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**241st Anniversary**  
**Battle of Kings Mountain**

# From the President's Desk

**David  
Smith**

## SCSSAR: What is our purpose?

**By David Smith  
SCSSAR President**

SAR is a fairly exclusive organization, many who try to join are turned away; missing the genealogical documentation required to establish the bone fides of their heritage.

Our proven, direct relationship to Patriot ancestors who either fought in, or provided material support to the Revolutionary War makes us members of a fairly exclusive group.

Qualifying for membership can be difficult. Today, SAR has over 33,000 members, and since our founding in 1890, has accepted more than 200,000 men. SAR remains the largest male lineage organization in the United States.

Our South Carolina Society currently has 844 members. Our largest Chapter is Maj. Gen. William Moultrie in Charleston, with 125 members, and our smallest is Thomas Lynch near Columbia with 12.

I've heard folks say that we are a society of older men. The oldest person on our state roster is 101 and the youngest is 12. Seventy-one percent of our members are age 60 or older, while 21 percent are older than 80. The Matthew Singleton Chapter near Sumter has the most senior group of members with 40 percent being age 80 or older. The Col. William Bratton Chapter near Rock Hill is the youngest, with men aged 80 or greater comprising only 8 percent of their membership.

But what is the purpose of our organization, what do we actually do? There are three objects to our Society: (1) patriotic, (2) historical and (3) educational. One of

our primary purposes is to perpetuate the memory of the men and women who, through the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people.

We do this through the solemn ceremony of marking the graves of Revolutionary patriots, and by commemorating the battles and skirmishes that led to our freedom. We march in patriotic parades, gather together at patriotic events, and spend our time and money to honor those who served.

We do this out of our own profound respect for our revolutionary lineage, but also to inspire the greater community and to encourage their respect for the principles of government founded by our forefathers. We try to set a good example for our fellow citizens.

Presenting certificates to our neighbors and local businesses who proudly and properly fly the American flag encourages them to continue flying our flag, and to always do it correctly. Having this recognition published in a local paper gives your Chapter good visibility, and will make some readers think, "I'll start flying my flag too." I think more American flags flying in our neighborhoods is a good thing.

Our Chapters actively engage with teachers, students, ROTC and JROTC to promote and reward those who excel in patriotic projects. We search for and encourage American history teachers whose curriculum teaches students about the American Revolution era to apply for the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Awards.

We reach out to schools to find students in grades 9 through 12 who would like to write patriotic essays about the American Revolution and enter the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. Students at the same grade level can enter the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, where they give an original oration from memory pertaining to the Revolutionary

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**COVER PHOTO:** From left: David Smith, President SC SAR; Pat Niemann, Vice President General, South Atlantic District SAR; Davis Wright, President General SAR; David Jessel, President GA SAR; and Jay DeLoach, President NC SAR [Photo by Grantham Wood]

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of The Palmetto Patriot is Feb. 21.**

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# 241st Anniversary Battle of Kings Mountain

**By David Smith  
SCSSAR President**

The National Park Service allowed a small group to gather at the top of Kings Mountain to pay their respects to the Patriots who fought there in 1780.



**Grantham Woods  
President, Daniel Morgan Chapter**

Even though the Park Service did not allow SAR members to bring wreaths, render individual honors, or participate in the firing team as is the SAR custom, the event was appropriately solemn and respectful to our Patriot forefathers. SAR served as Color Guard and a group from the Overmountain Victory Trail Association provided a musket firing salute.

The audience included several SAR General Officers including Davis Wright, our President General, who brought greetings from the National Society SAR. SCSSAR President David Smith brought greetings from the South Carolina Society, and NCSSAR President Jay DeLoach brought greetings from the North Carolina Society.

Daughters of the American Revolution Gina Bobo brought greetings on behalf of Bonniel Moffat, South Carolina DAR State Regent, along with Alice Caskey, South Carolina DAR Vice Regent. National Society C.A.R. Second Vice President Gabe Bobo, also a member of the Col. William Bratton Chapter, brought greetings on behalf of the C.A.R. Grantham Wood, President of the Daniel Morgan Chapter, which hosted the event, brought greetings



**David Smith  
SCSSAR President**

on behalf of his Chapter and his Patriot ancestor who fought at Battle of Kings Mountain. All attendees received a streamer to place on their organizational flag.



Color Guard led by Scott Collins (left).



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## 241st Anniversary Battle of Kings Mountain



Jay DeLoach (left), USN Ret. and NCSSAR State President; and Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter and Vice President of the Piedmont Region.



From left: Scott Collins, Dan Woodruff and Steve McKee.

Photos by Ted Walker.



**Gabe Bobo**  
National Second Vice President  
N.S.C.A.R.

### Samuel Doak's Sermon and Prayer before Battle of Kings Mountain

*"My countrymen, you are about to set out on an expedition which is full of hardships and dangers, but one in which the Almighty will attend you. The Mother Country has her hands upon you, these American Colonies, and takes that for which our fathers planted their homes in the wilderness — OUR LIBERTY.*

*"Taxation without representation and the quartering of soldiers in the homes of our people without their consent are evidence that the Crown of England would take from its American Subjects the last vestige of Freedom.*

*"Your brethren across the mountains are crying like Macedonia unto your help. God forbid that you shall refuse to hear and answer their call — but the call of your brethren is not all. The enemy is marching hither to destroy your own homes.*

*"Brave men, you are not unacquainted with battle. Your hands have already been taught to war and your fingers to fight. You have wrested these beautiful valleys of the Holston, and Watauga from the savage hand. Will you tarry now until the other enemy carries fire and sword to your very doors? No, it shall not be. Go forth then in the strength of your manhood to the aid of your brethren, the defense of your liberty and the protection of your homes. And may the God of Justice be with you and give you victory. Let Us Pray"*

*"Almighty and gracious God! Thou hast been the refuge and strength of Thy people in all ages. In time of sorest need we have learned to come to Thee — our Rock and our Fortress. Thou knowest the dangers and snares that surround us on march and in battle.*

*"Thou knowest the dangers that constantly threaten the humble, but well beloved homes which Thy servants have left behind them. O, in Thine infinite mercy, save us from the cruel hand of the savage, and of Tyrant. Save the unprotected homes while fathers and husbands and sons are far away fighting for freedom and helping the oppressed. Thou, who promised to protect the Sparrow in its flight, keep ceaseless watch, by day and by night, over our*

*loved ones. The helpless woman and little children, we commit to Thy care. Thou wilt not leave them or forsake them in times of loneliness and anxiety and terror. O, God of Battle, arise in Thy might. Avenge the slaughter of Thy people. Confound those who plot for our destruction. Crown this mighty effort with victory, and smite those who exalt themselves against liberty and justice and truth. Help us as good soldiers to wield the SWORD OF THE LORD AND GIDEON. Amen*

*Rev. Doak was the first president of Washington College, near Greenville, Tennessee. His son Dr. John Whitfield Doak succeeded him in later years as the president of Washington College.*

If you plan on attending the 2022 National Congress in Savannah, you should book your room at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel right away — 80 percent of the rooms have been booked so far. If you book later, you may be paying higher non-SAR rates or will have to book in another hotel. Please pass the word to others who are contemplating attending this Congress.

Due to the proximity to South Carolina, this is a great opportunity to attend a National Congress.

Congress information — <https://www.sar.org/congress/132nd-congress/>

Dates - July 10 - July 15, 2022

Fraternally,

David Smith, President SC SAR

# South Carolina Society Hosts South Atlantic District Meeting

By David Smith  
SCSSAR President

In conjunction with the commemoration of the Battle of Kings Mountain, the South Atlantic District Vice President General, Pat Nieman, held an in person district meeting on Oct. 6 at Wofford College.

Meeting attendees included the President General, several other General Officers and State Presidents from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. A number of candidates for General Officer positions were also online via Zoom as was the Florida State President.

The primary order of business was choosing which General Officer candidates the district would endorse for office. Several were unopposed, which were automatically endorsed, and a couple were competitive, which required the voting members to

elect one candidate over the other.

The Daniel Morgan Chapter, with Chapter President Grantham Wood taking the lead, handled all lodging, dining and venue needs of the group. Compatriot Dave Desmarais, chairman of our Technology Committee and from the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, handled all video, Zoom and technology aspects of the meeting. The meeting concluded with a barbecue buffet arranged by Compatriot Wood.

You are a voting member of the South Atlantic District. All members of the SAR State Societies of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida are voting members of the South Atlantic District and are encouraged to attend district meetings. South Carolina hosts one district meeting usually in conjunction with the Kings Mountain commemoration. The South Atlantic District website is open to everyone at <https://southatlanticdistrictsar.org/>.

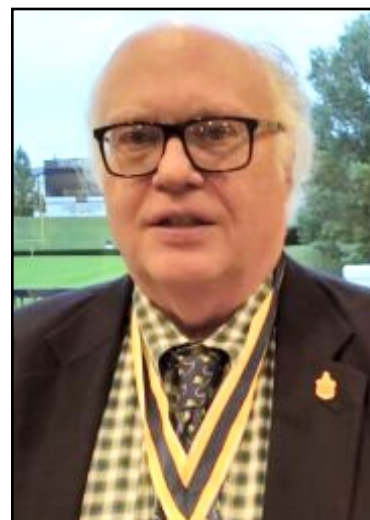
## Grantham Wood Receives President General's Aide-de-Camp Pin

By David Smith  
SCSSAR President

Grantham Wood, President of the Daniel Morgan Chapter, served as President General Davis Wright's aide-de-camp during his two day visit to South Carolina. The NSSAR aide-de-camp pin can only be awarded by the President General, and it is awarded at his discretion.

As aide-de-camp Compatriot Wood supported the President General and personally ensured that he had timely transportation from the airport and hotel to scheduled events in Spartanburg and at Kings Mountain. He also provided necessary logistical support to the President General during his visit.

President General Wright presented the aide-de-camp pin during the NSSAR South Atlantic District meeting held at Wofford College in Spartanburg. Compatriot Wood will wear the pin on his left lapel during PG Wright's term of office and will then wear the pin on his right lapel indicating past service to a President General.



**Grantham Wood**  
President  
Daniel Morgan Chapter

## SCSSAR: What is our purpose?

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War. We recognize winners at the Chapter, State and National level, where a \$6,000 grand prize is awarded.

Students in grades 6 through 8 are encouraged to create a tri-fold brochure based on one of our country's five foundational documents and enter the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest. Children in grades 3 through 5 who are studying the American Revolution are able to submit a poster on Revolutionary War events to win The Americanism Poster Contest at the Chapter, State and National levels. The outstanding ROTC and JROTC cadets are awarded the silver or bronze medals by the sponsoring Chapter. The State winner competes nationally with a grand prize of \$5,000.

Our relationship with Scouting, and in particular with the Eagle Scout program, has always been important. Chapters present all Eagle Scouts in their area with the National Society's Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition. Eagle Scouts are then encouraged to enter the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. The Eagle Scout winning SC SAR competition competes nationally for a \$10,000 grand prize.

Another purpose of our Society is to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of our Patriot ancestors, our Compatriots. Compatriots enjoy the fellowship of one another at Chapter meetings, SAR social gatherings, and commemora-

tive events. All levels of the organization, Chapter, State and National, reward and recognize the service of Compatriots by awarding their efforts and service with certificates of recognition, medals, streamers and citations. The graves of those Compatriots who have gone before us are marked in formal ceremony, and their names read aloud in memorial at our annual meeting.

Ours is not a static organization. Chapters are chartered to accomplish the patriotic, historical and educational objects and purpose of our Society through their members. Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairmen must be the guiding force of their membership, moving them to action and accomplishing our reason for existing.

I personally appreciate the hard work that goes into having a successful Chapter. I understand the level of effort required to accomplish the mission and meet our objectives, and I personally thank those Compatriots at the State and Chapter level who

make things happen, and keep our Society moving forward.

Thank you,

David Smith  
President, SC Society SAR

# Program to Mark Graves of SC Society Founders Progresses With Assistance From SAR Chapters

By **Ted Morton Jr.**

A State Society project to mark the graves of the men who founded the South Carolina Society SAR was launched with ceremonies to mark the burial sites of two Founders. The project was proposed by former SCSSAR State Historian Guy Higgins, and when presented to the Board of Governors was approved.

The first Founder Grave Marking Ceremony was conducted at the Quaker Cemetery in Camden for Founder John Peter Richardson III.

Governor Richardson, 83rd Governor of South Carolina (1886-1890), initiated the effort to organize the Sons of the American Revolution in South Carolina. Gov. Richardson died in Columbia July 6, 1899, while in office.

The National Society had chartered the South Carolina Society 10 years earlier on April 18, 1889.

Sponsoring the Camden Grave Marking Nov. 2, 2019 were the Joseph Kershaw, Matthew Singleton, Thomas Taylor and Godfrey Dreher Chapters.

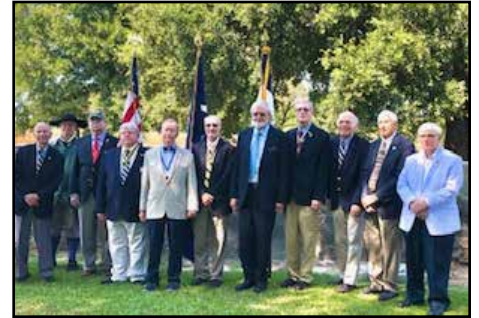
The second ceremony was conducted Sept. 11, 2021 by the Cambridge Chapter, when the grave of Founder Tillman Watson was marked in the Boatwright-Watson Family Cemetery at Ridge Spring. SCSSAR has no Chapter in Saluda Coun-

ty so the Cambridge Chapter was asked to arrange for a ceremony.

According to research on the organization of SAR in South Carolina, Gov. Richardson enlisted help of 24 men. Names (Surname and Given), dates (Birth and Death), position on the organizing committee and burial place were found for all but one member. The surname of this unknown member is believed to have been "Pope," but nothing else is known about him.

Of 25 Founders, 21 are buried in South Carolina. The location of the grave of each is known. Of the four Founders remaining, one is buried in Texas, another in New Hampshire and a third in Massachusetts. The burial site of Founder Pope is unknown.

Former State Historian Higgins arranged for granite markers for each Founder. State Registrar Bill Wilson is custodian of markers for 19 graves yet to be marked.



Grave marking of Founder Tillman Watson at Ridge Spring Sept. 11 [Photo by Anne Babb]

The project continues under the supervision of the SCSSAR Patriot Graves Committee, Ralph Welton, Chairman. Chapters willing to sponsor a Grave Marking Ceremony for a Founder should contact Com-patriot Welton.

***For if Men are to be precluded from offering their Sentiments on a matter, which may involve the most serious and alarming consequences, that can invite the consideration of Mankind, reason is of no use to us; the freedom of Speech may be taken away, and, dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep, to the Slaughter.***

**George Washington**



**250th COMMITTEE** — Members of the State Society's committee to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, 1776 - 2026 at the Oct. 16 Board of Governors meeting. From left: Gordon McCay, Dan Woodruff, Ted Walker, Chairman Joe Babb and SCSSAR Senior Vice President Lawrence Peebles. Top left: Chairman Babb cuts cake. [Photos by Dave Desmarais]

# 241st Anniversary Battle of Blackstock's Plantation

By David Smith  
SCSSAR President

Compatriots, Park Service Rangers, and citizens of the Union County area gathered at Blackstock's Plantation Nov. 20 to commemorate the Patriot victory's 241st anniversary.

The event was hosted by the Gen. James Williams Chapter along with C.A.R.'s Col. James Williams Society, and the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site. Blackstock's battlefield is a state park under the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site. After the ceremony, 35 people participated in a guided walking tour of the hilly battlefield, while another 12 stayed behind to hear Ranger Mark Stanford's "seated tour" of the battlefield. Attendees enjoyed refreshments provided by the Col. James Williams C.A.R. Society.

At 1 p.m. on Nov. 20, 1780 around 270 of British Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's divided forces were allowed to catch up with the nearly 1,000 Patriots under Gen. Thomas Sumter at the farm of William Blackstock. Thomas Sumter, known as "the fighting gamecock," was a 46-year-old originally from Virginia. His men were on high ground behind unchinked log buildings and wooden fencing with their backs to the Tyger River.

Tarleton, a 26-year-old from Liverpool, England, attacked and fought his way uphill across open ground. Known as "Bloody Ban" by the Patriots because of his vicious fighting, Tarleton's actions at Bufford's Massacre created the Patriot rallying cry of "Tarleton's Quarter" heard the previous month at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Tarleton and his men were undefeated in battle, his confidence was high and his ego large as he attacked Sumter's fortified positions.

Outnumbered and outgunned, Tarleton suffered 92 killed and 100 wounded under the accurate fire of the Patriots. Sumter reported three killed and four wounded.



From left: SCSSAR President David Smith, Charles Cole, Col. Thomas Taylor Society, SC C.A.R., and Joseph Smith, Membership Chairman, National Society Children of the Revolution [Photos by Dave Desmarais]



Alice Lamb Caskey, Vice Regent, SCDAR, and SCSSAR President David Smith.



Ranger Dawn Weaver (left) and Joseph Smith.



Sumter himself suffered a major gunshot wound and was out of action until the following year. As the sun set, the battle came to a close and, upon his return the next morning, Tarleton discovered Sumter's

men had disbursed under cover of darkness. Tarleton reported to Gen. Charles Cornwallis that he had emerged victorious at Blackstock. General Sumter made a similar report to his superiors.

*In every trying hour of the Revolution, women would hold conferences for prayer, that God would be with the armies and give them the victory.*

*During the battle at Guilford Court House, North Carolina, March 15, 1781, two companies of Christian women were gathered from Dr. Caldwell's congregation, for prayer.*

*Whilst the two armies met, the British under Cornwallis and the Americans under General Greene, these pious women were in prayer to Almighty God*

*for his protection and aid. In many places the solitary voice of a pious woman went up to the Divine ear, with the earnest pleadings of faith, for the success of the Americans. The battling hosts were surrounded by a cordon of praying women during those dreadful hours of contest.*

*Mr. Caldwell, in reply to the taunts of a British officer, said, "Wait and see what the Lord will do for us." The results of the battle were "highly beneficial to the cause of the patriots."*

# Cambridge Chapter Summer Social

GREENWOOD — The Cambridge Chapter conducted its Summer Social Aug. 24.

Greetings were given by Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region and President of the Henry Laurens Chapter. Dianne Culbertson delivered greetings from the SC Daughters of the American Revolution, and Joseph Smith brought greetings from the SC Children of the American Revolution. All who attended were treated to an informative program about Historical Ninety Six presented by Compatriot Rick Morris.

Cambridge Chapter President Gerald Pitts, Ted Morton, Rick Morris and others made this event a success.

Linda Walker, Neel Flannagan, Secretary of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and Belinda Brown attended and participated.



From left: SCSSAR President David Smith and Joe and Anne Babb.



From left: Ted Morton, Cadet Amelia Patterson and Rick Morris.



From left: Ted and Linda Walker, Belinda Brown and Neel Flannagan.



## Salzburger Heritage Day Festival

HISTORIC EBENEZER, Georgia — East Fall Line Region members of the Brier Creek, Wiregrass and Little River Chapters of the Georgia Society attended the Annual Salzburger Heritage Day Festival at Historic Ebenezer Sept. 6. Also in attendance was President Ted Walker of the Henry Laurens Chapter.

The 11 SAR members fired rifles, muskets and cannons followed by bugler Don Bazemore playing Taps. Ted Walker brought with him the U.S. Flag, SC Flag and his Chapter Flag. He also brought a wreath that represented the Patriots who were killed at Ebenezer during the American Revolution. An estimated 500 or more in attendance viewed the SAR booth. *Dess Smith III.*



Compatriots Alton Reynolds (left) and Jerry Lawson prepare to fire Alton's 8-pounder Field Gun, "Thumper."

## Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association

Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region and President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, his wife, Linda, Sonny Pittman, dual member GSSAR and SCSSAR, and his wife Sue attended the Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association semi-annual meeting and dinner Sept. 16 in Swainsboro, Georgia. Ted participated in the militia and fired a musket salute.

The program consisted of a presentation on the battle of Brier Creek, posting of colors, dinner, musket and cannon salute and fellowship.

## Trenton NSDAR 110 year anniversary

AIKEN — Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region and President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and his wife Linda, attended the Trenton NSDAR Chapter's 110 year anniversary celebration on Oct. 19 at Newberry Hall in Aiken. Ted gave greetings from the Sons of the American Revolution.



From left: Deno Verenes and Ted and Linda Walker.



From left: Julie Carter, Regent; Susan Davis Faulkner, Registrar; Ted Walker and Mary Pallon, Historian

*How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!*

Thomas Jefferson

*You can't know too much, but you can say too much.*

Calvin Coolidge, S.A.R. Member



# Patriots' Day in Aiken

AIKEN — Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, Robin Verenes, Director of District III NSDAR, and Susan Faulkner, Registrar of the Trenton Chapter NSDAR, took part in Patriots' Day in the Alley in Downtown Aiken Sept. 11

More than 4,000 plus folks attended

this event from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., including many Veterans organizations, to show support for those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.



From left: Susan Faulkner, Registrar, Trenton Chapter NSDAR, Ted Walker, Robin Verenes, Director District III, NSDAR. [Photo by Richard Dorman]



Ted Walker (left) and Richard Dorman Sr., American Legion Commander District 15. [Photo by Robin Verenes]

# City of Aiken Proclaims Constitution Week

AIKEN — The Aiken City Council proclaimed the week of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week for the city during its public meeting Sept. 13. Present to support the proclamation were members of the Esther Marion, Henry Middleton and Trenton NSDAR Chapters, members of the Henry Laurens SCSSAR Chapter and the William Stroud Society, Children of the American Revolution. Lindsey Yaun of the William Stroud Society thanked the City Council for the proclamation on behalf of the NSDAR and NSSAR chapters as well as the NS C.A.R. society.

The celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1955 when DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the resolution into public law Aug. 2, 1956. This year marks the 234th anniversary of the creation of the Constitution. *Robin Verenes District III Regent SCDAR.*

***A nation that forgets its past has no future.***

**Prime Minister Winston Churchill  
S.A.R. Member**



**In circumstances dark as these, it becomes us, as Men and Christians, to reflect that, whilst every prudent Measure should be taken to ward off the impending Judgements....**

**All confidence must be withheld from the Means we use; and reposed only on that GOD who rules in the Armies of Heaven, and without whose Blessing the best human Counsels are but Foolishness—and all created Power Vanity.**

**John Hancock**



# Cambridge Chapter Awards Flag Certificates

“The Flag is up! The Flag is waving! Targets up! Commence firing!” Those words are familiar to anyone who has ever fired a rifle at — or just visited — the firing range on a U.S. military post.

For the Cambridge Chapter, the words “The flag is up!” signals another opportunity for awarding the SAR Flag Certificate. Only one condition applies: the U.S. Flag must be displayed correctly to qualify for the award.

Chapter members report to the Flag Committee those businesses, organizations and individuals who have been observed displaying the Flag of the United States correctly and prominently. Chapter members Sam Davis and George Coleman arrange with those receiving Certificates for a convenient time to make a presentation.

Awards have been made to United Community Bank, Greenwood, and to Ninety Six residents Hiram and Grace Mitchel and Paul Johnson. *Ted R. Morton Jr., Cambridge Chapter Chaplain.*



Sandra Boggs, Customer Service Representative for United Community Bank in Greenwood, receives the SAR Flag Certificate from George Coleman, of the Cambridge Chapter Flag Committee. [Photos by Sam Davis]



Paul Johnson (right) accepts the SAR Flag Certificate from George Coleman of the Cambridge Chapter. Johnson was recognized with the Flag Certificate for display of the U.S. Flag at his home in Ninety Six.



Hiram and Grace Mitchell receive the SAR Flag Certificate from Cambridge Chapter Flag Committee Chairman George Coleman (left) for correct display of the American flag at their Ninety Six residence. A Greenwood Mills retiree, Mitchell is a World War II Veteran. Mrs. Mitchell, also retired from Greenwood Mills, served as director in the Nursing Department of Greenwood Mills, working with Medical Director Dr. Jack Scurry.

## How to Contact State Secretary

Due to a barrage of spam, the State Secretary had to discontinue his previous e-mail address. Please contact the State Secretary at [secretary@scssar.org](mailto:secretary@scssar.org).

Mark A. Mann Jr.  
State Secretary  
South Carolina Society

## 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 at [www.SCSSAR.org](http://www.SCSSAR.org)

## Cowboy Days in Aiken

Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region and President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, his wife, Linda, Alton Oneal, Vice President of the Little River Chapter GASAR and Steve Burke, Commander of the Artillery Brier Creek, GASSAR, at the SAR Recruiting booth at Cowboy Days Sept. 25 in Aiken. [Photos by Alex Walker]



Ted and Linda Walker



**When the Revolution started, Jonas Clark was pastor of the Church on Lexington Green, where the first battle for our independence was fought.**

**In surveying the carnage after the battle, Pastor Clark said, “From this day will be dated the liberty of the world.” The teachings from his pulpit caused the first blow to be struck for American Independence.**

# 19th Francis Marion Symposium

MANNING — The 19th Francis Marion Symposium took place Oct. 22-23 at the DuBose Campus of Central Carolina Technical College in Manning. This annual symposium is sponsored by the Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society, an organization started by Carole and George Summers of Clarendon County.

The 70 or more attendees of the two day event were treated to 10 presentations by several well known state and national speakers on a variety of Revolutionary War topics. The symposium ended with a dinner theatre presentation Saturday evening. A number of SCSSAR compatriots attended the symposium including Douglas Doster of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter and Keith Gourdin of the Hezekiah Mahon Chapter.

The 20th Francis Marion Symposium will take place Oct. 21-22. Contact George and Carole Summers at [www.francismarionsymposium.com](http://www.francismarionsymposium.com) for more information.  
*Doug Doster.*



SCSSAR PARTICIPANTS

## Female Spies in the Revolution

During the winter of 1777, when the British had possession of Philadelphia, and Washington was passing a gloomy winter at Valley Forge, with his soul still resting, with hope in God, the ladies of Philadelphia formed an association for the purpose of conveying important information to Washington respecting the plans of the British. Many of the British officers were quartered with patriotic families in the city, and, in a free and familiar way, would unfold to each other their future campaigns to capture our

armies and subdue the colonists.

The ladies listened with eager attention and silence to their statements, and then would delegate one of their number to convey the intelligence to a certain point, where another patriotic woman would carry it to another point, and thus these female couriers went from point to point, until the information reached Washington at his head-quarters. These journeys were all performed on foot, and made under pretence of visits of friendship and affection.

The valuable information thus conveyed puzzled the British officers to know how it was communicated, and baffled some of their best-concerted plans. Among the heroic women of that noble band of patriots was a Mrs. Redman, who for many years, with the enthusiasm of woman's heart in a good cause, was accustomed to narrate these incidents of the female patriotism of Revolutionary times.

The above incident was narrated to the compiler of this volume, in April, 1863, by Mrs. Lydia R. Bailey, a venerable Christian lady of Philadelphia, now eighty-five years of age, who often heard it from the lips of Mrs. Redman and other female friends. She also remarked, with tearful emotion, that the present generation did not seem to realize the sacrifices which the blessings of liberty and good government cost, and that in the pride of their hearts they had forgotten the God of their fathers, and acted as if all their prosperity had come, not from the goodness of God, but from their own hands and efforts.

How full of faith and piety were the Christian women of the Revolution, and those who caught the flame of patriotism and piety from such noble Christian ancestors!

Rev. Benjamin F. Morris' 1864 book *The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States*. Purchase it from American Vision.

## Constitution Week in Augusta

AUGUSTA — The Augusta Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored a Constitution Week celebration at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Augusta Sept. 17.

Participants included the William Few Chapter GASAR, Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region and President of the Henry Laurens Chapter SCSSAR in Aiken, Wiregrass GASAR, Brier Creek GASAR, Little River GASAR, Fall Line GASAR, James Town Society, 1st Georgia Co. and many others.

Bill Palmer, Georgia Sons of the American Revolution, was Commander of the mixed Color guard and militia. The ceremony had a militia musket salute, cannon fire and a wreath memorial presentation.



Alton McCloud (left) and Ted Walker

# 245th anniversary Battle of Fort Lindley

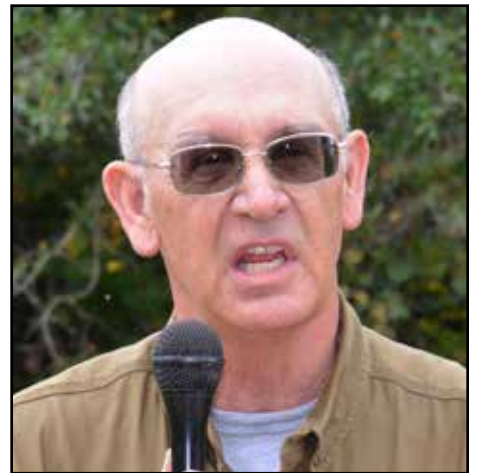


**Al Futrell**  
President  
Greenville Chapter  
Sons of the Revolution

LAURENS COUNTY — The Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Sons of the Revolution sponsored the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Lindley Oct. 9. Watch video at <https://vimeo.com/627642607>

Photos by Thomas C. Hanson

*Human passions unbridled by morality and religion . . . would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net.*



**Durant Ashmore**  
Historian  
Keynote Speaker

**John Adams**



**Gina Bobo, Senior State President SC C.A.R.**



**Tom Weidner, President Emeritus, South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution**



**Dianne Culbertson DAR (left) and Al Futrell President, Greenville Chapter, Sons of the Revolution**



**Durant Ashmore delivers Keynote address.**



**Roberta McHugh, Nathanael Greene Chapter DAR**

**How easy it is to persuade men to sign anything by which they can't be affected!**

**George Mason**

# Battle of Fort Lindley



**Joseph Smith**  
Membership Chairman  
National Society Children of the Revolution



**J Bobo**  
President  
SC Children of the Revolution



**Tom Hanson, SCSR Chaplain and editor of *The Palmetto Patriot*, delivers opening prayer.**

## Veterans Day



Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region, presents a wreath at American Legion Post 71 Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11. Attendees included Legion members, Veterans organizations, and the North Augusta High School NJROTC. Kevin Joy is Post Commander.

### Abigail Adams

*In 1770, when her husband [John] returned home from a town meeting in Boston, in which he had been chosen a Representative, he said to his wife, "I have accepted a seat in the House of Representatives, and thereby have consented to my own ruin, to your ruin, and the ruin of our children. I give you this warning, that you may prepare yourself for your fate." She burst into tears, but instantly cried out, in a transport of magnanimity, "Well, I am willing in this cause to run all risks with you, and be ruined with you, if you are ruined." "These were times," said John Adams, "which tried women's souls as well as men's."....*

*Abigail Adams: I could not join to-day in the petitions of our worthy pastor for a reconciliation between our no longer parent State, but tyrant State, and these colonies. Let us separate: they are unworthy to be our brethren. Let us renounce them, and instead of supplications, as formerly, for their prosperity and happiness, let us beseech the Almighty to blast their counsels and bring to naught all their devices."*



Kevin Joy (left), Commander American Legion Post 71, North Augusta S.C., and Col. James Clifford, U.S. Army (Retired)

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## 2021 Colonial Ball

Due to events beyond our control we regret that the 2021 Colonial Ball has been cancelled.

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

“The way to secure peace is to be prepared for war. They that are on their guard, and appear ready to receive their adversaries, are in much less danger of being attacked, than the supine, secure, and negligent.”

Benjamin Franklin

*“The representatives of the people, in a popular assembly, seem sometimes to fancy that they are the people themselves, and betray strong symptoms of impatience and disgust at the least sign of opposition from any other quarter; as if the exercise of its rights, by either the executive or judiciary, were a breach of their privilege and an outrage to their dignity.”*

Alexander Hamilton

# Battle of Cowpens

## 240th Anniversary Commemoration

**Two ceremonies for Cowpens this year. Both are counted as National Events.**

**Location: Jolly Park Amphitheater  
102 Railroad Ave.  
Gaffney, SC**

**Date: Jan. 15, 2022**

**1:30 p.m.:** For those with wreaths

**2 p.m.:** Commemoration starts

Wreath Registration: Joe Glavitsch at joerichglav@gmail.com  
(864) 421-7100

**1 p.m., Sunday Jan. 16, 2022**

**The National Park Service is hosting its ceremony at the National Park. One wreath will be presented by the President General or his appointee. A limited color guard will participate. The number of visitors in the park also will be limited.**

**Jan. 13, 7 p.m.:** annual Bobby Gilmer Moss lecture is a virtual event this year. It will be held as a Zoom meeting.

Revolutionary War Double Agent, James Armistead Lafayette, performed by Colonial Williamsburg's Stephen Seals (Virtual Show on Zoom)

Everybody loves a good spy story. How about an American slave that volunteers to spy for the Continental Army, does such a credible job of it, he gets recruited to be a double agent for the British, gaining the confidence of both General Cornwallis and traitor, Benedict Arnold?

It's an exciting story of a bogus "runaway slave" living a dangerous life behind enemy lines ferreting out information and spreading "misinformation" that allows the American forces to triumph at the Battle of Yorktown.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing additional information about joining the meeting. If this is the first time you have attended a Zoom event, you may be directed to download the Zoom app. You do NOT need a Zoom account to attend.

To register go to: [https://infodepot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZc-sdOuqrjwjHtafZpyX\\_\\_EegjVJdu3EK6gC](https://infodepot-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZc-sdOuqrjwjHtafZpyX__EegjVJdu3EK6gC)

# Chapter Capsules

## News items from SCSSAR chapters

### Heritage Day

RINCON, Georgia — Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region, participated in ceremonies with the GSSAR at the Heritage Day Festival at historic Ebenezer in Rincon, Georgia Sept. 6.

The event was sponsored by the Brier Creek Militia GSSAR with members from around the area. Militia and cannon members demonstrated firing muskets and three cannons on the hour from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A display of period articles, clothing, hats and weapons, along with information about how people lived and survived was also presented by Steve Burke, GSSAR, and various other members.

Dess Smith, Alton Reynolds, Alton McCloud, Steve Burke and others took part in this event.



Steve Burke



Ted Walker



Brier Creek Militia



Bernard Martin



Alton Reynolds, (left) and Jerry Lawson.

*“Citizens by birth or choice, of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of ‘American’ which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations.”*

George Washington

**I am not a Virginian, but an American.**

**Patrick Henry  
First Continental Congress, Oct. 14, 1774**

# Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

EUTAWVILLE — The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter participated in the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Sept. 3 and 4.

Chapter Historian Tom Burnett and Past President Jody Henson attended a welcome social at the Lone Star BBQ & Mercantile on Friday evening Sept. 3, hosted by Doug Doster and the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter. After first attending the Saturday morning Church of the Epiphany service they proceeded to the wreath laying memorial service at the battlefield joined by Past State Society and Chapter President Wayne Cousar with his wife Gladys.



Chapter Historian Tom Burnett (left) with Chapter wreath and immediate Past State Society President Jim Wyrosdick. [Photo by Jody Henson]

The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter held its third quarterly 2021 meeting at the Officers Club of Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station Sept. 17.

A buffet luncheon was provided to 56 members and guests including new Chapter members Tony Brice and Robert DeLoach. Guest speaker Harold Mills presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on Cemeteries, Markers and the Major Players of the American Revolution including the Women behind some of those men.

President Joe Riddle introduced our three new members, saying Jack Brice could not attend, and recognized Compatriots Claude Dinkins, Paul Griffin and Christian Tootle for their service to the SAR, 10, Five and Five years respectfully. Two SC SAR Society participation streamers were added to our Chapter's Flag, and Vice President Mike Monahan closed the meeting with the SAR Recessional after Chaplain Bill Sammons' benediction.

## Continental Army Col. Isaac Hayne

JACKSONBORO — The South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution hosted a wreath-laying event and Sons of the Revolution Patriot Marker dedication Aug. 4 at the grave of Continental Army Col. Isaac Hayne in the Hayne Hall family cemetery in Jacksonboro.

Historian C.L. "Chip" Bragg, author of the book *Martyr of the American Revolution: The Execution of Isaac Hayne, South Carolinian*, was the guest speaker. Charles Waring II, Publisher of the *Charleston Mercury*, a descendant of Isaac Hayne, attended. Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter President Joe Riddle and wife Jeannie were in attendance with the Chapter's wreath.



Chapter President Joe Riddle (second from right) with Ivan Bennett, General Vice President, General Society Sons of the Revolution, at far left.



New member Tony Brice (left) has his SAR Roseate placed by President Joe Riddle. [Photos by Jody Henson]



Isaac Hayne grave with SAR and SR Patriot Markers. [Photos by Jeannie Riddle]



New member Robert DeLoach (left) is congratulated by President Joe Riddle.

**An honest public servant can't become rich in politics. He can only attain greatness and satisfaction by service.**

**Harry S. Truman  
S.A.R. Member**

**One of the greatest perils to an extensive republic is the disregard of individual rights.**

**Calvin Coolidge  
S.A.R. Member**



# 240th Anniversary Commemoration of the Second Siege of Augusta

By Ted Walker  
Vice President Piedmont Region  
President Henry Laurens Chapter

AUGUSTA, Georgia — Many SAR, NSDAR, C.A.R. and other organizations from South Carolina and Georgia participated in the 240th Anniversary Commemoration of the Second Siege of Augusta at the Kroc Center in Augusta Sept. 18.

Compatriot Sonny Pittman was master of ceremonies.

Augusta has a deep, violent Revolutionary War history. One most often noticed by visitors in the downtown area are the many historical markers referencing the two sieges of Augusta in 1780 and 1781.

Those of us in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters in Augusta and the River Region are indebted to *Augusta Chronicle* writer Bill Kirby for his frequent articles on Augusta's rich historical legacy.

The freedoms we enjoy in our Constitutional Republic have been dearly bought and paid for by our nation's veterans.

To that end, two of our local SAR chapters, Augusta's Col. William Few and Aiken's Henry Laurens Chapter, hosted a Commemoration of the 240th Anniversary of the Second Siege of Augusta. That epic battle, fought from May 22 to June 5, 1781, resulted in a Patriot victory with the surrender of the Redcoat and Loyalist stronghold known as Fort Cornwallis (near the site of today's St. Paul's Church on Reynolds Street).

Morning activities included opening ceremonies, an SAR Grave Marker dedication for Captain William Bugg Sr., who is buried in his family's cemetery in what is now Pendleton King Park, and the presentation of wreaths by patriotic, fraternal and veterans' organizations.

After lunch, a battle seminar was conducted by historian Steven J. Rauch. Then, attendees went out to the battlefield behind the Kroc Center to render honors and con-



duct a re-enactment of the battle.

Special thanks to SCSSAR State President David Smith; GASSAR State President, David Jessel; GA State Society DAR;

**Videos by Compatriots Rick Reese and Dave Desmarais.**

**The first is a video of Historian Steven Rauch's seminar on the Second Siege of Augusta. <https://youtube/-L9ZcX-GpLw>**

**And the second is a video taken of the mock battle. <https://youtube/E6ByEBjGAK8>**

O.B. McCorkle, State Regent, SC State Society, DAR; Robin Verenes, District III Director, National Society Children of the American Revolution; Gabe Bobo, National Second Vice President C.A.R.

N.S.C.A.R.; Hope Elizabeth Frederick, First Vice President, South Carolina State Society, N.S.C.A.R.; Joseph Smith, Past State President South Carolina State Society, N.S.C.A.R.

Sue Pittman manned the wreath sign-in table, Dave Desmarais videotaped the event, and Bill Palmer was Commander of the mixed Color Guard from Georgia and South Carolina. *Ted Walker and Sonny Pittman.*

*Republics demanded virtue. Monarchies could rely on coercion and "dazzling splendor" to suppress self-interest or factions; republics relied on the goodness of the people to put aside private interest for public good. The imperatives of virtue attached all sorts of desiderata to the republican citizen: simplicity, frugality, sobriety,*

*simple manners, Christian benevolence, duty to the polity. Republics called on other virtues—spiritedness, courage—to protect the polity from external threats. Tyrants kept standing armies; republics relied on free yeomen, defending their own land.*

James Monroe

## Henry Laurens Chapter November meeting

A Henry Laurens Chapter meeting took place at Bobby's Bar-B-Que Nov. 4 with 24 in attendance including special guest Alton McCloud, Vice President of the Little River Chapter GASSAR, potential new members, members and spouses.

Doug Puckett, Chapter Vice President, gave a presentation on John Mar-

shall, Supreme Court Chief Justice from 1801 to 1835. New Chapter officers are for 2022 are Neel Flannagan President; Doug Puckett Vice President / Chaplain; Jay Bilyeu, Treasurer; Nicholas Ward, Secretary; Charles Hilton, Registrar; and Ted Walker, Historian. Officers will be sworn in at the February meeting.



Ted Walker



Alton McCloud and Linda Walker

*Mrs. Wilson, of North Carolina, was a noble illustration of the patriotism of the women of the Revolution.*

*[British Gen. Charles] Cornwallis, in his march through that State, had encamped his army on her husband's plantation. He tried by flattery to win her over to the royal cause.*

*Her heroic reply to Cornwallis was, "I have seven sons who are now, or have been, bearing arms: indeed, my seventh son, Zaccheus, who is only fifteen years old, I yesterday assisted to get ready to go and join his brothers in [Gen. Thomas] Sumter's army.*

*"Now, sooner than to see one of my family turn back from the glorious enterprise, I should take my boys (pointing to three small sons), and with them would enlist under Sumter's standard, and show my husband and sons how to fight and, if necessary, to die for their country."*

Rev. Benjamin F. Morris, *The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States*, 1864.



Photos by Linda Walker and Ted Walker

## SCSSAR Welcomes New Members

By Mark Mann Jr.  
State Secretary

The SCSSAR welcomes the following new members.

### New Members

Robert Anderson Jr., Robert Holt Atkinson Jr., Michael Joseph Burke, James Riley Closson, Charles Raymond Gowin, Charles Hugh Herndon III, John Henry Holladay Jr., Charles Wayne Lowe, Parkman Blake Moore Jr., Barry Brian Moss, Christopher Marion Orman, Bennett John Wiley and James Michael Williams.

### New to South Carolina

Scott Michael Derick, John Elliot Garrison, Elmo Earl Hewett, Daffyd Eoghan MacStaphan, Ralph Earl Ricks, John Arthur Sheffield-Padilla and Michael William Young.

## Roll Call of the Departed

Christopher Marsh Golden, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, Oct. 8.

**"Liberty, once lost, is lost forever."**

**John Adams**

# Aiken Living History Event March 18

To: SAR/DAR/C.A.R./Compatriots/  
Re-enactors/Historical presenters

Subject: Request Revolutionary War  
period living history presenters/Re-enac-  
tors/Militia/Color Guard members/battle-  
field participants for Aiken High School,  
Aiken Living History Event, 9 a.m. to 3  
p.m., March 18.

Address: 449 Rutland drive NW, Aiken  
SC 29801 (School Football Field)

From: Ted Walker, Vice President Pied-  
mont Region

Our plan consists of partnership of the  
Sons of the American Revolution, Daugh-  
ter of the American Revolution and a host  
of re-enactors. This will be a historical re-  
enactment with soldiers, muskets and can-  
nons along with the "Traveling Trunks"  
and living history presenters.

The focus will be a historical teach-  
ing event with hands-on learning, and a  
live skirmish. We will also offer hands-on  
learning about 18th Century life in Georgia  
and South Carolina. We ask for your help  
in finding groups who would like to partici-  
pate in this teaching opportunity. We will  
be allowed to perform demonstrations of  
all kinds, and camp fires. We just need to  
work out details and location.

I look forward to hearing from you, and  
any suggestions that will help us make this  
a successful event for Aiken High School  
students. Please Complete the accompa-  
nying form if you wish to participate in  
our event and send to Ted Walker at 207  
Chalk Bed Road, Graniteville, SC 29829 or  
email: twalkerj@bellsouth.net If you have  
any questions please call me at (803) 599-  
1654

Respectfully,  
Ted Walker  
Vice President Piedmont Region

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***"The Constitution pre-  
serves the advantage of  
being armed which Ameri-  
cans possess over the peo-  
ple of almost every other  
nation where the govern-  
ments are afraid to trust  
the people with arms."***

**James Madison**

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To ensure your organization's recognition, and event requirements,  
please complete and return this registration form to Ted Walker,  
Event Coordinator, 207 Chalk Bed Road, Graniteville, SC 29829 or  
by email to twalkerj@bellsouth.net, (803) 599-1654

Revolutionary War Reenactment / Living History Event  
Place: Aiken High School  
Date: March 18  
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Address: 449 Rutland Drive NW, Aiken SC 29801 (School Football Field)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation display type: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number & Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be in Uniform/Militia or Colonial Attire? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you participate in Color Guard? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you participate in Battle Reenactment? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attendees in your party \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Ted  
Walker at 803 599-1654

# 246th Anniversary of the First Land Battle in the South

NINETY SIX NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE — The Cambridge Chapter commemorated the 246th anniversary of the first land battle in the South Nov. 20 at the Stockade Fort at Ninety Six.

Gerald Pitts, President of the Cambridge Chapter, and Ranger Josh Manley, Superintendent of the Ninety Six National Historic Site, brought greetings.

Tommy O'Dell, Commemoration Chairman, led the invocation, followed by greetings from Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region. John Cooper, Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, and the Salute to the Flag of South Carolina. Joe Babb led the Pledge to the SAR.

Richard Morris, Chapter Secretary, in-



[Photo by Dave Desmarais]

roduced speaker Historian Eric Williams, National Park Service (Retired), who spoke about the battle.

Brabham Dukes, Chapter Registrar, led the SAR Recessional, and Tommy O'Dell delivered the Benediction.

## Sherilyn Haskins Woodruff

Dear S.C.S.C.A.R. Family,

It is with great sadness that we share the death of Sherilyn Haskins Woodruff on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021. Sherilyn was serving as South Carolina Senior Second Vice President and had also served in other roles for the South Carolina Society Children of the American Revolution.

Sherilyn leaves behind her loving husband, Dan. Dan is presently serving as South Carolina State Senior First Vice President and they both have been supportive for many years.

Our South Carolina Society family sends love to Dan during this loss. You may send sympathy acknowledgements to:

Dan Woodruff  
P.O. Box 399  
Williamston, SC 29697



Sherilyn Haskins Woodruff

With Prayers and Sympathy,

Grace Ramsey  
State Chaplain  
S.C.S.C.A.R.

Ann Crider  
Senior State Chaplain  
S.C.S.C.A.R.

*The American Dream means giving it your all, trying your hardest, accomplishing something. And then I'd add to that, giving something back. No definition of a successful life can do anything but include serving others.*

George H. W. Bush  
S.A.R. Member

**Leadership consists of nothing but taking responsibility for everything that goes wrong and giving your subordinates credit for everything that goes well.**

Dwight Eisenhower  
S.A.R. Member

# Mixed militia in Veterans Day program

BURNETTOWN — The Sons of the American Revolution’s mixed Militia from South Carolina and Georgia participated in a Veterans Day ceremony at the Horse Creek Midland Valley Veterans Park in Burnettown, South Carolina.

Members of the militia were from the Henry Laurens Chapter, Aiken SCSSAR; Little River Chapter GASSAR Thomson, Georgia; Brier Creek Chapter GASSAR, and Wiregrass Chapter, GASSAR.

The program consisted of opening ceremonies by South Carolina Rep. Melissa Oremus, presentation of colors by Scout Troop 351, Pledge of Allegiance led by Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, guest speaker Dan Wrightsman, Patriotic music by Cory Barton, laying of wreaths, Musket Salute by SAR Militia, playing of Taps, closing remarks and benediction by Pastor Stephen Phillips.

The ceremony was attended by about 75 people including State Sen. Shane Massey, American Legion Post 71 Commander Kevin Joy, American Legion Post 153 Commander Harry Barton and many other veterans groups from around the Central Savannah River Area.



Ted Walker

***Give all the power to the many, they will oppress the few. Give all the power to the few, they will oppress the many.***

**Alexander Hamilton**



From left: Ted Walker, Vice President Piedmont Region, SCSSAR; Alex Walker Vice, President William Shroud Chapter, Children of the American Revolution; Ben Creech, GASSAR; Tommy Chappell; Alton McCloud, Vice President Little River Chapter, GASSAR; Woody Woodard, Little River Chapter, GASSAR; David Twigg; Bernard Martin, Brier Creek Chapter, GASSAR; and Steve Burke, Vice President Brier Creek Chapter, GASSAR. [Photos by Linda Walker]

## 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@clermson.edu](mailto:edwlsur@clermson.edu)

## Calendar of Events

Jan. 15 2 p.m.	Cowpens	Gaffney
Jan. 22 10 a.m.	Board of Governors	Columbia
April 29-30	Annual Meeting	Columbia

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

# Battle of Camden



Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter display. [Photo by Doug Doster]

Ted Walker, Piedmont Vice President; Pete Widell; and Doug Doster, SCSSAR Historian; manned recruiting booths at the Battle of Camden commemoration Nov. 12 - 14. Over a three day period more than 4,000 re-enactors, vendors, historical presenters and patriots attended the event.



From left: Kelley Widell, C.A.R. member, Gabe Bobo, National Second Vice President N.S.C.A.R. and Steve Bobo .



**Change in Date  
Board of Governors Meeting**

The January Board of Governors meeting has changed from Jan. 15 to Jan. 22,. The location remains the same — Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine St., Columbia. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. with the board meeting starting at 10 a.m.

*Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes.*

**Benjamin Franklin**

# President Elect George Washington Welcomed to Trenton

George Washington en route to New York City to be inaugurated as the nation's first president.

The following historical scene is thus described by Chief Justice Marshall:

"At Trenton, Washington was welcomed in a manner as new as it was pleasing. In addition to the usual demonstrations of respect and attachment which were given by the discharge of cannon, by military corps, and by private persons of distinction, the gentler sex prepared, in their own taste, a tribute of applause indicative of the grateful recollection in which they held their deliverance, twelve years before, from a formidable enemy. On the bridge over the

creek which passes through the town was erected a triumphal arch, highly ornamented with laurels and flowers, and supported by thirteen pillars, each entwined with wreaths of evergreen. On the front arch was inscribed, in large gilt letters,

The Defenders of the Mothers will be the

Protectors of the Daughters.

"On the centre of the arch, above the inscription, was a dome or cupola of flowers and evergreens, encircling the dates of the two memorable events which were peculiarly interesting to the people of New Jersey. The first was the battle of Trenton, and the second the bold and judicious stand

taken by the American troops at the same creek, by which the march of the British army was arrested on the evening preceding the battle of Princeton. At this place Washington was met by a party of matrons leading their daughters dressed in white, who carried baskets of flowers in their hands, and sang, with exquisite sweetness, an ode composed for the occasion. It is as follows :

Welcome, mighty chief, once more  
Welcome to this grateful shore!  
Now no mercenary foe  
Aims again the fatal blow,  
Aims at thee the fatal blow.  
Virgins fair and matrons grave,  
Those thy conquering arm did save,  
Build for thee triumphal bowers;  
Strew, ye fair, his way with flowers,  
Strew your hero's way with flowers!



**During the American Revolution: At Mecklenburg and Rowan, North Carolina, the young ladies entered into a written pledge not to receive the attentions of young men who would not volunteer in defence of their country. They declared they "were of opinion that such persons who stay loitering at home when the important calls of their country demand their military service abroad, must certainly be destitute of that nobleness of sentiment, that brave and manly spirit, which would qualify them to be the defenders and guardians of the fair sex."**

Rev. Benjamin F. Morris' 1864 book *The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States*.

**When you're 20 you care what everyone thinks, when you're 40 you stop caring what everyone thinks, when you're 60 you realize no one was ever thinking about you in the first place. You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.**

**Prime Minister  
Winston Churchill  
S.A.R. Member**

# Orchard Crest Cemetery Grave Marking

**By Joe Glavitsch**  
**President**  
**Col. Robert Anderson Chapter**

GREER — The Col. Robert Anderson Chapter SCSSAR with the Greenville Chapter Sons of the Revolution conducted a grave-marking commemoration Nov. 7 for three Patriots buried in the midst of this new home allotment. The cemetery was almost bulldozed into oblivion six years ago.

The patriots honored were Col. John Thomas, the first commander of the Spartan Regiment, his wife Jane, who was a courier and fought off Loyalists trying to take a magazine at her home, and a Continental Line Artilleryman, Pvt. Thomas Edwards of the 4th SC Regiment, Artillery.

Tombstones and markers were installed at the graves and more than 100 guests were present. SAR, DAR and SR chapters presented wreaths The SC Independent Rangers and the 5th Co. 4th SC Regt., Art. were present for a musket salute and cannon volley.



From left: David Paul Reuwer, Tom Oblak and Tray Dunaway



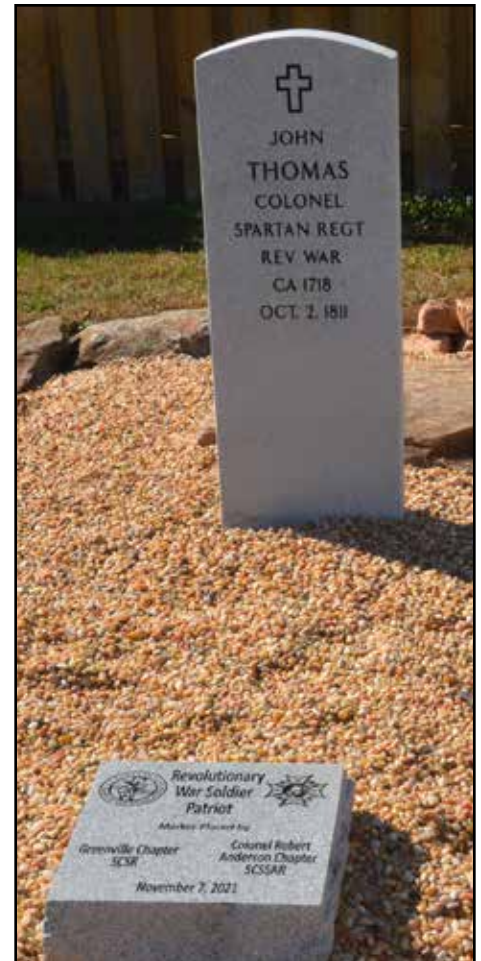
Joe Glavitsch is interviewed by WYFF Channel 4



Chaplain Rev. Dr. John Vaughn delivers invocation.

*“Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.”*

George Washington



Photos by Thomas C. Hanson

Watch video at <https://vimeo.com/643312885>



# Martha Washington on the Battlefield

Martha, the wife of Washington, was a woman of fine accomplishments, eminently qualified for the exalted station she was called, in the providence of God, to fill. Her piety and patriotism were equal to every trial, and were constantly exerted in behalf of her country.

She often left the comforts and elegancies of Mount Vernon and spent months with Washington and his armies, cheering them by her presence and encouraging the soldiers by her words.

**Mrs. Washington accompanied the general to the line before Boston, and witnessed its siege and evacuation.** At the close of each campaign, an aide-de-camp repaired to Mount Vernon to escort her to the head-quarters. Her arrival at the camp was an event much anticipated, and was always the signal for the ladies of general officers to repair to the bosoms of their lords.

The arrival of Mrs. Washington at Valley Forge, Morristown, and West Point diffused a cheering influence amid the gloom that hung over those scenes. She always remained at head-quarters till the opening of the campaign, and often remarked, in after-life, that it had been her good fortune to hear the first cannon at the opening and the last at the closing of every campaign of the Revolutionary War.

During the whole of the period when we struggled for independence, Mrs. Washington preserved her equanimity, together with a degree of cheerfulness that inspired all around her with the brightest hopes of ultimate success.

Rev. Benjamin F. Morris' 1864 book *The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States*.



## Orchard Crest Grave Marking

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South Carolina Sons of the Revolution Chaplain Thomas C. Hanson delivers benediction..



Valeri Miller, Orchard Crest Home Owners Association, speaks about uncovering and recovering the cemetery.

***It is now high time for the people of this country to explicitly declare whether they will be free men or slaves.***

**Samuel Adams**

# A Resolution in Support of Maintaining Historical Artifacts of the United States of America

By David Smith  
SCSSAR President

WHEREAS, The history of the United States has been recorded in many forms — pictorial, written, and digital; and

WHEREAS, The past, present and future of all people is presented in many venues; and

WHEREAS, We are proud of our heritage and long-standing republic as Americans; and

WHEREAS, We do not take these memories for granted, nor treasures to be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, We support the restitution, restoration and maintenance of all statutes and monuments for preservation and future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Governors of this Society, that the South Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution wholeheartedly applauds and supports all historical monuments symbolic of the people, for the people and by the people of the United States of America.

Done this 24th day of July in the two-thousand-twenty-first year of our Lord and the two-hundred-forty-sixth year of our Constitutional Republic.

D. P. Smith  
President, South Carolina Society  
Sons of the American Revolution

September 7, 2021

From: President, South Carolina Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
David P. Smith, Jr.  
4677 Cross Keys Highway  
Union, South Carolina 29379

To: National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Subj: RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE STATE SOCIETY BOARD OF GOVERNORS PROPOSED FOR NATIONAL SOCIETY ADOPTION

Dear Compatriot,  
The language of the enclosed resolution, along with guidance to forward the resolution to the National Society, was adopted by our State Society Board of Governors. The South Carolina Society Board of Governors asks the National Society to consider adopting this or a different resolution expressing a similar sentiment.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
David P. Smith, Jr.

Copy:  
Bylaw, Rules, & Resolutions Committee

## Actions Approved by the Board of Governors

By David Smith  
SCSSAR President

The Board of Governors has authority over the State Society and is empowered to take any action it deems necessary to further the SCSSAR's mission. Two things the Board of Governors (BOG) cannot do are (1) amend the State Bylaws and (2) elect State Officers. Those two things can only be done by vote of the full membership at an Annual Meeting

The approved minutes of the BOG meetings and the draft minutes of the most recent meeting are available on the SCSSAR website. Minutes from a BOG meeting are corrected and approved at the subsequent quarterly meeting.

Members of the Board of Governors are:

State Officers, National Trustee, Alternate National Trustee, past State Presidents, Chapter Presidents, one additional delegate from each Chapter selected by the Chapter, and State Committee Chairmen appointed by the President.

All SCSSAR members are encouraged to attend the quarterly board meetings but only board members are allowed to vote.

Here are the adopted actions from the July BOG approved minutes.

1. The State will pay \$35 monthly for the shared, temporary rental of a storage unit for storage of State Society archives and property.

2. The presented resolution regarding restitution, restoration, and maintenance of historical monuments will be forwarded to the NSSAR with a request that the resolution be adopted by the National Society. (Note: the text of this resolution is published in this edition of *The Palmetto Patriot*.)

3. The previously adopted motion (from 2017) requiring Color Guard members to have insurance is committed to the Executive Committee for review and report back to the BOG at the October meeting.

4. The previously adopted motion to fund personalized license plates (from 2018) as a fund raising activity is rescinded.

5. The previously adopted motion to create a dues relief fund (from 2018) is rescinded.

6. Action necessary to establish pro-

gram management responsibility of the Swamp Fox Brigade program is postponed to the October BOG meeting.

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**The Palmetto  
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**www.SCSSAR.org**

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### How to submit items to *The Palmetto Patriot*

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

Here are some pointers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Please send your business card (or the information you would like included in a business card size ad) to Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org or to Hanson Communications, 2004 Old Parker Road, Greenville, SC 29609.

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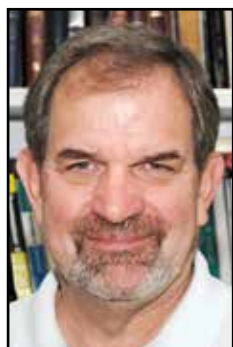
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# SAR 1776 Campaign: Advancing America's Heritage

**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.

*The following pastoral letter from the Synod of New York and Philadelphia to the congregations under their care, read in every pulpit on the 20th of July, 1776, being the day appointed by the Honorable Congress for a general fast, presents the patriotism of the American Presbyterian Church in a noble attitude:*

*Very Dear Brethren:—The Synod of New York and Philadelphia, being met at a time when publick affairs wear a threatening aspect, and when (unless God in his sovereign providence speedily prevent it) all the horrors of a civil war throughout this great continent are to be apprehended, were of opinion that they could not discharge their duty to the numerous congregations under their care without addressing them at this important crisis.*

*As the firm belief and habitual recollection of the power and presence of the living God ought at all times to possess the minds of real Christians, so in seasons of public calamity, when the Lord is known by the judgements which he executeth, it would be an ignorance or an indifference highly criminal, not to look up to him with reverence, to implore his mercy by humble and fervent prayer, and, if possible, to prevent his vengeance by unfeigned repentance.*

*Rev. Benjamin F. Morris' 1864 book The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States. Purchase it from American Vision.*

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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.**

<b>Age = \$ Cost</b>	<b>Age = \$ Cost</b>	<b>Age = \$ Cost</b>	<b>Age = \$ Cost</b>	<b>Age = \$ Cost</b>	<b>Age = \$ Cost</b>
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:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed  
Signature of SCSSAR Secretary

## 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	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	

<b>For Headquarters use only:</b>	Signature of NSSAR Registrar:	Date of Signature:
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# Col. Robert Anderson Chapter: 246th Anniversary Battle of Great Cane Brake

**By Joseph Glavitsch  
President  
Col. Robert Anderson Chapter**

**HOPKINS FARM** —The Col. Robert Anderson Chapter commemorated the 246th anniversary of the Battle of the Great Cane Brake, Saturday, Dec. 4, at the site of the battle at Hopkins Farm in Simpsonville. This was the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Greenville County. However, in that month, December 1775, this land was Cherokee territory.

More than 135 people, including 61 middle school students, were in attendance.

Chapter Historian Glenn Farrow recounted the battle: In November 1775 Patrick Cunningham captured a wagon train of shot and powder the Patriots meant to give the Cherokees. Col. Richard Richardson, upon hearing this, dispatched a force of 1,300 men under Col. “Danger” Thomson to capture the stores and route the Loyalists.

After a 23 mile march, Col. Thomson’s men found Cunningham and his 200 Loyal-

ists camped in a cane brake, and surrounded them on three sides before they were found out. Cunningham barely escaped, in his britches on horseback. Only one Patriot was wounded. Seventy Loyalists escaped, five or six were killed, and the rest were taken prisoners. Col. Thomson was credited with controlling the attack, else many more would have been killed by his enraged men.

Durant Ashmore, lecturer and historian, gave his Keynote Address about the Loyalists who fought at Cane Brake. He noted that as the Patriots began their march home it began to snow, with an accumulation of two feet. This was known as the beginning of the Snow Campaign. The Loyalists were not to be a serious problem in the upstate again until the British captured Charleston in 1780.

Those in attendance were treated to an opening and closing mortar shot by the 4th SC Regiment, Artillery, and musket volleys by the SC Independent Rangers. At ceremony’s end Bugler Bob Cotter played Taps.



Tom Weidner (left), President Emeritus of the South Carolina Sons of the Revolution, and Al Futrell, President of the Greenville Chapter.

**Watch video at  
<https://vimeo.com/653275944>**



Durant Ashmore speaks at the battle site. [Photo by Stephen Ashton]



Musket volley by SC Independent Rangers. [Photo by Stephen Ashton]



Scott Collins, Georgia SAR



Carolyn Nations  
State DAR Chaplain



SC Independent Rangers. [Photo by Stephen Ashton]

# Col. Robert Anderson Chapter: 246th Anniversary Battle of Great Cane Brake



Historian Durant Ashmore delivers keynote address.



From left: Joseph Glavitsch, President of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter; Dave Desmarais, SCSSAR webmaster; SCSSAR President David Smith; Eric Barnhill, President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter; and Dan Woodruff, Upstate Vice President. [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]



Rev. Dr. John Vaughn, Chapter Chaplain, delivers the invocation.



Chapter Secretary Stephan Ashton delivers the pledge to the South Carolina flag.



Robert Anthony leads the SAR pledge.



SCSSAR President David Smith (center) with his wife, Martha; and their son Joseph Smith, Membership Chairman, National Society Children of the Revolution.



Carol Hopkins of Hopkins Farm and her granddaughter



Chapter Historian Glenn Farrow