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Sons of the American Revolution

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Battle of Cowpens**

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From the President's Desk

Sonny Pittman

Passing the Gavel

**By Sonny Pittman
SCSSAR President**

What an honor and privilege it is to be a member and state officer in the South Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Every time I participate in one of our meetings or events, I think of my six Patriot ancestors and remember their sacrifices and devotion to the cause of liberty.

And I proudly reflect that I am a member of an organization that promotes patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

As I prepare to pass the gavel to a new state president in April and take on the role of trustee, I do so with the comfort of knowing that we gained 76 new Compatriots. And our South Carolina Society is on

sound financial footing.

But I would be remiss if I did not point out that an increase in our State Dues is needed so we can provide annual funding for support of some of our unfunded and underfunded state committees and special programs, such as Patriot Grave Markings.

In closing, I hope you will be able to join us at our Annual Awards Banquet and Business Meeting to be held in Camden on April 4-5.



Sonny Pittman
President, SCSSAR

Embrace the Future

As our Society's April 5 Annual Meeting approaches, I challenge all Compatriots to attend this year's National, State, Patriotic and Wreaths Across America events, and the National Congress and Leadership trainings.



Our State Society supports South Carolina's 250th Commission established by the General Assembly to commemorate the American Revolution's 250th Anniversary.

The South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will co-sponsor events with local chapters, National Society Daughters of the American

Revolution and Children of the American Revolution Societies, Veterans organizations, local historical groups, and state/local governments. Join me in supporting America's 250th commemorations by supporting South Carolina's 46 county 250th committees that are promoting our Revolutionary history.

Our State Society seeks volunteers to promote living history events in schools and communities, clothed in period dress. The State Color Guard is enlisting attentional members with Revolutionary War uniforms and flintlock muskets. We all need to learn about the SAR youth programs in order to promote them in schools and communities. Today's youth are the future of our Society.

Michael H. Monahan
Senior Vice President, SCSSAR

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Jan. 18 Board of Governors



From left: Ted Walker, Carl Widell, Pete Widell, Sonny Pitman, Neel Flannagan and Mike Monahan.

Monahans, Walkers at Feb. 8 SC C.A.R. Banquet



Mike and Ann Monahan



Ted and Linda Walker



Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander, addresses the Board of Governors. Seated is SCSSAR President Sonny Pittman. [Photo by Mike Monahan, Senior Vice President]



Senior Vice President Mike Monahan brings greetings from the SCSSAR at the SCSSAR Annual banquet in Columbia.



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SCSSAR Annual Meeting

April 4 - 5

Liberty Hall, Revolutionary War Visitor Center, 212 Broad Street, Camden, SC 29020



Each year, the members of the South Carolina Society gather, for a weekend, to relax, recognize, and celebrate the current Society's mission achievements, and those of our members and selective South Carolinians.

We are a growing State Society of 826 members, with 74 new members added this year.

At our South Carolina Society Annual Meeting, we will be electing a new leadership administration for the 2025 year, as well as discussing and implementing new challenges, objectives, and Society goals.

I want to, personally, invite you to join us in that celebration, and in a toast to the Society's camaraderie and teamwork.

On the following pages, you will find a detailed presentation of the events of that weekend, including date, time, location, and elective hotel registration instructions. Please attend and join us for a day or for the weekend. You just may decide that it is time for you to step forward in a participation and/or leadership role.

Sonny Pittman
President
South Carolina Society



2025 SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, April 04, 2025

- 4:00pm** | **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**
Camden Battlefield,
1698 Flat Rock Road, Camden, South Carolina 29020
Guest Speaker: Southwick C Briggs II
Executive Director, Historic Camden Foundation
- 5:00pm** | **ON SITE SCSSAR MEETING REGISTRATION**
Revolutionary War Visitor Center at Camden
212 Broad St, Camden, SC 29020-4755
- 6:30pm** | **RECEPTION**
Revolutionary War Visitor Center at Camden
- 7:00pm** | **DINNER BUFFET**
Guest Speaker: Carin Bloom
followed by SAR and Youth Award Presentations
Friday awards banquet attire is Business-Sophisticated
for both ladies and gentlemen. That is a suit, military
and colonial equivalent attire, or kilt

REGISTRATION FEES

DINNER \$45 • MEETING \$25
REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE.

DINNER BUFFET

(Registration for dinner must be completed by Friday, March 28, 2025).

- Entrées** | Salisbury Steak • Citrus Grilled Chicken Tenderloin
- Sides** | French Onion Brown Rice • Fresh Green Beans
Five Cheese Macaroni & Cheese • Rum Buttered Yeast Rolls
- Dessert** | Moon Pie Banana Pudding
- Beverages** | Tea • Unsweetend Tea • Lemonade • Water

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

*Rooms available for reserve from April 3-6th should Compatriots desire, and
March 3rd will be the deadline for reservations.*



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

Hotel includes free WIFI and a full complimentary hot breakfast.

Hampton Inn (50 rooms at \$169 +tax per night) by booking online
at<<http://hampton.com/>> and entering the group booking code "SON" or
by calling into the hotel and giving the April 3-6th dates and group name
of: *Sons of the American Revolution.*

SATURDAY, April 05, 2025

- 8-9:00am** | **ON SITE SCSSAR MEETING REGISTRATION**
Revolutionary War Visitor Center at Camden.
- 9:00am to 12:30pm** | **SCSSAR ANNUAL MEETING**
Revolutionary War Visitor Center at Camden.
Attire: Business, Suit or Jacket and Tie.



How to Register for the Annual Meeting

On behalf of South Carolina Society State President Sonny Pittman and my fellow Compatriots, I would like to extend an invitation to join us for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution. This event will take place on April 4-5 at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center, located in Camden, S.C.

We request that you complete the registration form found at:

<https://forms.gle/7HD5CqBpH8WqAaCq9>

Please send your full payment to the address below, and all checks are requested to be payable to the SCSSAR.

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

● **The deadline for banquet registration is March 28, 2025.**

Hotel Room Reservations:
 Hampton Inn
 122 Wall St, Camden, SC, 29020
 1-803-272-0600

Hampton Inn (50 rooms at \$169 + tax per night) by booking online at <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cdnschx-hampton-camden/> and entering the group booking code lower case “son” or by calling the hotel and giving the April 4-5 dates and group name: Sons of the American Revolution.

● **Rooms are available to reserve from April 3 to 6 should you desire, and March 3 is the deadline for reservations.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With the utmost appreciation,
 Thomas A. Blackmon
 Chairman
 SCSSAR Annual Meeting Planning Committee, South Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution
 803-225-5628

NOMINEES

OFFICE	NOMINEE	OFFICE	NOMINEE
President	Mike Monahan	Secretary	Jim Closson
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VP - Piedmont	Rick Morris	Historian	Buck Shuler
VP - Upstate	Joe Glavitsch	Chancellor	Tom Mikell
VP - Chapter Formation	Miles Montgomery	Genealogist	Tom Sharkey
VP - Chapter Renewal	Ted Walker	Trustee	Sonny Pittman
		Alternate Trustee	Doug Doster

Notice of SCSSAR Bylaws Amendments As Approved by the Board of Governors for Adoption at the 2025 Annual Meeting

1. Bylaw III §2 (e) Memorial Membership

Reason for amendment:

Clarify that bylaw pertains to state memorial membership.

Amendment:

1. III-§2(e) insert "State" before Memorial Membership, & before Society.
2. III-§2(e) insert "state" before member.
3. III-§2(e) insert "National memorial membership" before application.

2. Bylaw III §3 (d) At Large Membership

Reason for amendment:

Allow SC Life Members including Life Members who fail to pay chapter dues to be reassigned to SC At Large Membership by the State Secretary. This change prevents members who purchased National & SC Life membership from losing active status for not paying chapter dues.

Amendment:

1. III-§3(d)(3) strike "; or" at the end of subsection.
2. III-§3(d)(4) insert "; or" at the end of subsection.
3. Insert "III-§3(d)(5) A South Carolina Life Member shall be transferred by the State Secretary to state At Large membership at either (a) the member's request, (b) his Chapter President's request with the member's consent, or (c) if the member does not pay Chapter dues required to maintain Life Membership in an active status."

3. Bylaw III §3 (d) Classifications of Membership

Reason for amendment:

Correct the fee description.

Amendment:

1. Strike "admission".
2. Insert "application".

4. Bylaw VII §4 (a) Executive Committee

Rational for amendment:

Names the State President as chairman.

Amendment:

1. Insert "The State President shall serve as chairman."

5. Bylaw VI Dues

Reason for amendment:

Provide authority for creation & maintenance of state fees & clarify when changes to dues & fees are in effect.

Amendment:

1. VI insert "State" and "and Fees" in title.
2. VI-§1 insert "and fees", and "Changes to the annual dues shall become effective at the next dues collection cycle and change to fees are effective upon approval. Fees in this bylaw do not include fees related to meetings or events."

6. VII §10 Nominating Committee

Rational for amendment:

Allow the BOG to elect nominating committee members earlier than currently mandated. This allows the option of having more time for the committee to find eligible candidates.

Proposed amendment:

1. Strike "at" and insert "no later than".

7. Bylaw VII §14 (b) Election of Officers

Reason for amendment:

Remove "term of office" language from the bylaw on elections. Term of office is a separate bylaw.

Amendment:

1. VII-§14(b) strike "; and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are qualified, elected, and installed".

8. Bylaw VII §14 (f) Officers cannot hold other society offices

Reason for amendment:

Clarify that "any other state society" only refers to SAR societies.

Amendment:

1. VII-§14(f) insert "SAR" before State Society.

9. Bylaw VII §14 (j) The President can appoint other positions

Reason for amendment:

Revise wording for clarity & decrease potential confusion.

Amendment:

1. VI-§14(j) strike "minor officers" and insert "members to positions".

10. Bylaw VII §17 Regional Vice Presidents

Reason for amendment:

Create requirement for a Regional VP must be part of the region represented.

Amendment:

1. VII-§17 insert "shall be an active member of a Chapter within their respective Region, and".

11. Bylaw VII §18 Board of Governor's Requirement

Reason for amendment:

Remove requirement for nominees for Regional Vice President to have served 2 years on the Board of Governors.

Amendment:

1. VII-§18 strike "a Regional Vice President".

12. Bylaw VII §21 The Secretary

Reason for amendment:

Update State Secretary duties to reflect current practice.

Amendment:

1. VII-§21 strike "The Secretary shall obtain name and address mailing labels as required for all members, a local permit for bulk mail and distribute the Palmetto Patriot newsletter." and, "He shall provide a list of the new members to update the State Society Roster annually."

13. Bylaw VIII §1 Board of Governor's Meetings

Reason for amendment:

Increase flexibility for the State President to move the Board of Governor's quarterly meeting date.

Amendment:

1. VIII-§1(a) strike "except when such dates conflicts with a National Society event, commemoration, or religious holiday. In the event of a conflict".

14. Bylaw VIII §2 Annual Meeting

Reason for amendment:

Increase flexibility in required Annual Meeting activities, clarify prior notice, and clarify other meeting rules.

Amendment:

1. VIII-§2(a) insert "in accordance with Bylaw IX" at the end of first sentence.
2. VIII-§2(a) strike "it" & insert "the Board of Governors".
3. VIII-§2(a) strike "State Society as a whole" & insert "Annual Meeting".
4. VIII-§2(d) strike "Spring" and insert "preceding".
5. VIII-§2(e) strike "conclude with an Awards Banquet," insert "include", and insert new final sentence "An awards banquet or ceremony shall be held consecutively with the Annual Meeting."

15. Bylaw VIII §4 Special Meetings

Reason for amendment:

Clarify the two categories of special meetings & elaborate on notification requirements.

Amendment:

1. VIII-§4(a) insert "The meeting can be either a special meeting of the Board of Governors, or a special Annual Meeting which is a meetings of the full membership."
2. VIII-§4(b) insert "Notice of a special meeting of the Board of Governors must go to those ex officio Board members identified in Bylaw VIII-§4. Notice of a special Annual Meeting must be given to the full membership."

16. Bylaw VIII §6 Meetings & Quorum

Reason for amendment:

Clarify to which meetings these quorum requirements apply & reiterate requirements if quorum is lost during the meeting.

Amendment:

1. VIII-§6 insert "or the loss of a quorum during a meeting," in the 3rd sentence.
2. VIII-§6 insert "This quorum applies to regular or special meetings of the Board of Governors or Annual Meeting." as last sentence.

17. Bylaw VIII §7 Parliamentary Authority

Reason for amendment:

Update language concerning our parliamentary authority to match that in our Parliamentary Authority & to allow Society to adopt Special Rules of Order.

Amendment:

1. VIII-§7 strike "The Parliamentary Authority for all meetings of the Society, the Board of Governors and Committees shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Recently Revised, except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws."
2. VIII-§7 insert "The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Society, Board of Governors, and Committees in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt."

18. Bylaw IX §5 Term of Office**Reason for amendment:**

Establish when a newly elected officer assumes office & allow removal of officers by other than formal disciplinary measures.

Amendment:

1. IX-§5 strike "and", insert "or".
2. IX-§5 insert "or appointed" at the end of the first sentence.
3. IX-§5 insert final sentences "If elected, the term shall begin at the close of the annual or special meeting at which he is elected. The term for officers appointed to vacant positions shall begin at the time of appointment. Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided in the parliamentary authority."

19. Bylaw IX §6 Officer Vacancies**Reason for amendment:**

Clarify presidential authority to appoint positions to which no candidate was elected.

Amendment:

1. IX-§6 insert "or to which no officer is elected" into the first sentence.
2. IX-§6 insert "Vacancy to the office of State President shall be filled in accordance with Bylaw VII." as last sentence.

20. Bylaw X Special Funds**Reason for amendment:**

To remove mandate for specific special funds & give greater latitude to the Treasurer & BOG in creating special funds.

Amendment:

1. X-§1 strike "There are two (2) special funds of the State Society:".
2. X-§1 insert "The State Treasurer may, when authorized by the Board of Governors, create one or more special funds to manage the accounts of the State Society. Any adopted motion creating a special fund shall include the clearly stated purpose for which the fund is to be used. All special fund accounts shall remain under the control of the State Treasurer."
3. X-§1(1) strike "X-§1(1) the Education Fund".
4. X-§1(2) strike "X-§1(2) the Colonial Ball Fund. Proceeds from the former Endowment Trust Fund and Life Membership Fund are to be transferred to the General Fund to eliminate the annual need to disburse funds to the General Fund. The functions of these funds are defined in the following sections."
5. X-§2 strike "X-§2: The Education Fund will receive contributions from members and non-members. The proceeds of the Fund shall be used to promote the educational goals of the Society."
6. X-§3 strike "X-§3: The Colonial Ball Fund will receive all fees paid for participation in the Colonial Balls sponsored by the Society as well as any contributions made specifically to the Ball or the Fund. The Fund shall be used to pay for costs incurred in producing the Colonial Ball. Proceeds of the Ball shall be used to fund the SCSSAR Scholarship Contest."

244th Anniversary Battle of Cowpens



Sonny Pittman
President
South Carolina Society



Dr. Darryl Addington
President General
National Society
Sons of the American Revolution



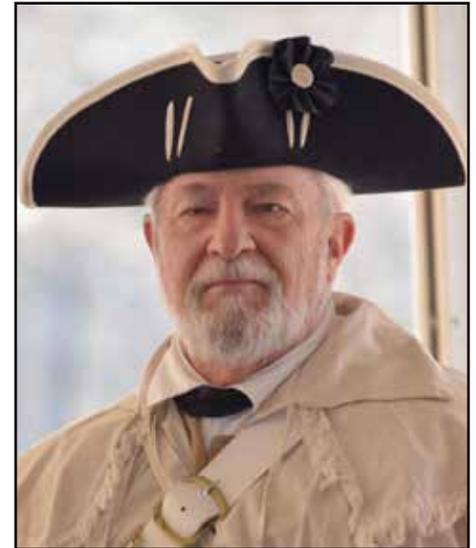
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Sons of the American Revolution



Scott Collins
Leads Color Guard

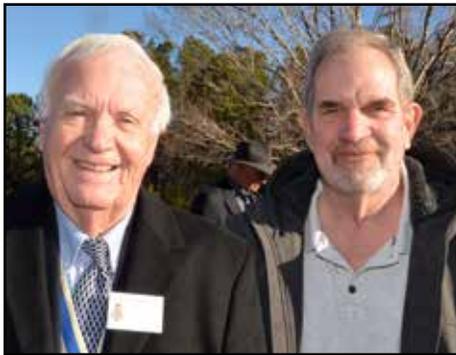
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Diana Bramble
Superintendent
National Park Service

Barry Slider
Vice President
Daniel Morgan Chapter



Dr. Darryl Addington, NSSAR President General (left) and **Tom Hanson**, Editor, Palmetto Patriot.



Grantham Wood, Chaplain, Daniel Morgan Chapter, with (from left) **Mella Griggs**, SCDAR Battle of Cowpens, and **Jaylene Morgan**, Regent, SCDAR Battle of Cowpens.



From left: **Chip Griffin**, Past President of the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter, and his wife **Candis**, presenting a wreath on behalf of the Ann P. Cunningham Chapter, NSDAR, and **J.E. "Bucky" Haas**, SCSSAR Genealogist.



Color Guard



Washington Light Infantry



JROTC



COLONIAL BALL 2025!

We are excited to announce that we are moving forward with hosting the 2025 SCSSAR Colonial Ball on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at The Francis Marion Hotel (Carolina Ballroom, 387 King Street, Charleston, SC).

A prospective debutante must be 17 years of age by the time of the Ball (there is no upper age limit at this time). It is not too early to talk to your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces about your Society's wonderful opportunity for the distinguished young ladies in your family.

Arrangements are being formalized and information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like an application for debutante

presentation, you may contact myself or my staff.

The recognition the young ladies will receive at our Society's Colonial Ball will be something they, as well as yourself, will always remember. The elegant affair will be held in the beautiful downtown area of Charleston, South Carolina, during the hol-

iday season — while the City is bedecked with Christmas decorations.

Greg Ohanesian, Chair
843-479-7193
P.O. Box 1373
Bennettsville, SC 29512



SCSSAR Debutante Class of 2023. [Photo by JMac Photography, Rockingham, NC]

SCSSAR website gets a facelift

The SCSSAR website is getting a facelift. Members of the Communications Committee appointed by Senior Vice President Mike Monahan have been busy behind the scenes working on a new look for the website.

The committee's objectives are to make it intuitive and easy to navigate. Still a work in process, the website will invite those seeking membership in the society, a place to contact the society, actives and possibly a calendar. A secure area for members only is in the works. The front page closely looks like figure 1.



Figure 1 credit – Compatriot John Holmberg

Communications committee members are Mike Monahan (Chairman), Jim Closson, Donald Starkey, Gary Blanpied, Jim Heritage, John Boyes, John Holmberg, Ted Walker, Larry Gamble, Harold Gonzales Jr. and Tom Hanson.

To see changes already taking place, log on to <https://scssar.org>. Click on the Activities Coin, figure 2.



Events calendar credit – Compatriot John Boyes

Now, arrow down to the Events Calendar, Figure 3 and click on it.

This will take you to the known upcoming events.

Committee members plan on taking photos of incoming state officers at the upcoming annual meeting to add to the website. If you are planning to attend, bring your best smile. If you are not planning to attend, please email a recent photo to state registrar, Jim Closson at jim.riley48@gmail.com.

Thanks to all the committee members for their input and hard work on this project.

“If you were lost for America, there is nobody who could keep the army and the revolution going for six months.”

Marquis de Lafayette to George Washington, 1777

Submitted by Jim Closson

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.

Registrar's Corner

By Jim Closson
State Registrar

In the last issue of *The Palmetto Patriot*, I shared the search tools available through Google to help you find that elusive document needed. Most use it in some form or other. Almost all of us have used Ancestry.com or Family Search. But did you know Family Search now offers a very powerful AI tool?

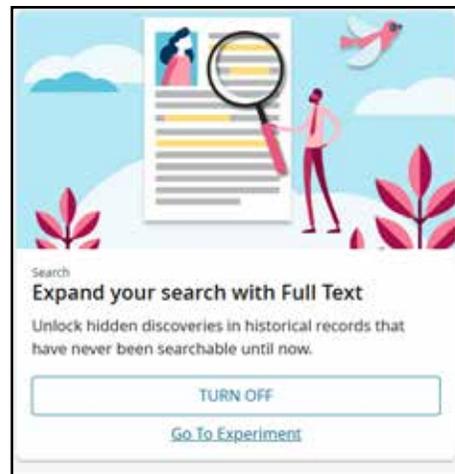
When you log on to Family Search, it doesn't look any (Figure 1) different than what you are used to.



Arrow down to the very bottom of the page and you will see FamilySearch Labs, Figure 2. Click on View Experiments. This will open a new page.



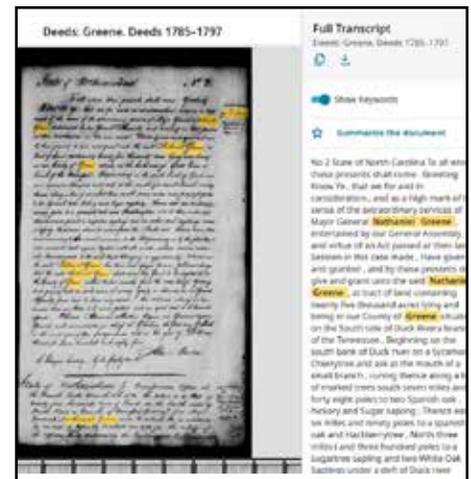
At the top center of the page, you will find the window noted in Figure 3. Click on Go to Experiment. This is where the magic occurs as a new page opens (Figure 4).



Jim Closson

At this point you can type in words or names. For example, I typed in Nathanael Greene. Over 8 million records popped up! You can reduce the record number by adding words, such as a particular state, or year. I selected a document that was written in cursive to illustrate the power of AI.

As you can see from Figure 5, AI was able to find a record where Major General Nathanael Greene was granted land in North Carolina. Not only did it find the record, it also translated the document written in cursive to a printed version to the right.



Put this important tool in your registrar's tool kit for future use. It's free!

The deadline for the Summer Edition of *The Palmetto Patriot* is May 19.

**Scott Bruton, State Color Guard Commander, Shared the Following His Revolutionary War Ancestor
Flud Mitchell Rev War Pension Statement & Roster S16970.pdf**

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Flud Mitchell S16970

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Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves 6/28/09: rev'd 4/23/17 & 11/19/22

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Alabama Limestone County} SS

On this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before George W. Lane Judge of the County Court in & for the County aforesaid Flud Mitchell a resident citizen of the County of Limestone in the State of Alabama aforesaid aged seventy-five years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. He entered the service of the United States in the state of South Carolina in the district at that time called Ninety Six, (now called Edgefield) in which he then resided on the 12th day of July 1775 as one of a company of mounted Rangers commanded by Captain John Purvis, Felix Worley as first Lieutenant, and Joseph Worley as second Lieutenant, that said Company was attached to the 3rd Regiment of said State commanded by Colonel William Thomson, the name of the Major of said Regiment he does not now recollect. The term for which he entered the service was six months certain; and not to exceed three years. The first expedition after he joined the Army, was at Ninety Six against Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] and his Tories who had assembled at that place, & who dispersed upon the approach of the Army without an engagement; this expedition occurred soon after he was mustered into service. After dispersing the Tories as above stated, the company to which he belonged, alone, made an excursion upon the frontier of the State against the Indians & Tories, but did not succeed in finding either; from thence the Company was marched to a little town, about twenty-five miles from Charleston on Ashley River called Dorchester, where they arrived in the early part of the winter of 1775 and remained there until the next spring, guarding the public documents & records which had been removed from Charleston to that place for safekeeping. That his company was joined at this place soon after their arrival by Captain Caldwell and his company -- that in the next spring his company & that of Captain Caldwell was marched to Blewford or Buford [sic, Beaufort] Island and guarded the Fort there about 6 weeks; from there they were marched to a place called the ten mile house where Captain Purvis's company joined its Regiment again, that they remained for some time at this place and until the British made their appearance off Sullivan's Island, when, being informed by express sent for that purpose at night they were marched before day to Charleston, & transported to Sullivan's Island where the first battle [Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776] was fought in which he was engaged under the command of Colonel Thomson, Colonels Marion [Francis Marion] & Moultrie [William Moultrie] were also

there. While they were at the ten mile house, Captain Purvis resigned, and he said deponent, was attached to the Company commanded by Captain Francis Boykin. After the siege of Sullivan's Island was raised, they were marched to Nelson's ferry on Santee River where they made their head quarters; but from which place they made several excursions against the Tories in which he was engaged until the first of June 1777 when he received his discharge from Colonel William Thomson of that date, and which is hereto attached.

After receiving his discharge he returned home where he remained a little more than one year and he volunteered under Captain Thomas Jones, & made an expedition against the Creek Indians upon the frontier of Georgia, and under the command of Colonel LeRoy Hammond & Major Ross [Francis Ross]. That they had an engagement with the Indians in which they got 8 Indians scalps, killed 3 Tories, & took 3 Tories & 3 Indians prisoners, in this battle Major Ross received a mortal wound, of which he died in a few days after, but not until he was brought into Williamson's camp, which was opposite to Augusta across the River on the Carolina side. He received no discharge from this engagement, the time for which he volunteered extending only to the end of the expedition.

He next joined a volunteer company under the command of Captain John Rains [sic, probably Capt. John Ryan] and was marched to Stono, when they arrived there, deponent was selected as a spy, with a small number of others, who were subject to the direction & command of Pulaski, who had under his command a company of men called spur-men [? spear men?] -- deponent was not one of this company of spur-men, but as a spy was subject to the direction of Pulaski, in reconnoitering the enemy -- while in this service near Stono himself & 3 others approached so near the British Army as to be discovered by the guard, & fired on; but from which no injury was received. This engagement was to continue 6 weeks only, but deponent remained longer; & not having provided clothes and other necessities for a longer campaign upon application to the commanding officer received a verbal discharge only.

He then returned home, & not long thereafter left South Carolina for his native State Virginia where he remained in Brunswick County until the close of the war. One year after which he returned to Edgefield district in South Carolina and remained a year or 2; from thence he removed to Burke County Georgia, remained there 2 years, & then again returned to Edgefield in Carolina where he remained until 1809 at which time he removed to what was then Madison County Mississippi Territory, now Limestone County in the State of Alabama where he has continued to reside ever since.

The deponent further states that he was born in Brunswick County Virginia on the 10th day of February 1757 agreeably in the record of the same kept by his parents, & there information given him on the subject. That he made a record of his age in his family Bible from the record of his parents aforesaid and has no other record of his age, & he does not know what has become of the said record of his parents. Deponent states that he is known to Charles Hodges & Reuben Tilman who live in his present neighborhood to whom he refers for his character for truth, & also their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. I the said Flud Mitchell do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and I do also declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ Geo. W. Lane

S/ Flud Mitchel

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[Charles Hodges, a clergyman, and Reuben Tillman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

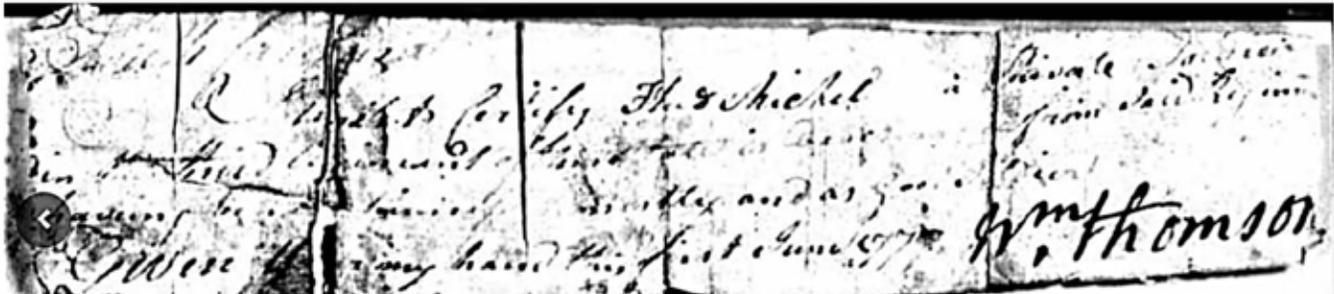
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South Carolina

This is to Certify Flud Michel a Private Soldier in the third Regiment of this State is Discharged from Said Regiment having [too faint to discern] himself Honestly and as [a] Good Soldier.

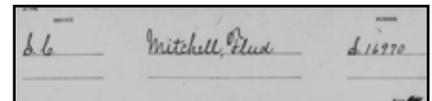
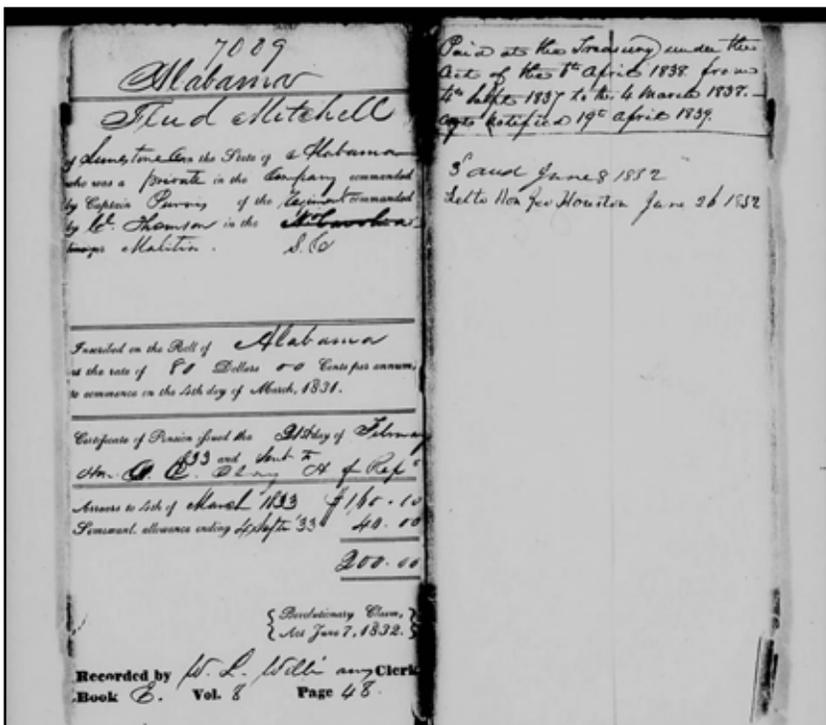
Given under my hand this first June 1779.

S/ Wm Thomson



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line and militia.]

[Note: There is no South Carolina Audited Account in this man's name. Where his name would logically fall alphabetically, there is a note that there is "No Folder" in the South Carolina Audited Accounts. I think it highly likely that someone has removed the folder and never returned it.]



Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

Col. Robert Anderson Chapter

At the monthly meeting of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter in Greenville, Jan. 16, new officers were sworn in by Regional Vice President Eric Barnhill. From left: Eric Barnhill, Regional Vice President; Joe Glavitsch, President; Tom Perry, Vice President; David Bennett, Registrar; Glenn Farrow, Historian and Color Guard Commander; Phillip Andrew, Secretary; Jimmy Lonadier, Chaplain; and Ethan Price, Social Media Director. [Photos by Ric Hill]



Two new members were sworn in by Regional Vice President Eric Barnhill. From left: David Bennett, Chapter Registrar; Stephen Murray, new member; Adrian Smith, new member; Joe Glavitsch, Chapter President; and Eric Barnhill, Regional Vice President.



Dr. George Mosse Chapter



Dr. George Mosse Chapter meeting Feb. 12 at the Tide-Point Clubhouse, Hilton Head Island. From left: Ann Monahan, DAR, Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter-Beaufort; Mike Monahan, SCSSAR Senior Vice President; Guest Speaker Catherine Duffy, Content and Curation Director, Coastal Heritage Society-Savannah, Georgia; Jim Closson, Registrar-SCSSAR; and John Ethan Boyes, Regional Vice President Low Country. The speaker presented an overview on the 19 Revolutionary War era cannons discovered and recovered in the Savannah River.

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Abbeville County Revolutionary 250th Committee Sponsors Revolutionary War History Event SAR Is a Participant

Saturday, Dec. 7 (Pearl Harbor Day!) was letter-perfect for an outdoor 250th Commemorative Event. So it was that Abbeville County's 250th Revolutionary War Anniversary Committee claimed it for a "Living History Event." The grounds of the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House, on North Main Street in Abbeville, was the ideal setting. The grounds and this historic house are owned and maintained by the Abbeville Historical Society.

Cambridge Chapter members Dr. Tim Drake and Ranger Eric Williams (National

Park Service [Retired]) were among those who provided exhibits, adding to the education aspect of the day's events. Compatriot Eric Williams told of "Battlefield Medical Practices" and provided a display of his collection of medical instruments used during the War for Independence.

Dr. Drake did a presentation on the "Life of Andrew Pickens" during a segment on "Colonial Lifestyle Activities." Dr. Drake also told of the role played in the American Revolution by Major John Bowie (and Bowie's Arsenal).

Demonstrations, including live fire with muskets and cannon, added the feel of the Battlefield. Music and food completed the menu, offering something for everyone. Special programs on Colonial Games and music were offered for children and youth. The day-long program ended at 4 p.m.

Attendees from Cambridge (in addition to the aforementioned Exhibitors) included Cambridge Chapter President Chip Tinsley, Chapter Secretary Rick Morris, Past Chapter Presidents Tommy O'Dell and Ted Morton and Cambridge Member Vance Cooper.

Godfrey Dreher Chapter Meeting

The Godfrey Dreher Chapter meeting took place Nov. 11. Rick Morris gave a presentation in first person of the career of his Patriot ancestor Zadock Morris of the Delaware Regiment including service at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and Camden. He was captured in the 1780 Battle of Camden and was imprisoned in Charleston until he was exchanged.

New member Preston Burch was presented with his SAR Membership Certificate. Irmo High School senior Nora Raouf was recognized as the Chapter's American History Award winner.

Tom Elmore displayed a copy of a letter from Walt Disney to Dr. Robert Duncan Bass discussing Dr. Bass' biography of Francis Marion and its use by Walt Disney in his television series *The Swamp Fox*.



Nelson McLeod (right) presents certificate to speaker Aric Bruggeworth.



Nelson McLeod (right) presents membership certificate to his son Jay McLeod.



Archives of past copies of *The Palmetto Patriot* are on the Godfrey Dreher chapter website at www.herritage.com/gdc

James Herritage

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter 2024 Fourth Quarter Annual Formal Meeting

DATAW — Members and invited guests of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter met Dec. 14 at the Dataw Island Club for their annual formal meeting. Three new members were inducted at the meeting: Jack Duggan Hernrickson, sponsored by his grandfather, SCSSAR Senior Vice President, Mike Monahan; Dr. John Malcolm McCardell, sponsored by John Washington; and Philip Earle Cromer, sponsored by Jody Henson. Membership certificates and the SAR rosettes were presented to the new members.

Phil Cromer, Mayor of the City of Beaufort, was presented with the Military Service medal by Awards Chairman Harold Mills for his military service in the U.S. Army.

Mike Monahan presented the chapter with another flag streamer to add to its collection in recognition of the wreath the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter placed at the Battle of the Great Cane Brake Commemoration Dec. 7.

The highlight of the evening was the featured program. Mrs. Carin Bloom joined and mingled with the members and guests at the event portraying Mrs. Catherine Littlefield “Caty” Greene, wife of Gen. Nathanael Greene. Attired in full period dress costume that included a spectacular bonnet, “Caty Greene” gave an engaging presentation entitled, “Not the Most Unhappy of All Creation.” As Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Bloom described what life was like as a woman living in 18th Century America during the Revolutionary War period and particularly what it was like to be the spouse of a Continental Army Officer. She ended by fielding questions from members after her most informative and interesting delivery.

It was an enjoyable and memorable evening for the Chapter’s members and guests and all look forward to the next big event in



INDUCTEES — From left: Jody Henson, Phil Cromer, John Washington, Dr. John McCardell, Jack Henrickson and Mike Monahan. [Photo by Carole Drexel]

Beaufort March 18, with a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de LaFayette’s visit to Beaufort in 1825. The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter in collaboration with the Thomas Heyward Jr. DAR Chapter will dedicate two granite SC 250 benches at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.



Mrs. Carin Bloom portrays “Caty” Greene, wife of Gen. Nathanael Greene. [Photo by Wilson McElveen]



Mike Monahan presents flag streamer in recognition of the wreath the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter placed at the Battle of the Great Cane Brake Commemoration Dec. 7. [Photo by Wilson McElveen]

Beaufort High School Air Force JROTC Awards Ceremony



Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Jourdain Brown was awarded the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal, national certificate and a \$100 stipend by Col. Harold Mills, USAF (Retired), Military Awards Chairman for the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, at the Beaufort High School Air Force JROTC Awards Ceremony, Dec. 12. [Photo by Fred Channels]

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Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

The Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter made a leadership transition this winter with Chapter President Thomas Blackmon stepping back to become the Chapter Treasurer and Chapter Secretary Larry Gamble stepping up to become Chapter President. Compatriot Richard Halferty is our Chaplain. These chapter members being duly nominated and voted into their respective positions, they assumed the roles beginning in 2025.

For 2025, we started the new year with the induction of Compatriot William Daniel Vinson to the Chapter. His Patriot Ancestor is James Spann, who served in the North Carolina militia then moved to the Sumter District where he lived for the rest of his life.

Compatriot Harold Gonzales recently partnered with the Sumter America 250th Committee as a speaker. For his continued and exceptional service, he was approved by the NSSAR for the Gold Medal of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program. Compatriot Gonzales participated in numerous America 250th events from being a guest speaker, a keynote speaker, a color guardsman, and wreath bearer at various events.

On Feb. 4, Compatriot Harold Gonzales presented the historical account of the Spanish Role during the American Revolution and its impact on the British Southern Campaign. This event was sponsored by the Sumter America 250th Committee and held at the Temple Sinai.

In 2024, at the Gen. Thomas Sumter Commemoration, Compatriot Gonzales presented the wreath of the Louisiana Society SAR, uniformed in the Spanish regimental uniform of his Patriot Ancestor.



William Daniel Vinson receives his Rosette from Chapter President Larry Gamble at the induction into the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter. With him is his spouse, Sandra Vinson, who pinned the SAR Rosette to his jacket.



Harold Gonzales, from his presentation at the Temple Sinai, for Sumter America 250th Committee. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]



Citation to Harold Gonzales for the 250th Anniversary Gold Award



2024 Gen. Thomas Sumter Commemoration where Harold Gonzales presented the wreath of the Louisiana Society SAR and served as the keynote speaker of the ceremony. [Photo by Christine Gonzales]

Wreaths Across America Dec. 14



Regional Vice President Eric Barnhill (center) and the SC Independent Rangers place a wreath on the grave of Col. Robert Anderson at the Old Stone Church in Clemson, on Wreaths Across America day. [Photo by Ric Hill]



Harry Mays (left), Vice President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter and a direct descendant of Andrew Pickens, and Regional Vice President Eric Barnhill lay wreaths at the graves of General Andrew Pickens and his wife Rebecca Dec. 14 at the Old Stone Church in Clemson during Wreaths Across America. [Photo by Ric Hill]

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*.

Wreaths Across America at Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Dec. 14

What a glorious, exceptional day for laying Wreaths Across America. The sunshine won the day, and a breeze kept the large American Flag flying over the Flag Pavilion at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

The Godfrey Dreher Chapter was represented by State Vice President for the Midlands, Gary Blanpied, and Justin Coleman along with prospective SAR member and Vietnam Veteran Marvin B. Gootee.

Our partners in Granby NSDAR had a large delegation of ladies including Regent Deborah Blanpied, Secretary Sheryl Gootee, Delores Rucker, Paula Coleman, past Honorary Regent, Pam Freck and Patricia Thames.

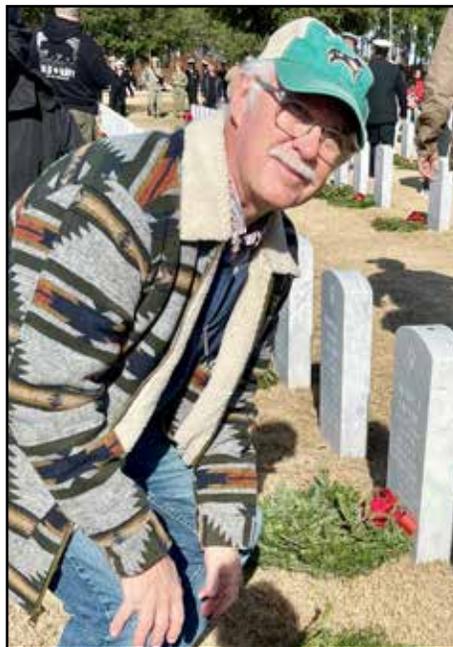
We enjoyed a one hour program, which began promptly at noon and included speakers and singers accompanied by three jet flyovers, a three helicopter salute, bagpipes, and a 21 gun salute. The vocals began with the Star Spangled Banner, Proud to Be an American, Some Gave All, and others and ended with Taps.

They allowed families to put a wreath on their loved ones' graves and then directed the volunteers to move out to put a wreath one inch from each of the 13,394 tombstones and say the name that we see on each tombstone aloud as a token of never forgetting.

The people you come in contact with at this cemetery are the best including the bus drivers, military police, and all the volunteers and family. The donations to Wreaths Across America covered all that was needed and left 3,000 for next year. While we were there volunteers were gathering at 2,500 other cemeteries to lay millions of wreaths.



Gary and Deborah Blanpied



Photos by Gary and Deborah Blanpied



The Long Canes Eighth Commemoration Service For the 265th Anniversary of the Long Canes Massacre Lower Long Canes Presbyterian Church

By Chip Tinsley

TROY, South Carolina — On Sunday, Feb. 2, car after car traveled down a lonely narrow road to The Long Canes area, carrying over 175 history enthusiasts to the remote area just north of Troy. The Long Canes, an area ripe with Colonial and Revolutionary era history, was the destination, there to witness the Eighth Service commemorating the Long Canes Massacre.

Many were descendants of the Calhoun, Norris, Montgomery, or other families who among others settled this area, coming from Lancaster, Pennsylvania by way of the Waxhaws around 1758. The location was the Lower Long Cane Presbyterian Church, itself a piece of history, organized in 1771 and most assuredly earlier meetings were held across the Long Cane Creek in Fort Long Cane, built in 1756 as a safety fortress against Indian attacks. The church was built in 1856 and continues to hold services on Sundays.

The Long Canes Massacre occurred on Feb. 1, 1760 during the height of the Cherokee War in the backcountry of South Carolina. It was a coordinated attack on the settlers in retaliation to Governor William Henry Lyttleton's treatment of the Indians during their disagreement. They were enraged by violating treaties with settlers who had crossed the Long Cane Creek from what was known as

"Calhoun Settlement" and had moved in to more fertile hunting and farming grounds in the Flatwoods section between the Long Cane Creek and Little River, close to present day Mount Carmel, South Carolina.

The Cherokee planned their strike on a cold, moonlight night of Feb. 1, 1760. The settlers, who had been warned of the impending attack, quickly gathered many of their belongings in wagons and on horseback and headed southeast down the Charleston Road, attempting to reach Fort Moore near Augusta on

the present day Patterson Bridge, they mired down in the mud and bog of the area. The Cherokee had reached their settlement some three miles north, and were ready to return when they found the settlers gone, heard the horses neighing and the dogs howling at the creek.

The mount and ride led to a quick and vicious strike and attack on the nearly 150 settlers that lasted no more than 30 minutes, some getting away to safety but nearly 50 were scalped, tomahawked, missing, or not found. Included was the matriarch of the Calhoun family, Mrs. Catherine Montgomery Calhoun, the mother of Patrick Calhoun, who was found scalped under a tree. Approximately 20 Cherokee were killed in the attack.

Upon return to the area days later, Patrick, William, and others buried 23 bodies in a mass grave just off the Old Charleston Road west of present day Troy and erected a crude common burial stone marker that continues to mark the spot for the slain settlers. The tragic legacy reminds of the harshness of America's early frontier in backcountry South Carolina and the grit and determination showed by its inhabitants, many Scots-Irish. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The service at 2 p.m. Sunday was a continued effort by several who see it as our place and responsibility to share this story and to promote historic preservation in our relationships with others. A two act skit penned by Eric Williams with over 15 reenactors in period dress, portrayed the story of the settlers moments before and upon returning to the scene of the massacre.

A brief interlude with period music and sound effects allowed the audience to use their emotional senses to try and understand what might have been going on during that horrific 30 minutes. Chip Tinsley, descendant of William Calhoun, survivor of the massacre, was a narrator and emcee, and set the stage for the settlement and its place in local and state history. Period music including a fife, piano, and bagpipe accompanied the program that also included the acapella singing of The Norris Sisters, descendants of family slain at the massacre.

A candle lantern and wreath-laying service ensued followed by



Isaac Maralit



Jenny Kelly (portraying Catherine Calhoun) and William Brown (Patrick Calhoun). Jenny is a DAR member and runs the Abbeville Museum.

the Savannah River for safety.

As the settlers attempted to ford the Long Cane Creek close to

calling out all those known buried at the site with the congregation singing a verse of "Faith of Our Fathers," led by Renee Tinsley. After a rousing benediction by Presbyterian minister John Paul Maar from Abbeville, South Carolina, the audience watched as the reenactors were led out of the historic sanctuary by the bagpiper and "Scotland the Brave."

Over the previous seven years the organizers, led by Tinsley and Williams, Cambridge SAR, Jenny Kelly, Mount Ariel DAR, and Randy Creswell, have unveiled three paintings specific to the site by Williams, unveiled an



interpretive marker at the site telling the story, put up a new granite marker mimicking the original to be in place as a long term answer for the original, replaced the National Historic Marker plaque, held historic monologues, wreath laying and candle lantern services, and hosted state speakers on preservation, along with raising funds to share with Lower Long Cane Presbyterian for much needed repairs to heat, shutters, and foundation. Preparations are underway for

Feb. 1, 2026 and the Ninth Commemoration Service!



Chip Tinsley, Cambridge Chapter President, at the lectern, and behind him is Eric Williams, Cambridge Chapter Historian.



Lower Long Cane Presbyterian Church

Santee Cooper Video Includes SCSSAR Compatriots



Watch it here.

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The deadline for the Summer Edition of *The Palmetto Patriot* is May 19.

Gravesite of Gen. William Washington



David Rast



Harold Blich

Compatriots David Rast, Harold Blich and Doug Doster of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter traveled to the grave site of Gen. William Washington in the Elliott Family Cemetery, Charleston County, Feb. 6.

Compatriot Blich grew up in the surrounding area and

his family once owned historic land there. Sadly developments have all but blocked access to the grave site.

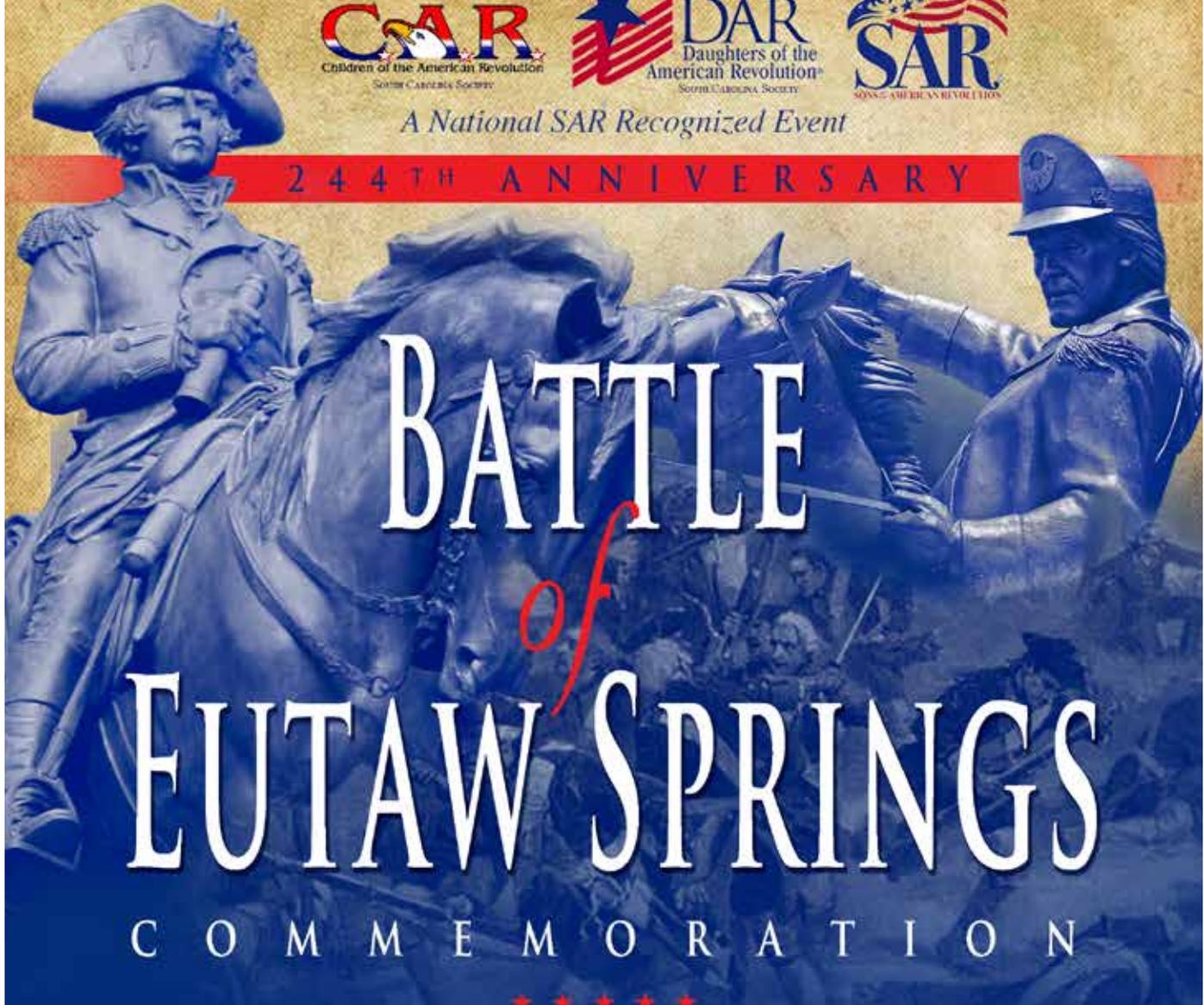
Thanks to the Elliott family descendents and The Washington Light Infantry of Charleston the grave site is well maintained. [Photos by Doug Doster]





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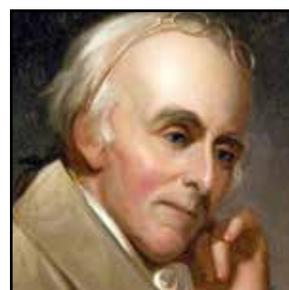
Improvements to Eutaw Springs Battleground Park



The Eutaw Springs Battleground park has under gone some commendable improvements thanks to the American Battleground Trust/Liberty Trail and the S.C. Battleground Trust. A new split rail fence has replaced the old metal and brick one, and a new sign identifies the battleground as being part of the Liberty Trail program. New kiosks tell about different aspects of the battle and have a virtual reality scan. The trees and grounds have been trimmed and cleaned up. The lake is plainly visible now. More improvements are yet to come. [Photos by Doug Doster]



Benjamin Rush Signer of the Declaration of Independence



The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effective means of limiting Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools.

George Washington's Birthday

The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter held its annual Washington's Birthday Observance Saturday, Feb. 22. Chapter President David Rast and Vice President Douglas Doster conducted the program. The observance was took place at the Pioneer Graveyard on the grounds of the Orangeburg County Historical Society in Orangeburg, S.C. [Photos by Doug Doster and Jim Wyrosdick]



From left: Douglas Doster, David Rast, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter President, Jim Wyrosdick and Paul Miller.



From left: Bill Summers, David Rast, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter President, Paul Miller and Jim Wyrosdick.

Francis Marion Day



Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter President David Rast, Vice President/Secretary Doug Doster and Compatriot Harold Blicht attended the Feb. 27 Francis Marion Day Observance at Marion's tomb in Pineville, S.C. A gathering of nearly 200 attendees were present. The DAR, SAR and other organizations presented 32 wreaths at the ceremony. [Photos by a DAR representative]



David Rast, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter President.



From left: David Rast, Harold Blicht and Doug Doster.

Thomas Lynch Chapter

On Saturday, Feb. 15, the Thomas Lynch Chapter of Georgetown met for its annual Presidents Day luncheon at the Litchfield Country Club in Pawleys Island. The luncheon was attended by 10 Chapter Compatriots and guests. Three new Compatriots were presented with their Membership Certificates and Rosettes. Also attending was Pee Dee Vice President Thomas Blackmon and three Compatriots of Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter of Myrtle Beach, and a few ladies of the DAR.



The Thomas Lynch Chapter held its annual Presidents Day luncheon at the Litchfield Country Club in Pawleys Island on Saturday Feb. 15. Seated (from left) Compatriots Jimmy Elliott, Clayton Bull, Nat Kaminski, Bill Judd and Bill Clatterbuck. Standing (from left) Compatriots John Williams, Andrew Elliott, Robert Kittrell, Vernon Parker and Chapter President Bill Sturgeon. [Photos by Richard Johnson]



Past Pee Dee Vice President Richard Johnson prepares to sound chime for departed Thomas Lynch Compatriots.



New member Andrew Elliott (left) with his mother Margaret Ann and dad Compatriot Jimmy Elliott.



New member Bob Kittrell and his wife Mary.



New member John Williams and his wife Martha.



Compatriot Jimmy Elliott (center) receives the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal from past recipients Bill Sturgeon (left) and Vernon Parker.

250th Commemoration of Lexington and Concord

April 19, 2025 is the 250th Commemoration of “the shot heard ‘round the world.” Please join the Massachusetts Society and New England District for the Commemoration of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, NSSAR’s 2025 250th signature event. We have been working extremely hard on putting a multi-day program together, and it is firming up.

The program promises to be something you will want to participate in and be glad you did. Events begin on Friday, April 18, and go through Monday, April 21. Many of our National Officers, National Color Guard, and members throughout the country will be joining us.

Your definitive source for SAR information on the Battle of Lexington and Concord 250th can be found by visiting this site:

https://massar.org/250th/?mc_cid=401cf3da26&mc_eid=7d076985f0

There you will find information on each day’s program, participating/supporting/sponsoring organizations, where to stay (we have a room block with a preferred rate at the Burlington Marriott — rooms are filling up quickly so don’t delay!), where to eat (a list of 70 area restaurants), etc. You can also order our special Lexington and Concord Challenge Coin or donate to help defray costs.

Registration for the event opened on March 1. Register to get the most out of the programs being offered including transportation to the events (you will not want to try and navigate area traffic yourself).

Concord Hymn By Ralph Waldo Emerson

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April’s breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

Jonas Clarke was pastor of the church on Lexington Green when the Revolutionary War started. When gazing on the bodies of those Patriots killed in the battle, he said: “From this day will be dated the liberty of the world.”

Dr. Gardiner Spring said in his 1854 work on *The Power of the Pulpit*: “That great event in the history of the world, the American Revolution, never would have been achieved without the influence of the pulpit. Political society moved on the axis of religion. The religious movement gave its character to the social movement.”

The time is near at hand which must determine whether Americans are to be free men or slaves.

George Washington

Paul Revere's Ride

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in 'Seven-
ty-five;
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and
year.

He said to his friend, "If the British
march
By land or sea from the town to-night,
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch
Of the North Church tower as a signal
light, --
One, if by land, and two, if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and
farm,
For the country folk to be up and to
arm."

Then he said, "Good night!" and with
muffled oar
Silently rowed to the Charlestown
shore,
Just as the moon rose over the bay,
Where swinging wide at her moorings
lay
The somerset, British man-of-war;
A phantom ship, with each mast and
spar
Across the moon like a prison bar,
And a huge black hulk, that was mag-
nified
By its own reflection in the tide.

Meanwhile, his friend, through alley
and street,
Wanders and watches with eager
ears,
Till in the silence around him he hears
The muster of men at the barrack
door,
The sound of arms, and the tramp of
feet,
And the measured tread of the grena-
diers,
Marching down to their boats on the
shore.

Then he climbed the tower of the Old
North Church
By the wooden stairs, with stealthy
tread,
To the belfry-chamber overhead,
And startled the pigeons from their
perch

On the sombre rafters, that round him
made
Masses and moving shapes of shade,
--
By the trembling ladder, steep and tall,
To the highest window in the wall,
Where he paused to listen and look
down
A moment on the roofs of the town,
And the moonlight flowing over all.

Beneath, in the churchyard, lay the
dead,
In their night-encampment on the hill,
Wrapped in silence so deep and still
That he could hear, like a sentinel's
tread,
The watchful night-wind, as it went
Creeping along from tent to tent,
And seeming to whisper, "All is well!"
A moment only he feels the spell
Of the place and the hour, and the
secret dread
Of the lonely belfry and the dead;
For suddenly all his thoughts are bent
On a shadowy something far away,
Where the river widens to meet the
bay, --
A line of black that bends and floats
On the rising tide, like a bridge of
boats.

Meanwhile, impatient to mount and
ride,
Booted and spurred, with a heavy
stride,
On the opposite shore walked Paul
Revere.
Now he patted his horse's side,
Now gazed at the landscape far and
near,
Then, impetuous, stamped the earth,
And turned and tightened his saddle-
girth;
But mostly he watched with eager
search
The belfry-tower of the Old North
Church,
As it rose above the graves on the hill,
Lonely and spectral and sombre and
still.
And lo! As he looks, on the belfry's
height
A glimmer, and then a gleam of light!
He springs to the saddle, the bridle he
turns,
But lingers and gazes, till full on his
sight
A second lamp in the belfry burns!

A hurry of hoofs in a village street,
A shape in the moonlight, a bulk in the
dark,
And beneath, from the pebbles, in
passing, a spark
Struck out by a steed flying fearless
and fleet:
That was all! And yet, through the
gloom and the light,
The fate of a nation was riding that
night;
And the spark struck out by that
steed, in his flight,
Kindled the land into flame with its
heat.

He has left the village and mounted
the steep,
And beneath him, tranquil and broad
and deep,
Is the Mystic, meeting the ocean
tides;
And under the alders, that skirt its
edge,
Now soft on the sand, now loud on
the ledge,
Is heard the tramp of his steed as he
rides.

It was twelve by the village clock
When he crossed the bridge into Med-
ford town.
He heard the crowing of the cock,
And the barking of the farmer's dog,
And felt the damp of the river fog,
That rises after the sun goes down.

It was one by the village clock
When he galloped into Lexington.
He saw the gilded weathercock
Swim in the moonlight as he passed,
And the meeting-house windows,
blank and bare,
Gaze at him with a spectral glare,
As if they already stood aghast
At the bloody work they would look
upon.

It was two by the village clock
When he came to the bridge in Con-
cord town.
He heard the bleating of the flock,
And the twitter of birds among the
trees,
And felt the breath of the morning
breeze
Blowing over the meadows brown.
And one was safe and asleep in his bed

Paul Revere's Ride

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Who at the bridge would be first to fall,
Who that day would be lying dead,
Pierced by a British musket-ball.

You know the rest. In the books you have read,
How the British Regulars fired and fled, --
How the farmers gave them ball for ball,
From behind each fence and farm-yard wall,
Chasing the redcoats down the lane,

Then crossing the fields to emerge again
Under the trees at the turn of the road,
And only pausing to fire and load.

So through the night rode Paul Revere;
And so through the night went his cry of alarm
To every Middlesex village and farm,
--
A cry of defiance and not of fear,
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door,

And a word that shall echo forevermore!
For borne on the night-wind of the Past,
Through all our history, to the last,
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,
The people will waken and listen to hear
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed
And the midnight message of Paul Revere.

George Washington: the Man Who Could Not Be Killed

For over a century and a half, until 1934, the Indian account of George Washington's divine protection in the Battle of Monongahela in the French and Indian War was standard in our history textbooks until removed, presumably by those skeptical or dismissive of God's intervention in the affairs of man. Today, few Americans know of it as those in the above category and the enemies of the republic seek to belittle our founders.

On July 9, 1755, the Battle of Monongahela began when Gen. Edward Braddock passed through a ravine and an army half his size, hiding behind borders and trees, annihilated him. Officers were mounted targets. Washington rode back and forth on the line through a hail storm of musket balls delivering Braddock's orders as he was the only officer still on horseback. He could not take command until the wounded Braddock was carried from the field. Unfortunately the two-hour ambush left 976 casualties before Washington could save what was left. A British soldier recorded, "I expected every moment to see him fall. Nothing but the superintending care of Providence could have saved him."

When safely at Fort Cumberland, Washington wrote his younger brother John Augustine Washington July 18, 1755, "By the All-Powerful Dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!"

Fifteen years later, Washington and Dr. Craik, a personal physician and close

friend, were traveling through those same woods near the Ohio River and Great Kanawha River. They were met by an old Indian chief who addressed Washington through an interpreter with the following story:

"I am a chief and ruler over my tribes. My influence extends to the waters of the great lakes and to the far blue mountains. I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. It was on the day when the white man's blood mixed with the streams of our forests that I first beheld this Chief. I called to my young men and said, mark yon tall and daring warrior? He is not of the red-coat tribe — he hath an Indian's wisdom, and his warriors fight as we do — himself alone exposed. Quick, let your aim be certain, and he dies. Our rifles were leveled, rifles which, but for you, knew not how to miss — 'twas all in vain, a power mightier far than we, shielded you." One warrior declared: "I had seventeen fair fires at him

with my rifle and after all could not bring him to the ground! Seeing you were under the special guardianship of the Great Spirit, we immediately ceased to fire at you."

Then his prophecy: "I am old and soon shall be gathered to the great council fire of my fathers in the land of shades, but ere I go, there is something bids me speak in the voice of prophecy: Listen! The Great Spirit protects that man and guides his destinies — he will become the chief of nations, and a people yet unborn will hail him as the founder of a mighty empire. I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle" ("The Man Who Could Not Be killed," George Washington Parke Curtis, *Recollections and Private Memoirs of Washington*, Philadelphia, J.W. Bradley, 1859).

Read more at <https://suindependent.com/indian-legend-george-washingtons-divine-protection/>

Fourth Stanza Star Spangled Banner 1814

Oh! Thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand,
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n-rescued land,
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause is just,
And this be our motto — "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Day of the Fox,

FRANCIS MARION LIVING HISTORY DAY



Saturday, March 1, 2025
10:00-4:00

Revolutionary War Reenactments at
Francis Marion Park and Joseph Rainey Park



All events are free and open to the public!



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The Georgetown County 250 Committee invites you to the
grand opening of the

Francis Marion Interpretive Center, Georgetown County Museum, 120 Broad Street

Saturday, April 19, 2025, 10:00a.m.

Join historian Carin Bloom as she sets the stage for the ribbon cutting, making history come alive as she portrays Mrs. Catharine Greene, wife of General Nathanael Greene.



The date was carefully selected to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolutionary War at the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

Little could Mrs. Greene know then that her husband would eventually command the successful Southern Campaign, and help turn the tide of the war for American independence right here in South Carolina, and at last, win the war with the help of another unknown General, Francis Marion.

You are guaranteed to become immersed in the world of the American Revolutionary War, as witnessed and lived vicariously by Catharine Greene.



Ribbon cutting to follow performance. Colonial refreshments will be served in the interval between the two events.



Grand Opening
FRANCIS MARION
INTERPRETIVE CENTER



Saturday, April 19, 2025
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Historian Carin Bloom will portray
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FOOTSTEPS OF
FRANCIS MARION
OLD GEORGETOWN
WALKING TOURS
843 546 3745
PAIGE SAWYER

The tours last 90 minutes and the cost is \$20. Tours are scheduled by appointment.

Living history event at Westminster Schools in Augusta, Georgia

Ted Walker, Trustee / Past President, SCSSAR, and Lee Heron, President, Brier Creek Chapter, GASSAR, conducted a living history event at Westminster Schools of Augusta, Augusta, Georgia Jan. 28.

The presentation was focused on contributions made to the American Revolution by children of this era. We explained how children lived in the back country, basic chores, school setting and basic survival for families of the period. We also demonstrated to 40 fifth grade students items that were needed and used to protect, clothe and feed their families in the wilderness. We talked about how some children joined the cause of the American Revolution and served as drummers, fifers, spies and artillery cannon members. We discussed the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, battles and various generals of the war. The children were attentive full of questions and engaged with our activity. I appreciate Lee Herron, the school staff and the Principal of Westminster Schools for allowing us the opportunity to present to their students. *Ted Walker, Trustee, Past President SCSSAR.*



Lee Herron (left) and Ted Walker. [Photos by Cary Drinkard, School-teacher]



Ted Walker presents to 5th grade class



Westminster School 5th grade Class



Chapter Toolkit on NSSAR Website

https://www.sar.org/chapter-tool-kit/?mc_cid=c615c09d38&mc_eid=0130e3a71f

Compatriots,

We are excited to introduce you to the Chapter Tool Kit. This is a collection of resource's designed to help you build a stronger chapter. This resource is intended to be flexible! Items may be added and/or modified to fit your needs. Other items may at times be modified or removed as necessary to meet needs. You will be kept informed as those changes occur. Please note that these resources can be modified and used at the District or State level. These are your tools to use as you need them.

One item that we are excited about is the notecards/postcards These can be used to hand to the public as a recruiting tool or to simply help make the public aware of the SAR presence in your community. We have also included a newsletter template for those chapters who do not have a newsletter. Finally, you will find handouts for new members. These are quick and easy reads that can enhance a new member's awareness of the SAR, about such items as the Logo, our Brand and general organization information.

To further help you in using the tool kit, Power Point presentations are included that will help educate your members when you use them at your meetings.

Below you will see the outline of the Chapter Tool Kit. We have also included the up to date information on the progress of the projects we continue to work on as we move forward with our work on the Tool Kit.
Internal Communications to Members

- IC 1 Reinstatement Postcard
- IC 2 Newsletter Templates
 - Newsletter Template
 - Project Plan Newsletter
 - SAR Chapter Newsletter Template Full 250
 - SAR Chapter Newsletter Template Full
 - SAR Chapter Newsletter Template Short 250
 - SAR Chapter Newsletter Template Short
 - YahooMail
- IC 3 Branding & Engagement at a glance
- IC 4 Branding PowerPoints
- IC 5 Blank PowerPoint templates, colors, and logos
- IC 6 Mission Statement at a glance
- IC 7 New Member Orientation booklet
- IC 7b New Member Orientation booklet sample

Jim Kuykendall
Co-Chair, Communications Committee

Tom Jackson
Co-Chair, Communications Committee

Additional links:

- New Member Onboarding
- Genealogy Resources (including training modules)
- America 250 SAR site

External/Public Communication

- EC 1 Public Event Postcard
- EC 2 250th Brochure
- EC 3 What is Your American Story
- EC 4 Sample Proclamations
- EC 5 External Relations Flyer
- EC 6 SAR Overview PowerPoint

Social Media Hints and Helps

- Social Media Guide
- Social Media Hashtags Guide

Annual Commemorations and Events

By Scott Bruton
State Color Guard Commander

Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina, current edition, identifies the location of more than 580 actions that took place in our state. Every Chapter is asked to host or co-host at least one annual commemoration associated with one of these actions.

Commemorations are ranked as a "National Event" (top priority), "State Event" (secondary priority) or "Chapter Event" (third priority). The State and Chapters may not schedule events in conflict with National events, and Chapters may not host events in conflict with a State event. Chapters within the same region are discouraged from hosting events that conflict with each other. The interest is in having all compatriots free to attend every event. If there is a conflict in dates, the State President or his representative and the State Color Guard attend events based on their priority (1st National, 2nd State, 3rd Chapter).

Note that the Historic Sites Committee has oversight and authority over all National events that take place in South Carolina, according to State Bylaws. Host Chapters are under the cognizance of this State Committee regarding how these events are commemorated.

National Events

Battle of Cowpens

Hosted by SC SAR delegated to the Daniel Morgan Chapter.
 Battle date: 17 January 1781.
 Commemoration date: 17 January.
 Location: Cowpens National Battlefield, Cherokee, County or Jolly Park, Gaffney.

Battle of Buford's Massacre (Battle of the Waxhaws)

Hosted by: SC SAR delegated to the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter.
 Battle date: 29 May 1780.
 Location: Buford Massacre Battlefield, Lancaster County.
 Notes: Supported by the Friends of Buford's Massacre Battlefield organization.

Battle of Eutaw Springs

Hosted by Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter.
 Battle date: 8 September 1781.
 Location: Battle of Eutaw Springs Marker, Eutawville.
 Notes: Normally a two-day event (Friday and Saturday).

Battle of Kings Mountain

Hosted by Daniel Morgan Chapter and NCSSAR Battle of Kings Mountain Chapter.
 Battle date: 7 October 1780.
 Commemoration date: 7 October.
 Location: Kings Mountain National Military Park, Cherokee County.
 Notes:
 1. Event hosting and expenses alternated each year between NCSSAR and SCSSAR.
 2. Commemoration date is always 7 October. The event is controlled by the National Park Service when at the National Park.

3. The South Atlantic District meeting is normally held on 6 October. The meeting expense is alternated annually between the NCSSAR and the SCSSAR.

Flag Day

June 14

Veterans Day

Nov. 11

Wreaths Across America

Third Saturday in December

Memorial Day

Fourth Monday in May

State Events

Battle of Blackstock's Plantation

Hosted by: Gen. James Williams Chapter.
 Battle date: 20 November 1780.
 Commemoration date: Saturday closest to 20 November.
 Location: Battle of Blackstock's Plantation battlefield, Union County.
 Notes: Commemoration date set by the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site managing Ranger. Saturday closest to the battle date.

First Siege of Ninety-Six or Ninety-Six Crossroads

Hosted by: Cambridge Chapter.
 Battle date: May – June 1780
 Commemoration date: Day of the battle.
 Location: Ninety-Six National Historic Site, Greenwood County.

Battle of Sullivan's Island (Fort Sullivan) or Carolina Day

Hosted by: Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.
 Battle date: 28 June 1776.
 Location: Charleston, Charleston County.

Huck's Defeat or Battle of Williamson's Plantation

Hosted by: Col. William Bratton Chapter.
 Battle date: 12 July 1780.
 Location: Historic Brattonsville, York County.

Battle of Musgrove Mill

Hosted by: Gen. James Williams Chapter.
 Battle date: 19 August 1780.
 Commemoration date: Saturday closest to 19 August.
 Location: Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, Laurens County.
 Notes: Commemoration date set by the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site managing Ranger. Saturday closest to the battle date.

Battle of Great Cane Break

Hosted by: Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.
 Battle date: 22 December 1775.
 Commemoration date: Saturday closest to 22 December (but not 24 or 25 December)
 Location: Hopkins Farm, Greenville County.
 Notes: Hopkins Farm owners invite SCSSAR to use their facility & visit the site.

Table of Events by Chapter.

CHAPTER	EVENT / BATTLE	MONTH	LOCATION
Andrew Pickens			
Cambridge	1 st . Siege of Ninety-Six	June	Ninety-Six Nat'l Battlefield
Daniel Morgan	Kings Mountain	October	Kings Mountain Nat'l Battlefield
	Cowpens	January	Cowpens Nat'l Battlefield
Eutaw Springs	Eutaw Springs	September	Eutawville
Francis Marion	Buford's Massacre	May	near Buford
George Moss			
Godfrey Dreher			
Henry Laurens			
Hezekiah Maham			
James Williams	Musgrove Mill	August	Musgrove Mill State Historic Site
	Blackstock's Farm	November	Blackstock Battlefield
Lemuel Benton			
Matthew Singleton	Fort Watson	April	Summerton (Fort Watson)
	Gen. Sumter Cemetery	August	Thomas Sumter Memorial Cemetery
Paul Hamilton			
Philemon Waters			
Robert Anderson	Great Cane Break	December	Simpsonville (Hopkins Farm)
Robert Crawford			
Thomas Lynch			
Thomas Taylor			
William Bratton	Huck's Defeat	July	Brattonsville
William Moultrie	Sullivan's Island	June	Charleston

Table of Events by Month.

MONTH	EVENT
January	Cowpens
February	
March	
April	Fort Watson
May	Buford's Massacre
June	1 st Ninety-Six
July	Huck's Defeat
August	Gen. Thomas Sumter
August	Musgrove Mill
September	Eutaw Springs
October	Kings Mountain
November	Blackstock's Farm
December	Great Cane Break

Calendar 2025

March

1 March 2025 Thomas Hayward event, Ridgeland, SC 10am
6 March 2025 Lafayette Event at Lafayette House 235 Third St, Cheraw, SC
7-8 March 2025 Historic Camden Lafayette events , Camden, SC
7 – 8 March 2025 Battle of Battle Creek, Battle Creek Battlefield, GA 8am
13 March 2025 Lafayette event, Mepkin Abbey Henry & John Laurens Grave Marking, 1098 Mepkin Abbey RD, Moncks, Corner, SC
15 March 2025 Lafayette Reception, Huger House 54 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC
15 March 2025 Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC 8am
18 March 2025, Lafayette Event Beaufort, SC
20-22 Mar 2025 SC NSDAR Conference, Columbia SC

April

3-6 April 2025 SCSSAR Annual Meeting Camden, SC
11-13 April 2025 National C.A.R. Conference, Arlington Va
April 2025 Fort Watson Event
19 April 2025 Patriot Day, Frederica Naval Action, Saint Simons Island, GA (National Event) GASSAR
26 April 2025 Living History display, Purple Martin Festival, St. Matthews, SC

May

24 May 2025 Memorial Day weekend.
May 2025 Battle of Buford's Massacre , Battle Field, Lancaster, SC usually around Memorial Day

June

June 2025 Battle of Ninety-Six
June 2025 Battle of Sullivans's Island / Carolina Day Charleston, SC
14 June 2025 Flag Day
25 -28 June 2025 NSDAR Continental Congress, Washington, DC

July

7 – 8 July 2025 South Eastern Regional C.A.R. Conference, FL
14 – 17 July 2025 NSSAR Congress, Connecticut

July 2025 Huck's Defeat, Brattonsville, SC

August

August Thomas Sumter Event
August Musgrove Mill Event
August Battle of Camden
29-30 August 2025 Battle of Eutaw Springs, National Event

September

September 2025 Siege of Augusta, Augusta, GA

October

7 October 2025 Kings Mountain, National Military Park, SC

November

November 2025 Battle of Blackstock, Blackstock Park, SC

December

December 2025 Battle of Cane Break, Hopkins Farm, Simpsonville, SC

SCSSAR Welcomes New Members

Chapter	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Date Approved
Col Hezekiah Maham	Richard	Alvin	Kendall		1/31/2025
Col Philemon Waters	Joe	F.	Yawn		12/20/2024
Col Robert Anderson	Ethan	James	Foster		2/14/2025
Col Robert Anderson	Russell	Martin	Shumway		2/14/2025
Col Thomas Taylor	Joseph	Anderson	Boyle		12/20/2024
Ft Dorchester	Kenneth	Don	Buchanan		12/20/2024
Ft Dorchester	Norman	Floyd	Garland	Jr.	12/20/2024
Godfrey Dreher	Preston	Ratliff	Burch		12/20/2024
Gov Paul Hamilton	Shelby	Antonine	Robert	III	2/7/2025
Henry Laurens	John	Raymond	Milliron		1/31/2025
Henry Laurens	Daniel	Davis	Reece		2/7/2025
Maj Gen William Moultrie	Kelly	Evans	Mayhew		12/20/2024
Maj Gen William Moultrie	John	Gregory	Wade		12/20/2024
Matthew Singleton	William	Daniel	Vinson	III	12/20/2024
Thomas Heyward Jr	Lawrence	Dale	Closson		12/20/2024
Thomas Lynch	John	William	Williams		12/20/2024

Roll Call of the Departed

Deceased Compatriots from the Thomas Lynch Chapter: James B. Black III, Jackie Jernigan, Davis H. Stevens, Benjamin Kloop, John Clarke and Patrick Givens.

**Please send SCSSAR
member obituaries to
Tom.Hanson@Hanson
Communications.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.

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

Total Donation Amount: _____

Name: _____ National Number: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

The SAR Foundation, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Please make checks payable to: The SAR Foundation, Inc., 809 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202-2619

For Credit Card Donations:
Please Circle: Master Card Visa Discover AMEX Other _____

Amount: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

**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 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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 |

For SCSSAR use only

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

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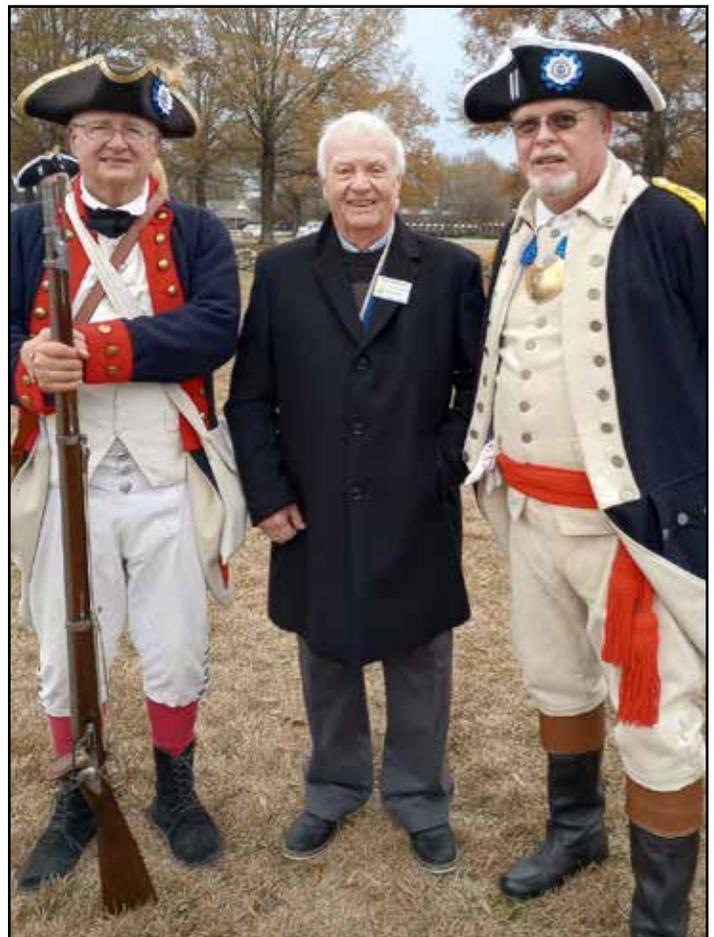
Grave Marking for Patriot Arthur Garrison Private in North Carolina Militia

National SAR Event
Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Rock Hill, South Carolina
Dec. 15

Ancestor of President General Darryl Addington's Wife Mary
Using Newly Designed Granite SAR Marker by Mecklenburg Chapter NCSSAR



Color Guard Commander Scott Bruton escorts Mary Addington to her Patriot ancestor's grave.



NSSAR President General Darryl Addington (center) with Past SCSSAR President Ted Walker (left) and Scott Bruton, SCSSAR Color Guard Commander.

Watch video by Scott Bruton here:
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