

Appendix 129 to
THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA

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DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN BANQUETS

Since 1993, South Georgia Council (and its predecessor council Alapaha Area Council) has held a bi-annual black tie dinner honoring a local distinguished citizen. The past honorees are:

Honoree	Year	Presenter
W. Ed Crane	1993	Senator Sam Nunn
Loyce W. Turner	1996	Governor Zell Miller
Dr. Hugh Bailey	1998	Dr. Stephen R. Portch
W. Parker Greene	2000	General Michael Ryan
H. Arthur McLane	2002	Senator Saxby Chambliss
Joe Cordova	2004	Governor Sonny Perdue
William G. Eager, III	2006	Senator Johnny Isakson
Dr. Ronald M. Zaccari	2008	Representative Jack Kingston
Jerry Jennett	2010	Columnist Dick Yarbrough
James McGahee	2012	Dr. Kevin Barrett
Col. Clarence S. Parker	2014	Senator Saxby Chambliss

2014 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN COL. CLARENCE S. PARKER

Col. Clarence Parker has dedicated his life to education, military service and his community and has been a scout since age 13. After serving numerous command and staff assignments in the U.S., Europe, North Africa and Southeast Asia, two assignments in Washington, D.C., one year in Vietnam, one year on the Berlin Airlift and three years as wing commander of Moody Air Force Base, Parker retired as a colonel from the Air Force. He went to work as a businessman and worked as vice president at First National Bank of Valdosta and First Union National Bank of Georgia and has served as the chairman of the Valdosta Lowndes County Airport Authority.



Col. Parker and Senator Chambliss

As for community involvement, Parker's activities include being a member of the Valdosta Country Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chamber of Commerce Military Officers Association of America, the Kiwanis International and the South Georgia Council executive board.



***2012 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
JAMES MCGAHEE***



James McGahee's life served as an example of distinguished citizenship. He is a U.S. Army Veteran and served as a CPA, a high school teacher and a member on a variety of community boards. As CEO of Georgia Medical Center, McGahee worked to establish a better stroke treatment center.

*2010 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
JERRY JENNETT*



***2008 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
DR. RONALD M. ZACCARI***



***2006 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
WILLIAM G. EAGER, III***



Bill Eager served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-1969 and joined Robinson Humphrey Co. — now Smith Barney — in 1969. Eager was honored as the Portfolio Manager of the Year at Smith Barney and the award has been named in his honor. Eager was a leader and a devout member of the Christ Episcopal Church and was the founder and a former president of the Valdosta North Rotary Club. Eager also served the Valdosta community as a trustee of the South Georgia Medical Center Foundation, a board chairman at Valwood School and a co-chairman for the Valwood capital campaign. Eager was also a member of the Community Foundation of South Georgia Inc., a board member for the United Way and a board member with the American Red Cross.

*1998 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
DR. HUGH BAILEY*

