

**Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter**

**South Carolina Society SAR Beaufort, SC**

**Summer Quarterly Meeting June 30, 2017**

**Dataw Island Clubhouse, the Tabby Room**

Vice President Frank Gibson called the Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. Chaplain Bill Sammons gave the invocation and blessing of the meal. Color Sgt. Michael Keyserling gave the pledge to the flag of the United States of America. The pledge to the flag was followed by the pledge to the SAR.

Treasurer Bill Sammons introduced and recognized guest (12). A total of 43 were in attendance with 31 members present. Wayne Cousar and Frank Gibson led us in a Happy Birthday for Carrol Crowther.

After lunch, Secretary Ivan Bennett introduced the guest speaker, Compatriot Ted Carothers. Ted's topic is "The Accomplishments of Patriots in South Carolina". Ted is a native of the Upstate (York County, Rock Hill) but has spent most of his life in Virginia. He attended Clemson.. He served a short time in the Army Signal Corps in support of secret classified activities. He says the Army was good for and to him as it would be for many today. He spent 29 years in Government Services starting as an accountant and finishing as a National Director in the Inspector General Office setting. The government was an exciting and rewarding place to work. Afterwards he spent some time as a consultant to a major Virginia county. He has always had an interest in history and more recently American History. He believes that we and future generations have inherited much from those before us and are challenged to ensure that these values remain alive and are passed on to future generations. Since 2010 he has lived in Bluffton making Sun City his home in Coastal S.C.

Ted started with a question, "Who started the Revolutionary War?" Col. George Washington in the 1750s while fighting in the Midwest wanted the French to leave the Ohio Valley. Soon the French and Indian War began and George Washington began a career as a military leader. When South Carolina entered the Revolutionary War, Sir Henry Clinton was the British Commander in December, 1779. The southern strategy was to concentrate British forces in the South with victories in Savannah, Charleston, Camden, Waxhaw Battle near Lancaster and Fishing Creek. All of these were British victories and General Clinton was pretty confident when communicating with Lord North in England. The British became too overconfident. They built up Loyalist support in the South but stretched themselves too thin and underestimated the persistence of the Patriots Militia. The British goal was to recruit Loyalist in South Carolina. But the Patriots and the Overland Mountain Men proved too strong and began winning and fighting after 1781 and Yorktown until the 1783 Treaty.

Key Patriot leaders such as Marion, Sumter and Pickens proved too shrewd with guerilla warfare and asymmetrical warfare. The British could not replace what they lost and counted loses at Kings Mountain and Cowpens. Col. Pickens was advising General Morgan how to use the Militia. General Green began chasing the British through North Carolina to eventually Yorktown, VA.

Following the presentation, Vice President Frank Gibson presented Ted with a certificate of appreciation and presented Joel Holden a certificate of appreciation for his presentation on March 24.

Reports from Tom Wilson, Registrar was very encouraging with announcements of two additional members to be inducted in September and possibly a third if the process is completed. The current membership stands at 70! Compatriot Carroll Crowther addressed the chapter in his reminding us that only a few years ago the membership had reduced to 15, to attain a membership of 70 indicates the chapter is strong and progressive in their mission.

Report from Ivan Bennett, Secretary, was asking for approval of the March 24, 2017 Minutes. A motion was made and second with unanimous approval of the minutes. Ivan also explained that after the April 20-22 State SAR Conference in Beaufort, President Claude Dinkins and he discussed ways to recognize the sixteen members of the Beaufort Chapter who attended, assisted and were so helpful/supportive to our member, Wayne Cousar as President of SCSSAR. Certificates were discussed but a more meaningful idea came to fruition in our Chapter applying to the NSSAR Foundation to become a member as a Chapter. A contribution of \$200 was sent and we received nineteen gold SAR lapel pins to present to each member who attended the planning sessions, the conference business meetings, the Low Country Boil and Youth Awards Lunch. The recipients were: Ivan Bennett, Tom Burnett, Sam Chesnutt, Wayne Cousar, Carroll Crowther, Claude Dinkins, Frank Gibson, Joe Harden, Jody Henson, Mike Kelley, Michael Keyserling, Tom Mikell, Bill Sammons, Tom Wilson, Paul Griffin and Joe Riddle. Those present received their gold SAR pins and were greeted with a unanimous applause.

Vice President Frank Gibson installed our newest member, Daryll Samples. Daryll was asked to give us a highlight of his ancestor. He took the oath and was pinned with the SAR Rosette by Secretary Ivan Bennett. Other presentations were: War Service Medal- John Carothers, SAR Military Service Certificate and Medal- Ted Carothers and Dana Cheney.

Sgt. of Arms and Color Guard Mike Keyserling accepted two SCSSAR Streamers: Presidents Award and Americanism Award that the Gov. Paul Hamilton won at the State Conference. Mike presented a background for each streamer and announced they would be added to the Chapter SAR flag.

New Business announcement: The annual 31<sup>st</sup> Pilgrimage to the tomb of Thomas Heyward Jr. will now be held on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, (Thomas Heyward signing of the Declaration of Independence) at 10:00 am in Ridgeland (co-sponsor with the Dr. George Mosse SAR Chapter, Hilton Head Island).

The next Chapter Meeting: Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 in the Tabby Room. Speaker: Dr. J. Brent Morris of USC Beaufort Dept. Chair and Assoc. Professor of History. Topic: The U.S. Constitution (Constitution Week). Also on that date Jason Breland, USCB History Award presented by Gov. Paul Hamilton, will be present for our Chapter to meet our winner of the history award.

Moments in History: Historian Tom Burnett followed up on Wayne Cousar highlights of this years Carolina Day Event and spoke to us of the June 28, 1776 Battle of Sullivan Island and Breach Inlet. Such historical figures as Col. Moultrie, Captain Thomson and Sgt. Jasper at that battle have lived in infamy as a reminder of the annual Carolina Day throughout our state but especially celebrated in Charleston each year on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The event sponsored by the Palmetto Society of Charleston.

Chaplain Bill Sammons gave the Benediction and Secretary Ivan Bennett led us in the SAR Recessional.

Adjourn at 1:30 pm

Ivan S. Bennett, Secretary