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Passing the gavel in Georgetown

From the President's Desk

**Nat
Kaminski**

Our rich heritage and doorway to the future

**By Nat Kaminski
SCSSAR President**

As we look at the 2019 SCSSAR Annual Meeting in the rear-view mirror, and get ready for the busy summer months, I have been struck by the passion and dedication demonstrated by many of our members in carrying out our Society's patriotic, historical and educational goals. As I said at the Annual Meeting, not only am I proud to be a part of this Society, but I am honored to be a part of the long line of leaders that have steered our Society through both smooth and turbulent waters.

Someone told me a while back that leadership is about change. It's about helping the organization define its vision, one that can take advantage of opportunities and avoid oncoming threats. It's about challenging people to grow and to unleash their yet untapped potential. It's about inspiring people to step into uncharted territory.

I don't know that I personally have the mettle or fortitude to serve as an effective change agent, but there are those in the Society who do. And I do take heart in knowing that our organization has a rich heritage stretching back 130 years that can frame the doorway to the future. As the philosopher Confucius pointed out: "Study the past if you would define the future."

The path for change has already been clearly marked by several of our Past Presidents and is relatively easy to chart. In my acceptance address at the Annual Meeting, I set out four basic goals that I firmly believe we can accomplish or move forward in the coming year.

The first of these represents a practical undertaking, the development of a five year Strategic Plan for the Society. As many of you know, a strategic plan is now a common denominator of successful non-profits in the 21st century. These plans in their basic form set out goals, actions and measurable outcomes.

The idea of strategic planning is supported by many of you, certainly those that I have spoken to about it. The Executive

Committee has engaged the services of Dr. Peter Mitchel, past President of Columbia College, who provides consulting services for non-profit strategic planning. We want to have a Strategic Planning session soon with Dr. Mitchel participating.

More details on that will be forthcoming. If you are interested in working to develop this plan, let me know. We would welcome your input.

Secondly, we want to develop a comprehensive Policy and Procedures manual that will cover our state Officer and Committee assignments. The Board of Governors at its October 2018 meeting approved a motion to establish a subcommittee to work specifically on this project. Past President Edd Richburg is already working on this. With his expertise and your help, we can get this done this year.

Thirdly, the Executive Committee and our Regional Vice Presidents have made a commitment to focus our resources in every way possible to help our Chapters with their work. Our Chapters represent the Society's taproots, and without active, growing chapters, the Society, as a community presence, simply withers away. The Executive Committee is already working on additional ways to better support our Chapter leadership teams with training, direct assistance and providing help to revitalize the Chapters that are struggling.

Last, but not least, we want to emphasize, publicize and support our strengths — the things that the Chapters do best: preserving our Revolutionary War records and history, marking the scenes of our more than 450 Revolutionary War sites by appropriate memorials and commemorations, and honoring those buried in the 1,400 Patriot graves with markers and wreath layings.



And, of course, what resonates with me and many of our members, is reaching out to our youth through the programs that the

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Cover photo: SCSSAR President Nat Kaminski (left) receives gavel from outgoing President Howard Knapp. [Photo by Nathan R. Kaminski.]

**The deadline for the Fall Edition
of The Palmetto Patriot is Aug. 26**

SCSSAR Conducts Annual Meeting March 29-30 in Georgetown

GEORGETOWN — The 129th Annual Meeting of the SCSSAR took place in Georgetown March 29-30. It was jointly hosted by the Col. Lemuel Benton, Thomas Lynch, Gen. Francis Marion and Col. Matthew Singleton chapters, which comprise the SCSSAR Pee Dee Region.

President General Warren Alter and Dan Woodruff, Vice President General of the South Atlantic District, along with their wives, Nancy and Sherilyn, attended. The event began Friday afternoon, March 29, with a business meeting at the Georgetown Quality Inn, followed by the South Atlantic District meeting chaired by Vice President General Woodruff.

A reception and catered barbecue supper at Hobcaw Barony Plantation took place that evening. A Memorial Service and the Rumbaugh Oration contest took place Saturday morning, March 30, followed by the Youth Luncheon and installation of officers to culminate the festivities.



SCSSAR President Nat Kaminski delivers inaugural address with State Secretary Edd Richburg at right.



SCSSAR Past President Howard Knapp puts Presidential Medallion on incoming President Nat Kaminski.



Rumbaugh Oration Contest winner Jake Birchmeier from Waccamaw High School, Pawleys Island, and his mother Lisa; with President General Warren Alter (left) and SCSSAR President Howard Knapp (right).



President General Warren Alter and First Lady Nancy Alter receive gift from SCSSAR President Nat Kaminski.



Medals of Appreciation recipients (from left): Marsha Kaminski, Kathryn Richburg and Sherlynn Woodruff with President General Warren Alter.



Teacher of the Year George Johnson IV (second from right) with President General Warren Alter (left), Education Chairman Doug Doster and SCSSAR President Howard Knapp (right).

Photos by
Nathan R. Kaminski



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Business Meeting and SAR Awards

President General Warren Alter (left) and Jim Robinson, Americanism Chairman, present awards.



Ivan Bennett (center), president of the George Mosse Chapter, receives a Blue Liberty Bell Americanism Award.



Frank Gibson (center) of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter receives a Blue Liberty Bell Americanism Award.



Matthew Breen (center), president of the Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter, receives a White Ribbon Americanism Award.



Frank Gibson (center) of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, receives the President General's Cup Award.



Thomas Blackmon (center), president of the Matthew Singleton Chapter, receives a Blue President General's Streamer Award.



Frank Gibson (center) of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, receives a Red President General's Streamer Award.



ROGER SHERMAN MEDAL WINNERS — From left: President General Warren Alter and medal winners Greg Ohanesian, Rick Corbett, Dan Woodruff, Carroll Crowther, Nat Kaminski, Ted Morton and Edd Richburg. [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]

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

Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia, Query 18, 1781

South Atlantic District Meeting



From left: Kenneth Scott Collins, GASSAR; George K. Struck, NCSSAR; William Lee Popham Sr., President, FLSSAR; Vice President General Dan Woodruff; SCSSAR President Howard Knapp; and SCSSAR Secretary Edd Richburg.



Dan Woodruff
South Atlantic District
Vice President General



From left: President General Warren Alter; Kenneth Scott Collins, GASSAR; George K. Struck, NCSSAR; William Lee Popham Sr., President, FLSSAR; and Vice President General Dan Woodruff.



Gordon McCay (center) receives the S.C.C.A.R. Dr. S. Perry Davis SAR award. At left is President General Warren Alter, and at right is David Smith, President S.C.C.A.R.



President General Warren Alter with Patriot Award recipients Edd Richburg (left) and Wayne Cousar.



Frank Gibson (right) of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter receives a Silver Good Citizenship Medal from President General Warren Alter.

Photos by Thomas C. Hanson



The SAR was granted a congressional charter by an act of Congress under Title 36 of the United States Code on June 9, 1906. The act was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was an SAR member.

President's Desk: improve what we do well

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SAR and our Chapters promote and support each year: the poster and brochure contests at the elementary and middle school levels; the Knight Essay and Rumbaugh Oration contests in the high schools; the Eagle Scout program; and the ROTC and enhanced ROTC recognitions.

The exciting thing is that we can improve even those things we do well. Our overarching goal is to find ways to make our Society more vibrant and visible in our communities.

As immediate Past President Howard Knapp pointed out: "Patriotic service is something we can all do. For me, 'patriotic service' means our members are doing something to better their community — it doesn't even have to be SAR-related! Vol-

unteering at our local churches, schools or other civic organizations as members of the SAR is patriotic service. Instead of letting the SAR define you, define what it means to be a member of the SAR."

I close with the words of a Founding Father and our second President, John Adams. He had an eye toward future generations, such as our own, when he wrote: "You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve YOUR freedom.

I hope you will make a good use of it."

Together, let's make good use of our freedom, time and energy to improve and strengthen what we do in our communities and our State. I look forward with working with you in this coming year! Please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts and feedback. Contact information is on our website at scssar.org. See you at our Board of Governor's meeting in Columbia July 20!

"Almighty God himself will look down upon your righteous contest with gracious approbation. You will be a 'band of brothers,' cemented by the dearest ties, and strengthened with inconceivable supplies of force and constancy.... You are assigned by divine providence, in the appointed order of things, the protectors of unborn ages, whose fate depends upon your virtue." John Dickinson, Fifth President of Pennsylvania, "Letter From a Farmer," 1768.



Edd Richburg
SCSSAR Secretary



SCSSAR PRESIDENTS — Front row from right: Rick Corbett, Ted Morton (2010-2011), Greg Ohanesian, Doug Doster (2009-2010) and Dan Woodruff (2015-2016). Back row from left: Wayne Cousar (2016-2017), Edd Richburg (2017-2018), Howard Knapp (2018-2019) and current President Nat Kaminski (2019-2020).



President Howard Knapp (left) and Ted Morton



Gordon McCay
SCSSAR Treasurer

Education Committee Corner

The SCSSAR Education Committee was formed for 2019-2020 during the March 29-30 Annual Meeting Georgetown

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David Smith, Member (smithgirz@gmail.com)

The 2019-2020 Poster theme for fourth and fifth graders was agreed on by the Committee.

Bufford's Massacre/ Battle of Waxhaws

Each committee member is a regional vice president and represents four Chapters in their region. Matthew Breen (Pee Dee Region), Doug Doster (Midlands Region) and David Smith (Piedmont).

David Smith is the Senior Leader and President of the SC Society of the Children of the American Revolution. The SC C.A.R. is raising money to support Bufford's Battlefield Monument Site. This additional exposure to the battlefield would assist in raising awareness in the schools for the poster contest.

Each member of the committee was given a packet of the programs the Education Committee is responsible for:

Brochure (eighth grade) must conform to the theme "One of the Nations Five Founding Documents" 1. Articles of Confederation 2. Declaration of Independence 3. Constitution 4. Federalist Papers and 5. Bill of Rights

Brochure size must be 8.5 x 11 inches piece of blank printer paper.

The paper weight is 32 pounds or less.

Artwork must be hand drawn. Do not paste pictures or Internet images onto brochure. Do not use clip art.

Pasting of hand drawn art is permitted.

Text is hand written. Type text is permitted as long as it is written by the student.

Judging is based on content, creativity and correctness.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE — From left: David Smith (Piedmont Region), Doug Doster (Midlands Region) and Matthew Breen (Pee Dee Region). [Photo by Ivan S. Bennett, M..Ed. Chair]

Education Committee members are available for guidance .

The deadline is March 1, 2020.

Poster (fourth and fifth grade) must conform to the National Society Sons of the American Revolution Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest Instructions Including Chapter and State Society Guidelines.

All posters must be two dimensional. Three dimensional entries will be disqualified.

Poster submitted on either flex board 22 inches x 28 inches or foam-backed poster board 20 inches by 30 inches.

Students name cannot be on front of the poster, but on back of poster.

Computer aided graphics are allowed but only 50 percent of poster.

Printed material such as clip art is not allowed.

A completed entry form must accom-

pany the entry.

Education Committee members are available for guidance.

The deadline is March 1, 2020.

The Benjamin Franklin Reading Program honors students who read a minimum of five grade level books concerning the following topics:

The American Revolution

The Founding Fathers

Foundation American History

Upon completion of the reading program, the Committee Member will provide a certification form and mail / email it to the SCSSAR Chapter or the SC Society Education Chair. A Certificate will be presented to the student at the next Chapter meeting.

There is no deadline for this program. Students who participate will be recognized at the 2020 State Annual Meeting.

The SCSSAR Education Award 2019-2020 will recognize a Social Studies teacher at the Elementary, Middle and High School levels. This award in the past has been dedicated to High School. In 2019-2020 it will include these three levels of education. An application will be revised for each level. A cash reward will be presented to the SC Teacher at each level during the Annual State Meeting in 2020.

The application forms will be available through the Education Committee Chair or members.

The deadline is March 1, 2020.

Executive Committee sets dates for Board of Governors meetings

SCSSAR President Nat Kaminski has announced dates for the regular meetings of the Board of Governors during the 2019-2020 SAR Year. President Kaminski convened the Executive Committee following the annual State Meeting in Georgetown to care for business needing attention before the first BOG meeting in July. BOG meeting dates were among the items the Committee developed.

The Board will meet on July 20 and Oct. 19, 2019, and Jan. 25, 2020. All dates are Saturdays. These dates have been cleared with Shandon United Methodist Church (3407 Devine St.) in Columbia, where the Board meets.

Meetings start at 10 a.m.. and take

place in Player Hall unless another location is announced before the meeting. Lunch is available for \$10 per person, with reservations being made with Jonathan Kiser, State Recording Secretary, at the time he announces the meeting and issues a call for Committee and Chapter Reports.

Every Chapter has two votes at the BOG meetings. Chapter Presidents are expected to attend, and one other Chapter member can be named to provide the Chapter's second vote. There is no limit on attendance by Chapter members. State Officers are voting members of the Board, but their votes are cast as State Officers, not as a representative of their respective Chapters.

SCSSAR Memorial Service

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

Isaiah 41:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind.

Tributes: The Cross is a symbol of our faith. The candles symbolize the light of Loving Remembrance. In this light, we always will remember those Compatriots whose lives we shared and who walk with us no more. With grateful and loving remembrance, let us name them.

Chaplain Frank Beattie:

Compatriots Remembered with dates of death and Chapters known:

Brig. Gen. F.D. Rogers Jr., March 14, 2018, Major Gen. William Moultrie

Stephen Frye Gates, July 7, 2017, Major Gen. William Moultrie

Ernest J. “Jerry” Sifford Jr., June 20, 2017, Major Gen. William Moultrie

Daniel Lee Byers, Oct. 1, 2017, Cambridge

Emmett Irwin Davis Jr., May 17, 2017 Cambridge

Robert Burrow Davis Sr., July 18, 2017 Cambridge

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Edward Lunn Young, May 9, 2017 Col. Lemuel Benton

Richard Louis Kleine, Jan. 31, 2017 Col. Lemuel Benton

Lt. Col. William M. Askins, Oct. 17, 2017 Daniel Morgan

Julian Harris Foster, Jan. 14, 2018 Daniel Morgan

John Melvin Kirby, March 17, 2018, Daniel Morgan

John Erwin Phifer Sr., March 17, 2018 Daniel Morgan

Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peeples, Aug. 2, 2017 Dr. George Mosse

Robert Pemberton Smith, Dr. George Mosse

Paul Robert Natale, Sept. 24, 2017 Dr. George Mosse

James Bernard Calfee Jr., Dec. 4, 2017 Dr. George Mosse

Larry Thomas Burke, Feb. 20, 2017 Dr. George Mosse

James Moscoe Johnson, May 18, 2017 Matthew Singleton

Furman R., Younginer, Feb. 16, 2017 Col. Thomas Taylor

William Weeks, Dec. 9, 2016 Battle of Eutaw Springs

William Rickenbaker, Battle of Eutaw Springs

Michael B. Appleby, Jan. 19, 2018 Major Robert Crawford

Herbert Joseph Butler, April 7, 2017 At Large

Lucius Clifton Sloan, March 30, 2017 At Large

Robert Lebby Clement Jr. At Large

Col. William M. Reynolds Jr. At Large

Major Preble Smith At Large

Wesley Scott Todd At Large

Daniel Janse Von Antwerp At Large

Judge Gilbert A. Smith Sr. At Large

Moscoe Johnson

Donny Carson, Daniel Morgan Chapter, Oct. 8, 2018

Cadet Natalie O. Jones chosen as winner of JROTC Enhanced Award

For the second time Emerald High School’s Viking U.S. Air Force JROTC Battalion has produced the winner of the South Carolina Society’s Enhanced Award for JROTC.

Cadet Natalie O. Jones, Color Guard Commander for the Battalion, received the award at Emerald’s annual Awards Day Program, following the lead of the 2018 state winner Cadet Chloe Kirby. The 11th grade student has also led her unit in Special Projects and Public Affairs. Major David Pfancook, U.S. Air Force (Retired), Senior Military Instructor for the Vikings, assisted Cadet Jones in preparation of her winning state contest entry.

The SCSSAR annual state meeting took place this year before the JROTC Enhanced Award contest was completed. SCSSAR State President Nat Kaminski and ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman Frank Brown requested the award be presented by Cambridge Chapter’s Chairman for ROTC/JROTC, Ted Morton. Cadet Jones will be the SCSSAR entrant for the NSSAR Contest at the National level.

When the Viking Battalion assembled Thursday, May 9, a variety of National and State Awards were presented to Cadets who had rendered outstanding service dur-

ing the 2018-2019 school year. Representatives from the DAR, American Legion, Military Officers Association of America, the Marine Corps League and other organizations presented the awards with the assistance of the JROTC Staff. A number of U.S. Air Force awards for JROTC Cadets were also presented.

Cadet Jones was also selected by the JROTC staff to receive the Chapter-level or Bronze Award. The Bronze Award was presented by Chapter President Richard A. Morris. This presentation was followed by the presentation of the Enhanced Award by Chapter Chaplain Ted R. Morton Jr., with President Morris assisting. The State Award consists of a Certificate, Silver Me-

dallion on a neck ribbon and a cash award of \$650.

Cambridge Chapter serves two other high schools with JROTC Units. The Greenwood High School U.S. Army JROTC Battalion conducted its Awards Day program Wednesday, May 1, at which time President Richard Morris presented the Bronze Award to Cadet Major Nathaniel Elifritz, the Battalion Executive Officer. President Morris completed the rounds on Saturday evening, May 11, when McCormick High School’s U.S. Army JROTC Unit combined its Awards Day program with a banquet and ball. Battalion Executive Officer Major Neseve Freedman received the Bronze Award.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, an SAR member Radio Address and Prayer on D-Day, June 6, 1944:

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.

Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

2019 Americanism Poster Contest "Thomas Hayward"



Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter President Frank Gibson presents the \$300 State Americanism Poster Award to Brice Stepp of Holy Trinity Classical Christian School. Brice's poster was also the Chapter's winning poster.



Chapter President Frank Gibson and Beaufort Academy students with their Americanism contest poster entries.



Chapter President Frank Gibson with Holy Trinity Classical Christian School students with their Americanism contest poster entries. From left: Kanryn Brown, winner Brice Stepp with her \$300 State and \$25 chapter SAR checks and Walker Patrick.



Chapter President Frank Gibson presents a check to Beaufort Academy Americanism poster winner Elsa Billing.



Chapter President Frank Gibson presents a check to Port Royal Elementary School Americanism poster winner Kate Kelly .

Godfrey Dreher Chapter website supports NSSAR Patriot Biography Project

The Godfrey Dreher Chapter has added another page to their new web site. The page is titled "Patriot Bios."

The page is intended to encourage chapter and community support for the (NSSAR) goal of establishing an SAR digital data base containing biographies on verified/documentated SAR Patriots.

The chapter supports the above goal by:

- Providing a local digital biography data base for NSSAR verified patriots of chapter members, DAR members and community non-society members. These Patriot biographies must be submitted to, and approved by, the NSSAR for inclusion in the NSSAR Patriot Data Base. Biographies, submitted to the Godfrey Dreher web site, and the NSSAR data base, will have a gold star beneath the Patriot's name.

- Providing a local digital data base of biographies of nationally important non-chapter SAR/DAR American Revolution Patriots who have received minimal presentation throughout the years. Compatriots and DAR members may submit digital biographies in this category. Biographies meeting this definition will have a silver star beneath the Patriot's name.

The Godfrey Dreher Chapter believes that the Patriot Bios page will assist our area teachers of American Revolution history by:

- Providing an additional online community Patriot American history research and reading source outside of the classroom.

- Providing students with an insight into the Patriots of their friends and neighbors, many of whom are from South Carolina.

The Godfrey Dreher Chapter web site address is www.lexingtonsar.org



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

**John Jay
First Chief Justice**



William A. Wilson (left), Registrar of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter, represented the Chapter at the Troop 307, Eagle Scout Court of Honor, BSA, March 23. More than 100 attended the event at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church in Lexington, which included a Southern barbecue dinner. Receiving the Eagle Scout Advancement were William Daniel Brock (center) and Robert Owen Nieders. Both scouts are Senior leaders in the troop, which is the largest BSA troop in Lexington County. [Photo by Warren Carothers]

**Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSSAR
And
Kate Barry Chapter SCDAR
Cordially invite you
To attend a
Patriot Grave Marking
Walnut Grove Plantation
Saturday, June 8, 2019
10:00 AM**



**Thank you to SC Rangers,
Walnut Grove Plantation, and
J.F. Floyd Mortuary**

238th anniversary Battle of Fort Watson

The Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter hosted the 238th Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Fort Watson April 20.

Located at the Santee National Wildlife Refuge in Clarendon County, the original fort built atop a Native American burial mound allowed the British to control movement along the Santee River and the primary road between Charleston and Camden.

On April 15, 1781, forces under the command of Gen. Francis Marion, Lt. Col. Henry “Lighthorse Harry” Lee and Major Hezekiah Maham began an eight day siege using small arms in repeated, yet fruitless, charges upon the ramparts. Major Maham devised a plan to construct a tower of pine logs to allow marksmen to fire down into the fort, which took place April 23, 1781. After a short time, British Garrison Commander Lt. James McKay surrendered the fort to Gen. Marion, which marked the first instance of a British fortress falling in South Carolina.

The Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter welcomed representatives of the DAR, SAR and Compatriot Ivan S. Bennett, who on this occasion represented the Sons of the Revolution as General Vice President Region 3 (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama).

Glenn Givens, Chapter Secretary and recipient of the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, provided the historical overview of the siege. Wreaths were presented by Denise Owen of the Sumter’s Home Chapter DAR, Carole Summers of the Elizabeth Peyre Richardson Manning Chapter DAR, Ray Herndon of the Hezekiah Maham Chapter, Richard Morris of the Cambridge Chapter, and John Raffield, Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter.

The ceremony concluded with the honoring of our Patriot ancestors who fought at Fort Watson by Frank Holloway, the Col.

Matthew Singleton’s resident artillerist and living history expert, along with his grandson, who fired a mortar in salute. Members of the DAR and SAR then retired to the nearby Cracker Barrel for food and fellowship.



Photo by Susan Bennett



Chapter President Thomas Blackmon (left) with uniformed compatriots. [Photo by Denise Owen]



The grandson of Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter Compatriot Frank Holloway fires a mortar salute to the Patriot forces who fought at the siege of Fort Watson. [Photo by Thomas Blackmon]



Chapter President Tom Blackmon addresses Fort Watson attendees.



Attendees of the 238th Commemoration of the Battle of Fort Watson. [Photo by Denise Owen]

Henry Laurens: Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Ted Walker, President, and Robert Johnson, Past President and current Secretary of the Henry Laurens Chapter in Aiken, presented SAR Certificates of Achievement to Eagle Scouts on March 31 at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at St. Mary's School and sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 115. The Eagle Scouts honored are Christian A. Collins, Gabriel N. Collins, Luke E. Hanna and Noah D. Theobald. About 100 family members, Scouts and guests were in attendance.



Ted Walker (left) and Robert Johnson



Ted Walker addresses group

I conceive we cannot better express ourselves than by humbly supplicating the Supreme Ruler of the world . . . that the confusions that are and have been among the nations may be overruled by the promoting and speedily bringing in the holy and happy period when the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ may be everywhere established, and the people willingly bow to the scepter of Him who is the Prince of Peace.

Samuel Adams (1722-1803)

NJROTC awards programs

You will see, as you make your rounds, that this Nation was established by men who believed in God. You will see that our Founding Fathers believed that God created this Nation. And I believe it, too. They believed that God was our strength in time of peril and the source of all our blessings.

**President Harry Truman
SAR Member**



Cadet / Ensign Camron Widener, a student in the Silver Bluff High School NJROTC program, received the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal at the annual awards ceremony May 7. As a Cadet, Camron represents NJROTC's finest tradition to foster the principle of Citizen – Soldier, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles that motivated our Patriot ancestors. Robert Johnson, Past President and Secretary of the Henry Laurens Chapter, made the presentation. [Photo by Ted Walker]



Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, presents an SAR Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet / Chief Petty Officer Maurice Milton, a student in the North Augusta High School NJROTC program, during the annual awards ceremony April 26. [Photo by Ralph Wainwright]

Henry Laurens Chapter Meeting



HENRY LAURENS CHAPTER OFFICERS — Taking the oath of office at the May 6 meeting are (top photo, from left): Rev. Doug Puckett, Vice President; Ted Walker, President; Robert Johnson, Secretary; and Jay Bilyeu, Treasurer. The ceremony was conducted by David Smith, Vice President of the Piedmont region (left photo). [Photos by Linda Walker]



Chapter President Ted Walker (left) presents Supplemental Ancestor Certificate to Rev. Doug Puckett for his 12th Patriot.

North Augusta High School NJROTC



Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter in Aiken (at right in left photo), was guest speaker at the North Augusta High School NJROTC March 20. Commander Kenneth Beck (left) and 100 Cadets were given a presentation about the Sons of the American Revolution, U.S. Air Force and various fighter aircraft. [Photos by Cadet Maurice Milton]



New members from left: Pete Widell, Neel Flannagan and Daniel Rogers after SAR induction ceremony conducted by Chapter President Ted Walker.

Aiken High School NJROTC program



Cadet Senior Chief Erin Fridie of the Aiken High School NJROTC program receives the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal May 2. As a Cadet, Fridie represents NJROTC's finest tradition to foster the principle of "Citizen – Sol-

dier," thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles that motivated and sustained our Patriot ancestors. Ted Walker, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, presented the medal during their annual awards ceremony.

Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.

Benjamin Franklin

Patriot Grave Marker Dedication



Pete Widell and his daughter Kelly

The Henry Laurens Chapter of Aiken participated in a Patriot Grave Marker Dedication commemorating the service and sacrifice of Revolutionary War Patriots Major James Carter and Major William Skinner III May 11 at the Bugg Family Cemetery in Pendleton King Park, Augusta, Georgia.

The dedication was sponsored by Brier Creek, Col. William Few and Wiregrass Chapters of the Georgia Society. Ted Walker, president of the Henry Laurens Chapter, served as a member of the SAR Color Guard and laid the Henry Laurens Chapter wreath. Pete Widell was part of the militia and gun salute to the fallen soldiers. [Photos by Linda Walker]



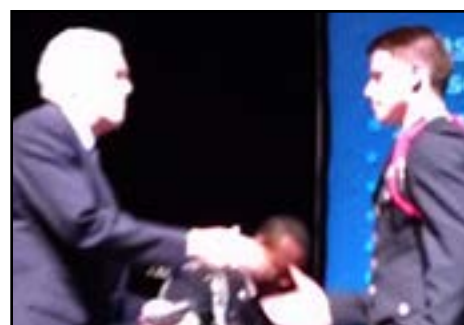
Ted Walker
President of the Henry Laurens Chapter



Compatriot Greg Ohanesian presents the SCSSAR JROTC Award to Cadet GySgt. Kevin Scott Griggs Jr., at Cheraw High School's Marine Corps JROTC Mess night May 17.

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

Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter at Joint JROTC National Awards



Calvin Griffin, Vice President, and Warren Carothers, Registrar, represented the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter at the 13th Annual Joint JROTC National Awards Ceremony at C.A. Johnson High School in Columbia March 20. Cadets from seven area high schools were awarded SAR medals. [Photos by Calvin Griffin]



The deadline for the Fall Edition of The Palmetto Patriot is Aug. 26

Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

Dr. George Mosse Chapter



April meeting: C.A.R. member Jack Gatlin



April meeting: Jim Jordan, author and historian [Photos by Susan Bennett]



March speaker David Reuwer. [Photos by Susan Bennett]

Twenty members and three DAR spouses were in attendance at the second meeting of the year of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter, March 6, at TidePointe Clubhouse, Hilton Head Island.

Chapter President Ivan Bennett opened the meeting with an invocation and pledges. The President, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist and Education Reports were presented.

President Bennett introduced the speaker, David Reuwer, South Carolina Battlefield Preservation Trust Vice President, who spoke on "Liberty Trails and Beaufort County."

New business included the purchase of an SCSSAR Flag, History Award at USCB, 20 members scheduled to receive awards from 5 to 35 years and fifth grade poster awards at Broad River Elementary.

The third meeting of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter in 2019 took place (April 3). Twenty members were present and five DAR spouses.

The President reported on the SCSSAR Annual Meeting in Georgetown March 29-30.

Bronze and Silver SAR Medals were awarded to President Bennett for involvement with the Children of the American Revolution.

The Dr. George Mosse Chapter received Second Place in the SAR Americanism Contest and Third Place in the President Streamer. The certificates were presented to 2018 President Paul Walter.



Chapter President Ivan Bennett (left) and SC Battlefield Preservation Trust Vice President David Reuwer.

In 2019 Dr. George Mosse will have one State officer, Bailey Keeling, Registrar, and two Committee Chairs, Jim Robinson, Americanism, and Ivan Bennett, Education. Ivan Bennett will be the C.A.R. Liaison also.

President Bennett introduced the speaker, James Jordan, author and founder of the American Revolution Round Table-SC LowCountry, "Nathanael Greene: The Final Tragic Years of an American Hero."

New business included an NROTC Award at Hilton Head High School May 14; an Eagle Scout Award in the Fall of 2019, Summer Book Club *Battle of Eutaw Springs*, by Robert "Bert" Dunkerley; and Pilgrimage to Thomas Heyward Jr.'s grave, hosted by the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, July 28.

During lunch, members were entertained by Jack Gatlin, a Hilton Head C.A.R. member and eighth grader at Hilton Head Middle School. Jack presented PowerPoint slides on a trip to Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. His mother, Jennifer and grandmother Angie Greenfield, DAR members, accompanied Jack.

The next Chapter meeting is Sept. 4.

Brochures contest Major Gen. William Moultrie JROTC awards



Madison Morris, an eighth grader at a Robert Smalls International Academy, State Runner Up in the Brochures Contest, with her classroom teacher and sponsor Emily Lyons. Her teacher is holding the SCSSAR Certificate of Appreciation.



Moultrie Chapter Compatriot Monte McQuillan (left) presents JROTC award to Navy JROTC Cadet Matthew Lauer of Summerville High School April 22. [Photo courtesy of Captain Jerry Hupp, USN Retired.]



Scott E. Buchanan (left), President of the Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter, presents ROTC award to USMC SSgt. Mark C. Vowels in an awards ceremony at The Citadel April 4. [Photo by Louis Brems]

Philemon Waters Chapter meeting May 16



New members (from left) Tad Abraham (Thomas David Abraham), Bert Neel (James Robert Neel Jr.), James Neel (James Robert Neel Sr.), Randy Cannon (Randy Ray Cannon), Garrett Malcom (Garrett Lee Malcom), Ansel Gantt (Carroll Ansel Gantt). The seventh new member could not attend, he is Scott Neel (Scott Martin Neel).



Ten year membership certificates. From left: Jim Livingston, Les Hipp, Chris Prince and Marcus Fields. [Photos by Jerry Forte]

Francis Marion Swamp Fox Symposium

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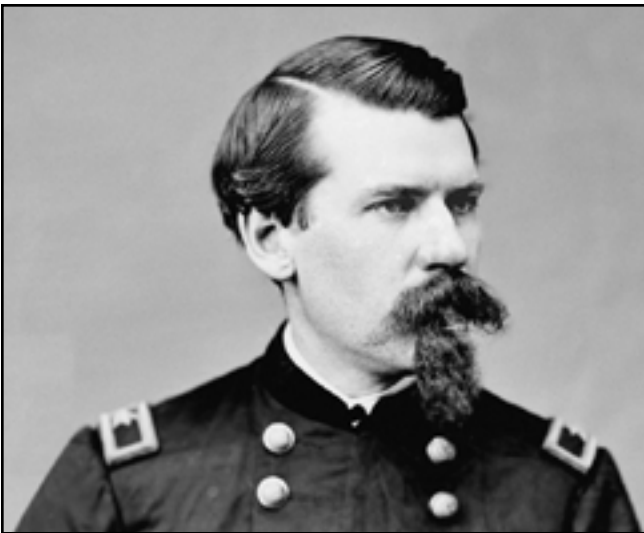
**Benjamin Rush, on the ratification of the Constitution,
Letter to Elias Boudinot, July 9, 1788**

Henry Laurens Chapter at Ninety Six



The Henry Laurens Chapter participated in the Ninety Six National Historic Site Commemorative Celebration and Wreath Laying Ceremony April 6. Ted Walker, President, and Pete Widell represented

the chapter. Pete is also a member of the Mecklenburg Militia demonstration rifle team, and they put on a demonstration for all who attended.



Horace Porter

U.S. Ambassador to France

President General

Sons of the American Revolution

1892 to 1897



2018 Eutaw Springs event. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration set for Sept. 6 - 7

The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, Ewart Irick President, will host the 238th Anniversary Commemoration of the battle Sept. 6 and 7.

A dinner program will take place at Clark's Restaurant and Inn in Santee, Friday night, Sept. 6.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, a Patriotic service will be held at the Historic Church of the Epiphany in Eutawville at 10 a.m.. This will be followed by a wreath-laying program at the battle monument site in the Eutaw Springs Community at 11:15 a.m..

After a barbecue lunch a wreath-laying will take place at Gen. Francis Marion's tomb on Belle Isle Plantation, Pineville at 1:45 p.m..

Grave marking ceremony for Patriot Jeffrey Beck

**By John R. Satterthwaite
President**

Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

SALEM — The Col. Robert Anderson and Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapters conducted a grave marking ceremony for Patriot Jeffrey Beck at the Stamp Creek Baptist Church in Salem, South Carolina, Saturday, May 18.

Descendant Bryan Beck, Vice President of the John Sevier Chapter in Tennessee, contacted the chapters requesting the grave marking. SAR, DAR, Sons of the Revolution and C.A.R. members from South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia were in attendance to pay their respects in addition to 25 descendants of Patriot Beck who also attended. Twenty wreaths were presented by these organizations. About 80 individuals attended the event.

Jeffrey Beck Jr. was born to Jeffrey Sr. and Lydia Beck Nov. 25, 1752 and died April 12, 1838. He took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States Sept. 12, 1778. His first tour of duty started at that time under Capt. John Scotten and Col. Duggan. This assignment lasted nine months, and he was discharged June 10, 1779. His second tour was under Capt. John Hinds' Company of Light Horse. He was discharged Dec. 30, 1780. He was later asked to serve again but was too ill and paid a man by the name of Enoch Davis \$25 to serve in his stead.

Once done with his service, he and his wife Mary McDaniel moved to Pickens, South Carolina, where they had seven sons and four daughters. Jeffrey owned and operated a plantation there until he died. Although his plantation and most of the family cemetery now lie under Lake Keowee, Patriot Beck's remains were removed and reinterred at the Stamp Creek Baptist Church before the flooding of the lake.

Following the ceremony, descendants were invited to visit the remains of the original Beck-Hunnicut Cemetery.



Dan Woodruff
Vice President General
South Atlantic District



Bryan Beck at the grave of his ancestor



John Satterthwaite
President
Col. Robert Anderson Chapter



David Carr, President
Tennessee Society
Sons of the American Revolution



Albert Futrell, Vice President
South Carolina Society
Sons of the Revolution



Cambridge Chapter President Richard Morris plays Taps [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]

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President John Adams
 to Third Division of Massachusetts Militia, 1798.

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Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter



Steve and Katie Creech are awarded a Certificate of Commendation for the proper display of the U.S. flag by Compatriot Bill Hartley (center). [Photo by Thomas Blackmon]



Manning High School AFJROTC Cadet Kevin Crews is awarded the SAR JROTC Bronze Medal by Chapter President Thomas Blackmon. [Photo by Stevie Ward]



Chapter President Thomas Blackmon (left) presents Dr. Fritz Hamer, Curator of History and Archivist at the Confederate Relic Room and South Carolina Military Museum, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation April 9 on "Peter Horry: Francis Marion's Second In Command." [Photo by John Summerford]

Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter



William Allgood, President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, awards the JROTC medal and certificate to Daniette Howard of the Westside High School "Ram Battalion" May 13 [Photo by Eric Barnhill]



Sumter High School AFJROTC Cadet Patrick Oakden is awarded the SAR JROTC Bronze Medal by Thomas Blackmon. [Photo courtesy of Sumter AFJROTC]



Jay and Susan Welborn are awarded a Certificate of Commendation for the proper display of the U.S. flag by Compatriot Bill Hartley (right) and Chapter President Thomas Blackmon. [Photo by Susan Welborn]



Dave Desmarais of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, presents the JROTC medal and certificate to Andrew Sutherland of Pendleton High School April 25. [Photo by Eric Barnhill]

The Palmetto Patriot wants to hear from you

The South Carolina Society has chapters conducting many interesting activities, and we would like to share these with the rest of our South Carolina compatriots. Please send your Chapter Capsule summaries to Tom. Hanson@HansonCommunications.org.

And what a plan! This vast operation is undoubtedly the most complicated and difficult that has ever occurred.

**Prime Minister Winston Churchill
SAR Member
On the D-day invasion**

Calling Your Daughters, Granddaughters, Nieces

SCSSAR 2019 Colonial Ball

The SCSSAR's 2019 Colonial Ball with debutante presentation is expected to be held on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston.

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

For a debutante to be presented, she must be 17 years of age by the date of the ball and prove lineage to a Patriot in the American Revolution. The debutante presentation fee is \$850 if received by Monday, April 1, 2019. The debutante application fee of \$50 is included in the \$850.

The Colonial Ball is a formal affair. The debutantes are required to wear white ball gowns with straps (at least on half inch), while all other



SCSSAR Debutante Class of 2017

women may wear a ball gown of any color other than white. Presenters and escorts are required to wear a white tie and tails, while all other men must wear either white tie, tartan or black tie.

We hope you and your family will

join us for a truly memorable occasion.

Greg Ohanesian, Chair
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Dual memberships . . . and who is responsible?

By William E. "Edd" Richburg Sr.
State Secretary

Dual memberships occur at two levels of the SAR: Chapter Level and State Level as Chapter Dual Memberships and State Dual Memberships respectively. The responsibility of tracking those memberships belongs to that unit that benefits from that association.

The requests for State Dual Membership in South Carolina normally consist of an individual in good standing with another State Society of the National Society of the SAR (NSSAR) requesting to become a dual member in other than his primary state for benefit of receiving State Society correspondence, mutual and individual considerations, and notices from the dual state. Such a request is made by an official NSSAR Form with a copy of the dual member's record copy, verification by the State Secretary of the Dual State of current payment and good standing as provided in the NSSAR Member Database, and payment of the SC-SAR State Dues of \$20. For this Dual membership, the individual receives a membership card, a letter of wel-

come, members access to the State website, and correspondence and announcements to that member pertaining to SC-SAR events.

Most State Dual Members are classified in the "At Large" membership section and have no official connection to the SC-SAR Chapter(s) unless they request that and forward Chapter dues for that or those memberships in Chapters. In such cases, the State Secretary notifies the Dual Member and the Chapter that the request for Chapter membership and the check covering that membership are forwarded to the Chapter. The Chapter becomes responsible for Chapter-related services and notices relative to that member. Per the SCSSAR Bylaws, 3, §2(f):

A Dual Member designation shall be granted to any member of another society who wishes to obtain membership within this Society upon furnishing evidence of the member's good standing in their primary state society. Members of this Society may obtain Dual Memberships in other State Societies in

accordance with those society's established procedures.

The Chapter Dual Membership within and among the SC-SAR Chapters is similar to the State Dual in that it is for benefit of receiving Chapter correspondence, mutual and individual considerations, and notices from the dual chapter. The Dual Chapter corresponds with the dual member to continue dual membership and collect dues. The State Secretary does NOT get involved as it has no benefit nor function in that association except in cases where a State Dual Membership is also involved — and then only the initial time. The State Secretary may certainly be contacted and verify that a requesting Dual Chapter Member is paid in full as consideration of his dual membership.

The SCSSAR Bylaws do NOT address Chapter Dual Memberships. Those Chapters wishing to have such categories should include this as a section under membership in their Chapter Bylaws.

Additional questions or comments on this issue should be referred to the State Secretary for response.

APPLICATION FOR COLONIAL BALL PRESENTATION

Full Name of Debutante:

Name Called:

Address:

Debutante C.A.R. or D.A.R. Number(s) and Chapter (if applicable):

Parents Full Name, Address & Telephone Number:

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Parents S.A.R./D.A.R. Number(s) and Chapter(s):

Grandparents Full Name and Address:

Grandparents S.A.R./D.A.R. Number(s) and Chapter(s), if applicable):

Birth Date of Debutante: _____

Schools attended or presently attending:

Present Grade Level:

Name & Unit of Revolutionary Ancestor (only one needed):

Full Name and Relationship of Gentleman who will present Debutante:

Full Name Escort and Address:

Name, address, telephone number of person submitting this information:

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Please submit non-refundable \$50.00 application fee along with a recent snapshot to: Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball Chairman, PO Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512-1373. Please make check payable to "SCSSAR-Colonial Ball".

I certify that the information above is true except as to the names of Presenter and Escort, which may change.

Debutante, Parent, Grandparent, or Responsible Adult Submitting this Information on behalf of Debutante

130th SCSSAR Annual Meeting Minutes

**By William E. 'Edd' Richburg Sr.
State Secretary**

Friday, March 29

10 a.m.. -12 noon: Registration, Quality Inn, Georgetown, SC

1 p.m.: Annual Business Meeting

1. Call to Order by President Howard Knapp at 1 p.m.. on March 29 at the Quality Inn and Suites, Georgetown, SC.

2. Invocation and Opening Ceremonies and Pledges

3. Roll Call by Senior VP Nathan Kaminski Jr.

a. Quorum of Officers and Chapters declared present

4. Welcome and Recognition of Distinguished Guests by President Knapp

a. PG Warren Alter and First Lady Nancy Alter

b. VPG Daniel Woodruff and his Lady Sherilyn Woodruff

c. Past VPGs Redding I. Corbett III; Gregory Ohanesian and his Lady Barbara Ohanesian

d. Past State Presidents Carroll Crowther and his Lady Nancy Crowther, Theodore "Ted" R. Morton Jr., and his Lady Henrietta, and William E. "Edd" Richburg Sr., and his Lady Kathryn Richburg

e. George K. Strunk, State President, NCSSAR

f. Gary O. Green, National Trustee, NCSSAR

g. Distinguished Guests:

i. Levada Keeling, Gov. Gen., SC Society Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims; Henrietta Rossom Morton, Past VPG, NSDAR and Past State Regent, SCSDAR

ii. David Smith Sr. President, S.C.S.C.A.R.

5. Brief Comments by PG Walter Alter to the SCSSAR and Guests.

6. Address by President Knapp

7. Report of the Nominating Committee by Chair Ted Morton:

a. President - Nat Kaminski

b. Sr. Vice President - Jim Wyrosdick

c. Secretary - Edd Richburg

d. Treasurer - Gordon McCay

e. Low Country VP - Scott Buchanan

f. Midlands VP - Doug Doster

g. Pee Dee VP - Matthew Breen

h. Piedmont VP - David Smith

i. Upstate VP - Dan Woodruff

j.. VP Chapter Formation - Rick Corbett

k. VP Chapter Revitalization - Ken Stock

l. Registrar - K. Bailey Keeling Jr.

m.. Recording Secretary - Jonathan Kiser

n. Genealogist - David DuBose

o. Historian - Guy Higgins

p. Chaplain - Franklin D. Beattie

q. Chancellor - Bryan Caskey

8. Call for nominees from the floor by President Knapp:

a. None offered

b. Greg Ohanesian moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation.

c. Move seconded by Edd Richburg

d. Vote was unanimous to elect.

9. Approval of Minutes of the 129th Annual Meeting, as posted in *The Palmetto Patriot* and copy provided in registration package, without change.

10. Published Reports and additional comments provided and Greg Ohanesian moved to accept reports; seconded by Ted Morton and approved without dissent.

11. Old Business – None

12. New Business:

a. Purple Heart Resolution, as provided in the registration package, presented by Edd Richburg, which seeks to recognize those heroes who have given much or all in support of their country, beginning with those recognized by President George Washington. The proclamation if passed makes the SCSSAR the FIRST SAR State Society to be declared a "Purple Heart Society."

i. Brief discussion in support and the resolution and move by Greg Ohanesian to accept the resolution and call for vote. Seconded by Ken Stock. Passed by unanimous vote.

b. Treasurer Gordon McCay proposed, with discussion, an increase in the state dues by \$10. Various members questioned the impact on membership loss for such an action. Others questioned if dues were the only source of income for the organization. Historical recall of previous rate increases was discussed. The issue will be referred to the new Executive Committee and/or an ad hoc committee with report to the next Annual Meeting.

c. Awards were presented to these in-

dividuals in response to nominations and recommendation of the Medals and Awards Committee:

i. **Silver Roger Sherman:** Bryan D. Caskey; Carroll L. Crowther; John Patrick Crowther; Redding I. Corbett III; Nathan Kaminski Jr.; Theodore "Ted" R. Morton Jr.; Greg Ohanesian; William E. "Edd" Richburg Sr.; Daniel K. Woodruff.

ii. **Silver C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation:** Ivan Bennett; Thomas Burnette; Gabe A. Bobo; James T. Bobo; Doug Doster; John Ingle; Eric Lilling; David Smith; Joseph Smith; Daniel K. Woodruff.

iii. **Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation:** Ivan Bennett; Gabe Bobo; James T. Bobo; Joseph Smith; Daniel K. Woodruff; Gary Bobo.

iv. **Silver Good Citizenship Medal:** Frank E. Gibson.

v. **DAR Medal of Appreciation:** Elizabeth Krueger Billham; Marsha Kaminski; Kathryn S. Richburg; Sherilyn Woodruff.

vi. **Lydia Darragh Medal:** Kate Knapp.

vii. **Past President's Medal:** Howard M.. Knapp

viii. **President's Medallion with Ribbon:** Nathan Kaminski Jr.

ix. **State Distinguished Service Medal:** William E. "Edd" Richburg Sr.

x. **Patriot's Medal:** H. Wayne Cousar and William E. "Edd" Richburg Sr.

13. Meeting Recessed until Noon, March 30 by President Knapp.

Friday, March 29

4 p.m.. -5 p.m.: South Atlantic District Meeting

6 p.m.. -7 p.m.: President's Reception and Gathering at the Kimbell Lodge.

7 p.m.. -10 p.m.: Low Country Barbecue and Speaker, Scott Buchanan, Ph.D., The Citadel at the Kimbell Lodge.

SATURDAY, March 30

9 a.m.. -10 a.m.. - **Memorial Service** at the Quality Inn – Chaplain Frank Beattie: Compatriots Remembered with dates of death and Chapters known:

Brig. Gen. F.D. Rogers Jr., March 14,

The next Board of Governors Meeting will take place July 20 at Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine St., Columbia, on the corner of Devine Street and Adger Road. The parking lot entrance is on Devine Street, and the meetings take place in Player Hall in the Dunn-Smith Ministry Center.

130th SCSSAR Annual Meeting Minutes

2018, Major Gen. William Moultrie
Stephen Frye Gates, July 7, 2017, Major Gen. William Moultrie
Ernest J. "Jerry" Sifford Jr., June 20, 2017, Major Gen. William Moultrie
Daniel Lee Byers, Oct. 1, 2017, Cambridge
Emmett Irwin Davis Jr., May 17, 2017 Cambridge
Robert Burrow Davis Sr., July 18, 2017 Cambridge
Robert Burrow Davis Jr., July 18, 2017 Cambridge
Edward Lunn Young, May 9, 2017 5/ Col. Lemuel Benton
Richard Louis Kleine, Jan. 31, 2017 Col. Lemuel Benton
Lt. Col .William M. Askins, Oct. 17, 2017 Daniel Morgan
Julian Harris Foster, Jan. 14, 2018 Daniel Morgan
John Melvin Kirby, March 17, 2018, Daniel Morgan
John Erwin Phifer Sr., March 17, 2018 Daniel Morgan
Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peeples, Aug. 2, 2017 Dr. George Mosse
Robert Pemberton Smith, Dr. George Mosse
Paul Robert Natale, Sept. 24, 2017 Dr. George Mosse
James Bernard Calfee Jr., Dec. 4, 2017 Dr. George Mosse
Larry Thomas Burke, Feb. 20, 2017 Dr. George Mosse
James Moscoe Johnson, May 18, 2017 Matthew Singleton
Furman R., Younginer, Feb. 16, 2017 Col. Thomas Taylor
William Weeks, Dec. 9, 2016 Battle of Eutaw Springs
William Rickenbaker, Battle of Eutaw Springs
Michael B. Appleby, Jan. 19, 2018 Major Robert Crawford
Herbert Joseph Butler, April 7, 2017 At Large
Lucius Clifton Sloan, March 30, 2017 At Large
Robert Lebbly Clement Jr. At Large
Col. William M. Reynolds Jr. At Large
Major Preble Smith At Large
Wesley Scott Todd At Large
Daniel Janse Von Antwerp At Large
Judge Gilbert A. Smith Sr. At Large
Moscoe Johnson
 10 a.m.. - 11 a.m.. **Rumbaugh Oration Contest** at the Quality Inn – Nat Kaminski
 Noon: **Youth Luncheon and Awards**
 14. Recall to Order by President Knapp

15. Welcome and Recognition of Guests as Previously Done
 16. Luncheon Served
 17. **Youth and Community Awards:**
 a. **Eagle South Award: Anthony Joseph Daniels**
 b. **Rumbaugh Award: Jake Birchmeier**
 c. **Brochure Award: Madison Morris**
 d. **Poster Award: Brice Stepp**
 e. **Scholarship Award: William P. Watkins**
 f. **Live Saving Award: Deleah Pickler**
 18. **Installation of Officers by PG**

Warren Alter
 a. **Presentation of President’s Medalion and Ribbon by President Knapp to President Kaminski**
 b. **Presentation of Past President’s Medal to Past President Knapp by President Kaminski**
 19. Address by Incoming President Nathan Kaminski Jr.
 20. Announcements for the Good of the Society
 21. Benediction by Chaplain
 22. Adjournment by President Kaminski.

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter conducts spring meeting

BEAUFORT — The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter conducted its spring quarterly meeting Friday, March 22, at noon at The Tavern in Royal Pines. Guest Speaker John Laurence Busch addressed the “Dual Empires of Liberty — The American Revolution’s Critical Role in Fostering the High Technology Revolution.”

President Frank Gibson presided over the installation of new members Darrell Lee Schuman, Brian Glenn McKay, Troy Andrew Krapf and George Wilson McIntosh.



From left: President Frank E. Gibson, Secretary Peter Somerville, Darrell Schuman, Wilson McIntosh, Brian McKay, Troy Kraft, Vice President Joe Riddle and Treasurer Randy Atkins.

Calendar of Events

June 8	Grave marking for three Patriots	Walnut Grove Plantation, S.C.
July 5-11	129th Annual SAR Congress	Costa Mesa, California
July 20 9:30 a.m.	Board of Governors	Columbia, S.C.
Sept. 6-7	Commemoration Battle of Eutaw Springs	Eutawville, S.C.
Oct. 19	Board of Governors	Columbia, S.C.

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Buford's Massacre



Al Futrell, Vice President of the South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution, with Society wreath he presented in honor of Pvt. Shadrach Hanson of Virginia, an ancestor of Tom Hanson, editor of *The Palmetto Patriot*, at the 239th anniversary commemoration of Buford's Massacre May 25.

**State Secretary
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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 co-chairman Carroll Crowther at crowthercarroll@gmail.com.

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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

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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	

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SCSSAR welcomes new members

By Edd Richburg
SCSSAR Secretary

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

- James Philip Bell**, Cambridge Chapter.
- Michael David McKoin**, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.
- Samuel Cleveland Endicott**, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.
- Patrick Joseph Shipley Swint**, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.
- James Morton Nickell**, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.
- Col. Steven Charles Guy**, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter.
- Wayne Michael Zinn**, Col. William Bratton Chapter.
- Peter Kristian Widell**, Henry Laurens Chapter.
- Joel Thomas Yarborough**, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter.
- Jonathan Wolfe Yarborough**, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter.
- Jeremy Wiles Yarborough**, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter.
- Kesniel Carswell Acton**, Col. Hezekiah Maham Chapter.
- Jay Jeffrey Jacob**, Major Robert Crawford Chapter.
- James Robert Neel Sr.**, Col. Philemon Waters Chapter.
- James Robert Neel Jr.**, Col. Philemon Waters Chapter.

- Scott Martin Neel**, Col. Philemon Waters Chapter.
- Thomas David Abraham**, Col. Philemon Waters Chapter.
- John McIlwaine Aycock Jr.**, Col. William Bratton Chapter.
- Randy Ray Cannon**, Col. Philemon Waters Chapter.
- Carroll Ansel Gantt Jr.**, Col. Philemon Waters Chapter.
- Garrett Lee Malcom**, Col. Philemon Waters Chapter.
- Joe Edward Wray Jr.**, Major Robert Crawford Chapter.

- Thomas Patrick Sharkey**, Dr. George Mosse Chapter.
- Derek Edward Taylor**, Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter.
- Joe Runyan Babb**, Cambridge Chapter.
- Gary Stephen Blanpied**, Godfrey Dresher Chapter.
- Christopher Stephen Delpit**, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.
- Charles Alston Fox**, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.
- Domenic Louis DiMascio**, Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.



Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter members at grave marking for Patriot Jeffery Beck May 18. From left: Dan Woodruff, Vice President General; Dave Demarais; William Allgood Chapter President; Eric Barnhill Chapter Vice President; and J.D. Norris, Past Chapter President.



Ltc. Eric Barnhill (USAF Aux, Vice President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter) Awards JROTC Medal and certificate to Matthew McCauliffe of the Seneca High School Bobcat Battalion April 6.

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Eutaw Springs: The Revolution's Most Important UNFORGOTTEN Battle

By Guy Higgins State Historian

This September will be the 238th anniversary of probably the most important unforgotten battle of the American Revolution — the Battle of Eutaw Springs. While most of the rest of the country may have forgotten the sacrifices made at Eutaw Springs, surely we of the South Carolina Society cannot!

By the end of 1778, after three years of fighting in the Northern states, the war had drawn to a stalemate, so the British largely abandoned operations in the New England and Mid-Atlantic states and began to focus on their new Southern strategy

The British believed, with some justification, that there were substantial numbers of Loyalists in the Southern states who would rally to their cause if given a chance.

At first this new strategy went well for the British, by Dec. 29, 1778 they had captured Savannah, Georgia, and following the Battle of Brier Creek (March 3, 1779) the British had returned the lower part of Georgia to their control.

Their Southern Campaign was looking like the path to British victory. That prospect became even brighter throughout the first nine months of 1780 with their capture of Charleston, South Carolina (May 12, 1780) followed by their taking command of the South Carolina backcountry posts, winning at Camden (Aug. 16, 1780) and their fortifying of the village of Ninety-Six.

Then things changed. Major Patrick Ferguson's Loyalists were defeated at the Battle of Kings Mountain (Oct. 7, 1780). Brigadier Gen. Daniel Morgan routed the British forces under Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton at the Battle of Cowpens (Jan. 17, 1781).

Even worse from the British standpoint, at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse (March 15, 1781) Gen. Charles Cornwallis' British forces won a Pyrrhic victory over Major Gen. Nathanael Greene's American forces. The British lost a quarter of their men. But their victory left Gen. Cornwallis the apparent master of Georgia and the two Carolinas. The British position was strengthened by Major Gen. Greene's failed Siege of Ninety-Six, South Carolina (May 22 to June 19, 1781), and the British still held a significant presence in the backcountry of the Carolinas. The stage was set for the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

Gen. Cornwallis had misunderstood the fighting ability of the American militia, which had broken at Camden, but their defeat of Ferguson's Loyalists at Kings Mountain and of Tarleton's forces at Cowpens had forced him to begin to rethink his position. Moving his headquarters to Winnsboro, South Carolina, in 1780, Cornwallis took steps to defend the exposed South Carolina backcountry. But still he

marched north pursuing Greene into North Carolina, beginning what became known as the Race to the Dan.

Cornwallis lost this race, and it was a refitted American army that he confronted at Guilford Courthouse. His bloody victory in the largest and most hotly contested battle of the Southern Campaign convinced him that the war in the South could not be won unless Virginia was reduced. So, leaving Captain Rawdon in command in South Carolina, he moved his refitted army into Virginia.

But Rawdon was ill and when he returned to Charleston for his eventual return to England, he left Lt. Col. Alexander Stewart in command. Stewart had only arrived from Ireland on June 3, 1781, but he decided to move his army toward the Eutaws, where he established a fortified camp with plans to strengthen British control of the backcountry.

Following the battle at Guilford Courthouse, Greene had retreated into South Carolina, intending to regain that same backcountry from the British. Suffering another setback at Ninety Six, he marched 2,100 troops for 22 days and 120 miles from the High Hills to Camden to McCord's Ferry toward the Eutaws, within four miles of Stewart's camp without detection. His intention was to crush Stewart's 1,690-man British force and eliminate the British threat in the Carolinas once and for all. Cavalry and infantry clashed at 8 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 8, 1781, on the river road to the British encampment at Eutaw Springs.

Hundreds of British foragers were captured. Patriots allayed in three lines, and the militia advanced one mile out, firing 17 volleys, driving in the British skirmish line. Maryland and Virginia Continentals "advanced in the face of the enemy's fire, a terrible cannonade and shower of bullets overturned all that presented, and the enemy was put to a rout." Both armies employed extensive and repeated tactical use of cavalry, artillery and infantry in pitched fighting lasting more than five hours until both sides wore out.

Unfortunately, closed lines could not hold order fighting ferociously through the tented British camp. The Americans could not dislodge the British from the three-story, brick house at the site. This citadel anchored the British defense together with blackjack thickets along the creek. Both sides looked at each other from across the cleared acres as the afternoon sun broiled the wounded, and bloated the hundreds of dead.

Greene's main force retired several miles to water, rest and reorganize at Burdell's Tavern. Stewart broke 1,000 arms, emptied rum barrels, abandoned supplies, and proceeded to withdraw the rest of his men who had not already fled the next day

to Moncks Corner. In the end, 204 soldiers from both sides were buried at the battlefield, and Greene succeeded in pushing the British back to the coast. Francis Marion, Light Horse Harry Lee and Hezekiah Maham pursued and harassed Stewart's retreating army for 26 miles, until just short of Moncks Corner and Fort Fair Lawn, halfway to Charleston.

Significant features and outcomes of the Battle:

- This battle once and for all broke the British arc of backcountry outposts in South Carolina and their ability to maneuver around it.

- After Eutaw Springs, there was no hope of Cornwallis receiving reinforcements from the South. This left a weakened Cornwallis at Yorktown.

- With at least 250 well-documented conflicts within the state, South Carolina was the site of more Revolutionary War battles than any other state. But the Battle of Eutaw Springs was the last Revolutionary War battle fought in South Carolina.

- This battle was an All Star Game for the Patriots. All of the commanders who figured prominently in the Southern Campaign were there with the singular exception of Thomas Sumter (Sumter was off on assignment by Greene, but his men fought in the battle).

Those present included:

- Major Gen. Nathanael Greene
- Brigadier Gen. Francis Marion (the Swamp Fox)
- Brigadier Gen. Andrew Pickens (the Wizard Owl)
- Brigadier Gen. Jethro Sumner (North Carolina Continentals)
- Col. Francis Marquis de Malmedy (North Carolina Militia)
- Col. Otho Holland Williams (Maryland Continentals)
- Lt. Col. Richard Campbell (Virginia Continentals)
- Lt. Col. Wade Hampton (South Carolina State Troops)
- Lt. Col. William Henderson (South Carolina State Troops)
- Lt. Col. Hugh Horry (Marion's Brigade)
- Lt. Col. John Eager Howard (Maryland Continentals)
- Lt. Col. "Light Horse Harry" Lee (Lee's Legion, Robert E. Lee's father)
- Lt. Col. William Washington (Virginia Continental Cavalry, cousin of George Washington)
- Captain Robert Kirkwood (Delaware Continentals)
- The Battle of Eutaw Springs had the highest percentage casualties for the British of any battle in the war.
- "Never did either Men or Officers offer their blood more willingly in the service

of their Country,” declared Gen. Nathanael Greene about the horrific, long struggle during the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

- The battlefield for the Battle of Eutaw Springs covers 4.5 square miles and lasted more than five hours.

- Patriot Militia had a reputation of firing one or two volleys and fleeing the battlefield. This dynamic was a key to the loss in the Battle of Camden. However, at Eutaw Springs, the South Carolina and North Carolina militia stood toe to toe with British Regulars, the greatest army in the world, and fired 17 volleys before retiring from the field. They drove the British lines back for almost a mile into the British camp.

- The Continental Congress passed a Resolution of Thanks (Sept. 29, 1781) for Greene’s “wise, decisive and magnanimous conduct” in the battle, which resulted in a “most signal victory.”

- On Oct. 29, 1781, the Continental Congress voted a gold medal to Greene, emblematic of the victory, with the inscription “The Safety of the Southern Department. The Foe conquered at Eutaw, 8th of September, 1781.” This was one of only seven gold medals awarded by Congress during the entire war.

- Captain William Pierce, returning in November to Greene from messaging Congress, glories in having served with him at Eutaw Springs and was pleased to report that the Congressional delegates did not allow “the Stroke in Virginia to overwhelm the Actions of the South.”

- Eutaw Springs is the only battle from any war referenced in the South Carolina State Song Carolina “Hold up the glories of thy dead; Say how thy elder children bled, And point to Eutaw’s battle-bed, Carolina! Carolina!”

- Fans of the Baltimore Orioles in Maryland approach Oriole Park at Camden Yards on Eutaw Street, which commemorates the participation of the Maryland Line in the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

Preservation Efforts

The first monument for a battlefield of the American Revolution was the Bunker Hill Monument, whose cornerstone was laid on June 17, 1825, the 50th anniversary of that battle. But most other important Revolutionary War battlefields would have to wait for the Centennial celebrations to be memorialized. Between 1876 and 1886, Congress established a study and evaluation of all the battlefields of the Revolution and appropriated funds to erect monuments on eight Revolutionary battlefields: Yorktown, Bennington, Saratoga, Newburg, Cowpens, Monmouth and Groton.

Between 1890 and 1899, Congress authorized the first four National Military Parks. The first four were Civil War battlefields: Chickamauga and Chattanooga in 1890, Gettysburg in 1895, and Vicksburg in 1899. Many other sites have been added

to the National Military Parks system in the intervening years.

On Sept. 12, 1912 the Eutaw Chapter, SCSDAR, unveiled a granite marker in memory of the American soldiers who died at Eutaw Springs. It is believed that the site of this marker (known as the Eutaw Springs Battleground Park) was donated to the State of South Carolina by the Eutaw Chapter, SCSDAR, at some point in the past, but we have been unable to confirm this or when the donation was made.

Today the park where the marker sits is owned by the Santee-Cooper Authority, a state-owned nuclear power agency, but is under threat because the State of South Carolina is considering selling the Authority’s assets due to the failure of a construction project for a new nuclear power reactor.

On June 26, 1936, Congress passed a law establishing a list of National Military Parks to be established by the Secretary of the Interior. Battlefields listed in the legislation include Revolutionary War and Civil War battles such as Kings Mountain, Cowpens, Petersburg, Manassas and Eutaw Springs. Title 16 of the United States Code, Chapter 1, subchapter LX, Sec. 423m, established the Battle of Eutaw Springs National Military Park for the purpose of commemorating the battle, which had occurred at Eutaw Springs.

All of the battlefields of this 1936 legislation were incorporated into the National Battlefield Park system except the Eutaw Springs site. We do not yet know why the Secretary of the Interior never did this.

In its 2007 Report to Congress on the status of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields, the National Park Service found that of the 243 significant engagements of those conflicts, only 100 retained their historic integrity. Further, of 165 Revolutionary War battlefields included in the study, only 30 sites were designated as Preservation Priority 1, and the Eutaw Springs site was one of these 30 high priority sites.

Currently there is a joint project to acquire and preserve up to 400 acres of the battle site by the Civil War Trust and the South Carolina Battlefield Trust. Both Trusts are nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations devoted to the preservation of America’s hallowed battlegrounds. While in the past these organizations focused primarily on the protection of Civil War battlefields, the Trusts now seek to save the battlefields connected to the Revolutionary War and War of 1812.

Through educational programs and heritage tourism initiatives, the Trust seeks to inform the public about the vital role these battlefields played in determining the course of our nation’s history. Campaign 1776 is a national initiative of the Civil War Trust to protect, interpret and promote the battlefields associated with the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 and to educate the public on the importance of

these founding era battlefields in forging the nation we are today. Campaign 1776 had its origins when representatives of the National Park Service (NPS) approached the Civil War Trust about expanding into Revolutionary War and War of 1812 preservation, in light of pending federal legislation that would create a unified pool of government matching grant funding for the protection of battlefields from all three conflicts.

After careful consideration and analysis of both the stark reality of what would likely befall these battlefields should they demure and any potential impact on the organization’s primary mission, the Trust board voted unanimously to move forward with a controlled and measured extension. Those sites that have endured through more than two centuries are now facing pressure from residential and other development.

The remaining Eutaw Springs site is now considered a part of the Liberty Trail Project. This is a project conceived by the South Carolina Battlefield Trust, and they are partnering in this project with the American Battlefield Trust, a large land trust that preserves battlefields in the Palmetto State.

In that role, Doug Bostick, director of the South Carolina Liberty Trail project, which includes 69 American Revolutionary War battlefields that are divided into four trails stretching from as far south as Jasper County to as far north as Spartanburg County, says: “What we want to do is connect all these sites. First, we want to preserve the ones that are not currently preserved. There are three that are run by the National Park Service, three that are run by state parks and two that are preserved by individual organizations.

“But the balance of all those are not currently protected. So our objective is to acquire as many of them as we can either through direct ownership of the land, or through a conservation easement.”

The work doesn’t stop there.

“Then our plan is to interpret all of these to the public, both with battle signage and battle maps on the ground where the properties are, but also through a smartphone tablet app that will be available to the public for free.”

Clearly, there has been and still is a widespread acceptance among historians, government agencies and private organizations interested in our American heritage that the site of the Battle of Eutaw Springs is one of national significance. The joint project of the American Battlefield Trust and the South Carolina Battlefield Trust has begun a nationwide fundraising campaign to significantly expand the preservation of the site of the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

The 238th Commemoration of the Battle of Eutaw Springs will be held Sept. 6 and 7, 2019 at Eutawville, South Carolina. Check the South Carolina Society Calendar at sccsar.org for further details

239th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre

On May 25, the National Society, the South Carolina Society and the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted the 239th 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 thirty-nine 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 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 14 years and noted that this year's event drew more than 120 members of the public and S.A.R., D.A.R. and C.A.R. hailing from many states, and included descendants of those buried at the site. Congressman Ralph Norman, NSSAR Vice President General Dan Woodruff, SCSSAR President Nat Kaminski, Virginia State President Peter Davenport, and Georgia State President K. Scott Collins were present and participated.



Peter Davenport, Virginia President (right), and Greg Ohanesian, Past Vice President General, host. [Photo by Barbara Ohanesian]

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's Address to the Troops on June 6, 1944, D-Day. Eisenhower was an SAR member

Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force:

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months.

The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you.

In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped, and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944. Much has hap-



pened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41.

The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory.

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory.

Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.