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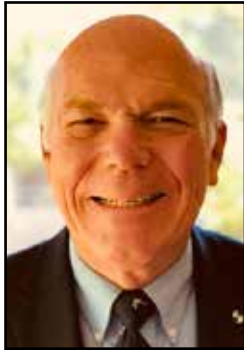
James Wyrosdick

Virtual meetings — wider participation

By James Wyrosdick
SCSSAR President

Greetings Compatriots. I hope you've had a relaxing and pleasant summer, and are anxiously awaiting Fall; already I see leaves falling!

I can hardly believe that I'm already in the sixth month of my Presidency. I have certainly appreciated the opportunity to be of service to the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and I look forward to a productive second half of my one year term. I think it will be interesting and unique.



The COVID-19 virus continues to hamper our ability to conduct State Society and Chapter meetings, as well as commemorations. Nonetheless, we managed to conduct our first ever virtual electronic meeting at our last Board of Governors (BOG) meeting on July 25. There were a few hiccups and lost connections, but generally we were able to use an online platform as an informational meeting, and we were able to also achieve a quorum to conduct the meeting.

Those are gigantic steps forward. Our next Board of Governors Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 17. At this time, we are uncertain if we will attempt to have again only an online electronic meeting, or a physical face to face meeting at Shandon United Methodist Church, or a combination of both. Our decision, of course, will hinge on COVID-19 meeting recommendations at that time.

One thing we do know is that, if we

have our traditional physical meeting, we will attempt to simultaneously live stream the meeting so that members unable to attend would be able to view it on their home computers. We would afterwards post it to our website.

In fact, the Executive Committee feels we need to plan on having permanent virtual footprint to include those unable to come to all future meetings or commemorations—this is actually one good benefit of the COVID-19 pandemic, if there in fact can be anything good! But the truth is that the pandemic has forced organizations to think outside the box, and ours is no exception. There is alternative technology that can enable wider participation and greater accessibility—for now, it will never fully take the place of our physical face to face meetings, but will complement our gatherings.

The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter completed its annual commemoration Sept. 5. This commemoration has gained

Special Notice

As per the South Carolina Society, Bylaw VIII, Article 4, South Carolina State President Jim Wyrosdick requests the Board of Governors (BOG) or at least 15 members of the Society representing at least 25 percent of the Chapters in the Society to direct him to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Governors, Sept. 17, Thursday evening, 7:30 p.m., to be held virtually online with Zoom to discuss and/or approve the following: formation of the Jacob Brawler Family Chapter at Florence, SC, and formation of a Finance Committee. An electronic meeting invitation will be forthcoming.

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Cover photo: Cannon volley by the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust cannon team. Back to the camera is Paul Brillinger, U.S. Army Reserves, and Humberto Dovalina, U.S. Army Active Duty. SCBPT cannons are available to support other events. Contact Tom Oblak at cannons@scbattlegroundtrust.org [Photo by Kristy Massey]

The deadline for the Winter Edition of The Palmetto Patriot is Nov. 23.

239th Anniversary Battle of Eutaw Springs

On Saturday, Sept. 5, the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter hosted a mixed live and virtual commemoration at the battle monument park in the Eutaw Springs community of eastern Orangeburg County.

Due to pandemic concerns, there had been discussion on the state and local chapter levels as to if a program should be held at all this year. With careful planning, it was decided that the usual two day commemoration would be scaled back to just a wreath laying ceremony with a speaker.

The focus was to have a commemoration honoring the Patriots who fought and died at the battle, would be worthy of being a National SAR event and to do this in the time frame of one hour. The consensus of the participants was that the event met these expectations.

Twenty-three wreaths were presented in person. Five wreaths were submitted virtually. Participants included SAR chapters from South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland and Florida. DAR chapter participants were from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Children of the American Revolution participants were from South Carolina and a national C.A.R. officer submitted a virtual representation. Other representation came from the

Sons of the Revolution, Calhoun County Museum and Cultural Center, and the family of Patriot Elijah Ivey.

SCSSAR State President James Wyrosdick was unable to attend due to health issues and Senior Vice President David Smith, along with Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter President Ewart Irick, presided over the event. A color guard detail composed of SAR members from South Carolina, Georgia and including the SAR National Color Guard Commander, Louis Raborg Jr., posted and retired the colors.

David Reuwer, Battle of Eutaw Springs historian, delivered a powerful address on the importance of the battle. The South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust cannon team opened and closed the commemoration with a cannon volley, much to the crowd's enjoyment.

The commemoration was recorded, and a video of the program, after editing, including all virtual submissions, will be posted on the SCSSAR state website (SCSSAR.org) and on Facebook at a later date. *Doug Doster.*



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Society of the Sons of the American Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR).

The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter planners were not able to live stream the event due to the signal weakness in the remote location; however, the event was recorded, and presenters were able to participate, either physically, as the event was held live, or they could send an electronic or online picture of themselves or group to be added later into the actual video recording of the event.

This is the wave of the future—being virtually present as opposed to actual face to face. But it does present some interesting dilemmas. For example, should someone, let's say from Oregon, be allowed to claim credit for presenting a wreath at a ceremony in South Carolina merely by sending a photograph, or video? And would such a policy of allowing a photograph or video to take the place of coming to a meeting, actually discourage people from wanting to come to the meeting?

These are questions that can only be resolved over time and through experience. But one thing is for certain—things after COVID-19, whenever that comes, will never be the same.

SCSSAR realizes things will not be the same, and we've invested in buying an electronic camera to be used in live streaming at State and Chapter meetings, and commemorations and other events. We may have some logistical challenges insofar as getting the camera from one place to another, or one person to another, but we'll work out some solution. If a Chapter would like to borrow the camera to live stream or record an event, let me know.

On a different front, our State Secretary, Compatriot Guy Higgins, is intently working on emailing out dues notices in October. He has attempted to update email addresses, but if you should not receive a notice, let me know.

All SCSSAR members should strive to establish and maintain an email address, in this electronic day and age. You may dismiss this urging as mere pandering to modernists, but they said the same thing about the horse and car—cars would never take the place of horses—now there is not

a single horse to be found on roads hardly anywhere!

And computers are the same—the electronic ability to communicate (email) has greatly expanded and has “virtually” overtaken the Postal Service. A sacrosanct government service steeped in American History!

I understand that we have approximately 300 members out of 850 who do not have email addresses. Folks, you've got to get access to email—maybe through a granddaughter or grandson—it is simply vital, and too cost effective for our State Society.

Every notice that is mailed with traditional mail, costs about \$1, if you consider the cost of a postage stamp, envelope, and labor to address, generate a copy of a dues notice to send, fold it to place in the envelope, seal the envelope, and then, most probably, physically take them to a Post Office for mailing.

I leave you with three challenges: make sure you have an updated email address on file with the SCSSAR, become active with a Chapter or with your Chapter, and complete an application for membership on someone. Take care, and God Bless!

Jim Wyrosdick
SCSSAR President



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCSSAR/>



Henry Laurens Chapter

President Ted Walker and Secretary Neel Flannagan of the Henry Laurens Chapter of Aiken participated in ceremonies at the Flag retirement program at Horse Creek Midland Valley Veterans Park June 13.

Scout Troop 351 conducted the ceremony with master of ceremonies Alvin Padgett, Scout members and members of the community.

**Photos by Ted Walker
and Neel Flannagan**



Francis Marion Symposium

The 16th Francis Marion / Swamp Fox Symposium will take place Oct. 26 and 27 at the DuBose Campus, Central Carolina Technical College, 3315 Sumter Hwy., Manning, SC.

Explore the Revolutionary War Southern Campaign with General Francis Marion.

Immerse yourself in Francis Marion's world and the significance of the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution.

Presentations and evening dinners in Revolutionary War History

2018: Planned Agenda, subject to change: "Times of Francis Marion, 1732-1795"

Jay Deloach: "American Revolution — A Maritime Conflict"

Erick Nason: Captain Clarke to recount the siege and fall of Charleston

Kim Stacy: "Annoying Marion," The 84th (Royal Highland Emigrants) Regiment in South Carolina

J.D. Lewis: "SC's Founding Fathers"

Leon Harris: Can Revolutionary War Pensions Applications Be Trusted?

Sheila Ingle: Who Was Judith Giton Manigault? Her Huguenot Story

John Allison: Great Cane Brake and Danger Thomson

Possible visits by surprise guests: Oscar Marion or Widow Jenkins.

You're invited to register and participate: www.FrancisMarionSymposium.com. **Carole and George Summers**

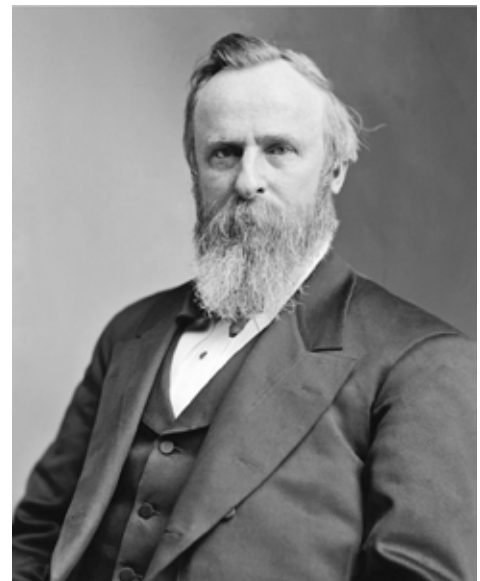
The early history of our country was written by men who valued the freedom of religion and who had in common a deep faith in God. I believe it is no accident of history, no coincidence that this Nation, which declared its dependence on God even while declaring its independence from foreign domination, has become the most richly blessed nation in the history of mankind and the world. For it is as true today as it was in the Old Testament times that "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

**President Gerald Ford
SAR Member
Southern Baptist Convention, 1976**



Thanksgiving Proclamation, Oct. 29, 1877: The completed circle of summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, has brought us to the accustomed season at which a religious people celebrates with praise and thanksgiving the enduring mercy of Almighty God. This devout and public confession of the constant dependence of man upon the divine favor for all the good gifts of life and health and peace and happiness, so early in our history made the habit of our people, finds in the survey of the past year new grounds for its joyful and grateful manifestation.

**President Rutherford B. Hayes
SAR Member**



Cambridge Chapter Makes JROTC Awards for Outstanding Cadets

By Ted Morton

Once is impressive; twice is outstanding; but when the Vikings of Emerald High School Air Force JROTC win the South Carolina SAR Society Enhanced Award for JROTC the third time in a row — it is almost beyond words. Cadet Captain Elijah Peterson, with guidance by Senior Air Science Instructor Major David Pfancook, USAF (Retired), made it happen.

The SAR Enhanced Award consists of a certificate, neck ribbon with silver medalion and a cash award of \$700. Cadet Peterson also received the Cambridge Chapter Bronze Award for his accomplishment in his Unit. He has served the Vikings as Drill Team Commander, Saber Team Commander and Color Guard Commander.

The Chapter-level Bronze Award was made on nomination of Major Pfancook and his staff. The state-level award is a competitive event that requires a written essay on the subject of how JROTC helps a cadet become a better citizen of the United

States. Written recommendations, academic standing and community, school and Unit service are additional requirements. The cadet chosen for the state-level award is automatically entered in the National contest. Although not named the National winner, Cadet Peterson placed among the top 10 entries nationwide (no mean achievement in a national competitive event!).

Cadet Lt. Col. Stefan Gray, Assistant Battalion Commander of the 512st Eagle Battalion, received the Cambridge Chapter Bronze Award this year at Greenwood High School.

Bronze JROTC Awards recognize outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, which exemplify the ideals of American Patriots in the War for Independence.

The nomination of Cadet Gray was made by LTC Curtis Laymon and his staff in the Greenwood High School Army JROTC Department.

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President James Madison, Thanksgiving Proclamation, March 4, 1815:

"No people ought to feel greater obligations to celebrate the goodness of the Great Disposer of Events of the Destiny of Nations than the people of the United States.

His kind providence originally conducted them to one of the best portions of the dwelling place allotted for the great family of the human race.

He protected and cherished them under all the difficulties and trials to which they were exposed in their early days. Under His fostering care their habits, their sentiments, and their pursuits prepared them for a transition in due time to a state of independence and self-government.

In the arduous struggle by which it was attained they were distinguished by multiplied tokens of His benign interposition. During the interval which succeeded He reared them into the strength and endowed them with the resources which have enabled them to assert their national rights, and to enhance their national character in another arduous conflict, which is now so happily terminated by a peace and reconciliation with those who have been our enemies. And to the same Divine Author of Every Good and Perfect Gift we are indebted for all those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored land."

Emerald High School

Cadet Captain Elijah Peterson of the Vikings of Emerald High School Air Force

Cambridge Chapter Flag Certificates



George Coleman, Flag Chairman for the Cambridge Chapter (left), presents the Flag Certificate to Ron Amerson at his home in Greenwood, South Carolina. A staff member at Connie Maxwell Children's Home, Mr. Amerson was recognized for proper display of the U.S. flag.

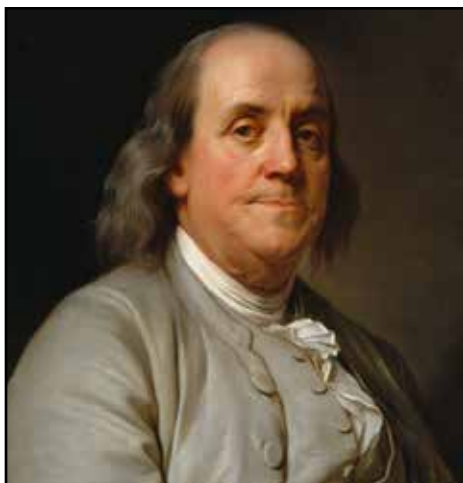


George Coleman (left), Flag Chairman for the Cambridge Chapter, presents the SAR Flag Certificate to Jymmie Nell (center) and Gerald Young Pitts at their home in Greenwood, South Carolina. Compatriot Pitts is President of the Cambridge Chapter, which serves Abbeville, Greenwood and McCormick Counties. [Photos by Sam Davis, Cambridge Chapter Americanism Committee Chairman]

Tucker Canady AFJROTC Award



The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter awarded Tucker Canady of the Edisto High School Class of 2022, with the AFJROTC Award. Tucker served for two years as the AFJROTC Flight Sergeant and also received the Air Commando Association Award. Col. Walter Davis heads the Air Force JROTC unit at Edisto High School.



He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity will change the face of the world.

Benjamin Franklin

Godfrey Dreher Chapter's Compatriot Robert Escue to Receive Lafayette Award for Service to SAR



Robert Escue

Compatriot Robert Escue, Genealogist of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter, started in April transferring the information of more than 200 compatriots to the SAR Patriot Research System (PRS).

The PRS is a database combination of the previous SAR Patriot Record Index, the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Registry, and information from the SAR Patriot Index CD (2002), plus additional information and updates from various state grave registry databases and patriot biographical sketches submitted to tell the story of our patriot ancestors.

Several compatriots of the SCSSAR have volunteered to assist in transferring information from compatriot applications into the PRS database.

Robert Escue primarily worked on records of the Godfrey Dreher, Col. Thomas Taylor, and Maj. General William Moultrie Chapters. He indicates that most of the records for SCSSAR Chapters have now been completed. He plans now to start assisting with other state societies.

The PRS database with the addition of the information from applications will

have greatly enhanced value to genealogist researchers. We congratulate Compatriot Escue on his service to the SAR. He will be recognized by the National SAR with the Lafayette Medal and certificate.

Buddy Witherspoon, Midlands Vice President and Godfrey Dreher Compatriot, provided the following quote that applies to Robert Escue. *Bill Wilson*

*"Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as you can"!*



John Wesley

June 28, 1703 — March 02, 1791
Founder of Methodism

History.com. Aug. 27, 1776: During the American Revolution, British forces under General William Howe defeat Patriot forces under General George Washington at the Battle of Brooklyn (also known as the Battle of Long Island) in New York.

On August 22, Howe's large army landed on Long Island, hoping to capture New York City and gain control of the Hudson River, a victory that would divide the rebellious colonies in half. On August 27, the Red Coats marched against the Patriot position at Brooklyn Heights, overcoming the Americans at Gowanus Pass and then outflanking the entire Continental Army. Howe failed to follow the advice of his subordinates and storm the redoubts at Brooklyn Heights, and on August 29 General Washington ordered a brilliant retreat to Manhattan by boat, thus saving the Continental Army from capture.

Godfrey Dreher conducts Zoom meeting



LEXINGTON — Thursday evening, July 23, the Godfrey Dreher Chapter successfully completed their first chapter meeting, online. They utilized the virtual teleconferencing application called Zoom.

The meeting was conducted with the attendance of 10 chapter officers and four distinguished guests. The four guests were SCSSAR President Jim Wyrosdick, SCSSAR Midlands Region Vice President Buddy Witherspoon, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter President Jim Hane and Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter Vice President Chip Griffin.

The successful meeting was the result of months of work by Keith Maddox, the Chapter's Vice President of Technology, who acted as the meeting host. The moderator of the meeting was Chapter President Woody Carothers.

Many topics were presented and discussed including:

- Chapters commitment to Zoom and possible product options being pursued.
- Presentation of Zoom current option capabilities being used, including Zoom navigation techniques, online voting/polling, document virtual sharing, and Power-Point Presentations via Zoom.
- Review of our Quarterly Report to the State Society.
- Status of Chapter's participation in the NSSAR web site, newsletter and Americanism competitions.
- Report of our participation in the NSSAR Patriot System update.
- Proposal to consider pursuing "synergistic" opportunities and projects within the chapters of the Midlands region.

We are also planning to "marry" webcam capability to the Zoom platform for the purpose of live and videotape event presentations. We hope to use this capability in numerous grave marking events and commemoratives, this coming year.

Colonial Ball 2021

Your Society's next Colonial Ball will be held in December 2021. A prospective debutante must be 17 years of age by the time of the Ball (there is no upper age limit at this time). It is not too early to talk to your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces about your Society's wonderful opportunity for the distinguished young ladies in your family.

The recognition they will receive at your Society's Colonial Ball will be something they, as well as yourself, will always remember. The elegant affair will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, during the holiday season — while the City is bedecked with Christmas decorations — a great thing to behold.

If you don't want to talk to the distinguished young ladies of your family, show this to your wife and mother (not necessarily in that order!).

Greg Ohanesian, Chair
843-479-7193



"The most sublime picture in American history is of George Washington on his knees in the snow at Valley Forge. That image personifies a people who know that it is not enough to depend on our own courage and goodness; we must also seek help from God, our Father and Preserver." **President Ronald Reagan, National Day of Prayer Proclamation, May 6, 1982.**



On Sept. 3, 1783 John Jay, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Revolutionary War. Here they are depicted by Benjamin West in his American Commissioners of the Preliminary Peace Agreement with Great Britain. The British delegation refused to pose, and the painting was never completed.

Christian Anderson wins SCSSAR JROTC State Scholarship

AIKEN — The Henry Laurens Chapter is proud to announce that Christian Anderson is the 2020 awardee of the SCSSAR State Scholarship.

Christian graduated from Aiken High School this year Magna Cum Laude and is active in his school and his community. In addition to his academic accolades, Christian served on the National Honor Society as President, on the Student Council as Vice President, and the Navy JROTC as Battalion Commander. He served as a member of Interaction, Serateens, Key Club, Beta Club, and in leadership positions in Boy Scouts. He has earned scholarships from multiple organizations, including the Aiken Electric Coop Trustee Scholarship, LIFE Plus and the Elite Fleet. Christian is a frequent volunteer for numerous worthy causes and is a priceless asset to his community and an example of the finest of the upcoming generation of graduates.

The NSSAR offers our sincerest congratulations to Christian, and we pray that his success and drive to serve will bring him much success, for the good of himself and our nation, as he advances his education at USC Beaufort. *Andrew Cox.*

Thanks to Scholarship Committee

Jim Wyrosdick, President of the South Carolina Society, extended the sincere appreciation of the South Carolina Society to the Henry Laurens Chapter, who sponsored and initiated Christian's application, under the leadership of Chapter President Ted Walker. President Wyrosdick extended the South Carolina Society's thanks to the hard work of our Scholarship Committee, chaired for many years by Compatriot Redding "Rick" Corbett. The Scholarship Committee reviewed submitted applications and recommended Christian to receive the award.

Christian has garnered the following awards: James F. Brynes Society of Student Leaders, Stephen Decatur Surface Warfare Award, Military Officers Association of America Award, and the Korean War Veterans Association Medallion.

Christian was in the Boy Scouts for eight years and has performed 150 hours of community service during his high school career. In the fifth grade, he received an award for performing the best in U.S. History. In the 11th grade, he maintained high grades in U.S. History and the Constitution. Finally, in the 12th grade, he held an A+ for the entire semester.

As a high school junior and a rising senior, Christian was nominated by Aiken High School, and selected for 2019 Palmetto Boys State by the local American Legion



Left photo (from left): Timothy Marinelli, PE LT, CEC USN (RET), Christian Anderson, Janie L. Mines, 1976 Graduate of Aiken High School and the NJROTC program, also the U.S. Naval Academy's first African American Female in the first class of women graduated in 1980.

Post, an honor reserved only for outstanding students with demonstrated leadership potential. Christian will be presented a \$1,500 scholarship.

President John Adams Thanksgiving proclamation. *And finally, I recommend that on the said day the duties of humiliation and prayer be accompanied by fervent thanksgiving to the Bestower of Every Good Gift, not only for His having hitherto protected and preserved the people of these United States in the independent enjoyment of their religious and civil freedom, but also for having prospered them in a wonderful progress of population, and for conferring on them many and great favors conducive to the happiness and prosperity of a nation.*

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America, at Philadelphia, this 23d day of March, A. D. 1798, and of the Independence of the said States the twenty-second.

240th Anniversary of the taking of Fort Thicketty



WREATH PRESENTATIONS — Lindsey Yaun (left), President of the South Carolina Society Children of the American Revolution, and Gabe Bobo of the Major Robert Crawford Chapter SCSSAR, present wreaths at the 240th anniversary of the taking of Fort Thicketty near Gaffney, South Carolina, July 25. [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]

July 25 Board of Governors Minutes

By Ronny Powell Recording Secretary

Call to Order: President Jim Wyrosdick called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Invocation: Chaplain Lawrence Peebles gave the invocation.

Posting of the Colors: Color Guard Commander Dan Woodruff.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by David Smith.

Salute to the South Carolina Flag: Led by Thomas Blackmon.

Sons of the American Revolution Pledge led by Thomas Blackmon.

Roll Call: Recording Secretary Ronny Powell called the roll and established a quorum.

New Business or House Keeping, Specifically for the First Electronic Meeting:

President Wyrosdick requested Chapter President Jonathan Kiser present a motion to approve the standing rules that each attending member should have been mailed.

Motion made by Compatriot Kiser and seconded by Douglas Doster: "I move that we approve with unanimous consent the standing rules that were previously sent to the members of the Board of Governors with two additions as an amendment, one being that we limit individual speaking to three minutes and also that once you have spoken on a particular topic that everyone else who wishes to speak on that topic be given that opportunity to speak before you are given a second chance to speak."

Discussion ensued, and the motion carried unanimously without change.

Approval of Minutes:

Compatriot Powell moved at the request of President Wyrosdick that the minutes of the January BOG meeting be approved. Before a second was made, discussion took place about the minutes not having been published on the web site, and several attendees were not in receipt of the minutes through email. Compatriot Higgins seconded the original motion.

Then, during discussion, the motion went from being tabled to postponed. Compatriot Woody Carothers moved for postponement, and Compatriot Bill Wilson seconded the motion to postpone the approval of the January minutes until the next BOG meeting, and after we have them posted to the web site for all to review. Without ob-

jections, the motion carried unanimously.

Report Package:

Acceptance of officer, chapter and committee chairman reports was postponed until everyone receives an email copy prior to the next BOG.

Old Business:

Thomas Blackmon gave a report on our strategic planning initiatives: We were going to have a two-fold strategic planning initiative, one focusing on member engagement, where we were going to look at recruiting compatriots that are in the SAR, but are not members of the South Carolina society.

They are either living in South Carolina or in a contiguous border state. So we should be looking for both possibilities, the transfer of membership or an application for dual membership. And this was going to roughly account for about maybe 200 or so compatriots.

We were given the authorization to proceed with Phase 1 and 2. We were trying to have our compatriots associated with a chapter nearest to their physical address. That list was based off of a service area map that did not account for some of our newest chapters. So that had to be reviewed by Compatriot Higgins along with our regional vice presidents in March.

The COVID-19 pandemic set in and that created a series of challenges, first and foremost, our National headquarters shut down operations. So if we had initiated this contact, these compatriots would not have had a dual membership or a transfer of membership form processed.

Since we are meeting digitally, we are finding ourselves asking the question, if we make contact with these members, what exactly can we offer them in terms of participation? I think it would be more prudent to temporarily suspend the initiative so we can focus on membership retention. Once we start re-engaging in meetings and commemorations, then we will be able to go forward and engage in our mission statements.

I'm encouraging chapters to meet digitally and maybe through newsletters. I had a reply from one of our committee members. Compatriot Griffin told me some of the great things that the Midlands region is doing in terms of connecting online, which is very encouraging.

We discussed in the EXCOMM Committee about Recording Secretary Powell and Secretary Higgins establishing a form that will explain what our chapters are in-

tending to do and what they have done in the past. A lot of chapters are meeting all of our goals already in terms of our Mission Outreach commemorations.

In the coming week or so, I'm going to be reissuing some of our explanations about our youth programs. I'm will also bolster our speakers list and resubmit.

New Business

President Wyrosdick will be forming an ad hoc committee of regional vice presidents to contact their at-large members and to report quarterly the results of their contact to State Secretary Higgins. Extensive discussion took place on the "yellow" and "blue" national databases and their use.

Announcements

1. We are proposing a Color Guard manual, a State Officers handbook manual, and Protocol manual. These are to be published on the website.

2. We are in the process of chartering a new chapter in the Florence area. State Secretary Guy Higgins is spearheading that effort.

3. We are currently negotiating with Salesforce, a company that helps businesses develop websites. We are hoping to establish a nonprofit status with them, and we will give further information as that develops. We are working on a memorandum of understanding with our current website administrator. He is a graduating student at Clemson University. He has been hospitalized, and he's not able to do things right now. We need to get a written agreement with him that will be presented to our Executive Committee and then to the BOG for approval.

4. Chapter President Matthew Breen presented information about having a statue to Brig. Gen. Isaac Huger placed in a new Revolutionary War Park on public land.

5. President Wyrosdick is forming an ad hoc members benefit committee with Thomas Blackmon as chairman. It will make a presentation at our next special video meeting.

Recessional: Compatriot Rick Morris

Benediction: Lawrence Peebles gave the benediction

Adjournment: President Wyrosdick adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

How to submit items to *The Palmetto Patriot*

The Palmetto Patriot welcomes articles and photos from compatriots in the South Carolina Society.

Here are some pointers.

Keep articles as short as possible while still telling the story. Send articles in Microsoft Word format to Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org

Send digital photographs as attachments and not embedded into the Word document.

Make sure your images are high resolution, at least 200 DPI, and that no time or date stamps appear in the images.

Limit the number of photographs to those you would like most to appear in the publication.

In group shots, have participants drop their hands to their sides to avoid fig leaf poses.

When taking photos at meetings, get as close to the speaker as possible, and avoid shooting the backs of audience heads.

From Eric Barnhill, Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter: Fill the frame with the subject, unless you are trying to capture a large area (monument, battlefield). Better to get head shots than feet shots. Choose your background carefully. Often it just takes a minute to look around and find a more appropriate background. Watch your lighting. Better to have subjects face the lights (sun for outdoor shots) and be careful of indoor lights, your camera may set the exposure for lights if they are in the shots. Articles are always more interesting when pictures accompany them. Take lots of digital pictures and choose the ones that best capture the subject. Check your spelling, spell check sometimes makes words you don't want.

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John Adams, letter to Abigail Adams, from Philadelphia, April 26, 1777

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New E-Mail Address for State Registrar

Edd Richburg, State Registrar, has changed his e-mail address. He may now be reached at SAR. REGISTRAR@OUTLOOK.COM.

Still Looking for Patriot Graves

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

Please send this information to co-chairman Carroll Crowther at crowthercarroll@gmail.com.

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_____ / _____ / _____
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 _____

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

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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:
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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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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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SCSSAR welcomes new members

By Guy Higgins
SCSSAR Secretary

The South Carolina Society welcomes the following new members and reinstated members.

John Overton Holmberg, Matthew Singleton Chapter.

Wesley Eugene Freeburg, Col. William Bratton Chapter.

Christopher Neil Preston, Col. William Bratton Chapter.

Wendell Melton Patton III, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

Eugene Laverne Stagner, Major Robert Crawford Chapter.

Jackson Mason Herrmann, Major Robert Crawford Chapter.

Reed Taylor Lewis, Major Robert Crawford Chapter.

Phillip Shawn Lewis, Major Robert Crawford Chapter.

Bobby Calvin Baker, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.

Jonathan Scott Porter, Major Gen.

William Moultrie Chapter.

David Bennett, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.

Roll Call of the Departed

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

Weyman F. Webb, Gen. James Williams Chapter, July 4.

James Clark Antisdell, Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter, July 7.

Bernard Lee Allen, Ph.D., Vice President of the Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter, July 20.

Larry Boyd Killian, Col. Philemon

Waters Chapter, July 30.

Col. Frank Kenneth Babbitt Jr., an At Large member, Sept. 27, 2019.

Chief John Richard Burckhalter, USN (Ret), Henry Laurens Chapter, Aug. 16.

Edward Findley Hillhouse Sr., Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, March 19.

Col. Chester Fairbanks Cotter, USA (Ret), Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, June 23.

Clisby "Cibby" Harrell Krell Jr., Daniel Morgan Chapter, Aug. 16.

But where, says some, is the King of America? I'll tell you. Friend, he reigns above, and doth not make havoc of mankind like the Royal Brute of Britain.

Thomas Paine
Common Sense, 1776

Calendar of Events

Oct. 17	Board of Governors	Columbia, S.C.
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	
Jan. 16	Cowpens Commemoration	Chesnee, S.C.

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Doug Doster



David Reuwer



From left: Doug Doster, Louis Raborg Jr. and David Smith.



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