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**243rd Anniversary
Battle of Eutaw Springs**

From the President's Desk

**Sonny
Pittman**

Stepping up our recruiting efforts

**By Sonny Pittman
SCSSAR President**

Thanks to the phenomenal population growth taking place in South Carolina — particularly in the Low Country — we have been able to add four new Chapters to our South Carolina Society. That trend bodes well for our Society's future and provides the extra incentive for us to embark on the goal of reaching and surpassing the one-thousand-member mark by the time we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary.

But keep in mind we can admit no man to membership unless he is a lineal descendant of a Patriot of the American Revolution. Because of the strict requirements for membership, an exceedingly large number of men are unable to prove their ancestral connection. Therefore, we must be very careful to explain to perspective members that we, as their sponsors, and our Chapter Genealogists and Registrars will assist in their application process and hope they can join us.

One of the hardest visits I have ever had to make was to tell a close friend he didn't qualify to join the SAR. But John continues to attend our events and speaks well of our Society and our efforts in the newspapers he publishes.

We must find the ways and means to step up our recruiting beyond word of mouth; especially among the active, reserves and retired military.

The question is how best to do it.

Please discuss this important effort in your upcoming Chapter meetings and let me know your thoughts and suggestions.



Sonny Pittman
President, SCSSAR
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SCSSAR Annual Membership Meeting will be April 4 and 5, 2025.

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**The deadline for the Winter Edition
of *The Palmetto Patriot* is Nov. 18.**

July 27 Board of Governors



Scott Bruton (at lectern) and Mike Monahan, SCSSAR Senior Vice President



NSSAR Registrar General T. Brooks Lyles (North Carolina SAR, dual member South Carolina SAR)



Carl Widell (left) from the Henry Laurens Chapter, is awarded his Bronze and Silver 250th Medals by his father Pete.

Photos by Ted Walker

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

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



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Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter

Grave Marking for Col. William Thomson

CALHOUN COUNTY — On May 22, the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter held a grave marking for a heroic patriot, Col. William Thomson, commander of the Orangeburg militia and the 3rd Regiment of Rangers in South Carolina's Continental Army.

Col. Thomson is best known for his leadership in the Battle of Sullivan's Island, June 28, 1776 and the earlier victory at the Great Cane Brake in 1775. Involved in numerous actions during the conflict, his fighting skills, fierceness in battle, and bold leadership earned the moniker, "Old Danger," from the troops under his command.

According to historian Doug MacIntyre, Col. Thomson's leadership was a key to the first patriot defeat of a joint British Naval and Army force, one of the decisive victories of the Revolutionary War, at Sullivan's Island in defense of Charles Towne.

While the British Fleet's cannons futilely pummeled Fort Sullivan's palmetto-log fortifications, Old Danger's force of 210 experienced rangers, plus about 600 inexperienced volunteers, including Blacks, Native Americans and Upcountry white farmers, blocked 3,000 British soldiers attempting to cross a narrow channel to flank the Patriot defenders.

Heavily outnumbered, his skillful deployment of the three artillery pieces he possessed stymied the opposing artillery and turned back repeated British attempts



From left: Direct descendants Jim Hane, past president; Candis Griffin, member of Ann P. Cunningham Chapter, NSDAR; and historian Doug MacIntyre. [Photo by Calvin Griffin]

to cross the tidal barrier. Largely due to his success, the British fleet sailed away in humiliating defeat and Charles Town was safe until the second siege in 1780. Six days after this battle, the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia.

Two hundred forty-eight years later, Old Danger's memory was celebrated with a marker placed at his grave in rural South Carolina. The site is located on private property in Calhoun County near Fort



Calvin Griffin fires musket salute [Photo by Candis Griffin]

Motte. It is the Thomson family cemetery at what was formerly Belleville Plantation, Thomson's home.

The remote location and difficult access to the cemetery ruled out most potential attendees. Chapter President Chip Griffin and Past President Jim Hane conducted the ceremony. The memorializing group included three direct descendants attending, including, noted historian Doug MacIntyre, Jim Hane and John Hane.

"America must raise an empire of permanent duration, supported upon the grand pillars of Truth, Freedom, and Religion, encouraged by the smiles of Justice and defended by her own patriotic sons."

Major General Nathaniel Greene

I received the above quote from Jim Closson, South Carolina State Registrar, and President, Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter, with the suggestion that quotes from our Patriot ancestors be put in *The Palmetto Patriot* as we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.

Please send your quotes to Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org.

Col. William Bratton Chapter

244th Anniversary Battle of Huck's Defeat



From left: Scott Bruton, State Color Guard Commander; Darla Hypes, Kings Mountain DAR; Anne Hash Allen, Regent, Kings Mountain DAR and SCSSAR State Historian; Lora Leftwich, Kings Mountain DAR; and Karl Wichmann, President, Col. William Bratton Chapter, SCSSAR at July 13 commemoration.



Roy Lightfoot (left) and Carl Widell



From left: Karl Wichmann, President of the Col. William Bratton Chapter; Scott Bruton, State Color Guard Commander; Pete Widell; and Carl Widell.



Scott Bruton (left), State Color Guard Commander; and Judson LeViner, a dual member of the Col. William Bratton Chapter, SCSSAR and the Col. George Waller Chapter, Virginia Society SAR.



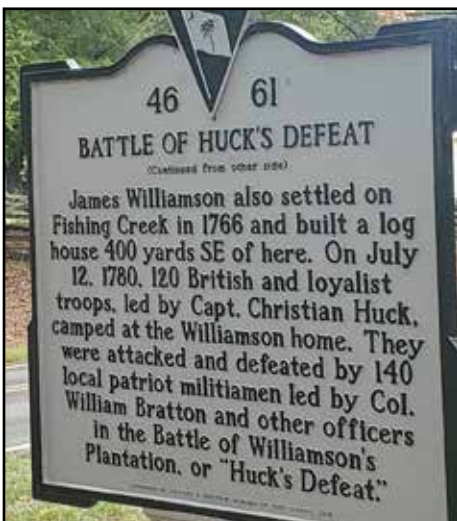
From left: Mark Kerr, Chairman, York 250 Committee; Dennis Amos, Col. William Bratton Chapter SCSSAR; and Robert Bobby Walker, M.D. - Col. William Bratton Chapter, SCSSAR York County America 250 Commission.



Karl Wichmann, President of the Col. William Bratton Chapter, at lectern, and Scott Bruton, State Color Guard Commander.



Scott and Deidra Bruton



James Birmingham: First South Carolinian to Give His Life

By **Sonny Pittman**
SCSSAR President

Sue and I attended the Commemoration honoring the 243rd Anniversary of the Siege at Holmes Stockade in Ninety-Six June 1.

Our Cambridge SCSSAR Chapter, supported by the National Park Service Staff, conducted an excellent memorial service.

Ranger Trevor Wood delivered an in-depth talk about Col. Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the Polish engineer who served Gen. George Washington and Gen. Nathanael Greene so well during the Revolution. Ranger Adrian Stewart used her musket to fire three musket salutes at the end of the program. We were also joined by several ladies from the NSDAR, young people from the C.A.R. and visitors to the park.

My thanks to Cambridge President Joe Babb, Secretary Rick Morris, Chaplain Ted Morton and other fellow Compatriots for representing our South Carolina Society so well this morning.

This was the longest battle of the American Revolution. It lasted 27 days.

I picked up a new book to read: *Old Ninety-Six, A History & Guide*, signed for me by Eric Williams, Retired Chief Ranger and Historian at the park. Eric is also a Life Member of the SAR and reenactor, portraying an apothecary.



[Photo by Sonny Pittman]

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

Daniel Webster (1782-1852)

U.S. Secretary of State under Presidents William Henry Harrison, John Tyler and Millard Fillmore

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Registrar's Corner

By Jim Closson
State Registrar

Compatriots. Welcome to the first edition of the Registrar's Corner. The intent of this corner is to provide an educational forum for the chapter registrars across the state. As your state registrar, it has been my pleasure to work with you. Together, we have learned. Together we will grow.

This issue covers the tool chest each registrar must have. They are:

1. Patience and Resolve.

a. The difficult challenges take a bit of time. The improbable takes a bit longer. The impossible takes a little bit longer. Applicants THINK they have an ancestor but do not have proof. Work with them and encourage them as best you can. Reach out to other registrars for help if you need it. We are a community with a common goal: State Society growth.

2. Computer skills.



Jim Closson

a. We have moved to 100 percent on-line applications. Feedback from SCSSAR shows that our state is at the forefront. Thanks to each of you! This provides the state registrar a chance to review the appli-

cation before submittal, and work with the chapter registrar to correct applications before they are submitted. Doing so, shortens the time for final submittal and ensures it will be approved at the state level.

b. Keeping track of your applications and where they are in the pipeline. When your applicant has a question, you have the answer.

c. Filling out the SC Application Tracking System and monitoring it.

3. Organizational Skills — This skills set is a must, without which you will always feel overwhelmed.

a. Email — When you send an email regarding an application, print it out and attach it to the top of the application. It provides you with a tickler file regarding follow up. Highlight the date and subject. Stay on top of this. New applicants can be impatient.

Subjects for the next edition are encouraged. Please submit them to me for consideration and inclusion in the next edition of *The Palmetto Patriot*. Please email me at jim.riley48@gmail.com.

Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter



Bud Starnes (left), President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, presents the Military Service Certificate to Clay Allen at the Chapter's monthly meeting July 8. [Photos by Eric Barnhill, Upstate Regional Vice President.



SCSSAR Welcomes New Members

The SCSSAR welcomes the following new members.

David Bolding, June 14, Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter.

Julius Duke II, June 21, Burch's Mill Chapter.

Michael Terry, June 21, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

Richard Halferty, July 19, Matthew Singleton Chapter.

Joseph Huggins, July 19, Cambridge Chapter.

Martin Huggins, July 19, Cambridge Chapter.

Samual Powell, July 19, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

Kyle Voorhees, July 19, Thomas Lynch Chapter.

Jack Henrickson, July 26, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter.

Russell Cammann, July 26, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

Dave Davis, July 26, Maj. Robert Crawford Chapter.



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

Immediate Past Vice President General Report of the 2024 Congress

By Jim Wyrosdick
Immediate Past Vice President
General, South Atlantic District

The 134th National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution was held July 8 through 15 at the Lancaster Marriott, Penn Square, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

More than 400 registrants attended, including SAR members and their wives.

Attending from South Carolina were Jim and Jo Wyrosdick; Bill and Donna Allgood; and Greg and Barbara Ohanesian

Tours were conducted to Philadelphia and Lancaster Amish Country. The annual Historian General's Seminar was held, featuring Chuck Schwam of the American Friends of Lafayette (AFL) talking about the Bicentennial Celebration of General Lafayette's return.

Also, Eugene Hough of the Legacy Marker Program, talked about Monument Preservation and some partnering opportunities for the SAR Chapters and Societies.

The NSSAR Executive Director gave a report, details of which can be found on Sharefile on the NSSAR website (www.sar.org), which you can access in the Sharefile folder, under the Member's tab by sending a requesting email to operations@sar.org. In the email, list your name, National Number, and the email you'd prefer to log-in. Each NSSAR member granted access is allowed to see the Members Folder, along with any subfolder under that folder.

In my opinion, every SAR member has a duty to log in and read this report. Space does not allow me to go into details.

The NSSAR President General has a fundraising effort in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution. A special commemorative rifle will be offered annually for the next 10 years, which began in 2023. Each edition will be offered for about one year, depicting a different scene from the American Revolution. A portion of the proceeds from each rifle sold go to support the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville, Kentucky. Contact your local Cabela's or Bass Pro Shops.

The 134th Congress was informative and enjoyable. All Compatriots are urged to attend future annual Congresses.

The 135th Congress will convene in Connecticut next year. Make plans to attend now and help us represent South Carolina! You will have a productive little personal vacation, experience great camaraderie, no pressure, learn things you didn't know, and go away with a greater appreciation for being a member of the NSSAR! There is an active NSSAR Auxiliary for wives too!

Several President General initiatives were discussed. The Congress approved several amendments to the NSSAR By-laws.

All the below information can be accessed on Sharefile on the NSSAR website.

Section 2 of Bylaw 32 was approved for amending to list, by office held, those required to acknowledge and comply with the Code of Organization Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy. The revision also enabled the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee to identify additional signatories.

Changes in National Fees were noted: New Member Regular Application - Age 18 and Older - \$150; New Member Regular Application - Age 18 to Under 25 - Established Lineage - \$75; New Member Regular Application - Family Plan - Additional Family Member Applicant who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew or grand-nephew of the initial applicant filed WITH initial application using same ances-

tor - \$75; Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - Established Lineage - \$75; Junior Member Application - Age Newborn to Under 18 - New Lineage - \$150; Youth registrant converting to Junior Member - Age Newborn to Under 18 - No Change \$00.00; Youth Registrant converting to Regular Member - Age 18 to Under 29 - No Change - 00.00; C.A.R. converting to Junior Member - age Newborn to Under 18 - No Change - 00.00; C.A.R to SAR Transfer - Age 18 to under 22 - No Change - 00.00;

Supplemental Application - all ages - \$150; Supplemental Application - Family Plan - All ages - \$75; Memorial Application (One-Time Dues Collected 0 - \$150;

Reinstatement (Regular Member) - No Change - \$00.00; Reinstatement (Junior Member) - No Change - \$00.00. For NSSAR Life Membership Fees, members were directed to consult the NSSAR Life Membership Application on the NSSAR Website.

Amendments to NSSAR Bylaw 10 and 11 were approved to respectively update the Job Description and Responsibilities of the Registrar General and Historian General—there were several components of the Bylaws as written that were deemed no longer relevant, and several current actual responsibilities that were not included.

To read the actual amendment changes, NSSAR members should log into the Sharefile Folder on the NSSAR Website. The Sharefile Folder is located at the bottom of the Members tab.

Compatriot Jay Deloach of North Carolina presented an audio visual update of the Strategic Planning Committee. The current 10 year plan, to mature in the year 2025, was last revised in the Spring of 2017. The progress on this can be viewed by members at <https://www.sar.org/committees/strategic-planning-committee/>

It was noted that the Committee has been tasked to revise the Strategic 10 Year Plan to the year 2035, and there will be monthly working group meetings. The target completion of a first draft is 2024 Fall Leadership for EXCOM review and comment—an updated draft will then be sent to the Council of State Presidents, the Council of Vice Presidents General, and Trustees afterwards for review and comment—a final draft will be available at the 2025 Spring Leadership Meeting and that draft will be presented for vote approval at the 2025 National Congress.

Since 2021, the Strategic Planning Committee has also been looking at a 2026 Five Year Operational Plan to coincide, of

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course, with the 250th American Revolutionary War Observance in the year 2026. An overall Vision of becoming a major recognized Voice of the American Revolution is the pinnacle of a envisioned pyramid—the two supporting slanted vertical constructs are a Public Affairs Campaign and a Marketing Campaign.

At the base of the pyramid is funding; next comes Supporting Systems and Infrastructure; the next important level in the pyramid is People (Membership and Staff); Programs (Patriotic, Historical, Educational).

The SAR Museum and Patriot Genealogical Research Enterprise are at the top of the pyramid, just below the pinnacle—and finally, the top is represented as the 250th Observance. Compatriots are encouraged to log into Sharefile, under the Members' Tab on the SAR Website to view this pyramid, and visionary pyramid representation.

With this vision, an Operational Plan Status Report was given to the NSSAR EXCOM as of June 23, 2024 on the Five Year Operational Plan. Seven goals were identified, each with specific objectives as a measurement of accomplishment, the Responsible Agent, funding progress, and whether or not the objective was viewed as being "on track," (Yes or No). Funding progress was defined as "Full," "Partial," "None," or "Not Required."

The seven goals are 250th Anniversary, Patriotic Programs, Historical Programs, Educational Programs, People, Supporting Systems, and Funding. Following is a listing of the goals and objectives, and their perceived progress.

The first goal of the Five Year Operational Plan is the 250th Anniversary; the Overall Responsible Agent is the NSSAR Secretary General; the objectives include opening the SAR Museum in Louisville by 2026. Responsible Agents are the SAR Educational Center and Museum Commission, funding is now only partial, and the objective is judged as "on track." The next objective for this goal is to implement a Public Affairs Campaign on the 250th Anniversary by 2024. Responsible Agent is the NSSAR Communications Committee, funding is "Full," and this objective is also "on track." The last objective is to boost the public image of the Society as a lineage organization through technology investment and focused marketing campaign of genea-

logical resources by 2024. Responsible agents include NSSAR GRS (Genealogical Records Service), IT, Communications Committee. This objective has only partial funding, and is deemed as "not on track."

The second goal is Patriotic Programs. The overall Responsible Agent is the Registrar General. An objective is defined as increasing the SAR profile. Responsible Agent is the NSSAR Color Guard Committee. No funding is required, and the objective is judged as "on track." Another objective is increasing recognition of local governments, civil service and volunteers. Responsible agents are the Public Service and Heroism Committee, funding not required, and the objective is "on track."

The last objective for this goal is increasing recognition of veterans and veteran organizations. Responsible Agent is the Veterans Committee, funding is not required, and the objective is "on track."

The third goal is Historical Programs. The overall Responsible Agent is the NSSAR Historian General. The first measurable objective is to partner with other heritage/preservation groups to post 250th anniversary markers in your town by 2033. The Responsible Agent is the History Committee. There is no current funding, and the objective is currently "on track."

The second objective for this goal is to hold two 250th Revolutionary War commemorations annually through 2033. The Responsible Party is the NSSAR America 250th Committee, funding is planned, and the objective is "on track." The third objective is to partner with DAR, C.A.R. and other groups to execute joint 250th celebrations by July 4, 2026. The Responsible Agent is the NSSAR America 250th Committee, funding is being planned, and there is some discussion about whether this objective is proceeding.

The fourth goal is Education Programs, and the Historian General is the overall Responsible Agent. There are three measurable objectives: the first is to develop an information campaign on SAR Educational Website and SAR Genealogy Research Library's online capabilities. Responsible Agents include the Education Committee, Library &

Archives Committee. This objective is fully funded, and is "on track." The second objective is to appoint State Society Education Directors, Responsible Agent is the Education Committee, no funding required, and this objective overall is presently not "on track." The third and last objective for this goal is to incorporate 250th themes into Youth Contests. Responsible Agent is the Council of Youth Programs, funding not required, and this objective is fully "on track."

The fifth goal is simply "People." The overall Responsible Agent is the Registrar General. There are only two identified objectives: the first is to attract, train, involve, and retain members to grow membership by July 4, 2026. Responsible Agents are the Membership Committee and Council of State Presidents, funding is not required, and this objective is currently "not on track." The second objective is to build/retain a Professional Staff, the Responsible Agent is the NSSAR Executive Director, this objective is fully funded, and is "on track."

The sixth goal is Supporting Systems, with the overall Responsible Agent being the Secretary General. There are only two objectives: the first is to streamline membership and dues collection process by 2023, the Responsible Agent being the NSSAR National Dues Billing System. This is only partially funded, but progress is "on track." The second objective is to enhance communications and eliminate redundant reports by 2023, the Responsible Agent is the NSSAR Secretary General, it is fully funded, but is not currently "on track."

The seventh and last goal of the Five Year Operational Plan is Funding, the very basis of the visionary pyramid. The overall Responsible Agent is the Treasurer General. There are only two basic objectives: secure funding for top priority project by 2025, museum by 2023, Responsible Party is the SAR Foundation, only partially funded at this point, but the objective is "on track." The second objective is to initiate a comprehensive capital campaign, Responsible Agent is the SAR Foundation, there is no funding, and this objective is not "on track."

As previously mentioned, the above described Five-Year Operational Plan can be viewed on Sharefile, via the SAR website, under the Member's Tab.

Battle of Musgrove Mill: 244th Anniversary

By David Smith

Early on Saturday morning Aug. 19, 1780, around 200 mounted Patriots arrived at the Enoree River near Musgrove Mill on what is now the Laurens and Spartanburg County line. These Patriot forces were Georgians under Colonel Elijah Clarke, "Over Mountain Men" from Tennessee under Colonel Isaac Shelby, and South Carolinians commanded by Colonel James Williams. The ensuing conflict against a Tory garrison of more than 500 men saw heavy losses among the Loyalists, and few casualties in the Patriot ranks. This was a Patriot win.

Three days before this battle, Patriot General Horatio Gates had been totally defeated by Gen. Charles Cornwallis in Camden, and just the day before, British Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton defeated Patriot Thomas Sumter at Fishing Creek. The British were unstoppable, or so they thought. This battle at Musgrove Mill was the turning point in bolstering the confidence of the Patriot Militia. From here, the militia rallied, and Patriots saw victories at Kings Mountain, Blackstock's Farm and Cowpens.

The General James Williams Chapter and the Colonel James Williams Society, SC C.A.R. joined with the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site to host the 244th anniversary commemoration of this Patriot victory.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, more than 50 people gathered to pay their respects at an event where Joseph Smith, President of the



Judson LeViner renders honors. [Photos by Ted Walker]

Colonel James Williams Society C.A.R., was master of ceremonies. Greetings and remarks were given by Mike Monahan, SC SAR Senior Vice President, and Ranger Dawn Weaver, Park Manager. Eight SC SAR chapters, one C.A.R. Society and seven DAR chapters came forward to render honors along with the Virginia SAR Col. George Wailer Chapter represented by Compatriot Judson LeViner.

Historian Mark Stanford, Interpretive Ranger for the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, spoke on the variety of uniforms worn by British loyalist forces. After the commemoration Stanford gave a 45 minute lecture at the Visitor Center that covered events leading to the battle and the battle itself.

The commemoration concluded with a three volley musket salute by the SC SAR

Color Guard followed by refreshments on the visitor center's porch and Ranger Standford's presentation.

Park Manager Awarded Silver Good Citizenship Medal



At the Aug. 20 SAR Commemoration of the Battle of Musgrove's Mill, Ranger Dawn Weaver, the longtime park manager of the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, received recognition for her many years of personal effort to maintain and improve two significant Revolutionary battlefields. Those are the Blackstock's Farm battlefield in Union County and the Musgrove Mill battlefield in Laurens County.

Ranger Weaver's personal and professional efforts help the SC SAR meet many of its stated objectives. Right now Ranger Weaver is raising money to update the visitor's center with touchscreen interactive displays.

Her award was presented by Senior Vice President Mike Monahan on behalf of the National Society SAR.



Battle of Musgrove Mill: 244th Anniversary



Upstate Regional Vice President Eric Barnhill (left) and past State President Ted Walker at Battle of Musgrove Mill. [Photo by Rick Hill]



From left: Pete Widell, Ted Walker, Chip Griffin, Judson LeViner, Neel Flanagan and Rick Morris. [Photo by Ted Walker]



Carolyn Nations, 250 Coordinator, NSDAR



Joe Glavitsch (left), President of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, and Leonard Anglin, Chapter treasurer.



Kathryn Smith, Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson Chapter DAR.



At lectern Mike Monahan (left), SCSSAR Senior Vice President, and Joseph Smith, President, Col. James Williams Society, SC C.A.R. [Photos by David M. Bennett, Registrar, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter]



Interpretative Ranger Mark Stanford, guest speaker.

Battle of Musgrove Mill: 244th Anniversary



From left: David Bennett, Joe Glavitsch, Philip Andrew, Dan Woodruff, Leonard Anglin and David Smith.



From left: Pete Widell, Ted Walker, Chip Griffin, Judson LeViner, Neel Flannagan, John Cooper and Rick Morris.



SAR and DAR participants at Musgrove Mill Commemoration.



Mike Monahan, SCSSAR Senior Vice President

Photos by Ted Walker

Thomas Jefferson to Roger Chew Weightman, June 24, 1826, 10 days before Jefferson's death

Monticello June 24. 26

Respected Sir

The kind invitation I receive from you on the part of the citizens of the city of Washington, to be present with them at their celebration of the 50th anniversary of American independance; as one of the surviving signers of an instrument, pregnant with our own, and the fate of the world, is most flattering to myself, and heightened by the honorable accompaniment proposal for the comfort of such a journey. It adds sensibly to the sufferings of sickness, to be deprived by it of a personal participation in the rejoicings of that day, but acquiescence is a duty, under circumstances not placed among those we are permitted to controul.

I should indeed, with peculiar delight, have met and exchanged there, congratulations personally, **with the small band, the remnant of that host of worthies, who joined with us, on that day, in the bold and doubtful election we were to make, for our country, between submission, or the sword; and to have enjoyed with them the consolatory fact that our fellow citizens, after half a century of experience and prosperity, continue to approve the choice we made.** May it be to the world what I believe it will be, (to some parts sooner, to others later, but finally to all.) the Signal of arousing men to burst the chains, under which Monkish ignorance and superstition had persuaded them to bind themselves, and to **assume the blessings & security of self government.** The form which we have substituted restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion, all eyes are opened, or opening to the rights of man. The general spread of the light of science has already laid open to every view the palpable truth that the mass of mankind has not been born, with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few

booted and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God. These are grounds of hope for others, for ourselves let the annual return of this day, for ever refresh our recollections of these rights and an undiminished devotion to them....

My regret that ill health forbids me the gratification of an acceptance, be pleased to receive for yourself and those for whom you write the assurance of my highest respect and friendly attachments.

Nov. 23 – Battle of Blackstock's Farm Commemoration

All are invited to attend this SC SAR state event, which takes place on the actual field of the Nov. 20, 1780 battle. This was Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's first Patriot defeat and a major turning point in the Southern Campaign.

Where: Battle of Blackstock's Farm State Historic Site, 568 Monument Rd., Enoree, SC 29335

When: 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 23.

After the commemoration we sit at an elevated position overlooking the battlefield while Ranger Mark Stanford gives the history of what led to this encounter and a blow by blow account of the battle as it unfolded.

Register with David Smith at smithgirz@gmail.com at your convenience. There are no facilities on site. Refreshments will be provided.



Join us for an
**American Revolutionary War
 Living History Day**

Join us for a captivating journey into the heart of the American Revolutionary War at this year's Living History Day. Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and stories of this pivotal era through interactive exhibits, knowledgeable historians, and passionate reenactors.

JET Middle School
October 23, 2024 | 9AM - 3PM

1095 Columbia Road, Johnston, SC 29832
This event is free and open to the public.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Edgefield County 250 American Revolution Anniversary Committee



Cambridge Chapter Places Flags on Patriot Graves

Several Cambridge Chapter members placed 34 flags on Patriot graves at Greenville Presbyterian cemetery and one at Due West Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church June 29. It was a beautiful morning for chapter members Brabham Dukes, and his wife, Elaine, a member of DAR Star Fort Chapter, Dick Hedrick and his wife, Cynthia, and John Cooper to pay our respects to our Patriot ancestors. This has been an annual tradition for Cambridge Chapter members for many years.

Photos by John Cooper



Col. Robert Anderson Chapter at Greer Freedom Blast

GREER — The city of Greer invited the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter to man a booth at the city’s annual Freedom Blast June 29. This event is held each year to honor our veterans and celebrate the Fourth of July and is heavily attended and closes with fireworks.

The city gave us a tent with table and chairs and placed us on veterans row. We had SAR banners and to pass out we had SAR magnets (compliments of American 250 chairman Joe Babb), a recruiting flyer, veterans’ pins and glow sticks and beads for the kids.

Our booth was visited by over 50 people with 12 to 18 asking questions and eight wanted to pursue membership. Two of those men have started the application process. This was the first event like this our chapter has participated, in and we believe as a recruiting and public relations event it was a success.



Representing the Robert Anderson Chapter (from left): Registrar David Bennett, Com-patriot Robert Young, Secretary Tom Pery and Treasurer Leonard Anglin.

Col. Robert Anderson Chapter Marks John King Grave

PACOLET — The Col. Robert Anderson Chapter met in a cemetery hidden in the woods somewhere near Pacolet, July 20, to mark the grave of Washington Lifeguard, John King. Pvt. King served in the unit responsible for protecting George Washington. He fought in major battles at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and was with Gen. Washington at Valley Forge. The chapter ordered a replica of the Lifeguard flag that appears in the photo above and that flag will become a part of our color guard.



From left: Chapter Chaplain Jimmy Lonadier, Sgt. at Arms Philip Andrew, Communications Officer Ethan Price, Registrar David Bennett, Robert Anthony (great grandson of John King), and Secretary Tom Perry. A marking ceremony will be held this Fall with cooler weather. [Photos by Chapter President Joe Glavitsch]

John King: Protecting Gen. George Washington

By Philip L. Andrew
Sergeant at Arms
Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

On Saturday, July 20, several members of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter of the South Carolina SAR placed a Patriot Marker on the grave of Patriot John King, located on the property of the Spartanburg Gun Club, in Pacolet, SC.

John King was one of five sons of Thomas King of Louisa County, Virginia, to serve as Patriots in the American Revolutionary War. Their home, a small plantation called Meadowood, was located a few miles west of the King Plantation, home of Patriot Patrick Henry. John King, along with his brother Elisha, enlisted in the Captain Moses Hawkins Company in January, 1777 [1]. Both Elisha and John fought in all the major battles over the next two and a half years,

including: Brandywine Creek (September, 1777), Germantown (October, 1777) and Monmouth Courthouse (June, 1778), and both were encamped with Washington during the winters at Valley Forge, PA (1777-1778) and at Morristown, NJ (1779-1780) [1].

John was selected to serve as General George Washington's Commander-in-Chief's Guard, commonly referred to as the Life Guard, an infantry unit of the Continental Army that protected Washington during the American Revolutionary War. The unit was established in 1776 and disbanded in 1783 after the war. The Commander's Guards were trained by the Baron Frederick von Steuben, and, "after being trained by von Steuben in the new American Drill, the Lifeguards moved amongst units of the Continental Army demonstrating von Steu-

ben's methods and principles." [2]

John King's obituary stated that he was the first to hail the approach of the Baron Von Steuben to Washington's tent at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777 [1]. The Life Guard's responsibilities included: protecting Washington, his papers and personal effects; guarding army headquarters; and transporting and establishing Washington's field headquarters.

In forming the unit, Washington issued a General Order to his Colonels and Commanding Officers of regiments of the Continental Army to select four men from each regiment who would form his personal guard, seeking the following qualifications: "His Excellency depends upon the Colonels for good Men, such as they can

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recommend for their sobriety, honesty and good behavior; he wishes them to be from five feet eight Inches high, to five feet ten Inches; handsomely and well made, and as there is nothing in his eyes more desirable than Cleanliness in a Soldier, he desires that particular attention be made in the choice of such men as are clean and spruce" [2] [3]. Washington purportedly further preferred soldiers from his home state of Virginia [1].

Captain Caleb Gibbs, an adjutant of the 14th Massachusetts Continental Regiment, was selected to command the unit and was given the title Captain Commandant. Gibbs' motto for the unit was "Conquer or Die"[2]. The Life Guard's ceremonial uniform included blue greatcoats, white coveralls, black tricorne hats, and white powdered wigs. They were equipped with muskets

based on the Brown Bess design, which was originally developed for the British Army in 1722. The Life Guard also carried a flag that was a modified version of Washington's personal position standard. After the war, the Life Guard's final order was to transport Washington's personal effects, including eight years' of official documents, to Mount Vernon [2].

After Washington was elected President, King visited the Spartanburg, South Carolina area while en route to Savannah, Georgia. During his stay, John met Sarah LeMaster, daughter of Ralph LeMaster. Smitten. King later returned to Spartanburg, married Sarah, raised 12 children, lived a comfortable life, and died March 25, 1842 at the age of 84. Sarah was 16 years younger than John and died on October 1, 1859. John and Sarah are buried on land they once owned in what is now

known as the King cemetery [1]

Those wishing to know more about the Life Guard are referred to an excellent online article by Dr. Alan Capps [2].

1. Patriot Graves and Biographies Report on John King, P230032, by Robert Lee Anthony, SAR 219713, dated 17 October 2018.

2. Capps, Alan. "Life Guards," George Washington's Mount Vernon, <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/life-guards> Accessed 25 July 2024.

3. "General Order, 11 March 1776," The Writings of George Washington, Vol. 4, ed. John C. Fitzpatrick (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office).

Col. Robert Anderson Chapter August Meeting

At the Aug. 15 Col. Robert Anderson meeting the Chapter presented SAR Certificates of Appreciation to the compatriots representing us at the Greer Freedom Blast June 29.

Their objective was to recruit new members for the SAR and to get our name and chapter in front of the public. The work they did was significant and reflected well on the SAR.

In the picture (from left) are David Bennett, Chapter Registrar; Leonard Anglin, Chapter Treasurer; and Tom Perry, Chap-



ter Secretary. Unable to attend the meeting was compatriot Robert Young. [Photo by Joe Glavitsch]



DAR Medal of Commendation

Luther Banks Wannamaker, a member of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, receives a National DAR Medal of Commendation along with his wife Doraine for his protection and promotion of the historic Siege of Fort Motte property in Calhoun County. The Wannamaker family has overseen this property for over 70 years. They have protected it from developments so as to preserve it for future generations to appreciate. This awards ceremony was held at an SCDAR meeting in Columbia, Saturday, Aug. 24. The award was presented by Alice Caskey, SCDAR State Regent [Photo by Winnie Rickenbaker]



Revolutionary War Patriot Dicey Langston

Compatriot Ethan Price is a great-grandson of young Revolutionary War Patriot Dicey Langston. Working with Travelers Rest Mayor Brandy Amidon and DAR members, Ethan authored an America 250 grant application to fund a life-size bronze statue to be placed in prominence in the city. The grant was approved by the AM250 committee for \$50,000 completely funding the sculpting and casting of the statue.

To recognize this significant achievement that reflects well on the SAR and our chapter, Ethan was awarded the SAR Henry Knox Medal on behalf of the chapter by President Joe Glavitsch. [Photo by Philip Andrew]

Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter

Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot John Starnes

CONCORD, North Carolina — NSSAR Chapters from South and North Carolina teamed up to sponsor a grave-marking ceremony for Patriot John Starnes, P-345747, at St. John's Lutheran Church, in Concord, Saturday June 22.

The Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter was represented by Bud Starnes, Chapter President and fifth Great-Grandson of John Starnes, along with Eric Barnhill, past Chapter President and Upstate Region Vice President. The NCSSAR team consisted of John Misenheimer, President of the Lt. Col. John Phifer Chapter, who was joined by Greg Catledge, Past President of the Mecklenburg Chapter, and Stephen McKee, State Color Guard Commander and State Senior Vice President.

NSDAR and NSCAR members in attendance and presenting wreaths were as follows: Corinne Smith, Regent, and members Susan Hamilton, Jennifer Wood and Kathy Dean of Cabarrus Black Boys Chapter, NCSDAR; Miss Jayda Brooks, President of the Col. Adam Alexander Society, NCSCAR; and Jackie Sanders, Regent, Karen Tauber, Vice Regent, and Becky Sawyer, Secretary of the Yadkin Valley Patriots Chapter, NCSDAR.

John Starnes was a Captain in the 2nd Regiment of Mecklenburg Militia and presumably killed at the Battle of Camden (South Carolina) in August 1780. His SAR Patriot grave marker was placed adjacent to a Memorial dedicated to Captain John Starnes and his wife Margaret Specht in St. John's Cemetery. Twenty-eight other Patriots are buried or memorialized in the church cemetery and were recognized during the ceremony. A Betsy Ross flag was placed at each Patriot's gravesite.

The event was attended by approximately 20 family members representing the annual national reunion of the Starnes Triennial Association, C.C. Crump, President, held in Monroe, North Carolina, that same weekend. Compatriot John Misenheimer presented a background of historic St. John's Lutheran Church, and the Honorable Sanford Steelman presented a biographical sketch of Captain John Starnes. The attendees were then led by bagpiper Capt. Orrick Haney, USNR, in a processional to the church cemetery, where Capt. Haney later piped "Amazing Grace" in honor of all the Patriots interred in the cemetery.

Much of the event's planning, guidance in use of the facilities, and participation was provided by the staff and congregates



North Carolina SAR members (from left): Stephen McKee, State Senior Vice President and State Color Guard Commander; John Misenheimer, President, Lt. Col. John Phifer Chapter, and Greg Catledge, Past President, Mecklenburg Chapter. [Photo by Bud Starnes]

of St. John's Lutheran Church, including Pastor Matt Hansen, Catherine Ritch, Dean Morehead, Bob Blackwelder, Bob Cavalline and Mike Herring of the church's

Heritage Center, all to whom their support is gratefully acknowledged. *Bud Starnes, President, General Andrew Pickens Chapter.*

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Thomas Heyward Chapter

Sun City Hilton Head Flag Day Celebration

Two hundred forty-seven years ago, on June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed an act establishing an official flag for the new nation. The resolution stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 "Flag Day" as a commemoration of the Stars and Stripes adopted as the national flag June 14, 1777.

On June 14, 2024, John Boyes, President of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter; Jim Closson, President of the Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter; and Scott Bruton, South Carolina State Color Guard Commander, participated in the Sun City Hilton Head Flag Day observance. Led by the Sun City Veterans Association Color Guard, compatriots Boyes, Closson and Bruton marched into the pavilion to the cadence of drum and fife.

Compatriot Closson was the keynote speaker. His address to an audience of over 100 was on the history of our flag. During his speech Closson recognized local organizations for exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of The United States of America. Recipients were Sun City Hilton Head, Bluffton Township Fire District Station 34, and Hardeeville Fire Department Station 82.

The culmination of the celebration was a cake-cutting ceremony recognizing the 249th birthday of the United States Army.



Photos by Jennifer Conner

The oldest and youngest Army veterans were chosen to cut the cake. Among the ceremony participants were a 98-year-old World War II veteran, a Vietnam veteran, and a Korean veteran. Compatriot Scott Bruton represented the Sons of the American Revolution and was recognized for his service during the Global War on Terrorism.

From left: Scott Bruton, John Boyes and Jim Closson

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Thomas Heyward Chapter

National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Flag Award

Ever mindful of Americanism in and around his community, Jim Closson, President of the Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter, takes notice of organizations who proudly and correctly fly the flag of The United States of America.

Traveling south on I95 and just across the state line in Georgia is an organization whose display of the American Flag is hard to miss on the east side of the interstate. It stands out among the rest. It's the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Pooler, Georgia.

On July 12 Closson traveled to the museum to recognize the Museum's proper display of the American flag. A certificate of recognition was presented to the muse-



um's Director of Education and Volunteers, Heather Thies.

Ms. Thies encourages all members of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to visit this one-of-a-kind museum.



Heather Thies, Director of Education and Volunteers, and Jim Closson.

Godfrey Dreher Chapter



Compatriots William A. Wilson and Warren W. Carothers, Past Presidents of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter, attended the Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts Gregory Barron and John Hall. The SAR Eagle Scout Recognitions were presented at the event held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Irmo, SC, on Aug. 10. Eagle Scouts are pictured with Compatriot Carothers. [Photo by William A. Wilson]

Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter

The Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter, along with Hobkirk Hill and Joseph Kershaw Chapters of the NSDAR and Historic Camden held multiple ceremonies Aug. 17.

The first event was at the Camden Battlefield at 9 a.m. including a wreath-laying event. The program was created by the SAR and jointly sponsored by all four groups. Fourteen wreaths were presented with over 50 people in attendance.

The second event was at the Quaker Cemetery to honor the Camden 12 with a wreath-laying ceremony. It was an SAR and DAR event with John Goodwin, President of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter, hosting. Fourteen wreaths were presented with about 40 people in attendance.



The Camden 12



DAR members at Camden 12 event



John Goodwin hosts the Camden 12 event.



Participants at the Battlefield ceremony.

The third event was a joint SAR-DAR event at Historic Camden's McCaa Tavern. Included were light refreshments provided by the DAR chapters. About 25 people were in attendance.

Photos by Kathryn Watkins, Hobkirk Hill NSDAR First Vice Regent; and John Goodwin, President, Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter



Granby Chapter NSDAR dedicates Grave Marker for Lt. Benjamin Culpepper

SALUDA COUNTY — The Granby Chapter NSDAR dedicated a grave marker July 20 for Lt. Benjamin Culpepper, who is the fifth great-grandfather of Granby Regent Deborah Blanpied.

Lt. Culpepper served in the Patriot forces in South Carolina during the Revolution and is buried in a private family cemetery in Saluda County. Assisting in the ceremony were Granby Chapter NSDAR honorary regents, Pam Freck and Miriam Lovett, Granby Registrar Rhonda Robison, Treasurer Linda Dean and members Pat Fulmer and Terry Gladfelter.

Joining us were NSSAR Trustee Ted Walker, and his wife Linda and members of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter of the SCSSAR, President Gary Blanpied, President elect Nelson McLeod, Vice President for Technology James Herritage, and Treas-



Lt. Benjamin Culpepper
Died Jan. 10, 1829



Deborah Blanpied, Granby Regent

surer Fritz Gladfelter. Deborah's daughter, Isabelle, was there to honor one of her maternal ancestors. Southern Historian Dean Hunt gave a brief history of the Revolutionary War in Saluda County, and the

landowner shared recent events. His granddaughter was a witness that can pass on who is buried there to future generations. *Deborah and Gary Blanpied.*



Photos by Gary Blanpied and Linda Walker

Ramsour's Mill, North Carolina, June 22



Photos by Deidra Bruton

Scott Bruton
SCSSAR Color Guard
Commander



Second Annual General Thomas Sumter Commemoration

**By Thomas Blackmon
Pee Dee Vice President
President of the
Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter**

As a South Carolinian, I revel in the fact that the military history of our country's founding is so readily accessible. With a roadtrip, one can visit the gravesite of their Patriot ancestor or tread on a battlefield. Hallowed grounds, where men had long since dispensed with all pretenses and engaged in combat for the simple right of self determination.

In Sumter, South Carolina, we find ourselves steeped in history through the community's namesake, Brigadier General Thomas Sumter. Like Francis Marion, he began his military career during the French and Indian War, receiving an introduction to tactics that rendered linear warfare tantamount to suicide in the frontier territory.

After the fall of Charleston in 1780, Sumter joined Marion in rallying the Patriot cause to harry the British in South Carolina. In November 1780, he would exact the first defeat on Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion at the Battle of Blackstock's Plantation. Though history remembers "The Carolina Gamecock," Sumter was known to General Charles Cornwallis simply as one of his "greatest plagues."

Two years ago, the Colonel Matthew Singleton Chapter, SAR, the Sumter's Home Chapter, DAR, and the living descendants of Gen. Sumter sought to pay homage to the legacy of our state's most aggressive militia commanders.



Compatriots of the South Carolina Society, SAR. [Photo by John Holmberg]

On Aug. 3, 2024, in celebration of the general's upcoming 290th birthday, we were proud to host multiple officers and chapter representatives of the SAR and DAR, the State Regent of the Daughters of the American Colonists, Linda Hawkins, and nine relatives of Thomas Sumter. In the finest traditions of military courtesy, Col. Kevin "Flint" Hicok, commander of the 20th Fighter Wing and Shaw Air Force Base, attended the ceremony with members of the 20th Fighter Wing Honor Guard. Captain Rose Natividad represented Lt. Gen. Patrick Frank and the Headquarters of U.S. Army Central, and the South Carolina Military Department was represented by Lt. Eric Barnes, Historian of the South Carolina State Guard, and Honorguardsmen Cpl. Marlin Debramaletta.

Remarks about Gen. Sumter's life were delivered by Colonel Matthew Singleton Chapter's own Compatriot Harold Gon-

zales, who also represented the Louisiana Society SAR. Sumter's Home Chapter Historian Penny Steed led the wreath-laying ceremony, recognizing 11 delegations rendering honors at the tomb of Thomas Sumter. Following a moment of silence, the SCSSAR Honor Guard composed of Neel Flannagan, Chip Griffin and Ted Walker fired a musket salute at the word of SCSSAR Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton. With smoke still hanging in the air, the 20th FW Honorguards sounded Taps in a befitting remembrance of a departed warrior.

In closing, I would like to appreciate how our shared history binds us. At the macro level, our active duty and retired Veterans who joined us came from all walks of life and military branches, yet they are united in having taken up the mantle once held by our Patriot ancestors.

Sumter County was founded in 1845 as Sumterville, and residents today live a stone's throw away from the last surviving American general of the Revolution and a distinguished family of S.C. politicians, including the first U.S. Ambassador to Brazil.

At the individual level, I often repeat how honored I am to serve in the same chapter as Thomas Sumter's great-grandson Compatriot John Loney. My own great-grandfather, Lt. John Bagnal would take the field under direct command of Gen. Sumter at the first Battle of Fort Watson. As we move closer to the 250th Anniversary of the United States, it our hope that more Americans will come to appreciate that our Republic began with Patriots willing to fight for liberty both rhetorically and through force of arms.

On behalf of Vice Regent Roof, myself, the Sumter's Home Chapter, DAR and the Colonel Matthew Singleton Chapter, SAR we thank everyone who participated in this Commemoration and look forward to future partnership opportunities.



Members of the South Carolina DAR and Daughters of the American Colonists. [Photo by John Holmberg]

Second Annual General Thomas Sumter Commemoration



Representatives from the 20th Fighter Wing, U.S. Army Central, and the South Carolina State Guard join the SAR, DAR and Daughters of the American Colonists to honor Brigadier General Thomas Sumter. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]



Compatriot Harold "Gonzo" Gonzales, Lt. Col. USAF, Ret. delivered remarks on the legacy of Gen. Sumter, and also represented the Louisiana Society, SAR. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]



Descendants of Thomas Sumter, including Cherelle Moore, Compatriot John Loney, DAR member Tiffany Bucci and Elizabeth Rhoades. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]



SCSSAR Honor Guard fires a musket salute. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]



Wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of General Thomas Sumter. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]



Members of the 20th Fighter Wing Honor Guard sound Taps in honor of the Carolina Gamecock. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]

Thomas Sumter Commemoration



Thomas Blackmon, Pee Dee Regional Vice President, and President of Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter.



From left: Scott Bruton, State Color Guard Commander; Chip Griffin, Thomas Blackmon, Pee Dee Regional Vice President, and President of the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter; National Trustee Ted Walker; and Neel Flannagan, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter. [Photos by Gary Blanpied]



IN HONOR OF
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Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

By Thomas Blackmon
President of the
Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

The Colonel 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, 2023, 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, 2023, the Colonel Matthew Singleton 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 judges 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 Colonel Matthew



Clarendon County Memorial Day Ceremony, conducted at Manning Court House. [Photo by Thomas Blackmon]

Singleton 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 joined 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 headquarters, and airmen of Shaw Air Force Base.

Following a formal wreath-laying ceremony, conducted by cadets of the Sumter Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, community members decorated 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 military occupational specialty.

Compatriot Davis is a Veteran of the U.S. Army and recently completed his Ph.D. in History. His wife Sherri Davis 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.

Afterwards, 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 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 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



SAR Compatriots joined DAR and Veterans organizations to dedicate the Military Veterans Memorial at the Sumter Cemetery. [Photo by Thomas Blackmon]



Aliene Humphries, South Carolina Humanities Speaker, is awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation. [Photo by John Holmberg]

Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

Program, which was invaluable to me as a newly elected Chapter President. During our October 2023 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.



Compatriots Larry Gamble, Doug Foxworth and John Holmberg are awarded the Certificate of Distinguished Service. [Photo by Eric Shumpert]



Compatriot Frank Martin (left) is awarded the Certificate of Distinguished Service. [Photo by Eric Shumpert]



Compatriot Eric Shumpert is presented the War Service Medal with Iraq Clasp and Iraq Veteran Corps Certificate. [Photo by John Holmberg]



Chapter Vice President John Raffield (left) presents Compatriot Bill Hartley with the NSSAR Wounded Warrior Coin for his wounds sustained in Korea as a combat Marine. [Photo by Eric Shumpert]



Chapter President Thomas Blackmon (left) and Chapter Registrar John Holmberg representing the chapter at the Camden ceremonies. [Photo by Doug Doster]



Chapter President Thomas Blackmon at Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Quaker Cemetery in Camden. [Photo by John Holmberg]



Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Battle of Camden Commemoration. [Photo by John Holmberg]

Calendar of Events

Sept. 28, First Siege of Augusta, 243rd Anniversary Commemoration, Kroc Center, Augusta, GA, Henry Laurens Chapter SCSSAR & Col. William Few Chapter GASSAR.

Sept. 28 SC C.A.R. and Georgia C.A.R. Conference - Kroc Center, Augusta, GA.

Oct. 3-5, NSSAR Fall Leadership, Louisville, KY.

Oct. 7, 10 a.m., Battle of Kings Mountain, NSSAR / SCSSAR National Event.

Oct. 7, South Atlantic District Meeting and National Candidate Forum, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery – 210 West Frederick St., Gaffney, SC 29341 The event will be held after the Kings Mountain Commemoration and will include a Candidates Forum for National office.

Oct. 9 Siege of Savannah

Oct. 19, SCSSAR Board of Governors, Shandon UMC Columbia, SC, 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 19 - Candle Light Tour - Living History, Ninety-Six Historic Site

Oct. 20 - 2 p.m. 249th anniversary of first battle at Ninety-Six

Oct. 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. American Revolutionary War Living History Day, JET Middle School, Johnson, SC

Nov. 8, 9 and 10 - Battle of Camden, Camden, SC

Nov. 23, Battle of Blackstock's Plantation Commemoration, 10 a.m. (at battlefield), James Williams Chapter, David Smith.

Nov. 23, Battle of Fort Morris, Midway, Georgia

Dec. 7, Battle of Cane Break Commemoration, 10 a.m., Historic Hopkins Farm, Simpsonville, SC, Robert Anderson Chapter, Joe Glavitsch.

Jan. 8, 2025, Executive Committee Zoom, 7 p.m.

Jan. 18, SCSSAR Board of Governors meeting, Columbia, SC, 11:30 a.m. Shandon UMC.

Ted Walker's Traveling Trunk / Museum

I joined the Sons of the American Revolution because of my love of American history and to learn about my patriot ancestors.

The SAR has given me opportunities in many ways to participate in Commemorations of Battles fought, recognition of Revolution War Patriots through marking their graves, conducting living history events in schools, public venues and at re-enactment locations. These activities allowed me to meet many passionate folks who, like I, want to tell the story of our American heritage.

I decided the best way for me to accomplish my passion was to build a traveling trunk / museum. This process started over four years ago when I began to collect artifacts, period attire, muskets and items that were used during the 1700s. I have also attended many re-enactments and participated with presenters of our American history. My project started small but it grew when I decided to build a cannon.

I hang out with my buddies in the GASSAR who are in the Skunk Brigade and they fire cannons regularly at all kinds of events. It was an honor to be inducted in the Skunk Brigade and now we all work together to tell the American Story. I plan to take my museum to living history events, NSSAR Commemorations, NSDAR events, America 250 events and anything that honors America's heritage.

If you have an event and are interested in my traveling trunk participating please contact me at 803 599-1654 or email twalkerj@bellsouth.net

Ted Walker, Past President SCSSAR



Ted's granddaughter Briley, a member of the William Stroud Chapter, C.A.R. [Photos by Linda Walker]



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Elementary Grade Students 3rd, 4th or 5th grades https://www.sar.org/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest-2/	The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest	6/1/2025	4/1/2025	3/1/2025	Contact: Ted Walker twalkerj42@gmail.com (803) 599-1654
Middle School Students https://www.sar.org/sgt-moses-adams-memorial-middle-school-brochure-contest/	The Sergeant Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest	1/15/2025	12/31/2024	11/30/2024	Contact: Ted Walker twalkerj42@gmail.com (803) 599-1654
High School Students https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/	The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest (top 5 nationally get awards)	2/15/2025	1/15/2025	12/1/2024	Contact Doug Doster dosterdouglas@gmail.com (803)747-2111
High School	The Joseph Rumbaugh	1/15/2025	12/8/2024	11/15/2024	Contact Charles

Students https://www.sar.org/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration-contest/	Historical Patriotic Oration Contest				McKinney cmckinneysr@yahoo.com (864)833-4457
High School Students ROTC/JROTC & Other Cadet Recognition Program	Outstanding ROTC Cadet		3/1/2025	2/15/2025	Contact Clyde Howell ichowell5@bellsouth.net (803)507-0742
High School Senior https://sites.google.com/view/scsar-scholarship	Theodore Roosevelt Morton South Carolina Society SAR Scholarship	N/A	2/15/2025		Contact Charles Vaughan cfvaughan318@gmail.com (803) 206-2258
All students https://scssar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/SOUTH-CAROLINA-SOCIETY-READING-PROGRAM-BROCHURE.docx	The Benjamin Franklin Reading Program	1/15/2025	12/8/2024	11/15/2024	Contact: Ted Walker twalkerj42@gmail.com (803) 599-1654
CAR Members; SAR Members	The Children of the American Revolution Award	1/15/2024	12/8/2023	11/15/2023	Contact Gary Blanpied garyblanpied@gmail.com (803)546-9577
Eagle Scouts	Eagle Scout Recognition Program		No submission to NSSAR required	anytime	Contact Coby Alexander wca4@charter.net

					(864)590-3557
Eagle Scouts https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-scholarship-contest/	The Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest	2/15/2025	1/20/2025	12/31/2024	Contact Coby Alexander wca4@charter.net (864)590-3557
SAR members Woody Carothers was the last one from SC in 2016	Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award	60-90 days Before Spring leadership meeting			Contact Coby Alexander wca4@charter.net (864)590-3557
Elementary Grade History Teachers https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/	The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award	1/15/2025	12/8/2024	11/15/2024	Contact Doug Doster dosterdouglas@gmail.com (803)747-2111
Middle School History Teachers https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/	The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award	1/15/2025	12/8/2024	11/15/2024	Contact Doug Doster dosterdouglas@gmail.com (803)747-2111
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ROTC/JROTC & OTHER CADET RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen-soldier,” exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by an SAR Chapter, State-level Society, or the National Society to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection.

SAR members are direct descendants of those patriots that achieved the independence of the American people and the objectives of the organization are intended to perpetuate a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers. Such were the ideals of Captain Alden Partridge, who is considered the founder of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program in the United States. Partridge founded the ROTC because his father, Samuel Partridge, a soldier of the Revolution, had concern for the newly founded United States and its lacking a development resource for qualified military officers. SAR supports all programs that encourage historical research, foster true patriotism, and maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. It strongly supports the United States ROTC and JROTC as exemplary programs of these ideals.

For ROTC or JROTC units with fewer than five hundred cadets or midshipmen, one ROTC or JROTC Recognition medal will be awarded each year. For larger units, one medal may be presented for every five hundred students enrolled in the unit. In cases where a school has more than one ROTC or JROTC unit, each unit is counted separately. The Silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a college or

university ROTC unit and no recipient may receive it more than once. The Bronze JROTC Medal was authorized in 1965 and is presented only to students in secondary school JROTC and no recipient may receive it more than once. As of June 15, 1998, the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is no longer eligible to receive the SAR JROTC Bronze Medal. Instead, the NSCC should be supported by recognizing the outstanding NSCC cadet with the SAR Sea Cadet Medal (Bronze Good Citizenship Medal with Ribbon Bar).

The winner of each state-level society competition will be entered into the National JROTC Recognition program. The winning cadet at the national society level will receive his or her award at our annual SAR Congress. The award will be the National JROTC Medallion and an award of \$5,000. The 2nd Place award is \$2,000 and the 3rd Place award is \$1,000. Two new award levels for 4th and 5th Place introduced for 2018-2019 are now at \$500 each. For a complete set of rules, along with the application for both the applicant and the sponsoring SAR members, can be found below. Please be aware that the local application deadline dates may vary, so interested applicants should reach out to their local SAR Society contact listed below for further details.

Contact:

Clyde Howell

jchowell5@bellsouth.net

(803)507-0742

State of South Carolina Deadline: March 1, 2025

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.

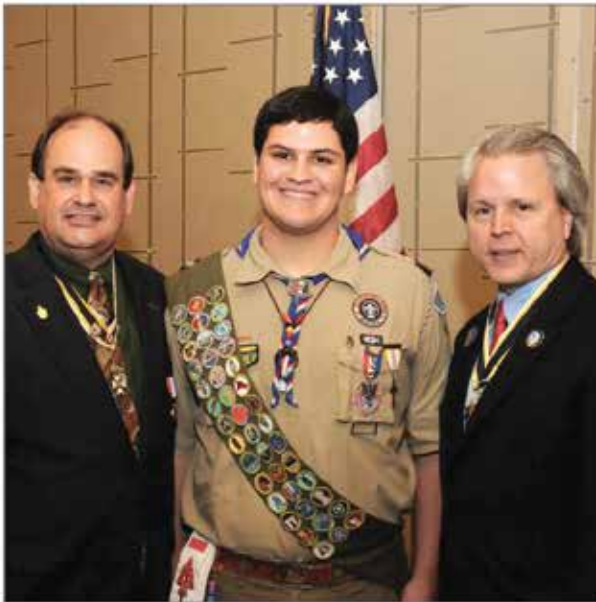
In group shots, have participants drop their hands to their sides to avoid fig leaf poses.

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*.

The Boy Scouts of America and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



2014 SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Winner

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Citizenship*



Sons of the American Revolution

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is an organization of over 32,000 male descendents of those Patriots who served in uniform during the Revolutionary War or who rendered material aid to the founding or the United States of America during the Revolutionary period.

Today, the SAR consists of 50 State and the District of Columbia and International Societies with more than 500 Local or Regional Chapters.

The SAR was organized in 1889 and Chartered by Congress in 1906. It is founded on a firm commitment to the values of individual human liberty and dignity that inspired our Founding Fathers.

The objects of the Society are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational.

In today's world, there is a growing and grave need to reaffirm and revitalize those values on which the United States of America was established.



The SAR welcomes inquiries and applications for membership.

While membership in the SAR is for adults 18 years or older, eligible youth may join the Children of the American Revolution.



DR. TOM & BETTY LAWRENCE AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER AWARD

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all American history teachers, whose approved curriculum teaches students about the American Revolution era from 1750 to 1800, to apply for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The award is open to all teachers at the middle school or high school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution. While the preliminary rounds of the award program begin at the local chapter level, teachers may eventually advance to the state and national levels.

The American History Teacher Award recognizes educators who distinguish themselves in teaching the history of the American Revolution. Teacher candidates interested in entering the local SAR Chapter contest must complete the required application and submit a written essay of not less than 1000 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolution era. The essay may also describe any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized by the teacher to teach the American Revolution. The contest is aimed at identifying a teacher who is still actively teaching, has taught for at least three years, and who is in the early or middle stages of his or her career, therefore having at least 15 years of productive classroom teaching remaining.

The program will feature a contest at each of the two educational levels so there will be a winner for the middle school level and the high school level. An SAR Chapter may submit a contestant to the state from each school level and the state may hold a contest and select a winner from each school level to submit for the national awards. A state may submit a state winner for each level, or from only one or two educational levels. The national winner from each school level will receive potential benefits worth up to

The benefits to each winner are as follows; Attendance at a teacher workshop or seminar on the American Revolution. The winner will receive up to \$3,000.00 to pay for tuition and travel expenses to attend one of the following teacher seminars: the Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; the Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teacher Workshop in Williamsburg, Virginia; or the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution. Other seminars may be attended provided the SAR provides prior approval in writing. The tuition for the seminar will be considered a scholarship and will be paid directly to the seminar. Reasonable travel expenses directly related to attendance at a seminar will be incurred by the winner and submitted to the SAR for reimbursement. Winners are encouraged to discuss travel plans with the SAR prior to incurring expenses. Reasonable travel expenses may include airfare or mileage in the case of a winner driving a personal vehicle, and room and board where it is not provided by the seminar. Because the educational benefit is \$3,000.00 it is possible that a winner may attend more than one seminar but the total scholarship for tuition, and reimbursement for expenses may not exceed \$3,000.00. The winners must complete all seminars within 24 months after the winners are announced, or the award is forfeited. Within thirty days of attending a seminar, a winning teacher must submit to the SAR a report of not less than 500 words discussing the benefits of the award and how the seminar has improved their ability to teach the American Revolution. The report may be shared with the SAR membership including posting it on the website. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$1000.00 for their personal and unrestricted use. The winner will receive an IRS Form 1099, as this cash prize is taxable. One past winner each year will be invited by the National Committee Chairman to attend the SAR National Congress to speak at the Youth Awards Luncheon. Only teachers who have attended a seminar are eligible for invitation to the National Congress so it is possible that the teacher invited to Congress will have been a winner in a prior year. At the discretion of the SAR, a winning teacher who was not invited to Congress may be invited to a Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY. Teachers who are invited to either a Congress or a Leadership Meeting will have their travel expenses paid, including two nights of hotel accommodations, meals and transportation. The reimbursement will be made once travel expenses are submitted and may not exceed \$1,000.00.

<https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/>

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GEORGE S. & STELLA M. KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution to participate in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. The contest is open to all US Citizen and Legal Resident students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high schools in that same grade range.

To participate, students must submit an original 800- to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

The contest is conducted in three phases: the local chapter, state-level society, and national phases. The contest must be entered through an SAR chapter near the student's residence. In some cases, the contest may be

entered at the state level (if the local society does not have chapters or the chapters are not participating) and a contact-at-large should be used to find out more contest details. The list of contest contacts listed below can provide you with assistance in entering the Knight Essay Contest. Only one entry per student is permitted per contest year. There are 24 chapters throughout the state of South Carolina.

<https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/>

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Message to be forwarded to South Carolina Society Chapters from the Education Outreach Team

To paraphrase our mission statement, SAR members are dedicated to honoring our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors. We do this by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and, most importantly, educating and inspiring future generations about our country's founding principles. This work is not just important; it's inspiring!

As we embark on the new school year, engaging with educators, parents, and youth organizations is crucial to promoting the SAR youth programs. The Education Outreach Committee has developed tools to assist State Societies and Chapters in promoting these programs, which are integral to our SAR mission. These tools are now available on the Education Committee webpage at [SAR.org/committees/education-committee](https://www.sar.org/committees/education-committee).

Youth Programs Promotional Flyers: We have created customizable promotional flyers for each of the Youth Programs. There are downloadable MS Word documents to insert your state or chapter contact information, award levels, and submission dates. These boilerplate flyers are, by design, low on graphics. We will be posting professionally designed, downloadable, customizable .pdf versions with color and graphics in the near future. You can find all these boilerplates at [SAR.org/committees/education-committee](https://www.sar.org/committees/education-committee)

Video Contest for MS and HS: The newest contest available is the Video Contest for both middle school and high school. Please be sure to contact Keith A Weissinger, MD, Chairman, Youth Video Contest Committee, kweiss47@comcast.net

How to Contact Educators, Parents, and Youth Organizations: You will find the following links that will help state societies connect with educators and youth organizations. There are separate links to connect with:

The state affiliate councils for social studies educators. (National Council for the Social Studies) [socialstudies.org](https://www.socialstudies.org)

State public school teachers unions.(National Education Association) [nea.org/nea-affiliates](https://www.nea.org/nea-affiliates)

State charter schools. (National Charter School Resource Center) [charterschoolcenter.ed.gov](https://www.charterschoolcenter.ed.gov)

State parochial schools (National Catholic Education Association) [//ncea.org/NCEA/Maps](https://www.ncea.org/NCEA/Maps)

Private schools in each state (National Association Independent Schools) [my.nais.org/s/searchdirectory?id=a2C3m0000EQaO4](https://www.my.nais.org/s/searchdirectory?id=a2C3m0000EQaO4)

To Find Home School Coops in your state near your chapters at [theHomeSchoolMom.com](https://www.theHomeSchoolMom.com) at this link [thehomeschoolmom.com/local-support/#-find-a-homeschool-co-op-near-you](https://www.theHomeSchoolMom.com/local-support/#-find-a-homeschool-co-op-near-you)

Find your local 4-H Clubs at this link [4-h.org/about/find/](https://www.4-h.org/about/find/)

A significant opportunity to advance the SAR Education Mission is for societies and chapters to become involved with National History Day. NHD is a nonprofit that promotes civic education. They sponsor history, contests, and teacher development programs. They are always looking for volunteers and judges. You can find your local NHD Affiliates at this link: [nhd.org/en/contest/find-local-contest/](https://www.nhd.org/en/contest/find-local-contest/)

We encourage state societies to join the state affiliates of these organizations. You will receive information from them regarding conferences at which you can exhibit and general news for its members.

Patriot Chest Program

One of the most effective programs the SAR offers to engage with young learners is for your state to provide Patriot Chest presenters. The SAR provides reimbursement for the creation of a Patriot Chest. To learn more about this program and how your state Chapters can participate, visit [education.sar.org/resources/patriot-chest/](https://www.education.sar.org/resources/patriot-chest/) or contact Education Outreach Vice Chair, Wayne Snodgrass, COSSAR, wsinmd@comcast.net, or SAR Dir. of Education, Rae Ann Sauer, rsauer@sar.org

Youth Program Access on State Society Website

We encourage State Societies and Chapters to review their websites. The criteria for a Youth Education friendly website will have at least two of the following:

- a. Youth Education Outreach Programs on the Top Menu Bar
- b. Contact information for each Youth Program
- c. Downloadable flyers for educator or parent distribution

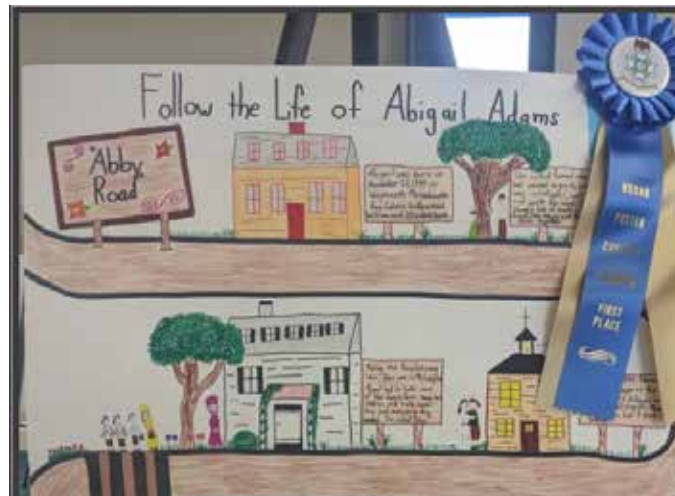
eMail Signature - Feel free to use the text and logos in the email signature for your own email signature.

Questions? Ideas? Contact: Rae Ann Sauer, rsauer@sar.org 502-588-6130, Director of Education

Roger S. Williams, roger@princetonarsar.org 609-389-5657, Chair, Education Outreach



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST



<https://www.sar.org/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest-2/>

For academic years ending in odd numbers, 2024-2025 the theme shall be "Revolutionary War Person or Persons."

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. The contest is open to public school, parochial, home schooled, Scouting, or Children of the American Revolution member students in that same grade range. Young artists with an enthusiasm toward art, a love of American history, or a passion in creative expression can submit their posters to their local SAR chapter for competition. While the Americanism Poster Contest begins at the local level, students' masterpieces may eventually be judged and monetarily awarded at the national level in June at the annual SAR Congress. Participants from other organizations must be of equivalent age for 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades. The program is designed to support the efforts of teachers that teach the Colonial and Revolutionary

period. We recognize this to be from the 3rd to 5th grade and allow for entries from all three grades in school. All entries will be judged on an equal basis regardless of point of origin. A complete set of rules, along with the application for both the applicant and the sponsoring SAR members, can be found below. Please be aware that the local application deadline dates may vary, so interested applicants should reach out to their local SAR chapter for further details..There are 24 chapters throughout the state of South Carolina.

Contact: Ted Walker

twalkerj42@gmail.com
(803) 599-1654

George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

Fellow Compatriots: The following information is concerning the deadlines for submissions/entries in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. This contest is open to all 9th - 12th grade students, public, private or home schooled. Our SCSSAR had five entries this past year. I'd like to see three times that many this year. Go to <https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest> for more information or contact me directly at dosterdouglas@gmail.com.

SAR Chapter Deadline: Dec. 1, 2024

SCSSAR State Deadline: Jan. 15, 2025

NSSAR National Deadline: Feb. 15, 2025

The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award for Elementary, Middle and High School (three separate awards). Deadlines for applicants are:

SAR Chapter Deadline: Nov. 15, 2024

SCSSAR State Deadline: Dec. 8, 2024

NSSAR National Deadline: Jan. 15, 2025

Go to <https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/> for more information or contact me directly at dosterdouglas@gmail.com

These are excellent awards with nice monetary awards for students and educators of our youth. Every chapter should make an effort to have a chapter winner.

Douglas Doster, SCSSAR Education Committee member
803-747-2111



SGT. MOSES ADAMS MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BROCHURE CONTEST

<https://www.sar.org/sgt-moses-adams-memorial-middle-school-brochure-contest/>

The *SAR Middle School Contest* is to create a tri-fold brochure out of a typical 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper. The brochure must conform to the contest theme which is one the nine foundational documents of the United States which the student selects. The brochure will be judged on: Content, Creativity and Correctness. The judging criteria rates highest personally drawn art work and text authored by the student as opposed to cut and paste from books, magazines and the Internet. The use of software tools by the student for creating the brochure, and even the art work, is permissible.

The contest consists of three levels. The first level is sponsored by the local SAR Chapter. Chapter winners advance to the State level. The first-place State winner then advanced into the SAR national competition to compete for the national prizes. All entries begin at the local Chapter level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner to the local SAR Chapter competition. Individual students do not submit their entry directly to the Chapter. All entries must go through a school, scouting organization, or C.A.R. Society. Even home school submissions should go through their association. The participating Chapter should be within the local area of the young person entering the contest.

The SAR Brochure Contest is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade Middle School students in public, private and home schools. When school systems are participating in the contest, students will enter through their school system. If they are not participating, students may enter directly to the chapter, through scouting or the CAR (Children of the American Revolution). Regardless of how the student enters, he/she may only enter one brochure per year. All brochures will be created by the individual student, no group

entries are allowed. The contest is designed to help support the educational efforts in public, private and home school curriculums when the Revolutionary period is taught, but students may enter in any of their middle school years.

WHAT IS THE THEME?

The SAR Brochure Contest theme is currently any of these nine (9) Foundational Documents of the United States :

- Articles of Association of 1774
- The Virginia Declaration of Rights 1776
- Declaration of Independence 1776
- Articles of Confederation 1777-1781
- General Washington's Resignation as Commander of the Continental Army 1783
- U.S. Constitution 1787
- Federalist Papers 1788
- Bill of Rights 1791
- President Washington's farewell Address 1796

Starting in the school year 2023-2024 and for the following ten years, the Brochure contest will also include the creation of brochures based on the celebration of 250th anniversary events of the Revolutionary period. These themes and celebration of these events include:

- 1775- 2025 The Battles of Lexington and Concord

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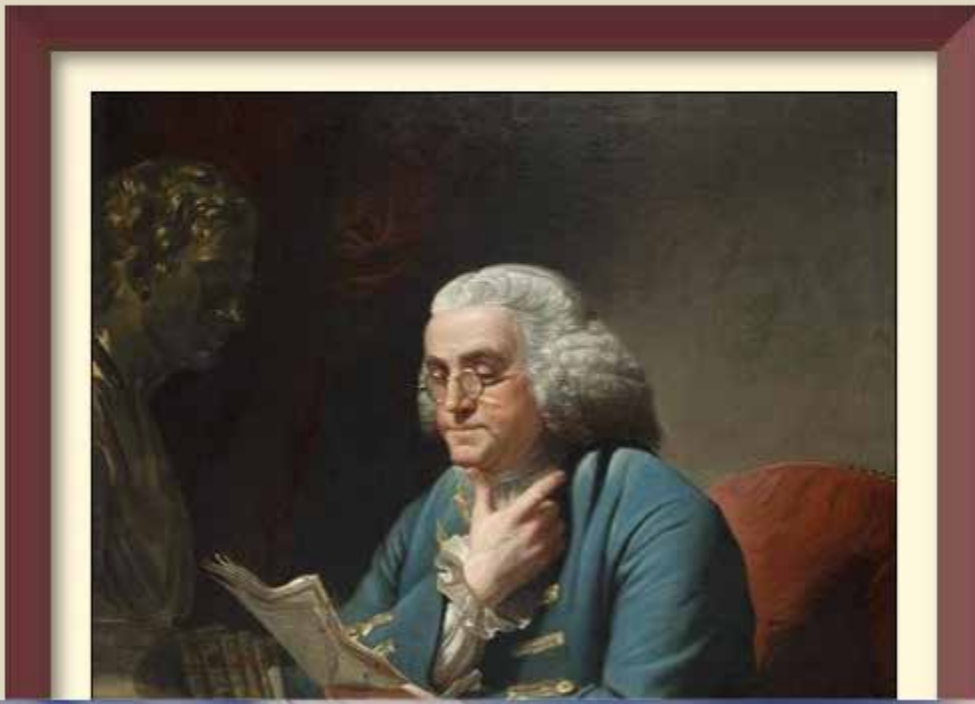
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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN YOUTH READING PROGRAM



<https://scssar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/SOUTH-CAROLINA-SOCIETY-READING-PROGRAM-BROCHURE.docx>

The South Carolina Society Education Committee vision is to utilize the Benjamin Franklin Reading Program to perpetuate knowledge of the American Revolution and our

founding fathers to the youth of our state. The founding documents and stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy and triumph of American patriots, many from South Carolina, who achieved independence for the American people.

It is our belief that these stories are universal ones of man's struggles against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

This program seeks to encourage students of all grades to read about the American Revolution and the Founding Fathers. Students receive a certificate and \$25.00 Dollars for reading five books about the American Revolution, the Founding Fathers or other aspects of American Foundation History. A parent, guardian or teacher certifies that the student has read these books and returns the statement to the local chapter. *There is no deadline for participation.*

Interested in earning a certificate and \$25.00 for reading about the American Revolution and our founding fathers? Read five books on these topics and send the following information to:

Ted Walker
twalkerj42@gmail.com
(803) 599-1654

- Your full name
- School name
- Book titles and authors
- Home / email address where *Reading is Patriotic Certificate* should be sent



JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL ORATION CONTEST

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest is open to all students attending 9th through 12th grades in public, parochial or private schools; or home-school students studying at the same grade levels. The preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local chapter level; students have the opportunity to advance to the state or national levels where scholarships and cash prizes are awarded. It is our intent that the contest will continue to expand on all levels and bring the voices of our young patriots to greater light across our entire nation. Participants must write an original oration of not less than five minutes, or more than six minutes. The oration must be delivered from memory and without the use of notes or any kind of props. The subject of the oration shall deal with an event, a personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War with a mention of our nation's 250th anniversary celebration. It is essential that each oration show the relationship it bears to America today. Evidence of historical research and creative presentation are also important. The oration will be judged based upon its composition, delivery, significance, historical accuracy, and relevance to our 250th anniversary.

Three cash/scholarship awards are given: the National First Place Winner receives \$8,000; the 2nd Place Runner-up receives \$5,000; and the 3rd Place Runner-up receives \$3,000 cash prize. Each also receives an Olympic-sized medal. The three non-placing finalists are each awarded \$500 cash. All other non-finalist national contestants are awarded \$200 cash. An informational flyer and the contest forms can be found below. Please be aware that the local and

state application deadline dates may vary, so interested applicants should reach out to their local SAR chapter for further details.

<https://www.sar.org/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-orator-contest/>

Contact:

Charles McKinney

cmckinneysr@yahoo.com

(864)833-4457

From George Washington to The States, 8 June 1783

The great object, for which I had the honor to hold an Appointment in the service of my Country being accomplished, I am now preparing to resign it into the hands of Congress, and to return to that domestic retirement; which it is well known I left with the greatest reluctance, a retirement for which I have never ceased to sigh through a long and painful absence, and in which (remote from the noise and trouble of the World) I meditate to pass the remainder of life, in a state of undisturbed repose: But before I carry this resolution into effect, I think is a duty incumbent on me, to make this my last official communication, **to congratulate you on the glorious events which Heaven has been pleased to produce in our favor**, to offer my sentiments respecting some important subjects which appear to me to be intimately connected with the tranquility of the United States, to take my leave of your Excellency as a public Character, and **to give my final blessing to that Country, in whose service I have spent the prime of my life, for whose sake I have consumed so many anxious days and watchful nights, and whose happiness, being extremely dear to me, will always constitute no inconsiderable part of my own.**

Impressed with the liveliest sensibility on this pleasing occasion, I will claim the indulgence of dilating the more copiously on the subjects of our mutual felicitation—When we consider the **magnitude of the prize we contended for, the doubtful nature of the Contest, and the favorable manner in which it has terminated, we shall find the greatest possible reason for gratitude and rejoicing**—This is a theme that will afford infinite delight to every benevolent & liberal Mind, whether the event in contemplation be considered as the source of present enjoyment or the parent of future happiness; and we shall have equal occasion to felicitate ourselves, on the lot which Providence has assigned us, whether we view it in a natural, a political, or a moral point of light.

The Citizens of America, placed in the most enviable condition, as the sole Lords and Proprietors of a vast tract of Continent, comprehending all the various Soils and Climates of the World and abounding with all the necessaries and conveniences of life, are now, **by the late satisfactory pacification, acknowledged to be possessed of absolute freedom and Independancy**—They are from this period to be considered as the Actors, on a most conspicuous Theatre, which seems to be peculiarly designated by Providence for the display of human greatness and felicity, here they are not only surrounded with

every thing which can contribute to the completion of private and domestic enjoyment, but Heaven has crowned all its other blessings by giving a fairer opportunity for political happiness, than any other Nation has ever been favored with—Nothing can illustrate these observations more forcibly than a recollection of the happy conjuncture of times and circumstances under which our Republic assumed its Rank among the Nations—the foundation of our Empire was not laid in the gloomy Age of ignorance and superstition, but at an Epoch when the rights of Mankind were better understood and more clearly defined, than at any former period—The researches of the human Mind after social happiness have been carried to a great extent, the treasures of knowledge acquired by the labours of Philosophers, Sages and Legislators, through a long succession of years, are laid open for our use and their collected wisdom may be happily applied in the establishment of our forms of Government. The free cultivation of letters, the unbounded extension of Commerce, the progressive Refinement of manners, the growing liberality of sentiment, and, above all, the pure and benign light of Revelation, have had a meliorating influence on Mankind and increased the blessings of Society. At this Auspicious period the United States came into existence as a Nation, and if their Citizens should not be completely free & happy, the fault will be entirely their own.

I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you and the State over which you preside, in his holy protection that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination & obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field—and finally that he would most graciously be pleas'd to dispose us all to do Justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves, with that Charity, humility & pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion & without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. With the greatest regard and esteem, I have the honor to be Sir Your Excellency's Most Obedient and most humble Servant

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Former SCSSAR State President Wayne Cousar passes away

BEAUFORT — Former SCSSAR President Harold Wayne Cousar, 87, husband of Gladys Gamble Cousar, died peacefully Sunday, August 4, 2024, at his residence.

Born in Sardinia, South Carolina, Wayne was the younger of the two sons born to the late Nelson Rudolph Cousar and Ruth Durden Cousar. He was predeceased by his older brother William Douglas Cousar.

His early years were joyful, filled with wonderful childhood friends, camping adventures on the hill of the Black River, summers at Camp Harmony where he transitioned from camper to counselor, selling boiled peanuts for 10 cents a bag at the nearby tobacco market, and memorable family trips to the mountains of North Carolina. Wayne graduated from East Clarendon High School, where he was involved in many school activities, including band, football and Beta Club.

For his freshman year, Wayne attended Presbyterian College before transferring to the University of South Carolina, where he completed his college career. He loved his college years, his Gamecocks, and his Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, where he served as an officer. Wayne graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and a minor in Air Science through the ROTC program. He also served as the ROTC Arnold Air Society Commander.

Most notably, while in Columbia, Wayne met and later married his wife of 65 years, Gladys Gamble. Upon graduation, Wayne received his commission as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force (USAF); and he and Gladys set off to flight training. He served as a pilot in the USAF for five years, which included a deployment to Vietnam, where he was awarded two Air Medals.

In 1964, Wayne began his much loved 32-year flying career with Delta Airlines. In addition to flying the line, he also served in the Training Department as an Instructor and in the Flight Standards Department as a Line Check Airman on the B-727, DC-8 and L-1011. Another highlight of his time with Delta was his involvement in a Delta marketing campaign. He was honored to be featured in national print and TV ads, as well as on billboards around the country. His last 10 years with Delta were spent as an international captain on the L-1011, the largest aircraft in the Delta fleet at the time.



Wayne retired on a final flight to Barcelona, Spain, with all of his family and many close friends on board.

Wayne, Gladys and their two children, Gamble and Brad, called the Atlanta area home during Wayne's career years. While there, he was a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher, a youth leader with his wife Gladys, a Deacon, and a church Elder.

After his retirement from Delta in 1997, Wayne and Gladys moved to Beaufort, South Carolina, where they were excited to begin their golden years. In Beaufort, Wayne was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder and organized the first Kirkin' o' the Tartans service to be held there. Wayne and Gladys eventually moved their membership to St. Helena Anglican Church, where he served as a Docent, Usher and as a member of the Vestry. Wayne was a man of strong faith, and he lived as he died, a Christian.

Wayne was also a committed member of the Beaufort community. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, where he served as both president of the local chapter and as state president, a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a founding member of the St. Andrew's Society of the Lowcountry South Carolina,

and a member and president of the Rotary Club of Beaufort and a Paul Harris Fellow. In Charleston he was a member of the St. David's Society and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of South Carolina.

Wayne will most be remembered for his love and commitment to family and friends. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, as well as a loyal friend. Summers were spent at his beloved lake house, where he and Gladys often spent time with family, hosted extended family reunions, and entertained friends.

Wayne greatly enjoyed boating and spent many hours on the water teaching the younger generations to water ski. He was also the founder of the annual Eagle Point Fourth of July Parade, which celebrated its 25th year this past July. The ultimate handyman, Wayne enjoyed working on his home and in his yard, and he loved to whistle — all traits he passed along to his children and grandchildren. Wayne and "his bride" could tear up the dance floor shagging to their favorite beach tunes. Additionally, they loved to travel and did so often with family and many special friends. Wayne loved life and lived it to its fullest.

Wayne is survived by his wife Gladys Gamble Cousar; daughter Gamble Cousar Ouzts (Allen) of Charleston, South Carolina, son Bradford Wayne Cousar (Hannah) of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren Gamble Augusta Ouzts, Elizabeth Caston Ouzts, Olivia Gamble Cousar, and Bradford Clegg Cousar.

A graveside service was held at the Sardinia-Gable Cemetery, 1375 Leon McFadden Road, Gable, South Carolina, on Monday, August 12 at 2 p.m. with a reception following at the Sardinia Presbyterian Church. A memorial service was held at St. Helena Anglican Church, Beaufort, South Carolina, on Wednesday, August 14 at 11 a.m. with a reception following. Arrangements were made by Stephen's Funeral Home, Manning, South Carolina.

The family would like to thank Emerson Care and Friends of Caroline Hospice for their excellent care and wonderful support. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Helena Anglican Church, P.O. Box 1043 Beaufort, South Carolina 29901 or The Sardinia Presbyterian Church, 1386 Garland Road, New Zion, South Carolina 29111.

Please send SCSSAR member obituaries to Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org

SAR 1776 Campaign: Advancing America's Heritage

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

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

fractions or multiples thereof.

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

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- \$25 Car / Refrigerator Magnet
- \$148 Silver Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$296 Gold Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$592 Delegate Lapel Pin (one square foot)
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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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Still Looking for Patriot Graves

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

Please send this information to Chairman Ralph Welton at edwlsur@clemsun.edu

For South Carolina Society
SAR use only

Date received

National Life Number

State Number

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

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

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

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Signature of Applicant _____ Date Signed _____

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

Signature of SCSSAR Secretary _____ Date Signed _____

SCSSAR Life Membership Dues

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

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

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

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE NSSAR NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

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

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	

For Headquarters use only:	Signature of NSSAR Registrar:	Date of Signature:
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Cambridge Chapter Summer Social

GREENWOOD — The Cambridge Chapter had its Summer Social at the Main Event Banquet Center in Greenwood Aug. 27.

President Joe Babb said the room was filled to capacity with SAR, DAR and visitors. State President Sonny Pittman gave greetings for the SCSSAR. After a delicious buffet meal, Anne Babb, wife of President Babb, cut slices of strawberry, sweet potato, German chocolate and carrot cakes for the attendees.

Following dinner President Babb inducted three new members: Charles Morgan, Bob Huggins, and Martin Huggins.

Following the induction of Martin and Bob Huggins by President Babb, Registrar Cooper pinned Martin and Bob.

Following new member inductions, Babb introduced guest speaker William Davies, Vice Chairman of the South Carolina America 250 Sestercentennial Commission. Davies shared with the attendees a PowerPoint and movie presentation about the commission's work to preserve the history of South Carolina in the Revolutionary War and the development of "The Liberty Trail."

Babb presented the NSSAR America 250 Award Medal to Davies, a 63-year member of the SAR.



Registrar John Cooper (left) and Registrar Emeritus Brabham Dukes (right) place the rosette, crossed flag pin and America 250 pin on Charles Morgan and (right photo) Joe Babb expresses congratulations.



Registrar John Cooper pins Martin Huggins.



Registrar John Cooper pins Bob Huggins.



Guest speaker William Davies (left) with Chapter President Joe Babb.



From left: Joe Babb, John Cooper and Brabham Dukes with the Huggins family



Photos by Anne Babb

Commemorative Rifle

By Jim Wyrosdick
Immediate Past Vice President General
South Atlantic District

If the State Society would like to purchase a rifle and have a raffle, the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter would support that effort!

This somewhat mirrors a concept the National Society is promoting in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution. A commemorative rifle will be offered annually for the next 10

years, having begun in 2023. Each edition will be offered for about one year, depicting a different scene from the American Revolution. A portion of the proceeds from each rifle sold go to support the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville, Kentucky. If you are interested in purchasing the 250th Anniversary Henry Rifle, visit your local Cabela's or Bass Pro Shops and provide the salesclerk the SKU number: 3815337. The overall cost of the rifles, is about \$1,200. It takes .22 caliber, and makes a good hand-me-down gift to your grandchildren.

The 2023 edition honored the Boston Tea Party. The 2024 edition honors the "SAR." Bass Pro Shops are in Greenville, Myrtle Beach and Fort Mill.

22nd Francis Marion Symposium

Register for the 22nd Francis Marion Symposium to "Explore Revolutionary War Southern Campaign, Times of Francis Marion, 1732-1795." Fill in the form on web at www.francismarionsymposium.com and mail check to Francis Marion Symposium, P.O. Box 667, Manning, SC 29102, or use credit card on Eventbrite.com.

Presentations are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19. The Symposium begins at 2:15 p.m. at FE DuBose Campus of Central Carolina Technical College, US 521, Manning. Half mile East of I-95, exit 122), at CCTC, auditorium. Arrive about 2 p.m.

The FM Symposium will run from Friday afternoon, speakers about 2:30, through Saturday evening.

The Revolutionary War Dinner Friday, Oct. 18, is at 6 p.m. at CCTC, Manning, and Saturday evening, Oct 19.

Friday evening

Tom Elmore: "The Swamp Fox — A Bibliographical History"

Peggy Pickett: "Dorothy Sinkler Richardson—the Woman Who Saved Francis Marion's Life"

Dave Neilan: "Conflicts in Command with Marion and Sumter"

Marti Mongiello: "Women in War: A Focus on an American Hero: Mary Patton, 'Black-powder Mary'"

Saturday

Rick Wise: "Marion becomes the Commanding Officer of Williamsburg Militia"

Mark Motsinger: "The Old Soldiers Reservation" Migration of soldiers of the American Revolution from the Carolinas.

Christine Swager: "Elijah Clarke: Almost Fatally Courageous"

Lunch and short briefings

Mike Burgess: "Wedded to My Sword: The Life, Legend and Legacy of Henry 'Lighthouse Harry' Lee"

Karen MacNutt: "Georgetown During the Occupation 1780-1781": Francis Marion's personal connections with Georgetown

Leon Harris: "Francis Marion's Attack at Tearcoat Swamp and Tarleton's Revenge"

Saturday evening:

Erick Nason: "The Young Fox: The Early Days of Francis Marion" and all his books

We'll plan our DAR & SAR photo op. Friday evening.

Jack Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina, 4th Edition, 2022 will be available to purchase. Peggy Pickett and her new book *Rebecca Brewton Motte: American Patriot and Successful Rice Planter* will be available, as well as Steve Smith's *Leading Like the Swamp Fox* and Erick Nason's *The Old Grey Wolf & The Fox*, and all of Erick's books.

Carole Summers
gcsommers@ftc-i.net

243rd Anniversary Eutaw Springs

By Douglas Doster

EUTAW SPRINGS — This year's 243rd Anniversary Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration took place Aug. 30 and 31.

We had a sold out 15 passenger bus plus carpooling in nine vehicles for the Fort Motte, Fort Watson and Eutaw Springs Battleground sites tours of Friday, Aug. 30. The tours included a presentation by archaeologist Jim Legg at Fort Motte and narrations by David Reuwer at Fort Watson and Eutaw Springs. Seventy-one attended the Friday night dinner/program to hear Steve Smith's presentation on the artifacts discovered at Fort Motte.

The Saturday morning church program with Rick Wise as speaker and wreath presentation ceremony drew more than 130

attendees from eight states. Twenty-five members of the Washington Light Infantry chartered a bus from Charleston to present the colors at the wreath ceremony, where 23 wreaths were presented.

The Francis Marion Tomb Wreath Ceremony had about 25 in attendance along with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust Cannon and color guard who executed a joint cannon and musket volley.

At the patriotic program, SAR Color Guard members commanded by National SAR Color Guard Commander Scott Collins posted the colors. They also performed a musket volley along with the SCBPTrust Cannon team at the wreath laying ceremony. SAR and DAR Chapters from eight states were represented. Our SC Society C.A.R. also participated in the event.



Douglas Doster



Ted and Linda Walker



Rick Wise (center), Interim Director of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust, was awarded an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for addressing the attendees at the Patriotic Program Saturday, Aug. 31. Doug Doster, Chapter Vice President (left), and James Wyrosdick, Chapter President (right).



Ed Forte of the 2nd Continental Line (left), and Ken Seward of the SCBPTrust Artillery Demonstration Team

National SAR Event



243rd Anniversary Eutaw Springs



J.C. Hustis



Gary and Deborah Blanpied



SCSSAR President Sonny Pittman



SCSSAR Vice President Mike Monahan and his wife Ann



From left L Scott Bruton, Ted Walker, Brooks Lyles Jr., Pete Widell, Carl Widell and Mike Monahan.



Douglas Doster (left) and James Wyrosdick

Photos by Ted and Linda Walker



Mary Martin (left) and Alice Caskey, SCSDAR State Regent



SCBPT Cannon's 5th Company, 4th S.C. Regiment members and SAR members at Francis Marion's Grave site.

243rd Anniversary Eutaw Springs



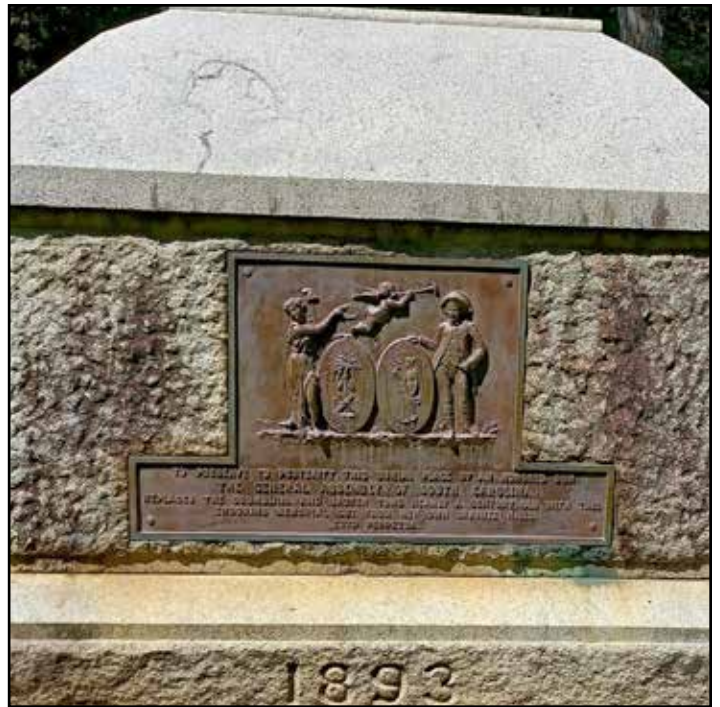
Washington Light Infantry



Rick Wise, Interim Director SCBPT, program speaker



Kelley Widell, State C.A.R. President



To preserve to posterity this burial place of an honored son
The General Assembly of South Carolina
Replaces the crumbling and broken tomb nearly a century old
with this
Enduring memorial cut from her own granite hills.
Esto perpetua [this is perpetual]
1893



243rd Anniversary Eutaw Springs



National Color Guard Commander Scott Collins (front left) and State Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton at Historic Church of the Epiphany.



Francis Marion Tomb wreath presentation ceremony

243rd Anniversary Eutaw Springs



Ted Walker (foreground)



Photos by Jud Yaski



Patrick Wesolosky (foreground), President of the Lafayette Chapter, Kentucky Society SAR



Washington Light Infantry



SCBPT Cannon Artillery team