

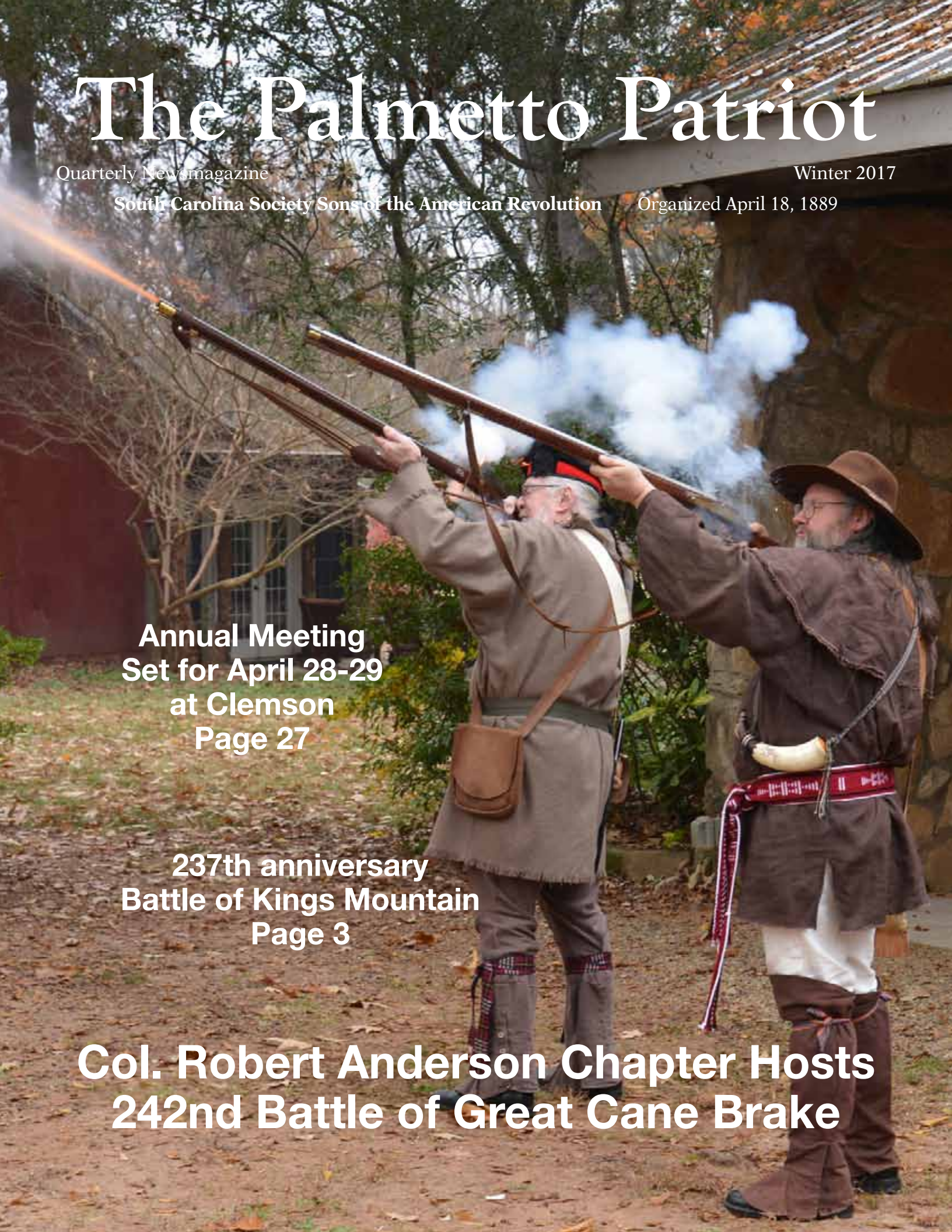
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A photograph of two men in historical attire firing long-barreled rifles outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a tan coat and a black hat with a red band. The man on the right is wearing a brown coat and a brown hat. Both are holding their rifles high, and a large plume of white smoke is visible from the barrels. The background shows trees and a building with a corrugated metal roof.

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I Have Seen the Enemy and It Is Us

By Edd Richburg
SCSSAR President

Many among our founding and well educated legislative fathers, who created our finely crafted Constitution, may well have been aware of the writings of Alexander Fraser Tytler, Lord Woodhouselee, a Scottish advocate, judge, writer and historian who served as Professor of Universal History, and Greek and Roman Antiquities at the University of Edinburgh in the late 18th Century. I commend his writings to you. With the turmoil and divisiveness of today, his quote from the collected lectures on the *Decline and Fall of the Athenian Republic* recalls a warning:

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government.

It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury.

From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that

a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years.

These nations have progressed through this sequence:

- From bondage to spiritual faith;
- From spiritual faith to great courage;
- From courage to liberty;
- From liberty to abundance;
- From abundance to selfishness;
- From selfishness to apathy;
- From apathy to dependence;
- From dependence back into bondage.



While we remember our own forefathers' attempt and success in building an unparalleled and often copied form of government, let us

The time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die.

George Washington, address to the Continental Army before the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776

Cover photo: Robert Krause (left), President of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, and Dan Woodruff, SCSSAR Secretary, fire a volley at the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of the Great Cane Brake. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

also consider at what point we might be among the progressive causes of previous governments' failings and know that the enemy it too often unrealized as ourselves.

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**The deadline for the Spring Edition
of The Palmetto Patriot is Feb. 20**

South Carolina Revolutionary War Weekend

By John Hoyle
President Daniel Morgan Chapter

The South Carolina Humanities Council featured festival this year was the Revolutionary War Weekend, Thursday, Oct. 5, through Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Upstate of South Carolina.

On Thursday and Friday, SAR President General Larry Guzy, SCSSAR Chaplain John Ingle and SCSSAR Historian Donny Carson manned three of the 15 stations set up at the Cherokee County History Museum to teach nearly 1,100 Cherokee County fourth and eighth grade students about Revolutionary War events that took place in the Upstate.

Students spent 15 minutes at each station and came away with increasing knowledge of the period. President General Guzy was in a resplendent uniform and Compatriots Ingle and Carson were in militia dress. All three were on duty from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A salute to the three of them for their dedication.

On Thursday, the Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery hosted several speakers and a reception, which was attended by President General Guzy and South Atlantic District Vice President General James Wood. On Friday, the Daniel Morgan Chapter hosted a reception at the Courtyard by



**Jim Wood, Vice President General
South Atlantic District**



Some of the participants in the 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. [Photos by John Hoyle]

Marriott, followed by the SAR South Atlantic District meeting chaired by Vice President General Wood.

The Kings Mountain National Military Park opened at 9 a.m. Saturday morning with numerous SAR, C.A.R. and DAR members already present. Last minute wreath registrations were registered for a final total of 116. The ceremony began at 11 a.m. The National Park Service had erected a large tent with chairs, which proved fortuitous as a light rain had begun.

Compatriot and National Park Service Group Superintendent John Slaughter was the master of ceremonies and welcomed those present. The Massed Colors were posted, and the Invocation was given by the NSSAR Chaplain General Rev. John Wakefield. NSSAR Secretary General Warren Alter led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. NSSAR Treasurer General Jack Manning led the SAR Pledge. Greetings from the NSSAR were given by Vice President General James Wood.

SCSSAR President William "Edd" Richburg and NCSAR President

George Strunk offered greetings.

NPS Group Superintendent Slaughter gave a rousing patriotic address and received a standing ovation. Slaughter said that his further genealogical research revealed that he had an ancestor who fought at Kings Mountain.

Due to the large number of wreaths registered Group Superin-

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The Smith brothers from Virginia, members of the Sons of Liberty. From left: twins Dan and Noah Smith and their older brother, Joshua Smith. [Photo by John Hoyle]

Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters



MATTHEW SINGLETON INDUCTION — Chapter President Frank Brown (left) inducts Captain Aaron Blackburn, United States Air Force, into the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter Oct. 10. Aaron's wife, Melissa, pins the SAR emblem on his lapel as their children, Madeline and Benjamin, observe. Chapter Registrar John Summerford (right) also participated in the ceremony. [Photo by Thomas Blackman]



MATTHEW SINGLETON GUEST SPEAKER — Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter President Frank Brown (right) presents speaker Glenn Givens a Distinguished Service Certificate following his presentation on "The Strengths and Weaknesses of the British Forces as Compared to American Forces During the Revolutionary War." Glenn's mother, Mary Glenn Givens (center), was also in attendance. [Photo by John Summerford]

Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter Has 'Big' Night

CHARLESTON — The Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter held its Fall Social on the evening of Oct. 19 on Gold Bug Island at the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club, a favorite venue of past events for the Chapter. More than 50 members and guests attended the event, including 13 DAR members and nine guests.

The event of the evening was the induction of new members. As in the occasional alignment of all the planets, Moultrie Chapter had its own syzygy when eight new members were all inducted that evening. The inductees, by alphabetical listing, are:

- Ronnie Earle Bostain, descendant of Patriot Jacob Fulmer
- Wilford Riley Burn Jr., descendant of Patriot John Paul Burn
- William Benjamin Dusenbury Herriage, descendant of Patriot John Henry Hargett/Hargis
- Waitus Keith Kirkland, descendant of Patriot Burwell Boykin
- Jonathan Noel Kiser, descendant of Patriot Mark Bird
- Frederick Lawrence Lentz II, de-

scendant of Patriot Christian Riegel

- Gordon Wescott Maier, descendant of James Cole
- Kenneth Marshall Pickens, descendant of Robert Pickens.

Two additional applicants, Bailey Henry Kirkland, descendant of Patriot Burwell Boykin, and Nicholas Davis Miller, descendant of Patriot George Killinger, were unable to attend and will be inducted at later dates. The new members gave brief bios of their Patriots and were welcomed into membership.

Attendees enjoyed an evening of sociability and homemade chili complements of the Chapter's Quartermaster Extraordinaire, Compatriot Monte McQuillan. *Edd Richburg, Chapter President.*

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 crowther-carroll@gmail.com.

Weekend

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tendent Slaughter announced that a representative for each wreath would be called to stand at their place under the tent to render honors.

This proved effective and all were acknowledged within 20 minutes. Retiring of the Massed Colors followed, and a musket volley was carried out by the Overmountain Victory Trail Association and SAR members. The SAR Recessional was led by NSSAR Historian General John Thornhill followed by the benediction pronounced by NSSAR Chaplain General Wakefield.

A record crowd attended this annual event, and 400 attended the ceremony at the U.S. Monument.

Living history encampments continued on Sunday at Kings Mountain and the Cowpens National Battlefield.



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**THE NATIONAL SAR
THE SOUTH CAROLINA SAR &
THE DANIEL MORGAN CHAPTER SAR**

**INVITE YOU TO
THE 237TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
BATTLE OF COWPENS**

**12-14 JANUARY 2018
SPARTANBURG & CHESNEE, SC**

The Courtyard by Marriott located at 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC (864-585-2400) will serve as the host hotel for Cowpens participants. A block of rooms has been reserved at a price of \$101.00 plus tax. This rate includes breakfast on Saturday morning. The group name for the room block is "SAR". Reservations can be made at the following link (please copy & paste the link in your web browser):

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Son%20of%20the%20American%20Revolution%20%20%20January%202018%5ESPACH%60SOASOAA%60101.00%60USD%60false%603%601/12/18%601/14/18%6012/22/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

The reservation deadline is 22 December 2017.

After the deadline, rooms may be booked based on availability.

Those wishing to present a wreath on Saturday, 13 January should send the following information to John Hoyle at the following contact points:

Address: 18 Shannon Ridge Ct, Greenville, SC 29615
Phone: 864-263-3644 Email: jdhoyle@rocketmail.com

Wreath registration deadline is 7 January 2018.

Organization/Chapter: _____

Presenter: _____

Color Guard: YES NO

Attending:

Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony: YES NO

Dr Bobby Gilmer Moss Lecture: YES NO

Cowpens Battlefield Ceremony: YES NO

Dutch Treat Lunch @ Fatz Café: YES NO

Schedule of Events (times subject to change):

Friday, 12 January

TBA Order of Founders of North America Meeting-Courtyard by Marriott

2:00 pm General Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony-Morgan Square, (corner of Main & Church Streets, Spartanburg). Participants will place a carnation at the base of the statue.

3:00pm Welcome Reception-Courtyard by Marriott

4:00pm South Atlantic District SAR Quarterly Meeting-Courtyard by Marriott

7:00pm Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss Cowpens Lecture Series-Barnett Room, Spartanburg County Library, 151 S Church St, Spartanburg. No Fee

Saturday, 13 January

10:00am Wreath Laying Ceremony-US Monument, Visitors Center, National Battlefield, Chesnee

10:45am March to Washington Light Infantry Monument with National SAR Wreath Laying

12:00pm Dutch Treat Lunch-Fatz Café, 245 Peachoid Rd, Gaffney

Sunday, 14 January

TBA SAR/DAR Genealogy Seminar-National Battlefield, Chesnee

The SAR will have an information table set up at the National Battlefield on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss Cowpens Lecture Series is presented in partnership with the Spartanburg County Public Library and the National Park Service.


The 2018 lecture will feature Period Music and a Chautauqua presentation by Maggie Worsdale. Ms. Worsdale will portray Martha Washington.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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The cost for business card sized ads for *The Palmetto Patriot* 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.



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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.

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Land Around Francis Marion's Grave To Be Protected

BELLE ISLE PLANTATION — More than 17 square miles of land surrounding the grave of Gen. Francis Marion will be protected from development. The Lord Berkeley Conservation Trust now has a conservation easement for the 11,000 acre site. The South Carolina Conservation Bank gave \$1.5 million to the easement, while the trust gave \$1.4 million. The deal sets aside a small portion for education and only allows five homes.

As President of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, James Warren approved a Resolution, June 16, 1775:

It has pleased Almighty GOD in his Providence to suffer the Calamities of an unnatural War to take Place among us...

And as we have Reason to fear, that unless we become a penitent and reformed People, we shall feel still severer Tokens of his Displeasure.

And as the most effectual Way to escape those desolating Judgments, which so evidently hang over us...will be - That we repent and return everyone from his Iniquities, unto him that correcteth us. (American Minute, William Federer)

Don't Forget the Colonial Ball Dec. 16

The SCSSAR's 2017 Colonial Ball with debutante presentation will be held on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 16, in the Gold Ballroom of the Francis Marion Hotel on Meeting Street in Charleston. A reception dinner in honor of the debutantes will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 15, at the Carolina Yacht Club on East Bay Street in Charleston.

Reservations for the Debutante Reception Dinner Friday evening and Colonial Ball on Saturday evening must be received by Dec. 1, and should be mailed to Greg Ohanesian at P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512.

Reservations for the Ball (\$92) received after Dec. 1, but by Dec. 8, may be made by adding an additional cost of \$20 per person (\$112). Reservations for the Reception Dinner (\$50) may be made by adding an additional cost of \$10 per person (\$60).



If you have any questions regarding reservations, you may call Greg Ohanesian at 843-479-7193.

The SCSSAR's Colonial Ball began in 1976 in Columbia, and is renowned for its grand debutante presentation.

We hope you and your family will join us for a truly memorable occasion. Questions contact Greg Ohanesian by telephone at 843-479-7193 or by mail at P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512.

Let us enter on this important business under the idea that we are Christians on whom the eyes of the world are now turned...

[L]et us earnestly call and beseech Him, for Christ's sake, to preside in our councils. . . .

We can only depend on the all powerful influence of the Spirit of God, Whose Divine aid and assistance it becomes us as a Christian people most devoutly to implore.

Therefore I move that some minister of the Gospel be requested to attend this Congress every morning . . . in order to open the meeting with prayer.

Elias Boudinot
President Continental Congress
1782-1783

Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter



MSgt Jason Harlan's father, Bryan, pins the SAR emblem on Jason's lapel following his induction into the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter Nov. 26 by President Frank Brown. Photo by Lyndee Harlan]

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By Nat Kaminski
SCSSAR Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order by President Edd Richburg at 10:10 a.m.

2. Invocation by Chaplain John Ingle.

3. Presentation of Colors by SCSSAR Color Guard.

4. Pledge to the U.S. Flag led by Compatriot Keith Gourdin; Salute to the S.C. Flag led by Compatriot Ted Morton; and Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Howard Knapp.

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

a. 15 of 17 Officers present; 13 of 21 Chapters represented.

6. Memorial Moment — President Richburg asked members to identify those in the Chapters or regions who have recently passed away: Compatriot Bill Askins — Daniel Morgan Chapter; Compatriot Dr. Robert Peeples — Dr. George Mosse Chapter. A moment of silence was observed in memoriam.

The Chapters should e-mail Chaplain John Ingle and Secretary Dan Woodruff the names of any members or spouses who pass away so that they will be aware of it and proper notifications can be made. Chaplain Ingle and Secretary Woodruff's contact information is on the Society website at www.scssar.org.

7. Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting:

a. Motion to accept Minutes made by Compatriot Wayne Cousar and seconded. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

8. Review of Published Report Packages: Motion made and seconded to accept the Report Packages of Officers, Chapters and Committees as submitted with changes/additions/comments noted below:

a. Committee Reports:

i. Colonial Ball — Compatriot Greg Ohanesian invited everyone to plan to attend the Colonial Ball in Charleston at the Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King St. The S.C.S.S.A.R. Debutante Colonial Ball will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, from 7:00 p.m. until midnight.

ii. Bylaws Committee — Howard Knapp advised that a proposed "Adjudication" section has already been published in *The Palmetto Patriot* and had drawn a couple of comments.

The complete proposed Bylaws will be published in the next *Palmetto Patriot*. Questions and/or comments should be addressed to Compatriot Rick Corbett, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

b. Officer Reports:

i. State Secretary — Dan Woodruff noted that dues notices will be going out very shortly. The Chapters have responded with information about their annual dues for next year, which will be reflected in the dues notices.

9. Old Business

a. Executive Session: Compatriot Ken Stock moved that the Board of Governors (BOG) meet in executive session to review and approve the minutes of the Jan. 21 BOG executive session. The motion was seconded and carried 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 BOG unanimously approved the minutes of the Jan. 21 BOG executive session. These minutes will remain confidential and will be maintained by the State Secretary separately from the minutes of the regular session.

b. The Board of Governors then moved out of executive session to continue with regular session.

c. President Richburg recognized a guest whose SAR application is being processed. This was Mr. A.J. Gressett from St. Mathews, whose Patriot ancestor fought with the militia in Orangeburg. He was given a round of applause and welcomed by President Richburg. President Richburg said he recently inducted eight new members into the Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter and only one was over the age of 50.

d. Update on the Catawba Initiative Committee: President Richburg reported that there had been some changes since the last meeting. There had been an unexpected inflation of costs from approximately \$30,000 to \$57,000, so the plan is to go back to the Catawbas with more detail on what the SAR can do with this gift

of a memorial recognizing the Catawba Patriots. Costs will have to be restrained without impacting the dignity of the memorial. More details will be presented by the Committee at the January meeting of the BOG. Compatriot Woodruff reported that the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter has pledged a \$1,000 to this project.

e. Proposed Code of Conduct: Compatriot Greg Ohanesian reported copies of the proposed Code of Conduct were distributed with the agenda in advance of the meeting and comments received. Changes have been made and incorporated based on that input. This draft will now be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for its consideration. It will be that committee's responsibility to integrate this draft Code of Conduct into the overall proposal and to make any changes that might be appropriate.

Discussion ensued (no motion required since it is a recommendation of a committee).

Compatriot Jim Heritage was recognized to suggest that the language in the proposed Code might be "softened" in some respects and expressed in more "positive" terms. His comment was this might increase the acceptance of this type of Code.

Compatriot Ohanesian pointed out that the Bylaws Committee can make such changes if necessary and put a more positive spin on the admonitions contained in the Code.

Compatriot Gordon McKay was recognized to suggest that the list of "do-nots" could never cover all circumstances and the language could be made more positive.

Compatriot Carroll Crowther was recognized to observe that the blunt language used in the draft Code was appropriate and to express his supported of the current version.

Compatriot Knapp was recognized to point out that Roberts Rules of Order supports the use of a Code of Conduct and the language used in this proposal is extremely appropriate. He pointed out that any comments or proposed changes should be specific and sent to Compatriot Corbett with the Bylaws Committee.

Compatriot Guy Higgins was recognized to express his view that clarity is sometimes needed by stating strong

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“do-nots” and to express his support for the way it is currently written.

Compatriot Stock is recognized to comment that we owe this ad hoc committee a debt thanks for the effort put into drafting this proposed Code of Conduct, which is needed and will prove helpful to the Society and the chapters in the future.

President Richburg asked if the Board wanted to approve the proposal as submitted or refer it back to the ad hoc committee for some modification. Compatriot Jim Robinson was recognized to state his view that the penalties for violating the proposed Code should not be limited to expulsion. Compatriot Ohanesian explained that the penalties would be handled through an Adjudication Rule and various disciplines short of expulsion could be imposed. After a voice vote, President Richburg determined that the draft Code of Conduct would be forwarded to the Bylaws Committee for its consideration.

f. Compatriot Ted Morton is recognized to explain that the Scholarship Committee, because of computer problems, was not able to recognize the two second place 2017 Scholarship applications.

The Chairman of the committee is asking for consideration of a motion as follows: “Due to the mistake that the two losing candidates for the SCSSAR Scholarship were not properly notified, and that each one of them was an excellent candidate for the scholarship, the Committee Chairman moves that the Society make an exception and grant each of these two applicants a lesser monetary award from \$250 to \$500 with the latter being recommended.”

President Richburg pointed out that this motion does not need a second, coming from a committee. Discussion ensued. Treasurer Ohanesian is recognized to ask how this money will be allocated. Compatriot Morton stated that it was recommended that each of the candidates receive either \$250 each (\$500 total) or \$500 each (\$1,000) total. The Treasurer asked if an amendment to the motion could be made, whereas the Society did not award a scholarship last year (2016-17), that the Society split the 2016-17 scholarship award that was not made

last year and give each of these applicants \$500. The amendment was acceptable. The motion to make this amendment is seconded.

Compatriot Stock was recognized to ask if this proposal had come before the Executive Committee. He stated he would be more comfortable with the process if the Executive Committee has considered it. A question is asked why the scholarship money was not awarded last year. Compatriot Morton responded that it was his understanding that it was an oversight. By voice vote, the amendment was approved to use last year’s scholarship award that by oversight was not used and split this money between the two second place candidates.

Compatriot Cousar is recognized to state that he thinks any student who puts in the work to submit a scholarship application should be recognized by the Society. The question is raised whether the main motion can be tabled and sent back to the Committee. Compatriot Knapp moved to table the main motion and send it back to the Committee for further review and explanation. The motion to table is seconded and it passes by a majority vote after the BOG members were asked to stand either in support of or in opposition to the motion.

10. New Business

a. Proposed Annual Meeting rotation — President Richburg explained that this motion designates the re-

gions in advance to host the Annual Meeting and should allow regions better preparation time if they know in advance that they are in the rotation for hosting responsibilities. Compatriot Crowther is recognized to express his support for this motion. Compatriot Gordon McKay moves to implement the following:

I move that the SCSSAR Board of Governors (BOG) assign the development, implementation and management for future SCSSAR Annual Meetings to the various Regional Vice Presidents and their respective Regions in the following order of assignment per five-year intervals:

Years ending in “4” and “9” — Pee Dee Region [i.e. 2019 and 2024]

Years ending in “5” and “0” — Midlands Region [i.e. 2020 and 2025]

Years ending in “6” and “1” — Piedmont Region [i.e. 2026 and 2021]

Years ending in “7” and “2” — Low Country Region [i.e. 2027 and 2022]

Years ending in “8” and “3” — Upstate Region [i.e. 2023 and 2028]

i. The motion is seconded by Compatriot Cousar, and discussion ensues. It is pointed out that it is difficult to get to some of the various regions if a Compatriot lives some distance away in another part of the State. President Richburg points out that multiple chapters within a region can jointly host the Annual Meeting, or one chapter can be primary and the oth-

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Calendar of Events

Dec. 16	Debutante Colonial Ball	Charleston, S.C.
Jan. 20	Board of Governors meeting	Columbia, S.C.
April 6-7	North Carolina Annual Meeting	Hickory, N.C.
April 28-29	South Carolina Annual Meeting	Clemson, S.C.
May 18-19	Florida Annual Meeting	Kissimmee, Florida
June 14	Flag Day	

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ers in the region assisting. Compatriot Ohanesian points out that chapters in some regions, like the Pee Dee Region, are relatively small and hosting an annual meeting may be difficult in outlying areas.

Compatriot Stock says it is a well thought out plan, pointing to the last Annual Meeting in Beaufort, which was one of the best annual meetings in years. He expressed support for traveling around the state for these meetings.

Compatriot Charles Auger is recognized to ask who plans these meetings and how these Annual Meetings are financed. Treasurer Ohanesian said the State Society contributes \$2,000 to any Chapter that sponsors the Annual Meeting. Secretary Woodruff said the State Society collects the registration and fees for the meals, so the Chapters are not usually paying for any of this. The local chapter(s) does the planning and makes the logistical arrangements in coordination with the State Treasurer and Society.

The State Society can help with the planning where necessary. The hosting chapter might undertake some activity as a fundraiser in conjunction with the meeting. The motion is adopted by unanimous vote.

b. Grave Markings of original SCSSAR members — Compatriot Guy Higgins reported that the National SAR instituted a new medal, a Compatriot Grave Marking medal, essentially the same as the Patriot Grave Marking medal. No one in the entire country has applied for this new medal. This presents an opportunity for SCSSAR to be a leader in getting Compatriot grave markings underway.

Compatriot Higgins pointed out that any compatriot who has passed away is a candidate, but a good place to start might be with the original founders of the State Society, since it is among the first State Societies formed and was involved in founding the National SAR. There were 26 members in the 1889 organizational group for the SC Society and the National SAR. There are two problems with marking the grave sites of these members: First, two of the members died out of state, one in New Jersey and the other in Massachusetts. Marking these

graves would be difficult. Second, it is difficult to discern where graves of six members of the original group are located since these original members were identified by initials and last name only. But 16 compatriot graves have been located with at least one half of them in Columbia, including three former governors, Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton, and former chief justices of the SC Supreme Court. These were prominent men at that time.

So, the question is whether the Society is interested in trying to mark these graves and would consider a proposal to undertake this. Permission would be sought from the compatriots' families and there would be some cost involved in obtaining appropriate markers. Treasurer Ohanesian asked about the cost of the markers. Compatriot Higgins said the smallest crematorial grave marker costs \$22.50, with other markers costing \$100 or more. The total costs could range as high as \$2,000, but could be as little as \$400.

Compatriot Higgins said he would be happy to contact the families. Compatriot Stock said he could obtain markers that are embedded in concrete in the ground for as little as \$79. These markers are not specific to the compatriot being honored but are the general SAR markers. Compatriot Woodruff said he supports this effort and the Society can work with other State Societies to mark graves out of state.

President Richburg noted that the DAR may want to participate in this undertaking. It was noted that the Society must participate in 15 compatriot grave markings to qualify for the new national medal. However, there are two cemeteries in Columbia where there are at least 10 compatriot graves that could be marked together.

Compatriot John Hoyle noted that his chapter has obtained grave markers for \$75 each. Compatriot Higgins said if the Society has the funds, and can obtain permission from the families and the respective cemeteries, he believed this could be accomplished quickly. There would be Americanism points for this project. The question was asked whether this would be a State or Chapter project. It was pointed out that the expense associated with this almost mandates that it

be undertaken by the Society. Treasurer Ohanesian made a motion that the Society do five of these grave markings a year extending over a five-year period (if approximately 26 graves of the founding compatriots can be located) spreading out the costs and providing time to contact families and cemeteries. Compatriot Higgins seconded the motion.

During discussion, it was noted these compatriots can be anywhere in the state. Chapters can do more recent compatriots at their own expense and those grave markings would also count toward the medal. Compatriot Higgins said he would get a list of names of the founding compatriots and where their graves are located, including the six that have not been identified. Question is called. The motion carries unanimously.

As a follow up, Secretary Woodruff said there is a book that might be available that lists most of the deceased compatriots in South Carolina to help chapters with grave markings. Information can be requested or sent to Compatriot Higgins via e-mail at guyhiggins@gmail.com.

c. South Atlantic District Website — President Richburg said that this District in which SCSSAR is a participant has a new website and the costs of maintaining that website are allocated to the states in the District. The Society's share this year is \$114.50. Treasurer Ohanesian made a motion that the Society accept its pro-rata share of this year's costs of maintaining the District website in the amount of \$114.50 and continue to support its allocated share of the maintenance of the District website in future years. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

d. Eutaw Springs proposed as a national event — Compatriot Doug Doster said the Battle of Eutaw Springs memorial event has grown each year. Land is being purchased to preserve the battle site. It is proposed that the State Society support this as a recognized national event. The main concern is this will be an on-going annual event and it requires the Society's endorsement and support to make sure there is a mechanism and sufficient resources to support the event each year going forward.

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A motion to this effect was made by Compatriot Ohanesian, seconded, and passed unanimously.

e. Election of Nominations Committee — President Richburg called for the election of three compatriots to the Nominating Committee. The President appoints the other four members of the Committee. The State Secretary serves on the Committee as advisor. Compatriots Ohanesian, Woodruff, Morton and Ingle are nominated from the floor. Motion is made, seconded, and passes unanimously to close the nominations.

President Richburg asks that three of these Compatriots be accepted by acclimation and the fourth Compatriot will serve as one of the President's appointees. Compatriots Ohanesian, Woodruff and Morton are elected by acclimation and Compatriot Ingle will serve on the Committee as one of the President's appointments. President Richburg said he would make sure that the other three appointees are from appropriate regions in the state and he will notify everyone by e-mail of those serving on the Nominations Committee.

f. Appointment of the Patriot Medal Committee — President Richburg noted that the Society bylaws require this Committee consist of former recipients of the medal and the Committee members select their own chairman. Compatriots Morton, Ohanesian, Doster, Krause and Crowther have agreed to serve and have been appointed.

g. Secretary Woodruff pointed out that this October BOG meeting is normally the time to discuss candidates for National office, but all candidates for National offices are unopposed so there are no contested races. However, 2018 is the year for South Carolina to nominate the Vice President General for the South Atlantic District. So, a candidate is needed who will be elected at the January meeting. Any interested Compatriot should put themselves forward for that office today.

The general requirement is that the Compatriot should have served as past State President and as National Trustee. Compatriot Woodruff said he would put his name forward for that office. President Richburg said he

would appoint a three-member ad hoc committee composed of former Vice President Generals who would review any candidates, including Compatriot Woodruff, for this office and present a recommendation

h. Compatriot Keith Gourdin is recognized to ask the Society to consider making the annual memorial service recognizing Francis Marion both a state and national event. This service is held each year on Feb. 27 at Belle Isle Plantation in Berkeley County. This memorial service has been conducted for many years and the Hezekiah Maham Chapter has become a co-sponsor with the DAR chapter in Berkeley.

Compatriot Ohanesian pointed out that the State Society must be an official participant in a memorial event for at least 10 years before it can be considered for national status. National SAR officers must attend the event. So it is premature to pursue national event status at this point.

Compatriot Woodruff is recognized to point out that making it a "state event" is relatively simple, particularly if the Society President attends the event. Communications about the event disseminated to all chapters is key. President Richburg referred this to the Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee for its consideration.

i. Compatriot Wayne Cousar is recognized to ask the BOG to consider a position/response that could be taken on efforts made to remove statutes/monuments honoring Revolutionary War Patriots from public spaces. Compatriot Woodruff suggested forming an ad hoc committee to study this and recommend how to respond to such efforts. President Richburg said he would appoint such a committee and Compatriot Cousar said he would

accept its chairmanship.

j. Compatriot Tom Forte is recognized to make a comment about the need to develop a more user-friendly State Society web site.

11. Retirement of the Colors by the SCSSAR Color Guard

12. SAR Recessional

13. Benediction by Chaplain John Ingle

14. Adjournment at 12:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS: President Edd Richburg; Senior Vice President Howard Knapp; Secretary Dan Woodruff; Treasurer Greg Ohanesian; Low Country VP Ken Stock; Midlands VP Jim Wyrosdick; Piedmont VP David Smith; Pee Dee VP Greg Ohanesian; Upstate VP Bob Krause; VP for Chapter Renewal Wayne Cousar; Registrar Bailey Keeling; Historian Donny Carson; Chaplain John Ingle; Genealogist Carroll Crowther; Recording Secretary Nat Kaminski.

ATTENDANCE: CHAPTERS: Battle of Eutaw Springs; Doug Doster; Cambridge: Tommy O'Dell, Brabham Dukes, Ted Morton; Col. Hezekiah Maham: Keith Gourdin; Col. Lemuel Benton: Fred Oakes; Col. Philemon Waters: Thomas Forte; Col. Robert Anderson: Bill Williamson; Col. Thomas Taylor: Warren Carothers; Daniel Morgan: John Hoyle, Donny Carson, John Ingle, Charles Augur; Dr. George Mosse: Jim Robinson; Gen. Francis Marion: Guy Higgins; Gov. Paul Hamilton: Wayne Cousar, Carroll Crowther; Major General William Moultrie: Gordon McCay, Jim Heritage; Col. Matthew Singleton: Frank Brown, Sam Lenoir.

Chapters without separate member representation: Gene. James Williams; Thomas Lynch

Next BOG Meeting: Saturday Jan. 20, 2018.

"If a good bleeding can bring those Bible-faced Yankees to their senses, the fever of independency should soon abate."

**British Gen. James Grant to Gen. Harvey
after the American defeat
at the Battle of Long Island
Aug. 27, 1776**

Bylaws of the South Carolina Society

Bylaws of the South Carolina Society
As Adopted on April 2, 2016

ARTICLE I - Authority, Name, Jurisdiction

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SECTION 2: This organization was organized April 17, 1889 and is a chartering member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution operating in a manner consistent with the authority and limitations outlined in Bylaws of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SECTION 3: The jurisdiction of this Society shall be the territorial limits of the State of South Carolina unless otherwise directed by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II - Objectives

SECTION 1: The objectives of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational. They shall include those intended or designed:

1. To perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people
2. To unite and promote fellowship among their descendants
3. To inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers
4. To encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution
5. To acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks
6. To mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials
7. To celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period
8. To foster true patriotism
9. To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom
10. To carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III - Membership

SECTION 1 Eligibility for Membership

Any male shall be eligible for membership in this Society being a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence either as an officer, sol-

dier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or any one of the several Colonies or States, as a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence, as a member of any Continental, Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature, as a foreign national of, but not limited to, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden or Switzerland who rendered service in the cause of American Independence or as a recognized Patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain, provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

SECTION 2: Classifications of Membership

(1) A Regular Member shall be any male member of the age of eighteen (18) years and over, except those members described in Subsections (2) of this Paragraph, who meets all requirements for membership as defined in the Bylaws of the South Carolina Society.

(2) A Junior Member shall be any male member under the age of eighteen (18) years who has met all requirements for membership as defined in the Bylaws of the South Carolina Society.

(3) A State Emeritus Member designation shall be granted to any member of the South Carolina Society, who is in good standing (a) upon the attainment of ninety (90) years of age or (b) upon the payment of fifty (50) years of regular member state dues cumulatively from the date of approval. State Emeritus Members shall be absolved from paying annual State Society dues for the remainder of their natural life. National and chapter dues shall still apply.

(4) A State Life Member designation shall be granted to any member of the South Carolina Society, who is in good standing, as defined in Section 5 of this Article.

(5) A Memorial Membership designation shall be granted to a deceased male of the same family, providing that the deceased is not prior to the second generation from the generation of the current member in good standing, whose application has been approved by the National Society and upon payment of a one-time fee equal to ten (10) times the annual dues of the Society.

(6) A Dual Member designation shall be granted to any member of another society who wishes to obtain membership within this Society upon furnishing evidence of the member's good standing in their primary state society. Members of this Society may obtain Dual Memberships in other State Societies in accordance with those society's established procedures.

(7) The official designation and form of address for a member of the South Carolina Society shall be "Com-patriot."

SECTION 3: Application for Membership

(1) Application for membership in the South Carolina Society shall be made through the Secretary of this Society

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in accordance with the applicable articles and sections of the Bylaws of the National Society upon submission of duplicate, original applications on the proper form and paper prescribed by the National Board of Trustees, a single copy of supporting documentation and accompanied by the proper application fees and dues for the current year. In the event an application is rejected, all dues will be refunded.

(2) An applicant for membership must be endorsed by two (2) members of this Society who are currently in good standing.

(3) The application must first be reviewed by the Chapter Registrar and/or Chapter Genealogist prior to submission to the State Registrar who will then review and endorse the application prior to remitting same to the State Secretary who will review and endorse the application, officially accepting it on behalf of this Society before remitting the application to the National Society for final review and approval.

(4) Membership within the South Carolina Society is expected to be through a local chapter, but may be granted on an At Large basis if no local chapter is available, residence outside the State of South Carolina, as a holding place for members forming a new chapter or if reasons of health or disability prevent active chapter membership.

(5) Male members of the Children of the American Revolution may apply for membership in this Society at any time. Such application shall consist of a Certificate of Good Standing, which shall be accepted in lieu of an application fee, provided that the request is submitted no later than one (1) year after his twenty-first (21st) birthday. Such transfers shall pay the prescribed dues and National fee for their membership certificates.

(6) Any son of a member of this Society, or the son of a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who is between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25), may be admitted without payment of the admission fee, provided that his parent is a member in good standing, or if deceased, was a member in good standing at the time of death. Such applicant shall pay the prescribed dues and National fee for their membership certificates.

SECTION 4: Changes in Membership

(1) Members who are able to establish their eligibility for membership on more than one (1) ancestor may submit Supplemental Applications for each additional ancestor using the prescribed application form, in duplicate, providing a single copy of supporting documentation and submission of the appropriate application fees to the State Registrar for review and endorsement prior to submission to the State Secretary.

(2) Members may be dropped from good standing, and thus membership within this Society, if they fail to remit the required annual dues payments as billed each year and proper notification of such action from the State Secretary.

(3) A member may reinstate their membership upon the

submission of a written request upon the prescribed form by the National Society and payment of current dues and the established state reinstatement fee.

(4) A member may transfer his membership either into another State Society or from another State Society, provided that he is in good standing at the time of the transfer request, upon submission of the appropriate Transfer of Membership form as prescribed by the National Society and upon submission of the appropriate dues payments.

(5) A member in good standing may resign his membership at any time upon written notification to the State Secretary.

SECTION 5: State Life Membership Program

(1) The State Life Membership Program is provided as method for members in good standing to pre-pay their annual state dues at a rate equal to 50% of the total annual dues owed for the period from their current age to age ninety (90). If a member is below the age of forty (40), they shall pay the rate equivalent to that of a forty (40) year old member.

(2) Eligibility for State Life Membership is open only to members who are also National Life Members. Application for both Life Membership Programs may be made concurrently.

(3) Any member enrolled in the State Life Membership Program shall be responsible for the continued payment of any chapter dues and any special assessments as may be adopted by the South Carolina Society from time to time.

(4) Any member enrolled in the State Life Membership Program shall not be responsible for paying any difference between the annual dues rate at the time of enrollment and any higher annual dues rate as may be adopted at some point in the future.

(5) The State Life membership is not transferrable to other state societies or any successors or heirs, nor shall any refund of the initial fee be made if the member dies prior to reaching age ninety (90).

(6) Upon reaching age ninety (90), State Life Members shall be granted the State Emeritus Member designation as defined in Section 2, Paragraph 3.

SECTION 6: Dues

(1) The annual dues of this Society will be determined from year to year by the Executive Committee with approval of the Board of Governors.

(2) The Executive Committee may, in its discretion, remit the annual dues of any member.

(3) Any Chapter in this Society may assess and collect from its members such dues as it may deem advisable beyond the minimum described in Paragraph 1 of this Section.

(4) State and chapter dues shall be set and reported to the State Secretary on or before October 15 of each year prior to their effective date. Dues not so reported shall remain at the previously set levels.

(5) The fiscal year of this Society shall conform to that of

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the National Society. Chapters shall observe the same fiscal year as the State Society.

ARTICLE IV – Administration of the State Society

SECTION 1: General Administration

The administration of the general affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, and the Officers of the Society. Whenever the Board of Governors is not in session, the administration of the Society shall be vested in the Officers or the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2: Board of Governors

(1) The Board of Governors shall consist of the National Trustee, the Alternate National Trustee, the elected officers of the Society during their terms of office, all living past presidents of the Society, and two members from each Chapter in the Society consisting of the chapter president and one additional member selected by the Chapter, and the chairs of each committee appointed by the President of the Society.

(2) The Board of Governors shall perform such duties as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws and as may be committed to it at any meeting of the Society.

SECTION 3: PERMANENT COMMITTEES

(1) The Board of Governors or President of the Society may delegate specific duties or responsibilities to permanent and ad hoc committees as established by either party. The President shall appoint the chairman and approve the membership of each committee, except where such chairmanship and membership is defined within the Bylaws. The following permanent committees have been established by the State Society.

- (a) Americanism
- (b) Bylaws
- (c) Historic Sites
- (d) Medals & Awards
- (e) Membership & Retention
- (f) Nominating
- (g) Patriot Graves
- (h) Publicity & Communications

SECTION 4: Executive Committee

(1) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Past President of the Society appointed by the President. No compatriot shall hold any two of these offices at the same time.

(2) The Executive Committee shall be the custodian of all property, real and personal, belonging to the Society. The Executive Committee shall meet from time to time as necessary between the meetings of the Board of Governors to manage the business and affairs of the Soci-

ety and perform such duties as may be committed to it by any meeting of the Society, provided, that it shall not have power to sell, convey, or encumber any real estate belonging to the Society or incur any liability other than for ordinary current expenses, except when it is ordered at a meeting of the Society by a two-thirds (2/3s) vote of the members present.

(3) Any actions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to ratification at the subsequent meeting of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 5: Americanism – The committee shall consist at a minimum of the chairman appointed by the State President, the State Historian and one (1) other member. This committee shall govern and promote the Americanism program of the National Society, but shall not have any governing authority over the individual chapters of the Society.

SECTION 6: Bylaws – The Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the President and additional members recruited by the chairman. The committee shall be the sole custodian of the governing documents of the Society and shall review these documents and recommend changes as advisable. No person may publish any version of these documents without the express permission and approval of this committee. The committee shall also review the governing documents of the Chapters of this Society and shall have the authority to require that they are consistent with the Bylaws of this State Society and the National Society.

SECTION 7: Historic Sites – The committee shall consist at a minimum of at least one (1) member from each region of the State as appointed by the State President. The State President shall appoint the chairman. This committee shall have oversight over all National events occurring within the territorial limits of the State of South Carolina.

SECTION 8: Medals & Awards – The committee shall consist at a minimum of the Senior Vice President, who shall be the chairman of the committee, the State Secretary and at least one (1) member from each region of the state as appointed by the State President. This committee shall select the recipients of all medals given by the State Society except the Patriot Medal. Any member of the State Society may nominate a person for an appropriate medal or award by communicating with this committee.

SECTION 9: Membership & Retention – The committee shall consist at a minimum of the Senior Vice President, who shall be the chairman of the committee, the State Secretary and the Regional Vice Presidents. This committee shall lead in promotion of membership and retention. This committee shall also resolve membership questions within the scope of the State and National Bylaws.

SECTION 10: Nominating – The committee shall consist of seven (7) members of which three (3) shall be elected by the Board of Governors at the October meeting and

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four (4) appointed by the State President such that each region of the state shall have at least one (1) representative. The committee shall elect its own chairman. The State Secretary shall serve as an advisor to the committee, but may be eligible for election to or appointment as a voting member. The committee shall produce a slate of officers to be presented to the Board of Governors for recommendation to the Annual Meeting of the Society. It is the duty of the committee to determine the eligibility of all those nominated for State Society offices.

SECTION 11: Patriot Graves – The committee shall consist at a minimum of at least one (1) member from each region of the State as appointed by the State President. The State President shall appoint the chairman. This committee shall have the authority to kept an official roster of all patriot graves within the State of South Carolina.

SECTION 12: Patriot Medal – The committee shall consist of five (5) former recipients of the Patriot Medal appointed by the State President with one (1) representing each region of the state. The committee shall elect its own chairman. This committee shall select the recipients of the Patriot Medal.

SECTION 13: Publicity & Communications – The committee shall consist at a minimum of the Senior Vice President, who shall serve as chairman, the Webmaster and the Editor of *The Palmetto Patriot*. This committee shall have oversight over all publicity and communications of the State Society.

SECTION 14: Officers

The duties of the officers of the Society shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and they shall have such other duties as are hereinafter imposed and such powers as shall be delegated to them by an Annual or Special Meeting of the Society, the Board of Governors, or the Executive Committee.

(1) The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Senior Vice President, five (5) regional Vice Presidents, a Vice-President for Chapter Renewal and Revitalization, a Vice-President for Chapter Formation and Development, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain, a Historian, a Chancellor, and a Genealogist.

(2) The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society; and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are qualified, elected, and installed.

(3) The officers shall serve without compensation in such capacities except for the reimbursement of ordinary expenses incurred in the performance of their office as provided for in the annual budget of the Society.

(4) The duties of the officers shall be such as their titles shall, by custom, indicate and as may be defined within the Bylaws of the Society or as assigned by the President,

the Board of Governors, or the Executive Committee.

(5) The constitutional duties of officers shall not be abridged or modified by any authority except the Annual Meeting of the Society and then only by amendment of these Bylaws. These duties as spelled out in this document are the responsibility of the particular officer who is answerable to the Annual Meeting.

(6) No officer of the South Carolina Society shall hold any elective or ex officio office of any other State Society.

(7) By acceptance of the nomination the President, Senior Vice-President, Trustee and Alternate Trustee agree to attend the National Leadership Conferences and the National Congress unless providentially hindered.

(8) By acceptance of the nomination the President and Senior Vice-President agree to visit as many chapters and state events as possible. They furthermore shall attend the President General and/or the South Atlantic Vice-President General when they visit this State Society.

(9) No member of the South Carolina Society shall serve in the national office of Vice-President General while simultaneously serving as State President or State Senior Vice-President or as the Trustee or Alternate Trustee representing this State Society.

(10) The State President shall have the authority to appoint minor officers including but not limited to webmaster, editor of the *Palmetto Patriot*, auditor, parliamentarian, chief of protocol or sergeant at arms. These appointments are at the pleasure of the State President and shall cease when he leaves office making reappointment by a succeeding State President a requirement. They shall have duties as set by the State President, Executive Committee or Board of Governors.

SECTION 15: The President

The President, in addition to his general duties, shall maintain a general supervision over the affairs of the Society; he shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for, and shall be chairman of the Board of Governors and a member of all committees. The President will be considered the designated National Trustee nominee under normal circumstances.

SECTION 16: The Senior Vice President

(1) The Senior Vice President shall assist the President in the general supervision of the affairs of the Society and shall represent the Society at Chapter meetings or other affairs when the President is unable to attend.

(2) In the absence of the President, he will preside over meetings of the Society and, in the event of death, disability or resignation of the President, he will assume the duties of the President until a new President is elected at a special meeting of the Society. Such service as an interim president shall not disqualify the Senior Vice President from serving a full term as President at the conclusion of his term as Senior Vice President.

(3) The Senior Vice President is the chief membership and communication officer of the State Society. He shall have oversight over all activities involving these functions.

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(4) The Senior Vice President will be considered the designated nominee for President under normal circumstances. No member of the Society shall be nominated for Senior Vice President unless he has served at least one (1) term in another office of the Board of Governors within the past five (5) years.

SECTION 17: The Regional Vice Presidents

The Regional Vice Presidents shall seek in every manner to promote the interest and activities of the State Society; visit and be responsible for the chapters in his area including, but not limited to, consulting with chapters on methods to revitalize the chapter from time to time; encourage and assist the Vice President of Chapter Formation and Development in the formation of new chapters and the enrollment of new members and the training of new chapter officers.

SECTION 18: Board of Governors Requirement

No member shall be eligible for nomination as a Regional Vice President, the Senior Vice President or President who has not (a) been a member of the Board of Governors for at least two (2) years prior to nomination, (b) attended at least two-thirds (2/3) of the quarterly state meetings including both annual state meetings during that two (2) year period, and (c) who has committed to attend seventy-five percent (75%) of the meetings during his tenure in office excepting that the attendance provisions may be waived by the Nominating Committee in the event of consideration of health or family matters.

SECTION 19: The Vice President for Chapter Renewal and Revitalization

The Vice President for Chapter Renewal and Revitalization shall direct and assist chapters having difficulties either (a) at the written request of a minimum of three (3) chapter members detailing specific areas of difficulty, (b) at the direction of the SCSSAR Executive Committee or (c) when the chapter fails to have representation at three (3) consecutive Board of Governors meetings inclusive of the Annual State Meeting.

SECTION 20: The Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development

The Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development shall guide, direct and assist in the formation of new chapters within the Society. He shall provide a written assessment including a recommendation to the Executive Committee when a provisional chapter submits its chartering petition. He shall have oversight of all developing chapters. He shall serve as an advisor to these chapters as an ex officio member of the chapter's executive committee for at least one (1) year after the Charter is approved.

SECTION 21: The Secretary

The Secretary shall have the ultimate charge of all the records of the society, shall give notice of all meetings of the Society, Executive Committee or Board of Governors and shall give due notice to all State Officers, and Chapters of all votes, orders and proceedings affecting or appertaining to their duties. The Secretary shall obtain name and address mailing labels as required for all members, a local permit for bulk mail and distribute the *Palmetto Patriot* newsletter. He shall provide a list of the new members to update the State Society Roster annually. He shall distribute all pamphlets, circulars, rosettes, and supplies as directed by the Board of Governors. He shall also serve as Secretary of the Board of Governors. He shall issue certificates of membership to members entitled thereto.

SECTION 22: The Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Board of Governors and the Annual Meeting of the Society and shall prepare and publish minutes. The Recording Secretary shall prior to the Annual Meeting and the Board of Governors meetings receive, edit and publish reports prepared by the officers, committee chairs, and chapters of this Society. He may distribute meeting agendas with these reports, but production of the agendas shall remain the duty of the State President.

SECTION 23: The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of the General Fund of the Society. He shall collect all money due the Society, including application fees and dues, and keep account of the same. He shall pay to the Treasurer General the annual dues as required by the National Society. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and expenditures. He shall deposit all uninvested funds in the name of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in a reliable bank or savings institution. He shall prepare and submit a budget for approval and adoption at the Annual Meeting. General budget line items may only be added to the budget at the Annual Meeting of the Society. Expenditure of funds for items not budgeted for may only be made from the General Fund, any Contingency Fund, Special Designated Fund, or gifts to the Society upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 24: The Registrar

The Registrar shall examine all applications for membership and if found acceptable approve them before submission to National Headquarters for final approval and registration. A duplicate copy of all applications of all members shall be retained for the records of this Society by the Secretary or the Registrar. The Secretary, or Registrar, shall keep a Register of the names and dates of election, transfer, resignation and death of all active members.

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SECTION 25: The Chaplain

The Chaplain (preferably a regular ordained minister) shall open and close meetings of the Society with the services usual and proper for such occasions.

SECTION 26: The Historian

The Historian shall have the care and custody of all records, minutes, proceedings, enacted regulations, historical papers, manuscripts and documents belonging to and pertaining to the Society, and shall keep a correct list of the same including, but not limited to, collecting copies of *The Palmetto Patriot*, chapter newsletters, minutes of the state and chapter meetings, and all other material related to the activities and events of the Society. These materials shall not be limited to digital copies, but physical copies of all important documents shall be archived for future use. He shall endeavor to be present at all exercises of the Society, and call attention to, and give information regarding, points of historic interest. He shall keep records of historical and commemorative meetings, and shall supervise the preparation and printing of any historical publications of this Society. During his term in office the Historian shall provide the State Secretary with any records as needed. All records and collections made by the Historian shall remain the property of the State Society and shall be delivered to his successor immediately after his election. He shall be a member of the Americanism Committee. He shall prepare a summary of activities for presentation at the annual State Convention.

SECTION 27: The Chancellor

The Chancellor shall be an attorney at law and shall give opinions on legal matters affecting the Society when such questions are referred to him by the proper officers. The Chancellor shall act as the Parliamentarian at all meetings of the Society. The State President may appoint another compatriot to act as Parliamentarian on an as needed basis.

SECTION 28: The Genealogist

The Genealogist shall provide assistance to prospective members in preparing applications and in reviewing applications when requested by the Registrar or Secretary.

SECTION 29: National Officers and Delegates

(1) National Trustee: The Society shall nominate one (1) member each year to be elected by the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to serve as National Trustee. The National Trustee shall be considered the Head Delegate to the Annual Congress from the Society.

(2) Alternate National Trustee: The Society shall nominate one (1) member each year to be elected by the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the

American Revolution to serve as Alternate National Trustee.

(3) Delegates to Annual Congress: The Society shall elect a Delegate At Large to attend the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and such other Delegates as it may be entitled to as defined and assigned by the National Society. Said delegates to be selected in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society.

(4) As per the Bylaws of the South Atlantic District, the South Carolina Society shall every fourth year recommend to that District a compatriot to be nominated for the position of Vice-President General. This compatriot shall not be the sitting State President of this Society or a trustee who upon election shall serve during the same term of office.

ARTICLE V – Meetings and Quorum

SECTION 1: Board of Governors Meetings

(1) The Board of Governors shall meet at least quarterly, including the Annual Meeting. The normal quarterly meeting shall be on the third Saturday of each quarter except when such dates conflict with a National Society event, commemoration, or religious holiday. In the event of a conflict the State President shall have the discretion to move the date of the meeting by seven (7) days.

(2) The business of the Board of Governors Meeting shall consist of the reception of quarterly activity reports by the officers, chapters, and committee chairmen as well as other such business that needs to be transacted unless specifically defined within another meeting.

SECTION 2: Annual Meeting

(1) The Annual Meeting of the Society is a meeting of the whole State Society with all members of the Society in good standing invited to attend with voting privileges. It shall not be held in conjunction with a Board of Governors meeting since it is subservient to the State Society as a whole.

(2) The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held each year between January 1 and at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on a date, excepting Easter weekend, and at a place designated by vote of the Board of Governors.

(3) The business of the Annual Meeting shall consist of the reception of the annual reports of the officers, chapters, and committee chairmen, the election and installation of officers, the amendment of the Bylaws, and any other business that needs to be transacted.

(4) Notice of the Annual meeting will be given to each member within the Spring Edition of *The Palmetto Patriot* at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting specifying time and place.

(5) The Annual Meeting shall conclude with an Awards Banquet, the Installation of Officers, and an address by the incoming State President.

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SECTION 3: Order of Business of the Annual Meeting

- (1) Calling the meeting to order by the President.
- (2) Opening prayer by the Chaplain.
- (3) Pledge to the SAR
- (4) Address by the President.
- (5) Appointment of necessary committees.
- (6) Reading minutes of last meeting.
- (7) Reports of Officers.
- (8) Reports of Committees.
- (9) Unfinished business.
- (10) New business.
- (11) Address by Special Guests.
- (12) Election of Officers.
- (13) Installation of Officers.
- (14) Adjournment
- (15) Benediction.

Provided that the President may suspend this order of business.

SECTION 4: Special Meetings

- (1) Special meetings may be called by the President, and shall be called by him when so directed by the Board of Governors or when so requested by fifteen (15) members of the Society representing at least twenty-five (25%) of the Chapters in the Society.
- (2) Notice of a Special Meeting must be given to each member specifying the date and place of the meeting as well as the business to be transacted at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. This notice can include, but is not limited to, publication in *The Palmetto Patriot* or a notice mailed to each member whether by regular mail or by electronic format.
- (3) The business of a Special Meeting shall be limited to the business published in the required meeting notice.

SECTION 5: Quorum

- (1) Provided that no member can be counted more than once in establishing the quorum, a quorum will be defined as having a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the elected officers including either the President or Senior Vice President and at least one (1) representative from twenty-five percent (25%) of the chapters of the Society.
- (2) A quorum shall be established at the beginning of a meeting. In the event of the failure to meet a quorum, the only action that can be taken is an adjournment.

SECTION 7: Parliamentary Authority

The Parliamentary Authority for all meetings of the Society, the Board of Governors and Committees shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Recently Revised, except as otherwise provided by this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: Elections

SECTION 1: Nominations - Nominations for officers

and the National Trustee shall be made by the Nominating Committee provided for in Article IV, Section 10 of these Bylaws. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election.

SECTION 2: Voting

- (1) Election of officers shall be by ballot at the Annual Meeting, and a majority of all votes cast shall be required for election.
- (2) Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.
- (3) Offices for which there is only one nomination may be elected by voice vote. This provision may apply to an entire slate of officers or any part thereof.

SECTION 3: Voting Eligibility - All members of this State Society in good standing with the Society shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting of the Society and at any properly called meeting of the Society unless specifically prohibited by National or State Bylaws. Such voting members must be registered and pay any applicable fees prior to the meeting. No member shall be allowed to cast more than one ballot irrespective of holding multiple offices on a chapter, state, or national level. The presiding officer shall be allowed to vote in any meeting.

SECTION 4: Term of office - The term of office shall be for one year and until a successor shall be elected.

SECTION 5: Vacancies - Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by presidential appointment.

ARTICLE VII: Special Funds

SECTION 1: There are three (3) special funds of the State Society: (1) the Education Fund and (2) the Colonial Ball Fund. Proceeds from the former Endowment Trust Fund and Life Membership Fund are to be transferred to the General Fund so as to eliminate the annual need to disburse funds to the General Fund. The functions of these funds are defined in the following sections.

SECTION 2: The Education Fund will receive contributions from members and non-members. The proceeds of the Fund shall be used to promote the educational goals of the Society.

SECTION 3: The Colonial Ball Fund will receive all fees paid for participation in the Colonial Balls sponsored by the Society as well as any contributions made specifically to the Ball or the Fund. The Fund shall be used to pay for costs incurred in producing the Colonial Ball. Proceeds of the Ball shall be used to fund the SCSSAR Scholarship Contest.

SECTION 4: The Special Funds of the Society shall be in the custody of the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall keep an accurate accounting of all funds, revenues and expenses related to the Special Funds to be reported

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on at Board of Governors and the Annual State Meetings. Special Fund accounts may be audited by person(s) selected by the Board of Governors at any time.

SECTION 5: Properties may be retained in the form received or converted to cash, in the considered judgment of the Board of Governors. Investments will be insured accounts and expenditures will be made only as provided in Sections 1 through 4 above, or as directed by the Executive Committee or Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VI: Chapters

SECTION 1: A Chapter of this Society shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) members in good standing, residing in a specific community within the jurisdiction of the Society.

SECTION 2: Each chapter shall regulate all matters, including membership, pertaining to its own affairs, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws of this Society and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SECTION 3: Ten (10) or more members of this Society, residing in any community within the Society's jurisdiction where a Chapter does not exist or a former chapter has become inactive, may organize themselves into a Prospective Chapter of this Society upon the approval of the Executive Committee. The Prospective Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development and shall be subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of both this Society and the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

SECTION 4: Application for a Chapter Charter shall be by written petition to the Executive Committee, setting forth the location of the Chapter, the name of the Chapter, the names of the chartering members at the time of the petition, the definition of the chartering period, the names of the chapter officers and a copy of the Bylaws of the Chapter. The Executive Committee shall review the written petition in consultation with the Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development and either recommend adoption by the Board of Governors or return the petition with recommended changes.

SECTION 5: All petitions for Chapter Charters shall be approved by the Board of Governors by a two-thirds (2/3s) affirmative vote of all members present and voting at a meeting of the Board of Governors. Presentation of the Charter shall be made at a time, date and place to be determined by the new Chapter.

SECTION 6: Chapter Charters may be revoked for cause by a two-thirds (2/3s) affirmative vote of the Board of Governors at either a regularly scheduled meeting or at a specially called meeting.

SECTION 7: Each chapter shall at a minimum:

- (1) Notify the State Secretary of the election and/or appointment of all chapter officers no later than thirty (30) days of said election/appointment. This notification shall be in writing and include the names of the officers, date of election/appointment and a signed copy of the Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement Form.
- (2) Notify the State Secretary of the death of any member of the chapter upon learning of said death.
- (3) Provide a written report of all chapter activities on a form provided by the State Secretary by the stated deadline for each quarterly Board of Governors Meeting and Annual State Meeting.
- (4) Send the minimum representation as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws of this Society to the announced meetings of this Society.
- (5) Perform other such duties or requirements of this Society as defined by the Board of Governors and/or Executive Committee from time to time.

SECTION 8: Chapter membership shall not in any way change the relations of members to the State Society, nor impair obligations of the payment of dues and other such assessments or obligations as defined by the Bylaws of the Society.

SECTION 9: Chapters are creations of the State Society and exist at the pleasure of the State Society. No chapter shall have the authority to disband without the written permission of the Board of Governors which shall require a two-thirds (2/3s) affirmative vote of all members present and voting at a meeting of the Board of Governors. All properties and funds of a disbanding chapter shall become the property of the State Society which may hold them in trust for a reactivation of the chapter or for a new chapter in that jurisdiction. Under no circumstances shall funds or properties of a disbanded chapter be distributed to its former members or to any other organization or entity outside of the jurisdiction of this State Society.

ARTICLE VI – National Events and Protocol

SECTION 1: The State Society shall retain authority and oversight over all National events occurring within the territorial limits of the State of South Carolina. Chapters may participate as sponsors of these events, but shall not control, modify or determine the protocol of these events. Every consideration shall be given to state and national officers. The South Atlantic Vice President General and the State President shall preside at these events in the manner required by national protocol.

SECTION 2: The State President shall attend all events within the territorial limits of the State of South Carolina in which the President General or the South Atlantic Vice-President General is present unless providentially hindered. However, in such case either the Senior Vice-President or a Past State President appointed by the State President shall act in his stead and with his authority. Un-

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der no circumstances shall the presence of these National officers be ignored.

SECTION 3: The State President shall appoint a chief of protocol to oversee the protocol of any event or events within the State Society. This officer shall have the authority to require compliance to national protocol and shall function under direction and authority of the State president. No state or chapter officer shall have the authority to overrule this officer on matters of protocol

ARTICLE VII – Ethics and Behavior

SECTION 1: All members of the State Society shall conduct the business of this Society in an ethical and responsible manner respecting the dignity of every compatriot and every guest of the society. They shall act as gentlemen and shall observe the behavioral code of the National Society.

SECTION 2: The State Society shall have the right to censure or expel any compatriot who does not respect by

words or action the dignity of any compatriot or guest of the society.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

SECTION 1: The Bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at an Annual or Special meeting of the membership of the Society provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the said meeting.

SECTION 2: The Bylaws Committee may initiate changes in the Bylaws or other governing documents or may draft changes to these documents at the request of the Board of Governors, Executive Committee or any member of the Society. The Committee shall also make a recommendation to the Board of Governors as to the appropriateness of these amendments.

SECTION 3: Amendments shall be drafted by the Bylaws Committee and submitted to the Board of Governors for approval and then submitted to the Annual Meeting for adoption. Changes may be made by the Board of Governors, but once submitted to the Annual Meeting amendments cannot be further amended at the Annual meeting.

Membership Discipline

§ 1. Complaint.

Any member of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (“SCSAR”) may lodge a formal complaint against another member of the SCSAR for alleged conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the SCSAR. The complaining member will file the written complaint, which will include specifics of the conduct alleged, with the President of the SCSAR (“President”). If the President is the party to whom the complaint is lodged against, the current sitting Senior Vice President of the SCSAR will receive the complaint and will serve in the President’s capacity for all of the following provisions in this section.

Upon receipt of the complaint, the President will form an Ad Hoc Adjudication Committee (“Committee”) whose membership will be appointed at his discretion. He will also appoint a Chairman of the Committee (“Chairman”) from the Committee’s membership. This Chairman will serve as the presiding officer at Committee meetings and will be the point of contact between all third parties and the Committee. The Committee will be comprised of five members of the Board of Governors, none of whom may be a member of the same chapter to which the accused member belongs. The President of the SCSAR will serve as an ex-officio and non-voting member of the committee. All matters and communications of the Committee are privileged and no notes or recordings of its proceedings will be allowed or published, with the exception of the final determination of the Committee as produced in written form by the Chairman.

The Committee will first consider whether the conduct alleged in the complaint, if true, would constitute conduct

prejudicial to the best interests of the SCSAR. Conduct that is “prejudicial to the best interests of the SCSAR” shall be interpreted by the Committee as behavior by a member(s) of the SCSAR that is detrimental, damaging, injurious, harmful, disadvantageous, hurtful, or otherwise has a negative impact on the reputation of another member(s) or the SCSAR as a whole.

If the Committee determines that the alleged conduct would not be prejudicial, it will take no further action and the matter will be closed. The Chairman will then notify the President of the SCSAR and the member who filed the complaint of the Committee’s decision and that no further action will be taken on the matter.

If the Committee determines that the alleged conduct, if true, would be prejudicial to the best interests of the SCSAR, it will set a date for a hearing not less than three (3) nor more than six (6) calendar weeks after such determination. The Chairman will send a copy of the complaint to the accused member by a method that will assure delivery, together with a notice of the hearing. The notice will advise the accused member that he may appear at the hearing and present witnesses in his defense.

§ 2. Committee Hearing.

The committee should meet in a location that is central to the state of South Carolina, though another location may be decided upon by the committee. At the hearing, the complaining member(s) will be heard first and then the accused member(s) may present evidence, including witness testimony, regarding the conduct in question. The witnesses offered will only be allowed to speak on the matters, facts, and issues in the complaint and evidence—

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other information (e.g. the subject member's character or past contributions to the SCSAR) will not be heard.

Neither the accused member nor the member who filed the complaint are required to attend the hearing in order for the hearing to proceed and the Committee to take action.

Once all testimony is heard by all parties present and all evidence has been introduced to the Committee, the Committee will temporarily adjourn the hearing to go into an Executive Session. All non-Committee parties will leave the room or area in which the Committee is holding the Executive Session. During the Executive Session the Committee will deliberate and determine whether the alleged misconduct is prejudicial to the best interests of the SCSAR and, if so, the corresponding sanction.

Should the Committee find that the alleged misconduct is prejudicial to the best interests of the SCSAR, it may, by a majority vote of those Committee members present, issue any punishment ranging from a written reprimand to be mailed to the subject member and read out loud to the membership at the next Board of Governor's meeting, up to (but not exceeding) suspending the subject member from all privileges of the SCSAR for not more than five (5) years from the date of the hearing. The committee's decision on this sanction is final and effective immediately. Any sanction imposed will be announced by the Chairman of the Committee, or his designee, at the next scheduled Board of Governor's meeting and will be included in the meeting's minutes.

If the Committee considers such a reprimand or suspension to be an insufficient sanction, it may, in addition to the Committee's imposed sanction, recommend to the Board of Governors that the subject member be expelled, permanently, from the SCSAR. In such case, the suspension does not restrict the suspended member's right to appear at the next Board of Governor's meeting in which Committee's recommendation is considered.

After the Committee has reached a decision, the Executive Session will end and the parties will be allowed back into the meeting room/area. The Chairman will notify the accused of the Committee's decision and will also notify the subject member(s) that they may address the membership in Executive Session at the next Board of Governors meeting.

Following the meeting, the Chairman will put the Committee's findings in written form, deliver it to the President, and distribute copies to the Committee members. If either or both the complaining member(s) or the accused member(s) were not present at the hearing, the Chairman will notify the absent member(s) of the action that the Committee has taken.

Suspension from the SCSAR will be defined as a period of time, as determined by the Adjudication Committee, in which the subject member is banned from attending any SCSAR state or chapter meetings or events and all privileges of membership in the SCSAR are revoked.

After the Chairman of the Committee has notified the President of the sanction imposed, the President, in turn, will notify the National Society of the Sons of the Ameri-

can Revolution ("NSSAR") that the subject member is no longer a member in good standing with the SCSAR for the period of time determined by the Committee.

§ 3. Expulsion.

Expulsion of a member from the SCSAR may be accomplished only by the voting members of the Board of Governors in a Board of Governors meeting following the hearing of the Adjudication Committee and upon that Committee's recommendation as provided for in § 2 of this bylaw. Such proceedings may occur at a regularly scheduled or specially called Board of Governors meeting and only in Executive Session.

The subject member may appear on his own behalf, though the presentation of new evidence is not permitted. The President will read the charges, the Committee's findings, and the Committee's recommendation. The President will then invite the subject member, if present, to speak on his own behalf. After the subject member speaks, the subject member will leave the meeting room immediately.

After the subject member leaves, the membership may pose inquiries to the Committee Chairman, but the inquiries must be in the form of a question and must concern the complaint and the material within the four corners of the complaint document. As the proceedings of the Committee and the Committee's deliberations regarding the sanction/proposed expulsion are privileged, they may not be discussed. The Chairman may defer a question to any member of the Committee at his discretion. Each member present in the Executive Session of the Board of Governors will have two minutes to pose a question to the Chairman—but they will not be allowed to address the membership as a whole nor speak on behalf of the subject member. The two minute allotment will start from the moment the member is recognized by the President and the time allotted includes both the question posed and the response given.

The President will then move the proceedings to a vote on the matter at hand. Members present at the meeting will vote on the proposed expulsion by secret ballot. As they are members of the Board of Governors, the members of the Committee are also entitled to vote. Two members of the Board of Governors, selected at the discretion of the President, will collect the ballots and tally the votes. The vote to expel must be a majority of the votes cast. If the members vote not to expel, the Adjudication Committee's suspension will stand. No alternative sanction will be proposed, deliberated, or considered by the membership. Once the vote is cast, the President will review the tally. The subject member will be allowed to re-enter the meeting and then the President will announce the vote.

If the membership votes not to expel, the date of the sanction imposed by the Committee at the Committee hearing will stand as the "starting" date of the suspension.

Regardless of the membership vote, the subject member will then leave the room—either because the suspension sanction by the Committee is in effect or because the subject member has just been expelled from the SCSAR.

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§ 4. Violation of Suspension.

Should any suspended member violate the terms of suspension, the current sitting President must be informed, in writing, of the violations. The President will then notify the subject member of the claims in the reports of violation.

Should the President find through his own investigation that the reports of violations are truthful, the President, at his discretion, may then restart the term of suspension of the subject member as previously adjudicated by the Committee.

The President will send a written letter to the subject member notifying him of his decision. The new term of suspension will run from the date of the letter through the same term length as the original suspension. The President's decision in this matter is final.

§ 5. Readmission.

If the subject member was suspended but not expelled by the SCSAR, they may re-apply for admission to the SCSAR after the term of their suspension has expired. The same application procedures will apply to them as they would any new member. However, extra scrutiny

will be placed on their behavior during their suspension—specifically to the question as to if they have violated the terms of their suspension from the SCSAR. All reports of the subject member's violation of the terms of his suspension will be filed with and actions taken by the President under § 4.

If there has been no report of a violation of the subject member's suspension, the Registrar of the S.C. Society will accept and review the subject member's application for re-admission to the SCSAR. Should the application's components be in good order and the dues for the current fiscal year be paid, the subject member will be readmitted as a member in good standing with the SCSAR, the NSSAR will be notified, and the subject member's privileges will be fully restored.

§ 6. Effectiveness and Impact of this Section.

Any members of the SCSAR that were suspended before the adoption of this bylaw and are currently still on suspension, are subject to sections four (4) and five (5) of this bylaw.

All language, matters, rules, proceedings, or regulations in this bylaw supersede any language, matters, rules, proceedings, or regulations, that would otherwise be provided for in Robert's Rules of Order.

The following are a set of Bylaws previously approved by the BOG as well as the Adjudication section to be added also approved by the BOG. In addition there is a new proposed section not yet approved by the BOG. All members of the SCSSAR are invited to comment on or before Dec. 31. All comments must be emailed or mailed to the chairman and received no later than 12 p.m. on that day. Late comments and those not submitted as required will not be considered. The Bylaws Committee will submit a final draft with the new sections integrated into it to the BOG at the January meeting.

Submit comments to: Compatriot Redding I. Corbett III, PhD, MPH
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Membership Proposal

SECTION 2: Application for Membership

(1) Application for membership in the South Carolina Society shall be made through the Secretary of this Society in accordance with the applicable articles and sections of the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society upon submission of duplicate, original applications on the proper form and paper prescribed by the National Board of Trustees, a single copy of supporting documentation and accompanied by the proper application fees and dues for the current year. In the event an application is rejected, all dues will be refunded.

(2) An applicant for membership must be endorsed by

two (2) members of this Society who are currently in good standing.

(3) The application must first be reviewed by the Chapter Registrar and/or Genealogist prior to submission to the State Registrar who will then review and endorse the application prior to remitting same to the State Secretary who will review and endorse the application, officially accepting it on behalf of this Society before remitting the application to the National Society for final review and approval.

(4) Membership within the South Carolina Society is expected to be through a local chapter, but may be granted on an At Large basis if no local chapter is available, residence outside the State of South Carolina, as a holding place for members forming a new chapter or if reasons of health or disability prevent active chapter membership.

(5) Male members of the Children of the American Revolution may apply for membership in this Society at any time. Such application shall consist of a Certificate of Good Standing, which shall be accepted in lieu of an application fee, provided that the request is submitted no later than one (1) year after his twenty-first (21st) birthday. Such transfers shall pay the prescribed dues and National fee for their membership certificates.

(6) Any son of a member of this Society, or the son of a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who is between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25), may be admitted without payment of the admission fee, provided that his parent is a member in good standing, or if deceased, was a member in good standing at the time of death. Such applicant shall pay the prescribed

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dues and National fee for their membership certificates.

Amendment to Section 2 (4):

(4) Membership within the South Carolina Society is expected to be through a local chapter, with the following exceptions where an AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP may be granted or continued after May 1, 2018:

- a. Application is for DUAL STATE MEMBERSHIP into SCSSAR and the member’s residence is outside the State of South Carolina, and is approved by the current State Secretary;
- b. As a holding place for members forming a new chapter as approved by the VP for Chapter Formation and communicated to the State Registrar;
- c. The member transfers, due to Official Orders of the Military or Government, out of state or country and wishes to retain SCSSAR Membership until resettled in the USA or other geographic area where SAR membership is offered – approved by the State Secretary upon official request and documentation by the member; or
- d. If the membership is current in an AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP status as of 01 May 2018 as confirmed by the State Secretary, he may continue that status.

The practice of AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP provides for inadequate support, notification and membership activities for those AT LARGE MEMBERS except as related to State Wide Affairs and Events.

Such practice also allows for a significant number of our State Members to have equal representation as chapter-associated members – a cornerstone of our Nation and the SAR:

- the former only being represented by physical self at an Annual Meeting or Quarterly Board of Governors
- while chapter-associated members and their interests are able to be represented by their elected or appointed representatives from the chapter at all meetings;
- There is no VP for AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP, which further reduces effective representation;
- There is no local/chapter Registrar to provide for assistance in original and/or supplemental applications.

There are, however, instances where AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP makes reasonable sense and should be retained as an option limited to those instances:

- DUAL STATE MEMBERSHIP into SAR: There are those who wish to remain or become members of South Carolina who are currently outside of our state boundaries. While they may certainly become Chapter members as well, this seems (to this member) one of the acceptable AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP statuses that might be continued.

- NEW CHAPTER FORMATION HOLDING: It is current practice to place members who are awaiting new chapter formation to be assigned to the AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP. The change here is that that decision is approved by the VP for New Chapter Formation and that approval is

communicated to the State Registrar. Once officially formed and chapter-status is established through NSSAR, the members would be transferred into their newly formed chapter at whatever dues rate was determined appropriately.

- MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS: I believe it our duty to make special provisions for our military servicemen and government employees to maintain SAR and SCSSAR membership when transferred outside our state or country. In such situations costs as well as distance may be preventive for many. These individuals who perform duties on our behalf and at times at their perils should be exceptions. The requirement would be that the individual member request and show documentation of transfer to shift to an AT LARGE STATUS. Members may certainly retain established membership in the NSSAR/SCSSAR/CHAPTER as desired. This is only an option.

- CURRENT AT LARGE MEMBERSHIP: Those individuals who currently hold AT LARGE MEMBERSHIPS, while they may be encouraged to integrate into local chapters, should not be forced to do so. HOWEVER, unless they are in such status on May 1, 2018, no future AT LARGE MEMBERSHIPS except as listed above should be considered without additional Bylaw change.

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- \$148 Silver Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$296 Gold Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$592 Delegate Lapel Pin (one square foot)
- \$1,184 Drafter Lapel Pin (two square feet)
- \$1,776 Signer Lapel Pin (three square feet)

Wall-Mounted Quills (will recognize donations at the levels of):

- \$5,328 Bronze Quill
- \$8,880 Silver Quill
- \$17,760 Gold Quill

Streamers will be awarded for: \$592 from Chapters and \$1,184 from State Societies

Total Donation Amount: _____

Name: _____ National Number: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

The SAR Foundation, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Please make checks payable to: The SAR Foundation, Inc., 809 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202-2619

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Please Circle: Master Card Visa Discover AMEX Other _____

Amount: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.

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

We should never despair, our Situation before has been unpromising and has changed for the better, so I trust, it will again.

If new difficulties arise, we must only put forth New Exertions and proportion our Efforts to the exigency of the times.

**George Washington-
Letter to Major General
Philip Schuyler
July 15, 1777**

For South Carolina Society
SAR use only

_____ / _____ / _____
Date received

_____ / _____ / _____
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.*

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

For SCSSAR use only

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 124th 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	

For Headquarters use only:	Signature of NSSAR Registrar:	Date of Signature:
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Annual Meeting April 28 and 29 Clemson, South Carolina

The SCSSAR Annual meeting will be held at the Madren Conference Center, Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, with accommodations at the adjoining James F. Martin Inn, on the campus of Clemson University.

We have contracted a room cost of \$130 per night, “run of the hotel,” so you can have either an Executive King, an Executive Double Queen, or a suite for the same price.

The Hotel and Conference Center are surrounded by the Walker Golf Course, and on the banks of beautiful Lake Hartwell. Many things for family members to do are in the area, including the South Carolina State Botanical Garden, which is also on the campus. If you have a student in your family, this would be a perfect time for them to check out the university. You can take a day or two before or after the Annual Meeting for sightseeing, golfing, boating, in the area for the same rate.

Parking is plentiful and free at the Madren Center, which also has a restaurant and a coffee shop on premises. Check it out on the web at clemson.edu/madren/ammenities.html or call them at 864-654-9020.

Please make your reservations before Feb. 28 and mention SCSSAR to get our group rate.

We have personally used these facilities for conferences with another organization and loved it and we are sure you will too!

We will be planning the menus with the hotel staff after the holidays, so will be able to get the detailed prices for you at that time.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Clemson in April.

**Fraternally,
Bob and Loey Krause**

Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

242nd anniversary Battle of Great Cane Brake



Edd Richburg
SCSSAR President

SIMPSONVILLE — Members of the South Carolina Societies of the SAR and DAR met Dec. 2 at Historic Hopkins Farm to commemorate the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of the Great Cane Brake. The annual event is sponsored by the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter. A special thank you is extended to the Hopkins family for allowing this event to be held at their farm once again.

Chapter President Bob Krause began with welcome remarks and an introduction about the battle. The invocation was led by Chapter Vice President John Satterthwaite, and ceremonial pledges were led by several members of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter. Greetings and welcoming remarks were made by SAR State President Edd Richburg. Chapter historian Glenn Farrow provided a detailed history about the battle, which was part of what would become known as the Snow Campaign. Several SAR, DAR and other state society representatives presented wreaths. A rifle volley was performed by members of the SAR State Color Guard to conclude the program.

Area schools are invited to attend the program and about 30 students attended this year. A contest is held where the class with the most students receives a monetary award. First place receives \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25. Activities at this event allowed the students along with their parents and teachers to view and interact with a period themed booth of a Colonial Militia camp that was facilitated by Chapter President Bob Krause and State Secretary Dan Woodruff. This activity provided the students the opportunity to see and learn how these actual weapons and equipment would have been used during the Revolutionary War. *Bill Williamson.*



Bill Williamson, secretary of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, plays taps.



John Hoyle, President Daniel Morgan Chapter



Glenn Farrow delivers a history and background of the Dec. 22, 1775 Battle of the Great Cane Brake.



Guy Higgins
Gen. Francis Marion Chapter

Photos by
Thomas C. Hanson



Bill, Karen & Jacob Williamson



Bob Krause, president of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, serves as master of ceremonies.



Historic Hopkins Farm



Dan Woodruff, SCSSAR Secretary, demonstrates Revolutionary War weapons.

Watch videos of the event at HansonCommunications.org