

# The Palmetto Patriot

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**Passing the gavel  
from David Smith to Lawrence Peebles  
Annual Meeting, Columbia, May 14**

# From the President's Desk

**Rev. Lawrence  
Peebles**

## The Education Challenge

**By Rev. Lawrence Peebles  
SCSSAR President**

In my remarks following my installation as your state president, I talked about the why of being in SAR. Part of my personal why relates to sharing the story of the American Revolution. For that reason, I want to offer an education challenge to each chapter.

Our state society offers awards and scholarships to students and teachers with various contests related to the study of the American Revolutionary Period. The problem is that very few if any enter these contests on the state level. That is probably because few people outside of SCSSAR or even within it know they exist. How do we change that?

I challenge each chapter to appoint a person or a team that is willing to educate themselves on these various awards and scholarships. These need to be men with interest in education as well as having contacts in the local school systems (public and

private). It's not about us dictating what happens in the classroom, but it is about coming along side to supplement and complement what they are doing already. For example, could a teacher use our award to encourage students on an already assigned paper to encourage students on an already assigned paper?

If chapters truly promote this project, the state would be overwhelmed with submissions. Thus, each chapter needs its own competition so that only the best ones are forwarded to the state. Chapters with the resources could offer their own monetary rewards.

American's 250th birthday is the perfect time to emphasize these awards. Nor is this just about having more entries in the 2023 contests. This challenge is multi-year. It needs time to ramp up. We have to take time to find the right people and convince them we have no agenda other than educat-

ing our children and youth about the American Revolution.

Rev. Lawrence Peebles  
SCSSAR President



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President David Smith presents the Lydia Darragh Medal to wife Dr. Martha Girz.

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**COVER PHOTO:** Incoming SCSSAR President Lawrence Peebles (right) receives gavel from Past President David Smith. [Photo by Eric Barnhill]

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South Atlantic District Vice President General Pat Niemann installs newly elected SCSSAR officers via Zoom from Orlando, Florida, where he was attending the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. [Photo by Eric Barnhill]

## 2022 Annual Meeting: Election of Officers

Election of officers is the highlight of our Annual Meeting. This year was no exception as the nominating committee chairman, Dan Woodruff, presented the nominees approved by the Board of Governors and offered several amendments to accommodate changes desired by the candidates. All amendments were approved by unanimous consent.

With no nominations from the floor, the President followed State Bylaws, which allow a voice vote (rather than ballot vote) on uncontested nominations. With a loud vote of “aye” with no objection, the 2022 nominees became State Officers elect. President-elect Lawrence Peebles addressed the assembly with his incoming State President’s remarks.

After the lunch recess the South Atlantic District Vice President General Pat Niemann was able to join us via Zoom from

Orlando, Florida, where he was attending the FLSSAR Annual Meeting. VPG Niemann installed newly elected President Lawrence Peebles, Senior Vice President Ted Walker, and all other State Officers present. Those installed were:

- President: Lawrence Peebles
  - Senior Vice President: Ted Walker
  - Secretary: Mark Mann
  - Treasurer: Gordon McCay
  - Midlands Vice President: Walter Witherspoon
  - Piedmont Vice President: Rick Morris
  - Upstate Vice President: Eric Barnhill
  - Registrar: Bill Wilson
  - Recording Secretary: Peter Widell
- After his installation, past President David Smith presented President Peebles with the State President’s neck ribbon and medallion, the State Gavel, and the

traditional book *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the Revolution*, written and donated by Compatriot Bobby Gilmore Moss in 1984. This book has been passed from SCSSAR outgoing President to the new President for 38 years. Congratulations President Peebles!

The actual meeting minutes, including all business conducted, will be available on the SCSSAR website after they are corrected at the July BOG meeting. Amendments to the by-laws were referred back to committee.



Dan Woodruff (left) and Greg Ohanesian



**COLOR GUARD MEDAL** — From left: SCSSAR President David Smith, Ted Walker, Pete Widell, Gray Bobo and Color Guard Commander Dan Woodruff.

**Photos by  
Eric Barnhill  
and Ted Walker**



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# 2022 Annual Awards Banquet

The State Society held its annual awards banquet May 13 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Columbia with 50 compatriots and guests in attendance. This year, the youth awards and SAR member awards were presented during the same two hour event.

The SC SAR was honored to have the SC DAR Vice Regent, Mrs. Alice Caskey, bring greetings on behalf of DAR. Also, both the State President and the Senior State President of the SC Children of the American Revolution, Grey Bobo and Mrs. Gina Bobo, brought greetings on behalf of the S.C.S.C.A.R.

Nine Compatriots received special recognition. Clyde Howell from the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter, was the newest member in attendance.

The following compatriots in attendance were recognized for their length of membership. Ralph Welton from the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, active for 20 years. Rev. Ted Morton, from the Cambridge Chapter, an active member for 22 years. Woody Carothers, from the Godfrey Dreher Chapter, a Compatriot for almost 26 years. Rick Corbett, from the Thomas Taylor Chapter, a member for 29 years. Doug Doster, from the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, also a member for 29 years. Jim Wyrosdick, from the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, a Compatriot for 34 years. Greg Ohanesian, from the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter, a Compatriot for 46 years.

The winner of the Silver SAR Good Citizenship Medal was also the guest speaker, Eric Barns. A retired police detective sergeant, Eric's podcast "Historyman1781 blog," is the platform for historians, authors and museum directors to tell their stories of the American Revolution to the world. It has an audience in all 50 states, and more than 35 countries. Each 20 to 30 minute episode is geared to the Revolutionary War enthusiast, especially those interested in the Southern Campaigns.

Youth Contest awards began with Samuel Rodekohr from Laurens as the winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orator Contest. Samuel delivered his outstanding and well received oration to the audience.

Matthew Larkby from Hilton Head Island, the winner of the George and Stella Knight Essay Contest, could not attend. Eagle Scout William Brock received the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest award, which was presented by committee chairman Coby Alexander.

Compatriot Rick Corbett, chairman of the Theodore Roosevelt Morton Jr. SC SAR Scholarship contest, presented this year's scholarship to J Bobo from Indian Land, the past State President of the S.C.S.C.A.R.

President Smith presented three awards. The Lydia Darragh Medal to his wife, Dr. Martha Girz. The SAR Medal of Appreciation posthumously to Sherilyn Woodruff, which was received by her husband Dan Woodruff. He also presented the State's second highest award, the State Distinguished Service Medal, to Compatriot Jim Wyrosdick, on behalf of past president Nat Kaminski, and to Compatriot Lawrence Peebles as his selectee. Only one medal can be awarded per year by the State President.

Color Guard Commander Dan Woodruff presented the Bronze SAR Color Guard Medal to Compatriots Grey Bobo, Ted Walker and Peter Widell. Other SAR awards were presented at this event and at the Annual Meeting.

Silver Children of the American Revolution, SAR Appreciation Medal — Compatriots Ted Walker, Peter Widell, Douglas Doster and Daniel Woodruff.

Silver Roger Sherman Medal — Compatriots David Desmarais, Mark Mann, Walter Witherspoon and Tom Hanson.

State Meritorious Service Medal — Compatriots Gordon McCay, Mark Mann, Bill Wilson and David Desmarais.

Patriot Medal, the highest medal a state can award, was presented by Ted Morton, Patriot Medal Committee Chairman, to James Wyrosdick and Mark Mann.



J Bobo (right) past State President of the S.C.S.C.A.R., receives the Theodore Roosevelt Morton Jr. SC SAR Scholarship, from Chairman Rick Corbett (center), and State President David Smith.



Samuel Rodekohr  
Winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh  
Historical Orator Contest.



**EAGLE SCOUT AWARD** — Eagle Scout William Brock receives the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest award from committee chairman Coby Alexander (right) and President David Smith.

**SCSSAR President David Smith (right) presents awards.**



**Dan Woodruff**  
Silver C.A.R. SAR Medal of Appreciation



**Peter Widell**  
Silver C.A.R. SAR Medal of Appreciation



**Doug Doster, Silver C.A.R. SAR Medal of Appreciation**



**Ted Walker**  
Silver C.A.R. SAR Medal of Appreciation



**Gordon McCay**  
State Meritorious Service Medal



**Bill Wilson**  
State Meritorious Service Medal



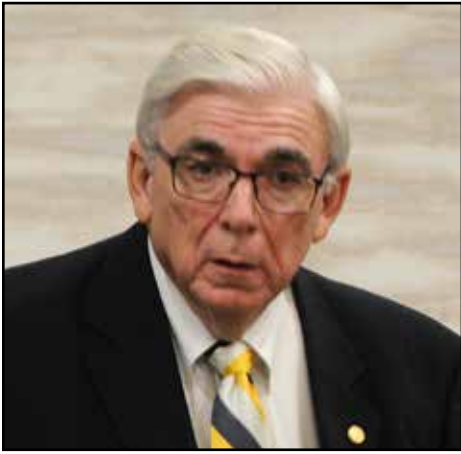
**James Wyrosdick**  
State Meritorious Service Medal



**Dave Desmarais**  
State Meritorious Service Medal



**Mark Mann**  
State Meritorious Service Medal



**Joe Babb**  
SCSSAR 250th Committee



**Eric Barnhill**  
Upstate Vice President



**Rick Morris**  
Piedmont Vice President



**Dave Desmarais**  
Silver Roger Sherman Medal



**Mark Mann**  
Silver Roger Sherman Medal



**Walter "Buddy" Witherspoon**  
Silver Roger Sherman Medal



**Mrs. Gina Bobo**  
Senior President SC C.A.R.



**Alice Caskey**  
Vice Regent SC DAR



**Ralph Welton**

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*“A republic if you can keep it.” — Benjamin Franklin*

# 2022 Annual Memorial Service

At our SCSSAR annual meeting Compatriot Rev. Ted Morton conducted a moving memorial service for our departed Compatriots.

**T. Stephen Melvin**, June 12, 2021, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter.

**Jason H. Stevens MD**, June 18, 2021, Dr. George Moss Chapter.

**Robert Alexander Spain**, July 5, 2021, Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter.

**Ty William Childs**, July 20, 2021, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.

**Patrick Augustus Givens**, July 21, 2021, Lt. Col. Thomas Lynch Chapter.

**Robert Hotchkiss Breckinridge**, Aug. 15, 2021, Dr. George Moss Chapter.

**William Webster Miller**, Sept. 18, 2021, Cambridge Chapter.

**Christopher Marsh Golden**, Oct. 8, 2021, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.



**Rev. Ted Morton Jr.**

**William Haynsworth Bull**, Oct. 20, 2021, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter.

**Philip Samuel Adair**, Dec. 19, 2021, Gen. James Williams Chapter.

**Alexander Robert Whan**, Jan. 16, 2022, Dr. George Moss Chapter.

**John L. Marker**, Jan. 23, 2022, Maj. Robert Crawford Chapter.

**Wayne B. Richey**, Jan. 28, 2022, Cambridge Chapter.

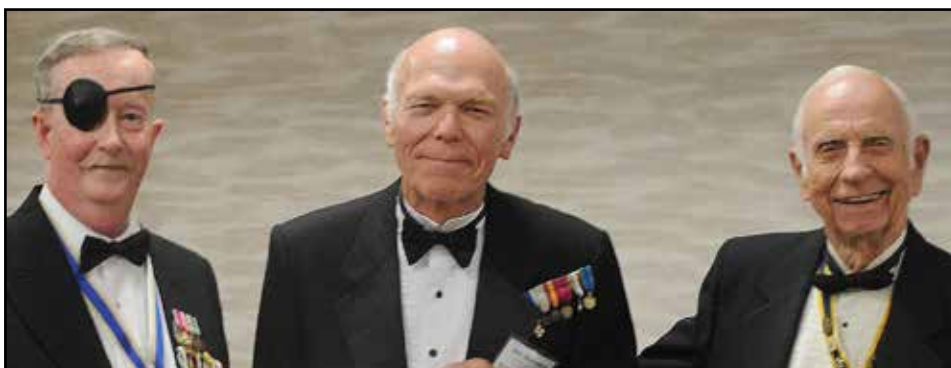
**David Keener Summers Jr.**, Feb. 26, 2022, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter.

**Jerry Arthur Knight**, March 14, 2022, Maj. Robert Crawford Chapter.



President David Smith (right) presents the SAR Medal of Appreciation posthumously to Sherilyn Woodruff, which was received by her husband Dan Woodruff.

## Patriot Medal



James Wyrosdick (center) receives Patriot Medal from President David Smith (left) and Ted Morton.



**SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL** – Eric Barnes, guest speaker and host of “Historyman1781 blog,” receives the Silver SAR Good Citizenship Medal from President David Smith (left) and Doug Doster.



Mark Mann (center) receives Patriot Medal from President David Smith (left) and Ted Morton.

# Annual Meeting



From left: Pete Widell, Linda Walker, Belinda Byars and Neel Flannagan.



William Allgood shoots video of the conference.



Molly Fortune  
SC Sestercentennial Commission

***“To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.”***

**George Washington**

## Cambridge Chapter JROTC Award

***“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers — and it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerce — and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution — and it was not there.***

***Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.”***

**Alexis de Tocqueville**



GREENWOOD — Awards Day for the Greenwood High School JROTC Eagle Battalion signals the approaching end of another year of academic study, drills and service.

Battalion Commander Cadet Colonel Joel Booraem receives the Cambridge Chapter SAR Award presented by John Cooper, President of Cambridge Chapter. Cadet Major Zoe Scott (Deputy Battalion Commander) and Cadet Captain Whitney Brown (Battalion Adjutant) stand at attention and observe as the award is presented.

Nineteen Awards were presented by representatives of area patriotic and mili-

tary organizations to Cadets selected by the JROTC staff according to criteria cited in the awards.

LTC Curtis Laymon, U.S. Army (Retired), Senior Army Instructor and Master Sergeant Montie Albert, U.S. Army (Retired), Army Instructor, presented Battalion Awards for Academic Excellence and Achievement as well as outstanding service with the Rifle Team, Drill Team, Flag Detail and other year-long performance in Battalion activities.

[Photo by Cambridge Chapter Secretary Richard A. Morris]



# Midlands Chapters Honor Founding Compatriots at Grave-Marking Service

COLUMBIA — Under the auspices of the State Society Grave Marking Committee, two Midlands chapters, Col. Thomas Taylor of Columbia and Godfrey Dreher of Lexington, dedicated compatriot grave markers honoring three founding members of the society Friday, May 13, at Columbia’s First Presbyterian Church.

Scheduled to precede the State Society’s Annual Membership Meeting, 45 members and guests honored the memory of Fitz William McMaster, Fitz Hugh McMaster and Rufus Newton Lowrance, who joined with 18 other men of substance in founding the South Carolina Society on April 18, 1889.

Guests included Gov. Henry McMaster, great-great nephew and great nephew of F.W. and F.H. McMaster; his wife, First Lady, Peggy McMaster; and brother, William McMaster. President David Smith represented the State Society, and his son, “and driver,” Joseph Smith represented the SC Society Children of the American Revolution. Vice Regent, Alice Lamb Caskey, graced the event on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Other SCSSAR leaders attending included Senior Vice President Ted Walker, Piedmont Regional Vice President Rick Morris, Upstate Regional Vice President Eric Barnhill, Bucky Haas, Genealogist, and Bill Wilson, Registrar and President of the co-hosting Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

Godfrey Dreher Chaplain Henry Ham delivered the ceremony’s invocation, and Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter President Chip Griffin led the ensemble in pledges to our national, state, and SAR flags.

Midlands Regional Vice President, Walter “Buddy” Witherspoon presented greetings from the State Society and led attendees in reciting the American Creed. Gov. McMaster addressed the membership, recounting his family’s memories of the founding compatriots and their contributions to the State and the Society.

State Society Grave Marking Committee Chairman Ralph Welton, and Regional Vice President Buddy Witherspoon, conducted the ceremonial dedication of markers for grave sites of the three founders, followed by Chaplain Ham’s benediction and the SAR recessional.

After the ceremony, members toured the church’s historic graveyard, where rest our Compatriots, numerous Revolutionary War heroes, veterans of later conflicts, gov-



Gov. Henry McMaster (front row, fourth from left), and his wife, Peggy, with SCSSAR officials and others at Columbia’s First Presbyterian Church.

ernors, statesmen, the parents of President Woodrow Wilson, and many others who left their marks on American history.

The chapters and the State Grave Marking Committee especially appreciate the ef-

forts of Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter Vice President Rusty DePass, and the generosity of Dr. Derek Thomas and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church in providing its beautiful Smith Chapel for the service.



From left: Deborah Reece Blanpied, NSDAR, SCSSAR Senior Vice President Ted Walker, Gov. Henry McMaster and Pete Wildell, Henry Laurens Chapter.



Buddy Witherspoon  
Midlands Vice President

***We Recognize No Sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus!***

**John Adams**



SCSSAR Senior Vice President Ted Walker (left) and Pete Wildell, SCSSAR Recording Secretary.

# David Smith — President's Report: Annual Meeting 2022

*Joseph Glavitsch, President of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter: A responsibility that I have is that of a delegate to the state quarterly meetings to represent our chapter. This past Saturday I attended the annual SCSSAR meeting in Columbia.*

*The outgoing President, David Smith, opened the meeting with an address to the delegates.*

*I was impressed with the points that he made, and I wanted to share his address with you. At my request he sent it to me, and I forward it to you unedited. I hope you will read it and find it as informative and interesting as I did.*

Regards,  
Joe Glavitsch  
President

Col. Robert Anderson Chapter



David Smith

## President David Smith

First, I want to thank those men who served at my request as committee chairmen and committee members. Thank you, to those men who volunteer above the duties of their office to facilitate our meetings. I specifically mention David Desmarais and Bill Wilson. And thanks to Buddy Witherspoon and the men of the Midlands Region for manning our registration table.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as the State President of an organization as important as the Sons of the American Revolution.

Our State Society has increased in membership since January of 2021 when we had 741 members. Today we have 811 members, and many applications for membership in South Carolina are being worked on by Chapter, State and National Genealogists and Registrars.

Over the past couple of years the average age of a new applicant to the South Carolina Society has been 59 years old.

***They reduce the sacrifice and bravery of our patriots into a quest for evil oppression, and they've turned monuments of honor and remembrance into rubble and disgrace. They strike from our public buildings the names of our founding heroes — Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Washington, Patrick Henry and others. And in many of the public schools and universities, our children are taught that their country was built on a foundation of evil, and that our founders cannot be honored, because they were intrinsically bad people.***

The average age of one of our members is 66 years old. Our oldest two members are 101, Compatriots Tom Pigott and Ray Willeford.

We have 20 Chapters in our State Society, divided among five Regions, and overseen by five Regional Vice Presidents. Our largest Chapter is the Major General William Moultrie Chapter in Charleston with 117 members. Our smallest Chapter is Lt. Col. Thomas Lynch here in Columbia with nine members.

The most elderly Chapter is on Hilton Head Island. In the Dr. George Moss Chapter, 37 percent of the members are more than 80 years old. The average age of a Chapter President is 63 years. We have 17

State Officer positions, the average age of a State Officer is 70.

Over the course of the three meetings held this past year, the State Society's primary governing body, the Board of Governors, or BOG, voted on 14 new items of business. In addition, the Board looked at existing motions that had been previously adopted in years past; three of those were amended, and three were rescinded, or struck down. This past year saw more items of business concluded at three meetings than in any other year in the past 14 years, as recorded in meeting minutes.

The importance of this is that a motion or resolution adopted by the BOG is binding upon the State Society, and it must be complied with unless it is amended or re-

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scinded by the Board of Governors, or at an Annual Meeting. Or, if it is in violation of our State or National Bylaws, or State or Federal Law.

Further, no future motion can be made that conflicts with a previously adopted motion until that previous motion is rescinded or amended. If the BOG adopts a motion that some "thing" must be done, then the job of the State President and State Officers is to ensure that that "thing" either gets done, or if the "thing" turns out to be unworkable or stupid, that the adopted motion is rescinded or amended.

An adopted motion represents the will of a majority of our Membership, and a State President or State Officer cannot simply ignore that decision. It can be brought back for another vote, and changed or thrown out, but the will of the membership can't simply be ignored.

This is why it is vital to the interest of the Chapter to have your Chapter represented, and for your representatives to be vocal at BOG meetings. Every Chapter has two members of the BOG. One is the elected Chapter President, the other is anyone the Chapter wants to send as the second member. If they are both there, then your Chapter gets two votes. If the elected President isn't there, then you just lost one of the two people who can vote.

If five people from a Chapter come to

a BOG meeting, but the elected President isn't there, then the Chapter only gets the one vote of their single delegate. No one else from the Chapter can vote in place of the elected President. To get two votes at a Board of Governors Meeting, the Chapter needs their elected President and their delegate. The reason is obvious, the Chapter President knows the most about the needs and desires of his Chapter and the members.

Now, on to the last topic.

You may not have noticed, but our country seems to be changing rather quickly, in ways that you find surprising. As we watch, a vocal minority of our population is falsely turning wrong into right. Our founding men and women who, throughout our history, have been held in esteem and honor are now cursed. They are trying to turn our founding fathers into malignancies.

They reduce the sacrifice and bravery of our patriots into a quest for evil oppression, and they've turned monuments of honor and remembrance into rubble and disgrace. They strike from our public buildings the names of our founding heroes — Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Washington, Patrick Henry and others. And in many of the public schools and universities, our children are taught that their country was built on a foundation of evil, and that our founders cannot be honored, because they were intrinsically bad people.

This past year our South Carolina Society rejected these ideas and passed a resolution honoring our founders, and all edifices memorializing these great men. We called on the National Society to follow suit and pass a similar resolution.

No matter, our State Society continues its original work started in 1889. We mark the graves and remember Revolutionary War patriots and those men who founded our State Society, and we mark the graves and remember our deceased fellow compatriots.

Every year, for over 100 years, South Carolina SAR assembles at Revolutionary War sites throughout the state to remember, to talk about, and commemorate what happened nearly 250 years ago. We honor the men and women who advanced our cause of liberty, and we don't dwell on the speculation of what they could have done differently.

We honor our nation's flag and give certificates to families and organizations that fly it properly and with pride. We give medals and awards to our fellow citizens who excel as public servants in fire departments, law enforcement, and emergency

medicine; or who demonstrate important acts of outstanding citizenship within our great state.

We sponsor state-wide school competitions and give our money to the young people who win contests directly related to the truth of our founding story. We also recognize the public or private school teacher

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who best teaches the Revolutionary era to their students.

Scouting is also recognized, with the State Society honoring the winner of our Eagle Scout contest.

We honor military service and recognize all compatriots who served our country in the Armed Forces. They wear the fourth highest award that the Sons of the American Revolution can present.

We carry that honor of military service to the college and high school Reserve Officer Training Programs by recognizing the

top cadet in R.O.T.C. or J.R.O.T.C. programs around the state.

The South Carolina State Society is growing, and as we quickly march to our Nation's 250th anniversary my forecast is for accelerated growth as we participate in ever increasing anniversary events throughout the state.

I encourage the State and Chapters to take full advantage of this opportunity by simply spreading the word of what we stand for, and letting the public know what we do. We need to be prepared to answer the questions of interested citizens wherever we may be, and we need to stand ready to process an influx of new applications.

Every member of our Society should have great pride in their Patriot lineage, and great pride in being a Compatriot in the South Carolina Sons of the American Revolution.

***The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among old parchments or musty records. They are written, as with a sun beam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself, and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power.***

**Alexander Hamilton, 1775**

## **Winner of SC Knight Essay Award: Matthew Larkby**

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — On April 6, a check for \$500 was presented to Matthew Larkby, the South Carolina State winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Award.

The Knight Essay Contest was originally established and named in honor of President Calvin Coolidge, who won a local essay contest while a student at Amherst. The contest was reestablished by Compatriot McCarthy DeMere. In 1995, the contest was renamed the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest in honor of their generous gift to the SAR to support this contest.

Matthew was represented by the Dr. George Mosse Chapter on Hilton Head Island. The topic of his essay was the "Battle of Sullivan's Island." He is a senior at



From left: Past President Jim Robinson, Matthew Larkby and President Atlee C. Compher. [Photo by Paul Walter, Past President]

Hilton Head Island High School and will attend Clemson University in the fall. He will enroll in the Physical Therapy program. *Atlee Compher.*

## Mount Ariel Chapter NSDAR Hosts America 250 Program for Greenwood Area

GREENWOOD — The Mount Ariel Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has taken the lead in sponsoring an “America 250” program in the Greenwood area with a marker dedication service, May 24.

With Greenville Presbyterian Church Cemetery as the setting, Chapter Regent Helen Nazzaro presided. This cemetery, exceptionally well-maintained by the church, is located on the Donalds Highway between Greenwood and Donalds.

Thirty-five Revolutionary War Patriots are interred at Greenville Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Over the period 1775 to 1783, 75 members of the church left home to serve in the War for Independence. As the Cambridge Chapter SAR Secretary

read the names of the Patriots interred in the cemetery, Mount Ariel DAR member Laurie Morris, rang the bell for each Patriot.

A dedication and unveiling of the Historic Marker was conducted by Bonnibel Moffat, State Regent, SC Society NSDAR, and Virginia Kelly, Historian for the Mount Ariel Chapter.

A letter from SC Governor Henry McMaster, was read by Dianne T. Culbertson, Past State Regent of the SC Society and a Past Vice President General of the National Society DAR. A Resolution from the Joint Session of the SC House and Senate was presented by Senator Mike Gambrell.

Other highlights of the Program included a Proclamation from the Town of Donalds. The audience witnessing the ceremony participated by reciting Pledges to the American and SC Flags, singing the National Anthem led by DAR Member Katie Whatley and the singing of the first stanza of “Faith of our Fathers.”

The SC Society 250 Committee, under the leadership of Compatriot Joe Babb, is meeting regularly as plans to develop similar programs progress for commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America. The key role played in the American Revolution by South Carolina provides real-life drama for this historical narrative.



Right photo, from left: Neel Flannagan, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, Frank Rauach and David Twigg of the Henry Laurens Chapter, Ted Walker, SCSSAR Senior Vice President, and Richard Morris, Piedmont Region Vice President at an America 250 ceremony in Donalds, South Carolina.



*“[Independence Day] will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not.”*

John Adams, The Letters of John and Abigail Adams

## Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Poster Contest Winner

BEAUFORT — On May 18, Troy Krapf, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Education Chairman, and President Mike Monahan met with Coosa Elementary School fourth grader Maeve Caroline Sanders to present her the SAR Americanism Poster Contest Certificate of Appreciation.

Miss Sanders was presented a check for \$25 in honor of her poster on “The Battle of Cowpens” being selected the Chapter’s top poster for the 2022 school year. Compatriot Krapf contacted six local schools to participate in this year’s renewal of the program. Additionally, her teacher, Mrs. Marjorie Isley, was presented an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for her encouragement of class participation.



TSgt Dana Baca of Emerald High School with John Cooper, President of the Cambridge Chapter, after TSgt Baca received the SAR Award for “outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence.” Sergeant Baca has served the Viking Battalion as Commander of the Raider Team. Awards Day Programs are held annually near the end of the academic year in high schools with Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps units. Chief Master Sergeant James Blakley, Instructor, coordinated the program for this year’s JROTC Awards at Emerald High School. [Photo by Richard Morris, Cambridge Chapter Secretary]

# Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Presents JROTC Awards

BEAUFORT — Col. Harold Mills, USAF Ret., Chairman of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Military Awards, was busy in April and May obtaining and preparing medals and certificates for this year's return to schools to present the SAR JROTC Award.

The Chapter supports seven schools in three lowcountry counties, Beaufort, Colleton and Hampton. Beaufort County recipients were Army Cadet 1st Sgt. Bryan Velasquez of Bluffton High School; Air Force Cadet Airman 1st Class Ian Szczeppek of Beaufort High School; Marine Corps Cadet Staff Sgt. Quaeshawn Fields of Whale Branch High School; and Marine Corps Cadet 1st Lt. Gatlin Rossi of Battery Creek High School.

Colleton High School recipient was Navy Cadet Seaman Apprentice Layla Bodison; and Hampton County recipients were Estill High School Army Cadet Lt. Col. Kenya A. Figueroa and Wade Hampton High School Navy Cadet Lt. Leonardo Morris. *Jody Henson.*



Army Cadet 1st Sgt. Bryan Velasquez (left) of Bluffton High School and Col. Harold Mills.



Marine Corps Cadet Staff Sgt. Quaeshawn Fields (right) of Whale Branch High School with Senior Military Instructor Maj. Marvin Goodwin (left)



Marine Corps Cadet 1st Lt. Gatlin Rossi (left) of Battery Creek High School and Col. Harold Mills.

***“For history does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid.”***

## JROTC Bronze Medal



**Atlee C. Compher and Cadet Benjamin Gutierrez [Photo by Mary Ann Compher]**

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — On April 27, Atlee C. Compher, President of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter, presented the Bronze JROTC Bronze Medal, Certificate and check for \$200 to Naval Cadet Benjamin Gutierrez, a student of Naval Science Two at Hilton Head Island High School.

This medal is given to a cadet showing a high degree of leadership qualities, military bearing and all-around excellence in the NJROTC program.

***“Okay, Let’s Go,” when Gen. Eisenhower made the decision for the invasion of Normandy and D-Day.***

**President and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower SAR Member**

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

**Benjamin Franklin**

## Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

BLUFFTON — Bluffton High School in Beaufort County conducted its annual JROTC Awards and Achievement program in the school auditorium April 29.

Col. Harold Mills (USAF Ret), Chairman of Military Awards for Beaufort's Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, was there to honor Army Cadet 1SG Bryan Velasquez with the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal. Cadet Velasquez, a rising senior, was selected by the school's Senior Army Instructor, Col. (Retired) Thomas F. Foster USA, for his "Leadership, Soldierly Bearing and Excellence." [Photo submitted by the School JROTC Department] *Jody Henson.*



# The Road from Burdell's Plantation to Eutaw Springs

By Charles B. Baxley

Gen. Nathaniel Greene had accomplished the unthinkable as he slowly moved-out his Southern Department Continentals, augmented by militias and state troops from South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia at 4 a.m. on Sept. 8, 1781.

Greene camped only seven miles from the British camp at Eutaw Springs undetected. The Americans moved quietly southeastwards along the Santee River Road (Old Number Six Highway). The first three and one-half miles passed without incident. Greene paused his march and issued refreshments to his troops. A gill of rum to fortify their spirits as they marched towards certain battle at Eutaw Springs.

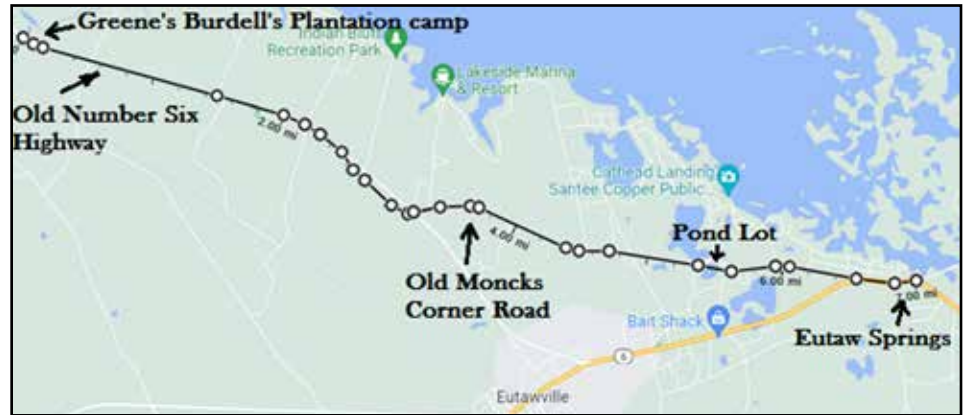
As Greene's army got underway again. A troop of red-coated cavalry followed by light infantry soon appeared in the road ahead. This was British Lt. Col. Alexander Stewart's first patrol in response to two American deserters telling Stewart that Greene was on his way to attack Stewart's camp.

Maj. John Coffin's 50 Volunteers of New York cavalry quickly charged into Greene's van, not realizing that they were the head of Greene's whole army. The British patrol was met by Lt. Col. Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion infantry leading Greene's army. The clash in the road was quickly joined by two American units which were riding out of sight on each flank of Greene's advance, "a trap" as it was later described.

Within a few minutes this opening skirmish of the Battle of Eutaw Springs was over. The Americans had killed five British cavalymen and Light Infantry soldiers and captured 40 more. The remaining British cavalry and their Provincial Light Infantry escaped to harass Greene's forward movement and to report their findings to a surprised Col. Stewart.

The Americans again started their move southeast to the British camp at Eutaw Springs. The noise of the initial skirmish attracted the attention of over 300 British soldiers who were detailed out of camp earlier to forage for sweet potatoes planted by farmers along the Santee River. Food supplies were low in Stewart's camp. About 200 of these foragers came running towards the sound of battle and were quickly rounded up by Greene's extensive cavalry.

With 240 British prisoners without losing a single man, this was a great American victory before the main battle was joined. Greene moved his prisoners to his rear, back to Burdell's Plantation. At three miles



Gen. Nathanael Greene's seven mile march east towards battle at Eutaw Springs, now drivable route from John Burdell's Plantation on Mill Creek, near Vance, SC, east along Old Number 6 Highway, then on Old Moncks Corner Road to Eutaw Springs. [Map excerpt courtesy of Google maps].

from the British camp, Greene lost the element of surprise.

Greene's army resumed its march east towards Eutaw Springs on what is now called the Moncks Corner Road. In about a mile and one-half the road dipped into a dry depression, typical of the topography of the area.

This area is underlain by a layer of limestone, often referred to as Charleston marl. Limestone is easily dissolved by slightly acid water which forms caves, caverns and underground streams. These underground features often collapse into bowl-shaped landforms.

After the engineers first closed the new Santee Cooper dams and the waters began to rise in Lake Marion in 1941, underground streams in the porous limestone backfilled many of these depressions including the depression Greene moved across on his way to attack the now-alarmed Stewart. The trace of the colonial era road can now be seen entering the pond on its west side and exiting of the east side as the modern alignment of the road takes a bow-shaped detour around the pond.

This site and pond will become a part of the SC Liberty Trail's interpretation of the Battle of Eutaw Springs. It is amazing that the colonial road system is extant so tourists can walk in the actual steps of the American Army approaching the Battle. In places along Greene's route this road is still a one-lane dirt road, lined with great oak trees as it would have been in 1781.



Lilly pad covered pond in the background. Cleaning off the pond property started March 30 on the Moncks Corner Road northeast of Eutawville. Members of the newly formed Eutaw Springs Battleground Association, Tom Connor, Harold Donnelly and Doug Doster with David Reuwer of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust made a dent in the job. It is beautiful property owned by the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust as a part of the new SC Liberty Trail. We are told that there are alligators in the pond. [Photo by Doug Doster]

The Eutaw Springs Battleground Association is looking for new members who are interested in helping develop and maintain this often forgotten battleground. For more information please contact Doug Doster at (803) 747-2111 or [dosterdouglas@gmail.com](mailto:dosterdouglas@gmail.com).

# Henry Laurens Chapter

AIKEN — The Henry Laurens Chapter SCSSAR, the Daughters of the American Revolution and Southern Campaign 1780 Liberty Live hosted a Revolutionary War living history day March 18 at Aiken High School for more than 850 students to see, touch, feel, smell and learn about American history.

Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region, was the event coordinator along with Andrew McCaskill, school liaison. This event was a great example of local, state and school partnerships coming together to provide a great day for Aiken High School Students.

Video: <https://youtube/RweUaRfcG6M>



## William Stroud Society C.A.R.



**C.A.R. MEETING** — From left: Neel Flannagan, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region, Alex Walker Vice President of the William Stroud Society C.A.R., Kelly Widell, William Stroud Society member C.A.R., Karl Widell, William Stroud Society member C.A.R., Pete Widell, Henry Laurens Chapter member, John Verenes, William Stroud Society member C.A.R., and Will Verenes, President of the William Stroud Society C.A.R. [Photo by Robin Verenes]



Ted Walker, SCSSAR Senior Vice President and Past President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, participated in the Frederica Naval Action Patriot Day April 16 at Saint Simons Island, Georgia.

The event was an NSSAR National event sponsored by the Georgia Sons of the American Revolution. Ted participated in the Color Guard, Musket Salute, wreath ceremony and marched in the Patriots Day parade. The event was attended by President General Davis L. Wright, and SAR members from Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, NSDAR and C.A.R. members and members from many other organizations.

The event included guest speaker Jim Sawgrass, Muskogee Creek Descent / historian, wreath presentation with several NJROTC units as part of the ceremony, a mock battle with musket fire / canon battle with British ship returning fire and ending with a combined parade around the town.

Ted Walker Vice President of the Piedmont Region, Neel Flannagan, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and Pete Widell attended the William Stroud Society of the Children of the American Revolution

March 6 Meeting held in Aiken. Ted gave a presentation on muskets of the American Revolution era and demonstrated the loading and firing procedure for his Brown Bess.



# Chapter Capsules

## News items from SCSSAR chapters

### Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter

At their Wednesday, March 9 Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter meeting in Santee, S.C., Compatriots William Suggs, Chapter President, and Gary Blackford, Chapter Secretary, were presented the NSSAR Marquis de Lafayette Volunteerism Medal and Certificate with four Oak Leaf Clusters. This award from the national office was for their assistance in transcribing application records for the Patriot Research System.



From left: James Wyrosdick, National Trustee for the SCSSAR; William Suggs, President of the Eutaw Springs Chapter; Gary Blackford, Secretary of the Eutaw Springs Chapter; and Douglas Doster, SCSSAR Historian.



From left: Gary Blackford, Secretary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter; cutout of Maj. Gen. Nathanael Green; and Rick Wise, Historian, S.C. Battleground Preservation Trust. Compatriot Blackford secured the cutout of Maj. Gen. Greene to use as an announcement poster for the Eutaw Springs Chapter meetings and other functions.

***“THESE are the times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”***

**Thomas Paine**

## George Washington’s 1791 visit to South Carolina

### Pine House Memorial Rededication

AIKEN — Ted Walker, SCSSAR Senior Vice President, Neel Flannagan, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and Nicholas Ward, Secretary of the Henry Laurens Chapter attended a May 21 ceremony sponsored by the Trenton Chapter NSDAR and the Edgefield Historical Society celebrating George Washington visit to Piney Woods house in 1791.

The Edgefield County Historical Society has assisted the Trenton Chapter in moving the 1927 historical monument to a more suitable location in front of the Pine House.

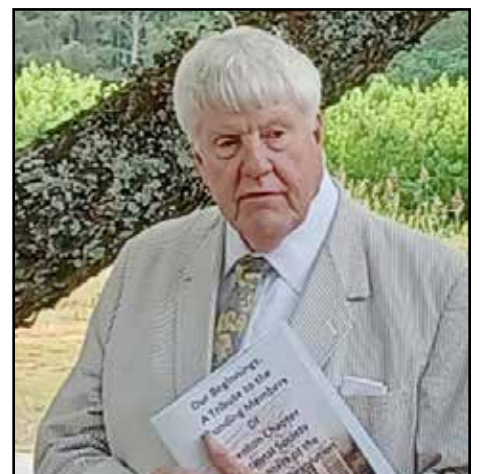


Ted Walker (left), SCSSAR Senior Vice President, and Neel Flannagan, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter.



Trenton Chapter NSDAR

***The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people. — George Washington***



Bettis C. Rainsford  
Master of Ceremonies



## Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter kicked off 2022 March 11 with the Chapter's first Quarterly Meeting held at the Traditions Restaurant on Marine Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina.

New Chapter President Mike Monahan welcomed the 32 Compatriots attending the luncheon meeting with an additional 27 guests there to hear featured speaker, Compatriot Bill Davies, discuss the plans of the 250 Anniversary American Revolution in South Carolina Commission.

The meeting itself was a dedication to our veteran members orchestrated by Secretary Col. Harold Mills, USAF Ret. starting with Vietnam Veteran Marine Lt. Col. Perry Gesell providing the Invocation.

The first order of business was to honor Vietnam Veteran Tom Case for his 20 years of service to the SAR, followed by War Service Medal presentations to Compatriots Robert DeLoach, World War II; Lt. Col. Perry Gesell, Vietnam; Hazen Culley, Desert Storm; Capt. Tom Sharkey, Special Operations; and Troy Krapf, Southwest Asia.

Military Service Medals were presented to Compatriots Craig Bowman, Claude Dinkins, Frank Gibson, Rob Pollard and Tom Wilson. Retired Army Infantry Officer Tom Oblak, a living historian with a commanding voice, appeared in a vintage Revolutionary War Marine uniform to inform the attendees of a living history program to be held at the Beaufort Historic Arsenal the following morning by the 5th Company,



Gov. Paul Hamilton's oldest active member, Robert DeLoach, 95, with President Mike Monahan receiving his SAR War Service Medal for World War II service. [Photo by Don Starkey]

4th South Carolina Regiment, Rev. War Artillery Demonstration Team.

Highlighting the afternoon was the installation of new chapter members John Thomas O'Quinn, whose ancestor was SC Declaration Signer Thomas Heyward Jr. and Capt. Tom Sharkey, USN Ret., descendant of Patriot Cyril Carpenter of Massachusetts. Navy Veterans Vice President Peter Somerville and Capt. Tom Sharkey ended the meeting respectfully with the SAR Recessional and Benediction. *Jody Henson.*



Gov. Paul Hamilton's most current Compatriot John Thomas O'Quinn Sr. (right) was installed March 11 by Chapter President Mike Monahan. His Patriot Ancestor is SC Declaration signer Thomas Heyward Jr. [Photo by Jody Henson]



Retired US Army Infantry Officer Tom Oblak of the S.C. Battleground Preservation Trust brings a commanding presence to the meeting in a Continental Marine uniform. [Photo by Jody Henson]

## Francis Marion Swamp Fox Symposium

We're working on the 19th Francis Marion/Swamp Fox Symposium, Oct. 21-22 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.

Phones: 803-478-2645, cells: 803-460-9626, 803-460-7416

Francis Marion Symposium: Oct 21-22, [www.francismarionsymposium.com](http://www.francismarionsymposium.com)

This changes the cost for lectures, Friday dinner theater, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner theater.

Price: \$95 (\$180 / couple) (or Early bird \$90/\$170 by Sept. 21. Send your registration checks. We will deposit your check after Oct. 10. No refunds after Oct 10.

Carole and George

***There, I guess King George will be able to read that.***

**John Hancock**

## Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

BEAUFORT — Past Chapter Presidents Joe Riddle and Jody Henson joined Chaplain Tom Burnett and Compatriot Wilson McElveen at the Beaufort History Museum March 12 for a Revolutionary War Living History day.

A demonstration team set up various stations for visitors to interact with demonstrators. Children and adults could drill with muskets, make candy musket cartridges, learn about Beaufort's contribution to the Revolutionary War, sit by a camp fire and experience military camp life, see what soldiers carried, how a doctor cared for wounded and sick soldier, or how to crew a cannon and fire it.

The SC Battleground Preservation Trust Revolutionary War Artillery Demonstration Team, or The 5th Company, 4th South Carolina Regiment (Artillery) is equipped with two, three-pounder grasshopper cannons and two coehorn mortars (owned by the Trust), and provides period volunteer crews and demonstrators.

The Demonstration Team's purpose is to educate, demonstrate and entertain to bring our fight for liberty to life. The Demonstration Team and volunteers support the SCBPT and the South Carolina 250th by being part of: public and private functions; historical events and commemorations. The crew can provide Liberty Event Support for Educational Program for schools, parades, historical events, military and veterans events, by providing the sights and sounds of the Revolutionary War.

Many Chapters might find this information interesting in working with educators and schools in their area to bring in this team of Living Historians from the South Carolina Battle Ground Trust group.

For more information, contact Tom Oblak at 952-454-4130 or email [cannons@scbattlegroundtrust.org](mailto:cannons@scbattlegroundtrust.org)

To learn more about the Team visit their Facebook page at 5th Company, 4th SC Regiment — Artillery Demonstration Team. *Jody Henson.*

Photos by Members of the Group

***May 29, 1765: On his 29th birthday, Patrick Henry denounces the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses, saying, "If this be treason, make the most of it!"***



### 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)

### 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 [edwlur@clermson.edu](mailto:edwlur@clermson.edu)

# 240th anniversary capture of Fort Watson

**By Douglas Doster, State Historian  
Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter**

FORT WATSON INDIAN MOUND SITE — George and Carole Summers organized a commemoration of the capture of Fort Watson from the British on the anniversary of the battle, April 23, 1781.

S.C. Battleground Preservation Trust member and Liberty Trail advisor, Rick Wise, gave a detailed account of the battle to the 20 or more attendees that morning. Monica Williams and her staff at the Santee National Wildlife Refuge assisted in the commemoration.

I announced to the attendees a tour that afternoon of the Fort Motte property owned by Luther Wannamaker of St. Matthews. He had invited James Legg, South Carolina Department of Archaeology, to give a talk on the excavation of Fort Motte that he and Dr. Steve Smith had done some years earlier. He also brought some artifacts from those digs as they are called. About 30 attended.



***The question is, not what rights naturally belong to man, but how they may be most equally and effectually guarded in society. — Roger Sherman***

**FORT MOTTE**  
*Strongly Fortified British Fort in a Key Location*

*Here, in early 1781 the British erected palisades and trenches around Rebecca Motte's large new home and required her to move to a cabin on Buckhead Hill.*

*To save lives she gladly gave metal fire arrows to ignite the roof of her home. Marion's cannon fire kept the British from extinguishing the flames and they were compelled to surrender.*



***Our country is in danger, but not to be despaired of. Our enemies are numerous and powerful; but we have many friends, determining to be free, and heaven and earth will aid the resolution. On you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important question, on which rest the happiness and liberty of millions yet unborn. Act worthy of yourselves.***

**Dr. Joseph Warren, M.D.  
Killed in Action  
Breed's Hill  
Battle of Bunker Hill  
June 17, 1775**

Photos by Doug Doster

# The 2022 Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship Program

BEAUFORT COUNTY — On Saturday, April 16, Col. Harold Mills, USAF Ret and Chairman of the Chapter's Eagle Scout Committee, participated in the Court of Honor for six new Eagle Scouts from Beaufort County.

The event, held at John Paul II Catholic School, was attended by many parents, siblings and grandparents in recognition of these young men and their Scout Leader Michael Brock, who had been with them from 2013 to 2021. Having been presented their Eagle Patches and scarves, each scout gave special pins to a parent in appreciation of their enduring support.

Col. Mills followed with SAR Certificates of Recognition and the SAR Eagle Patch, while notifying them of their option to compete for a local Chapter Scholarship and several National SAR Eagle Scout Scholarships of up to \$10,000.

Beaufort County's newest Eagle Scouts are Jacob Preston of Troop 101; and Jack Brock, Beau Cooper, Gordon Ivey, Clay Powell and David Shaw, all of Troop 200. *Jody Henson.*

Col. Harold Mills presents SAR Certificates of Recognition and the SAR Eagle Patch,



Jacob Preston



Gordon Ivey



Jack Brock



Clay Powell



Beau Cooper with his parents and Scout Master.



David Shaw

## Calendar of Events

June 11 10 to noon	241st anniversary Battle of the Star Fort	Ninety-Six
June 14	Flag Day	
June 14 1775	U.S. Army Formed	
July 4	Independence Day	
July 16 10 a.m.	Board of Governors	Columbia
Sept. 2-3	Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville

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

# Educational Outreach at Aiken High School

By Ted Walker,  
Piedmont Vice President

AIKEN — A Revolutionary War Living History reenactment took place at Aiken High School in honor of the upcoming 250th Anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence in 2026.

This event was organized by Ted Walker, Piedmont Region Vice President and Past President of the Henry Laurens Chapter; Jason A. Holt, Ed.D., Aiken High School Principal; and Andrew McCaskill school liaison.

Sponsors of this event were the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. We also had Liberty Live Southern Campaign 1780 and their educational display teams with living history programs.

Estimates included 800 to 900 students making their way through the various living history displays spread around the school's athletic practice field, manned by re-enactors from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, to bring such concepts as blacksmithing, artillery and corsets to life as they existed when such locations as Cowpens, Ninety-Six, Battle of Eutaw Springs and Camden became pivotal in the areas history.



Reenactors and presenters



Militia musket fire. [Photos by Andrew McCaskill]



Ted Walker talks to Aiken High School Students.

## Franklin Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer: June 6, 1944

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....

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.

They will be done, Almighty God.

# Aiken High School NJROTC



Ted Walker, Vice President of the Piedmont Region and Past President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, attended the Aiken High School NJROTC Change of Command / Awards Ceremony April 28 and presented the Bronze SAR Medal to NJROTC Cadet Commander Amari Tucker. [Photos by Neel Flannagan]

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

## Henry Laurens NJROTC Award



Ted Walker, SCSSAR Senior Vice President and Past President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, attended the Midland Valley High School NJROTC awards and change of command ceremony May 11. He presented the SAR Bronze medal to Cadet Adryan Henry in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles that motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors. [Photo by Linda Walker]

## Seneca High School JROTC Banquet



Eric Barnhill, President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, presents Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Drew Westmorland.



Felix Gravinio (left), Vice President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter), his wife Sally from the DAR and Eric Barnhill at Seneca High JROTC Banquet date?? [Photos by Henry Delacruz]

## Col. Robert Anderson Chapter



At the March 24 meeting of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, compatriots were awarded either the Military Service or War Service medal for their patriotic service in the U.S. Military. All Chapter veterans who wanted to receive the medal did so. On behalf of the chapter, President Glavitsch, a past recipient, made the presentations. Those honored and appearing are (from left) Dan McCullough, U.S. Army; David Bennett, U.S. Navy; Leonard Poe, U.S. Army; President Glavitsch, U.S. Army; George Lyda, U.S. Air Force; and Dr. John Payne, U.S. Army. David Greene, U.S. Air Force, will receive the medal when he returns from travel. [Photo by Treasurer Dan Patten]

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

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

Here are some pointers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

**From Benjamin Franklin to Samuel Cooper, May 15, 1781**

*Your excellent Sermon gave me abundance of Pleasure, and is much admired by several of my Friends who understand English. I purpose to get it translated & printed at Geneva at the End of a Translation of your new Constitution. Nothing could be happier than your Choice of a Text, & your Application of it. It was not necessary in New England where every body reads the Bible, and is acquainted with Scripture Phrases, that you should note the Texts from which you took them; but I have observed in England as well as in France, that Verses and Expressions taken from the sacred Writings, and not known to be such, appear very strange and awkward to some Readers; and I shall therefore in my Edition take the Liberty of marking the quoted Texts in the Margin. Read the rest at National Archives: Founding Fathers Online.*

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## Still Looking for Patriot Graves

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

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

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

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

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

<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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# Motions Adopted at the Feb. 19, 2022 Special Board or Governors Meeting

Taken from the minutes approved at the May 14, 2022 Annual Meeting. The meeting minutes are available for Compatriots to view on the SCSSAR website.

**1. Motion from the State Treasurer.** This motion allowed the State Treasurer to may payment on an unbudgeted purchase. "That the BOG authorize \$259.66 for 2022 Battle of Cowpens streamers that were ordered with the wrong date." Adopted by unanimous consent.

**2. Motion from the State Treasurer.** This motion amended the current State Budget. "That the 2022 budget be amended to include \$350 for Color Guard, and that the Recording Secretary & Historian 2022 budgets be reduced by \$250 & \$100 respectively." Adopted by unanimous consent.

**3. Motion from Executive Committee.** This motion established policy for the State Treasurer in issuing scholarship funds. "That the monetary award associated with the Theodore Roosevelt Morton, Jr. SCSSAR Scholarship be paid directly to an educational institution to which the recipient matriculates, and that these funds will be held by the Treasurer for up to 3 years allowing time for the winner to enroll in school." Adopted by unanimous consent.

**4. Motion from the Patriot Graves Committee.** This motion amended a previously adopted motion from the Octo-

ber 2017 BOG. "That the adopted motion from February 2017 concerning marking SC founding compatriot graves be amended to: Grave markings of the original SCSSAR members will be funded by the State Society. The Patriot Graves Committee Chairman, or his designee(s) will provide leadership for the SCSSAR Founders Grave Marking Project, working with the chapter(s) geographically nearest the founder grave site(s) to conduct the found-

er grave markings as soon as possible." Adopted by unanimous consent.

**5. Motion from Lawrence Peebles.** This motion effectively precludes consideration of Bylaws amendments at the 2022 Annual Meeting. "That the amendments proposed for adoption at the 2022 annual meeting be referred back to the Bylaws Committee." Adopted by unanimous consent.

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

**Thomas Jefferson**

**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>

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# 241st Anniversary of Buford's Massacre

**By Mandy J. Shaw**

On May 28, the National Society, the South Carolina Society and the General Francis Marion Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of Waxhaws, better known as Buford's Massacre, 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-two 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 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



[Photo by Jeffrey France]

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 public commemoration for the last 17 years and noted that this year's event drew more than 170 members of the public and S.A.R., D.A.R. and C.A.R. hail-

ing from many states, and included descendants of those buried at the site.

South Carolina State Senator Michael Johnson, NSSAR Vice President General South Atlantic District Patrick Niemann, SCSSAR President Lawrence Peebles, Virginia State President R. Bruce Meyer, and the SCSDAR Regent Ms. Bonnie Moffat were present and participated.



*I am still determind to be cheerful and to be happy in whatever situation I may be, for I have also learnt from experianence that the greater part of our happiness or misary depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances; we carry the seeds of the one, or the other about with us, in our minds, wherever we go.*

**Martha Washington**



*A patriot without religion in my estimation is as great a paradox as an honest Man without the fear of God. Is it possible that he whom no moral obligations bind, can have any real Good Will towards Men?*

**Abigail Adams**