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**George Washington Resigns Commission
by John Trumbull
Painting in Capitol Rotunda**

From the President's Desk

James Wyrosdick

SCSSAR in a Digital Age

By James Wyrosdick
SCSSAR President

Spring is here, and with it, a new year for the South Carolina SAR Society —. 2020 was a fast year!

It is hard to believe we are already approximately three quarters of the way through my term as State President.

We are now winding down our 2021 membership drive, although at the time of this writing, we have about 100 members who have not renewed.

In the next few weeks, we will be emailing, snail mailing through USPS, and telephoning these members to establish contact and encourage renewal.

As you know, to save costs, the State Society emailed out the 2021 dues notices to those members on whom we have an email address. Our thanks and gratitude are extended to Jonathan Kiser, President of the Major General William Moultrie Chapter, and Mark Mann, our State Secretary—both of whom emailed out dues invoices to SCSSAR members.

Our unpaid members on whom we did not have an email address, were mailed a personal dues notice by me, the number of which was actually, and surprisingly to me, very low—only about 34 Compatriots. The rest of our no email addressees (about 72) had already paid their dues, probably coordinated by their respective Chapters.

The vast majority of our 804 members have an email address—still, at the time of this writing, there are approximately 100 Compatriots that apparently have not yet remitted their dues and were dropped. Next year, we will get a much earlier start in dues collection.

Since I've mentioned this in previous editions of *The Palmetto Patriot*, I know I sound like a broken record by saying this again, but if you have access to sending and

using email, there are two things I want you to do: (1) confirm with the South Carolina Society your active email address, and (2) check your email regularly.

We live in a digital age, and we must use current available resources. We saved \$442.20 (804 members times \$.55 per mailed first class notice) and that amount or more through second, third and fourth emailing to those respectively not shown as paid. It is simply too cost effective for us to ignore the value of email.

I simply cannot stress enough the importance of getting an email address, if you do not already have one; and then, once you get an email address, regularly check it.

If for some reason you're not able to check your email regularly, enlist the help of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives or friends.

One Chapter President mentioned to me that he was told by one of his members that he, the member, rarely checks his email and our dues email notification sat unchecked in his email box!

I am the first to admit that I have trouble keeping up with my email like most others—however, not at least glancing over the online subject line of an email list is akin to an unopened written letter. I know I'm preaching to the choir, since if you're reading this, you probably actively use your email—but all of us can encourage others to use it.

We submitted on Feb. 28 our first attempt at 2021 membership reconciliation to National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. We started the year with 804 total members. During the year, we had 13 reinstatements, six transfers-in, three reinstatement transfers, one new junior member, plus 37 new regular members—all of which totaled 60 additions. The 60 additions bumped the 804 total number we started out with to 864. This number was reduced by 18 deceased members, one resignation, four transfers out and 100 members who did not renew (dropped), for a total loss of 123. So at the time of this writing, the balance of our current active 2021 membership is 741 (864 - 123 = 741). We hope to adjust this figure upward in the coming months as we continue to so-

licit 2021 dues from the non-renewed 100 members.

The State Society has 12 Emeritus

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President's Desk

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members, 73 National Life Members, and Four Non-Life Junior Members. These numbers are reflected in the 741 membership total.

The State Society is planning on physically holding a Special Meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) on May 1, a notice of which is published in this edition of *The Palmetto Patriot*, in compliance with our Bylaw No. VIII, Section 4(b), which states,

"Notice of a Special Meeting must be given to each Board of Governors member specifying the date and place of the meeting as well as the business to be transacted at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. This notice can include, but is not limited to, publication in *The Palmetto Patriot* or a notice mailed to each member whether by regular mail or by electronic format."

The meeting will be held at The American Legion Hut, 762 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC. The sole purpose of the meeting will be for the BOG to vote on whether or not to amend our bylaws to allow for electronic online meetings and voting. Also, at the time of this writing, other amendments may be introduced and voted on. The proposed amendment(s) will be emailed to members of the BOG at least seven days prior to the Special Meeting.

At the time of this writing, we are planning on having a physical, brick and mortar Annual Meeting at the Doubletree Hilton on Bush River Road in Columbia. The meeting is scheduled for May 22 May. The Agenda includes voting to approve amendments that are presented by the Board of Governors, if any, as well as voting and installation of 2021-2022 Officers, and voting on a proposed budget submitted by the State Society Treasurer. General budget line items may only be added to the budget at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

The Medals and Awards Committee is looking for nominations for State Society level awards. These nominations are for Compatriots who have contributed at the State level. Chapters are encouraged to recognize their members with Chapter level awards. Send your state level award nominations to David Smith at smithgirz@gmail.com. Include your name and email, the compatriot's name and email, chapter, name of award, and what they did for the State Society to merit the award. All information about SAR awards, including criteria for the award, can be found in SAR Handbook Vol. V available for download at the NSSAR website.

Annual Meeting

May 22

Doubletree Hotel, 2100 Bush River Rd., Columbia

Notice of Special Meeting of the Board of Governors

President James L. Wyrosdick calls a Special Meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) on May 1, Saturday, 11 a.m., at the American Legion Hut, 762 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC. The business to be transacted is to entertain motions to amend current state bylaws including, but not limited to, provisions for virtual meetings and on-line voting. Standing Rules for virtual meetings may also be considered. Issues and business outside the scope of this Special Meeting Notice is out of order and not permitted. Those amendments approved at the BOG will be published for the general membership at least 15 days prior to this year's Annual Meeting where they may be adopted by a two-thirds vote.

COVID precautions will be in place.

The Annual Meeting will also have a brief Memorial Service, a brief address by the current and incoming State Presidents, a brief summary of State activities by the State Historian, and presenting State Society awards.

COVID protocols will be in place. And speaking of protocols, it is part of our State Society protocol that you occasionally visit online our State Society website at SCSSAR.org, if you have access to a computer.

Dave Desmarais has done an outstanding job as our Information Technology Coordinator and has done a lot of work updating our website, with the help of his Technology Committee. We are extremely fortunate to have Dave and his Committee. Dave is maintaining a calendar of events and a host of other information, regarding the State Society. Visit it soon, and let's support his efforts!

And lastly, I had wanted to announce that I and my wife Jo are planning on attending the National Congress in Seattle, Washington, July 10-16 and help represent the South Carolina State Society, along with our State

Society National Trustee. This will be one of the biggest trips my wife and I have ever undertaken, and I hope we'll be able to find our way back to South Carolina! If you or your Chapter have something that you would like me to see about or do while at the National Congress, let me know.

This will only be the second National Congress that I've ever attended, as my first was when our State Society hosted the 2014 Congress in Greenville, South Carolina. This time, I'm planning on taking my camera and journal! Gentlemen, I hope in future years to see more people from our State Society attending and supporting our National Congress.

Thank you for all the work you do as a member of the South Carolina Society. You might be saying, "I have not done anything." But your membership speaks volumes, and just keeping up your SCSSAR membership requires diligence, time and effort.

The State Society is very appreciative of you as a member! Call me if you would like to serve on one of our Committees, or as a State Officer. My phone number: (803) 534-3388 (landline), and my cell, (803) 682-4209. Libertas et Patria!

Jim Wyrosdick
SCSSAR President



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Henry Laurens Chapter conducts quarterly business meeting

AIKEN — The Henry Laurens Chapter conducted its quarterly business meeting Jan. 14 at Bobby’s Barbeque in Warrenville, with 19 folks in attendance, including several guests and three potential new members.

Piedmont Regional Vice President Rick Morris presented the George Washington Fellow Award to our newest member, Sonny Pittman. Sonny, a former regional vice president in Georgia, and his wife Sue, are building a new home in Mount Vintage Golf Club in Edgefield County.

Chapter President Ted Walker conducted the meeting and presented chapter business to officers and attendees. Chapter Vice President Rev. Douglas Puckett gave a program on Benedict Arnold, the traitor. *Ted Walker.*

Oratory is the masterful art. Poetry, painting, music, sculpture, architecture please, thrill, inspire – but oratory rules. The orator dominates those who hear him, convinces their reason, controls their judgment, compels their action. For the time being, he is master. David Brewer, Supreme Court justice 1889-1910, SAR Member.



Rev. Doug Puckett, Vice President of the Henry Laurens Chapter.



Sonny Pittman (left), former Regional Vice President in Georgia, and Rick Morris, Piedmont Regional Vice President. [Photos by Ted Walker]



They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. **Benjamin Franklin.**

Georgia Society at Elijah State Park and Washington, Georgia, Square



Ted Walker (left), and Pete Widell



Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, carried the South Carolina flag in the Georgia State Color Guard, Jan. 31, and Pete Widell participated in the Wiregrass Militia firing rifles, representing the chapter and the South Carolina State Society. [Photos by Scott Collins]

Under the auspices and direction of Divine Providence, your forefathers removed to the wilds and wilderness of America. By their industry they made it a fruitful, and by their virtue a happy country. And we should still have enjoyed the blessings of peace and plenty, if we had not forgotten the source from which these blessings flowed; and permitted our country to be contaminated by the many shameful vices which have prevailed among us.

It is a well known truth, that no virtuous people were ever oppressed; and it is also true, that a scourge was never wanting to those of an opposite character.

John Jay, 1776, first Chief Justice of the United States and second Governor of New York.

Ted Walker appointed Deputy Representative for Veterans Administration Volunteer Service

AIKEN — Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, was appointed by the National Society as Deputy Representative for the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia. This is a new appointment for the National Society at the medical center.

The medical center depends on the goodwill of its benefactors and volunteers who wish to give back to America's heroes. The center is proud of the volunteers who donate time to assist veterans, families, visitors and employees. Volunteers are a vital part of the VA healthcare team. Many individuals volunteer inside the medical center or in the community based outpatient's clinics (Statesboro, Georgia; Athens, Georgia; and Aiken) or in the surrounding



Ted Walker
[Photo by Andrew McCaskill]

community where veterans live.

Not only are the manpower hours needed, but volunteers also assist with

donations, special events, projects and sponsorships. This appointment will give our Society the opportunity to recognize and help those individuals who served and fought for America's freedom. For more information on how you can become a VAVS volunteer, contact your area Veterans hospital or call Ted Walker at (803) 599-1654.

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.

**Prime Minister
Winston Churchill
SAR Member**

History of the Henry Laurens Chapter

Organization of the Henry Laurens Chapter began in 1990 with eight SAR members, Dale BeVier, Charles W. Heaton, John B. Heaton, Hugh E. Henry, Harry L. Jeffcoat, Don R. Nims, Hamrick Salley Jr., and U.S. Sen. J. Strom Thurmond. Members were solicited from the area comprising Aiken, Barnwell and Edgefield counties.

The chapter Application for Charter was filed with the Board of Governors of the South Carolina Society Feb. 22, 1993. The chapter was certified by the State Society Aug. 24, 1993 with 15 charter members.

These members were Richard David Heaton, John B. Heaton, Hugh E. Henry, Julian L. Mims III, Julian L. Mims IV, Charles W. Heaton, C. Ashley Heaton, Joe M. Alexander, John A. Brecht, James R. Cook, Richard R. Foster, William A. Norton, J. Strom Thurmond and Jason A. Widener.

The Henry Laurens Chapter currently has 19 members and is growing. We conduct four business meetings and one holiday meeting each year. Our Chapter meets the second Thursday of the first month of each quarter, with the Christmas holiday meeting date and place determined in December. We meet at noon at Bobby's Barbeque Restaurant at 1897 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Warrentonville, SC 29851, phone number (803) 593- 5900.

Each year our Chapter works within our communities to promote and recognize individuals for their outstanding service. We work with community leaders, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Scouting orga-



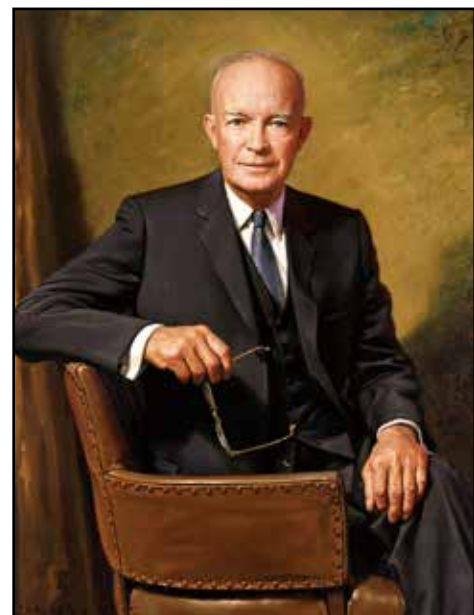
From left: Pete Widell, Doug Puckett and Ted Walker. [Photo by Neel Flannagan]

nizations, NJROTC school programs, Veterans organizations, Revolutionary battle re-enactors and many other community activities. Our main goal is to promote and educate our community and youths about American history.

For more information in becoming a member please contact Ted Walker at (803) 599-1654. *Ted Walker, President, Henry Laurens Chapter.*

If you see ten troubles coming down the road, you can be sure that nine will run into the ditch before they reach you.

**President Calvin Coolidge
SAR Member**



Atheism substitutes men for the Supreme Creator and this leads inevitably to domination and dictatorship.

**Dwight Eisenhower
SAR Member
Oct. 24, 1954**

Daniel Morgan Chapter hosts 239th anniversary Battle of Cowpens



Diana Bramble, National Park Service Superintendent of Cowpens National Battlefield and Kings Mountain National Military Park, at the Jan. 17 mainly virtual event. [Photos by Tom Hanson]

How Did We Accomplish the Revolution?

In explaining my sentiments on this subject it may be asked, What raised us to the present happy state? How did we accomplish the Revolution? How remedy the defects of the first instrument of our Union, by infusing into the National Government sufficient power for national purposes, without impairing the just rights of the States or affecting those of individuals?

How sustain and pass with glory through the late war? The Government has been in the hands of the people. To the people, therefore, and to the faithful and able depositaries of their trust is the credit due.

Had the people of the United States been educated in different principles, had they been less intelligent, less independent, or less virtuous can it be believed that we should have maintained the same steady and consistent career or been blessed with the same success?



President James Monroe
Portrait by Samuel Morse, c. 1819

While, then, the constituent body retains its present sound and healthful state everything will be safe. They will choose competent and faithful representatives for every department.

It is only when the people become ignorant and corrupt, when they degenerate into a populace, that they are incapable of exercising the sovereignty. Usurpation is then an easy attainment, and an usurper soon found. The people themselves become the willing instruments of their own debasement and ruin.

Let us, then, look to the great cause, and endeavor to preserve it in full force. Let us by all wise and constitutional measures promote intelligence among the people as the best means of preserving our liberties.

James Monroe
First Inaugural Address
Tuesday, March 4, 1817

Beaufort County Purchase Ensures Protection of Historic Port Royal Battlefield Site

At the close of 2020, Beaufort County succeeded in permanently protecting 12 acres along Highway 21, known as The Port Royal Island Battlefield. This Revolutionary War battlefield contains significant historic value and artifacts and is protected as a critical piece of the county's rich cultural landscape.

The property is protected in partnership between the Department of Defense, Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Program, the South Carolina State Conservation Bank, and the South Carolina Battleground Trust. This property has been a long-sought acquisition and fulfills cross-cutting goals including supporting the military installation, protecting critical cultural resources, and connecting with the SC Liberty Trail.

Protection is made possible by a partnership of funding sources, good timing, and the willing sellers, Harris Pillow Company and Mike and Connie Kling.

The Department of Defense contributed \$910,000 and placed a restrictive easement on the property to protect from future development that would affect the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort. Beaufort County's Rural and Critical Lands Program contributed \$557,037.

County Councilwoman Alice Howard stated, "Beaufort County is proud to add the Port Royal Island Battlefield to our protected cultural landscape. Rural and Critical lands tax dollars protected this important piece of Revolutionary and American history for our citizens, visitors and future generations."

The South Carolina State Conservation Bank contributed \$352,963 to protect the property and SC Battleground Trust will hold a Conservation Easement to protect its historic value. In the future, the property will be an anchor along the SC Liberty Trail, a statewide network of Revolutionary War battlefields.

"The SC Conservation Bank proudly supports the Liberty Trail initiative. Protecting the Battle of Port Royal site is an important step towards the goal of securing our state's Revolutionary War legacy and making our history available for the public," says Raleigh West, Director of the SC Conservation Bank. "We are also grateful for the continued partnership with Beaufort County and the Department of Defense and their ongoing commitment to conservation."

The battlefield is significant to Beaufort County and the Revolutionary War, where

two signatories to the Declaration of Independence fought in this battle — Thomas Heyward Jr. and Edward Rutledge.

Had the British been successful at this site, they would have controlled the deepest natural harbor on the east coast — The Port Royal Sound.

Doug Bostick, CEO of the SC Battleground Trust, offered, "We are thrilled to know that this significant battlefield is preserved. It will be an important stop on the Liberty Trail. This early-war battle includes a number of compelling storylines. We are excited to work with the County to interpret this battlefield to the public."

The South Carolina Liberty Trail is a partnership between the SC Battleground



Trust and the American Battlefield Trust in Washington, D.C.

The ambition is to create a driving tour network of 70 Revolutionary War battlefields throughout the State and connect to smaller and related historic and cultural sites through an innovative APP now in development. www.beaufortcountysc.gov/news

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter conducts December Zoom meeting with USC Professor of History Larry Rowland

BEAUFORT — The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter continues to hold on by a thin thread in COVID times with Zoom meetings. Having to cancel our annual December formal dinner meeting was a heartbreaker for members, wives and sweethearts.

However, we survived with a December Zoom meeting and had our original guest speaker, University of South Carolina Emeritus Professor of History Larry Rowland, also a Chapter compatriot, gave a presentation on the "Revolutionary War in Beaufort."

This had been our "best kept secret" until Beaufort County announced the purchase and future protection of the Battle of Port

Royal Island (Feb. 3, 1779) battlefield site.

The chapter has held lightly attended annual memorials to the battle over previous years, making it known to our local population, and in the future we'll strive to make it a state event.

Several Chapter compatriots have worked with the county on this acquisition over the past few years including Past President Frank Gibson and Past Vice President Tom Mikell.

During the meeting William Thomas Logan was recognized for his 25 years of membership in the SAR. He was the second Life Member in the State Society. Vice President Mike Monahan ended our year with the SAR Recessional. *Jody Henson.*

On March 4, 1791, the independent Republic of Vermont joined the Union as the 14th state.

Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

Matthew Singleton Chapter: Wreaths Across America

By Thomas Blackmon
Vice President Pee Dee Region
President
Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

The Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter sponsored three wreaths Dec. 16 during the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony,



Compatriot and Militiaman John Owen presents a wreath on behalf of the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter at the Dec. 16 Wreaths Across America ceremony. [Photo by Denise Owen].

hosted by the Sumter Military Cemetery.

Compatriot John Owen, in the uniform of a Colonial militiaman, presented the wreaths designated for our fallen veterans, our serving veterans, and that of our Patriot ancestors on behalf of the chapter. As in years past, a portion of the proceeds from sponsored wreaths are used to support the Sumter Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

The honoring of our veterans amid the backdrop of a pandemic calls to mind that during the American Revolutionary War, Patriot forces faced a similar circumstance in the midst of combat operations. Research historians of the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens note that Gen. George Washington wrote early in his tenure as commander of the Continental Army to the President of the Continental Congress that he was "particularly attentive to the least symptoms of the Small Pox." This should come as no surprise, given Washington had survived smallpox during a venture to Barbados in 1751.

Robert Hicks, director of the Mutter

Museum and Historical Medical Library, notes that the American Colonies had little immunity to the disease given the more rural structure of society. Immigrants and the British military arrived in the Colonies having traveled from areas where smallpox was more common, while Continental soldiers and militia were not inoculated and took their leave to all corners of the Colonies, acting as carriers.

In 1775, the threat was so great that Washington ordered his troops to avoid all contact with refugees exiting Boston. Many people were fleeing the British occupation, but most were attempting to escape a massive smallpox outbreak gripping the city. When we consider the criticism of Washington's fighting withdrawal from the Northeast, we must bear in mind that his strategy was just as likely based on the avoidance of epidemiological hot zones in addition to the superior strength of the British Army.

Action had to be taken to prevent the bulk of the Continental Army from becoming casualties of illness. Washington's orders and writings show he was initially against inoculation of his soldiers. His concern was that a force recovering from even a mild form of the disease would be vulnerable to attack and unable to conduct offensive operations.

With the prevention of a potential health crisis within the army foremost on his mind, Washington sent a regiment of 1,000 men immune to smallpox to occupy Boston, following the 1776 British withdrawal from the city. Valley Forge was a watershed moment in the timeline of vaccinating the Continental Army. Medics would purposefully infect new recruits and healthy soldiers out of the fighting season to allow time for recovery in conjunction with the amassing of uniforms, supplies, and training.

Thus, as we navigate life with Covid-19, it is important to note this situation is not a new phenomenon. Looking at the conditions and the limited medical technology of the time, I have a greater respect for our forefathers, who faced down an enemy that could not be defeated with bullets and did not operate under any rules of war. I believe that Washington characterized it best when he remarked "The harder the conflict, the greater the triumph."

Girl Scouts Honored



William Allgood (left) and Dave Desmarais (right) of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to Girl Scouts Carlee Gansen (middle) and Ella Gansen (second from left) Jan. 16. Troop Leader Lori McCurry is second from right. The two Scouts operated video cameras at the grave marking ceremony of Patriot Jesse Hall Sr. at the Hall Family Cemetery in South Cove County Park, Seneca, South Carolina, Oct. 24. The Chapter recognized the two Scouts for their contributing their assistance to our event. Their excellent camera skills can be viewed as part of the video presentation at <https://youtube/vtAuY7mZGZ4>

Wreaths Across America

GRANITEVILLE — Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Graniteville Dec. 19.

The master of ceremonies was Dwight Bradham, Aiken County Veterans Affairs Officer, Col. Claude Davis, USMC Ret., with guest speaker Major General William F. Grimsley, US Army Ret., South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs State Secretary.

About 300 folks were in attendance including many veterans, veterans organizations, family members, community leaders, NJROTC Cadets, Scouts, patriotic organizations and many others.

When the program finished, we were told to place wreaths on military members' graves and say their name out loud to remember their lives and thank them for their sacrifice. I chose a wreath and found the grave of my father, who was a World War II veteran.

As I looked down at his grave, I remembered the following story I was told at his funeral several years back by one of his World War II buddies.

At my father's funeral, a World War II friend of his, Tracy Bledsoe from Graniteville, came up to me and said: "I want you to know what happened during a beach landing in the Solomon Islands in World War II. I was on a beach landing craft, and our squad was getting ready to take the beach. Bullets, flying explosions everywhere and we all were



praying not to get killed while doing our job. "All of a sudden the craft door dropped, and we charged the beach. I made it a ways forward and hit the ground. To my amazement, I noticed a Navy corpsmen, your dad, Ted Walker Sr., helping a wounded Marine. I wanted you to know that two young men from Graniteville, halfway around the world, were hitting the beach at the same time with no prior knowledge of each other being there."

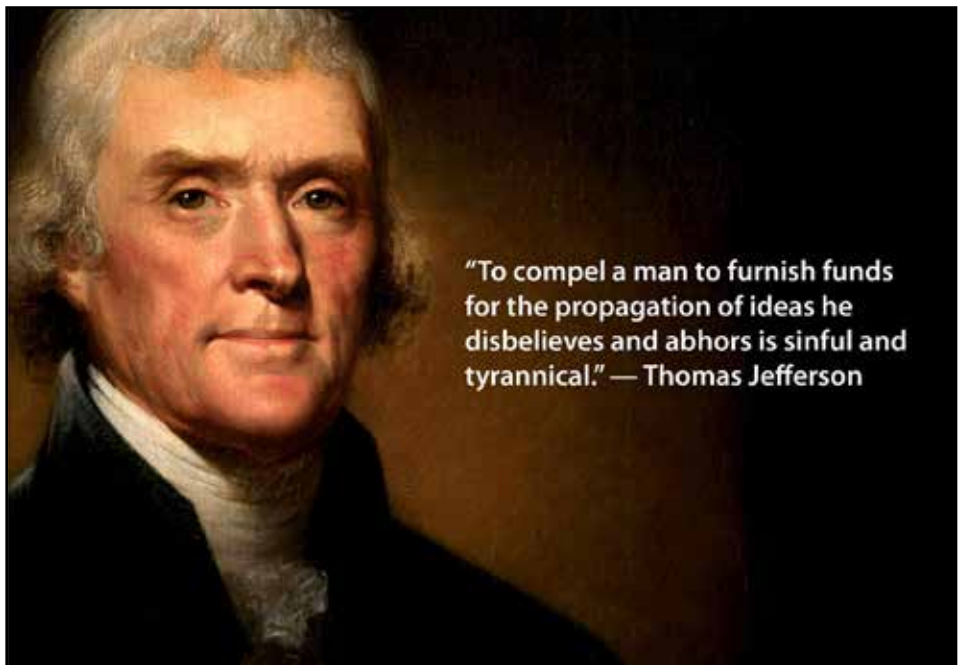
Generations of Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen made this kind of sacrifice and risked it all to fight for America's freedom. America owes a debt of gratitude to all who fought for our freedom, and we shall never forget them or their sacrifice.



[Photo by Andre McCaskel]



Jim Hane, President of Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter, presents NSSAR Certificates of Recognition Dec. 28 to (from left) Henry Unger (his grandson), David Shealy and Brown Davies. [Photo by Margaret Hane]



"To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical." — Thomas Jefferson

The Catawba Indian Nation and the Revolutionary War

During the American Revolution, the people of South Carolina were fortunate to have strong allies among the Catawba Nation. No other Southern Colony enjoyed the friendship of an entire tribe living within its borders.

The Congress of Augusta had, in 1763, defined Catawba lands to 144,000 acres situated near the North Carolina boundary.

This reservation was located in present day York and Lancaster counties on both sides of the Catawba River. While the Colonial government had really attempted to provide the Catawba with exclusive rights to their property, the Native Americans welcomed white settlers to live among them.

From the arrival of Thomas Spratt in the 1760s to the opening of the Revolution,

In 2018, I was requested to attend the DAR Catawba Chapter to do a PowerPoint presentation about our research on free men of color who served in South Carolina.

The presentation included 51 Catawba Warriors (Indians) who fought in the Revolutionary War (see accompanying article). Additional research at the South Carolina Archives confirmed their service.

I contacted the Catawba Nation to see if they were interested in these Warriors. The Chief and Assistant Chief are descendants of Peter Harris, who received three land grants and a pension in South Carolina for his service. *John Marker.*

the Catawba had entered into a large number of land leases with newly arrived families. By 1775, both races could not separate from each other, and what affected one affected both.

When the political disturbances arose and the white South Carolina residents were dividing into loyalist and rebel camps, the Catawba became confused. They sent a delegation to Charleston to find out why, suddenly, the brothers were making preparations to fight each other.

The tides of war surely would have turned against South Carolina if the Catawba had joined the nearby Cherokee in support of the British. Instead, the Nation chose, fortunately, to follow the majority of their neighbors.

The First Provincial Congress was quick to take advantage of this relationship when, on June 7, 1775, they resolved, That it is in the opinion of this Congress, that the Council of Safety should invite fifty men of the Catawba Indians, or so many more, as upon any emergency may appear needful, to enter into the services of this Colony, under the command of one or more proper white men. Additionally it was "Resolved, That the council of Safety be empowered to draw on the Commissioners of the Treasury for such expenses as might be incurred by this service."

With these actions, the Catawba were officially brought into the Revolutionary efforts of South Carolina.

Catawba Indians Revolutionary Soldiers

1) AYERS, BILLY, Catawba Indian, DC:5:VV40, also listed as EAYRS, BILLY

2) AYERS, JACOB, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A; also listed as EAYRS, JACOB

3) AYERS, JAMES, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A; also listed as EAYRS, JAMES

4) AYERS, JOHN, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A; also listed as EAYRS, JOHN

5) BOBB, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

6) BROWN, JOHN, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

7) BROWN, PATRICK, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

8) CANTER/CANTEY, GEORGE, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

9) CELLIAH, JOHN, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A; also listed as KELLIAH, JOHN

10) CONNAR, JOHN, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

11) COOK, TOM, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

12) CROSS, TOM, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

13) GEORGE, Catawba Indian, DC:5:40

14) GEORGE, PETER, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

15) GEORGE, PINTREE, Catawba In-

Sons of the American Revolution Insignia

The SAR insignia consists of a Maltese cross surrounded by a garland, with a relief of George Washington in a center circle.



The cross's vertical bar represents the commandment "You Shall Love Your God"; the horizontal bar represents the commandment "You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." The four limbs are a reminder of the four cardinal virtues; its eight points represent eight spiritual injunctions:

- To have spiritual contentment
- To live without malice
- To weep over your sins
- To humble yourself at insults
- To love justice
- To be merciful
- To be sincere and open-hearted

- To suffer persecution

Surrounding the relief of Washington in the center are the words "LIBERTAS ET PATRIA," a reminder of the United States Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

The insignia is normally worn suspended by a ribbon of blue, white and gold (buff) on the wearer's left breast. National officers and former state and chapter presidents wear the insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the Society's colors.

On other occasions a rosette in the Society's colors is worn on the wearers left lapel.

Catawba Indians

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16) GILBERT, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

17) HARRIS, GEORGE, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

18) HARRIS, PETER, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

19) JAMEY, BIG, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

20) JAMEY, SUGGAR, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

21) JEMMY, CHUCKEFACE, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

22) JOHN, DOCTOR, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

23) JOHN, YOUNG, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

24) JOUE/JOVE, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

25) KEGG/CAGG, BILLY, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

26) LITTLE, ALACK/ALECK, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

27) LITTLE CHARLEY, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

28) LITTLE, MICK, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

29) LITTLE, STEPHEN, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

30) MORRISON, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

31) NETTLES, JOHN, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

32) NEW RIVER, General, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

33) OTTER, BILLEY, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

34) PETTER, Capt., Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

35) PIPE, CHUNKEY, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

36) PROUW, KING, Catawba Indian, HC:1:117

37) QUASH, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

38) READHEAD, BILLY, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

39) READHEAD, PATRICK, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

40) ROBBIN, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

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45) SIMMONS, JACK, Catawba Indian, AASC:3931A

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Henry Laurens Chapter Attends DAR Joint Luncheon

AIKEN — The Henry Laurens Chapter attended the South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution joint meeting and luncheon of the Granby, Henry Middleton, Martintown Road, Old Ninety-Six District, Trenton and Esther Marion Chapters March 3 at Woodside Country Club in Aiken.

Katherine Herndon Monahon, Regent of the Esther Marion Chapter, presided over ceremonies with the assistance of attending chapters, District and State officers. Greetings were given by Elizabeth Krueger Billham, SCDAR State Regent, Judy Brown Justice, District III Director, and Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens SCSSAR Chapter of Aiken.

Sean Hollonbeck, MD, MPH, MMAS, SFS, Colonel (Retired) Medical Corps,



Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and Katherine Monahon, Regent, Esther Marion Chapter, DAR.

United States Army, presented a program on “The War Horse Project, Engage, Educate, Empower.”



Col. Sean Hollonbeck (left) and Ted Walker.



[Photos by Susan Hollonbeck and Ted Walker]



HEAD TABLE — From left: Regent Kathy Monahon of the Esther Marion Chapter; State Regent Elizabeth Billham; Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens SCSSAR Chapter; Dr. Sean Hollonbeck; Susan Leith, 2020 Regent of the Esther Marion Chapter; and Susan Burgess, NSDAR Community Service Award winner [Top two photos by Nancy Moseley]



Col. Sean Hollonbeck

Feb. 13 Board of Governors Minutes

By Ronny Powell
Recording Secretary

The third Quarterly Board of Governors (BOG) Meeting of the South Carolina Society SAR (SCSSAR) took place Feb. 13 using an online electronic virtual Zoom-platform.

Call to Order: President Jim Wyrosdick called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Invocation: Rev. Lawrence Peebles prayed the invocation at 10:07 a.m.

Advance of the Colors: Color Guard Commander Dan Woodruff, Past SCSSAR President.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by David Smith, Senior Vice President.

Salute to the South Carolina Flag: Led by Thomas Blackmon, Pee Dee Vice President.

Posting of the Colors: Color Guard Commander Dan Woodruff, Past SCSSAR President.

Sons of the American Revolution Pledge led by Thomas Blackmon, Pee Dee Vice President.

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

State Officers Present:

President James "Jim" Lee Wyrosdick
Vice President David Smith
Secretary Mark A. Mann Jr.
Treasurer Gordon L. McCay
Chaplain Rev. Lawrence Peebles
Midlands Vice President Walter Witherspoon

Low Country Vice President Joe Hill
Piedmont Vice President Richard A. Morris

Upstate Vice President Daniel K. Woodruff, Past President SCSSAR

Pee Dee Vice President Thomas Blackmon

Historian Doug Doster, Past President SCSSAR

Recording Secretary Ronny D. Powell

Chapters Present:

Battle of Eutaw Springs, President Ewart C. Irick, other members present and not counted are SCSSAR President Jim Wyrosdick and SCSSAR Historian Doug Doster, Past President SCSSAR

Col. Lemuel Benton, President Matthew M. Breen

Col. Thomas Taylor, President James Hane

Daniel Morgan, President William Wood

Gen. Andrew Pickens, President Eric

Barnhill, Dave Desmarais, and William Allgood, Past President SCSSAR and current Alternate National Trustee

Godfrey Dreher, President William Wilson

Gov. Paul Hamilton, President Francis Gibson

Henry Laurens, President Ted Walker and new transfer Sonny Pittman

Col. Robert Anderson, President Joe Glavitsch

Major Robert Crawford, President John L. Marker, and not counted SCSSAR Secretary Mark Mann

October Board of Governors Minutes: President Wyrosdick stated that the minutes of the Oct. 17 BOG meeting are posted on the SCSSAR website (SCSSAR.org) and without objection were approved unanimously.

Quarterly Reports: President Wyrosdick stated that quarterly reports are also on the website.

Introduction of New Members: President Wyrosdick introduced new members. Sonny Pittman, a transfer from the Georgia Society, is a past Chapter President and Past Regional Vice President in Georgia.

Unfinished/Old Business: President Wyrosdick: The BOG is unable to entertain voting motions because bylaws do not allow for virtual voting. The state chancellor is working on that. This was largely an informational meeting.

Membership report, Mark Mann: The Society started 2020 with 840 members, and currently has 847 members. At the end of 2020, 10 people dropped their membership, two died, two transferred out and one resigned. Sixteen joined through reinstatement. Thirty-eight new members joined. About 82 percent have paid their dues, with roughly 145 people remaining to pay.

President Wyrosdick encouraged the chapters to contact their members to ensure they renew.

Mark Mann said that probably about a dozen individuals were dropped at the end of 2019 without their chapters knowing

it. Mann is working with National to determine what happened and to rectify the situation.

The discussion of funds not being distributed to the Catawba Indian Reservation (from 2017 minutes) was brought up. The funds are available for dispersal, but they are not ready to move forward on the project. The SCSSAR must meet with the Catawba to complete the project.

New Business: President Wyrosdick: A special, in-person, meeting of the BOG will take place somewhere in the Columbia area in April. It will only be about 15 minutes, long enough to vote on a proposed bylaw amendment to allow the Society to conduct virtual voting.

The annual meeting is planned for May, at least 30 days prior to the National Congress, as stipulated by the SCSSAR bylaws. It will most probably be virtual or it may be a hybrid meeting — virtual and physical.

This would be a shortened form of the annual meeting. Awards would be probably be given later.

Treasurer Gordon McCay: The Dec. 31 balance sheet shows the Society has \$90,510.74, maybe \$40,000 or \$50,000 of which will be paid out in February.

Finance Committee: Chairman John Haas presented the committee report.

Technical Committee: Chairman Dave Desmarais discussed changes to the web page and new changes to come to help chapters do more through the web site. The calendar is now working, and Dave encouraged more chapters to participate in an online presence on the website or their own web site. This will help new members in joining the SAR. He is adding a zip code search to find the closest chapter.

Closing Remarks: President Wyrosdick.

Adjournment Declaration: President Wyrosdick at 11:50 a.m.

Recessional: Dan Woodruff.

Benediction: Rev. Lawrence Peebles.

Retire the Colors: Dan Woodruff.

Adjournment: President Wyrosdick adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

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

James Madison

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.

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

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

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

**Teddy Roosevelt
SAR Member**

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

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 Chairman Ralph Welton at edwlsur@clemsun.edu

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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

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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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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

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

Jack Conrad Meadows Jr., Major General William Moultrie Chapter.

Brent Wheeler Little, Major Robert Crawford Chapter.

Raymond Scott Hanling, Major General William Moultrie Chapter.

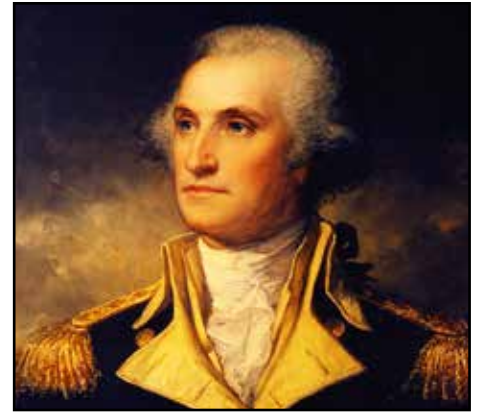
David Richard Grable, Godfrey Dresher Chapter.

Billy Joe Blu de Golyer, Major General William Moultrie Chapter.

George Timothy Unsinger, Major General William Moultrie Chapter.

William Bryan Smith Jr., Major General William Moultrie Chapter.

Christopher Marion Orman, Major General William Moultrie Chapter.



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."

On March 5, 1774, the fourth anniversary of the Boston Massacre, John Hancock, who would be the first to sign the Declaration of Independence, said: "And let us play the man for our God, and for the cities of our God; while we are using the means in our power, let us humbly commit our righteous cause to the great Lord of the Universe, who loveth righteousness and hateth iniquity.

"And having secured the approbation of our hearts, by a faithful and unwearied discharge of our duty to our country, let us joyfully leave our concerns in the hands of him who raiseth up and pulleth down the empires and kingdoms of the world as he pleases; and with cheerful submission to his sovereign will, devoutly say:

" 'Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the field shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet we will rejoice in the Lord, we will joy in the God of our salvation.' "

(From the American Minute by William Federer)

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*.

Wayland Wright Lamar, Henry Laurens Chapter, Jan. 25.

Murray Boyce White Jr., Col William Bratton Chapter, Feb. 16.

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Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter Observes George Washington's 289th Birthday

**By Douglas Doster
Secretary
Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter**

Gen. George Washington, American Revolution hero, our country's first president and noted Father of Our Country, was honored on his 289th birthday, Feb. 22, by members of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter.

The ceremony took place at the Orangeburg County Historical Society next to the memorial stone marker listing the early settlers of the Orangeburg area. A wreath was presented by State SAR President James Wyrosdick, who brought greetings from the more than 800 SAR members in the state. Another wreath was presented by Ewart Irick, President of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, who also gave remarks on Gen. Washington's South Carolina visit after the war. Douglas Doster, chapter secretary, provided a portrait of Gen. Washington for the ceremony.

Albert Watson, a future SCSSAR member from the Orangeburg area, posed by the military stone marker for his ancestor, Captain Michael Watson (1726 - 1782), of the South Carolina Militia.



From left: Ewart Irick, President of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter; Douglas Doster, Chapter Secretary; and James Wyrosdick, SCSSAR President and a member of the Eutaw Springs Chapter.



James Wyrosdick SCSSAR State President (left) and Albert Watson, pending member of the Eutaw Springs Chapter. [Photos by Douglas Doster]

242nd anniversary Battle of Brier Creek

BRIER CREEK, Georgia — Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter in Aiken, and Sonny Pittman, Chapter member, participated in the Georgia Society's 242nd anniversary celebration of the Battle of Brier Creek March 6 at the memorial site battlefield in Screven County.

The Henry Laurens Chapter laid a wreath in honor of Patriots who fought and died during the battle. Main speaker Steve Burke of the Brier Creek Militia gave a moving presentation on events that hap-

pened during the battle and those Patriots who died.

Bill Palmer, Commander of the Georgia State combined Color Guard, presented colors. Ted Walker carried the South Carolina flag and fired a Brown Bess Musket with the combined militia during a military salute.

About 200 people from Georgia and South Carolina attended representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Veterans of Foreign Wars, community leaders, State Congressional representatives and many others.



Steve Burke of the Brier Creek Militia [Photos by Pat Thomas]



Ted Walker



Combined Militia