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**239th Anniversary
Battle of Cowpens**

From the President's Desk

**Nat
Kaminski**

Moving our Society to the next milestone

**By Nat Kaminski
SCSSAR President**

Compatriots of the South Carolina Society,

It is difficult to believe that our 2019-2020 SCSSAR year is drawing to a close.

The planning for the annual meeting on March 27 and 28 in Clinton has basically been completed.

At this upcoming event, we will conduct some training for the important chapter registrar position; elect new officers; adopt an operating budget and take care of other important Society business; present State Society recognitions



and awards; honor the recipients of our youth awards at our luncheon; and enjoy fellowship and a speaker during our Friday evening banquet.

Piedmont Regional Vice President David Smith and the local area chapters have done a fantastic job planning this year's meeting. Please support their efforts by attending and participating in this busy and informative weekend in Clinton. The registration form and information about the meeting are on pages 4 and 5 of this edition of *The Palmetto Patriot*. I look forward to seeing many of you there at this important event for our State Society.

I want to underscore that it has been an honor to serve this year as your State President. Many of our experienced leaders at both the State and Chapter levels have stood in the wings providing me sound advice, as well as constructive criticism when needed. It has given me some valuable on

the job leadership training and has made for a better-run organization.

As I have said from the outset, we don't want to reinvent the wheel when it comes to our Society's future. But we have tried to build on that which is already strong and meaningful. Rather than reinvent the wheel, we have made a good faith effort to realign it.

Together, we have put our shoulders to the various "wheels" and focused our energies on moving our Society to the next milestone. The first wheel has been the development of a five-year strategic plan with a good mission and vision statement. The second wheel has been a strong effort to develop the Society's policies and procedures manual that will be useful to this organization for years to come. The third wheel has been our recommitment through our chapters to one of our longstanding SAR goals: developing "informed patriotism" through our educational programs for our youth — helping to preserve our past, which, in turn, ensures the future of this great democracy. And the fourth wheel has been to emphasize our fraternity of like-minded individuals who can work together as a "We" to get things done — have fun doing it — and to treat each other at all times with mutual respect and consideration.

We may not have accomplished all that we set out to do, but we have made a faithful effort. As Robert Browning said, "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" On that note, I say good-bye, and wish good luck to our next State President, Jim Wyrosdick, who hails from the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter. Jim, as Senior Vice President, has contributed throughout this last year and has diligently prepared for his upcoming term. He has been a key part of any success we have experienced this year in our organization's journey.

I look forward to working with him and

having him lead us as we continue to march into the future.

Wishing you all the best,
Nat Kaminski

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Cover photo: Procession ends at the Washington Light Infantry Monument to conclude commemoration of the 239th anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

**The deadline for the Summer Edition
of The Palmetto Patriot is May 18.**

The Annual Meeting is being held

March 27 and 28

at the

Hampton Inn
201 E. Corporate Center Drive
Clinton, SC 29325
At junction of I-26 and SC72

Reserve lodging by telephone at (864) 938-1040 and ask for the SAR rate of \$100 per night. Special rate ends Feb. 28.

Breakfast is included in the reservation for Saturday morning.

By David Smith
Piedmont Vice President

The 131st South Carolina SAR Annual Meeting will take place March 27 and 28 at the newly renovated Hampton Inn in Clinton.

Hotel reservations include breakfast and can be made at the discounted rate of \$100 per night by calling the Hampton Inn directly at (864) 938-1040. The discount ends Feb. 27, so make room reservations soon. The Hampton Inn is located at 201 E. Corporate Centre Dr., Clinton, SC immediately off I-26. Registration forms and payment are due to Secretary Edd Richburg no later than March 20.

Attendee registration will open Friday, March 27, at 10 a.m. in the hotel lobby immediately followed by Registrar training. Lunch is not provided, but Fatz Café is located just steps from the hotel. The Annual Business Meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and include the election and installation of officers, and individual awards.

Friday afternoon, at Musgrove Mill Battlefield State Park located less than eight miles from the hotel, the Ranger offers an indoor over-view of the battle followed by a walk of the battlefield. The walk is through the woods on uneven ground so dress appropriately. Friday evening a wine

reception in the hotel lobby is followed by a catered dinner.

Saturday morning begins with a memorial service at 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m., Betsy McKinney offers the ladies a private tour of historic Presbyterian College build-

ings including an art exhibit currently on display. The Rumbaugh Oration contest also takes place Saturday, followed by the Youth Awards Luncheon that traditionally ends our Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Calendar of Events

March 27-28	Gen. Francis Marion Memorial Day	Clinton, S.C.
April 4-5	Crossroads Ninety Six Weekend	Ninety Six National Historic Site
April 25	Commemoration of the Battle of Fort Watson	Near Summerton, S.C.
May 2	Henry Laurens Chapter Grave-Markings	North Augusta, S.C.
June 14	Flag Day	
Sept. 3	239th Anniversary Treaty of Paris	

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**The South Carolina Society
Sons of the American Revolution**

Annual Meeting

**March 27th & 28th 2020
Hampton Inn, Clinton, SC**



SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational

REGISTRATION FORM

Member Name: _____ **Title/Office:** _____

Guests accompanying: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Chapter: _____ **Email:** _____

Event/Date	Cost (per person) X Num.=Total
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Registration [Hotel Lobby]

Friday, 27 Mar – 10AM-1PM Member Reg. \$20 X _____ = \$_____

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Lunch on your own / Lunch on your own / Lunch on your own / Lunch on your own

REGISTRAR'S WORKSHOP in the HOTEL
10:30AM-Noon [Bring Laptops]

Woody Carothers, Presenter
Edd Richburg, Assisting

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
1PM – 4PM AND AWARDS

**Compatriot William Allgood will speak briefly on the
George Washing Foundation under NEW BUSINESS.**

BATTLE OF MUSGROVE MILL STATE PARK – Overview & Tour

4PM-6PM 398 State Park Road, Clinton, SC *[continue on reverse]*

RECEPTION, OPEN BAR and CATERED DINNER IN HOTEL

Friday, 6:30PM-9PM Per Person - \$20 X _____ = \$ _____

Saturday, 28 Mar Saturday, 28 Mar Saturday, 28 Mar Saturday, 28 Mar

Memorial Service in Hotel

8:30AM-9:30 AM

Presbyterian College Historic Buildings Tour & Art Exhibition

10AM-11:30AM Betsy McKinney, Facilitated Private Tour

Rambaugh Oration Contest in Hotel

10AM-11AM

YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON IN HOTEL

12Noon-2PM Per Person - \$25 X _____ = \$ _____

Dismissal and Safe Return to Home.

Make Checks Payable to "SCSSAR"

Registration Total: \$ _____

**Send check & form BY MAIL
no later than
20 March 2020 to:**

Dinner Total: \$ _____

Youth Lunch Total: \$ _____

**Edd Richburg, Secretary
23 Buckingham Drive
Charleston, SC 29407-3421**

Total for Check: \$ _____

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Member:	Name:
	Office/Title:
	Chapter:
Guest 1:	Name:
	Office/Title:
	Chapter, if appropriate:
Guest 2:	Name:
	Office/Title:
	Chapter, if appropriate:
Guest 3:	Name:
	Officer/Title:
	Chapter, if appropriate:

Daniel Morgan Chapter hosts 239th anniversary Battle of Cowpens

COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD —The Daniel Morgan Chapter was host to the 239th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens Saturday, Jan. 18.

On Friday, Jan. 17, a ceremony was held at the General Daniel Morgan statue on Daniel Morgan Square in Spartanburg. It concluded with the laying of red carnations by the participants.

In the Jan. 17, 1781, battle, U.S. troops under General Daniel Morgan defeated British forces under Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton. The battle was a turning point in the reconquest of South Carolina from the British.



Warren Alter, Past President General



Bruce Pickette, Treasurer General



Bobby Joe Seales
Southern District Vice President General



Allen Greenly, South Atlantic District Vice President General (at lectern), with Sarah Cunningham, National Park Service Ranger.



Daniel Woodruff, Upstate Vice President

Photos by Thomas C. Hanson

Watch video of the Cowpens commemoration at

vimeo.com/385706582



Presentation of the Colors



Past President General Warren Alter (left); William Allgood (second from right), President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter; and Bobby Joe Seales (far right), Southern District Vice President General.



David Smith (left) Piedmont Vice President, and Dan Woodruff, Upstate Vice President.



Bett Osborn (left) of the Virginia Color Guard and Dr. Samuel Powell, Treasurer of the North Carolina Society.



John Ingle (center), President of the host Daniel Morgan Chapter, with Lt. Col. Clarence Bowser, JROTC Commander at Dorman High School (left) and Col Jeffrey Owens, JROTC Commander at Landrum High School.



Landrum High School JROTC



David Johnson, Chapter Chaplain



William Allgood (center), President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter; with Eric Barnhill (Chapter Vice President), left; and Dave Desmaris.



Godfrey Dreher Chapter attends Battle of Cowpens Commemoration

By Bill Wilson

On Saturday Jan. 18, a contingent of eight Godfrey Dreher Chapter Compatriots were detailed by Uniformed Militia Commander Don Jones to trudge northward to the 239th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens. One detail, under the leadership of Private Fred Morrison Sr., included his son, Militiaman Fred Jr., Scout Robert Escue and Militiaman in training Keith Maddox. The second detail, led by Woody Carothers, included Commander Don Jones, Militiaman Bill Wilson and Militiaman in training Farroll Gunter.



Private Fred Morrison Jr., Uniformed Militia, represents the Godfrey Dreher Chapter. [Photo by Robert Escue]



Musket volley — [Photo by Eric Barnhill]

On Feb. 9, 1775 Parliament declared Massachusetts in a state of rebellion.

Cambridge Chapter installs new officers

The Cambridge Chapter installed new officers during its business meeting Jan. 7.

The Cambridge Chapter serves Abbeville, Greenwood and McCormick counties of the SAR State Society's Piedmont Region. The Chapter assists the Ninety Six National Historic Site and will conduct a wreath-laying ceremony Saturday, April 4 at the James Birmingham Monument during the annual Crossroads Ninety Six weekend.

In early July, Chapter members place the Betsy Ross U.S. flag at the graves of the 75 Patriot graves that have been located in its three county service area.

Education is useless without the Bible. The Bible was America's basic text book in all fields. God's Word, contained in the Bible, has furnished all necessary rules to direct our conduct.

Noah Webster
1758-1843

Schoolmaster of the Republic



New Officers of Cambridge Chapter after an installation ceremony conducted by Piedmont Region Vice President David Smith Jr. From left: Richard A. Morris, immediate Past President and incoming Chapter Secretary; Tommy L. O'Dell, Chairman of the Patriot Graves and Historic Sites Committee; Gerald Young Pitts, who steps up from Vice President to Chapter President; John Cooper, new Chapter Vice President; Eric Williams, Chapter Historian; Ted Morton, Chapter Chaplain; and Sam Davis, Chairman of the Americanism Committee.



Past President Richard A. Morris (left) passes the gavel to President Gerald Young Pitts to conclude the Installation Ceremony for new Officers of Cambridge Chapter. President Pitts served as Chapter Vice President during the two years of the Morris administration. [Photo by Sam Davis]

"There never was a good war or a bad peace."
Benjamin Franklin

Wreaths Across America

GRANITEVILLE — Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and Julie Hardaway, Organizing Regent of the Esther Marion Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, participated in a Wreath Across America ceremony at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Graniteville, South Carolina, Dec. 14.

Participants were area veterans groups, SC Patriot riders, Red Cross, High School NJROTC cadets units from Aiken High School, Silver Bluff, Midland Valley, Sea Cadets, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Fort Gordon’s military Honor Guard, veterans, families and many others. About 1,000 people were in attendance.

The event organizer was Tony Vernetz of the Aiken County Veterans Council. Master of ceremonies was Dwight Bradham, Major, USA Retired. The main guest speaker was Major General Van McCarty, South Carolina’s adjutant general, who said we must never forget the sacrifices of those who fought for America’s freedom and to educate our youths because freedom is not free, and each generation is responsible to secure our countries liberty.

“Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle....In this age, there can be no substitute for Christianity....That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants.” U.S. Congress, House Judiciary Committee, 1854



Rev. Douglas A Puckett
Henry Laurens Chapter
Vice President and Chaplain

Henry Laurens Chapter Meeting: call for religious freedom at dawn of Revolution

AIKEN — The Henry Laurens Chapter meeting was held Feb. 3 at the Golden Corral restaurant in Aiken with 22 members and guests in attendance.

David Smith, Piedmont Regional Vice President, was one of the guest speakers.

The meeting consisted of lunch, chapter business, upcoming events and a program on the History of Religion in the Central Savannah River Area and the call for religious freedom at the dawn of the American Revolution presented by Rev. Douglas Puckett.

What is the answer that I shall give, in your name, to this great man, the thrice-chosen head of a nation of a hundred and thirty millions? Here is the answer which I will give to President Roosevelt: Put your confidence in us. Give us your faith and your blessing, and, under Providence, all will be well.

We shall not fail or falter; we shall not weaken or tire. Neither the sudden shock of battle, nor the long-drawn trials of vigilance and exertion will wear us down. Give us the tools, and we will finish the job.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill
SAR Member
February 9, 1941
Broadcast from London

Aiken NJROTC program



The Henry Laurens Chapter, Veterans groups, community leaders and family members were treated to a 50 year celebration of the Aiken NJROTC program at Aiken High School Jan. 23, which took place during their annual inspection, and the Cadets demonstrated a military pass and review. Chapter President Ted Walker is from the class of 1970 Aiken High School.



“The fear of God makes a hero; the fear of man makes a coward.”

Alvin York
1887-1964

World War 1 hero



Henry Laurens Chapter

241st Anniversary Battle of Kettle Creek Washington, Georgia



Musket volley



Marching through the Washington, Georgia, square.



Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter



[Photos by Gregory Smith]



The South Carolina Society participated in the combined Color guard and ceremonies Feb. 8 at the 241st anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek sponsored by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution in Washington, Georgia.

Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, carried the South Carolina State Flag, and Dan Woodruff SCSSAR Color Guard Commander, marched with the combined Militia.



“Let us consider our, selves as men—freemen—Christian freemen—separated from the rest of the world, and firmly bound together by the same rights, interests and dangers.... for posterity, to whom, by the most sacred obligations, we are bound to deliver down the invaluable inheritance; ... you may surely, without presumption, believe, that Almighty God himself will look down upon your righteous contest with gracious approbation. You will be a ‘band of brothers,’ cemented by the dearest ties, and strengthened with inconceivable supplies of force and constancy, by that sympathetic ardor, which animates good men, confederated in a good cause. Your honor and welfare will be, as they now are, most intimately concerned; and besides, you are assigned by divine providence, in the appointed order of things, the protectors of unborn ages, whose fate depends upon your virtue.” **John Dickinson, “Letter From a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies,” 1768.**

Elijah Clark Day Heroes of the Hornets' Nest Commemoration



[Photos by Gregory Smith]

LINCOLN, Georgia — Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and Richard Morris, Past President of the Cambridge Chapter, represented the SCSSAR in ceremonies at a Georgia Society event Feb. 7 at Elijah Clarke State Park.

The master of ceremonies was Charlie A. Newcomer III of the Georgia Society. In attendance were NSSAR representatives, Regional Vice Presidents, various State Presidents, and NSDAR Regents, many historical societies, community leaders and community members.



Former Cambridge President Richard Morris [Photo by Ted Walker]



Henry Laurens Chapter President Ted Walker. [Photo by Richard Morris]

Eagle Scout Court of Honor



From left: Bill Judd, Eagle Scout Coordinator; Eagle Scout Levi Van Blanton; Eagle Scout Tanner Lukas Brink; and Bill Sturgeon, President of Thomas Lynch Chapter; at Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Myrtle Beach Dec. 18.

Observations on the Fourth of July Procession in Philadelphia, *Pennsylvania Mercury*, July 15, 1788 (excerpts)

Please send digital photographs as attachments and not embedded into a Word document.

The Clergy formed a very agreeable part of the Procession—They manifested, by their attendance, their sense of the connection between religion and good government. They amounted to seventeen in number. Four and five of them marched arm in arm with each other, to exemplify the Union. Pains were taken to connect Ministers of the most dissimilar religious principles together, thereby to shew the influence of a free government in promoting Christian charity. The Rabbi of the Jews, locked in the arms of two ministers of the gospel, was a most delightful sight. There could not have been a more happy emblem contrived, of that section of the new constitution, which opens all its power and offices alike, not only to every sect of Christians, but to worthy men of every religion.

**Benjamin Rush
Declaration of Independence Signer**



The Henry Laurens Chapter, Aiken, South Carolina, the Daniel Morgan Chapter and the Godfrey Dreher Chapter Society Sons of the American Revolution

Request the honor of your presence at the dedication of the SAR Patriot Grave Markers Commemorating the Service and sacrifice of the Revolutionary war Patriots

Charles Hammond, Colonel Samuel Hammond, John Hammond and Le Roy Hammond on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 10 AM

**Hammond Family Cemetery
908 W. Martintown Road
North Augusta, SC**

Please R.S.V.P. by 1 April 2020

If you Plan to lay a wreath or participate in Color Guard.

Registration

Chapter _____

Color Guard **Yes** **No**

Militia **Yes** **No**

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Presenter(s) Name and

Title: _____

Please send registration to Ted Walker at 207 Chalk Bed road, Graniteville, SC 29829 or Email to twalkerj@bellsouth.net Phone (803) 599-1654

Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

Godfrey Dreher Chapter — a new first in Scouting

By Bill Wilson

Godfrey Dreher Vice President

LEXINGTON — The Godfrey Dreher Chapter has completed a first within the SCSSAR Scouting Program.

The Godfrey Dreher Chapter completed its first instruction class in the Scouting BSA Merit Badge Certification Program. This class was for individual Scouts to earn a merit badge certification in Genealogy. The class was conducted at Zion Lutheran Church in West Columbia, South Carolina. Troop 425 Scouting BSA, for girls completed the program.

Godfrey Dreher Chapter instructors for the class were President Woody Carothers and Vice President Bill Wilson. President Carothers is a Scouting BSA registered merit badge counselor. Bill Wilson instructed a section of the program on the subject of Genealogical Societies using the SAR as an example. He also dressed in period uniform for a tangent discussion on period military dress.

The chapter's newly acquired presentation media has been a great improvement in our ability to conduct programs of



Woody and Bill's class picture with Troop 425. The troop's image of their earned merit badge is on the screen.



Minuteman Bill Wilson discusses the accoutrements of an American Revolutionary War soldier.



President Woody Carothers reviews a genealogy chart with the Scouts of Troop 425 BSA Zion Lutheran Church in West Columbia.

this nature. As a result of this first venture, two additional area Scout troops have tentatively asked to be scheduled. Additionally, discussions are under way for the

chapter to conduct the same merit badge program for the spring University of Scouting, which is an all-day merit badge workshop conducted at the University of South Carolina.

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 you 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.

Please meet the deadlines that are mentioned in each issue of *The Palmetto Patriot*.

Sir: ‘Were you a soldier in the American Revolution?’

By **Bill Wilson**
Godfrey Dreher Vice President

LEXINGTON — The question above occurred during the Godfrey Dreher Chapter’s first American Revolution Poster Program of the new season.



Vice President Bill Wilson

Such a question is really a double edged sword. On one hand, you might be flattered that a young third-grader thought your uniform was pretty neat and looked very real. On the other hand, he might have posed the question because he thought you, personally, looked older than dirt. I will leave the pondering of that question and conclusion to better minds than mine!

On Dec. 17, President Woody Carothers and I, Vice President Bill Wilson, “marched” into the Seven Oaks Elementary School in Lexington. We were determined that we were going to take on this assignment with grit and determination. Our assignment: presentation of the chapter’s poster program on the Waxhaw region of South Carolina.

The assignment included standing in front of 90 to 100 third through fifth grade students and presenting the case, why these students should embrace, begin and complete the Chapter’s poster program. It was not an assignment for the weak of heart. Our weapons — bravery and a PowerPoint presentation.

The PowerPoint Presentation was our secret weapon. As the classes entered the auditorium, we played an audio / video of American Revolution marching music of the Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corp. This caused many of them to want to march to the music and, then, sit and sway with music. Before we even began, we had their minds under our control. They were beginning to break.

Then President Woody marched right to the front. It was the bravest thing I ever saw. He spoke to them softly, but firmly, about the poster program and how much fun it would be.

My assignment was to present a PowerPoint presentation on “Young People in the American Revolution.” I presented three bios on two Waxhaw area young soldiers — 13 year old Andrew Jackson and 15 year old Major Thomas Young. For the young ladies in the group, I presented a bio on Sybil Ludington of New York, the Lady Paul Revere. We included pictures and references to books for each Patriot they might use to complete their poster. We also had a video

on Sybil Ludington’s American Revolution bravery and accomplishments.

I demonstrated the accoutrements that a soldier would have carried in that time. Since I was not permitted to carry my musket, I showed them slide pictures of various weapons and uniforms styles, trying to



President Woody Carothers

overwhelm with numbers.

Then, it was time for questions and answers. Woody and I took them on one at a time. The information exchange ebbed and flowed. It was tough.

Then the lunch bell rang. They broke and skedaddled. I thought we had won. But, I heard some of them yell “sloppy joes and chips.” If they were calling names, I will take “Chips” and Woody can be called “Sloppy Joe.” But, who cares? We were saved! We gathered up what we could salvage and escaped for another day and another assignment.



“Without God, there could be no American form of Government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first—the most basic—expression of Americanism.”

President Dwight Eisenhower
SAR Member
American Legion “Back-to-God” Program, Feb. 20, 1955

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter annual formal meeting

BEAUFORT — The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter of Beaufort held its annual formal December meeting at the Dataw Island Club, Dec. 6.

Fifty-five chapter members, wives and guests enjoyed a festive holiday social period before the meeting with guest speaker David Preston giving an informative presentation on “Theatres of the American Revolution — Kings Mountain National Park.”

Guest of honor that night was SCSSAR Senior Vice President Jim Wyrosdick and his wife Andrea. In August the Paul Hamilton Chapter celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Chapter’s Ceremony of Institution. Senior Vice President Wyrosdick swore in the new chapter offices for 2020 to close out the evening before the SAR recessional.



From left: Michael Keyserling, Color Sergeant; Tom Wilson, Registrar; Randy Atkins, Treasurer; Frank Gibson, immediate Past President; Peter Somerville, Secretary; Joe Riddle, President; Mike Monahan, Vice President; and Jim Wyrosdick, SCSSAR Senior Vice President. [Photo by Pam Bailey]

Grave-marking for Major William Wigg Hazzard

The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter marked the grave of Patriot Major William Wigg Hazzard Dec. 8 in the old churchyard cemetery of The Parish Church of St. Helena, in Beaufort. Hazzard fought with the militia during the war.

Twenty-plus Chapter members, parishioners and five family descendants were present for the ceremony. Frank Gibson, immediate past Chapter President, and new President Joe Riddle presided over the service. Connie Tootle, a member of the Thomas Heyward Jr. DAR Chapter, and a direct descendant, gave a biographical presentation on her ancestor.



Far right, President Joe Riddle views the laying of the wreath by past Chapter President Claude Dinkins. Past President Frank Gibson speaks as color bearers, far left, Carl Howk and Michael Keyserling, hold the flags. [Photo by Mike Monahan]

241st anniversary Battle of Port Royal Island



From left: Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter members Jody Henson, President Joe Riddle, Dean Hewitt, Frank Gibson, Tom Burnett, Paul Griffin, Wayne Cousar and Michael Keyserling. [Photo by Anita Henson]

On the 241st anniversary of the early stages of the Battle of Port Royal Island, also known as the Battle of Grays Hill, SAR members of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter in Beaufort, the Dr. George Mosse Chapter in Hilton Head Island, and the Thomas Heyward DAR Chapter in Beaufort gathered at the battle’s historical marker on the outskirts of Beaufort.

Wreaths were laid by these organizations.

In attendance at the Feb. 1 event was David Reuwer, Vice President of the South Carolina Battle Ground Preservation Trust, who earlier had discussed the future addition of the battle site to South Carolina’s Liberty Trail as well as the logistics of Feb 3, 1779, when the battle was fought.

Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter



The Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter presents a Flag Certificate Nov. 12 to the City of Seneca for properly flying the flag at multiple locations in the city. From left: Eric Barnhill (Chapter Vice President), Councilman Ronnie O'Kelly, Mayor Dan Alexander, Dave Desmaris (Chapter flag chairman) and William Allgood (Chapter President). [Photo by Eric Barnhill]

“Our Declaration of Independence I dare say you have seen. A few weeks will probably determine our fate. Perfect freedom, or Absolute Slavery. To some of us freedom or a halter. Our fates are in the hands of An Almighty God, to whom I can with pleasure confide my own; he can save us, or destroy us; his Councils are fixed and cannot be disappointed, and all his designs will be Accomplished.” - Abraham Clark, Declaration of Independence signer from New Jersey, writing to his friend Elias Dayton on July 14, 1776.

The Palmetto Patriot wants to hear from you

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

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Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration Sept. 4 and 5

SCSSAR 2019 Colonial Ball

CHARLESTON — The South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held its 24 Colonial Ball with Debutante Presentation Dec. 21. It was held in the Gold Ballroom at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston overlooking Marion Square and the festive downtown Charleston area.

President General Jack Manning and his First Lady Sheila Manning of Scituate, Massachusetts, attended the grand affair. Also attending were SAR Foundation Board member Sam Powell and his First Lady Karen of Burlington, North Carolina.

The Colonial Ball was organized in 1976 in part to celebrate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the founding of our country and our shared heritage. Greg Ohanesian has served as the Ball Chair since 1999 (20 years). Each debutante presented is a direct descendant of a patriot, or patriots, who fought in or supported the American Revolution.

Six debutantes from across the Southeast and Washington State with presenters and escorts took part in an exquisite, dramatic presentation before more than 150 guests. The Ball opened with the Presentation of Colors by a Color Guard of Citadel Cadets followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. Then, walking the length of the extensive ballroom in white ballgowns accompanied by white tie presenters and floating through an arch of swords presented by Citadel Cadets, who were in full dress uniforms, each debutante made a formal curtsy and was seated at the front of the ballroom by her escort. Harp music accompanied the formal presentation. Afterward, the debutantes exited with their escorts to the rousing chords of "Scotland the Brave" played by a talented bagpiper.

Debutantes, presenters and escorts were Sarah Grace Ford presented by Mr. Clayton St. James Seymour and escorted by John Vincent Sanchelli; Naomi Jewel Marchant presented by Mr. Colby William Furtick Jr. and escorted by Jamison Derrill Marchant; Claudia Ann Ottinger presented by Dr. William Stanley Ottinger and escorted by Nathan Davis Tirpak; Lauri Campbell Sargeant presented by Mr. Alexander Porterfield Graham Sargeant and escorted by William Jackson Sanchelli; Virginia Hamilton Waddell presented by Compatriot Edward Kendall Stock and escorted by Paul Patrick Waddell; and Madeline Gertrude Woehrman presented by Cmpt. Alfred James Worley Jr. and escorted by Benjamin Davis Richardson.

Guests were served a three course dinner that included a spinach salad, an entrée



Front row, from left: Madeline Gertrude Woehrman, of Bremerton, Washington; Virginia Hamilton Waddell, Front Royal, Virginia; Lauri Campbell Sargeant Columbia, South Carolina; Claudia Ann Ottinger, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; Naomi Jewel Marchant, Awendaw, South Carolina; and Sarah Grace Ford, of Columbia, South Carolina. Back row: Benjamin Davis Richardson; Paul Patrick Waddell; William Jackson Sanchelli; Nathan Davis Tirpak; Jamison Derrill Marchant; and John Vincent Sanchelli. [Photo by Jimmy McDonald of Jimmy McDonald Photography in Rockingham].

of petite filet mignon and broiled salmon accompanied with fresh herb risotto and the chef's selection of seasonal vegetables and an ultimate chocolate cake with a berry garnish for dessert.

The nine-piece orchestra played until midnight. Each debutante first danced the Richardson Waltz with her presenter, followed by a waltz with her escort.

SCSSAR President Nat Kaminski Jr. presided, and Past Presidents in attendance were Sir Julian V. Brandt III, William T. Allgood, Redding I. Corbett III, Doug Doster, Greg Ohanesian and William "Edd" Richburg Sr. Other noted guests included Mrs. Elizabeth Billham, Regent,

SCSDAR; Compatriot and Mrs. T. Rex Legler for their generous financial support of the Ball; all Ball Committee Members; all Ball contributors; Mrs. Greg (Barbara) Ohanesian and all former Debutantes in attendance. Also aiding in Ball preparations were Mrs. Mandy Johnson Shaw of Wallace, South Carolina, and Mrs. Kelly Byrd of Blenheim, South Carolina.

On the evening prior to the Ball, Friday, Dec. 20, a formal reception was held at the Carolina Yacht Club in a dining room overlooking the Cooper River and Charleston Harbor.

The Ball financially supports scholarships and patriotic education.

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for compatriots
in your chapter
who do not use e-mail.**

President General Jack Manning Tours Charleston

On Thursday evening, Dec. 19, SCSSAR Past President Vic Brandt and his First Lady, Anne, fêted President General Jack Manning and his First Lady Sheila at the Carolina Yacht Club.

On Friday, President General Manning and his First Lady toured with NSSAR Past Vice President General Greg Ohanesian and his First Lady Barbara at The Old Exchange Building guided by Director Tony Youmans.

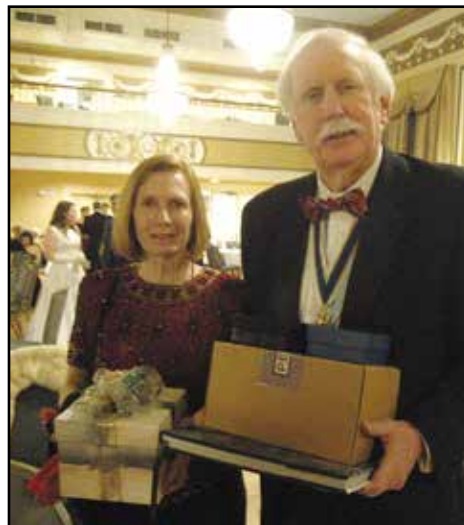
The building, completed in 1771, was the site of a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. There are only three public buildings remaining where the Declaration was read in 1776: Faneuil Hall in Boston, Independence Hall in Philadelphia, and The Old Exchange Building in Charleston. Greg Ohanesian is Vice Chair of the South Carolina State Commission that operates and maintains The Old Exchange Building. The Mannings saw the

Old Dungeon where Patriots were held by British, and the Great Hall where George Washington was honored with a Ball.

Following the Old Exchange Building, the Mannings next toured the Powder Magazine (circa 1713), where the British and Patriots alternately stored gun powder. The Ohanesians and Mannings then enjoyed a delightful lunch at the Charleston Blossom Restaurant followed by light shopping at the Preservation Society's Gift Shop.

Later that evening the Mannings joined the Ohanesians and other SCSSAR members and guests in honoring the Colonial Ball Debutantes at a reception.

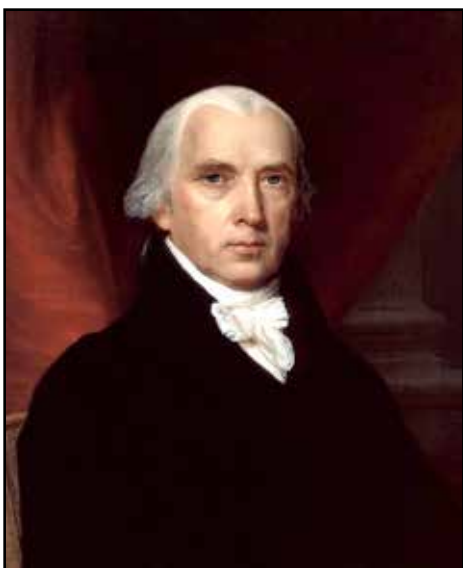
Following the Friday evening Ball Reception President General Manning and Sheila, and Compatriot Sam Powell and Karen, enjoyed after dinner liqueurs while touring the Ohanesians' home on East Bay Street (circa 1811), which is furnished in period (or earlier) furnishings and art.



President General Jack T. Manning and his First Lady, Sheila, with gifts given from the SCSSAR and the Colonial Ball Committee. [Photo by Barbara Ohanesian]

“We should always remember that the many remarkable means and events by which our wants have been supplied, and our enemies repelled or restrained are such strong and striking proofs of the interposition of heaven. That our having been delivered from the threatened bondage of Britain ought, like the emancipation of the Jews from Egyptian servitude, be forever ascribed to its true cause. And instead of swelling our breasts with arrogant ideas of our power and importance, kindle in them a flame of gratitude and piety, which may consume all remains of vice and irreligion. Blessed be God!”

**John Jay, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
Second Governor of New York**



The future and success of America is not in this Constitution, but in the laws of God upon which this Constitution is founded.

**President James Madison
Father of the Constitution**

Beaufort County Court House Flag



Jody Henson, Past President of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter in Beaufort, holds the new flag that the County Clerk of Court

authorized for display in the County's General Court House atrium in December 2019. When the new Court House was dedicated in the 1970s, the main entrance area displayed high above the floor eight flags that flew over Beaufort during the 265 year history of this the second oldest town in South Carolina. A flag was later removed and for years there had been an empty holder among the United States, South Carolina, Scottish, Spanish, French and British Flags, which were prominently displayed along with the Gadsden flag. Henson was instrumental in encouraging the Clerk of Court to fill the empty flag holder with the Moultrie flag to join up with the Gadsden flag. Moultrie's men, along with local militia and a few Continentals, fought the British in Beaufort Feb. 3, 1779. [Caption: Photo by Carroll Stroppel]

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Gen. George Washington said at Valley Forge, May 2, 1778: "To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to laud the more distinguished Character of Christian."

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God."

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**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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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

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Enrollment Approved: _____
Signature of SCSSAR Secretary _____ Date Signed _____

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE NSSAR NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

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

For Headquarters use only:
Date Received:

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

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

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

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

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the 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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SCSSAR welcomes new members

**By Edd Richburg
SCSSAR Secretary**

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

Jerome Nelson McLeod IV, Godfrey Dreher Chapter

Robert Aloysius Gissell, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter

Edward Walker Covin II, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter

Charles Wayne Clark Jr., Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

David Gardner Butterworth, Dr. George Mosse Chapter

John Augustine Washington Jr., Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

Ethan James Price, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

Richard Paul Gensel, Matthew Singleton Chapter

Hayward Parkins Hood, Daniel Morgan Chapter

Harold Alvin Stout Jr., Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter

R. Calvert Sherard Jr., Cambridge Chapter

George Creswell Ogden Jr., Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

Eugene Davidson Foster, Daniel Morgan Chapter

Peter Paul Bachini, Major Robert Crawford Chapter

James Michael Greene, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

Ellie Givan Shuler III, Godfrey Dreher Chapter

Ronny David Powell, Gen. James Williams Chapter

Robert Alexander Baker, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter

Bobby Calvin Baker, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter

Charles Edward Alvis, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter

Michael Patrick Hayes, Gen. Francis Marion Chapter

Jeffrey Jackson Holden, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

Paul Samuel Andreasen, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter

Robert Arthur Mintz III, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter

Robert Arthur Mintz II, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter

Allen Lee Murphy, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

Charles Franklin Vaughan Ed. D., Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter

Ford Justice Grigg, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter

Samuel Team Chesnutt, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter

Jack Warren Tompkins, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter

Matthew Joseph Fitzpatrick, Henry Laurens Chapter

Robert Thomas Taylor, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

Keith Allen Maddox, Godfrey Dreher Chapter

Terry Leon Howard, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter

Raymond Daniel Hesse, Henry Laurens 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*.

Davis Henry Stevens, At Large, July 12.

Henry Lide DuRant, Major Gen. William Moultrie, July 24.

Earl "Baron" Fain IV, Major Gen. William Moultrie, July 31.

Nolan Paul Welborn, Major Gen. Wil-

liam Moultrie, Aug. 20.

Joel Thomas Horton, Dr. George Mosse Chapter, Sept. 7.

David Hudson Hyatt, Col. Hezekiah Maham, Sept. 7.

David Hampton Witt, Dr. George Mosse Chapter, Sept. 11.

Ronald David Althoff, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter, Oct. 7.

Benjamin Klopp, Thomas Lynch Chapter, Dec. 12.

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Jan. 25 Board of Governors Minutes

By Jonathan Kiser
SCSSAR Recording Secretary

Call To Order: President Nat Kaminski called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The Color Guard presented the colors in advance of the meeting.

Invocation: Ted Morton prayed the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Compatriot John Hoyle

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

Sons of the American Revolution Pledge: led by Compatriot Tom Forte

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the Oct. 19, 2020 Board of Governors Meeting were approved as published in *The Palmetto Patriot*.

Report Package:

10 officer reports, 20 chapter reports, and 11 committee reports were received and accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

Treasurer McCay gave the Treasurer's report and stated a projected shortfall of \$3,220 for fiscal year 2020. Report was received as information only. Treasurer was authorized to continue with operating expenses.

Piedmont VP David Smith briefly reported that annual meeting plans are well in hand. The dates are March 27 and 28. The guest speaker is yet to be determined. Meals provided at the conference include Friday evening's reception and Saturday's youth awards ceremony luncheon.

Activities will include a guided tour and presentation of the Battle of Musgrove Mill by a state park ranger.

A registration packet from the host hotel, Hampton Inn will be forthcoming. The negotiated discounted hotel rate is \$100. Compatriots must reserve rooms by Feb. 27 to receive this rate.

New Business

Leadership presentation given by Woody Carothers. Basic training is needed for all positions. Presentation highlighted registrar training. Applicant must provide documentation and be able to pay fees. He emphasized the importance of the website chapter dashboard. We must train new members and develop them into chapter leadership.

Thomas Blackmon spoke on engaging members. He presented a four tiered project. First step is to reach out to "at large" members living in the state but not a part of a local chapter. Second step is re-engaging the inactive members living in SC. The third step is reaching members living in SC but members of chapters in neighboring states. Fourth step is contacting the 1,300 former members with lapsed membership. Compatriot Blackmon recommends delaying step 4.

Proposes initiate steps 1 and 2 by sending a letter and follow up with calls within 2-3 days. There was minimal discussion about the minutiae of this project.

Rick Corbett spoke about Policies and Procedures. Why do we need a manual? To correct ad hoc approach. A manual establishes standards and it is consistent over time. Overall manual is a work in progress.

Eric Barnhill stated that he volunteered for working groups and was not contacted. The explanation given was that the process was just getting going. Volunteers will be contacted.

Edd Richburg gave a report on dues received.

947 active members total

799 paid

148 not paid

He asked chapters to review the list of non-paid members sent out by him and reach out to these in their chapters.

Nominations were presented for the next term:

State President — Jim Wyrosdick

Senior VP — David Smith

Secretary — Guy Higgins

Treasurer — Gordon McCay

Low Country VP — Scott Buchanan

Midlands VP — Walter Witherspoon Jr.

Pee Dee VP — Thomas Blackmon

Piedmont VP — Rick Morris

Upstate VP — Dan Woodruff

VP Chapter Formation — Rick Corbett
VP Chapter Revitalization — Greg Ohanesian,

Registrar — Edd Richburg

Genealogist — David Dubose

Chancellor — Brian Caskey

Open positions: State Historian, Recording Secretary, Chaplain

Recommendation was made for National Trustee to be Bill Allgood with Nat Kaminski (alternate).

John Marker spoke about a project to identify 85 free men of color who fought in the American Revolution.

The following are National Events in South Carolina.

Kings Mountain

Camden

Cowpens

The following are State Level Events

Cane Brake

Musgrove Mill

Blackstocks

Old Stone Church

Ninety-Six

Huck's Defeat

Francis Marion Gravesite

If registrar training is needed, Edd will train you.

Rick Corbett — Proposal to national to change by-laws: each state trustees from one plus alternate to two trustees. He called this the SC proposal.

Announcements:

Battle of Eutaw Springs Sept. 4 and 5.

Ted Walker: four grave markings. Asks for experts to attend.

Battle of Port Royal Island event next weekend.

Gordon McCay announced a \$1,500. gift from Davis Family Foundation

Recessional

Benediction: Given by Compatriot Ted Morton

Adjournment 12:30 p.m.

Update to the nominees list for 2020-2021 State Officers

State Chaplain — Lawrence Peebles

Low Country VP — Joe Hill

"To promote true religion is the best and most effectual way of making a virtuous and regular people. Love to God and love to man is the substance of religion; when these prevail, civil laws will have little to do." **John Witherspoon, Declaration of Independence signer.**

Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter presents Certificates of Distinguished Service

The Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter presented a Certificate of Distinguished Service to Col. Ben Skardon, 102 years old, who graduated Clemson College in 1938. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the 8th infantry regiment at Walterboro, South Carolina, and was at Manila Bay, Philippines, on Dec 7, 1941. He was captured and was forced to participate in the Bataan Death March in 1942. He and 400 other prisoners were transported on the Orko Maru. That ship and two other prisoner ships he was on were bombed and sunk. While in POW camp, the prisoners heard a rumor that a nuclear bomb had been dropped on Japan and the war was over. He returned home Oct. 23, 1945.



From left: William Allgood (Chapter President), Col. Ben Skardon, Dave Desmaris (Flag Chairman), Eric Barnhill (Chapter vice President).



Major Jack Morgan (second from left), joined the Navy at 17 years old in 1944. He served in New Guinea and Borneo. From left: Eric Barnhill (Chapter Vice President), Major Jack Morgan, William Allgood (Chapter President), and Dave Desmaris (Chapter Vice President).

Henry Laurens Chapter attends Board of Governors meeting



Edward Hillhouse Sr. (second from right) joined the Army Air Corps Sept. 3, 1942 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and went to mechanic school in Biloxi, Mississippi. He flew to Ypsilanti, Michigan, to the Willow Run plant to pick up a new B-24. On his last flight in a B-24, the aircraft had a mechanical problem and crash landed in Boise, Idaho. The pilot and co-pilot were killed. He separated from the service Nov. 30, 1945. He was a Past Chapter President in the SAR.
From left: Eric Barnhill (Chapter Vice President), Dave Desmaris (Chapter Flag Chairman), Edward Hillhouse and William Allgood (Chapter President).



Lafayette Service Medal winners (from left) Peter Widell, Thomas Blackmon and Peter Somerville at the Jan. 25 Board of Governors meeting.



PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM CERTIFICATE — Presented to the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter by Greg Ohanesian (left) and SCSSAR President Nat Kaminski.



The Henry Laurens Chapter attended the SCSSAR quarterly Board of Governors meeting Jan. 25 in Columbia. Ted Walker, President; Charles Hilton, Registrar; Neel Flannagan, Secretary; and Pete Widell, member; participated in planning upcoming events. Pete Widell (center photo) received an award from the State SAR for his work on the Patriot information system.

On Feb. 17, 1801 the House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, making Jefferson president and Aaron Burr vice president.

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

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

Cambridge Chapter Host for Annual Patriot Dinner

By **Ted R. Morton Jr.**

GREENWOOD — The Cambridge Chapter was host Feb. 11 for its annual Patriot Dinner, a celebration of the history and ideals of the American Revolution.

More than 70 people gathered in the Inn on the Square Ballroom for the meeting. They represented SAR Chapters from Aiken (Henry Laurens Chapter), Newberry (Col. Philemon Waters Chapter), Clinton (Gen. James Williams Chapter) and the Cambridge Chapter that serves Abbeville, Greenwood and McCormick counties in the SAR's Piedmont Region. Chapters comprising District III of the SC State Society DAR were also present with members of the Children of the American Revolution. Cambridge President Gerald Young Pitts presided. Representatives of the four Piedmont Region Chapters conducted the Opening Ritual of Pledges.

Cambridge Chapter member Chip Tinsley, President of the Greenwood County Historical Society, was featured speaker and by word and picture gave his audience an insight into a "Lesser Known History: Long Cane." Tinsley and others are working to preserve the history of the Long Cane Settlement (including its better known "Massacre") by an annual commemoration Ceremony.

Long Cane is located in McCormick County near Lower Long Cane Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Other highlights of the evening included greetings from Camden attorney David Paul Reuwer, Vice President of the South Carolina Battlefield Trust, whose mission is preservation of Revolutionary War battlefields, Civil War battlefields and Colonial-era sites like Long Cane. At the Long Cane Commemoration on Sunday, Feb. 2, Reuwer was the speaker, and has been a speaker for Cambridge Chapter.

Following Mr. Reuwer's presentation,



Henry Laurens Officers attending the Patriot Dinner are (from left) Robert Johnson, Past Chapter President and Past Chapter Secretary; (Neel Flanagan, Chapter Secretary; and Ted Walker, Chapter President.



From left: Rick Morris, Secretary; David Paul Reuwer, recipient of the Cambridge Chapter Outstanding Patriot Award for 2020; Ted Morton, Chaplain; and Gerald Young Pitts, President. [Photo by Sam Davis]

Cambridge member Ranger Eric Williams, National Park Service (Retired), reviewed Reuwer's work in historic education and preservation related to the American Revolution. Cambridge President Pitts then asked Reuwer to the lectern and presented him the Chapter's Outstanding Patriot Award for 2020. The citation read in part "for unparalleled leadership in raising awareness of the history and ideals of the American Revolutionary War through research, education and preservation, a Champion of Liberty as were the Patriots of 1776."



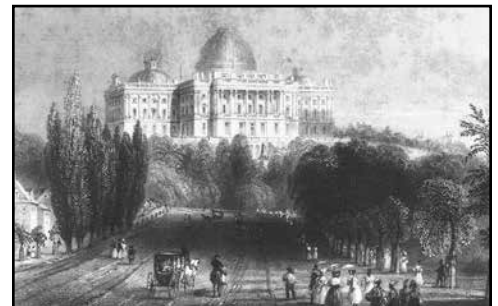
From left: Richard Morris, Chapter Secretary; Chip and Renee Tinsley; and Gerald Young Pitts, Cambridge Chapter President; following the annual Cambridge Chapter Patriot Dinner. Chip, a Cambridge member and President of Greenwood County Historical Society, spoke to the gathering about the Colonial Long Cane settlement located in McCormick County. [Photo by Sam Davis]

Piedmont Region Vice President David Smith conducted an Induction Ceremony for new SAR members, Rodney Powell of the Gen. James Williams Chapter and Calvert Sherard of the Cambridge Chapter.

As the meeting adjourned, many people lingered to visit with others — much like church on a Sunday morning — always a good sign of a good event.

The United States Capitol regularly served as a church building; a practice that began even before Congress officially moved into the building and lasted until well after the Civil War. . . .

The cornerstone of the Capitol was laid by President George Washington in 1793, but it was not until the end of 1800 that Congress actually moved into the building. According to the congressional records for late November of 1800, Congress spent the first few weeks organizing the Capitol rooms, committees, locations, etc. Then, on December 4, 1800, Congress approved the use of the Capitol building as a church building.



The approval of the Capitol for church was given by both the House and the Senate, with House approval being given by Speaker of the House, Theodore Sedgwick, and Senate approval being given by the President of the Senate, Thomas Jefferson. Interestingly, Jefferson's approval came while he was still officially the Vice President but after he had just been elected President. From WallBuilders.com