

# The Palmetto Patriot

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## Cowpens 236th Anniversary



# From the President's Desk

**Wayne  
Cousar**

## Make sure our children hear real American history

I have approximately two months to go until my term as your State President ends, and I want to thank you for the privilege of serving you for the 2016-2017 term.

I thoroughly enjoyed traveling around our historical state and meeting with chapters, some new, some old, and getting to know many compatriots I didn't know before.

We all should be proud of our wonderful history and being able to tell others about it. I recently had the pleasure of giving a presentation on the Battle of Fort Sullivan at the Santa Elena Foundation in Beaufort. Only a few attendees had ever heard of it, and its important part in convincing members of the Continental Congress to sign the Declaration of Independence. One attendee was from England, and it was a lively discussion!

There are so many stories of our Patriot Ancestors fighting for our American Independence that are yet to be told, and that is our job to make sure that all of children hear REAL

AMERICAN HISTORY, not the watered down version or not told at all! We should all try to get into schools and make sure that our history is taught and why we are a FREE NATION TODAY.

As President Ronald Reagan reminded us: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the UNITED STATES where men were FREE."

As we end this year, be assured that our Society is in excellent shape!! We have some "very good" leadership coming on board for next year that will continue to serve us extremely



well. We have had some "bumps" in the road this year, but I feel certain that the SCSSAR will continue to grow and do its part to honor our ancestors and pass our history on to the next generation.

See you in Beaufort April 21-23 for our annual meeting!

Thank you all for you do!

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*Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done.*

*We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith.*

**President Ronald Reagan**

Cover photo: (from left): John Slaughter, National Park Service superintendent at Cowpens National Battlefield and Ninety Six National Historic Site; Landon Knestrick, son of Nathan and Christina Knestrick; and NSSAR President General Mike Tomme. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

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# Annual Meeting April 21-22 in Beaufort

## Attractions

**Beaufort River Tours**, 843-524-4422, beaufortrivertours.com

**Santa Elena History Center**, 843-379-1550, santa-elena.org, 1501 Bay St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Southurn Rose Buggy Tours**, 843-524-2900, southurnrose.com, 1002 Bay St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

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**Chechessee Creek Club**, 843-987-7000, chechesseecreekclub.com, 18 Chechessee Creek, Okatie, SC 29909.

**Lady's Island Country Club**, 843-524-3635, ladysislandcc.com, 139 Francis Marion Circle, Lady's Island, SC 29907.

**Sanctuary Golf Club Cat Island**, 843-524-0300, sanctuarygolfcatland.com, 8 Waveland Ave., sanctuarygc.net, Beaufort, SC 29902.

**TGC at Pleasant Point Plantation**, 843-986-9432, tgcppp.com, 8 Barnwell Drive, Lady's Island, SC 29907.

## Kayak Rentals

**Beaufort Kayak Tours**, 843-525-0810, beaufortkayaktours.com.

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**Kayak Rentals**, 615-243-4684, beaufortlandsentours.com, 1152 Sea Island Parkway, St. Helena Island, SC 29920.

**Fripp Island Excursions**, 843-838-1518, frippislandresort.com, 875 Bonito Drive, St. Helena Island, SC 29920.

**Higher Ground**, 843-379-4327, highergroundoutfitters.com, 2121 Boundary St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

The Kayak Farm, 843-838-2008, thekayakfarm.com, St. Helena Island, SC 29920

## Miscellaneous Information

**Beaufort County Library**, 843-255-6456, beaufortcountylibrary.org, 311 Scott St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Beaufort County Sheriff's Office**, 843-255-3200, bsco.net, 2001 Duke St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Beaufort Memorial Hospital**, 843-522-5200, bmhsc.org, 955 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Beaufort Police Department**, 843-322-7901, cityofbeaufort.org, 1901 Boundary St. No. 2, Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce**, 843-525-8500, beaufortsc.org, 701 Craven St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Beaufort Visitor Center**, 843-525-8500, beaufortsc.org, 713 Craven St., Beaufort, SC 29901.

## Restaurants — Evening

### Downtown/Lady's Island

**Breakwater Restaurant & Bar**, 843-379-0052, breakwatersc.com, 203 Carteret St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

## SCSSAR 2017 Annual Meeting Agenda

### Friday, April 21

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration  
Hilton Garden Inn

### 10 a.m. to noon Registrar's Round Table

Hilton Garden Inn  
Lunch on your own

### 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Business Meeting/SAR Awards

Hilton Garden Inn

### 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Reception (Informal)

Bull Point Plantation

### 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. SCSSAR Dinner: Low Country Boil (Informal)

Bull Point Plantation

### Saturday, April 22

### 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Memorial Worship Service (Members and Guests)

Hilton Garden Inn

### 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Rumbaugh Oration Contest

Hilton Garden Inn

### Noon to 3 p.m. Youth Awards Luncheon

Hilton Garden Inn

### Sunday, April 23

### Sunday Morning Worship Service (Church of your choice)

### Lunch on your own

### 1 p.m. Optional Tour(s) in Beaufort, South Carolina

**Cat Island Grill & Pub**, 843-524-4653, 8 Waveland Ave., Lady's Island, SC 29907.

**Emily's Restaurant & Tapas Bar**, 843-522-1866, beaufortrestaurant.com, 906 Port Republic St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Griffin Market**, 843-524-0240, griffin-market.com, 403 Carteret St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Dockside**, 843-379-3288, dockside-beaufort.com, 71 Sea Island Parkway, Lady's Island, SC 29907.

**Old Bull Tavern**, 843-379-2855, 205 West St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Plums Restaurant**, 843-525-1946, plumsrestaurant.com, 904 Bay St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Saltus River Grill**, 843-379-3474, saltusrivergrill.com, 802 Bay St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**The Tavern in Royal Pines**, 843-522-9700, thetaverninroyalpines.com, 139 Francis Marion Circle, Lady's Island, SC 29907.

**Wren Bistro & Bar**, 843-524-9463, wrenbeaufort.com, 210 Carteret St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

### Towards Fripp Island

**Foolish Frog**, 843-838-9300, thefoolishfrog.com, 846 Sea Island Parkway, St. Helena Island, SC 29920.

### Port Royal

**1635 On The Avenue**, 843-379-0607, 1635ontheave.com, 1635 Paris Ave. B, Port Royal, SC 29935.

### Restaurants — Breakfast

**Blackstone's Café**, 843-524-4330, blackstonescafe.com, 205 Scott St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Boundary Street Café**, 843-379-1811, 1209 Boundary St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

**Lowcountry Produce Market & Cafe**, 843-322-1900, lowcountryproduce.com, 305 Carteret St., Beaufort, SC 29902.

*South Carolina Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*  
*2017 Annual Meeting Registration*

Hilton Garden Inn  
1500 Queen St. Beaufort, SC 29902  
(843) 379-9800  
\$134 per night + tax & fees

Bull Point Plantation  
97 Bull Point Dr. Seabrook, SC 29940  
(843) 379-9097

Member Registration = \$26.00 (**SAR Members Only** – must be paid to attend any event).

Reception/Low Country Boil = \$35.00

Youth Awards Banquet = \$26.00

**Member:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

State Society \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Reception/Low Country Boil \$35.00 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Awards Luncheon \$26.00 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Guest:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

State Society \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Reception/Low Country Boil \$35.00 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Awards Luncheon \$26.00 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

State Society \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Reception/Low Country Boil \$35.00 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Awards Luncheon \$26.00 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration form and fees to SCSSAR, P.O. Box 399, Williamston, SC 29697.**



# George Washington's prayer: from a soldier and a Christian

*Bill Priwett, chaplain for the Gen. William Moultrie Chapter, made these remarks at the Chapter's Christmas party meeting at the Carolina Yacht Club, Dec. 9.*

There is an old tradition that George Washington prayed in the snow at Valley Forge on Christmas Day. Certainly the wretched condition of the Continental Army in December of 1777, with a hungry winter beginning, would have driven commanders less pious than Washington to their knees. However, Washington was pious and prayed every day.

The tradition rests on this account of the Rev. Nathaniel Randolph Snowden, a Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia who lived from 1770-1851 and who wrote the following:

"I knew personally the celebrated Quaker Potts who saw Gen. Washington alone in the woods at prayer. I got it from himself, myself. Weems mentioned it in his history of Washington, but I got it from the man myself, as follows:

"I was riding with him (Mr. Potts) in Montgomery County, Penn'a near to the Valley Forge, where the army lay during the war of ye Revolution. Mr. Potts was a Senator in our State & a Whig.

"I told him I was agreeably surprised to find him a friend to his country as the Quakers were mostly Tories. He said, 'It was so and I was a rank Tory once, for I never believed that America c'd proceed against Great Britain whose fleets and armies covered the land and ocean, but something very extraordinary converted me to the Good Faith!'

" 'What was that,' I inquired. 'Do you see that woods, & that plain. It was about a quarter of a mile off from the place we were riding, as it happened.' 'There,' said he, 'laid the army of Washington. It was a most distressing time of ye war, and all wee for giving up the Ship but that great and good man. In that woods pointing to a close in view, I heard a plaintive sound as, of a man at prayer.

"I tied my horse to a sapling &



went quietly into the woods & to my astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other. He was at Prayer to the God of the Armies, beseeching to interpose with his Divine aid, as it was ye Crisis, & the cause of the country, of humanity & of the world.

"Such a prayer I never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying.

"I went home & told my wife. I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before, and just related to her what I had seen & heard & observed. We never thought a man c'd be a soldier & a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington. She also was astonished. We thought it was the cause of God, & America could prevail.'

"He then to me put out his right hand & said 'I turned right about and became a Whig.' "

At the conclusion of the war George Washington called the American victory "almost a miracle." Considering that America had fought the strongest empire in the World during that struggle, perhaps it was fortunate that our forces were ably led by a man who believed in miracles.

**Bill Priwett:** *Dear God, in this season of miracles, we thank thee for the miracle we call the United States of America.*

*Bless all our leaders — and ourselves — with wisdom, courage, good judgment and continued health.*

*Bless the food that is put before us and the hands that prepared it.*

*These things we ask in your name. Amen.*

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*We have no government, armed with power, capable of contending with human passions, unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge and licentiousness would break the strongest cords of our Constitution, as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*

**John Adams, Letter to the Officers of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts, Oct. 11, 1798**

# Calling Your Daughters, Granddaughters and Nieces

## SCSSAR's 2017 Colonial Ball With Debutante Presentation

The SCSSAR's 2017 Colonial Ball with debutante presentation is expected to be held on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston.

For a debutante to be presented, she must be 17 years of age by the date of the Ball and prove lineage to a Patriot in the American Revolution. The debutante presentation fee is \$850 if received by May 1. The debutante application fee of \$50 is included in the \$850.

The Colonial Ball is a formal affair. The debutantes are required to wear white ball gowns with straps (at least one half inch), while all other women may wear a ball gown of any color other than white. Presenters and escorts are required to wear



a white tie and tails, while all other men must wear either white tie, tuxedo or black tie.

We hope you and your family will join us for a truly memorable occasion. *Greg Ohanesian, Chair.*

## School Children Receive A Visit from George Washington



The Wallace Elementary Middle School Pre-K and fourth grade classes had a visit from a George Washington impersonator Feb. 22, Washington's 285th birthday. The Pre-K teachers, Ms. Driggers and Ms. Shaw, and the fourth grade teachers, Ms. Crawford and Mr. Kyler, opened their classes on Washington's Birthday to Washington impersonator Greg Ohanesian, Bennettsville City Attorney. The Pre-K students were each given a memorable portrait of George Washington — a one dollar bill! Ms. Crawford's fourth grade class was so engaged in the presentation, they purposely missed a recess to ask questions! It was a great day to commemorate our greatest president. [Photo by Mandy Shaw]

*Every great nation owes to the men whose lives have formed part of its greatness not merely the material effect of what they did, not merely the laws they placed upon the statute books or the victories they won over armed foes, but also the immense but indefinable moral influence produced by their deeds and words themselves upon the national character.*

**President Theodore  
Roosevelt  
1901-1909  
SAR Member**

## APPLICATION FOR COLONIAL BALL PRESENTATION

Full Name of Debutante:

Name Called:

Address:

Debutante C.A.R. or D.A.R. Number(s) and Chapter (if applicable):

Parents Full Name, Address &amp; Telephone Number:

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Parents S.A.R./D.A.R. Number(s) and Chapter(s):

Grandparents Full Name and Address:

Grandparents S.A.R./D.A.R. Number(s) and Chapter(s), if applicable):

Birth Date of Debutante: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools attended or presently attending:

Present Grade Level:

Name &amp; Unit of Revolutionary Ancestor (only one needed):

Full Name and Relationship of Gentleman who will present Debutante:

Full Name Escort and Address:

Name, address, telephone number of person submitting this information:

( )

Please submit non-refundable \$50.00 application fee along with a recent snapshot to: Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball Chairman, PO Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512-1373. Please make check payable to "SCSSAR-Colonial Ball".

I certify that the information above is true except as to the names of Presenter and Escort, which may change.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debutante, Parent, Grandparent, or  
Responsible Adult Submitting this  
Information on behalf of Debutante



# Daniel Morgan Chapter hosts 236th anniversary Battle of Cowpens

**COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD** — The Daniel Morgan Chapter was host to the 236th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens Jan. 14.

In the Jan. 17, 1781 battle, Patriot forces under the command of Brigadier Gen. Daniel Morgan defeated British troops led by Lt. Col. Ban-

astre Tarleton. The battle was a turning point in recapturing South Carolina from the British.

The Patriot victory at Cowpens followed the Patriot victory at Kings Mountain, Oct. 7, 1780, and led to the British surrender at Yorktown, Oct. 19, 1781, effectively ending the American Revolution.



**WREATH** — Sam Powell (right), SAR Foundation President, presents wreath with Dave Hoover, National Color Guard Commander.

## ‘Give them three fires and you will be free’ Gen. Daniel Morgan’s instructions to militia

On the evening of Jan. 16, 1781 Gen. Daniel Morgan met with his commanders to explain the plan.

While Morgan’s men were resting, Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton’s men were tired from days of marching and were then slogging through muddy roads in pursuit of the flying army. Morgan himself stayed up much of the night, going around and encouraging the men and reassuring them about the outcome of the battle. One participant even said that Morgan told them he would crack his old whip over Tarleton just as sure as he lived.



**SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT** — Lawrence Fehrenbaker (right), South Atlantic District Vice President General, presents wreath with Dave Hoover, National Color Guard Commander.

The same soldier said that Morgan told his group: “Just hold up your heads boys, give them three fires and you will be free. Then when you return home, how the old folks will bless you and the girls will kiss you, for your gallant conduct.”

Morgan then claimed he climbed a tree and prayed as hard as a man could pray. ([www.nps.gov/cowp](http://www.nps.gov/cowp))





Frank Brown, President of the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter.



Edward Carter, President of the Isaac Carter Chapter in the North Carolina Society.



PROCESSIONAL



**SOUTH CAROLINA SONS OF THE REVOLUTION** — From left: Chuck Swoope, Immediate Past President; Mike Kelley, Regional Vice President Coastal; Tom Weidner, Regional Vice President Upstate; and Ivan Bennett, President.





**NPS WREATH** — Katherine Lynn and Superintendent John Slaughter.



**SCSSAR** — State President Wayne Couzar delivers remarks with Superintendent John Slaughter at right.



**PLEDGE** — Col. Sanjay Patel of the SC State Guard leads the Pledge of Allegiance with Superintendent John Slaughter at right.



Billie Brock, former SAR First Lady, wife of Lindsay Brock



**SCDAR** — South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution members with SAR President General Mike Tomme.



From left: Past President General Lindsay Brock (2014-2015), Will Flint and SAR President General Mike Tomme.



**PROCESSION**



SAR President General Mike Tomme with members of the South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution.





**CLOSING CEREMONIES** — From left: David Johnson, chaplain of the Daniel Morgan Chapter; National Park Superintendent John Slaughter; and Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Vice President General South Atlantic District.



**PROCESSION**



**C.A.R.** — Charles Cole (State Historian and President of the Col. Thomas Taylor Society) and Lily Cole (State Assistant Registrar), Children of the American Revolution.



**C.A.R. WREATH** — Kathryn Schemine, President, South Carolina Children of the American Revolution.



**SCSCAR LEADERS** — South Carolina Children of the American Revolution Senior Leaders (from left) Maria Cole (Senior President of the Col. Thomas Taylor Society), Miriam Lovett (Senior State Recording Secretary), Jim Cook (Honorary Senior State President), Lisa Cook (Honorary Senior State President and Senior State Treasurer), John Ingle (Senior State Corresponding Secretary), Christine Burnette (Senior State President), Cathy Clement Flint Orner (Honorary Senior State President), David Smith (Senior State First Vice President and Senior President of the Col. James Williams Society), Sherilyn Woodruff and Dan Woodruff (Senior State Second Vice President), Ivan Bennett (Senior State C.A.R.-S.A.R.-SR. Relations Chairman and State President of the South Carolina Sons of the Revolution).



Joseph Smith, President of the Col. James Williams Society, C.A.R.



Kamryn Schemine, President of the Fort Mill Society, C.A.R



**COLOR GUARD AT WASHINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY MONUMENT**

## Naming our Patriots

# Buford Massacre researchers have documented 215 who fought there

*This article appeared in the Jan. 29 Lancaster News and is reprinted by permission.*

### By Greg Summers

After three years of research, the Friends of the Buford Massacre Battleground have documented the names of 215 soldiers who fought in Lancaster County's most significant American Revolution battle, under the command of Col. Abraham Buford.

The group is preparing to have a bronze plaque made to place on the brick wall at the Rocky River Road battle site in the Buford community, which is named for the colonel. The plaque will be dedicated May 17, just before the 237th commemoration of Buford's Massacre, also known as the Battle of the Waxhaws, on May 27.

"It will actually tell the story itself when you see the plaque," said Ken Obriot, who leads the all-volunteer friends group. "It's important to honor the men who fought there and to finally put some names to the history of the place."

While the plaque won't list the names of all the soldiers who fought there, these are the ones that could be verified. Buford's 3rd Virginia Detachment had between 350 and 380 men.

Obriot said William Trappe of the friends group worked with fellow genealogist Woody Childs of Virginia to identify the soldiers. The names were compiled from the 27,000-plus Virginia state archives that were put online.

Obriot said establishing this list of names is the most important piece of historical research ever done about the Revolutionary War site.

"But the most important thing done at the battlefield was putting up a flagpole and an American flag on it to honor the men who fell there," he said. "It's Arlington (National) Cemetery to me. The sacrifices those men made helped secure our victory."

Obriot said American Revolution pension records dating back to the early 1800s and key words were used

to come up with the names. That led Trappe and Childs to letters and other records tied to the 215 soldiers.

"The problem all along is that most of the records were never compiled," he said, in noting that the effort has attracted interest from families whose ancestors fought in the battle.

In January 1781, soldiers under the command of American traitor and British Gen. Benedict Arnold ransacked Richmond, burning most of the military documents stored there. That included highly prized muster rolls that show who served where and their dates of service.

"It's not like there is one roster of who was in Buford's command," Obriot said.

Buford's regiment came through the Carolinas in May 1780 on their way to assist patriots in the Siege of Charleston. However, they learned en route that the city had fallen and turned to head back to Hillsborough, N.C.

After 54 hours of non-stop pursuit, British Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Green Dragoons caught up with Buford's troops near the intersection of modern day S.C. 9 and S.C. 522, where a massacre ensued.

In less than 15 minutes, 113 of Buford's soldiers were dead, 150 were wounded and 53 were missing.

By comparison Tarleton had only four soldiers killed and 15 wounded.

"This wasn't pretty," Obriot said. "It was hand-to-hand, eye-to-eye combat of the worst kind."

"It was miserable. People today just don't have any idea how horrific it was. My father-in-law was a POW in Germany and had it tough, but not like these guys had it tough."

While the massacre was a rout for the British, "Tarleton's Quarter," became a rallying cry and left Tarleton with the nickname "Bloody Ban," until his death in 1833.

"No doubt, it was the turning point of the war, even though it was a complete American defeat," Obriot said. "Historians agree on that, and it really roused the population to rise

up against the British."

### Other battlefield projects

Obriot said the S.C. Battlefield Trust has also begun work on the "Liberty Trail" to create a unified path of the state's most prominent American Revolution battle sites.

There were more than 200 battles and skirmishes in the state, and a panel of historians and archeologists selected the 69 most important ones to include on maps of four driving trails. Obriot said the Battle of the Waxhaws and Hanging Rock are part of the trails.

"For the first time ever, South Carolina will be recognized for the role it played in the war," he said.

"History books were written by people in New York and Boston because they were the printers. Back when we went to school, we were pretty much taught it was over with after Washington crossed the Delaware."

"Some way, we got from Delaware to Yorktown, we just don't know how," Obriot said. "That part of history is not well studied except by those interested in the war."

The friends group, he said, also hopes to eventually construct some additional brick-paver walks at the battleground to help get up the steep bank.

Seventy feet of brick pavers were recently installed to help with handicap accessibility.

Long-range plans include additional flagpoles, a parking area and permanent restrooms.

"This could really be a good boon for all the residents of Lancaster County," he said.

### Want to help?

The Friends of the Buford Massacre Battlefield are raising \$2,500 to pay for a bronze memorial plaque listing the names of 215 Revolutionary War soldiers who fought there on May 29, 1780.

The plaque will be dedicated May 17. All donations are tax-deductible with four levels: Supporter (\$35), Pa-

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## Battle of Fort Watson Commemoration April 29

The Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter will host the 236th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Fort Watson at 11 a.m., April 29, at the Santee National Wildlife Refuge. Glen Givens will speak about this Revolutionary War battle. Fort Watson was the first South Carolina British fort taken by Patriots Gen. Francis Marion and Col. "Light Horse" Harry Lee using Maham's tower on April 23, 1781. Attendees are invited to present wreaths. *Frank Brown.*

## Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration Sept. 9

The 236th anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs will take place Saturday, Sept. 9, beginning at 10 a.m. with a patriotic service at the Historic Church of the Epiphany in Eutawville followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the battle monument site in the Eutaw Springs Community.

A ladies luncheon will be offered at Camellia Manor in Holly Hill along with a lunch at Sweatman's BBQ at noon. An honor guard and wreath-laying ceremony will take place at Gen. Francis Marion's Tomb at 1:45 p.m. Contact Douglas Doster for wreath presentations and luncheon registrations at 803-823-2824 or by email at [toyboydoug@hotmail.com](mailto:toyboydoug@hotmail.com).

*As the people are the only legitimate fountain of power, and it is from them that the constitutional charter, under which the several branches of government hold their power, is derived.*

**James Madison, Federalist 49**

## Buford

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triot (\$100), Patron (\$500) and Benefactor (\$1,000).

Those who make contributions at the Patriot, Patron or Benefactor levels will have their names etched on a donor's plaque at the battlefield.

Make checks payable to Friends of the Buford Massacre Battlefield Plaque Fund and mail to 57139 Nightingale Way, Indian Land, SC 29707.

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NINETY SIX NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE Ninety Six, South Carolina

and

## CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution Greenwood, South Carolina

Invite you to

96 CROSSROADS  
Revolution at the Star Fort

Saturday, April 1, and Sunday, April 2

Exhibits + Reenactors + Vendors

A wreath-laying ceremony at the Private James Birmingham Monument will be sponsored by Cambridge Chapter, Saturday, April 1 at 1:30 p.m.

### REGISTRATION

(as soon as possible but not later than March 29)

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Will Attend    ☐ Will present Chapter Wreath

Presenter(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your registration to Ted R. Morton Jr., 167 Rutledge Rd., Greenwood, SC 29649-8992 or by e-mail to [trmortonjr@embarqmail.com](mailto:trmortonjr@embarqmail.com)

# Cambridge and James Williams Chapters host Patriot Dinner

GREENWOOD — The Patriot Dinner Feb. 21 sponsored by the Cambridge Chapter of Greenwood and the Gen. James Williams Chapter of Clinton filled the Ballroom at the Inn on the Square.

In addition to members of the two SAR Chapters, members of DAR Chapters in District III of the South Carolina Society and members of the Children of the American Revolution shared in the evening's program.

The evening included awards to special guest Lt. Col. Bernard Taylor, U.S. Air Force (Retired), Senior Aerospace Science instructor for Emerald High School's U.S. Air Force JROTC group. Col. Taylor was accompanied by family members who witnessed him receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for the JROTC group for its outstanding performance, aca-

demically, militarily and in community service.

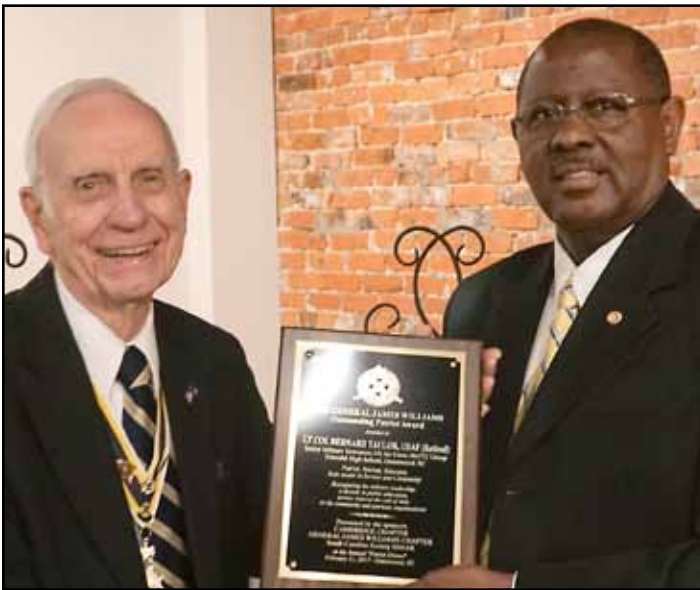
Highlight of the award ceremony was the presentation of the Gen. James Williams Outstanding Patriot Award to Col. Taylor himself. In presenting the award, Dr. Ted Morton reviewed Taylor's exemplary service of more than 23 years of active duty with the U.S. Air Force and 20 years of leadership to the cadets in the Emerald High School JROTC program. Created by the Cambridge Chapter in 2003, the Outstanding Patriot Award recognizes patriotic services of individuals who are not members of the SAR.

Gen. James Williams, a resident of Laurens District (now Laurens County), was the highest ranking American Patriot to die at the battle of Kings Mountain. Thomas Jefferson cited Kings Mountain as the turning

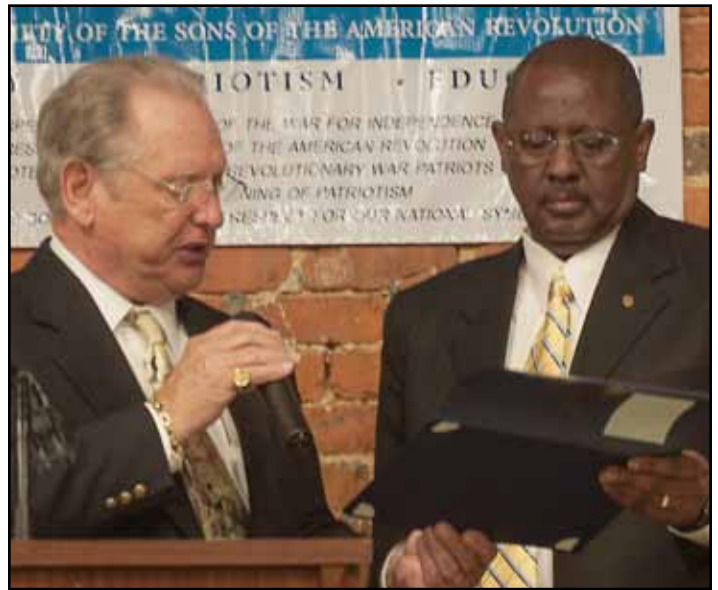
point in the War for Independence.

Alan R. Stello Jr., director of The Powder Magazine Museum in Charleston, also received awards: a framed print of the Continental Frigate *Randolph* at anchor in Charleston Harbor, given in his honor by the Cambridge Chapter. The Powder Magazine, owned and operated by the South Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, and The Old Exchange Building on East Bay Street, owned by the SC State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, are the premier pre-Revolutionary War era buildings in Charleston.

Stello, dressed in the uniform of a member of the Charleston Artillery, relayed the life of The Powder Magazine in "From Colony to Country: The Powder Magazine of South Carolina." South Carolinians who know Revolutionary War history proudly proclaim, "The Revolution was won in South Carolina — fought in many locations, yes, but won in South Carolina." Stello was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.



Cambridge Chapter Chaplain Ted Morton (left) presents to Lt. Col. Bernard Taylor the Gen. James Williams Outstanding Patriot Award for exceptional leadership and accomplishments in 20 years of service as Senior Aerospace Science instructor of the Emerald High School Air Force JROTC group. [Photos by Charlie Welton]



Cambridge Chapter President Danny Culbertson (left) presents an SAR Certificate of Appreciation to Lt. Col. Bernard Taylor, USAF (Retired) to recognize outstanding accomplishments and community service of the Emerald High School Air Force JROTC group, which Col. Taylor has led for 20 years.

*That the question was not whether, by a declaration of independence, we should make ourselves what we are not; but whether we should declare a fact which already exists*

**Thomas Jefferson**



# Business card ads approved for Palmetto Patriot

The Board of Governors approved business card sized ads for *The Palmetto Patriot* at its Oct. 15 meeting.

The cost for the ads is \$25 for each issue or \$100 for a year. Please send a check made payable to South Carolina SAR to SCSSAR Treasurer Greg Ohanesian, P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512-1373.

Please send your business card (or the information you would like included in a business card size ad) to Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org or to Hanson Communications, 2004 Old Parker Road, Greenville, SC 29609.

Print out *The Palmetto Patriot* for compatriots in your chapter who do not use e-mail.

*Let our answer be this: America, with the same voice which spoke herself into existence as a nation, proclaimed to mankind the inextinguishable rights of human nature, and the only lawful foundations of government.*

**Rep. John Quincy Adams**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**July 4, 1821**

## Still Looking for Patriot Graves

The Patriot Graves Committee requests members provide photographs, GPS coordinates and location data of any Revolutionary War Patriot graves in their communities.

Please send this information to co-chairman Carroll Crowther at [crowthercarroll@gmail.com](mailto:crowthercarroll@gmail.com).



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*The American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power.*

**James Monroe**  
**Monroe Doctrine**

# Chapter Capsules

## News items from SCSSAR chapters

### Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter installs officers at annual formal Christmas dinner meeting



**GOV. PAUL HAMILTON CHAPTER OFFICERS** — Front row (from left): Tom Wilson, Registrar; Frank Gibson, Vice President; Claude Dinkins, President; Paul Steele; Dr. Bill Sammons, Treasurer & Chaplain. Back Row Don Starkey, Webmaster; Maj. John Simpson, Military Awards; Dr. Tom Burnett, Historian; Wayne Cousar, South Carolina Society President & Education Chairman; Michael Keyserling, Color Sergeant; Ivan Bennett, Secretary; Jody Henson, Eagle Scout Scholarship & Public Relations. [Photo by Sandi Atkins]

The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter conducted its annual formal Christmas dinner meeting at the Dawtaw Island Club Thursday, Dec. 8.

After an hour of socializing, **President Claude Dinkins** specifically recognized three attending chapter members for their service to the South Carolina Society: current **State**

**Society President Wayne Cousar** and past State Presidents **Carroll Crowther** and **Capt. C. Dean Culison**, USN Ret. The dinner was attended by 61 members and guests, during which time **William "Bill" Davies** of Edisto, South Carolina, spoke on **Robert Mills** (1781-1855), one of America's earliest native born architects.

A native of South Carolina, Mills designed many of today's most graceful and long-standing buildings and churches in Charleston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., among others. He was an early advocate of fireproof

construction, designing the "Fire-proof Building" in Charleston, built in 1827, currently the home of the South Carolina Historical Society.

Three new chapter members: **Michael Kelley**, **Rob Pollard** and **Christian Tootle**, were sworn in by President Dinkins before Society President Cousar swore in members **Frank Gibson** and **Paul Steele** as Chapter Vice President and Secretary.

President Dinkins additionally presented **Capt. Dean Hewitt**, USN Ret., with a Korean War Service Veterans Corps certificate, and past State President **Carroll Crowther** presented Color Sergeant **Michael Keyserling** with a streamer for the chapter flag in recognition of participation in the Battle of Eutaw Springs 235th anniversary service in September. *Jody Henson.*

### Logan McFee: Eagle Scout of the Year

In January, Beaufort Eagle Scout **Logan McFee** was honored as the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter's Eagle Scout of the Year for 2015.

Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship Chairman **Jody Henson** was finally able to meet with McFee to make the delayed presentation in front of his Eagle Scout Project, a black marble monolith dedicated to fallen law enforcement officers in Beaufort County. McFee's Eagle Scout project was unveiled by the City of Beaufort before his going through his Eagle Scout Honor Court in December 2015.

Watching McFee receive his honor were parents **Rob and Sam McFee**, grandmother **Joeanne McFee**, uncle and City Councilman **Mike McFee** and City Manager **Bill Prokop**. McFee is a second semester sophomore at USC Beaufort majoring in history with aspirations of being an Army Ranger after graduation. *Jody Henson, Public Relations.*



**OFFICER INDUCTION** — Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Secretary Paul Steele (left) and Vice President Frank Gibson (second from left) are sworn in by State President Wayne Cousar. Chapter President Claude Dinkins is in background at right. [Photo by Jody Henson]



**EAGLE SCOUT** — Jody Henson presents Eagle Scout Logan McFee with his SAR Medal and Certificate and a Chapter monetary gift. His Eagle Scout Project appears in the background. [Photo by Shannon Earwood]





**MOULTRIE JROTC AWARD** — In an earlier than usual ceremony, the Major General William Moultrie Chapter presented its first JROTC award to Cadet Ian Candelaria of the Yorktown Chapter of the Naval Sea Cadets in its awards ceremony in Charleston, Jan. 21. Drew Wise, Chair of the Moultrie Chapter's JROTC Awards and Recognition Program, presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. The award is given to an outstanding high school student in his or her school, and considers citizenship and scholarship. The exact criteria is at the discretion of the Naval Sea Cadets Chapter. *William E. "Edd" Richburg Sr., President, Major General William Moultrie Chapter.*



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** — South Carolina Color Guard members (from left) Donny Carson, Dan Woodruff and J.D. Norris participate in Wreaths Across America in Anderson, South Carolina, Dec. 17.



**CAMBRIDGE OFFICERS** — New officers of the Cambridge Chapter for 2017 installed at a Chapter business meeting Jan. 17 in Greenwood are (from left) Furman Mauldin, Treasurer; Daniel "Danny" Culbertson, President; Tommy O'Dell, Secretary; Eric Williams, Vice President; and Ted Morton, Registrar and Chaplain. The picture on the wall between O'Dell and Williams is a print of the Continental Frigate *Randolph* at anchor in Charleston Harbor. The original painting was by Nolan Van Powell. With permission from the owner of the original painting and the Van Powell Estate, the Cambridge Chapter has produced copies of the print, with proceeds from sales supporting the Chapter's Patriot Graves projects. [Photo by John Cooper]



**Preamble to the Constitution:** We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

### The Palmetto Patriot wants to hear from you

The South Carolina Society has chapters conducting many interesting activities, and we would like to share these with the rest of our South Carolina compatriots. Please send your Chapter Capsule summaries to Tom. [Hanson@HansonCommunications.org](mailto:Hanson@HansonCommunications.org).

*Without God, there could be no American form of Government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first—the most basic—expression of Americanism." American Legion "Back-to-God" Program, Feb. 20, 1955.*

**President Dwight Eisenhower  
SAR Member**

# Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter



**NEW MATTHEW SINGLETON MEMBER** — State President Wayne Cousar (left) chats with Martin Poffenberger and his wife, Mollie, after he inducted Martin into the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter Jan. 10. [Photo by John Summerford]



**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** — Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter President Frank Brown (right) presents Bill Hartley with a Certificate of Appreciation Jan. 10 in recognition of his work with the Chapter's Americanism Flag Program. [Photo by John Summerford]



**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** — Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter President Frank Brown presents Mary Ellen Fuller a Certificate of Appreciation following her presentation Jan. 10 about her father, James B. Donovan, a Brooklyn lawyer, who was portrayed by Tom Hanks in the movie *Bridge of Spies*. This movie depicted Mr. Donovan's conception of the CIA plan and his hands-on involvement in the transfer of captured Russian spy Rudolf Abel for Air Force pilot Francis Gary Powers, whose U-2 airplane was shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960. [Photo by John Summerford]

*As my children ... may be peculiarly impressed with the last words of their father, I think proper here, not only to subscribe to the entire belief of the great leading doctrine of the Christian religion ... but also in the heart of a father's affection, to exhort them to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

**Richard Stockton**  
Signer of Declaration of Independence

## Youth Protection Training for SCSSAR Members

The Sons of the American Revolution has implemented a program to safeguard members having contact with youths or interacting with the public to obtain Youth Protection Training. Our Society, in partnership with and approval by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), has selected the BSA's online Youth Protection Training (YPT) to assist us in this endeavor to protect our members and our Society.

The program is available to all SAR members for no cost other than the time to participate in the online training program and to take the quiz at the end of the program. The SAR places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youths. To maintain such an environment, the SAR is following the standards established and developed by the BSA including numerous procedural and leadership selection policies, and provides parents and leaders with resources.

If you are asking yourself if you are required to participate in this program, I'd suggest you take it and help understand the challenges facing our youths as well as how to be better equipped yourself if faced with any of the challenges presented in the training program.

The entire program takes between 30 and 45 minutes to complete and can be paused and returned to at any time until the test is complete.

Please don't forget to forward me a copy of your completed certificate so I can record it with the State and the National Society offices of the SAR.

You can access this program at <https://my.scouting.org/>  
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me any time.

Randy L. Potts  
State Eagle Scout Committee Chairman  
Eagle Scout Class of 1985  
[rpotts@seascout.org](mailto:rpotts@seascout.org)



# William Bratton Chapter joins Mecklenburg, N.C., Chapter in grave-marking ceremony for Patriot John Harden

By Brett Reed

Col. William Bratton Chapter  
Secretary-Treasurer

The Col. William Bratton Chapter joined with the host Mecklenburg Chapter of the North Carolina Society Nov. 12 for a grave-marking ceremony for John Harden, Patriot ancestor of Mecklenburg Chapter member Wallace Smith. As it was Veterans Day weekend, the experience was intense, filled with history and honor.

The event began at 10 a.m. in Chester, South Carolina, at the Old Purity Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

For more information about the cemetery, go online to <http://morethanjustacemetery.com/showmedia.php?mediaID=4548&cemeteryID=561>

Afterward about 40 people (members of various chapters and their families) went to The Front Porch in Richburg to eat.



*The virtues of courage and patriotism have given recent proof of their continued presence and increasing power in the hearts and over the lives of our people.*

**Benjamin Harrison**  
**U.S. President**  
**Inaugural Address**  
**March 4, 1889**  
**SAR Member**



# SCSSAR welcomes new members

**By Dan Woodruff**  
SCSSAR Secretary  
and National Trustee

The South Carolina Society welcomes the following new members.

## At Large

**Trevor Gee McKnight**, Patriot ancestor John Ludwick Shuey.

**Col. Robert Anderson Chapter**  
**William Vendel Edwards Jr.**, Patriot ancestor David Bullock.

**Carter Whitman Taylor**, Patriot ancestor Samuel Meredith.

**Col. William Bratton Chapter**  
**Eugene Russell Bryant**, Patriot ancestor Thomas Russell.

**Scott Raymond Russell Bryant**, Patriot ancestor Thomas Russell.

**Dr. George Mosse Chapter**  
**Richard Allen Herrin**, Patriot ancestor John Young.

**James Bernard Calfee Jr.**, Patriot ancestor Richard Bailey.

**Alan Stebbins Waitley**, Patriot ancestor Ralph Logsdon.

**Godfrey Dreher Chapter**  
**Frederick Ketley Morrison Jr.**, Patriot ancestor John Hipp.

**Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter**  
**Michael Henry Monahan**, Patriot ancestor Plikar Dedric Siler.

**Robert Kennedy Pollard**, Patriot ancestor Joseph Pollard Jr.

**Henry Laurens Chapter**  
**Daryl Edward McPherson**, Patriot ancestor Ignatius Greenwell.

**William Donald Jenison**, Patriot ancestor John Clackler Jr.

**Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter**

**Charles Andrew Bobo**, Patriot ancestor Robert Austin.

**Keith Warick Blandford**, Patriot ancestor Henry Gee.

**Michael Oliver Eckard**, Patriot ancestor Philip Eckard.

**Ronnie Earle Bostain**, Patriot ancestor Jacob Fulmer.

## Roll Call of the Departed

The following members of the SCSSAR have passed away since the production of the previous edition of *The Palmetto Patriot*.

### At Large

Homer Leroy Stewart, Oct. 27.

**Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter**

William Ulmer Weeks Jr., Dec. 9.

**Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter**  
Elvin Drew Tirrell, Nov. 1.

**Col. Robert Anderson Chapter**  
Thomas Kenneth Armington, Dec. 22.  
Donald Ray Allen, Oct. 19.

**Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter**  
John Lefferts Ramsey, Oct. 22.  
Frank Maryland Stanley, Nov. 29.

**Thomas Lynch Chapter**  
William Russell Campbell Sr., Oct. 21.

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*We have had one enemy more pernicious to us than all the rest, and that is our own backsliding heart, which has plunged the whole country into so wonderful a degeneracy, that I have sometimes been discouraged from writing the church-history of the country....*

*The wrath of heaven has raised up against us a succession of other adversaries and calamities, which have cast the land into great confusions.*

**Cotton Mather, circa 1698**

**George Washington said that Cotton Mather "was undoubtedly the Spiritual Father of America's Founding Fathers."**



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**Please help us finish construction of our visionary Outreach Education Center, Museum Exhibits and National Headquarters.**

The SAR 1776 Campaign recognizes donations in the amount of

\$1,776 and fractions or multiples thereof.

Based on the cost of museum exhibits of the type we are building at about \$600 per square foot, a donation of \$1,776 will build about three square feet. Donation recognitions

start at \$25 for our car or refrigerator magnet.

The Sons of the American Revolution Society has a story to tell, and your continued support will allow us to champion our rich heritage for all to hear and see.

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## What made the American Colonists fight?

*What we meant in going for those Redcoats was this: we always had been free, and we meant to be free always.*

In 1843, Captain Levi Preston was 91 years old. A young scholar, Mellen Chamberlain, was researching the American War for Independence, and he had the occasion to interview the veteran of Lexington and Concord.

"Captain Preston," he asked, "what made you go to the Concord fight?"

Captain Preston, bristling at the notion that he was made to fight, replied, "What did I go for?"

The young historian continued, "Were you oppressed by the Stamp Act?"

Captain Preston replied, "I never saw any stamps, and I always understood that none were sold."

"Well, what about the tea tax?" the historian asked.

Captain Preston: "Tea tax? I never drank a drop of the stuff. The boys threw it all overboard."

Chamberlain: "I suppose you had been reading Harrington, Sidney and Locke about the eternal principle of liberty?"

Captain Preston: "I never heard of these men. The only books we had were the Bible, the Catechism, Watts' Psalms, and hymns and the almanacs."

Chamberlain: "Well, then, what was the matter?"

Captain Preston: "Young man, what we meant in going for those Redcoats was this: we always had been free, and we meant to be free always."

# Jan. 21 Board of Governors Minutes

By **Nat Kaminski**  
**SCSSAR Recording Secretary**

1. Call to Order by President Wayne Cousar at 10 a.m.

2. Invocation by **Chaplain Lawrence Peebles**.

3. Presentation of Colors by South Carolina SAR Color Guard

4. Pledge to the U.S. Flag; Salute to the S.C. Flag; and Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot **Tommy O'Dell**.

5. Roll Call by Recording Secretary and quorum declared in accordance with Const., Art. V, Sec. 4.

a. 13 of 17 Officers present; 12 of 21 Chapters represented.

6. Approval of Minutes from the Oct. 15, 2016 Board of Governors Meeting.

a. Motion to approve minutes made by Treasurer **Greg Ohanesian** and seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

7. Review of Published Report Packages. Report Packages of Officers, Chapters and Committees accepted as submitted unless changes/additions/comments noted below:

## a. Committee Reports:

i. **Colonial Ball** — Compatriot **Greg Ohanesian** reported that there had been only two inquiries regarding debutantes. The Colonial Ball cannot function without the debutantes, and there have been no submitted applications yet.

ii. **Americanism** — Compatriot **Jim Robinson** reported that the Daniel Morgan Chapter is in first place in the Americanism Competition; Paul Hamilton Chapter is in second place; there are several chapters who have not reported. Please send these reports to the Americanism Committee chairman's e-mail address at jyrarchitect@gmail.com or jyrarchitect1@aol.com as soon as possible. Chapters are urged to get these chapter reports in so the Society can report to National.

## 8. Old Business

a. Compatriot **Greg Greenawalt** reported on the status of an ongoing joint project of the Society in partnership with the National Park Service to produce seven videos on the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution. The videos are being produced by SCETV and are pre-approved by the SC Department of Education for use in 39,000 classrooms throughout

the State of South Carolina. The videos will be available on YouTube and for the National Society to use as an educational tool — so they will be widely available.

The SCSSAR contributed a total of \$16,000 toward the project, including \$8,000 contributed by the George Washington Endowment Fund. The overall cost of this project was over \$100,000 with the preponderance of the funding provided by the National Park Service.

The Battle of Cowpens video is completed. There will be a total of seven of these video narratives, all of which should be completed by March 31, 2017. The video of the Battle of Cowpens was then shown.

President Cousar thanked Compatriot Greenawalt for his work on this project, and noted this will be an invaluable tool for the school systems. He also congratulated the Daniel Morgan Chapter for coordinating the 236th Battle of Cowpens Anniversary celebration on January 13-14, and Compatriot John Slaughter serving as emcee for the event.

## 9. New Business

a. **Approval of SCSSAR 2017-18 Annual Budget** — State Treasurer Ohanesian provided a proposed budget for the 2017-18 year showing estimated receipts and disbursements. The changes in the proposed budget have not changed significantly when compared with last year except that the amount budgeted under the "Scholarship" line item under "Awards" has been changed from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

This was done with the idea that this might increase interest in applying for the SAR scholarship if a larger scholarship was offered. Treasurer Ohanesian made a MOTION for the adoption of the proposed budget for 2017-18 year, a copy of which was included in the BOG reports package under the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Greenawalt and passed unanimously.

b. **2017-18 Nominations Committee Report** — Compatriot Vartorella, chair of the 2017-18 Nominations Committee, reported the following Committee nominations:

i. **State President** — Compatriot **Ed Richburg**

ii. **Senior Vice President** —

Compatriot **Howard Knapp**

iii. **State Secretary** — Compatriot **Dan Woodruff**

iv. **Low Country VP** — Compatriot **Ken Stock**

v. **Midlands VP** — Vacant

vi. **Pee Dee VP** — Compatriot **Greg Ohanesian**

vii. **Piedmont VP** — Compatriot **David Smith**

viii. **Upstate VP** — Compatriot **Robert Krause**

ix. **VP for Chapter Formation** — Compatriot **Rick Corbett**

x. **VP for Chapter Revitalization** — Compatriot **Wayne Cousar**

xi. **State Treasurer** — Compatriot **Greg Ohanesian**

xii. **State Registrar** — Compatriot **K. Bailey Keeling**

xiii. **Recording Secretary** — Compatriot **Nat Kaminski**

xiv. **State Genealogist** — Compatriot **Carroll Crowther**

xv. **State Historian** — Compatriot **Donny Carson**

xvi. **State Chaplain** — Compatriot **John Ingle**

xvii. **State Chancellor** — Compatriot **Brian Caskey**

xviii. **National Trustee** — Compatriot **Rick Corbett**

xix. **Alternate Nat. Trustee** — Compatriot **Dan Woodruff**

This list of nominees will be read a second time at the Annual Meeting. Compatriot Vartorella thanked Compatriots Crowther, Doster, Morton, Kaminski and Woodruff for their work on this committee.

c. Compatriot Knapp was recognized to report that State Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk from Kershaw County has introduced a bill to secure funding to create a Revolutionary War monument at Camden. It is unlikely to pass this year because the State budget is very tight, but it may be something the State Society would be interested in following. When more information about this legislation is available, it will be passed along.

Compatriot Vartorella was recognized to note that this is the first time that the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter in Camden has been advised about this. Compatriot Ohanesian was also recognized to comment that Rep. Funderburk was present at the last commemoration of the Battle of



Camden and made a presentation at the battle site, so she is an elected representative who is supportive of what the American Revolution in South Carolina was about and the Society should support her efforts.

Compatriot Knapp agreed with these comments and said there is also pending a \$200,000 budget request by the S.C. Department of Archives and History to save seven original parchment papers of the S.C. Constitutions. He urged Society members to contact their elected officials and let them know how important preserving our history is.

Compatriot Ohanesian also noted that Sen. Chip Campsen has introduced legislation to recognize Jan. 28 as Flag Day in South Carolina honoring our State Flag. So, if this legislation passes, we may have a State Flag Day along with the U.S. Flag Day.

d. President Cousar reminded everyone that the SCSSAR Annual Meeting will in Beaufort on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22. The Society's business meeting will be held on Friday afternoon, followed by a Lowcountry Boil, which will be an informal event this year. The Youth Luncheon will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 22. Compatriot Richburg will conduct a Registrars Roundtable.

The price list for the events is forthcoming, and the goal is to keep the pricing as low as possible. The recommendation is to come early, particularly if there is driving time involved and stay through Saturday night. There is a great deal to do and see in the area. The town of Beaufort is historic, founded in 1711, and there are many extant historic structures that survived the Civil War. The headquarters for the Annual Meeting will be the Hilton Garden Inn.

Reservations there should be made now, if that has not already been done. It should be a fun experience, particularly for the spouses, with good shopping and tours. The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter is the sponsoring chapter.

e. Compatriot Morton was recognized to announce that the Ninety Six Crossroads program will be held April 1-2. The Cambridge Chapter is going to sponsor a wreath-laying ceremony Saturday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m. Chapters are invited to come and participate in this ceremony with their Chapter wreath. There will be a registration. This is going to be announced in *The Palmetto Patriot* and on the

website. The Cambridge Chapter is working to identify the remains of the first Patriot killed at Ninety Six and in the Southern Campaign. The remains are believed to be in Columbia.

10. Compatriot Morton then moved that the Board of Governors meet in executive session to consider a disciplinary matter. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. It was announced that only the members of the Board of Governors (the elected officers, past presidents, two members from each chapter in attendance, the chairs of each committee, and the National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee) could participate and vote in this executive session.

While in Executive Session, the Board of Governors heard the findings of a special committee that was appointed to investigate and recommend action involving a member disciplinary issue. Ultimately, the Board of Governors voted in favor of the committee's recommendation to suspend a member of the Society for a two-year time period.

(The minutes of the executive session are confidential and are maintained separately from the minutes of the regular session.)

11. The Board of Governors moved out of executive session to conclude the regular session.

12. Benediction led by Compatriot Peebles.

13. SAR Recessional led by Compatriot **Tom Burnette**.

14. Adjournment at 1:15 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** **OFFICERS:** President Wayne Cousar; Senior VP Bill Vartorella; Treasurer and Pee Dee VP Greg Ohanesian; Low Country VP Ken Stock; Midlands VP Howard Knapp; Piedmont VP Ted Morton; Upstate VP Bob Krause; VP Chapter Renewal Doug Doster; Registrar Edd Richburg; Chaplain Lawrence Peebles; Historian Donny Carson; Genealogist John Ingle; Recording Secretary Nat Kaminski.

**CHAPTERS:** Cambridge: Tommy O'Dell, Danny Culberston; Col. Hezekiah Maham: Keith Gourdin, David Dubose; Col. Philemon Waters: Tom Forte, Jim Livingston; Col. Thomas Taylor: Warren Carothers, Alexander Giles, Mark Madison (non-voting); Col. Robert Anderson: Bill Kivett, Bill Williamson; Daniel Morgan: John Hoyle, Charles Augur; Dr. George Mosse: Paul Walter, Bailey Keeling; Gen. Andrew Pickens: William Allgood; Gov. Paul Hamilton: Tom Wilson, Tom Burnette; Major Gen. William Moultrie: Gordon McCay, James Herritage; Maj. Robert Crawford: John Marker, Dave Jordan, Greg Beckwith (non-voting); Col. Matthew Singleton: Frank Brown, John Raffield. Chapters without separate member representation: Battle of Eutaw Springs; Col. Joseph Kershaw; Gen. Frances Marion; Thomas Lynch

**Annual Meeting: Friday — Saturday, April 21-22.**

## Calendar of Events

March 23-25	SC State Society DAR Annual Conference	Columbia
April 1-2	Halifax Resolves Day	Halifax, NC
April 21-22	SC Society Annual Meeting	Beaufort
April 21-22	NC Society Annual Meeting	Greenville, NC
April 29	Commemoration of Battle of Fort Watson	
June 10	Battle of Ramsours Mill	Lincolnton, NC
June 28	Carolina Day	Charleston
June 28-July 2	126th DAR Continental Congress	Washington, DC

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National Life Number

State Number

## Application for Enrollment in the South Carolina Society SAR Life Membership Plan

I, \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_ years, a currently active member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, National Number \_\_\_\_\_, State Society Number \_\_\_\_\_, hereby apply for enrollment in the SCSSAR Life Membership Plan. My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, based on the chart below and made payable to Treasurer SCSSAR is attached. ***I acknowledge that I am responsible for maintaining my annual Chapter dues, which are not included in the National Life Membership Plan or the SCSSAR Life Membership Plan.***

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Name of applicant (type or print) Date of Birth

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**We hereby acknowledge receipt of the foregoing Compatriot's application for enrollment in the SCSSAR Life Membership program and approve same.**

Signature of SCSSAR Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### SCSSAR Life Membership Dues

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the SCSSAR Board of Governors in January 2014, the following rates for SCSSAR Life Membership were established per the following chart. **In order to apply, the applicant must be a currently active member, and his application for NSSAR National Life Membership must already be approved or be submitted to the State Society for forwarding to NSSAR Headquarters.**

Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost
0-40 = 500	41 = 490	51 = 390	61 = 290	71 = 190	81 = 90
	42 = 480	52 = 380	62 = 280	72 = 180	82 = 80
	43 = 470	53 = 370	63 = 270	73 = 170	83 = 70
	44 = 460	54 = 360	64 = 260	74 = 160	84 = 60
	45 = 450	55 = 350	65 = 250	75 = 150	85 = 50
	46 = 440	56 = 340	66 = 240	76 = 140	86 = 40
	47 = 430	57 = 330	67 = 230	77 = 130	87 = 30
	48 = 420	58 = 320	68 = 220	78 = 120	88 = 20
	49 = 410	59 = 310	69 = 210	79 = 110	89 = 10
	50 = 400	60 = 300	70 = 200	80 = 100	90+ = 0

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Enrollment  
Approved:

Signature of SCSSAR Secretary

Date Signed



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE NSSAR NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

National Headquarters – 809 West Main Street – Louisville, KY 40202

**For Headquarters use only:**

Date Received:

Name of Applicant:		National Number:	Life Member Number:
Address:		Date of Birth:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Telephone:	Email:		

I, , age  years, a currently active member of the  Society, State Society Number , hereby apply for enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Plan. My check in the amount of \$ , based upon the chart below and made payable to the “Treasurer General, NSSAR,” is attached. ***I acknowledge that I am responsible for maintaining my annual State Society and Chapter dues, which are not included in the National Life Membership Plan.***

Signature of Applicant:	Date of Signature:
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**We hereby acknowledge receipt of the foregoing Compatriot’s application for enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Program and approve same.**

Signature of State Secretary:	State Society:	Date of Signature:
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### NSSAR National Life Membership Dues

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the 124<sup>th</sup> Congress in July 2014, the following rates for the National Life Membership Program were established per the following chart. **In order to apply, the applicant must be a currently active member, and this application must be submitted to his (primary) State Society for forwarding to the NSSAR Headquarters.**

Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost	Age = \$Cost
1 = \$1,040	16 = \$965	31 = \$870	46 = \$730	61 = \$540	76 = \$325	91 = \$160
2 = \$1,035	17 = \$960	32 = \$860	47 = \$720	62 = \$530	77 = \$315	92 = \$150
3 = \$1,030	18 = \$955	33 = \$855	48 = \$705	63 = \$515	78 = \$300	93 = \$140
4 = \$1,025	19 = \$950	34 = \$845	49 = \$700	64 = \$500	79 = \$290	94 = \$135
5 = \$1,020	20 = \$945	35 = \$835	50 = \$685	65 = \$485	80 = \$275	95 = \$125
6 = \$1,015	21 = \$940	36 = \$830	51 = \$670	66 = \$470	81 = \$265	96 = \$120
7 = \$1,010	22 = \$935	37 = \$820	52 = \$660	67 = \$460	82 = \$250	97 = \$90
8 = \$1,005	23 = \$925	38 = \$810	53 = \$650	68 = \$440	83 = \$240	98 = \$60
9 = \$1,000	24 = \$920	39 = \$800	54 = \$635	69 = \$425	84 = \$225	99 = \$30
10 = \$995	25 = \$915	40 = \$790	55 = \$625	70 = \$415	85 = \$215	100 + = \$0
11 = \$990	26 = \$905	41 = \$780	56 = \$610	71 = \$400	86 = \$205	
12 = \$985	27 = \$900	42 = \$770	57 = \$595	72 = \$385	87 = \$195	
13 = \$980	28 = \$895	43 = \$760	58 = \$585	73 = \$370	88 = \$185	
14 = \$975	29 = \$885	44 = \$750	59 = \$570	74 = \$353	89 = \$175	
15 = \$970	30 = \$875	45 = \$740	60 = \$550	75 = \$345	90 = \$165	

<b>For Headquarters use only:</b>	Signature of NSSAR Registrar:	Date of Signature:
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# Daniel Morgan Statue Event



President General Mike Tomme and First Lady Cilla.

SAR compatriots placed carnations at the base of the Daniel Morgan Statue in downtown Spartanburg Friday afternoon, Jan. 13, as part of the 236th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens. The Daniel Morgan Monument was built in 1881 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens and the battle's hero Gen. Daniel Morgan.

After the ceremony, the SAR met at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel for a South Atlantic District meeting for the state societies of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. That evening, Dr. Bobby Gilmer Boss spoke as part of the Cowpens Lecture Series.



SCSSAR President Wayne Cousar and his wife, Gladys.



Bill Williamson, Secretary, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.



From left: Lindsay Brock, SAR President General 2014-2015; Donny Carson, State Historian; President General Mike Tomme; and J.D. Norris, President Andrew Pickens Chapter.



Dan Woodruff, State Secretary.



John Slaughter (right) master of ceremonies



South Atlantic District meeting



Color Guard at Daniel Morgan statue [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]