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**Sonny Pittman Receives Gavel  
From Ted Walker**

**Annual Meeting April 20 Camden**

# From the President's Desk

**Sonny  
Pittman**

## 2024 SCSSAR Annual Meeting

**By Sonny Pittman  
SCSSAR President**

I hope those of you who were able to participate in our busy weekend of meetings and events held on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, enjoyed them as much as Sue and I did.

On Thursday our set-up team, ladies included, spent the day putting out tables, chairs and decorations in the historic Robert Mills Courthouse in Camden, which provided the perfect venue.

On Friday afternoon, we dedicated our first America 250 Bench at the Camden Revolutionary War Visitors Center funded with donations from Chairman Joe Babb and members of our America 250 Committee.

And I got the good news that Senior Vice President Mike Monahan and Compatriots in the Low Country Region have raised the donations needed to build and place our second America 250 Bench in Beaufort.

Following our bench dedication, we held a Wreath Ceremony honoring the Camden 12 Patriots interred in the Quaker Cemetery in April.

That evening we held our 2024 Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Following a delicious meal hosted by Old South Catering, we enjoyed a surprise visit from President George Washington (Georgia Society Compatriot Daniel McMichael).

It was so much fun watching our Education Committee Chairmen present NSSAR Awards and SCSSAR Scholarship checks to deserving young people and their parents seated with us. I wish some C.A.R. members could have joined us, but they were attending their annual meeting as were many of our fellow Compatriots who serve as their Senior Leaders. I'm looking forward to recognizing their hard work and good deeds in our next Board of Governor's meeting to be held July 20.

Thanks to Sue's advance help and Regional Vice President for the Piedmont Rick Morris' support, I got to open the envelopes and watch Rick pass a little over

a hundred NSSAR Awards and Certificates to President Ted Walker to hand out to fellow Compatriots.

All too often we forget to recognize the men in our Chapters and State Society who are the keys to our success.

Saturday morning, we hosted the NSSAR South Atlantic District meeting chaired by Vice President General Jim Wyrosdick with many participants traveling from North Carolina, Georgia and Florida to be with us as well as joining in via Zoom.

The Annual Business Meeting held that morning was well attended and included the election of 19 new State Officers for the April 2024 - April 2025 term.

Saturday afternoon we supported the Hobkirk Hill NSDAR Chapter by participating in a Wreath Ceremony. It was my first opportunity to "bring greetings" on behalf of our Society.

Immediately after the Wreath Ceremony we drove over to another part of the battlefield to support the Hobkirk Hill NSDAR Chapter in dedicating a new America 250th Marker honoring the Patriots who fought in the Battle of Hobkirk Hill.

We ended the day enjoying refreshments on the porch of a beautiful Southern home on the battlefield.

My thanks to all who attended and all who put so much time and effort into making the weekend such an enjoyable and productive series of SAR and DAR events.

In our July 27, 10 a.m., Board of Governors meeting we will begin initial discussions of where we would like to hold our 2025 Annual Meeting.



Sonny Pittman  
President, SCSSAR  
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**COVER PHOTO:** Sonny Pittman (left) receives President's gavel from Ted Walker. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

**The deadline for the Fall Edition  
of The Palmetto Patriot is Aug. 19.**

## Actions Approved at the April 2024 Annual Meeting

The following actions were adopted by the members attending our Annual Meeting. All SC SAR members were invited to attend and participate.

Motion to correct the October 2023 Board of Governors minutes was adopted to annotate that the Burch's Mill Chapter charter was approved at that meeting.

Motion to adopt the 2023 Auditor's Report was approved.

Motion to approve the 2025 Annual Budget was adopted.

Motion to raise the annual budget for *The Palmetto Patriot* to \$3,200 was adopted.

The following uncontested officer nominees were elected by voice vote:

President Sonny Pittman  
Secretary Bill Wilson

Senior Vice President Mike Monahan  
Recording Secretary Pete Widell  
Vice President Midlands Region Gary Blanpied  
Treasurer Gordon McCay  
Vice President Pee Dee Region Thomas Blackmon  
Registrar Jim Closson  
Vice President Piedmont Region Rick Morris  
Chaplain Richard Grozier  
Vice President Upstate Region Eric Barnhill  
Historian Buck Shuler  
Vice President Chapter Revitalization and Renewal Ted Walker  
Chancellor Matthew Breen  
Vice President Chapter Formation and Development Buddy Witherspoon  
Genealogist Bucky Haas

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

President John Quincy Adams

### Board of Governors Meeting Dates

Compatriot Ted Morton has informed me that the following BOG meeting dates have been approved and are now in the Shandon United Methodist Church calendar. The Kitchen Director at Shandon has also confirmed the meeting dates with Ted and entered them on his calendar as well.

Saturday, July 20, 2024  
Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024  
Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025

I have tentatively set our SCSSAR Annual Membership Meeting for March 21-22, 2025, with the location and venue yet to be determined.

Please save these dates on your personal calendars and let's strive for maximum BOG attendance.

Thanks Ted!  
Sonny Pittman  
President, SCSSAR

## 2024 - 2025 State Officers

The following 2024 - 2025 SCSSAR State Officers were elected at the Annual Meeting in Camden April 20.

**President** — Sonny Pittman  
**Senior Vice President** — Mike Monahan  
**Regional Vice President Low Country** — John Boyes  
**Regional Vice President Midlands** — Gary Blanpied

**Regional Vice President Pee Dee** — Thomas Blackmon  
**Regional Vice President Piedmont** — Rick Morris  
**Regional Vice President Upstate** — Eric Barnhill  
**Vice President Chapter Formation** — Buddy Witherspoon  
**Vice President Chapter Renewal** — Ted Walker  
**Secretary** — Bill Wilson

**Treasurer** — Gordon McCay  
**Registrar** — Jim Closson  
**Recording Secretary** — Pete Widell  
**Genealogist** — Bucky Haas  
**Chaplain** — Richard Crozier  
**Historian** — Buck Shuler  
**Chancellor** — Matthew Breen  
**Trustee** — Ted Walker  
**Alternate Trustee** — Greg Ohanesian



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# 2024 Annual Awards Banquet



Neel Flannagan receives Certificate of Appreciation for participation in the Living History Event at South Aiken High School.



Group receives Certificate of Appreciation for participation in the Living History Event at South Aiken High School.



Ted Walker addresses Annual Awards Banquet.



Cadet Anthony Jones, winner of the enhanced JROTC program for South Carolina, receives award from Ted Walker.



Kaitlyn Smith, winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, receives award and check for \$700 from Doug Doster.



Guest speaker Dan McMichael receives Certificate of Appreciation from Ted Walker for his portrayal of George Washington at the Awards Banquet.



Jonah Collman, sponsored by the Cambridge Chapter, receives the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout State Award from Coby Alexander of the Daniel Morgan Chapter.



Griffin Sorensen, winner of the Theodore Roosevelt Morton Jr. State Scholarship, receives award from Ted Walker.



Timothy John Huesing (right), History Teacher of the Year, receives award and \$1,000 from Doug Doster.



State Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton receives four medals from Ted Walker.



Ted Walker awards Bronze Color Guard Medals to (from left) Rick Morris, Scott Bruton and Neel Flannagan.



President Ted Walker presents Lydia Dargh Medal to First Lady Linda Walker.

# SCSSAR President Ted Walker presents awards



Chip Griffen, President of the Thomas Taylor Chapter, Certificate of Appreciation, Living History Event at South Aiken High School.



Buddy Witherspoon, Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development, Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal.



Buddy Witherspoon, Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development, Meritorious Service Medal.



Buddy Witherspoon (left), Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development, and Tom Hanson, editor of The Palmetto Patriot, Silver Roger Sherman Medal.



Historic Robert Mills Courthouse Camden



Jeff Thomas, running for NSSAR Historian General



SCSSAR President Ted Walker presents Chapter Charter to Thomas Smith, President of the Burch's Mill Chapter.



Buddy Witherspoon, Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development, speaks about the Chapter charter process.



SCSSAR President Ted Walker presents Chapter Charter to John Goodwin, President of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter.



SCSSAR President Ted Walker presents Chapter Charter to Edd Richburg, President of the Fort Dorchester Chapter.



SCSSAR President Ted Walker presents Chapter Charter to Jim Closson, President of the Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter.



Gary Blanpied  
Education Committee Chairman



William Allgood  
Past President SCSSAR

**Photos by  
Thomas C. Hanson Sr.**



Treasurer Gordon McCay



Incoming President Sonny Pittman (right) presents awards to outgoing President Ted Walker: Society President Award and pin, State Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Henry Knox Achievement Award, and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal



SCSSAR Tradition — Outgoing President Ted Walker (left) presents *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution* by Bobby Gilmer Moss to President Sonny Pittman.



2024-2025 SCSSAR President Sonny Pittman delivers inaugural address.

### Annual Meeting Videos

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From left: Jody Henson, Mike Monahan and Randy Atkins.



James Wyrosdick (left), South Atlantic District Vice President General, inducts 2024-2025 SCSSAR officers.

# 2024 Memorial Service

John C. Goodwin Jr., Chaplain of the Joseph Kershaw Chapter, conducted a Memorial Service for fellow members who have passed away since the last Society Annual Meeting.

Thomas Blackmon, Vice President of the Pee Dee Region, rang a bell as each name was called.

Fredrick E. Sojourner of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

Max B. Trout of the Daniel Morgan Chapter.

David D. Berns of the Col. William Bratton Chapter.

Wilton E. King of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter.

William E. Eutsler, Jr. of the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter.

Robert H. Krause of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.

Abner P. Stockman Jr. of the Cambridge Chapter.

Charles Baxley, Director, South



From left: John C. Goodwin Jr., Sonny Pittman and Thomas Blackmon.

Carolina America 250th Commission.

Let us pray. Almighty God, who art the Spirit of calm and the central Peace of the Universe, grant to us, your children, such a consciousness of your presence, as may give us utter confidence in you. We entrust all those dear to us to your never failing care and love, for this life and the life to come. May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and



minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you, and remain with you, always. Amen.

## America 250 Committee Sponsors Lecture at Laurens County Museum

LAURENS — Dr. Eric Nason presented a lecture on “Unconventional Warfare in the Colonies” at the Laurens County Museum March 21. Thirty plus attended, including eight Advanced Placement (AP) History students from the Laurens District 55 High School.

Dr. Nason is chairman of the Continental Line, reenactors from Maine to Alabama. Joe Babb, chairman of the SCSSAR America 250 committee, presented Nason with the NSSAR America 250 Recognition award for his commitment to further educate individuals on the Revolutionary War.



Dr. Eric Nason



Joe Babb (right) presents NSSAR America 250 award to Dr. Eric Nason. [Photos by Anne Babb]

*I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth — that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that “except the Lord build they labor in vain that build it.” I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel.*

**Benjamin Franklin**



### Col. Robert Anderson Chapter presents certificates and medals to JROTC and ROTC cadets

GREENVILLE — The Col. Robert Anderson Chapter has completed its certificate and medal awards to JROTC and ROTC cadets. Chapter Compatriot Jim Forrester, a Pershing Guard, administered the program for the chapter and reached out to 13 high school instructors, the USN Sea Cadets in Greenville, and the Furman University and Clemson ROTC units. Awards ceremonies attended by the Chapter took place between mid April and early May.



Chapter President Joe Glavitsch presents award to AFJROTC cadet Graydon Davis of Wade Hampton High School.



Chapter Registrar David Bennet with USN Sea Cadet PO 1st Class Nathanael Leese.

### Thomas Lynch Chapter President Day Luncheon

GEORGETOWN — Eight Chapter members and four perspective members and their wives were in attendance at the Corner Tavern on the waterfront in Georgetown for a Presidents’ Day luncheon in Georgetown. David Eastman was presented his membership certificate and rosette by Chapter President Bill Sturgeon.



Dave Eastman is sworn in as a new member. [Photos by Ann Marie Sturgeon]



Thomas Lynch Chapter member Paige Sawyer (center) was presented the War Service Medal for his service in Army Intelligence for multiple tours of duty in Vietnam. Presenting was Chapter Secretary Bill Judd (left), U.S. Marine Corps, Korea; Compatriot Sawyer; and Bill Sturgeon, Chapter President .



Thomas Lynch Chapter President Bill Sturgeon (right) presents the SAR Wounded Warrior’s Coin and Certificate to prospective member John Williams, who was a Purple Heart recipient, while serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam.

### Cannon Safety School

Ted Walker, Past President, SCSSAR and Historian of the Henry Laurens Chapter, attended a cannon artillery team basic safety certification training class in Swainsboro, Georgia, May 25. The class was attended by 18 NSSAR members, Skunk Brigade, GASSAR, and SAR members from several states.

Elaine Wallace, NCWAA National Certified instructor, provided a thorough program. Class instruction covered detailed gunner commands by team member position, safety videos, class discussion, hands-on training and a final exam.

After classroom instruction we divided into four-person teams and drilled on a cannon and performed duties as required to load and fire a cannon safely.

This training gave me the tools I need to build on my knowledge as a cannon owner. I hope to have my cannon completed by September and will be looking for cannon artillery team members to train and participate in future events.



From left: Ted Walker, Steve Burke and Dess Smith. Below: class attendees. [Photos by Lee Heron]



# America 250 Bench Dedication



[Photo by Woody Carothers]

The America 250 committee dedicated the first-of-its-kind bench within our Society at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center, Friday, April 19, during the SCSSAR annual meeting in Camden. The program opened with the Color Guard. Jim Wyrosdick, Vice President General, followed with the invocation, remarks and congratulations by Ted Walker, President, and inspiring comments by keynote speaker Major General Julian Burns. Joe Babb, chairman of the America 250 Committee, awarded the National Society America 250 Recognition Award to each of the committee members.

After the presentation, committee members unveiled the bench. Chairman Babb commended Major General Julian Burns on his uplifting remarks and presented to him the "We the People" speaker's award. Joe Babb closed the dedication and urged each of the chapters and the geographic regions of SCSSAR to begin an effort to place a bench in each of the geographic areas.



From left: Rick Morris, Neel Flannagan, Ann Monahan, Mike Monahan, Jeffrey Scott Bruton, Ted Walker and John Goodwin.



SCSSAR President Ted Walker addresses the group with Joe Babb at left.



Tim Lord, Sonny Pittman, Woody Carothers and Sue Pittman



Major General Julian Burns at the 250 Bench Dedication explaining the importance of remembering those who went before us.



Neel Flannagan, Ann Monahan and Mike Monahan



James Wyrosdick, Vice President General South Atlantic District, with Rick Morris, Piedmont Vice President (left), and Bill Wilson, State Secretary.

**Photos by Ted and Linda Walker**

# 250 Bench Dedication



Major Gen. Julian Burns, USA, Retired



Color Guard



SCSSAR President Ted Walker with Joe Babb at left.



Unveiling of the 250 Bench



Major Gen. Julian Burns (left), USA, Retired, and Joe Babb, Chairman of the America 250 Committee.



Ann Monahan (right) and Deirdre Bruton



James Wyrosdick (at lectern) and Joe Babb.



Major Gen. Julian Burns, USA, Retired



America 250 Committee: From left: Joe Babb, Chairman, America 250 committee; SCSSAR President Ted Walker; Thomas Blackmon, Vice President, Pee Dee Region; Jim Wyrosdick, South Atlantic District Vice President General; Gordon McCay, Treasurer; Felix Gravino, America 250 sub-committee chair; and Sonny Pittman, Senior Vice President.

Photos by Eric Barnhill

# Camden Revolutionary War Memorial April 19



Patriots killed at Battle of Camden reinterred in April



Ted Walker  
SCSSAR President



James Wyrosdick  
Vice President General  
South Atlantic District



Joe Babb  
Chairman  
250 Committee



Thomas Blackmon  
Pee Dee Vice President

Photos by Eric Barnhill

# Camden Revolutionary War Memorial April 19



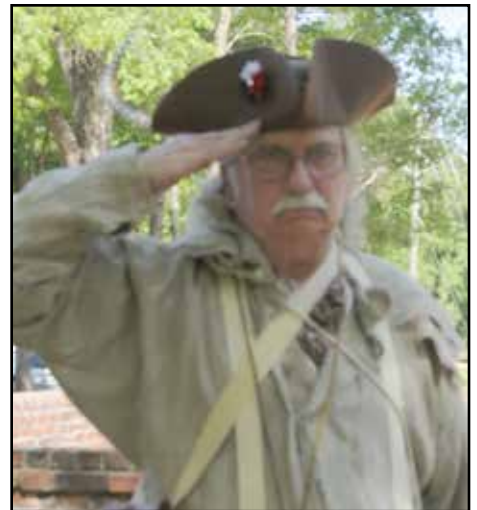
Scott Bruton  
SCSSAR Color Guard Commander



Edd Richburg  
President, Fort Dorchester Chapter



John Goodwin  
President, Joseph Kershaw Chapter



Neel Flannagan  
President, Henry Laurens Chapter



Jeff Thomas  
Member of George Washington  
Endowment Fund NSSAR



Jim Closson  
SCSSAR Registrar



From left: Eric Barnhill, William Allgood and  
Dr. Ralph Welton.

# Camden Revolutionary War Memorial April 19



Placing the Colors



Mike Monahan  
SCSSAR Senior Vice President



Tim Lord  
Member, Godfrey Dreher Chapter



William and Donna Allgood



Deidra Bruton



From left: Linda Closson, Linda Walker and Ann Monahan

## Cambridge Chapter Presents SAR JROTC Awards to Cadets at Greenwood and Emerald High Schools

For SCSSAR Chapters, May is the time to recognize the achievements of Cadets enrolled in High School JROTC Units in their Service Area.

The Cambridge Chapter, serving Abbeville, Greenwood and McCormick Counties, participates in Awards Day programs at Emerald and Greenwood High Schools in Greenwood. Greenwood High School's U.S. Army JROTC Battalion observed Awards Day on May 3 in School District 50's new Performing Arts Center. Emerald High School's U.S. Air Force JROTC opened its May 8 Awards Day ceremony with the Drill Team presenting examples of its outstanding routine Drill by the Team in the Gymnasium.

At Greenwood High, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Hyp, Battalion Executive Officer, was recipient of the SAR JROTC Bronze Award presented by Cambridge Chapter. The Award recognizes "outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our Patriot ancestors."

LTC Curtis A. Laymon, U.S. Army (Retired), Senior Army Instructor, and his staff, nominate the Cadets who received the more than two dozen Awards sponsored by Greenwood area Patriotic and civic organizations like DAR, U.S. Daughters of 1812, the American Legion and the Marine Corps League. The JROTC program also presents a number of special Awards.

Cadet Bobby J. Shepard received the SAR Bronze Award in the Emerald High School's "Viking Battalion." Command Sergeant Major James D. Blakley, U.S. Air Force (Retired), Senior Air Force Instructor, and the Emerald Air Force JROTC Staff, nominated Cadet Shepard to



Cadet Bobby J. Shepard (center), Emerald High School Air Force JROTC, poses with Lieutenant Colonel Richard Morris (left), U.S. Air Force (Retired), Cambridge Chapter Secretary, and Joe R. Babb, Cambridge Chapter President, at Emerald JROTC Awards Day Ceremony.



Command Sergeant James D. Blakley (left), Director of the Emerald Air Force JROTC Department, and Lieutenant Colonel Richard Morris, U.S. Air Force (Retired), Secretary Cambridge Chapter. [Photos by Sgt. Major Jesse Cook, U.S. Air Force (Retired)]

receive the SAR Award.

The SAR Awards were presented at both ceremonies by Cambridge Chapter President Joe R. Babb.



Cadet Christopher Hyp with Cambridge Chapter President Joe Babb after receiving the SAR JROTC Award at the Greenwood High School's annual Awards Day ceremony

### Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter Elects New Officers

COLUMBIA — The Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter held its second quarterly meeting at the Palmetto Club in Columbia April 11.

The main item of business was election of officers for 2024-2026. New officers are William B. "Rusty" DePass, President; Brian B. Tolar, Vice President; and Christian Blake Ward, Secretary. Howard Knapp was reelected Treasurer, while J.E. "Bucky" Haas will continue as Registrar. At the meeting, Bill Jones, outgoing Secretary, Howard Knapp and Bucky Haas were awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for their continuing service to the SAR.

In addition, the Chapter awarded the Lydia Darragh Medal to Candis Griffin, a member of the Ann Pamela Cunningham Chapter, NSDAR, for her five years of continuing support for SCSSAR activities.

Finally, during April, the Chapter presented SAR Junior ROTC Medals to seven Columbia area High School cadets and three SAR Medals to University of South Carolina cadets in Army, Navy/Marine, and Air Force ROTC programs. The Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter meets at the Palmetto Club in Columbia, the second Thursday of each quarter. *Chip Griffin, Past President Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter.*



JROTC Award recipient Dannaca Kaitlin Bottoms with Cambridge Chapter delegation from left: Rick Morris, Chapter Secretary; Joe R. Babb, Chapter President; Cadet Bottoms; Ted Morton, Chapter Chaplain; and Tommy L. O'Dell, Past Chapter President.

# Living History Event South Aiken High School



Watch video by Cam Logan <https://camloganphotography.pixieset.com/livinghistoryevent2024southaikenhigh/>

Wednesday, March 13, South Aiken High School sponsored a living history event in conjunction with the South Carolina Sons of the American Revolution.



From left: SCSSAR President Ted Walker, Vice President Sonny Pittman, Neel Flannagan, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter, and Scott Bruton, Color Guard Commander, SCSSAR [Photo by Andrew McCaskell]



Scott Bruton, Color Guard Commander SCSSAR (left), and dual member William Bratton Chapter, SCSSAR



# Living History Event South Aiken High School



South Aiken High School NJROTC Cadets post Colors to kick off Living History event.



SAR Mixed Militia musket Salute South Carolina and Georgia members.



From left: unknown; Chip Griffin, President Thomas Taylor Chapter, SCSSAR; Alton McCloud, President, Little River, Chapter, GASSAR; David Sykes, GASSAR member; and Tommy Chappell, Little River Chapter member GASSAR



From left: Scott Bruton, Color Guard Commander SCSSAR; SCSSAR Vice President Sonny Pittman; and Rick Morris, Piedmont Vice President.



Tony Venetz, volunteer, in charge of taking care of presenters needs.



Col. Claude Davis (left), USMC, Retired / Senior Instructor NJROTC South Aiken High School, and Dr. Murphy, Superintendent Aiken County School District



From left: Jennifer, Trenton NSDAR Chapter; Briley Walker, William Stroud Society, C.A.R.; Mary Pallon, Trenton Chapter; and Dawn Patrick, Trenton Chapter.



From left: Cynthia Putman, Melanie Franks and Cathy Caldwell, all from Susannah Smith Elliott DAR Chapter. [Photos by Andrew McCaskell]

# Living History Event South Aiken High School



Chip Griffin, President, Thomas Taylor, Chapter, SCSSAR.



Brooks Lyles, Historian General, NSSAR and his wife Dianne.



From left: Ted Walker, President SCSSAR; Ben Mimms, new member, Henry Laurens, Chapter, SCSSAR; and Neel Flannagan, President Henry Laurens Chapter, SCSSAR.



Chip Griffin, President Thomas Taylor Chapter, SCSSAR, talks to students.



Jennifer, Trenton Chapter, NSDAR.



Mary Norris, NSDAR fifer and period story teller.



From left: Rick Morris, Piedmont Vice President; SCSSAR President Ted Walker and his wife Linda; Neel Flannigan, President of the Henry Laurens Chapter; and Chris Hamilton, Coach South Aiken High School.

# Living History Event South Aiken High School



Dawn Patrick, Trenton, NSDAR: What Were Kids Doing 250 Years Ago?



Dress maker.



From left: Linda Walker; Robin Verenes, District III Director SC NSDAR / Senior Leader William Stroud C.A.R.; and Briley Walker, William Stroud Member C.A.R.



Kelly Hagans-Swart (left), Regent, Old Ninety Six Chapter NSDAR; and Marry Pallon, Trenton NSDAR

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<https://www.wjbf.com/news/hundreds-of-students-participating-in-living-history-day-at-aiken-high-school/>

# Battle at Guilford Courthouse



Scott Bruton, South Carolina Color Guard Commander.

Scott Bruton, South Carolina Color Guard Commander, represented the SCSSAR at the 243 anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina March 15. [Photos by Mrs. Lynne Smith, Williamson Gaston DAR]



Scott Bruton, South Carolina Color Guard Commander (left) and Judson LeViner.



Greg Catledge (left), and NCSSAR President Steve Van Pelt (center).



# Battle at Guilford Courthouse



# District III NSDAR Meeting

EDGEFIELD — Ted Walker, South Carolina State President, attended the District III NSDAR Meeting in Edgefield, South Carolina, March 5 and presented the SAR Award of Appreciation to Julie Hardaway and Kelly Hagens-Swart for their outstanding support to the SAR. Ted also received the Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction for Extraordinary Cooperation and Outstanding Service to the NSDAR.



Mary Pallon, Trenton Chapter, NSDAR, awards the Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction for Extraordinary Cooperation and Outstanding Service to the NSDAR to Ted Walker, South Carolina SAR State President. [Photo by Kelly Hagens-Swart]



Ted Walker and Julie Hardaway

# Grandby Chapter NSDAR Meeting

Ted Walker, Past SCSSAR President, and his wife Linda attended the Granby Chapter NSDAR meeting April 21 in Lexington, South Carolina. Ted was the guest speaker and gave a presentation on the SCSSAR Living History event at South Aiken High School March 13. He also discussed SCSSAR youth programs and working with the NSDAR on future events. Deborah Blanpied, Granby Chapter, Regent, NSDAR and approximately 30 guests were in attendance.



Ted Walker and Deborah Blanpied, Granby Chapter, Regent, Lexington, South Carolina. [Photos by Gary Blanpied]



*The God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?*

**Thomas Jefferson**

# Francis Marion Day Commemoration

Belle Isle Plantation in Pineville was the site of the annual Francis Marion Day Commemoration Feb. 27. Nearly 100 attendees participated in the event this year. A flyover by the S.C. Air National Guard's Swamp Fox Squadron was greeted with applause. After the program many of those in attendance enjoyed a barbecue lunch hosted by the Belle Isle Presbyterian Church ladies. This event was sponsored by:

- Gen. Marion's Brigade Chapter NSDAR
- Col. Hezekiah Maham Chapter SCSSAR
- South Carolina Air National Guard
- South Carolina Department of Parks



Doug Doster, Vice President of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter. [Photos by Jack Franklin]



Doug Doster (left), Vice President of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, and Tom Hamilton, Mayor of Moncks Corner.



## Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter JROTC



Cadet Ryan Henderson is presented the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) ROTC Medal May 16 by Col. Miles Montgomery, USAF (Ret) at Wade Hampton County High School. Col. Montgomery represents the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter of Beaufort. The U.S. Navy JROTC unit is commanded by Commander William Murtagh, USN (Ret).

# Eutaw Springs 2024 Commemoration to Include Three Battle Site Tours

A narrated bus tour to Fort Motte, Fort Watson and Battle of Eutaw Springs is being offered at this year's Eutaw Springs 243rd Anniversary Commemoration.

The tours will be held on Friday, Aug. 30. To defray the bus rental a fee of \$30 per person will cover all three tours.

**The afternoon tour of the Eutaw Springs Battle site only will be \$15.** The Fort Motte and Fort Watson tour will begin in the parking lot of the Bradford Village (Food Lion) Shopping Center in Santee at 9 a.m. The bus will return to Santee for lunch (on your own). The Eutaw



Fort Motte Monument

Springs tour will begin at 1:30 and leave from the shopping center, returning to Santee by 4 p.m.

**Fort Motte is not open to the general public at this time.** The Luther Wannamaker Family has been stewards of this property for

many years and are allowing us to tour the site on the 30th. This was the home of Rebecca Brewton Motte, and the Siege of Fort Motte (May 8-12, 1781).

**Fort Watson battle site** (April 15-23, 1781) and Indian Mound in Clarendon County just across Lake Marion off I-95 is a registered Historical Site and Wildlife Refuge.

The Battle of Eutaw Springs (Sept. 8, 1781) battleground area in the Eutaw Springs Community is currently being considered for improvements by the Liberty Trail Commission of the American Battleground Preservation Trust.

Santee Cooper Country Tourism Center in Santee under Director Jane Powell made a video at last year's Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration. It will be used on their website to promote the Revolutionary War History of the Santee Cooper area and surrounding counties. <https://vimeo.com/946335431>

## American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony

NORTH AUGUSTA — Ted Walker, National Trustee, Past State President and Henry Laurens Chapter Historian, participated in a Memorial Day ceremony at American Legion Post 71 in North Augusta May 27.

Dusty Dawson, American Legion Post 71 Commander, was master of ceremonies. In attendance were about 180 people from many patriotic organizations, SCSAR, NSDAR, VFW, DAV, American Legion, military families and many others.

Phil Homan, Sergeant Major, US Army Ret., Special Forces Airborne Ranger, 30 year combat veteran, was the guest speaker. The North Augusta High School NJROTC Cadets posted colors and performed a drill demonstration. An active duty choir from Fort Eisenhower, Georgia performed Armed Service songs and provided a memorial service. A wreath presentation was done to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The American Legion Post 71 Drill and Fire team provided a 21 gun salute and presentation of taps. It was an honor to represent the South Carolina Sons of the Ameri-

can Revolution and Henry Laurens Chapter at this important remembrance ceremony. We must never forget those who died to protect our freedom to preserve our way of life. *Ted Walker, Vice President Chapter Renewal.*



Ted Walker



Photo by Ted Walker



Ted Walker and Linda Roach, Riverfront Marines Detachment Commander, Retired Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant. [Photos by Dennis DuPuis]





**BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS CHAPTER**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



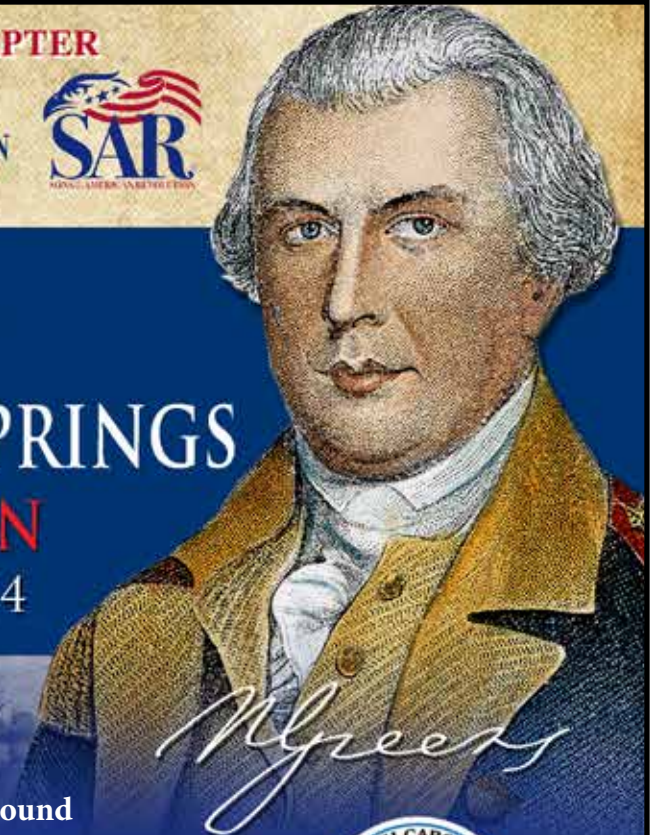
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**243<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

# **BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS**

## **COMMEMORATION**

**AUGUST 30-31, 2024**



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Narrated Tour - Eutaw Springs Battleground**  
*Donation requested*

**Dinner/Program - Clark's Inn and Restaurant, Santee, S.C.**  
*Registration required*



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00 AM**

**Patriotic Program at the Historic Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville, S.C.**

**11:15 AM**

**Wreath Laying Ceremony, Battle Monument Park, Eutawville Community**

**2:00 PM**

**Honor Wreath Ceremony, Gen. Francis Marion 's Tomb, Pineville, S.C.**



**For information, contact Douglas Doster**  
**<dosterdouglas@gmail.com> or call 803-456-5015**



**The Washington Light Infantry Color Guard and**  
**the S.C. Battleground Preservation Trust Cannon Team**  
**will be in attendance at the Saturday Wreath Laying Ceremony.**



*South Carolina  
Battleground  
Preservation Trust  
Cannon Team*



*Washington Light  
Infantry Color Guard*



*These events are open to the public. Registration with payment (\$50 pp) for the dinner is required. by August 20th. Make checks out to Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter SCSSAR and mail to Douglas Doster, 480 Winding Brook Drive, Cameron, S.C. 29030*



REGISTRATION FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH AND 31ST

# BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS

## COMMEMORATION

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th

#### 9:00 AM FORT MOTTE/FORT WATSON NARRATED TOUR

Bradford Village Shopping Center, 697 Bass Drive, Santee.

#### 12:00 NOON LUNCH IN SANTEE ON YOUR OWN

#### 1:30 PM EUTAW SPRINGS BATTLEGROUND NARRATED TOUR

Church of the Epiphany, 101 Porcher Ave., Eutawville.

Tour will end by 3:30 and return to the church in Eutawville.

*A \$30 donation to cover the bus rental is requested for tours.*

#### 5:30 PM RECEPTION, DINNER AND PROGRAM

Clark's Inn and Restaurant, Santee

Speaker: Steven D. Smith, PhD.: *The Battles of Fort Watson and Fort Motte, 1781*

### DINNER REGISTRATION

Select one entrée per person: Roast Beef  Clark's Special Chicken  Vegetable Plate

*Registration with payment (\$50 pp) is required by August 20th*

*Make check out to Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter SCSSAR and Mail to Douglas Doster, 480 Winding Brook Drive, Cameron, S.C. 29030*



### SATURDAY: AUGUST 31ST

#### 10:00 AM PATRIOTIC PROGRAM

Historic Church of the Epiphany, 101 Porcher Ave., Eutawville

Speaker: Rick Wise, Interim Director, South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust.

#### 11:15 AM WREATH CEREMONY

Battle Monument Park in Eutaw Springs.

#### 12:15 PM LUNCH AT SWEATMAN'S BBQ

1427 Eutaw Road. Holly Hill, S.C.

#### 2:15 PM HONOR WREATH CEREMONY

Gen. Francis Marion's Tomb, Belle Isle Plantation, Pineville, S.C. Berkeley County



### WREATH REGISTRATION\*

Organization/Chapter and State \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Presenter(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Wreaths must be registered with Doug Doster by August 25th to receive a ribbon.*

**S.C.S.C.A.R. State Project****Forgotten Patriot No More**

**By Kelley Widell**  
**S.C.S.C.A.R. State President**

My project for the coming year is to recognize a man, who if he had survived the war, may well have been remembered with the likes of Thomas Sumter, Andrew Pickens or even Francis Marion.

The Patriot I want to salute was an integral part of the eventual American success in the fight for South Carolina. The right man, at the right place, at the right time, if you will.

I am talking about Col. John McClure. John McClure was well remembered by the men who served with him as he was mentioned in their pensions many years after they had served together. John McClure was not just known to the Patriot cause.

On July 12, 1780 a letter forwarded from Lord Rawdon to Gen. Charles Cornwallis, the British commander of the Southern Campaign, had made note of John

McClure as a “noted Partizan.”

I will not spoil the ending, but as you may guess, Col. McClure did not outlive the war. There is not a grave marker or memorial for him in South Carolina.

My project, “Forgotten Patriot No More,” aims to highlight his service, specifically his last actions at the Battle of Hanging Rock as we 1) raise funds to place an information sign regarding Col. McClure, specifically at the Hanging Rock Battlefield at close to the point where he led the charge upon the enemy

2) Place a memorial marker at or close to the grave of his mother, Mary McClure at Burnt Meeting House Cemetery.

We are selling project pins and Christmas ornaments with my project logo. Donations made payable to SC S.C.A.R c/o David Smith, Senior State Treasurer, 4677 Cross Keys Highway, Union, SC 29379.



**Kelley Widell**



**Kelley Widell inaugurated  
as State President**

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

**Benjamin Rush**

# Daughters of American Revolution Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever Patriotism Banquet

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated their Stars & Stripes Forever Patriotism Banquet March 22 in Columbia.

Ted Walker, State President, SCSSAR, and the SCSSAR Color Guard participated in ceremonies. Ted brought greetings from our South Carolina State Society and presented the NSSAR Medal of appreciation to Gina Bobo, Assistant State Treasurer, SC NSDAR, and Carolyn Nations, State Chaplain SC NSDAR. He also presented the NSSAR Liberty Medal to Bonnibel Glasgow Moffat, SC NSDAR State Regent. All medals were given for the exceptional continued support from these ladies and the SC National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Our SCSSAR State Color Guard, Scott Bruton, Commander; Chip Griffin, President, Thomas Taylor, Chapter; Pete Widell, Past Commander; Bill Logan, Thomas Taylor Chapter member; and Judson LeViner, William Bratton Chapter member, posted and retired colors and participated in ceremonies. It was an honor and privilege to represent our SCSSAR at this outstanding event. *Ted Walker, State President, SCSSAR.*

[Photos by Ted Walker and Scott Bruton]



SCSSAR President Ted Walker presents SAR Medals of Appreciation to with Carolyn Nations, State Chaplain (left), and Gina Bobo, Assistant State Treasurer.



SCSSAR State President Ted Walker brings greetings from the South Carolina State Society.



From left: SCSSAR State Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton; Chip Griffin, President, Thomas Taylor, Chapter; Judson LeViner; Bill Logan, Thomas Taylor Chapter member; and Pete Widell, Past Commander.



SCSSAR State Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton, Chip Griffin and Judson LeViner, post colors.

# Stars & Stripes Forever Patriotism Banquet



SCSSAR State President Ted Walker presents the NSSAR Liberty Medal to Bonnibel Glasgow Moffat, SC NSDAR State Regent.



South Carolina Adjutant Gen. Van McCarty



## Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter JROTC Award

The SAR ROTC Medal was awarded to Cadet Elvis Robles of Bluffton High School May 10 by Col. Miles Montgomery, USAF (Ret). of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter in Beaufort. The Bluffton U.S. Army JROTC unit is commanded by Col. Thomas F. Foster, U.S. Army (Ret). [Photos by Col. Thomas Foster]



## Charles Burke Baxley

### March 25, 1952 - March 30, 2024

Charles Burke Baxley, 72, of Lugoff, South Carolina, died March 30.

Doug Doster, a Past President of the SCSSAR, said: "It is with sadness but also graciousness that I inform you of my brother-in-law, Charles Baxley's death this past Saturday morning. He had been suffering terribly with a cancer for some time. South Carolina has lost a great historian and promoter of our rich Revolutionary War History." Doug's wife Lynn is a sister of Charles.

As Charles was retiring from the practice of law in 2021, he was appointed by Governor Henry McMaster to serve as Chairman of the South Carolina Sestercentennial Commission. Charles' vision was focused on making the state's large part in the Revolutionary War accessible to all.

Charles was a 1974 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's degree in political science and a 1976 doctorate in law. He founded and practiced law with the firm of Baxley, Pratt & Wells, P.A., now Baxley, Wells, and Benson, P.A., for 45 years.

Charles was the editor and publisher of the on-line magazine, Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution, and gave battlefield tours and military staff rides. He organized academic conferences on Revolutionary War topics, an archaeological exploration of the Hobkirk Hill battlefield, a field trip group known as the "Corps of Discovery" to take people to little known Revolutionary War sites in the South, and a Revolutionary War Round-



Charles Baxley (left) with South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster. [Photo by Sarah Nell Blackwell]

table for amateurs and professionals to discuss the War in the South. His article on Gen. Nathanael Greene in South Carolina's Lowcountry was featured in the winter 2017 edition of Army History magazine.

He worked with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust to map 20 Revolutionary War battlefields in the Carolinas, to plan new battlefield parks at Camden, Blackstock's Plantation and Moncks Corner, and the SC Liberty Trail.

His interest in the Southern Campaign grew beyond his magazine. He edited books on the subject, established the Mapping Congress to identify and protect historic resources, participated in several ETV documentaries on the Revolutionary War in the South, and assisted ETV

with the preparation of materials for middle schoolers to use as they were learning about the state's history. He founded the SC American Revolutionary War Trust to preserve research, documents and literature for future generations of citizens and scholars.

SC250 is committed to honoring Chairman Baxley's vision by continuing the work he started in 2019, guiding the Commission through its formative years. "It was his extraordinary drive to commemorate South Carolina's American Revolution history that brought us to this point," said Molly Fortune, SC250 Executive Director. "Moving forward, we will incorporate his passion and celebrate his decades of work in our ongoing mission to promote South Carolina's role in the American Revolution by educating, engaging and inspiring South Carolinians and visitors."

## Francis Marion Swamp Fox Symposium

The 22nd Francis Marion Symposium will take place in Manning, South Carolina, Oct 18 and 19, at FE DuBose Campus, Central Carolina Technical College, I-95, Exit 122, Manning, South Carolina.

The Symposium will run from Friday afternoon, Oct. 18, starting at 2:30 until Saturday evening with an evening dinner theater.

We'll plan our DAR and 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 and The Fox*.

Price: \$95 (\$180 / couple) or Early Bird \$90/\$170 by Sept 20. Register on-line, but mail your registration checks, to P.O. Box 667, Manning, SC 29102.

Explore the Revolutionary War Southern Campaign with General Francis Marion and immerse yourself in Francis Marion's world and the significance of the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution.

Register on-line at [www.francis-marionsymposium.com](http://www.francis-marionsymposium.com).

Carole Summers

# Chapter Capsules

## News items from SCSSAR chapters

### Henry Laurens Chapter

#### Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter



Two new members are inducted into the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter: Ryan Michael Henrickson (second from right) and Clifton Strohecker Thomas II (right). This occurred during the first quarterly meeting held at the Old Beaufort Golf Club, Lady's Island, on March 22. Performing the induction is Michael Henry Monahan (second from left), immediate past Chapter President and current Vice President, Lowcountry Region, SCSSAR. At the lectern is Randy Atkins, Chapter President. [Photo by Ann Monahan, DAR member]

#### SAR Promotes American Heritage



Left photo: Bill Wilson and Hope Brock. [Photo by Woody Carothers]. Right photo (from left): Hope Brock, Woody Carothers, his daughter Susan Brock, and son-in-law Richard Brock.

Compatriots Bill Wilson and Woody Carothers, Past Presidents of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter, offered the American Heritage Merit Badge at the Merit Badge University held at River Bluff High School in West Columbia, Saturday, March 23. Twenty merit badges were offered to more

than 300 Scouts who attended the event. The event is sponsored by the Indian Waters Council, Scouting BSA, which serves 19 counties in South Carolina. Eagle Scout Hope Brock assisted with the technology and as an instructor. She is the granddaughter of Compatriot Carothers.

### Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter Holds Inaugural Meeting

#### By Jim Closson Chapter President

HARDEEVILLE — The Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter held its inaugural meeting Friday, March 29, at the Community Room of the Palmetto Electric Cooperative Hardeeville, South Carolina headquarters.

Twenty-eight members and guests were in attendance, including special guests Compatriot Mike Monahan, Lowcountry Region Vice President, and his wife Ann; Krista Taracuk, Regent of the Bluffton Emily Geiger Chapter, DAR; Roy Vitters, President of the local American Revolution Round Table and his wife Lynn; and prospective member Dave Davis, President of the Sun City Veterans Association, a 900 plus member association.

The meeting's guest speaker was published author, Daniel Johnson. He spoke about Lachlan McIntosh and the



From left: Jim Closson, President, new Compatriots Bob Kennedy and Lee Solomon, and Vice President Tom Sharkey.

Siege of Savannah in the American Revolution, one of several books written by Mr. Johnson.

Assisted by Chapter Vice President, Tom Sharkey, two new members were

inducted into the chapter by President Jim Closson. The new compatriots are Bob Kennedy and Lee Solomon. The chapter is off to a good start, with six new member applications in process.

# Hayes Station Massacre



Historian Durant Ashmore speaks about what took place at the Hayes Station Massacre.

**Nov. 19, 1781, one month after Gen. Charles Cornwallis surrendered to Gen. George Washington:** Major William “Bloody Bill” Cunningham and a force of Loyalist militia attacked a group of Patriot militia resting in the home of their commander, Col. Joseph Hayes, in what is now Laurens County. The Patriots surrendered and then Bloody Bill personally killed Col. Hayes and 17 others in cold blood. The commemoration took place March 16.



From left: Joe Glavitsch, President of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter; Carl Widell, Children of the American Revolution; and Pete Widell, Senior President South Carolina Children of the American Revolution. [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]



Tom Weidner, Past State President South Carolina Sons of the Revolution, master of ceremonies.

## Freedom Fighters of Calhoun County Program sponsored by the Calhoun County 250th Committee April 21 in Cameron





# SCSSAR President in Sylvania Easter Parade



Skunk Brigade

SCSSAR President Ted Walker and his wife Linda participated in the Sylvania, Georgia, Easter Parade with the Skunk Brigade March 30. "We rode on a float and fired muskets about 12 times along the parade route for about 2,000 folks in attendance," Ted said. "After the parade and lunch the members of the Skunk Brigade inducted me into their group and presented me with a Skunk hat. This is an honor and privilege to be part of such a great group of Patriots."

Watch induction video here:

<https://www.facebook.com/AikenSAR/posts/pfbid02Wmiy7CvJMMs8PjwDcih6RhELvT56PV4cFw361eYHEYLZWkdZiNdJY3RYCY6fLEprl>



Steve Burke (left) inducts Ted Walker




Ted Walker



Linda Walker



Skunk Brigade in Parade



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*Francis Marion*

# Kentucky General Assembly Allocates \$5 million to support construction of SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of a momentous development in our ongoing efforts to honor and preserve the legacy of our Patriot Ancestors. The Commonwealth of Kentucky's 2024 budget includes an allocation by the Kentucky General Assembly of \$5 million in the upcoming fiscal year to support the construction of the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville!

This monumental decision brings us closer to completion of your state-of-the-art facility that will enlighten and inspire citizens for decades. This important funding will keep construction on track, aiming for an opening date in 2026, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of our great Nation.

I would like to express our profound gratitude to the members of the Kentucky General Assembly for their support and commitment to this transformative project. In particular, I extend special thanks to State Representative Jason Nemes of Louisville for his outstanding leadership as he championed this project. Representative Nemes became aware of the project this past summer and immediately went to work to make this investment a reality. His dedication and passion have been instrumental in securing this vital funding, and we are deeply grateful for his steadfast partnership.

I would also like to thank KY State Legislator, Kevin Bratcher and Senior Policy Advisor at the Office of the Speaker,



Tommy Druen for their commitment to this project.

In addition to our own Phil Bloyd and Steve Vest, crucial contributors to this effort were Steve McCain, Nate Morris, Richard Quire, Patrick Wesolosky, and Steve Gahafer. Thank you all for your hard work on this important project.

As we approach this historic 250th Anniversary, the importance of fostering a

deep appreciation of our heritage and the principles upon which our country was founded cannot be overstated. The SAR Education Center and Museum will honor the sacrifices and ideals of our patriot ancestors, inspiring and educating present and future citizens to uphold their values of liberty and self-government.

Even if you have supported the project in the past, as our dream becomes reality, I encourage you to consider an additional contribution. The Liberty Tree Campaign is the easiest way to give. A small, recurring, monthly credit card contribution is the simplest way to make a difference. For those who are able, naming opportunities begin at \$100,000.00. Please contact Phil Bloyd for details. Thank you again for your support and for your important work on behalf of the SAR.

Yours in patriotism,

John L. Dodd  
President General, 2023-2024

## Subscription Form for *The Palmetto Patriot*

I wish to receive *The Palmetto Patriot* in a hard copy format. The cost is \$40 per year. Delivery of *The Palmetto Patriot* may be changed at any time to the regular electronic delivery method by providing the South Carolina SAR with an email address. No money will be refunded if the delivery format is changed to an electronic format.

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Please send a copy of this form along with a check made payable to "South Carolina SAR" to SCSSAR Treasurer Gordon McCay, 453 Lake Estate Dr., Chapin, SC 29036.

# Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter Patriot Marker Dedication



Bud Starnes, President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, rings a bell to honor the fallen at the Old Stone Church in Clemson. [Photo by Eric Barnhill]

Members of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter during the April 21 dedication of the American 250 Historical Marker at the Old Stone Church in Clemson. From left: Harry Mayes (Chapter Vice President), Ralph Welton (Chapter Secretary/Treasurer), Eric Barnhill (Past Chapter President, Upstate Vice President), and Bud Starnes (Chapter President). [Photo by Curtis Arnold, President Old Stone Church]



**JROTC AWARDS** — During the JROTC Awards Ceremony at Seneca High School in Seneca, Cadet Logan Black (center) receives the Bronze ROTC medal from Lt. Col. Henry Delacruz (USA Retired), Bobcat Brigade Commander, (left), and Lt. Col. Eric Barnhill (USAF)(R). [Photo by William Allgood]

## North Augusta High School NJROTC



Ted Walker, Past State President of the SCSSAR and Historian of the Henry Laurens Chapter in Aiken, attended the North Augusta High School NJROTC awards banquet April 26. He presented the Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet-Lt. Matthew Porter for his exceptional leadership and patriotism. [Photos by Linda Walker]

# Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter



Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter May 23 meeting at Clark's in Santee. Michael McGandy, Director of the U.S.C. Press, was the speaker. [Photo by Deborah Blanpied, Regent of the Gramby Chapter SCDAR, and wife of Gary Blanpied, Midlands Vice President].

## 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](mailto:Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org)

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

Make sure you 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*.

# SCSSAR Welcomes New Members

The SCSSAR welcomes the following new members.

**Robert Wayne Corless**, Henry Laurens Chapter.

**David Ottis Godwin Jr.**, Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter.

**Walter Harvey Spencer**, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

**Frederick Ray Cota**, Henry Laurens Chapter.

**Anderson Lowry McNeas**, Col. William Bratton Chapter.

**Jamison Lee McNeas**, Col. William Bratton Chapter.

**Robinson McMullen McNeas**, Col. William Bratton Chapter.

**Rev. John Randolph Riddle**, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

**Harold Cushman Ward**, Col. Thomas Taylor

**Walter Smith III**, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

**Eldon Kenneth Brownfield**, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter.

**Carl James Widell**, Henry Laurens Chapter.

**Dr. Robert Benjamin Fong Jr.**, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

**Jason Thomas Myers**, Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter.

**Alexander Lee Bird**, Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.

**Benjamin Lee Bird III**, Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.

**Eric Ward Shumpert**, Matthew Singleton Chapter.

**Joshua Thomas Shumpert**, Matthew Singleton Chapter.

**Maxie Donald Shumpert**, Matthew Singleton Chapter.

**Thomas Allen Shumpert**, Matthew Singleton Chapter.

**Douglas Herring Westbrook Jr.**, Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.

**Derek Fronabarger**, Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.

**Sabastien Louis Fronabarger**, Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.

**Michael Edwin Bedenbaugh**, Col. Philemon Waters Chapter.

**Robert Evan Carl**, Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.

**Robert Arthur Kittrell III**, Thomas Lynch Chapter.

**Charles Cothran Morgan III**, Cambridge Chapter.

**Robert Corwin Rolf**, Dr. George Mosse Chapter.

**Ryan Michael Henrickson**, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter.

**Daniel Garth Beatty**, Col. Thomas Taylor.

**Robert James Kennedy**, Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter

**Benjamin Lovick Mims IV**, Henry Laurens Chapter.

**Steven Lee Preston**, Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

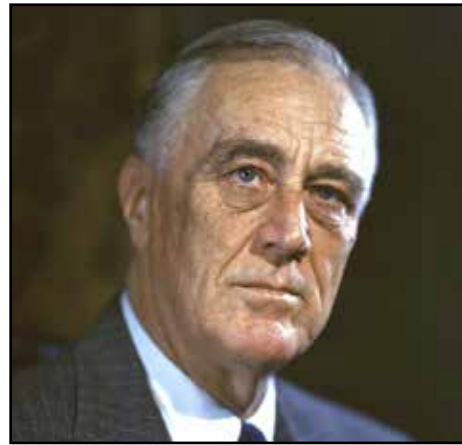
**William Heard Sewell**, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.

**Clifton Strohecker Thomas II**, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter.

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## *Eighty Years Ago*

### **SAR Member: President Franklin Delano Roosevelt Leads the Nation in Prayer on D-Day**



My fellow Americans: Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far.

And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer:

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest — until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice

arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home — fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas — whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them — help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too — strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment, let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

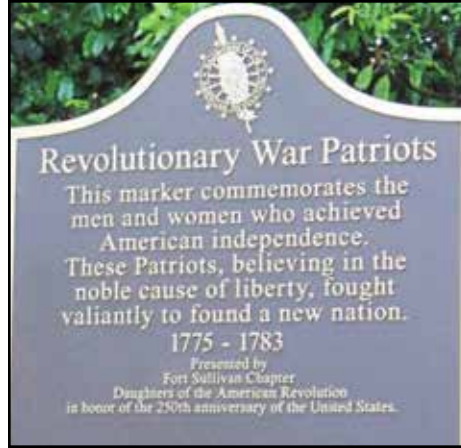
With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace, a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God.  
Amen.

# Fort Sullivan DAR Chapter Places Marker at Eutaw Springs



DAR members in front of Historical Marker April 27. Republished with permission from The Times and Democrat, www.TheTandD.com. [Photos by Lee Hendren of the T&D Staff]



The Fort Sullivan DAR Chapter presented a Historical Marker April 27 at the Eutaw Springs battle site in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Keynote speaker was attorney and historian David Reuwer. Also participating in the ceremony were Bonnibel Moffat, Bonnie Glasgow, Mary Ann Marwick, Patricia Kinard and Maggie Adams.

The Washington Light Infantry Color Guard posted colors. Command Sgt. Major Charlie Ratliff gave a history of the Eutaw Battle Flag.

Greetings were given by Harold Donnelly, president of the Eutaw Springs Battlefield Association and chair of the America 250 Orangeburg County Committee, and Doug Doster, co-chair of the America 250 Calhoun County Committee, and Vice President of the Eutaw Springs SAR Chapter.



Doug Doster with Washington Light Infantry Color Guard



Keynote speaker David Reuwer



**Photos by Jack Franklin, official photographer for the Washington Light Infantry.**



Doug Doster

## Halifax Resolves

South Carolina participants in the Halifax Resolves Commemoration April 12 in North Carolina are Scott Bruton (holding flag), South Carolina Color Guard Commander, and (from left) Carl Widell, Pete Widell and Judson LeViner.



# 243rd Anniversary Siege of Fort Watson



**By Thomas Blackmon and Scott Bruton**

On April 27, the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter was joined by leaders of the SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and the Daughters of the American Colonists to pay tribute to those who successfully captured the first British outpost in South Carolina in April, 1781. The party was even honored with the presence of Past State President Reverdy Wright, Virginia Society SAR, who happened to stop by on a road trip. Master of Ceremonies Thomas Blackmon, Pee Dee Regional Vice President and Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter Presi-

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From left: SCSSAR President Sonny Pittman, Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton, and Past President Ted Walker beside the Fort Watson Memorial. [Photo by Deidra Bruton]



From left: Neel Flannagan, Mike Monahan, James Closson, Ted Walker, Scott Bruton, Chip Griffin, Pete Widell and Carl Widell. [Photo by Deidra Bruton]

Thomas Blackmon, Pee Dee Regional Vice President, and Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter President, delivers remarks about the Siege of Fort Watson. [Photo by Diedra Bruton]



Musket salute by the SCSSAR Firing Team. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]



From left: Compatriots Chip Griffin, Pete Widell, Ted Walker and Carl Widell inspect and load their muskets. [Photo by Deidra Bruton]



A moment of silence following the wreath presentation ceremony, led by Chapter Vice President John Raffield. [Photo by Deidra Bruton]

# Siege of Fort Watson

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dent, delivered remarks highlighting both the flexibility and innovation of the Patriot officers and soldiers, which would result in the Maham tower, ultimately defeating the British Garrison.

With an unsuccessful attack by Gen. Thomas Sumter in February, 1781, Lord Rawdon and the fort's namesake Lt. Col. John Watson Tadwell-Watson failed to foresee the vulnerability of their bases outside of Camden and Charlestown. Watson would then diminish the fort's defenses in an ill-conceived plan to pursue Francis Marion, leaving it vulnerable to siege by this very commander at the modern day Santee National Wildlife Refuge.

Following the wreath laying ceremony and moment of silence, led by John Raffield, Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter Vice President, the SCSSAR firing team delivered several volleys under the command of Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton.

The event saw excellent support from our uniformed Compatriots, resulting in both a five-man color guard and firing team. The SCSSAR is working to augment the number of uniformed members across all regions in order to not only showcase authentic historic reproduction clothing and accoutrements, but also support our national, state and chapter sponsored events in a very public manner. The SCSSAR offers financial assistance of \$50 toward the procurement of a militia uniform/colonial clothing and \$100 toward a regimental uniform.

The Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter



From left: Carl, Kelley and Pete Widell present the SC Society, Children of the American Revolution Wreath. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]



Fort Watson, formerly a Native American burial mound and British fortification, located at the Santee National Wildlife Refuge. [Photo by Marion Cain]

sincerely appreciates everyone who took their time to join us for this commemoration and the lunch that followed, including SCSSAR President Sonny Pittman, Senior Vice President Mike Monahan, Registrar Jim Closson and Past President Ted Walker, Recording Secretary and C.A.R. Senior State President Pete Widell.

SAR Chapters represented were the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, Henry Laurens Chapter, Col. Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter, Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter,

and the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter. From the Daughters of the American Colonists, we were pleased to have State Regent Linda Hawkins. From the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Augusta, Margaret Gregg Gordon, and Sumter's Home Chapters were represented. Finally, we were honored to have Kelley Widell join us as the newly elected State President, South Carolina Society, C.A.R. alongside Carl Widell as President of the William Stroud Society, C.A.R.



Art in the Park - SAR recruiting booth. [Photo by John Holmberg]



Compatriot Frank Martin mans the recruiting booth. [Photo by Larry Gamble]. See article next page.



# Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

The SCSSAR has been on the move in the past few months, and the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter appreciated each and every opportunity to join our Compatriots on the line and step out into our communities.

On Feb. 27, the chapter wreath was presented at the annual Francis Marion Memorial Ceremony sponsored by the



Compatriot Marion Cain (left), his wife Parham, and President Thomas Blackmon with the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter Wreath at the Francis Marion Memorial Ceremony.

Hezekiah Maham Chapter by President Thomas Blackmon and Compatriot Francis Marion Cain, who is a direct descendant of General Marion's older brother Isaac. This event always brings together a multitude of lineage and military organizations along with the Washington Light Infantry Color Guard and the ever impressive F-16 Viper flyover, courtesy of the 169th "Swamp Fox Squadron" of the South Carolina Air National Guard.

In April, the chapter began the month by holding our Spring quarterly meeting, where we were first treated to an in-depth



Compatriot Harold Gonzales (left) is awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation following his presentation on the Spanish Role in the American Revolutionary War. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]

discussion of the Spanish role in the American Revolution by way of Gov. Bernardo de Galvez's defense of Spanish Florida from British invasion and foreign investment through French intermediaries. For his well-researched program, Compatriot

Harold Gonzales was awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

At our April 9 meeting, the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter was proud to



Compatriots Eric (center left) and Donald Shumpert (center right) with President Thomas Blackmon (left) and Registrar John Holmberg following their induction into the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]

welcome to our ranks four members from a single family, representing three generations, Donald, Eric, Thomas and Joshua Shumpert. They are descendants of Patriot Philip Strickland, who took the Oath of Allegiance in Bladen County, North Carolina in 1778. Congratulations to our new Compatriots of the American Revolution!

At the SCSSAR Annual Meeting, the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter served as one of the co-hosting chapters. The weekend of April 19-20 in historic Camden proved to be busy, yet productive for our society. The chapter wreath was presented in honor of the soldiers felled at the Battle of Camden and those who engaged the British forces at Hobkirk Hill. The state society had the distinction of placing the first SCSSAR memorial bench at the Revolutionary Visitor Center in Camden, while at the time, partnering with the DAR to honor our Patriot Ancestors.

On April 20, members of our chapter participated in a recruiting initiative at the Sumter Historic Memorial Park. Compatriots Doug Foxworth, Larry Gamble, Harold Gonzales, John Holmberg, Frank Martin and prospective member Richard Haferty spent the afternoon meeting members of



From left: Chapter Secretary Larry Gamble, Prospective member Richard Halferty and Registrar John Holmberg in uniform at the Sumter Historic Memorial Park. (Not pictured, Doug Foxworth). [Photo by Frank Martin]

the public in period clothing and promoting several upcoming SAR events. We certainly appreciate their time and dedication to our public outreach mission, and word of mouth has played a crucial role in our growth for the past year.

Most recently, Chapter President Thomas Blackmon and Chapter Secretary Larry Gamble had the pleasure of recognizing several cadets of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, including those from Lee Central High School, Crestwood High School, Manning High School and Kingstree High School. This is always a highlight of our Spring quarter, as we meet new unit commanders and get a glimpse at some of the future defenders of our liberty.



Cadet Capt. Emanuel Johnson of Manning High School AFJROTC receives the SAR JROTC Bronze Unit Award from Chapter President Thomas Blackmon. [Photo courtesy of SC-931st AFJROTC]



Cadet Lt. Col. Christopher Rogers of Kingstree High School AJROTC receives the SAR JROTC Bronze Unit Award from Chapter President Thomas Blackmon. [Photo by William Rogers]

# 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.

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

### Donation Recognition Levels (Please Circle Category Desired):

- \$25 Car / Refrigerator Magnet
- \$148 Silver Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$296 Gold Sons of Liberty Pin
- \$592 Delegate Lapel Pin (one square foot)
- \$1,184 Drafter Lapel Pin (two square feet)
- \$1,776 Signer Lapel Pin (three square feet)

### Wall-Mounted Quills (will recognize donations at the levels of):

- \$5,328 Bronze Quill
- \$8,880 Silver Quill
- \$17,760 Gold Quill

Streamers will be awarded for: \$592 from Chapters and \$1,184 from State Societies

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## Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter JROTC Award



Cadet Kellan Armstrong is awarded the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) ROTC Medal May 22 by Col. Harold Mills, USAF (Ret.) at Beaufort High School. Col. Mills represents the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter of Beaufort. The Beaufort Air Force JROTC unit is Commanded by Lt. Col. Eric Thompson, USAF (Ret).

### Still Looking for Patriot Graves

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

Please send this information to Chairman Ralph Welton at [edwlsur@clmson.edu](mailto:edwlsur@clmson.edu)

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National Life Number

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
State Number

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of applicant (type or print) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of SCSSAR Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### SCSSAR Life Membership Dues

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

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

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

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

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

<b>For Headquarters use only:</b>
Date Received:

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

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

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

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

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the 133<sup>rd</sup> 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	

<b>For Headquarters use only:</b>	Signature of NSSAR Registrar:	Date of Signature:
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# Calendar of Events

**June 14, Flag Day**, Sun City, Bluffton, SC, 10-11 a.m., Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter, Jim Closson.

**July 3, Executive Committee Zoom**, 7 p.m.

**July 13 Battle of Williamson Plantation (Huck's Defeat)**, 10:30 a.m., Historic Brattonsville, SC, Karl Wichmann, Col William Bratton Chapter

**July 10-15, 134th NSSAR Congress**, Lancaster, PA

**July 27, SCSSAR Board of Governors meeting**, Columbia, SC, 10 a.m. Shandon UMC.

**Aug. 3, C.A.R. Workshop**, Pete Widell.

**Aug. 3, Gen. Thomas Sumter Commemoration, 11 a.m.**, Gen. Thomas Sumter Memorial Park, Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter, Thomas Blackmon. Sumter's Home Chapter DAR co-hosting.

**Aug. 17, Battle of Camden**, Camden SC, 9 a.m. Start at Battlefield Monument, Joseph Kershaw Chapter.

**Aug. 17, Battle of Musgrove Mill Commemoration**, 10 a.m., Clinton, SC State Park, James Williams Chapter, David Smith.

**Aug. 30 - 31, Battle of Eutaw Springs**, Eutawville, SC NSSAR National Event, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter

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

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

**Oct. 7, 2024, Executive Committee Zoom**, 7 p.m.

**Battle of Kings Mountain**, Date and Time, NSSAR / SCSSAR National Event, Chapter Daniel Morgan.

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

**November: Battle of Camden Reenactment, Camden, SC**

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

**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.

**Battle of Cowpens, National event, Daniel Morgan Chapter.**

# 244th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre



Dedication of the Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson Chapter DAR 250th historical marker at the Buford's Massacre battle site. Darryl Addington, NSSAR Secretary General, and William Greaif, President of the Virginia Society SAR, brought greetings.

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*Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*

**President John Adams**

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*It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favors.*

**George Washington**

# 244th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre



Palmetto Patriot editor Tom Hanson throws Virginia soil on a mass grave that may contain the remains of Pvt. Shadrach Hanson, a cousin of his direct ancestor, Pvt. John Hanson. [Photo by Pete Widell]



William Greaf, Virginia Society President, throws Virginia soil on mass grave of Virginia Patriots.



Virginia Color Guard at mass grave



Greg and Barbara Ohanesian



Carolyn Nations, DAR State Chaplain



From left: Greg Ohanesian, Charles Lano, Freedom Chapter of Texas, and Karl Wichmann, President of the Col. William Bratton Chapter.



Gary Blanpied (left) and Doug Doster with Battle of Eutaw Springs wreath. [Photo by Deborah Blanpied].



Gary Blanpied, Midlands Vice President, and his wife Deborah, Regent Granby Chapter NSDAR.

# 244th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre



Kathryn Smith  
Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson  
Chapter, DAR



Judson LeViner



David Smith



Pete Widell



Carl Widell



Charles Cole  
Col. Thomas Taylor Society C.A.R.



Elizabeth Greaf  
Wife of William Greaf  
Virginia State President



Stephen McKee



# 244th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre



Sonny Pittman, SCSSAR President



William Greaf, Virginia Society President



Sam Powell, North Carolina Society Treasurer



Brooks Lyles, NSSAR Historian General



Gary O. Green, NSSAR Genealogist General



Gray Bobo, National C.A.R. Organizing Secretary



Kelley Widell, C.A.R. State President



Laura Ledford, S.C. Park Services



Ken Obriot, Friends of Buford's Massacre

Photos by Thomas C. Hanson

Watch video of the full event at <https://vimeo.com/950378718>

# 244th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre

The National Society, the South Carolina Society, and the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution commemorated the 244th anniversary of the Battle of Waxhaws, better known as Buford's Massacre, May 25, at the Battle Site near Buford's Crossroads about nine miles east of Lancaster, South Carolina.

The event began at 10:30 a.m. with guest speakers and a formal wreath-laying ceremony. Many guests wore period dress, including Continental and Militia attire. The story of Buford's Massacre was told as the bravery of the Patriots were commemorated, and the fallen were honored.

Col. Abraham Buford was the commander of a Virginia Regiment of infantry and a company of artillery comprised of about 300 men.

Two hundred forty-four years ago, on May 29, 1780, British Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton pursued Col. Buford from Nelson's Ferry to Buford near the Waxhaws District. Col. Buford attempted to surrender, but a bloody battle ensued, with American casualties numbering 113 against a handful of British fatalities. Even more were taken prisoner, and 150 of the 187 prisoners were wounded.

Tarleton became known as "Bloody Ban," and "Tarleton's Quarter!" became a rallying battle cry for Southern Patriots.



Commander Scott Bruton (right) leads Color Guard.

Compatriot Greg Ohanesian has organized this National Society Sons of the American Revolution public commemoration for the last 19 years and noted that this year's event drew more than 120 members of the public and S.A.R., D.A.R. and C.A.R. hailing from many states, and included descendants of those buried at the

site. N.S.S.A.R. Secretary General Darryl Addington, N.S.S.A.R. Historian General Brooks Lyles Jr., N.S.S.A.R. Genealogist General Gary O. Green, S.C.S.S.A.R. President Sonny Pittman and Virginia Society President William Greaf were present and participated.



Dr. Greg Ohanesian, President of the Francis Marion Chapter.



Dr. Barbara Ohanesian delivers invocation.



Darryl Addington, NSSAR Secretary General

