

# The Palmetto Patriot

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**Passing the gavel**

# From the President's Desk

**David  
Smith**

## SCSSAR in a Digital Age

**By David Smith  
SCSSAR President**

A round of applause for Past President Jim Wyrosdick. His service to the State Society was during the worst possible circumstances for leading an organization that thrived on in-person activity.

We could commemorate a Revolutionary battle, but we couldn't gather as a group or go to the battle site. We could have a meeting, but we couldn't be in the same room, adopt motions or vote.

Jim introduced us to "virtual" meetings, made Zoom a new option, and started "hybrid" commemorations.

In this context, virtual means almost real, but not completely. I like paper books, printed documents, pen and ink; my preference is for "real", not almost real. Jim changed my perception (at least about meetings) and brought our State Society into a new virtual reality. For that, he should be applauded by all.

Those of you thinking, "David Smith, I know a Smith (who doesn't?) but not a David Smith", I'll tell you about myself. I was born, raised and educated in Augusta, Georgia. I worked as a Paramedic to fund my education at Augusta State University, where I earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Business Administration.

After graduate school I was commissioned a 26-year-old Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Navy Medical Service Corps as a Healthcare Administrator. While stationed in Okinawa, Japan, I met my future soul mate and bride, a young physician, raised near Cleveland, Ohio, named Martha Girz. I was then assigned to Charleston,



South Carolina and she to London, England.

After 23 years of service, in order to begin homeschooling our very young children, I retired as a Captain and administrative director for the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. I soon learned that directing thousands of employees in dozens of complex departments was often less stressful than homeschooling.

Martha also retired as a Captain several years later and, after being stationed more than a decade in the beltway of D.C., we moved to a farm property in Union County, where we built our home. Yes, our children graduated from homeschool high school. Kathryn is now graduating from USC, and Joseph will be a freshman at USC in the fall.

Our children became active in the Children of the American Revolution through a Society in Maryland, thanks to me being convinced of the organization's merits by one of my department heads, who was also a state leader in C.A.R. When we moved to South Carolina, I was pushed into joining SAR by another C.A.R. senior leader so I could be the senior for my children's local Society. Kathryn and Joseph went on to become SC C.A.R. State Presidents.

My fellow Navy veteran, Ted Morton, asked me to accept the nomination as SC SAR Regional Vice President. I declined. That continued for several iterations until I realized he wasn't going to stop and I really didn't have a reason not to take the job. And here I am today, proudly serving as your State Society President.

The take away from all of this is that perseverance pays dividends. My kids became C.A.R. state presidents because a DAR lady in Maryland marketed the organization to me nearly every time she saw me over the course of 14 months. I joined SAR because another DAR lady, active in C.A.R., called me multiple times and personally made her case for why my children needed me in SAR. By-the-way,

that was Christine Burnette, you can thank (or blame) her. I became a state officer in SAR because a well-spoken gentleman

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**COVER PHOTO:** Incoming SCSSAR President David Smith (left) receives gavel from Past President Jim Wyrosdick. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

**The deadline for the Fall Edition  
of *The Palmetto Patriot* is Aug. 23.**

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# SCSSAR Conducts Annual Meeting May 22 in Columbia



**NEW PRESIDENT** — Allen Greenly, South Atlantic District Vice President General (left) inducts President David Smith.



Rick Corbett (right) discusses proposed bylaw changes while President Jim Wyrosdick looks on.

## President's Desk

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wouldn't take no for an answer.

Chapters know what they need to do: keep showing up for parades and having SAR marketing tables at local events. Don't stop communicating with your inactive members. Keep asking compatriots who show up for meetings and events to become an officer or chair a committee. Don't stop asking local newspapers to publish your chapter events. SAR is a noble organization and, even with its flaws, it is worthy of our effort, our time and our resources. Continue to persevere, our current culture is not moving to make our patriotic endeavors more easily accomplished.

David Smith  
SCSSAR President



Greg Ohanesian (right) discusses December's Colonial Ball, with President Jim Wyrosdick at left.



Dave Demairis  
Technology Committee Chairman



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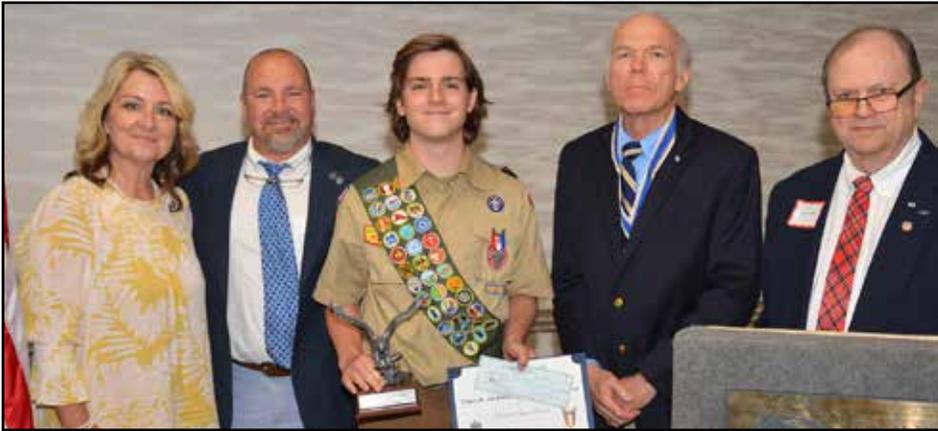


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# Business Meeting and SAR Awards



**EAGLE SCOUT** — Brayden Brewer (center), with his father Jamie, mother Kris, SCSSAR President Jim Wyrosdick, and Coby Alexander, Eagle Scout chairman.



SCSSAR President Jim Wyrosdick (left) and Ted Morton Jr.



**JROTC AWARD** — Cadet Amelia Patterson, with her parents, Dr. Lee Patterson, and Susan Wright, and Ted Morton Jr.



Rick Corbett calls for the SCSSAR Scholarship to be renamed the Theodore Roosevelt Morton Scholarship in honor of Compatriot Ted Morton.



Eric Barnhill, President of the Andrew Pickens Chapter, solicits support for the Andrew Pickens grave restoration project.

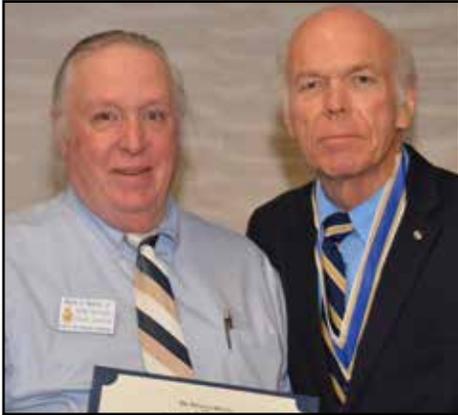


**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** — Joseph Smith (second from left), with his parents David (second from right) and Martha Smith, and Rick Corbett (right), Scholarship chairman.

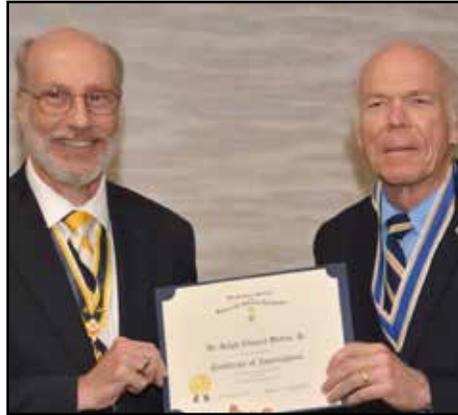
*The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.*

**John Adams**

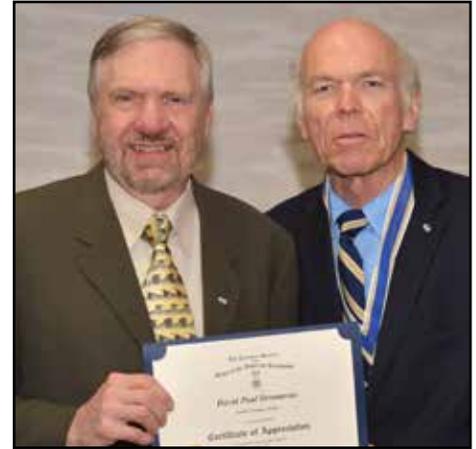
**President Jim Wyrosdick (right) presents awards.**



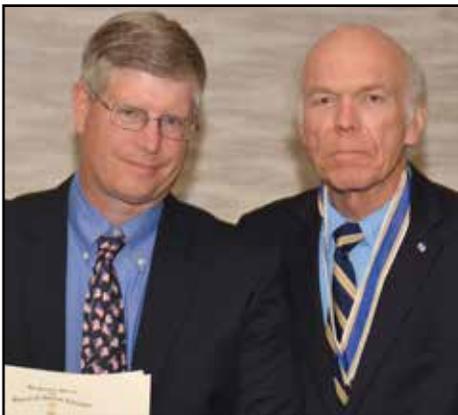
Mark Mann, State Secretary, Certificate of Appreciation.



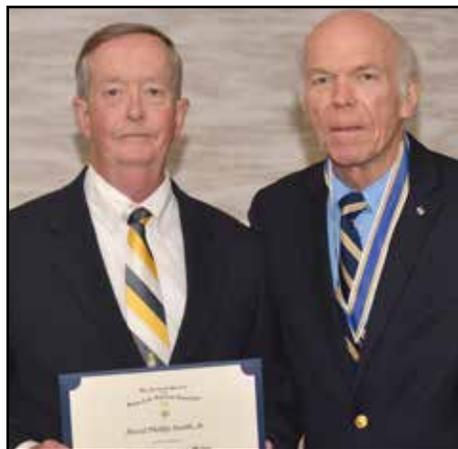
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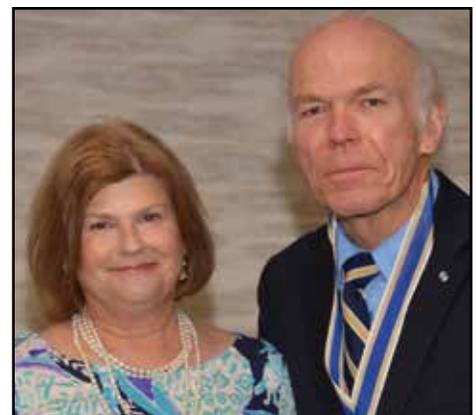
Dave Desmarais, Certificate of Appreciation.



Pete Widell, Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal.



David Smith, Meritorious Service Medal.



Jim Wyrosdick presents the Lydia Darragh Medal to his wife Jo.



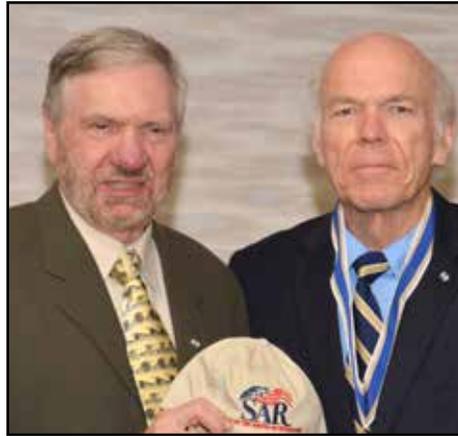
**ROGER SHERMAN MEDALS** — From left: David Smith, Lawrence Peebles, Ted Morton, Dan Woodruff, Gordon McCay, Edd Richburge and Jim Wyrosdick.

*Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.*

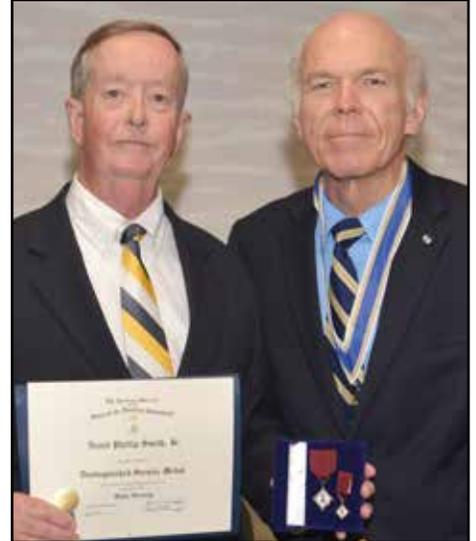
**Thomas Jefferson**



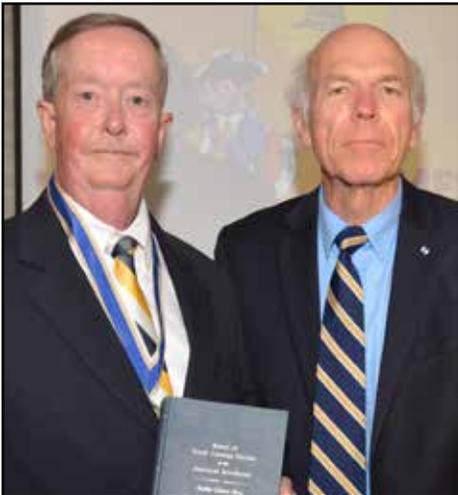
SCSSAR Secretary Mark Mann receives an SAR hat.



Technology chairman Dave Desmarais receives an SAR hat.



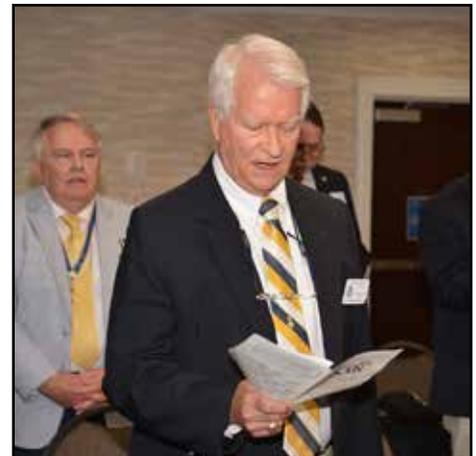
David Smith, Distinguished Service Medal.



**SCSSAR TRADITION** — Outgoing President James Wyrosdick (right) passes along book by Bobby Gilmer Moss, *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution*, to President David Smith.



Outgoing President James Wyrosdick (left) places presidential ribbon on President David Smith.



State Treasurer Gordon McKay leads SAR Recessional.



**NEW OFFICERS** — Allen Greenly, South Atlantic District Vice President General (left, video) inducts 2021-2022 officers (from left) President David Smith, Senior Vice President Rev. Lawrence Peebles, Secretary Mark A. Mann Jr., Upstate Vice President Daniel K. Woodruff, Piedmont Vice President Ted Walker, Treasurer Gordon L. McKay, Midlands Vice President Walter Witherspoon Jr., Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development Redding I. “Rick” Corbett III, Registrar Edd Richburg Sr., and Recording Secretary Ronny D. Powell.



From left: Michael C. Rock, Dan Woodruff and Rick Corbett.



**SMITH FAMILY** — SCSSAR President David Smith, his wife Martha and their children Joseph and Kathryn.



Bill Wilson (left), Godfrey Dreher Chapter President; and Walter Witherspoon Jr., Midlands Vice President.



**HENRY LAURENS CHAPTER** — From left: Neel Flannagan, Pete Widell and President Ted Walker.



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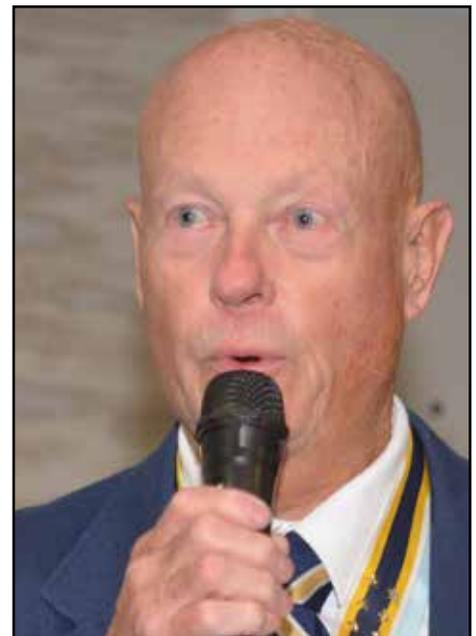
From left: Chris Prince, Tom Forte, Clifton McKinney and Charles McKinney.



J Bobo, State President S.C.S.C.A.R., brings greetings from the State C.A. R.



Gina Bobo, S.C.S.C.A.R. Senior State President



**William Allgood**



**CAR, DAR, SAR** — From left: J Bobo, State President S.C. S.C.A.R., Gina Bobo, South Carolina Senior State President S.C.S. C.A.R., David Smith, SCSSAR President, and Elizabeth Billham, SC DAR State Regent.



From left: Elizabeth Billham, SC DAR State Regent, J Bobo, State President S.C.S.C.A.R., and Joseph Smith, Past State President S.C.S.C.A.R.



President Jim Wyrosdick leads business meeting. [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]

# Memorial Service

Chaplain Lawrence Peebles conducted a Memorial Service to honor Compatriots who had passed away since the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Stanley C. Baker Jr., Cambridge, March 30, 2020.

Col. Frank Kenneth Babbitt Jr. (Ret.) Col. Joseph Kershaw, Sept. 27, 2019.

James Clark Antisdell, Col. Lemuel Benton, June 7, 2020.

Earl Windell McCrackin, Col. Lemuel Benton, Dec. 22, 2020.

James Elvie Livingston, Col. Philemon Waters, June 19, 2020.

Larry Boyd Killian, Col. Philemon Waters, July 30, 2020.

Isaac Lewis Langley Jr., Col. Robert Anderson, Feb. 13, 2020.

William N. Gressette Jr., Col. Robert Anderson, July 11, 2020.

Dr. John Russell Satterthwaite, Col. Robert Anderson, Nov. 2, 2020.

Ronald David Althoff, Col. Thomas Taylor, Oct. 7, 2019.

Benjamin Klopp, Col. Thomas Taylor, Dec. 20, 2019.

Clyby Harrell Krell Jr., Daniel Morgan, Aug. 16, 2020.



Chaplain Lawrence Peebles delivers invocation.

Lt. Col. David Hampton Witt (Ret.), Dr. George Mosse, Sept. 11, 2019.

Fred Weston Caswell, Dr. George Mosse, Oct. 6, 2020.

Frank Opie Meade, Dr. George Mosse, Oct. 6, 2020.

Edward Findley Hillhouse Sr., Gen. Andrew Pickens, March 19, 2020.

Weyman Frederick Webb, Gen. James Williams, July 4, 2020.

Capt. C. Dean Cullison, USN (Ret.), Gov. Paul Hamilton, July 12, 2019.

Col. Chester Fairbank Cotter USA (Ret.), Gov. Paul Hamilton, June 23, 2020.

John Richard Burckhalter, Henry Laurens, Aug. 16, 2020.

Wayland Wright Lamar, Henry Laurens, Jan. 24, 2021.

Kevin Douglas Strain, Matthew Singleton, April 19, 2019.

Francis Thomas Brown, Matthew Singleton, Oct. 21, 2020.

Bruton Attaway Langley, Member at Large, Sept. 2, 2020.

Earl Fain IV, Major Gen. William Moultrie, July 31, 2019.

Nolan Paul Welborn, Major Gen. William Moultrie, Aug. 20, 2019.

David Hudson Hyatt, Major Gen. William Moultrie, Sept. 7, 2019.

Charles E Montgomery, Major Gen. William Moultrie, Sept. 21, 2020.

Davis Henry Stevens, Thomas Lynch, July 12, 2019.

Bud William Willis III, Thomas Lynch, March 15, 2021.

## SCSSAR Technology Committee Initiatives for 2021

**By Dave Desmarais**  
**Technology Committee Chairman**

SCSSAR Compatriots have now received 2021 Membership Cards. Many have noticed that there is no password printed on the back of the card. As approved at the SCSSAR Annual Membership Meeting May 22, the Technology Committee will be updating the state website ([www.SCSSAR.org](http://www.SCSSAR.org)) to provide individual logons and allow each Compatriot to create a personal password. Please look for this change coming soon.

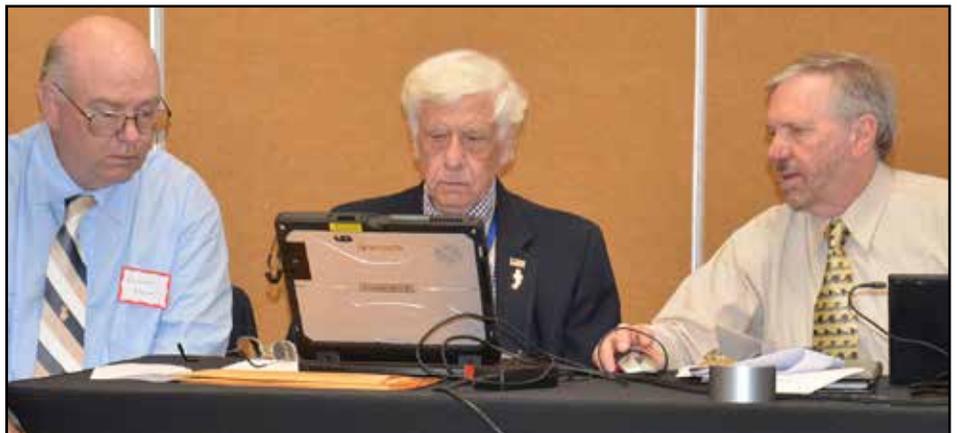
The Technology Committee is also

studying enhanced User Roles for the WordPress website. This would allow State and Chapter Officers to create and post content to the website. Event notifications, Chapter activity and ease of finding chapter information will be included.

The goal for our website is to make finding information simpler for our members. It is also to make it simpler for pro-

spective members to find us and apply to join SCSSAR. More to come on that front, soon.

In the meantime, please check our Events Calendar and Posts for current updates. We will continue to facilitate Zoom Virtual Meetings and look for economical technology solutions that are available to the state and local chapters.



**TECHNOLOGY TEAM** — From left: Robert Escue, Godfrey Dreher Chapter Technology Officer; Bill Wilson, Godfrey Dreher Chapter President; and Dave Desmarais, SCSSAR Technology Committee Chairman; broadcast Annual Meeting through Zoom.

*Religion and morality  
are the essential pillars of  
civil society.*

**George Washington**

# Rumbaugh Oration Contest

Charles McKinney announced Samuel Rodekohr as winner of the SCSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

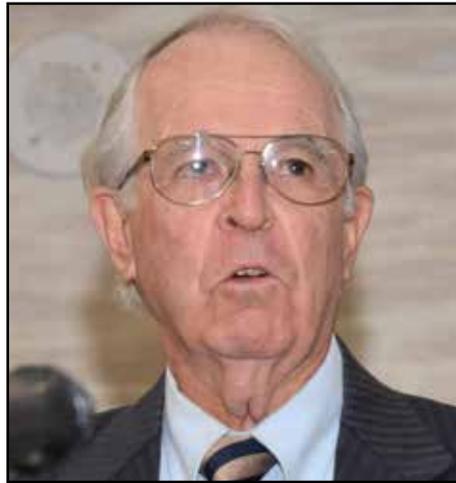
Samuel will compete by video in the National Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

Samuel's oration is "Let Despots Remember the Day: the 1774 Quartering Act." Samuel admonished: "One unfortunate effect of modernity in America is the effacing of the concepts of Freedom and Tyranny. In the 1828 edition of his dictionary, Noah Webster defines tyranny as, 'the exercise of power ... not authorized by law and justice.'

"In these times, however, it seems that our fathers' awareness of this issue has been lost to such an extent that it is in danger of returning. If we lose a proper view of tyranny, we will soon lose our freedom."

Samuel asked: "What defines whether or not a law is just? The guidelines for this have historically been understood to be laid out in God's Word, which our founders understood to be the key to success in all parts of government.

"In his farewell address, George Washington posited that, 'of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labour to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens.'"



**Charles McKinney**

Samuel said: "This undersanding has gradually been lost to society — and if we lose a proper view of tyranny, we will soon lose our freedom. This is visibly occurring with our president's attempts to ban guns — both unlawful (by the Constituion) and unjust (by our biblical right for self-defense). If our nation's founders thought that it was unacceptable to lodge soldiers in their midst, they would not have questioned the tyranny of disabling their means of protecting themselves from them."

Samuel concluded: "I hope that our nation will not revert to King George's tyranny, but if we want to prevent that, we must



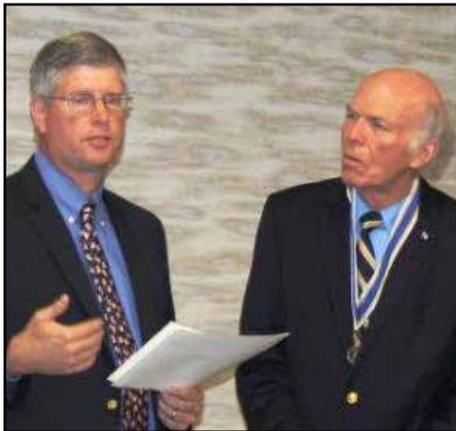
**Samuel Rodekohr**  
**SCSSAR Rumbaugh Oration**  
**Contest Winner**

insure that this awarens of tyranny remains — because if we lose a proper view of tyranny, we will soon lose our freedom."

Samuel is the son of Dr. Chad and Rachel Rodekohr. He is homeschooled, musically talented and an astute student of history.

His father is a professor of physics at Presbyterian College, and his mother, a dedicated teacher for her homeschooled family, have instilled in their children a strong desire for learning and the development of a strong, mature Christian faith.

## Lafayette Service Medal Gen. James Williams Chapter elects officers



Pete Widell (left), a Henry Laurens Chapter member, was presented by President James Wyrosdick the gold oak leaf clusters for the Lafayette Service Medal from the National Society. Also Included was a letter from President General John T. Manning thanking Pete for his long hours and volunteer work on the Patriot Research System. [Photo by Ted Walker]

The Gen James Williams Chapter elects officers May 14:

President — Ronny D. Powell

Vice President — David Smith

Secretary/Treasurer — Charles McKinney Sr.

Chaplain — Judge Wayne Copeland

Historian — Phil Adair

Youth Programs — Clifton D. McKinney

Appointed:

Registrar — Ronny D. Powell

Genealogist — Charles McKinney Sr.

Installation of officers will take place

Saturday evening, June 19, at 5:30, at the Patriot Kitchen in Clinton. Dinner and program should not exceed two hours. Please bring a guest. Preferred dress for Chapter officers is solid polo shirt, and pants with a sport jacket optional. RSVP the number attending to Ronny D. Powell (864) 871-6567 no later than June 9. *Ronny D. Powell, President-Elect, Gen. James Williams Chapter.*

Happy Birthday to Jake Sullivan Sr., 89, the oldest member of the Gen. James Williams Chapter, born June 18, 1932.

*The Christian religion, in its purity, is the basis, or rather the source of all genuine freedom in government. . . . and I am persuaded that no civil government of a republican form can exist and be durable in which the principles of that religion have not a controlling influence.*

**Noah Webster**

**Father of American Scholarship and Education**

**1758 - 1843**

# Franklin Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer

June 6, 1944

## SAR Member

My fellow Americans: Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far.

And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer:

**Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.**

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

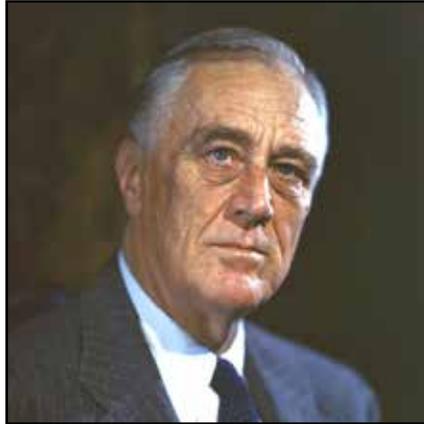
They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest—until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home — fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas — whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them — help us, Almighty God, to rededicate



ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too — strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment, let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace, a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God.  
Amen.

Listen to Franklin Delano Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer. <https://www.history.com/speeches/franklin-d-roosevelt-delivers-d-day-prayer>



# Chapter Capsules

## News items from SCSSAR chapters



From left: Ted Walker, Alton McCloud and Steve Burke.



From left: Pete Widell, Neel Flannagan, Ted Walker, Kelly Widell, Alton McCloud, Fred Morrison Sr. and Bill Wilson.



**Neel Flannagan**  
[Photo by Ted Walker]

Neel Flannagan, Secretary of the Henry Laurens Chapter in Aiken, a 31-year retired instructor from Aiken Technical College, is making a difference in our community through volunteer tutoring at Christ Central Career & Life Skills Group Center in Graniteville, South Carolina. Under the direction of Roger Floyd, President, volunteers from around the Central Savannah River Area are giving their time to teach math skills to students. Classes are held three times a week at the center. For more information call Roger Floyd at (803) 640-1685. *Ted Walker.*

### Memorial Day in Aiken

On May 29 in Downtown Aiken, South Carolina, 4,000 plus citizens paid tribute to those who served America and did not make it home. The Sons of the American Revolution was represented by the Georgia Society, Wiregrass Chapter, Steve Burke Vice President; Alton McCloud, Little River Chapter; South Carolina Society, Godfrey Dreher Chapter, Bill Wilson, Chapter President; Fred Morrison, Senior President meeting development; the Henry Laurens Chapter, Ted Walker President / Piedmont Region Vice President; Neel Flannagan, Secretary; Pete Widell, member; and his daughter Kelly, who all participated in ceremonies. These were honored to represent the Sons of the American Revolution and remember the fallen. [Photos by Linda Walker]



Bill Wilson (left) and Fred Morrison Sr. of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter.



### Francis Marion Swamp Fox Symposium

We're working on the 19th Francis Marion/Swamp Fox Symposium, Oct. 22-23 in Manning, South Carolina.

Come to the Explore the Revolutionary War Southern Campaign with Gen. Francis Marion. Immerse yourself in Francis Marion's world and the significance of the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution.

"Times of Francis Marion, 1732-1795"

Presentations and evening dinner in Revolutionary History

Site: FE DuBose Campus, Central Carolina Technical College, I-95, Exit 122, Manning, South Carolina.

Register on-line and we'll send you a response.

Carole and George

"In God We Trust" and "God Bless America!"

Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society / Francis Marion Advocates: a 501(c)(3), non-profit

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Francis Marion Symposium: Oct 22-23, 2021 [www.francismarionsymposium.com](http://www.francismarionsymposium.com)

# Henry Laurens Chapter



Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, participated in the Swainsboro, Georgia, Pine Tree festival May 8, along with the Wiregrass, Georgia, Chapter and Wilder, Alton Reynolds, Steve Burke and Dess Smith. Commander Steve Burke fired one 6-pounder Naval Cannon shot to start the parade, and at least 84 Brown Bess and Flintlock rifles shots as participants marched one mile in the parade route in front of about 3,000 people. [Photos by Neel Flannagan]

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

**Benjamin Franklin**

**NJROTC CHANGING OF COMMAND** — The Henry Laurens Chapter participated in the Aiken High School NJROTC Change of Command and spring awards Ceremony April 29. Ted Walker, Chapter President, and Neel Flannagan, Secretary, presented the Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet Commander Stacy Cook in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles that motivated and sustained our Patriot ancestors. [Photos by Andrew McCaskill]

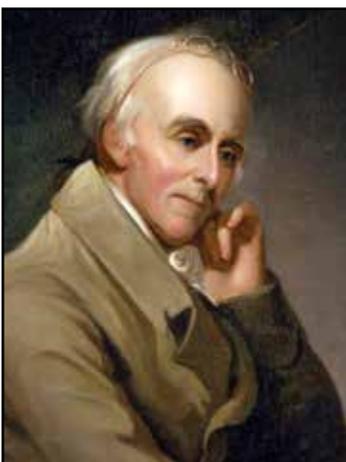


*Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.*

**Benjamin Franklin**



**VETERANS PARK** — Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, along with Lyons Club members, and Midland Valley / Horse Creek Veterans Park members, spent the day cleaning the Veterans Park Brick memorial monument in preparation for the Memorial Day Ceremony May 29. [Photos by Linda Walker]



*The only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government is the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible.*

**Benjamin Rush  
Signer  
Declaration of Independence**

*Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.*

**Thomas Paine**

# Henry Laurens Chapter Officers

Henry Laurens Chapter officers (from left) Jay Bilyeu Treasurer; Charles Hilton, Registrar; Ted Walker, President; Doug Puckett Vice President and Chaplain; Neel Flannagan, Secretary; with David Smith, SCSSAR Senior Vice President, and Piedmont Vice President Rick Morris at the Chapter's April 8 meeting at Bobby's Bar-B-Q in Warrentville. [Photo by Blake Moore]



## Honoring those who lost their lives in Vietnam



Neel Flannagan (left) Post 26 member, Henry Laurens Chapter Secretary, and Tommy Pope, Aiken County Veterans Council, member of Post 26.

The Trenton Daughters of the American Revolution conducted a Vietnam Memorial Ceremony March 28 at the Aiken monument to honor those who lost their lives while serving in Vietnam. Participating organizations were the Henry Laurens SAR Chapter, the Aiken County Veterans Council, American Legion Post 26, Post 77, VFW 5877, DAV 44, the Aiken County Veterans Affairs Office, the Military Officers Association of America, and several community organizations and leaders.



Lt. Col. Dick Dewar (USAF Ret.), President of Military Officers Association of America in Aiken (left) and Ted Walker

*Beware the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry.*

*Thomas Paine*



Veterans from around the Central Savannah River Area.



Trenton Daughters of the American Revolution members.

## George Washington's 1791 Visit to South Carolina



Carl Widell  
Photos by Pete Widell



Pete Widell, a member of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and his son Carl cleaned a DAR marker in Johnston, South Carolina, May 30 that was dedicated to George Washington's stay in Johnston in 1791.



Pete Widell  
Photo by Ted Walker

# Godfrey Dreher Chapter



Robert Escue (center), chapter technology officer, continues to apply his ability to quickly adapt to the needs and objectives of the chapter. For his past service to the chapter as an active compatriot and chapter officer and his current activities in meeting technology needs, he was presented with the Bronze Roger Sherman medal and recognition certificate. Presenting Robert with his certificate and medal is Don Simmons (right), former chapter president and current awards and recognition chairman. At left is Bill Wilson, Chapter President.



**NEW MEMBERS** — The Godfrey Dreher Chapter is proud to announce the induction of two new members: Michael Gillis (second from left) and David “Rich” Grable (second from right) with Woody Carothers, Chapter Registrar (left), and Bill Wilson, Chapter President (right).



Keith Maddox (center) continues to be a god send to the Godfrey Dreher Chapter and the State Society. At the April meeting, Keith was recognized for his commitment to the pursuit of Chapter technology objectives. As the Vice President of technology, he has been instrumental in applying virtual and recording technology to the chapter, at the point in time the chapter most needed that expertise. The above picture shows Keith with his recognition certificate presented by Don Simmons (right), former chapter president and current awards and recognition chair. At right is Bill Wilson, Chapter President.



At the May Chapter meeting, Fred Morrison Sr. received the Bronze Roger Sherman medal award for his leadership within the chapter. Fred is the vice president of chapter development. He was instrumental in initiating the chapter militia unit. Even with the virus environment, Fred was invaluable in providing direct support to the chapter technology projects development. From left Bill Wilson, President; Fred Morrison, Vice President; and Don Simmons, former chapter president and awards chairman.



At the May chapter meeting, Carl “Fritz” Gladfelter (left) received his Godfrey Dreher Chapter 10 years of active participation award. Fritz, and his wife Terry, are leaders in the community and the chapter for any projects relating to history, veterans and patriots. At right is Don Simmons, past chapter president and awards and recognition chairman.

*A wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities.*

Thomas Jefferson

**We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made for a moral and religious people... it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.**

John Quincy Adams

*To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys.... Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all blessings which flow from them, must fall with them.*

Jedidiah Morse  
1761- 1826

Father of American Geography

## National Society Awards That Chapters Can Approve for Compatriot Service to SAR

### Distinguished Service Medal Chapter Level

Only the Chapter President can award this medal to a single compatriot in recognition of that compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the president's administration. He can award only one medal during his term, or one medal for each year if his term is multiyear. A compatriot can only receive this medal from a chapter once in his lifetime, there is no second award from the chapter.

Former chapter presidents who have not made a presentation of this award are eligible to present the medal to a compatriot upon the presentation of a letter to the incumbent Chapter President describing the assistance provided by the member.

### Meritorious Service Medal Chapter Level

Chapters can award this medal to a compatriot who has provided long, faithful and meritorious service to the chapter.

A compatriot can only receive this medal from a chapter once in his lifetime, there is no second award from the chapter.

### Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Chapter Presidents should award this medal to their compatriots in recognition and appreciation of outstanding services rendered to the chapter, but less than the requirements for the Meritorious Service Medal. The recipient must have served a minimum of two years as chapter officer, three years as an active chairman of a chapter committee, or four years as an active member of a chapter committee. A compatriot can receive this medal multiple times.

If you qualify for a Silver Roger Sherman Medal for state level service, let your Regional Vice President or Senior Vice President Lawrence Peebles know. The requirements for the Silver Roger Sherman are the same as for the Bronze, except the years of service are as state officer or service to a state committee rather than at the chapter level.

- All medals awarded for service to SAR are presented in the name of the National Society, even though the authority to approve the award is delegated to a state or chapter.

- Award presentation should be made publicly with appropriate ceremony befitting the dignity and honor of the occasion. A medal or award should not be mailed to a recipient.

- Certificates should accompany any medal that is awarded.

- Chapters purchase medals awarded by the chapter. For subsequent awards, the chapter can either present the medal or oak leaf cluster.

- Medals awarded by chapters need to be entered into the member's profile in the National database. Chapter Secretaries should have access to do this, and State Secretary Mark Mann will help you.

- Detailed rules and criteria for all SAR awards are contained in National SAR Handbook V, available online at the NSSAR website.

## Major Robert Crawford Chapter assists with QR code technology

INDIAN LAND — The Major Robert Crawford Chapter lent a hand to the National Society of the SAR Foundation and the South Carolina Society in using QR code technology for marketing and donation applications.

The quick response, or QR code, is a two-dimensional version of the widely used barcode. It is able to convey a wide variety of information almost instantly with the scan of a mobile phone. QR codes are cropping up in flyers, brochures, product packaging, posters, t-shirts, business cards, websites, even on television.

The Major Crawford Chapter, which has used QR codes for a couple of years, offered its QR code know-how to other organizations.

Joseph W. Dooley, President, SAR Foundation, said: "The SAR Foundation is raising money to build out an education center and museum to tell the story of the American Revolution. This QR code helps donors to access our website, to see our progress, to make a donation easily."

According to Dave Desmarais, SCSSAR webmaster: "The South Carolina Society is using QR codes to direct members to reservation sites for meetings. We also plan to use them soon for direct access to donation sites."

The Chapter also assisted: VFW Posts (12136 Indian Land and 9138 Fort Mill) with their Buddy Poppy drives, Columbia — W.J. Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center-Fisher House, Friends of Buford Massacre Battlefield, South Carolina 250th Anniversary Commission and the Catawba Nation. *John Marker.*



**Distinguished Service Medal  
Chapter Level**



**Meritorious Service Medal  
Chapter Level**



**Bronze Roger Sherman Medal**

*We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come.*

**Samuel Adams**

## 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*.

## CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER

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of the American Revolutionary War  
Since 1957*

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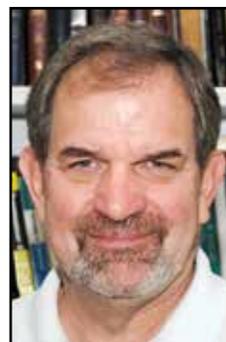
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# SAR 1776 Campaign: Advancing America's Heritage

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

The SAR 1776 Campaign recognizes donations in the amount of \$1,776 and

fractions or multiples thereof.

Based on the cost of museum exhibits of the type we are building at about \$600 per square foot, a donation of \$1,776 will build about three square feet. Donation recognitions start at \$25 for our car or refrigerator magnet.

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

### Donation Recognition Levels (Please Circle Category Desired):

- \$25 Car / Refrigerator Magnet
- \$148 Silver Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$296 Gold Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$592 Delegate Lapel Pin (one square foot)
- \$1,184 Drafter Lapel Pin (two square feet)
- \$1,776 Signer Lapel Pin (three square feet)

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

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

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

Total Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*Cursed be all that learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ.*

**James Madison**

**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@clemson.edu

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

For SCSSAR use only

**Enrollment Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of SCSSAR Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<b>For Headquarters use only:</b>
Date Received:

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>For Headquarters use only:</b>	Signature of NSSAR Registrar:	Date of Signature:
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### BOG Draft Minutes on SCSSAR Website

We will be uploading all of the draft (non-approved) minutes to the members-only area of the website.

Before each Board of Governors meeting, the draft minutes will be available to download and read. Once they are approved at a BOG meeting, they will be available for publication in *The Palmetto Patriot* as an official historical document of the SCSSAR. *Ronny D. Powell.*

The Minutes from the May 1 special Board of Governors Meeting have been posted at

<https://scssar.org/wp-content/uploads/Minutes-Special-BOG-May-1-2021-DRAFT.pdf>

## Calendar of Events

June 12	240th Anniversary Second Siege of Augusta	Augusta, Georgia
June 14	Flag Day	
June 14 1775	U.S. Army Formed	
July 21 10 a.m.	Battle of Musgrove Mill	Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, Laurens, South Carolina
July 24 10 a.m.	Board of Governors	Location tentative
Nov. 20 10 a.m.	Battle of Blackstock's Plantation	568 Monument Rd., Enoree, South Carolina

For more information visit the SCSSAR website at [scssar.org](http://scssar.org)

*Arms discourage and keep the invader and plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property... Horrid mischief would ensue were the law-abiding deprived of the use of them.*

Thomas Paine

*I am for freedom of religion, and against all maneuvers to bring about a legal ascendancy of one sect over another.*

Thomas Jefferson

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# 241st Anniversary of Buford's Massacre

The National Society, the South Carolina Society and the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Waxhaws, better known as Buford's Massacre, May 29, at the battle site near Buford's Crossroads about nine miles east of Lancaster, South Carolina.

The event began at 10:30 a.m. with a formal wreath-laying ceremony and guest speakers. Many guests wore period dress, including Continental and Militia attire. The story of Buford's Massacre was told as the bravery of the Patriots was commemorated, and the fallen were honored.

Col. Abraham Buford was the commander of a Virginia Regiment of infantry and a company of artillery comprised of about 300 men. Two hundred forty-one years ago, on May 29, 1780, British Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton pursued Col. Buford from Nelson's Ferry to Buford near the Waxhaws District.

Col. Buford attempted to surrender, but



SCSSAR President David Smith



Greg Ohanesian

a bloody battle ensued, with American casualties numbering 113 against a handful of British fatalities. Even more were taken prisoner, and 150 of the 187 prisoners were wounded. Tarleton became known as "Bloody Ban," and "Tarleton's Quarter!" became a rallying battle cry for Southern Patriots until the surrender of Gen. Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Compatriot Greg Ohanesian has organized this NSSAR public commemoration

for the last 16 years and noted that despite the pandemic, this year's event drew more than 125 members of the public and S.A.R., D.A.R. and C.A.R. hailing from many states, and included descendants of those buried at the site.

NSSAR Past Vice President General Dan Woodruff, SCSSAR President David Smith, and Virginia Society President Jeff Thomas participated.

[Photos by Jeffery France]

## 2021 Colonial Ball

The SCSSAR's 2021 Colonial Ball with debutante presentation is to be held on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Gold Ballroom of the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston.

The Colonial Ball is a grand affair, and past debutantes and attendees rave about a most memorable experience. The pomp and circumstance with Citadel Cadets, a piper, live band, beautiful debutantes dressed in white with handsome escorts dressed in tails, and a great dinner deliver an extravagant feast for the eyes, ears and palate, not to be missed.

For a debutante to be presented, she must be 17 years of age by the date of the Ball and prove lineage to a Patriot in the American Revolution.

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

We hope you and your family will join us for a truly memorable occasion.

Greg Ohanesian, Chair  
P.O. Box 1373  
Bennettsville, SC 29512  
843-479-7193



Debutante Class of 2019

*I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society. One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law... There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying its foundations.*

Joseph Story  
First Chief Justice  
U.S. Supreme Court