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Sons of the American Revolution

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**243rd Anniversary
Battle of Cowpens**

Annual Meeting April 19-20 Camden

From the President's Desk

**Ted
Walker**

Many Goals Achieved

By Ted Walker
SCSSAR President

Hello fellow Compatriots
Spring has arrived!

My tenure as South Carolina Society State President will complete April 20 at our South Carolina Society annual meeting in Camden.

It has been my honor and privilege to partner and work with so many devoted State officers, Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairs and Members of our Society. Our Society, as a 'TEAM,' has achieved many goals and accomplishments since our last annual meeting. I am very proud of our Society. Permit me to highlight a few of the moments and achievements in our yearlong journey together.

When I was sworn into office, the South Carolina Society consisted of 20 South Carolina Chapters. We are now a Society of 24 Chapters. This is the first chapter expansion in many years. A 20 percent growth in one year, proves we are, once again, a vibrant, active and growing Society. This accomplishment, outstanding as it is, became a reality through the dedicated work of many compatriots, namely Buddy Witherspoon, Vice President for Chapter Formation, Thomas Blackman, Vice President Pee Dee Region, Mike Monahan, Vice President Low Country, Sonny Pittman, Senior Vice President, SCSSAR, Bill Wilson, Secretary, SCSSAR, and Jim Closson, Registrar, SCSSAR.

Congratulations to John Goodwin, President of the Joseph Kershaw Chapter, Camden; Jim Closson, President of the Thomas Heyward Chapter, Bluffton; Ed Richburg, President of the Fort Dorchester Chapter, Summerville; and Calvin Staudt Jr., President of the Burch's Mill Chapter, Florence. These chapter Presidents, and their chapter membership, join our seasoned chapters, and members, to make a stronger active Society. We are now positioned to move forward, toward the 250th

American Revolution celebration. These four new chapters will also improve the South Carolina Society's market presence, recruiting potential, community involvement, as well as, our ability to identify new Revolutionary Patriots, battles and commemorations. Well done to all!

In other achievements, Secretary Bill Wilson developed a new Excel based 2024 Dues Collection system, designed to improve our member dues collection contact and collection methodology in the South Carolina Society and its' member Chapters. The online system allowed the chapters, and the State Society, to share and monitor "real time/2024 dues collection data input." The result was a total Society team effort, with improved communications between the State Society and member chapters. Our following 2024 dues collection statistics support that conclusion.

A record 94 percent of our South Carolina Society members completed their dues fulfillment this year. A record 10 chapters completed 100 percent compatriot members' dues renewal. The positive 2024 dues collection process, conducted by the State Society and the Chapters, resulted in only 53 unpaid members statewide compared to 151 unpaid members statewide in the prior year. Thank you, Bill.

Another closely related membership growth and major accomplishment area was led by our new State Registrar, Jim Closson. Jim's years of experience in the areas of genealogy research and chapter registrar administration have resulted in a record production of new State Society Patriot Applications. Jim's leadership resulted in an annual record 73 new 2023 approved Patriot Applications. The story does not end there. Jim's ability and ease in sharing his knowledge and experience with our Chapter Registrars is creating a synergy of knowledge and experience at the chapter level. Jim will continue to play an increas-

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COVER PHOTO: 243rd anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens.

**The deadline for the Summer Edition
of *The Palmetto Patriot* is May 20.**

Many Goals Achieved

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ing major role in the future of our Society. Thank you, Jim.

In 2024, thanks to the Chapter Officers and Jim and Bill's leadership, State Society membership current numbers are looking very good. We have a current membership of 820 active members, with most of the year ahead of us to reach a new annual membership total number.

As a footnote to everyone's dedicated work, for the first time in many years, we had a positive resurgence of membership growth with a net 163 compatriots (73 new members, six transfers in and 81 reinstatements) joining our ranks in 2023.

I want to personally thank everyone in our Society for their contribution to the success of our membership growth program. If we continue the use of improved dues collection capabilities, continue building an in-depth experienced registrar network, and continue team effort between the State

Society and the chapters, we will continue to grow and achieve.

The South Carolina Society youth contest programs have improved significantly under the leadership of Gary Blanpied, Chairman, and committee members; Doug Doster, Essay contest, teacher of the year / youth contest program manager; Coby Alexander, Scout programs Manager; Charles Vaughn, Ted Morton Scholarship program manager; and many others who have diligently modernized the application process.

Gary developed a program timetable that simplified the process and identified program application submission dates to Chapter, State and National program managers. Some programs were tied to digital links that made the process more available to applicants. This resulted in a banner year for contest submissions to Chapters, State and National. Well done to all who contributed to the success of our youth programs.

This year has been a banner year for attending events like the SCSSAR Con-

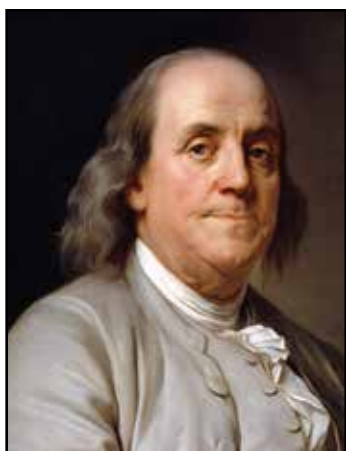
gress, SCSSAR Four National events, Chapter / State commemorations, grave markings, 250th events, SAR/NSDAR, C.A.R. events, chapter visits, veterans programs, Wreaths Across America ceremonies, School Veterans Day ceremonies, GASSAR society events, living history youth presentation events, re-enactments, and community activities. On average as State President, my submitted quarterly officer reports will reflect about 25 plus meetings / commemorations per quarter. I have visited most of the chapters in the SCSSAR and work diligently to assist each chapter in any way that I can.

I am currently building a "traveling trunk" display that will include a 2-pound cannon, Revolutionary War tent fly, Revolutionary War period attire, muskets, and many artifacts that can be used in future SAR events. This year, I attended several living history events, such as the Battle of Camden Education Day, which had 2,900 students in attendance. The SCSSAR has a living history event scheduled March 13 at South Aiken High School in Aiken. We have 20 booths / stations, cannons, muskets and expect 2,500 children. I believe this will be an opportunity of a lifetime to tell our story to the youth of America. Please come join us — you will have a blast.

I would also like to thank Joe Babb, Chairman of the SCSSAR America 250 Committee and its committee members. This committee has held many significant events, supported many organizations, and provided excellent market presence for the SAR. Well done!

The SCSSAR State recognition program, awards, medals and certificates of appreciation have also improved under the superior leadership of Senior Vice President Sonny Pittman. Well done!

In the past year I have been blessed by meeting many passionate patriotic folks who tell the American story of freedom. I am honored to have served as State President and look forward to my next chapter in service to the SAR.



I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth — that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that "except

the Lord build they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel.

Benjamin Franklin

Respectfully,
Ted Walker State President, SCSSAR



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Jan. 27 Board of Governors

COLUMBIA — The SCSSAR held its Board of Governors meeting at Shandon United Methodist Church in Columbia Jan. 27. Many agenda items were discussed and motions recommended and approved with additions implemented. State Officers, Chapter Officers and members were well represented from around the state.

At the beginning of our agenda, we discussed the formation of two new SAR Chapters. Buddy Witherspoon, Vice President for Chapter Development, introduced each motion. His leadership and discussion helped confirm the BOG's affirmative decision for the charter of both chapters. Summerville now has a new chapter (Fort Dorchester) and Bluffton has a new chapter (Thomas Heyward Jr.). The voting was unanimous for both chapters. Congratulations to all involved in making this outstanding achievement possible.

We, then, continued our meeting with Officer reports, state business and award presentations.

I appreciate all members and guests who attended the meeting. I thank all of our officers for their excellent reports and positive issue solutions to our Board of Governors. I also applaud those who handled the logistics of setting up the meeting venue and coordinating lunch.

Ted Walker
SMSgt, USAF, Ret.
State President, SCSSAR



From left: Jim Closson, State Registrar, President of the Thomas Heyward Jr., Chapter; Ted Walker, SCSSAR President; Buddy Witherspoon, Vice President for Chapter Development; and Edd Richburg, President of the Fort Dorchester Chapter. [Photo by Eric Barnhill]

Two New Chapters

By Buddy Witherspoon
Vice Chapter Development

COLUMBIA — On Jan. 27 at the SCSSAR BOG meeting, two new chapters, Thomas Heyward Jr., located in Bluffton, and Fort Dorchester in Summerville, were approved and chartered.

Jim Closson, State Registrar, was acknowledged as the President of the Thomas Heyward Jr., Chapter in Bluffton; and Edd Richburg, past State President-State Registrar-Moultrie Chapter President, President of the Fort Dorchester in Summerville.

The SAR, American and South Carolina Flags were presented to the new chapter Presidents along with certification that the American and South Carolina Flags had flown over the State Capitol building in downtown Columbia.

We applaud these new chapters and expect great things to come since both are located in potentially high growth areas of South Carolina. Please join together in extending them our heartfelt congratulations and wishing them much success for the future.

Kudos, also, are extended to Mike Monahan, Vice President Lowcountry, and Thomas Blackmon, Vice President Pee Dee, who gave of their tireless efforts to see these organizations come to fruition!

We are a blessed group to have dedicated and talented individuals who voluntarily give of their time and means to ensure the success of the SCSSAR.

May we all go the extra mile and give whatever possible to educate the world as to the liberty and freedoms we enjoy and too often take for granted!

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.

John Adams



America 250 bench to be placed at Camden Revolutionary War Visitor Center



[Photo by Anne Babb]

By Joe Babb
250th Committee Chairman

The America 250 committee is happy to report that the America 250 bench will be placed at the Camden Revolutionary War Visitor Center in Camden during SCSSAR's annual meeting.

This bench, the first of its kind for the SCSSAR, will signal our devotion to the Patriots who delivered freedom for all of us and in recognition of our country's 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026. We hope that



[Photo by Sonny Pittman]

every SAR chapter will assist in placing one of the America 250 benches within their geographic area.

The 250 Committee also exhibited at the fifth annual American Revolution Symposium at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. It was our third opportunity to market and recruit members for our state Society. We were extremely pleased with the level of interest from the

symposium attendees. Without a doubt this year was our best one yet.

The final point from the committee was to encourage members to utilize our Speakers Bureau, which was established over a year ago. It offers multiple opportunities for the SCSSAR to educate and market itself in institutions, such as schools, museums and libraries.

Editor Honored With Life Membership

Tom Hanson was honored for his work as editor of *The Palmetto Patriot*, the SCSSAR's quarterly publication.

Tom joined the SCSSAR Dec. 29, 2006. His local Chapter is the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter in Greenville.

Tom volunteered and became the chief editor of *The Palmetto Patriot* in 2008. His skills in communication, photography, video and publications have increased the SCSSAR market presence. His actions in collecting data, reporting, recording, documenting and publishing South Carolina Society activities have brought great credit to the National Society, the South Carolina Society, and himself.

The Palmetto Patriot magazine is an outstanding form to promote our National Society and South Carolina Society goals of honoring our Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors, promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

As President of the South Carolina Society, I am honored to announce that a generous donation from an anonymous bene-



Tom Hanson (left) and Ted Walker, SCSSAR President. [Photo by Eric Barnhill]

factor has donated funds to award Thomas Carleton Hanson a Life membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The South Carolina Society applauds this generosity and thanks you, Tom, for your dedication to the South Carolina Society. Congratulations! *Ted Walker, President.*

National Life Membership
 Date: Jan. 2, 2024
 Thomas Carleton Hanson

When the representative body have lost the confidence of their constituents, when they have notoriously made sale of their most valuable rights, when they have assumed to themselves powers which the people never put into their hands, then indeed their continuing in office becomes dangerous to the state.

Thomas Jefferson

SCSSAR Annual Meeting

April 19 - 20, Camden

Historic Robert Mills Courthouse

Fellow Compatriots, as Spring approaches, we move ever closer to the 2024 SCSSAR Annual Meeting at the Historic Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden. This event will showcase the very best practices of the SAR, including the honoring our Patriot Ancestors, recognizing the service of our members and youth, electing the new leadership of our Society, and enjoying a time of fellowship. On behalf of South Carolina Society President Ted Walker, you are cordially invited to join us.

On Friday, April 19, the SAR Memorial Bench of the South Carolina Society will be dedicated at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center as part of a nationwide America 250th Anniversary initiative. Immediately thereafter, a wreath laying ceremony and commemoration will take place at the Quaker Cemetery to honor those who fought at the Camden Battlefield in concert with the local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In the evening, our awards banquet will be held at the Robert Mills Courthouse with guest speaker Dan McMichael, dinner buffet, and the presentation of awards to our youth contest winners and distinguished Compatriots.

Dinner Menu

Entrées
 Roast Beef (au jus) ● Fried Chicken ●
 Baked Chicken
 Vegetables
 Broccoli Casserole ● Green Beans with
 Potatoes
 Tomatoes and Ocrá ● Biscuits
 Desserts
 Banana Pudding ● Peach Cobbler
 Beverages
 Sweet and Unsweetend Tea ● Water

The attire for the Friday evening banquet is Business-Sophisticated for ladies and gentlemen, such as a suit, military and colonial equivalent attire, or tartan dress. Please note that the deadline for registering for the banquet is April 12.

On Saturday morning, Vice President General Jim Wyrosdick will host the South Atlantic District meeting, immediately followed by the SCSSAR Annual Meeting at the Robert Mills Courthouse. During



this time, the society will vote on the 2025 budget and elect the slate of officers to serve in the coming year. Every active member has a vote on these matters, so everyone is strongly encouraged to make their voices heard. Later in the afternoon, our weekend will come to a close with a joint SAR/DAR ceremony commemorating the Battle of Hobkirk Hill and dedicating a marker in celebration of the 250th anniversary of our country.

A full itinerary and registration information for both the annual meeting and lodging has been sent to all chapters and is available on the SCSSAR website.

A special group rate for the SAR has been established with the Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express in Camden, just off of I-20, for the dates of April 18-21. The deadline for lodging reservations is March 18.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the 2024 Annual Meeting Planning Committee Chairman, Thomas Blackmon at blackmonta@hotmail.com. For those who would like to serve as a uniformed color guardsman, please contact our incoming Color Guard Commander, Compatriot Scott Bruton at ssgbruton@gmail.com.





On behalf of South Carolina SAR President Ted Walker and my fellow Compatriots, I would like to extend an invitation to join us for the 2024 Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution. This event will take on **April 19-20, 2024 at the Historic Robert Mills Courthouse, located in Camden, South Carolina.** An event itinerary has been attached for your convenience.

The registration form can be found at <https://forms.gle/68Duy7CMEqb4cwbr5> and is also available on the Annual Meeting page of the SCSSAR website. Please send your full payment to the address below, and all checks are requested to be payable to the SCSSAR. ***The deadline for banquet registration is April 12, 2024***

Gordon McCay, SCSSAR Treasurer
453 Lake Estate Road
Chapin, SC 29036-7643

Hotel Room Reservations:

Hampton Inn

122 Wall St., Camden SC 29020
1-803-272-0600

Hampton Inn (30 rooms at \$169 per night) by booking online at <http://hampton.com> and entering the group booking code SAR or by calling into the hotel and giving the **April 19-20th dates** and group name of: **Sons of the American Revolution**

Holiday Inn Express and Suites

419 Sumter Hwy., Camden, SC 29020
1-888-465-4329

Holiday Inn Express (20 rooms at \$159 per night), reservations by directly calling the hotel and providing the **April 19-20th dates** and group name: **Sons of the American Revolution**

Rooms are available for reserve from April 18-21st should you desire, and March 18th will be the deadline for reservations.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Libertas et Patria,

Thomas A. Blackmon
 Chairman
 SCSSAR Annual Meeting Planning Committee
 South Carolina Society
 Sons of the American Revolution
 (803) 225-5628





SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

2024 SCSSAR ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY APRIL 19TH

2:00pm | **SCSSAR BENCH DEDICATION**
 The Revolutionary War Visitor Center,
 212 Broad Street, Camden, SC 29020

This ceremony will commemorate the placement of the SCSSAR Memorial Bench as part of a nation-wide America 250th initiative. We would encourage all Compatriots with uniforms or period clothing to please plan on wearing them for this event.

3:00pm | **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY** at Quaker Cemetery,
 713 Meeting Street, Camden, South Carolina 2902

Immediately after the Bench Dedication, we will encourage everyone to join us across the street at Quaker Cemetery for a brief Wreath Laying Ceremony to honor the twelve fallen Patriots recently discovered from the Battle of Camden. This will be a joint SCSSAR event in concert with the Joseph Kershaw and Hobkirk Hill Chapters, SCDAR.

5:00pm | **ON SITE SCSSAR MEETING REGISTRATION**
 Historic Robert Mills Courthouse, 607 South Broad St.,
 Camden, SC 29020

6:30pm | **RECEPTION** at Historic Robert Mills Courthouse,
 607 South Broad Street, Camden, SC 29020

7:00pm | **DINNER BUFFET** with Guest Speaker Dan McMichael,
 followed by SAR and Youth Award Presentations

Friday awards banquet attire is Business-Sophisticated for both ladies and gentlemen. That is a suit, military and colonial equivalent attire, or kilt.

 **DINNER BUFFET** 
(Registration for dinner must be completed by Friday, April 12, 2024)

- Entrées*
- Roast Beef (au jus) • Fried Chicken • Baked Chicken
- Vegetables*
- Broccoli Casserole • Green Beans with Potatoes
- Tomatoes and Ocrá • Biscuits
- Desserts*
- Banana Pudding • Peach Cobbler
- Beverages*
- Sweet and Unsweetend Tea • Water

 **REGISTRATION FEES** 
DINNER \$30 • MEETING \$25

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE.

SATURDAY APRIL 20TH

7:30am | **SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT MEETING**
 Historic Robert Mills Courthouse.

8-9:00am | **ON SITE SCSSAR MEETING REGISTRATION**
 Historic Robert Mills Courthouse.

9:00am | **SCSSAR ANNUAL MEETING**
 to
12:30pm | Historic Robert Mills Courthouse.
 Attire: Business, Suit or Jacket and Tie.

3:00pm | **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY and COMMEMORATION**
OF BATTLE OF HOBKIRK HILL, Kirkwood Common Park,
 107 Kirkwood Lane, Camden, South Carolina.

Joint SCSSAR Event with the Hobkirk Hill Chapter and Joseph Kershaw Chapter, SCDAR.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Rooms available for reserve from April 18-21st should Compatriots desire, and March 18th will be the deadline for reservations.



Hampton Inn
 122 Wall St., Camden SC 29020
 1-803-272-0600

Hampton Inn (30 rooms at \$169 per night) by booking online at <http://hampton.com/> and entering the group booking code SAR or by calling into the hotel and giving the April 19-20th dates and group name of: Sons of the American Revolution



Holiday Inn Express and Suites
 419 Sumter Hwy., Camden, SC 29020
 1-888-465-4329

Holiday Inn Express (20 rooms at \$159 per night), reservations by directly calling the hotel and providing the April 19-20th dates and group name: Sons of the American Revolution.

Both properties include free WIFI and a full complementary breakfast.



243rd Anniversary Battle of Cowpens



SCSSAR President Ted Walker



SCSSAR President Ted Walker (left) and Darryl Addington, Secretary General, NSSAR



Julian Burns (left), and Eric Barnhill Upstate Regional Vice President

The 243rd anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens took place at the Cowpens National Battlefield Park Jan. 17. Guests attended from the NSSAR, NSDAR, SCSSAR and many others from around the state of South Carolina. Diana Bramble, Park Superintendent, conducted ceremonies. Carolyn Nations, State Chaplain, SCDAR, gave the invocation. NSSAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins, with color guard members from around the country, posted colors, Darryl Addington, Secretary General, NSSAR, gave greetings along with others. *Ted Walker, SCSSAR President.*



Joel Hustis Georgia Society SAR



Washington Light Infantry



Diana Bramble Park Superintendent



From left: Barbara Jurs, Carolyn Nations, chaplain, SC NSDAR, Elizabeth Laughridge, and Kay Anderson-Melba. The three women are from the Battle of Cowpens Chapter.

243rd Anniversary Battle of Cowpens



President Ted Walker brings welcome from the South Carolina SAR at Cowpens.



President Ted Walker (right) and Upstate Vice President Eric Barnhill at the Battle of Cowpens ceremony.



General Andrew Pickens Chapter Wreath at the Battle of Cowpens Memorial.



President Ted Walker, Upstate Vice President Eric Barnhill and members of the Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSAR.

The night before the battle, Gen. Daniel Morgan told his men: “Just hold up your heads, boys! Give them three fires and you will be free. Then when you return home, how the old folks will bless you and the girls will kiss you, for your gallant conduct.”

243rd Anniversary Battle of Cowpens

By Sheila Ingle
SheilaIngle.com

The leader of the Whigs, those fighting against the English for their freedom, were led by a man named Daniel Morgan.

Daniel Morgan was a penniless, illiterate teenager with nothing but the clothes on his back when he showed up in Winchester, Virginia, evidently escaping a mysterious past that he never discussed with anyone. He found work as a teamster and eventually he saved enough money to buy a team and a wagon of his own. He took the jobs no one else wanted—the most grueling, the most dangerous—and he established a successful trade. Morgan literally brawled and fought his way up the frontier ladder, teaching himself to read and write along the way.

In 1755, while working as a teamster on Braddock's expedition, Morgan slugged a British officer who had insulted him. For that he was sentenced for 500 lashes—often a death sentence. For the rest of his life Morgan would show his scars to anyone who asked to see them, and to many who didn't. He always said that he counted the lashes as they were being administered, and there were only 499 of them. "King George still owes me one," he would say with a laugh.

Morgan was already a legend and a hero when he and his "Flying Army" squared off against Banastre Tarleton on a frosty Carolina morning at a place called Cowpens. There he would score one of the most impressive (and improbable) victories in American military history, nearly annihilating Tarleton's command, at trifling cost to his own — employing an innovative and daring battle plan that ended with a double envelopment of the British. Of his battle plan, historian John Buchanan says, "This untutored son of the frontier was the only general in the American Revolution, on either side, to produce a significant original tactical thought." A few days after the battle, Morgan wrote to a friend, "I have given him (Tarleton) a devil of a whipping."

The British historian Charles Stedman, who served under Cornwallis during the campaign, would later write, "Had Lord Cornwallis had with him at the action at Guilford Courthouse those troops that were lost by Colonel Tarleton at the Cowpens, it is not extravagant to suppose that the American colonies might have been reunited to the empire of Great Britain."

On January 16, 1781, Morgan's 1800 men deployed with a group of riflemen in front (in trees), followed by militiamen, then more riflemen. The night before the battle, Morgan told his men "Just hold up your heads, boys! Give them three fires and you will be free. Then when you return home, how the old folks will bless you and the girls will kiss you, for your gallant conduct." The next morning, Tarleton and the British (about 1100 men in all) began

marching toward them. As the British approached, the riflemen in front picked off many of them, then fell back and joined the second. Then the militiamen fired off two volleys and fell back to the third line. The British were drawn forward.

As Dr. Christine Swager describes in her book, "Come to the Cowpens," Daniel Morgan was known as the best horseman, the fastest runner, the fiercest fighter and the strongest wrestler. On a bitter cold day in January 1781, at an upcountry cattle pasture known as "the cow pens," the cantankerous brigadier general led an army of militiamen, Continental soldiers and cavalry in a stunning defeat of the British.

This victory was a stunning example of military prowess and skilled leadership, the Battle of Cowpens near Chesnee, South Carolina, was a critical American victory in the Revolutionary War. This engagement further weakened British attempts to wrest the southern colonies from American control.

"It is impossible to foresee all the consequences that this unexpected and extraordinary event may produce." — Report of Lord Cornwallis to Sir Henry Clinton, and he was right.

Huzzah to those men who put their lives on the line for you and me!

By Douglas Doster, Vice President
Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter

Jim Wyrosdick, NSSAR South Atlantic District Vice President and Eutaw Springs Chapter President, and I got up early and rode the two hours and 45 minutes up to the Cowpens Battlefield National Park. It was just getting up to 25 degrees when we arrived that morning. Park Superintendent Diana Bramble and her staff had a tent up with heaters for the ceremony. I had not been to an event at Cowpens since the 2014 National Congress was held in Greenville (one of the best NSSAR National Congresses ever!).

After a welcome from Park Superintendent Bramble, our National Color Guard led by Commander K. Scott Collins opened the ceremony by posting the colors. The program consisted of greetings and comments from NSSAR Secretary General Darryl Addington; NSSAR Historian General, T. Brooks Lyles; South Atlantic District Vice President James Wyrosdick; SCSSAR State President Ted Walker; Georgia Society SAR President Dr. David Ludley; Daniel Morgan Chapter President Grantham Wood; Ginny Fowler on behalf of DAR President Pamela Wright; S.C. DAR State Chaplain Carolyn Nations and Washington Light Infantry B Company Commander Captain Charlie Hall and The Washington Light Infantry Color Guard did an honor wreath ceremony at the Washington Light Infantry Monument on the battle ground after the program.



Participants at the 243rd Battle of Cowpens Commemoration [Photo by Diane Lyles]

Education Outreach SCSSAR

I challenge all South Carolina Society members to participate in the SAR Traveling Trunk education program. You can sign in to the NSSAR website (sar.org) and find more than 180 education outreach videos on various topics. They also have a program to help chapters get started in developing a traveling truck presentation. I am in the process of developing a mobile presentation and hope to have it completed soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (803) 599-1654. *Ted Walker, State President, SCSSAR.*



Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

Joe Babb Elected Cambridge Chapter President



Joe Babb (center) was elected President of the Cambridge Chapter at the January business meeting. With Babb is Sonny Pittman (left), State Executive Vice President, and Ted Walker SCSSAR President. [Photo by Rick Morris]

Tom Forte Elected Philemon Waters Chapter President



SCSSAR President Ted Walker inducts newly elected officers of the Philemon Waters Chapter at their Feb. 13 meeting in Newberry. From left: Ted Walker, Chapter President Tom Forte; Karl Sease Vice President; Chris Prince, Treasurer / Registrar; Bill Steadman, Secretary; and Gay Suber Chaplain. [Photo by Jacob Harlow]

Francis Marion Memorial Service

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the annual Francis Marion Memorial Service was held at Marion's Tomb, Belle Isle Plantation, Berkeley County. This was the 229th anniversary of Marion's death. The program was sponsored by the Gen. Marion's Brigade Chapter, NSDAR, the Col. Hezekiah Maham Chapter, SCSSAR, The South Carolina Air National Guard and the South Carolina Department of Parks and Recreation.

Well over 100 attendees were present. Ten NSDAR Chapters and five SCSSAR Chapters were represented and presented wreaths at the ceremony. Other historical and civic organizations also participated. An 18 man detachment from the Washington Light Infantry presented the colors.

Col. Sean Renbarger, Deputy Commander, 169th Fighter Wing, South Carolina Air National Guard, was the speaker. A flyover by the 169th Fighter Wing known as the Swamp Fox Wing was most impressive.

After the service a barbecue lunch took place at the Bell Isle Presbyterian Church hosted by the ladies of the church. *Douglas Doster.*



Col. Sean Renbarger
SCANG Officer



Washington Light Infantry Brigade

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Honors Namesake



Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Military Awards Chairman Harold Mills with Anita Henson of the Thomas Heyward Jr. DAR Chapter following their wreath laying. [Photo by Dian Brownfield]



Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter members (from left): Harold Mills, Carl Howk, Chaplain Tom Burnett, Ken Brownfield, Hastings Greene, Claude Dinkins, Paul Griffin, Bill Ten Eyck, Tom Wilson, Jody Henson and Past SC Society President Carroll Crowther. [Photo by Dian Brownfield]

Col. Harold Mills, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Military Awards Chairman, made arrangements with the Cox Communications family, owners of Clarendon Plantation in Beaufort County, to schedule a day for the Chapter to honor namesake Paul Hamilton with a wreath laying ceremony at his grave site in honor of his Militia service to the Colonies and fledgling United States.

Col. Mills thought Veterans Day would be a perfect time. It had been over 15 years since the owners of the plantation had allowed Chapter visitors to view the grave. Twenty-one individuals made the trip on a cool rainy day including 11 Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter members and five members of the Beaufort Thomas Heyward Jr. DAR Chapter. Following an excellent and detailed historical presentation on the life of Paul Hamilton by Chaplain Tom Burnett, DAR member Anita Henson laid the wreath she made which would remain on display for the Cox family during the Thanksgiving holiday season.



Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter DAR members (from left): Kay Wilson, Nancy Crowther, Nancy Greene, Dian Brownfield and Anita Henson. [Photo by Harold Mills]

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all others, charity.

Benjamin Franklin

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter



NEW OFFICERS — SCSSAR President Ted Walker (left) swears in new Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter officers at the Annual Banquet, Dec. 6, at the Officers Club, Marine Corps Air Base in Beaufort. [Photo by Jack Henrickson]

New Chapter Formed in Bluffton

Jim Closson
President

Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter

BLUFFTON — Potential new chapter formation within the South Carolina SAR Society begins with recognizing the potential for membership growth. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, our state added 90,600 people from July 2022 to July 2023, the highest percentage increase in the nation at 1.7 percent. That's growth!

As of this writing, our state continues to grow, shifting the population axis along the way. With the influx of new residents coming from outside our state, many South Carolinians too have chosen to move within our state for various reasons. The leadership of the state SAR recognizes these shifts in population density.

Heading into 2024, 10 cities in South Carolina stood out as the fastest growing. Coming in first and second, Bluffton and Hardeeville were at the epicenter of growth.

Buddy Witherspoon, Vice President of Chapter Formation, reviewed the data and recognized the potential for a chapter in Bluffton. He launched a telephone inquiry to members living in the Bluffton area. Ultimately 18 members responded in the affirmative for a Bluffton chapter and signed the petition for chapter formation.

Unanimously voted on as a new chapter Jan. 27, 2024, by the Board of Governors, the Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter was chartered, increasing the state's chapters to 24.

As of this writing, the Thomas Heyward Jr. chapter has grown from 18 to 21, with applications for five more members in process.

Mike Monahan: Vice President Lowcountry Region



Mike Monahan

On Jan. 12, I attended the planning meeting for a new Bluffton area Chapter with Walter "Buddy" Witherspoon, President for Chapter Formation, held at the Palmetto Electric Cooperative building. Chapter will be called the Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter. Closson was selected as the Chapter President.

On Jan. 19, I attended with "Buddy" a planning meeting at Dorchester County Library for a new Chapter in Summerville called the Fort Dorchester Chapter. Edd Richburg was

selected as Chapter President.

On Feb. 7, I attended the Dr. George Mosse Chapter meeting, held at the South Carolina Yacht Club in Windmill Harbor. During the meeting, I conducted the induction of the new Chapter President, John Ethan Boyes.

On Feb. 15, B. Randolph Atkins, President of the Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter, and I met with Beaufort Mayor Philip Cromer to offer a donation from the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter of a granite bench within Beaufort City. The bench will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. Randolph will submit a written request to the Mayor and City Council for official approval.

Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

James Madison

SCSSAR Chapters Participate in Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across American ceremony at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Graniteville, South Carolina.



SCSSAR President Ted Walker Jr. and his granddaughter Briley lay wreath on Ted Walker Sr.'s grave, his father and her grandfather. [Photos by Linda Walker]



Thomas Blackmon, President of the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter, presents wreath at the Sumter Cemetery in honor of our past and presently serving Veterans. [Photo by John Owen]



Linda Walker, wife of SCSSAR President Ted Walker Jr., and their granddaughter Briley.

Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter: Old Stone Church in Clemson



From left: Harry Mase, Vice President of the Pickens chapter, Bud Starnes, Ralph Welton (Chapter Treasurer / Secretary), Upstate Vice President Eric Barnhill and Chapter member Sen. Thomas Alexander (president of the South Carolina Senate). [Photos by Curtis Hill]



Upstate Vice President Eric Barnhill (left) and Joe Glavitsch, President of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, place wreaths at the gravesite of Col. Robert Anderson.

The issue today is the same as it has been throughout all history, whether man shall be allowed to govern himself or be ruled by a small elite.

Thomas Jefferson

292nd birthday of Gen. George Washington

ORANGEBURG — The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter SCSSAR and the Moultrie-Eutaw Chapter SCSDAR held a ceremony honoring the 292nd birthday of Gen. George Washington on his birthdate, Feb. 22. The celebration took place Thursday, 11 a.m., on the grounds of the Orangeburg County Historical Society and Pioneer Cemetery in Orangeburg.

James Wyrosdick, Eutaw Springs Chapter President and NSSAR South Atlantic District Vice President, gave greetings and comments. Julia Wannamaker, Moultrie-Eutaw DAR Chapter Regent, gave greetings and comments on Gen. Washington's historic importance in the founding of our nation. Kenneth Stovill,

1st Lt. U.S. Army (R) and a member of the American Legion Post 4 of Orangeburg, delivered a patriotic account of the hardships Washington's troops suffered during the American Revolution and what our troops went through in Vietnam.



Kenneth Stovill, 1st Lt. U.S. Army, Vietnam Veteran, American Legion Post 4, Orangeburg, S.C.



From left: Douglas Doster, Vice President Eutaw Springs Chapter; Beth Guess, Moultrie-Eutaw Chapter SCSDAR; Julia Wannamaker, Regent Moultrie-Eutaw Chapter SCSDAR; and James Wyrosdick, President Eutaw Springs Chapter SCSSAR.

Calhoun County 250th Committee's Christmas Float



Calhoun County 250th Committee's Christmas float, which participated in the Cameron, St. Matthews and the Sandy Run Christmas Parades Dec. 16 on Brett Evans' trailer with Doug Doster and Winnie Rickenbacker.

Charleston Tea Party



From left: Byron Lee, his wife Cynthia, and Doug Doster. Byron is a Eutaw Springs Chapter member.

SCSSAR 2023 Colonial Ball



SCSSAR DEBUTANTE CLASS OF 2023 — From left: (Top Row): Kate Paxton Oliver; Lydia McKinley Quinn; Savannah Patrick Tomlin; Richmond Savannah Joyce; Lily Rowan Ford. (Second Row): August Eliza Horton; Annabelle Blinne Monahan; Suzanna Kayleigh Monahan; Catherine Bingham Fontanetta. (Third Row): Grace Elizabeth Barbier; Emily Baker Sargeant; Porter McCaskey Heritage; Sarah Wheeler Haselden. (Front Row): Meredith Jane Wallinger; Meredith Elisabeth Paul; and Heriot Elizabeth Davis Sadler. [Photo by Jimmy McDonald of JMac Photography of Rockingham, North Carolina]

By Mandy J. Shaw

CHARLESTON — The South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution held its 25th Colonial Ball with Debutante Presentation on Sunday evening, Dec. 17, in the Carolina Ballroom of the historic Francis Marion Hotel in the charming downtown Charleston, South Carolina.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 16, a Reception, in honor of the debutantes, was held in the Gold Ballroom of the historic Francis Marion Hotel. More than 100 family members, friends and other guests, including SAR members, were in attendance. Each debutante in attendance was greeted and presented with an elegant white sash by Mrs. Greg Ohanesian, while family members and other guests were greeted by Mrs. Kelly Byrd and Mrs. Mandy J. Shaw.

Debutantes and guests enjoyed a buffet dinner of mixed greens salad with toppings, fusilli pasta with roasted vegetables with spinach and basil pesto cream, caprese salad, fresh basil and balsamic herbed baked chicken, shrimp and grits served with tasso ham, lobster gravy and creamy pepperjack grits, parsley butter roasted potatoes, hoppin' john, green beans with roasted almonds served with warm rolls as well as a dessert display including banana pudding and assorted cakes and pies.

On Sunday evening, Compatriot Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball Chairman, his First Lady, Barbara Ann, Mrs. Kelly Byrd, and Mrs. Mandy J. Shaw greeted and received family members, friends and other guests, including SAR members, in the foyer of the Carolina Ballroom overlooking the exquisitely decorated historic Marion Square.

The ball opened with an Invocation from Col. T. "Rex" Legler II, a Presentation of Colors by Citadel Cadets, a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a singing of the National Anthem followed by the Retiring of National Colors. Dr. Greg Ohanesian welcomed and thanked all participants, their families, friends, as well as all SAR members and other guests, for attending despite the weekend's wet weather. Dr. Ohanesian gave an impressive Introduction of the Master of Ceremonies, Sir Julian V. Brandt III, who waded the flooded Ashley River to attend the event.

Sir Julian V. Brandt III introduced each of the 16 debutantes, including a brief personal narrative, along with their presenters and escorts. Nearly 200 guests took part in the evening's exquisite and dramatic presentation. The Carolina Ballroom was beautifully decorated. Tables were set elegantly with white 8-point linens, votive candles, and alluring red poinsettias as centerpieces.

Each debutante cascaded through the dimly lit center aisle surrounded by their family and friends. They each wore dazzling white ballgowns and were accompanied by their white-tie presenters, and they continued through an Arch of Swords presented by Citadel Cadets in full-dress uniform. Each debutante presented, made a formal curtsy and then was seated at the front of the ballroom by her escort. Sir Julian V. Brandt III presented the SCSSAR's Class of 2023 Debutantes. The Debutantes along with their escorts exited the ballroom to the rousing tune of "Scotland the Brave," played by a talented bagpiper. Harp music

was provided as dinner was served and continued.

Each debutante presented is a direct descendant of a Patriot, or Patriots, who fought in or supported the American Revolution. Among those debutantes presented were 12 daughters, three granddaughters, and a niece as the SCSSAR's Debutante Class of 2023.

Debutantes presented at the South Carolina Society Sons of the Colonial Ball are as follows:

Miss Grace Elizabeth Barbier of Columbia, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. Ralph William Barbier and Mrs. Deborah Brereton Barbier. She was presented by her father, Mr. Ralph William Barbier, III, and escorted by John Morris Byrne.

Miss Catherine Bingham Fontanetta of Goose Creek, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. Joseph Paul Fontanetta and Mrs. Holly Agen Fontanetta. She was presented by her father, Mr. Joseph Paul Fontanetta, and escorted by Ethan Robert Kinzel.

Miss Lily Rowan Ford of Columbia, South Carolina, is the daughter of the late Dr. Jeffery Carl Ford and Mrs. Susan Brooks Seyemour. She was presented by her step-father, Mr. Clayton St. James Seyemour, and escorted by Jack Robert Diamond.

Miss Sarah Wheeler Haselden of Co-

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SCSSAR 2023 Colonial Ball

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lumbia, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. William Mace Haselden and Mrs. Elizabeth Lane Haselden. She was presented by her father, Mr. William Mace Haselden, and escorted by William Tilghman Osborne.

Miss Porter McCaskey Herritage of Lexington, South Carolina, is the daughter of Compatriot William Benjamin Dusenbury Herritage and Mrs. Selden Mayo Herritage. She was presented by her father, Compatriot William Benjamin Dusenbury Herritage, and escorted by Preston Price.

Miss August Elsie Horton of Irmo, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. Andrew Curtis Horton and Mrs. Christina Cobb Horton. She was presented by her grandfather, Compatriot Jackson Liles Cobb, and escorted by Parker Curtis Horton.

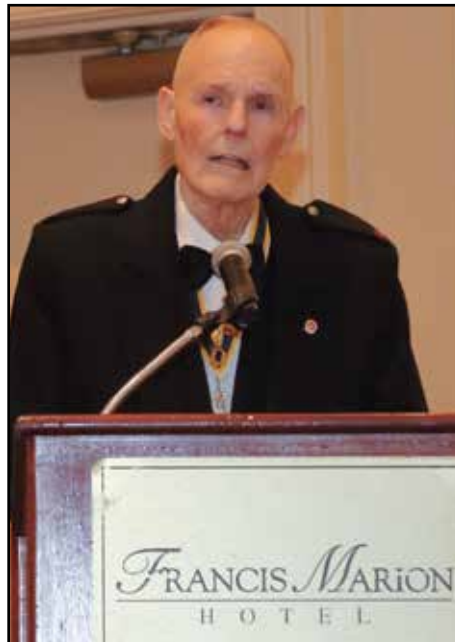
Miss Richmond Savannah Joyce of Spartanburg, South Carolina, is the daughter of Dr. William Terence Joyce and Dr. Savannah Elizabeth Joyce. She was presented by her father, Dr. William Terence Joyce III, and escorted by Cadet Private Matthew Bogner.

Miss Annabelle Blinne Monahan of Arlington, Virginia, is the daughter of Mr. Patrick Bryce Monahan and Mrs. Melanie Scott Monahan. She was presented by her grandfather, Mr. Michael Henry Monahan, and escorted by Corbin Carrick Monahan.

Miss Suzanna Kayleigh Monahan of Arlington, Virginia, is the daughter of Mr. Patrick Bryce Monahan and Mrs. Melanie Scott Monahan. She was presented by her grandfather, Mr. Michael Henry Monahan, and escorted by Jack Duggan Henrickson.

Miss Kate Paxton Oliver of Columbia, South Carolina, is the daughter Mr. George Hampton Oliver and Mrs. Beth Rexroad Oliver. She was presented by her father, Mr. George Hampton Oliver, and escorted by William Brown Bennett.

Miss Meredith Elisabeth Paul of



**Dr. Greg Ohanesian
Colonial Ball Chairman**

Richmond, Virginia, is the daughter of Mr. Thomas George Paul and Mrs. Elisabeth Daniels Paul. She was presented by her father, Mr. Thomas George Paul, and escorted by Charles Joseph Coble, III.

Miss Lydia McKinley Quinn of Columbia, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. Michael Heniford Quinn Jr. and Mrs. Jane Schweers Quinn. She was presented by her father, Mr. Michael Heniford Quinn Jr., and escorted by Henry Reppard Gaddy.

Miss Heriot Elizabeth Davis Sadler of Columbia, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. John Marion Sadler and Mrs. Frances Louise Davis Sadler. She was presented by her father, Mr. John Marion Sadler, and escorted by James Miller Nash.

Miss Emily Baker Sargeant of Columbia, South Carolina, is the daughter of the late Mr. Alexander Porterfield Graham Sargeant and Mrs. Carol Soles Sargeant. She was presented by her uncle, Mr. William Benson Darwin Jr., and escorted by William Benson Darwin, III.

Miss Savannah Patrick Tomlin of Co-

lumbia, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. Donald Robert Tomlin Jr. and Mrs. Rachele Boyer Tomlin. She was presented by her father, Mr. Donald Robert Tomlin Jr., and escorted by Walker Reed Barrett.

Miss Meredith Jane Wallinger of Charleston, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. Ralph Scott Wallinger Jr. and Mrs. Sherrie Rizer Wallinger. She was presented by her father, Mr. Ralph Scott Wallinger Jr., and escorted by Jacob Bradley Wellborne.

Debutantes along with their family and friends, and other distinguished guests were served with a three course dinner, which included the Francis Marion house salad, petite filet mignon and broiled salmon filet and fresh herb mashed potatoes and asparagus with fresh baked rolls. An ultimate chocolate cake with fresh whipped cream was served as desert.

Immediately following dinner Toasts were given and recognition of distinguished guests, and all former debutantes in attendance. Mrs. Greg Ohanesian and Mrs. Kelly Byrd presented each debutante with a personalized Silver Revere Bowl, which was engraved with their names and SCSSAR Colonial Ball 2023. Also, each Citadel Cadet was presented with an engraved Jefferson cup in appreciation for their services and participation.

The Swing Set Band began as debutantes first danced a waltz with their presenters and then with their escorts and continued with a variety of musical selections for the remainder of the evening.

Thank you notes were received by several guests. One stated, "It was so, so enjoyable and made for an amazing birthday weekend." Another stated, "The entire weekend was a beautiful event. I know that you all (daughters included) worked tirelessly to make such a beautiful event come to fruition." Comments were made by guests attending the ball stating that the event was "a fantastic opportunity," "spectacular," "amazing" and very memorable for all, in years to come.

The Colonial Ball was organized in 1976 to celebrate the Bicentennial anniversary of the founding of our country and our shared heritage. Dr. Greg Ohanesian has served as the ball chairman since 1999.

Children of the American Revolution State Conference

By Pete Widell
Senior State C.A.R. President

PAWLEYS ISLAND — The South Carolina Society of the Children of the American Revolution held their 80th State Conference at the Litchfield Resort at Pawleys Island Feb. 2-3.

This year marked the capstone event for State President Grace Ramsey’s Project Patriot Plates, a campaign to raise funds and awareness to food-insecure veterans. A joint business meeting was held on Friday night Feb. 2. Saturday morning the State Officers, Society Presidents and Committee Officers shared their reports on the activities for the year.

Following the reports, an election was held for the upcoming year’s officers. Current Vice President Kelley Widell was elected 2024-2025 State President and will be sworn in at the National Convention at the Tomb of George and Martha Washington on April 21. The guests were able to tour Hopsewee Plantation, the home of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Lynch Jr.

A banquet was held on Saturday evening with our very own State Society President Ted Walker as the guest speaker to discuss why it is important to help our veterans. President Walker also presented a SAR Silver C.A.R. medal to out going President Ramsey. Multiple SAR members were in attendance including four joint C.A.R./SAR members Joseph Smith, Will Verenes, Carl Widell and John Verenes.



SCSSAR President Ted Walker presents Grace Ramsey the Silver Medal of Appreciation. [Photos by Dr. Martha Girz]



President Grace Ramsey [left] with Vice President Kelley Widell



Ted, Linda and Briley Walker [Photo by Grace Ramsey]



Molly Caskey (left) and Briley Walker [Photo by Ted Walker]

I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.

Nathan Hale
1755 – 1776

These were his last words.

Nathan Hale was a spy for the Continental Army who was captured by the British in New York City and hung at age 21.

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Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

GREENVILLE — At the Feb. 15 Chapter business meeting State President Ted Walker installed the 2024 Chapter officers at right.

President Joseph Glavitsch installed two new members, Tom Perry and Jimmy Lonadier, and awarded them both with the SAR War Service Medal. Chapter Registrar David Bennett was awarded an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for working on membership. In this past year the chapter inducted 10 new members and currently there are eight applications in one stage or another of development for submission. Communications officer, Ethan Price, gave an update on the revitalized Col. Robert Anderson Facebook page, which has seen a dramatic increase in visits.

On Feb. 21 Chapter Officers traveled to Bob Jones Academy to award the Chapter’s winner of the George and Stella Essay contest. Kathryn Snyder was awarded the SAR Essay Medal, a certificate and the chapter’s prize of \$200. The title of her first place chapter essay is “A Son of Abraham: an American Patriot.”



SCSSAR President Ted Walker (left) administers the SCSSAR oath of office to incoming officers of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter (from second left) President Joe Glavitsch; Communications Officer Ethan Price; Secretary Tom Perry; Sergeant at Arms Philip Andrew; Historian Glenn Farrow; Chaplain Jimmy Lonadier; Treasurer Leonard Anglin; and Registrar David Bennett.



Col. Robert Anderson Chapter President Joe Glavitsch (left) and SCSSAR President Ted Walker (right) welcome new members Jimmy Lonadier, second from left, and Tom Perry, second right. [Photos by David M. Bennett]



Newly inducted Chapter member Jimmy Lonadier shares information about his Patriot ancestor, John Cloud, who served in the Georgia and South Carolina militias during the Revolutionary War.



Newly inducted Chapter member Tom Perry tells the history of his Patriot ancestor, Teter Nave, a signer of the petition of the Watauga Association (also known as Washington District) of eastern Tennessee requesting annexation into the State of North Carolina after formation of the United States.



Col. Robert Anderson Chapter President Joe Glavitsch (center) presents SAR Military Service medals to US Navy veteran Jimmy Lonadier (left) and US Air Force veteran Tom Perry (right).

Col. Robert Anderson Chapter



SCSSAR President Ted Walker describes his project to bring Revolutionary War history to schools across South Carolina.



GEORGE AND STELLA KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST— From left — Philip Andrew, Sergeant at Arms; Joe Glavitsch President; Mrs. Pamela Snyder, Bob Jones Academy teacher; Kathryn Snyder, essay winner; David Bennett, Registrar; and Leonard Anglin, Treasurer.

Battle of Aiken

Ted Walker, State President, attended the Battle of Aiken’s Education Day Feb. 23. Hundreds of students from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia were in attendance.

Ted presented information about the Revolutionary War, battles in the Southern Campaign, militia tactics, musket firings and life in the back country.

On Feb. 24 Ted manned an SCSSAR recruiting booth and talked with hundreds of folks about the Sons of the American Revolution and our mission. This event allowed the SCSSAR to improve market presence and talk with potential members. It also gave our society the opportunity to work along other likeminded organizations that present America’s story.



[Photos by Linda Walker]



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SCSSAR Welcomes New Members

The SCSSAR welcomes the following new members.

Stephen Hook Corley, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

John Anthony Huesing, Dr. George Mosse Chapter.

Timothy John Huesing, Dr. George Mosse Chapter.

Damon Lee Solomon, Dr. George Mosse Chapter.

Joseph Phillip Smith, Gen. James Williams Chapter.

James Lafayette Zeigler, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter.

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

Roll Call of the Departed

The following SCSSAR members have passed away in this list provided by the National Society.

Fredrerick Edward Sojourner

Max Burton Trout

David Donald Berns

Marcus Albyn Fields PHD.


William Edward Eutsler Jr.

Theodore Dugan Kinard

The National SAR has created this Decade of the American Revolution calendar to list Revolutionary War signature events each year that will be the focus of the NSSAR main celebration.

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- 2023 Boston Tea Party
- 2024 The First Continental Congress
- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- 2026 Declaration of Independence
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- 2028 French Alliance
- 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Fort Sackville Battle of Kettle Creek
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- 2033 Treaty of Paris

Battle of Kettle Creek 245th Anniversary

**By Ted Walker
State President**

WILKES COUNTY, Georgia — The 245th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek took place in Wilkes County, Georgia Feb. 10.

Participants were Ted Walker, State President, SCSSAR; Rick Morris, Vice President of the Piedmont Region, SCSSAR; Scott Bruton, Color Guard Commander, Oklahoma SAR/dual member Col. William Bratton Chapter, SCSSAR; John Eathan Boyes, Dr. George Mosse Chapter, SCSSAR; Jim Wyrosdick, Vice President General, South Atlantic District NSSAR / President of the Battle Eutaw Springs Chapter, SCSSAR; and many others who took part in the SAR Color Guard, Militia, wreath presentations and ceremonies.

Special guests were Dr. Darryl Addington, Secretary General, NSSAR; James Wyrosdick, Vice President General, South Atlantic District, NSSAR; Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander, NSSAR; Ed Rigel Jr., State President, Georgia SAR (master of ceremonies); Helen Powell, First Vice Regent, Georgia State Society, NSDAR; SAR Chapters, C.A.R. Societies; members, and many organizations from around the country.

This National event was sponsored by the Georgia Society SAR, and many chapters and organizations contributed to make this event an outstanding commemoration to honor our Patriot ancestors for their sacrifice at the Battle of Kettle Creek.



Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander (left), and Benard Martin, GASSAR.



Scott Bruton, Color Guard Commander, Oklahoma SAR (left), and Ted Walker, SCSSAR President.



James Wyrosdick, Vice President General, South Atlantic District.



Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander.



Heroes of the Hornet's Nest

**By Ted Walker
State President**

LINCOLN COUNTY, Georgia — The SCSSAR was well represented at the Commemoration for the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest (SAR National event) sponsored by the Georgia Society Feb. 9 at Elijah Clarke State Park in Lincoln County, Georgia.

Participants were Ted Walker, State President, SCSSAR; Sonny Pittman, Senior Vice President, SCSSAR; Rick Morris, Vice President Piedmont Region SCSSAR; Jim Wyrosdick, Vice President General, South Atlantic District, NSSAR / President, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, SCSSAR; Blake Moore, Henry Laurens Chapter, SCSSAR; and many others.

Special guests were Dr. Darryl S. Addington, Secretary General, NSSAR; Ed Rigel Jr., President, GASSAR; Scott Collins, Commander, Color Guard, NSSAR; Helen Powell, First Vice Regent, Georgia Society, NSDAR; Janice Moore, Regent, Esther Marion, NSDAR, SC Society; Julie Hardaway, NSDAR, SC Society; and many others from various organizations.

Ted Walker set up his traveling trunk display along with three Georgia chapters' traveling displays (Brier Creek, Wire Grass and Little River Chapters) for an educational presentation for about 90 fourth grade students from Lincoln County elementary school. Ted Walker and Rick Morris manned the SC booth and gave presentations as students came through. They also participated in the mixed NSSAR Color Guard. The Georgia Booths were manned by Steve Burke, Brier Creek, GASSAR; Alton McCloud, Little River, GASSAR; and Bernard Martin and sons.

Attendees, students, and guests were treated to a three round musket volley from a mixed SAR militia from several states. The Skunk Brigade, GASSAR displayed their cannon artillery with four cannons and fired a three-round volley. Attendees, students and guests were in awe of this wonderful program. It was an honor and a privilege to participate in this historical event. Well done to all who made this event a total success.



From left: Steve Burke, President, Brier Creek, GASSAR; Ted Walker, President SCSSAR; and Joel Hustis, GASSAR



Scott Collins leads the Color Guard.



Bill Tankersley, GASSAR at lectern, and Ted Walker, SCSSAR President, lays wreath. [Photos by Linda Walker]



Steve Burke, President Brier Creek Chapter, GASSAR, in front of Elijah Clarke homestead.



Heroes of Hornet's Nest



Sonny Pittman, Senior Vice President, SCSSAR, lays wreath, Henry Laurens Chapter, SCSSAR.



James Wyrosdick, Vice President General, South Atlantic District.



Richard Morris, Vice President Piedmont Region.

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Calendar of Events

March 9 — Dr. George Mosse Chapter, SCSSAR, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Declaration of Independence Signer, Gravesite Pilgrimage

March 13, Living History Event South Aiken High School, Aiken, South Carolina, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 21-23 SC NSDAR Conference.

March 29 — Vietnam Vet Day, Aiken South Carolina

April 6 Live Stock parade — Sylvania, Georgia.

April 2024, Siege of Fort Watson — Matthew Singleton Chapter.

April 19-20 2024 — SCSSAR Annual Membership Meeting, Robert Mills Court House Ball Room, Camden, South Carolina.

April 20, Saturday — The Frederica Naval Action Saint Simons, Georgia.
April 19-20 — SCSSAR Annual Membership Meeting, Robert Mills Court House Ball Room, Camden, South Carolina.

April 27, Saturday, 11 a.m. — 243rd Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege of Fort Watson, Santee National Wildlife Refuge.

May 3-4 — Pinetree festival, Swainsboro Georgia.

On all events for more information please call Ted Walker 803 599-1654.

Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge

CURRIE, North Carolina — Scott Bruton of the Col. William Bratton Chapter in Rockhill, South Carolina, represented South Carolina at the Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge in Currie Feb. 24.

Scott will become the South Carolina State Color Guard Commander in April at the Annual Meeting in Camden.

Scott moved to South Carolina from Tulsa, Oklahoma, when his wife Deidra transferred to Charolotte for her job as a medical laboratory scientist. Scott was the State and Chapter Color guard commander there in Oklahoma.



From left: Gary Spencer, North Carolina; Jay DeLoach, North Carolina; and Scott Bruton.



Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander (left). [Photos by Deidra Bruton]



Scott Bruton will become the South Carolina State Color Guard Commander in April at the Annual Meeting.

The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.

John Quincy Adams



Thomas Jefferson Bond, Jr. Memorial Photographic Award

This award was created and funded by Wilma ‘Sunni’ M. Bond as a memorial to Thomas J. Bond, Jr. (1936-1997). The annual award shall recognize and reward the compatriot whose photographic entry is selected as the most representative of patriotism. The money given to NSSAR by Mrs. Bond is to be invested in such a manner as to yield at least \$1,000 annually in earnings, said earnings up to \$1,000 to be presented to the winner. If the earnings in any year are less than \$1,000, the award shall be given in increments of \$100 (i.e., \$900). Any excess earnings shall be added to the principal. An SAR certificate, appropriately embossed, shall accompany the award. Incidental administrative expenses, i.e., the cost of the certificate, may be deducted from earnings prior to any excess reverting to principal. Should the name of this award ever be changed by NSSAR, the original \$20,000 donation shall revert to the Bond Memorial Trust as of the date of any such name change.

Entries are to be no greater than 8½” x 11” in size, unmatted and unframed, and may be in color or black-and-white. Only one entry per compatriot will be accepted. Entries are to be sent to NSSAR Headquarters for judging during the Spring Leadership Meeting. All photos to be considered must be received by the Executive Director no later than February 15 of each calendar year.

Judges shall be the SAR Magazine Editor, Historian General and the Chairman (Chairmen) of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee(s). If the latter is unavailable or if that committee is ever absorbed by some other entity, the other two shall select the individual(s) to serve as the third judge with preference being given to the chair of a committee devoted to patriotism. Judges will reach their decision in whatever manner they deem appropriate, so long as only one picture is selected as the winner. Announcement of the winner and presentation of the check and certificate will occur at Recognition Night during the Annual Congress each year. The SAR Magazine Editor is requested to run a reproduction of the winning photo each year in the issue of the SAR Magazine in which Congress events are reported.

All entries become the property of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and will not be returned. The award was first presented in 1998.

From Rick Morris, Piedmont Vice President: Mrs. Sunni Bond is a member of a local DAR Chapter and very supportive of our Cambridge Chapter. Thomas Bond was Registrar General, and at the time of his death, preparing to run for Secretary General. The award was first announced at the 1997 NSSAR Congress, just a few months after Tom’s untimely death. Sunni Bond had the privilege several times of presenting the check and certificate in person.

Please encourage any photographers in your SAR chapter to enter this award contest. The award is given annually at the National Congress. **Sunni Bond (Mrs. Thomas J. Bond Jr.), Registrar, Star Fort Chapter NSDAR, Greenwood, South Carolina.**

Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

**By Thomas Blackmon
President**

Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

The Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter had a busy, yet fulfilling, Winter campaign of public engagement, strengthening our partnership with the DAR, and honoring our nation's Veterans.

On Dec. 3, Compatriots Frank Martin and John Summerford represented the chapter in the Sumter Christmas Parade alongside members of the Sumter's Home Chapter, NSDAR and the Junior American Citizens Club. During this event, our uniformed Compatriots executed the vital missions of putting history in visual context, making a more personal connection with the community, and promoting our America 250th initiative.

On Dec. 6, the Chapter was invited to co-host an SAR/DAR Luncheon with the Sumter's Home Chapter, which was the first of my six year tenure in the SAR and as Chapter President. We were delighted with the live singing of our favorite Christmas classics, and following lunch, newly elected Chapter Secretary Larry Gamble, Regent Beverly Gullede, and I served as judge of the obligatory ugly sweater contest. I was proud to donate five patriotic themed pendants hand-burned on White Poplar, which were presented to our winners. As President of the Chapter, I am extremely grateful to Regent Gullede, Vice Regent Diana Roof, and our DAR Liaison Amy Vaughn for all of their outreach and cooperation in order to foster a strong relationship between the SAR and the Sumter's Home Chapter.

During the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony, I was proud to join Compatriot John Owen in representing the SAR at the Sumter Cemetery to honor our Veterans, past and present. Compatriot Owen also served as a flag bearer with the Patriot Guard Riders and provided logistical support on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. This is always a well organized and attended event, bringing together a wide variety of grateful citizens including lineage and military organizations, boy and girl scout troops, Patriot Guard Riders, first responders, Civil Air Patrol, soldiers of the Third Army HQ, and airmen of Shaw AFB.

Following a formal wreath-laying ceremony, conducted by cadets of the Sumter Composite Squadron, CAP, community members immediately



Compatriots Frank Martin and John Summerford with DAR members at the Sumter Christmas Parade. [Photo Courtesy of Sumter's Home Chapter, DAR]



Compatriot and Guest Speaker Richard Davis (right) is awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation by Chapter President Thomas Blackmon. [Photo by John Holmberg]



Compatriot John Owen (right) receives the SAR Military Service Medal from Chapter President Thomas Blackmon. [Photo by John Holmberg]

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Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

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took to decorating the resting places of our Veterans. We always appreciate Captain Denise Owen of the CAP, and DAR member, for her time and talent in organizing this event.

At our January meeting, the chapter was honored have chapter member Richard Davis, Curator of the Adjutant General Corps Museum, speak about the mission of the museum, the U.S. Army's effort to preserve and showcase our military history, as well as training soldiers in this specialized military occupational specialty.

Compatriot Davis is a veteran of the U.S. Army and recently completed his Ph.D. in History. His wife Sherri Davies shares his passion for history and serves as the Education Director for the Liberty Live initiative of the Southern Campaign 1780 organization. Compatriot Davis also brought and discussed original examples of both a Prussian court sword and French officers smallsword, which he allowed our members to handle with care.

Afterward, I took pleasure in rewarding the service of our chapter members. First, Compatriot John Owen received the SAR Military Service Medal and Certificate from the NSSAR Veteran's Recognition Corps for his service in the U.S. Army. Compatriot James Gier was awarded the SAR War Service Medal and Certificate for his service in the U.S. Army and deployment to the South West Asia theater of combat.

The Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to those who supported our Sumter County Fair recruitment initiative as well as participated in the Sumter Christmas Parade. These members included



Compatriot Doug Foxworth (right) is awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal by Chapter President Thomas Blackmon. [Photo by John Holmberg]



Outgoing Chapter Secretary Glenn Givens (right) is awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal by Chapter President Thomas Blackmon. [Photo by John Holmberg]

Compatriots David Abercrombie, Harold Gonzales, John Holmberg, James Ingram, Frank Martin, and John Summerford.

Compatriot Doug Foxworth was honored with the Bronze Roger Sherman

Medal for assisting with the Sumter County Fair recruitment booth for the past three years. This includes setup and takedown, meeting with the public throughout the week, and working with the Registrar's Committee to research the ancestry of each contact.

Finally, Compatriot Glenn Givens was recognized with the Bronze Roger Sherman medal for his service as the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter Secretary. Over the past six years, he has kept the chapter connected whether by maintaining our roster, communications, or simply making sure all members, applicants and guests have a name tag. He has been instrumental in organizing our Fort Watson Program, which was invaluable to me as a newly elected Chapter President. During our October meeting, Compatriot Larry Gamble was unanimously elected to serve as our next Chapter Secretary, and I look forward to working with him and our chapter officers to carry out the mission of the SAR.



From left: Registrar John Holmberg and Compatriots James Ingram, John Summerford, Harold Gonzales and Frank Martin receive the SAR Certificate of Appreciation for their support of chapter recruitment and public engagement initiatives. [Photo by John Raffield]

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

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

fractions or multiples thereof.

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

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

Donation Recognition Levels (Please Circle Category Desired):

- \$25 Car / Refrigerator Magnet
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- \$296 Gold Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$592 Delegate Lapel Pin (one square foot)
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It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favors.

George Washington

All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.

Noah Webster

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

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_____ / _____ / _____
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National Life Number

_____ / _____ / _____
State Number

Application for Enrollment in the South Carolina Society SAR Life Membership Plan

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

Name of applicant (type or print) _____ / _____ / _____
Date of Birth

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Signature of Applicant _____ Date Signed _____

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the foregoing Compatriot's application for enrollment in the SCSSAR Life Membership program and approve same.

Signature of SCSSAR Secretary _____ Date Signed _____

SCSSAR Life Membership Dues

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the SCSSAR Board of Governors in January 2014, the following rates for SCSSAR Life Membership were established per the following chart. **In order to apply, the applicant must be a currently active member, and his application for NSSAR National Life Membership must already be approved or be submitted to the State Society for forwarding to NSSAR Headquarters.**

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

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

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE NSSAR NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

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

For Headquarters use only:
Date Received:

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

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

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

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

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the 133rd Congress in July 2023, 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 = \$1,521	16 = \$1,414	31 = \$1,262	46 = \$1,045	61 = \$759	76 = \$435	91 = \$166
2 = \$1,516	17 = \$1,406	32 = \$1,250	47 = \$1,027	62 = \$739	77 = \$413	92 = \$154
3 = \$1,510	18 = \$1,397	33 = \$1,238	48 = \$1,010	63 = \$718	78 = \$392	93 = \$144
4 = \$1,504	19 = \$1,388	34 = \$1,225	49 = \$992	64 = \$697	79 = \$371	94 = \$134
5 = \$1,497	20 = \$1,379	35 = \$1,212	50 = \$974	65 = \$676	80 = \$351	95 = \$126
6 = \$1,491	21 = \$1,369	36 = \$1,198	51 = \$955	66 = \$655	81 = \$331	96 = \$119
7 = \$1,484	22 = \$1,360	37 = \$1,184	52 = \$936	67 = \$634	82 = \$311	97 = \$112
8 = \$1,477	23 = \$1,350	38 = \$1,170	53 = \$917	68 = \$612	83 = \$292	98 = \$106
9 = \$1,470	24 = \$1,340	39 = \$1,156	54 = \$898	69 = \$590	84 = \$274	99 = \$100
10 = \$1,463	25 = \$1,330	40 = \$1,141	55 = \$879	70 = \$568	85 = \$256	100 + = \$95
11 = \$1,455	26 = \$1,319	41 = \$1,126	56 = \$859	71 = \$546	86 = \$239	
12 = \$1,448	27 = \$1,308	42 = \$1,110	57 = \$839	72 = \$523	87 = \$223	
13 = \$1,440	28 = \$1,297	43 = \$1,095	58 = \$819	73 = \$501	88 = \$207	
14 = \$1,431	29 = \$1,286	44 = \$1,078	59 = \$800	74 = \$478	89 = \$192	
15 = \$1,423	30 = \$1,274	45 = \$1,062	60 = \$779	75 = \$457	90 = \$179	

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Our Chapters: Hearts and Souls of Our Society

**By Sonny Pittman
Senior Vice President**

If there's one thing I never tire of, it's visiting chapters. Small, medium, or large — size doesn't matter. Our chapters are the hearts and souls of our society. Each has a personality of its own. But the part that interests me most is how each works in their community to represent the SAR and live up to the patriotic principles our society stands for and lead other eligible men to become members.

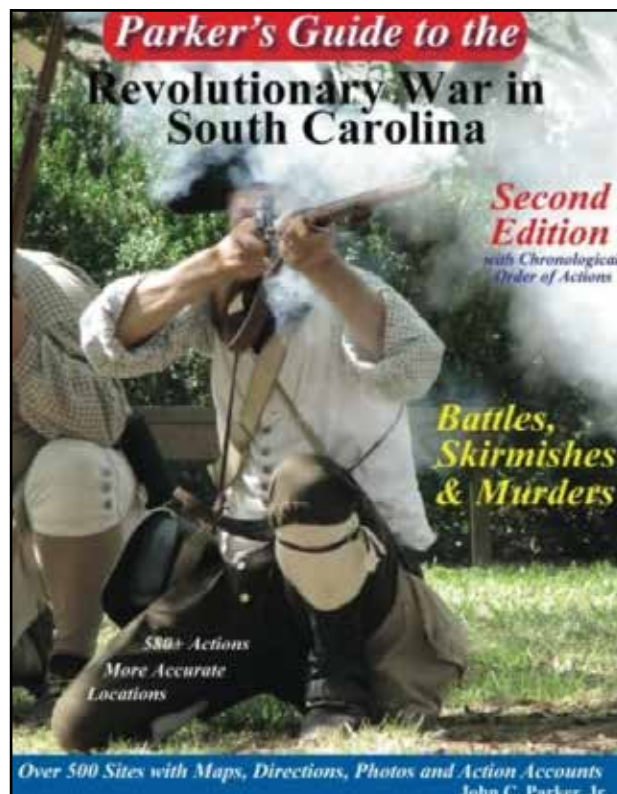


And when we are not in a chapter meeting, you can often find us in a cemetery or on a battlefield hallowed with the dust of our Patriot ancestors.

The epic battles get the most attention, but I like to seek out and visit the places where small engagements took place. Most were bitter defeats, but they wore the British and their Loyalist allies down and all led to the ultimate victory at Yorktown.

I encourage you and your chapter to purchase *Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina* and take a Saturday field trip to visit some of the 430 documented sites in your area where battles, skirmishes and ambushes took place.

John documents each site in a county-by-county catalog that includes maps and GPS locations and includes driving directions and a summary of the action that occurred there.



Cambridge Chapter Hosts Annual Patriot Dinner

GREENWOOD — The Cambridge Chapter Annual Patriot Dinner was held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Main Event in Greenwood. In addition to SAR compatriots, the Daughters of the American Revolution had attendees from four chapters. Cambridge Chapter President Joe Babb remarked, “I believe we have a packed house!”

After dinner, President Babb recognized John Cooper, Past President, in service for two years with the Past President pin and thanked him for his distinguished service.

Also, President Babb recognized one of the chapter’s senior members, Tommy O’Dell, with the American 250 recognition award. Babb described him as genuine, authentic, all-American, and as his grandpa would refer “top-drawer.” Compatriot O’Dell turned to address the attendees and received applause and a standing ovation.

Compatriot Brabham Dukes, longtime registrar for the chapter, received the Meritorious Service Award. Babb said Brabham held one of the most important positions in the chapter and has maintained its membership by discovering and processing members for many years. “Meritorious” as described by Babb, means deserving honor and great praise. The attendees responded with a standing ovation.

Compatriot Calvert Sherard introduced the chapter’s nominee for the state Eagle Scout award. Jonah Kollmann, Troop 62, Blue Ridge Council, presented his essay, and was presented with his certificate. Sherard announced he had just received word the day before that Jonah had won the state competition and that he will move forward to the national competition.

The keynote speaker for the Patriot Dinner was Dr. Stephen D. Smith, Director of the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of



President Joe Babb (right) recognizes John Cooper, Past President. [Photos by Don Goforth]



Jonah Kollmann (center), the chapter’s nominee for the state Eagle Scout award, with Calvert Sherard (left) and President Joe Babb.



President Joe Babb (right) recognizes Tommy O’Dell with America 250 award.



Keynote speaker Dr. Stephen D. Smith (left), with President Joe Babb.

South Carolina. Dr. Smith was the lead archaeologist at the Camden battle site and recovery of patriots one year ago. His PowerPoint presentation addressed the battle, the recovery of the patriots, DNA genetic studies and the reinterment. It was a captivating presentation. President Babb thanked him for his compelling presentation and presented Dr. Smith with the “We the People” speaker gift.

The evening concluded with announcements by Secretary Rick Morris, followed by the SAR recessional and benediction.



Brabham Dukes (left), longtime registrar for the chapter, receives the Meritorious Service Award from President Joe Babb.

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

Benjamin Rush

The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country.

President Calvin Coolidge
1923-1929
S.A.R. Member