

Jennifer Bevis

Council Administrative Director from 2017 to 2019.

Jesse Conger

Handled the Albany Scout Shop from 2017 until it closed in 2019.

Michele Edwards

The Chehaw District Executive. She began in 2026.

Allison Flory

The Development Director from 2012 to 2015. She retired in 2015. Allison died on October 30, 2023 at her home in Baxley.

Rhotarus (Tara) Franklin

Chehaw District, District Executive from in January 2022 to August, 2023.

Jerry and Sonya Freeman

Camp Patten Caretakers-Ranger beginning in 2023.

Eric Ginter

Eric is the Camp Osborn Ranger serving from the inception of South Georgia Council in 2012 to Present. He was the Camp Ranger at Camp Osborn for Chehaw Council prior to the formation of South Georgia Council**.** He is an Eagle Scout from Ohio.

Leslie Herrod

Office manager. She began in March, 2026.

Stacey Hill

The 8 Rivers District Executive from 2017 through June, 2021.

Roland McCarthy

The District Executive Eight Rivers District from 2013 to 2014. He left scouting to become the Assistant City Manager for Sylvester, Georgia.

Sam McCord

Development Director from 2016 to 2020. From 2020 Assistant Scout Executive / Development Director. He left in October 2025.

Linda Miller

Linda Miller served as a District Director for Alapaha District of South Georgia Council from its inception in 2012 until the time of her death in November, 2016. Prior to South Georgia Council she was a District Director for Alapaha Council.

Preston Parker

The District Executive for Chehaw District from 2012 to 2016.

Rusty Redshaw

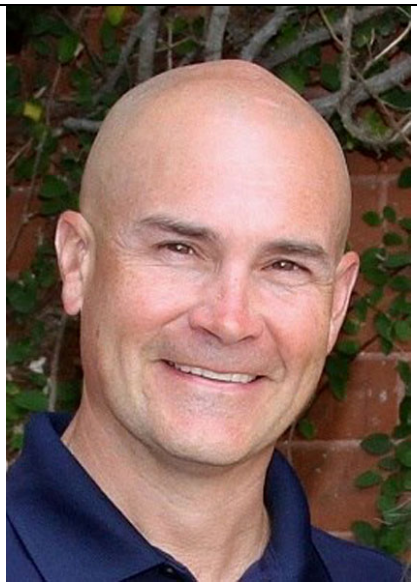
Rusty is the Camp Patten Ranger serving from 2016 until his retirement in 2020.

Laura Roth

8-Rivers District Executive. Started June 1st, 2024. Her end date is not recorded.

Kelli Sterling

Kelli Sterling was the Chehaw District Executive from February of 2017 until February of 2020 when she left to become a Senior District Executive with Northwest Georgia Council.



Chris Thigpen

Chris is the Alapaha District Executive serving from 2017 to through 2020. In 2021, Chris became the Office Administrator for the Council. He resigned effective 1/31/2024.