

# The Palmetto Patriot

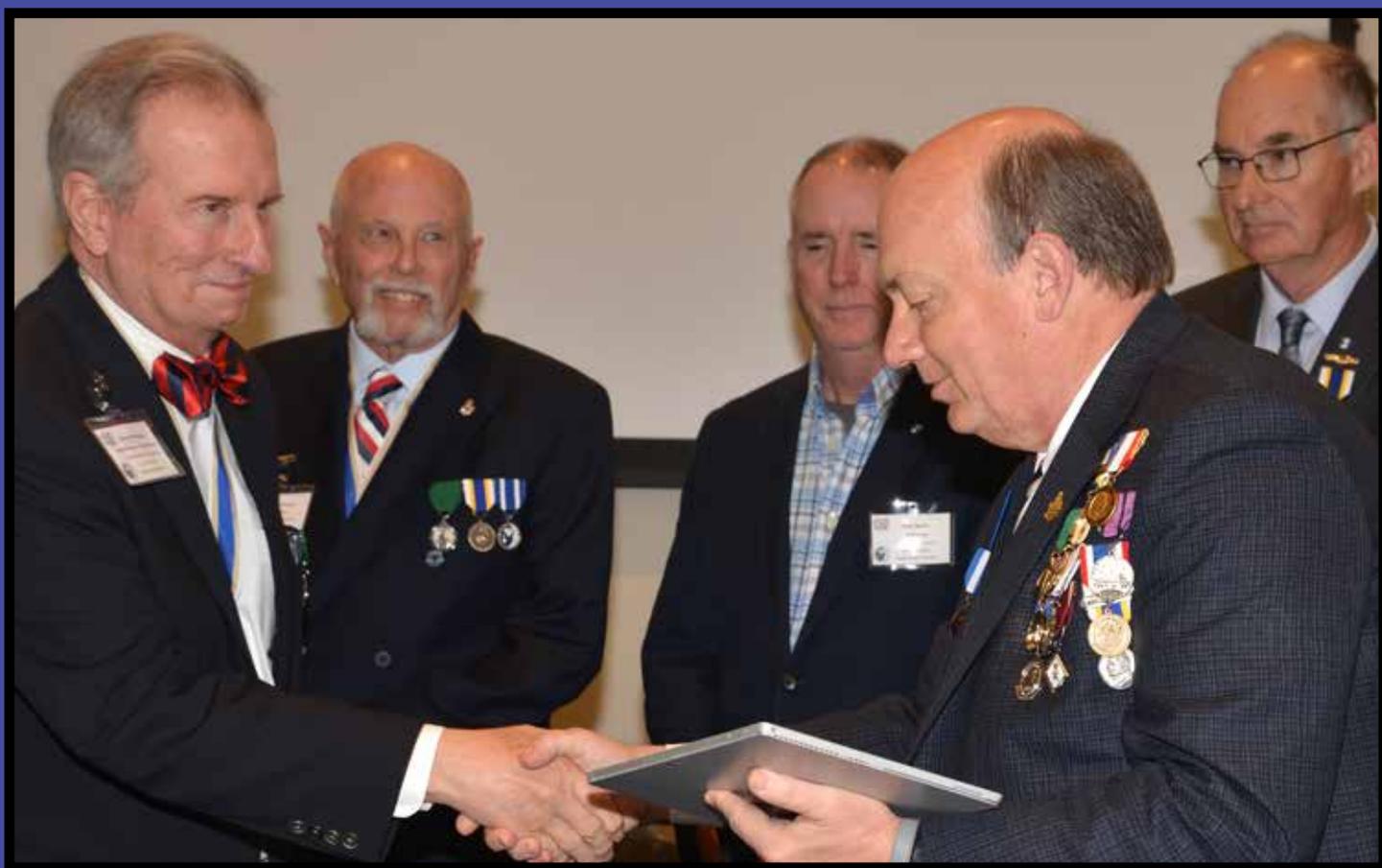
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South Carolina Society  
Sons of the American Revolution

Organized April 18, 1889



**Scott Collins Inducts Mike Monahan  
President of South Carolina Society**

**Annual Meeting April 5 Camden**

# From the President's Desk

**Mike Monahan**

## Focus on the Future

**By Mike Monahan  
SCSSAR President**

Compatriots, thank you for providing me the opportunity to lead our State Society. I challenge you to attend the National, State, and local Patriotic events. Join me at a Wreaths Across America commemoration, our National Congress and Leadership trainings.

My goal is to bring interpersonal communications to the forefront of our State Society. We are engaged in developing a user-friendly, enhanced, up-to-date, interactive, and dynamic State website. It fosters interaction with members, chapters, state and national officers and informs members and communities of our upcoming local, state and national events, including a detailed calendar. Please consider visiting the State Society's website often this coming year.

I hope to encourage SCSSAR Chapters to co-sponsor SAR events with regional/local chapters, local NSDAR and C.A.R. Societies, Veterans organizations, Community Historical groups, and local/state governments. The SCSSAR will support South Carolina's 250th committees by partnering with them on events. We will participate in grant processes, seeking to obtain worthy awards for projects that celebrate America's history.

My fellow Compatriots, your service is

needed as Chapter officers, Committee and Color Guard members: with uniforms and flintlock muskets. We seek volunteers to



promote living history events, clothed in period dress. Every Chapter and member must be aware of the SAR youth programs to promote them in schools and communities. Today's youths are our future. All Compatriots with special

skills or talents are desperately needed to improve our Society.

My recommendation to improve retention is assigning new members to a position on a Chapter committee, so that they become immediately involved.

Each Chapter should have a dedicated Liaison person to contact the DAR, C.A.R., genealogical and historical societies and local, city/county and State governments. This will aid in identify events and activities everyone can participate in as we celebrate American history. Our focus must be on America's 250th Anniversary.

Finally, I need your help to make this a great year.

Mike Monahan  
President, SCSSAR

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**COVER PHOTO:** Scott Collins (right), Vice President General of the South Atlantic District, inducts Mike Monahan as President of the South Carolina Society. [Photo by Tom Hanson]

**The deadline for the Fall Edition  
of The Palmetto Patriot is Aug. 18.**

# 2025 - 2026 State Officers

The following 2024 – 2025 SCSSAR State Officers were elected at the Annual Meeting in Camden April 5.

<b>President</b>	<b>Mike Monahan</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jim Closson</b>
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<b>VP - Chapter Renewal</b>	<b>Ted Walker</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Sonny Pittman</b>
		<b>Alternate Trustee</b>	<b>Doug Doster</b>



Greg Ohanesian



Jim Closson  
Nominating Committee Chairman



Thomas Blackmon  
Annual Meeting Organizer



Ted Walker



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# 2025 Annual Meeting

The 2025 SCSSAR Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet took place April 4 - 5 at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center in Camden.



President Mike Monahan Sworn In



Gary Blanpied (left) Treasurer Gordon McCay

Photos by Tom Hanson



Vice President General Scott Collins puts Presidential insignia on Mike Monahan



Treasurer Gordon McCay



David Smith Bylaws Chairman



Vice President General Scott Collins puts Past President insignia on Sonny Pittman.

Watch Tom Hanson's video of the Annual Meeting at <https://vimeo.com/1073187189>



2025-2026 Officers

# SCSSAR President Sonny Pittman presents awards



Outstanding JROTC Medal — Cadet Abigail Reaves.



Knight Essay Contest — Shannah Lin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Lin, is shown here with her father and little sister.



Patriot Grave Marking Medal — Dr. Ralph Welton (right) receives award from Sonny Pitman.

Photos by Eric Barnhill



American 250 Recognition Award — From left: Diana Roof, Benji Roof, and Joe Babb, SCSSAR 250 Chairman.



American 250 Recognition Award — From left: Alice Caskey, State Regent for NSDAR, Diana Roof and Benji Roof.



Lydia Darragh Medal — President Sonny Pittman presents award to his wife Sue.



SAR / DAR Silver Medal of Appreciation — Ann Monahan and Ann Babb



Silver C.A.R. / SAR Medal of Appreciation — From left: President Sonny Pittman, Ted Walker, Neel Flannagan, John Boyes and John Goodwin.



Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal — From left: President Sonny Pittman, Joe Glavitsch, Eric Barnhill, Rick Morris and Gary Blanpied.



Silver Roger Sherman Medal — From left: Ralph Welton, President Sonny Pittman, Neel Flannagan and John Boyes.



Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award — Ed Patton of the Cambridge Chapter with his wife Barbara, Coby Alexander and Rick Morris.



Meritorious Service Medal — Scott Bruton, State Color Guard Commander, receives award from President Sonny Pittman.



Patriot Medal — From left: President Sonny Pittman, Doug Doster and Rick Morris.



State Medal of Distinguished Service — President Sonny Pittman (left) gives award to Senior Vice President Mike Monahan.

# 2025 Memorial Service

Rev. Lawrence Peebles, Chaplain

## IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED

HORACE COX BEASLEY	JANUARY 1, 2024	GEN. FRANCIS MARION
JAMES EUGENE KLUG	FEBRUARY 11, 2024	COL. THOMAS TAYLOR
WILLIAM BIDDLE TEN EYCK	APRIL 17, 2024	GOV. PAUL HAMILTON
WILLIAM WINN ROWE	APRIL 23, 2024	COL. MATTHEW SINGLETON
WHITEFORD CORNELL MCWATERS III	MAY 14, 2024	MG. WILLIAM MOULTRIE
DAVID LYNN TWIGG	MAY 27, 2024	HENRY LAURENS
DAVID EMMANUEL AREHEART	JUNE 15, 2024	GODFREY DREHER
MOULTRIE DELORME PLOWDEN	AUGUST 1, 2024	MG WILLIAM MOULTRIE
HAROLD WAYNE COUSAR	AUGUST 4, 2024	GOV. PAUL HAMILTON
JOHN HENRY HOLLADAY JR	AUGUST 4, 2024	COL. THOMAS TAYLOR
CHARLES L APPLEBY III	AUGUST 12, 2024	GEN. FRANCIS MARION
ARCHIBALD H CHANDLER JR	SEPTEMBER 6, 2024	COL. MATTHEW SINGLETON
JEREMIAH ALBERT KAY	SEPTEMBER 19, 2024	COL. ROBERT ANDERSON
MERL EDWIN DODGE JR.	SEPTEMBER 30, 2024	COL. HEZEKIAH MAHAM
DONALD RAY GOFORTH	OCTOBER 8, 2024	CAMBRIDGE
IVIN OKEY WILSON JR.	OCTOBER 18, 2024	BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS
RAYMOND FREDERICK WILLEFORD JR	DECEMBER 8, 2024	MG WILLIAM MOULTRIE

ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO ART THE SPIRIT OF CALM AND THE CENTRAL PEACE OF THE UNIVERSE, GRANT TO US, YOUR CHILDREN, SUCH A CONSCIOUSNESS OF YOUR PRESENCE, AS MAY GIVE US UTTER CONFIDENCE IN YOU. WE ENTRUST ALL THOSE DEAR TO US TO YOUR NEVER FAILING CARE AND LOVE, FOR THIS LIFE AND THE LIFE TO COME. MAY THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GOD AND OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD; THE BLESSING OF GOD ALMIGHTY, THE FATHER, SON, AND THE HOLY GHOST BE AMONGST YOU, AND REMAIN WITH YOU, ALWAYS. AMEN.

(NSSAR HANDBOOK, VOLUME IV)

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord cause his face to mercifully shine upon you, both this day and forevermore.*



Rev. Lawrence Peebles, Chaplain delivers benediction from Numbers 6:24-26

# State Bylaws Changed at Annual Meeting

## By David Smith Bylaws Committee Chairman

The State Bylaws Committee presented several changes to the State Bylaws that had been previously approved by the Board of Governors which were adopted at the Annual Meeting.

The 2025 State Bylaws are available for you to download as a .PDF file on the SC SAR website (SCSSAR.org). The document is 31 pages including a full table of contents and can be printed on both sides of the page to save paper. Special Rules of Order adopted by the Society are included after the bylaws. There is also a fillable .PDF for members or committees to submit Bylaw Change Requests to the Bylaws Committee. While there were 42 approved amendments, the following are the most significant for 2025.

1. SC Life Members who fail to pay chapter dues are now legally moved to the At Large Chapter to protect them from being placed in an inactive status. The State Secretary must also move State Life Members to the At Large Chapter at the member's request, or at his chapter president's request if the Life Member agrees. (III-3(d)5)

2. Changes to Society fees now automatically become effective when they are approved, and changes to annual dues become effective at the dues collection cycle immediately following approval of the change. (VI-1)

3. Names the State President as the Executive Committee chairman. (VII-4a)

4. Allows the Board of Governors to elect their three Nominating Committee members prior to the October BOG meeting. Previously it had to be done in October. (VII-10)

5. Removed term of office language from the bylaw pertaining to election of officers. There is a separate bylaw that provides officers term of office. (VII-14b)

6. Requires the Regional Vice Presidents to be an active member of a chapter within their respective region. This prevents a chapter member from one region from becoming the Regional VP for a different region. (VII-17)

7. Removed the requirement that nominees for Regional Vice President must have served two years on the Board of Governors prior to nomination. Now any member can be nominated as a Regional VP. (VII-18)

8. Removed antiquated duties from the State Secretary. (VII-21)

9. Removed antiquated duties from the State Historian. (VII-26)

10. Relaxes restrictions on when the Board of Governors meeting must be held and allows the State President discretion to move the date for the quarterly BOG meeting to the Saturday preceding or following the third Saturday of January, April, July, and October. (VIII-1)

11. Increases flexibility in the Annual Meeting and when the meeting notice has to be distributed. (VIII-2)

12. Spells out who has to be given notice of a special meeting of the Board of Governors and the Annual Meeting. (VIII-4b)

13. Clearly states quorum requirements and the requirement that they be maintained during the meeting. (VIII-6)

14. Updated the language pertaining to our parliamentary authority to match language recommended by Robert's Rules of

Order, 12th edition. (VIII-7)

15. Specify that an elected Officer's term of office begins at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected. Previously, the term began as soon as the presiding officer announced the election results. (IX-5)

16. Allow the State President to appoint Officers to fill both vacancies that occur during the year and positions for which there were no nominations, and that the term of these appointments begin at the time of appointment. (IX-5)

17. Removed mandate that the Society have two special funds and gives the State Treasurer authority to create special funds as needed with the Board of Governor's approval. (X-1)

18. Eliminated the Education State Fund and the Colonial Ball State Fund as special funds under the State Treasurer. (X-2 & X-3)

## Poster Contest Winner

In late March, the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter selected their grade school Americanism Poster for the 2025 school year to represent the chapter at the SC Society annual meeting April 4 and 5 in Camden.

This year's poster was submitted by homeschooled fifth grader Philip Langford, son of Jamie and Fripp Langford of Beaufort, and grandson of Gov. Paul Hamilton chapter member, Phil Cromer. The poster depicting Gen. Francis Marion garnered State Honors and will be presented for competition by the SC Society at the SAR National Convention in Connecticut in July. *Jody Henson*



Philip Langford with his poster depicting Gen. Francis Marion. [Photo by Fripp Langford]

# Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter participates in 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's visit to Beaufort

**By Wilson McElveen  
Secretary  
Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter**

On March 18, 1825, the citizens of Beaufort excitedly awaited the arrival of renowned Revolutionary war hero, Marquis de Lafayette, who was celebrating the 50th anniversary of the American Revolution by touring all 24 states in the United States of America in what was known at the time as the "Farewell Tour of the Nation."

In that year, local Beaufortonians had planned a big day of activities to welcome this well-known figure. But as fate would have it, after departing on a barge from Edisto Island, Lafayette and his entourage became stranded on a sand bar. They had to wait on the change of the tides to dislodge the barge and they unfortunately did not arrive in Beaufort until around 10 p.m. His visit was cut short and all of the events the locals had planned for the day were abandoned.

Having found documentation on what had actually been planned for an extraordinary day in Beaufort's history 200 years ago, local organizational leaders and city officials decided to recreate the anniversary visit as it had been envisioned in 1825. Beaufort would finally get to celebrate Lafayette as it had been intended. Months of planning went in to preparing for what

## Photos by Wilson McElveen



Mark Schneider (left) portraying Gen. Lafayette is presented a key to the City of Beaufort by the city's Mayor, SAR member, Phil Cromer.



Mark Schneider portraying Gen. Lafayette in front of the portico of the John Mark Verdier House, Bay Street, Beaufort. Behind him is a historical marker commemorating the tour unveiled during the commemoration.

turned out to be as described by Charles Schwam, director of the American Friends of Lafayette, as the best celebration/recreation they had yet experienced on the 2025 anniversary tour. Members of our state and local SAR chapters played a big part of the day's events.

Starting with Lafayette's arrival by boat at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park, the General, his son, and their dog, Quiz, were greeted by local SAR chapter member and Beaufort Mayor, Phil Cromer. Dressed in period attire, Mayor Cromer gave them



SAR Color Guard prepares to lead a procession of dignitaries who joined Gen. Lafayette as he makes his way to the John Mark Verdier House on Bay Street

a welcoming speech and key to the city. A large crowd was on hand to watch the arrival ceremony with festivities being led by members of SAR's state Color Guard. Local Beaufortonian, Mike Monahan, current State SAR President, Ted Walker, a former president of the SC State SAR Chapter, and Bluffton's local SAR chapter President, Jim Closson were among the Color Guard participants who fired the replica cannon and a 13-gun salute to start off the day of celebration.

A procession was then led down Bay Street by SAR's Color Guard while Lafayette and special guests followed in a horse drawn carriage until their arrival at the historic Verdier house, where Gen. Lafayette had allegedly spoken from the front portico 200 years earlier.

Following speeches made by Mayor Cromer and Gen. Lafayette, other dignitaries made presentations to the large crowd gathered on the street below. Among those were the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter's President, Randy Atkins, who presented awards to the first and second place winners of the Lafayette Day Poster contest sponsored by the local chapters of the DAR and SAR.

Following the Bay Street events, a ceremony was held by the Gov. Paul Hamilton SAR Chapter and the Thomas Heyward Jr. DAR Chapter to dedicate the SC 250 benches placed by both chapters at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park. The two benches were commissioned by the DAR and SAR chapters and were officially dedicated at noon on March 18 by SAR President, Randy Atkins, and DAR President, Dian Brownfield.

Members of the local and state SAR



Cannon used at the dedication of the SC 250 bench given by the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter. At right is Ted Walker. Henry C. Waterfront Park, Beaufort.

# Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter participates in 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's visit to Beaufort

chapter then volunteered to set up a display in one of the tents placed along Scott Street. This provided members with an opportunity to discuss our chapter's activities and mission with those mingling after the event. Revolutionary War replicas and flags were handed out to those interested in such items

Lafayette Day in Beaufort was a memorable event and gave the town a chance to celebrate in a way that it had not been able to 200 years earlier. To say that it was a spectacular day for those in attendance is an understatement as I am sure all would concur it was a memorable occasion for the townspeople and a grand way to celebrate our shared history.



From the portico of the John Mark Verdier House, Beaufort DAR Chapter President Dian Brownfield and Beaufort SAR Chapter President Randy Atkins greet those on Bay Street below.



SAR Color Guard in front of the John Mark Verdier House on Bay Street in Beaufort.



Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter President Randy Atkins and his wife Connie await the arrival of Gen. Lafayette at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.



SC 250 bench commissioned and placed at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park, Beaufort. Dedicated March 18.



Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter President Randy Atkins gives a speech at the SC 250 bench commissioned and placed at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park, Beaufort, March 18.



Former SC State President Ted Walker speaks at the dedication of the SC 250 bench.



Gen. Lafayette, portrayed by Mark Schneider, is flanked on the right by SAR member, Mayor Phil Cromer, and to the left by the Mayor's niece, Margaret Aimar at an evening reception and dance held at the Arsenal in Beaufort.

# Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter participates in 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's visit to Beaufort



From the portico of the John Mark Verdier House, Beaufort DAR Chapter President Dian Brownfield and Beaufort SAR Chapter President Randy Atkins announce the first and second place winners of the Lafayette Day poster contest held among local high schools and sponsored by local chapters of the SAR and DAR.



Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter President Randy Atkins gives a speech at the SC 250 bench commissioned and placed at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park.



Portico of John Mark Verdier House, Bay Street, Beaufort. Revolutionary War soldier Mike Monahan is on steps behind Lafayette. Left of historical marker is Mark Schneider portraying Gen. Lafayette, and to his right is SAR member, Mayor Phil Cromer.

# Gen. Lafayette Returns to Beaufort



General Gilbert du Motier de Lafayette, portrayed by Mark Schneider of the American Friends of Lafayette (AFL).



SCSSAR Senior Vice President Mike Monahan (right) addresses attendees with General Lafayette at left.



General Lafayette (left) and Beaufort Mayor Phil Cromer.



Mitch Mitchell (left) and Neil Lipsitz, Beaufort City Council members.



From left: Scott Bruton, John Ethan Boyes, Jim Closson and Mike Monahan.



WSAV TV Video <https://www.wsav.com/video/city-of-beaufort-honors-marquis-de-lafayette-with-historical-reenactment/10550789> From left: Jim Closson, John Ethan Boyes, Scott Bruton and Ted Walker.



Scott Bruton (center), State Color Guard Commander, and John Ethan Boyes.

# Lafayette Returns: Beaufort



Crowd on Bay Street



From left: Scott Bruton, John Ethan Boyes, Jim Closson, and Mike Monahan.



General Lafayette, portrayed by Mark Schneider (left) and Mayor Phil Cromer, member Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter SAR.

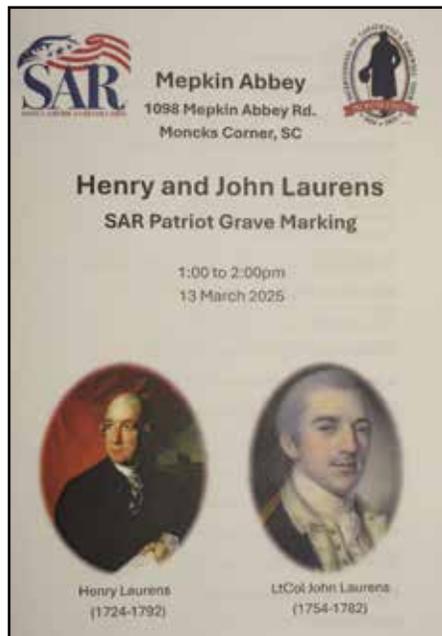


General Lafayette disembarks at downtown dock in Beaufort Marina.

# Henry and John Laurens Grave Marking



John Laurens (left), a direct lineal descendant of Henry Laurens, and Brooks Lyles, NSSAR Registrar General



General Gilbert du Motier de Lafayette, portrayed by Michael Halbert of the American Friends of Lafayette (AFL).



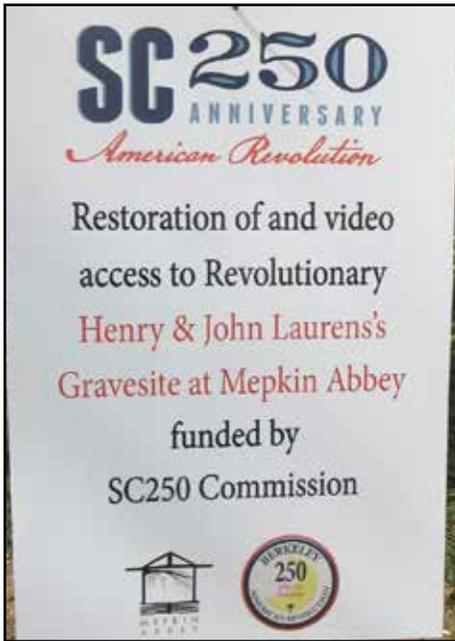
From left: Scott Bruton, John Ethan Boyes, Ralph Welton and Hal Gonzales.



General Lafayette greets militia with (from left): Ted Walker, Rick Morris, Mike Monahan, Chip Griffin and Alton McCloud.



From left: Brooks Lyles, Ralph Welton, John Ethan Boyes, Jim Closson, Chip Griffin, Alton McCloud, Ted Walker, Rick Morris, Mike Monahan, Scott Bruton and Hal Gonzales.



From left: Brooks Lyles, NSSAR Registrar General, General Lafayette, and Joseph Volpi, Sr., emcee for the event and the American Friends of Lafayette Lead Planner for Lafayette 200 in South Carolina.



Father Joe Tedesco, Abbot of Mepkin Abbey, event host.



Brooks Lyles, NSSAR Registrar General



Chris Volf, Chair of the Berkeley County 250 Commission. They secured the grant from SC250 to restore the cemetery and clean and repair the headstones.



Henry Laurens succeeded John Hancock as President of the Continental Congress in 1777 and was Ambassador to the Netherlands. When on the way home, his ship was captured by the British Navy. He was held as a prisoner in London Tower and released in exchange for Lieutenant General Lord Charles Cornwallis following Yorktown in 1781. After all that, instead of coming home, he joined Adams, Franklin and Jay as a peace commissioner in Paris.



John Laurens was an Army Officer who, while serving as an aide camp to General George Washington, became close friends with fellow aides, the Marquis de Lafayette and Alexander Hamilton. He was a fearless leader in combat, often wounded, an advocate of the abolition of slavery, and sadly one of the last officers killed in the war.



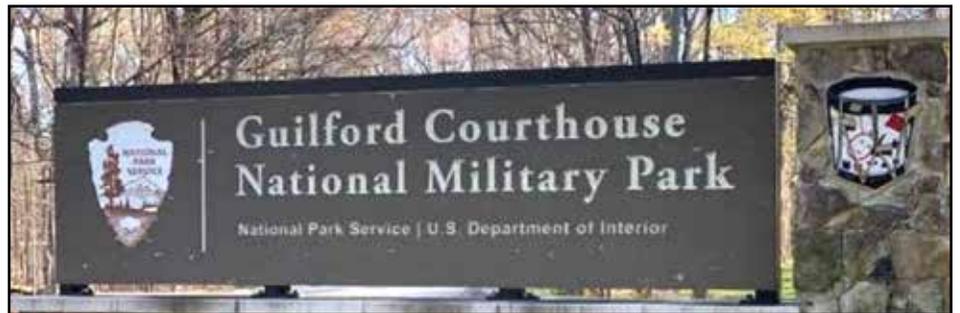
Brooks Lyles (left),  
NSSAR Registrar General



# Guilford Court House



President General Darryl Addington (center), and Scott Collins, National Color Guard Commander



Scott Collins (left), National Color Guard Commander, with Color Guard. [Photo by Ric Hill]

# Nazareth Presbyterian Church Grave Marking

**By Paul Cashion  
President  
Daniel Morgan Chapter**

MOORE, South Carolina — The Daniel Morgan Chapter conducted a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony honoring 23 Patriots at the historic Nazareth Presbyterian Church in Moore, May 10, with about 74 attendees.

This was a district-level event that in-

cluded participation from the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, SCSSAR, SAR members from multiple states, and the South Carolina National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (SCNSDAR).

The ceremony began with the National Color Guard, led by Commander Scott Collins, formally posting the colors, setting a solemn and respectful tone. A historical address was delivered, outlining the rich his-

tory of the church and sharing biographical tributes to the honored Patriots. This was followed by a musket salute, a coordinated volley from seven cannons, and the playing of taps in tribute.

The ceremony concluded with the retirement of the colors by the National Color Guard. A reception was held immediately afterward, allowing attendees to reflect and fellowship following the commemorative service.



**Paul Cashion  
President, Daniel Morgan Chapter**



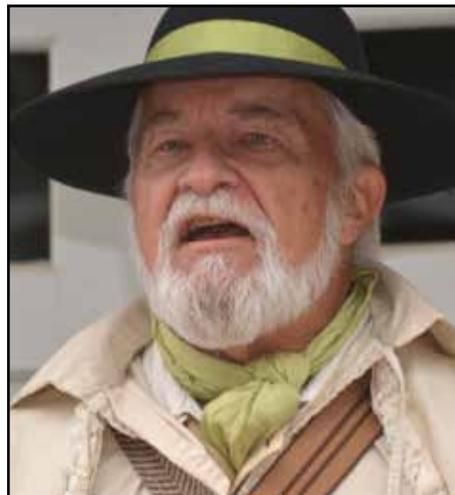
**Scott Collins  
Vice President General  
South Atlantic District**



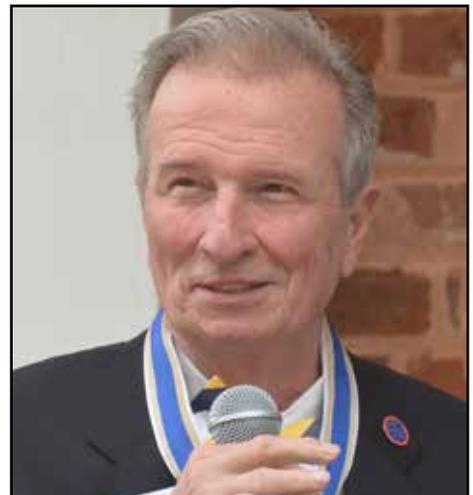
**Stephen Sommerrock  
Daniel Morgan Chapter  
Pledge of Allegiance**



**Coby Alexander  
Treasurer, Daniel Morgan Chapter  
SAR Pledge**



**Brooks Lyles  
NSSAR Registrar General**



**Mike Monahan  
SCSSAR President**



**Grantham Wood**  
Chaplain, Daniel Morgan Chapter  
Prayer of Dedication



**Caroll Caldwell**  
Historian  
Nazareth Presbyterian Church



**Barry Slider**  
Vice President, Daniel Morgan Chapter  
SAR Recessional



**SCSSAR President Mike Monahan**  
and his wife Ann, Thomas Heyward  
Chapter NSDAR.



**Ralph Welton (left) and Joseph  
Glavitsch, President of the Col. Robert  
Anderson Chapter**



**Paul Cashion, President of the Daniel  
Morgan Chapter (left), and SCSSAR  
President Mike Monahan**



**From left: Ralph Welton, SCSSAR President Mike Monahan and  
Tom Hanson, Palmetto Patriot Editor**



**From left: Tom Weidner, Steve Sommerrock, Coby Alexander  
and SCSSAR President Mike Monahan**

**Welcome**

Paul Cashion – President, Daniel Morgan Chapter

**Presentation of Colors**

**Scott Collins** – Vice President General South Atlantic District

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Stephen Sommerrock, Daniel Morgan Chapter

**Posting of Colors**

NSSAR Combined Color Guard

**SAR Pledge**

Coby Alexander – Treasurer, Daniel Morgan Chapter

**Introduction of Special Guests & Descendants**

Paul Cashion- President, Daniel Morgan Chapter

**Greetings**

Mike Monahan – SCSSAR President

Scott Collins- Vice President General South Atlantic District

National Society SAR, National Color Guard

Commander.

**History of Nazareth Presbyterian Church**

Caroll Caldwell – Nazareth Presbyterian Church Historian

**Service of Patriots**

Caroll Caldwell – Nazareth Presbyterian Church Historian

**Unveiling of Marker /Prayer of Dedication**

Grantham Wood – Chaplin, Daniel Morgan Chapter

**Presentation of Wreaths**

Grantham Wood - Chaplin, Daniel Morgan Chapter

**SAR Recessional**

Barry Slider – Vice President, Daniel Morgan Chapter

**Retrieval of Colors**

**Cannon and Musket Salute-**

Brier Creek Artillery/GASSAR/SCSSAR

**Taps**

**Mourn Muskets**

**Benediction**

Grantham Wood – Chaplin, Daniel Morgan Chapter

**Recover Muskets**

**Retirement of Colors**

**Closing Remarks**

Paul Cashion- President, Daniel Morgan Chapter



Scott Bruton  
South Carolina Color Guard Commander



Brier Creek Artillery (from left) Don Blazemore, Dess Smith, Benjamin Martin, Alton McCloud, Ted Walker, Neel Flannagan and Mike Monahan, President SCSSAR.

Photos by Tom Hanson

Watch video at <https://vimeo.com/1083196038>



Color Guard



Alton McCloud, President Little River Chapter, GASSAR, with Brier Creek, Georgia, Chapter Cannon



Ted Walker (left) and Montford Thompson



Neel Flannagan (left) and Ted Walker



Paul Cashion, President of the Daniel Morgan Chapter (left), and Ted Walker



Scott Collins (left), Vice President General South Atlantic District, and Dess Smith, GASSAR



Brier Creek Artillery (from left) Gary Mason, Cam Quick, Alton Reynolds, Bernard Martin, Ben Martin, and Lee Herron



Daughters of the American Revolution and combined NSSAR color guard



South Carolinians and combined color guard of the NSSAR



Nazareth Presbyterian Church, Moore, South Carolina, With 23 Revolutionary War Graves



Taps Played by Scott Collins

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Photos by Brooks Lyles



## **Revolutionary War Patriots**

**David Anderson** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**LT. John Caldwell** – CAPT Norwood’s Militia

**William Caldwell** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Andrew Coan** – CAPT Norwood’s Militia

**James Coan** – CAPT John Coan’s Militia

**CAPT. John Collins** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Richard Collins** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Thomas Collins** – Patriotic Service

**William Collins** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Patrick Crawford** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Alexander Evins** – Continental Line

**MAJ. Richard Harrison** – NC Militia

**Samuel Jamison** - Militia

**James Jordan** - Commissary at Fort Prince

**Michael McClimons** - Militia

**Michael Miller** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Samuel Miller** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Johnathan Nesbit** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Issac Snoddy** – Patriotic Service

**John Snoddy** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Samuel Snoddy** – Roebuck’s Battalion of Spartan Regiment

**Alexander Vernon** – Patriotic Service

**James Vernon** - Militia

BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS CHAPTER SCSSAR



244<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS COMMEMORATION



**AUGUST 29-30, 2025**

*A National SAR Recognized Event*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>**

**RECEPTION**

Clark's Inn and Restaurant, Santee, S.C.



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>**

**MORNING NARRATED TOUR**

Fort Motte, Fort Watson and Eutaw Springs Battle Sites

**EVENING DINNER PROGRAM**

Clark's Inn and Restaurant, Santee, S.C.



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

**PATRIOTIC PROGRAM WITH SPEAKER**

Historic Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville, S.C.

**WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

Battle Monument Park, Eutawville Community

**HONOR WREATH CEREMONY**

Gen. Francis Marion's Tomb, Pineville, S.C.



**For information, contact Douglas Doster**

**<dosterdouglas@gmail.com> or call 803-456-5015**



**The Washington Light Infantry Color Guard and  
the S.C. Battleground Preservation Trust Cannon Team**

**will be in attendance at the Saturday Wreath Laying Ceremony.**



*These events are open to the public. Registration with payment (\$50 pp) for the dinner is required. by August 21th. Make checks out to Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter SCSSAR and mail to Douglas Doster, 480 Winding Brook Drive, Cameron, S.C. 29030*



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REGISTRATION FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH AND 30TH  
**BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS**  
**COMMEMORATION**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025**

**6:00 PM RECEPTION**

Clark's Inn and Restaurant, Santee. Sponsored by Eutaw Springs Battleground Association, Inc.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025**

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

Bradford Village Shopping Center, 697 Bass Drive, Santee.

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

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

Church of the Epiphany, 101 Porcher Ave., Eutawville.  
Tour will end by 3:30 and return to the church in Eutawville.  
*\$30 pp bus rental fee for bus tours.*

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

Clark's Inn and Restaurant, Santee  
Speaker: Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Pickett, author and historian.

\*\*\*\*\* **DINNER REGISTRATION** \*\*\*\*\*

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

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

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

**SATURDAY: AUGUST 30, 2025**

**10:00 AM PATRIOTIC PROGRAM**

Historic Church of the Epiphany, 101 Porcher Ave., Eutawville  
Speaker: General William Grimsley (Ret.), Chairman of the SC Sestercentennial 250th Commission

**11:15 AM WREATH CEREMONY**

Battle Monument Park in Eutaw Springs.

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

1427 Eutaw Road. Holly Hill, S.C.

**2:15 PM HONOR WREATH CEREMONY**

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

**WREATH REGISTRATION\***

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

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Chapter Capsules

## News items from SCSSAR chapters

### Andrew Pickens Chapter



Bill Williamson (left) presented a great living history program to Bud Starnes and the General Andrew Pickens Chapter during our regular chapter meeting, Monday, April 14, at Mayberrys in Seneca. [Photo by Eric Barnhill]



Chapter President Bud Starnes (left) presents the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate of Appreciation to past chapter President and regional Vice President Eric Barnhill at their regularly scheduled meeting in Seneca, March 10. [Photo by Ric Hill]



General Andrew Pickens member Eric Barnhill and Cadet Lane Negro at the Awards Ceremony for the Pendleton High School JROTC May 5.



At the monthly meeting of the General Andrew Pickens Chapter, March 10, chapter President Bud Starnes (left) and former chapter president and regional Vice President Eric Barnhill (right) welcomed Pickens County America 250 chair and former DAR regent Carolyn Nations, who spoke about the America 250 initiative in South Carolina. [Photo by Rick Hill]

## Henry Laurens Chapter



Ted Walker, Trustee / Henry Laurens Chapter, Historian, attended the North Augusta High School JROTC awards ceremony May 2. The Henry Laurens Chapter awarded Cadet CSC Abiel Ayala the SAR ROTC Award for his outstanding leadership. The award ceremony had about 250 folks in attendance including families and community leaders.



## Thomas Heyward Tomb Celebration



Participants at the May 3 Thomas Heyward Jr. Tomb celebration (from left): Smitie Cooler (Jasper County 250 Committee), Jim Closson (SCSSAR Secretary), Gen. William Grimsley (Chairman, State 250 Committee), and Mike Monahan (SCSSAR President). [Photo by Kathleen DeCourcy, Jasper County America 250 Committee Secretary]

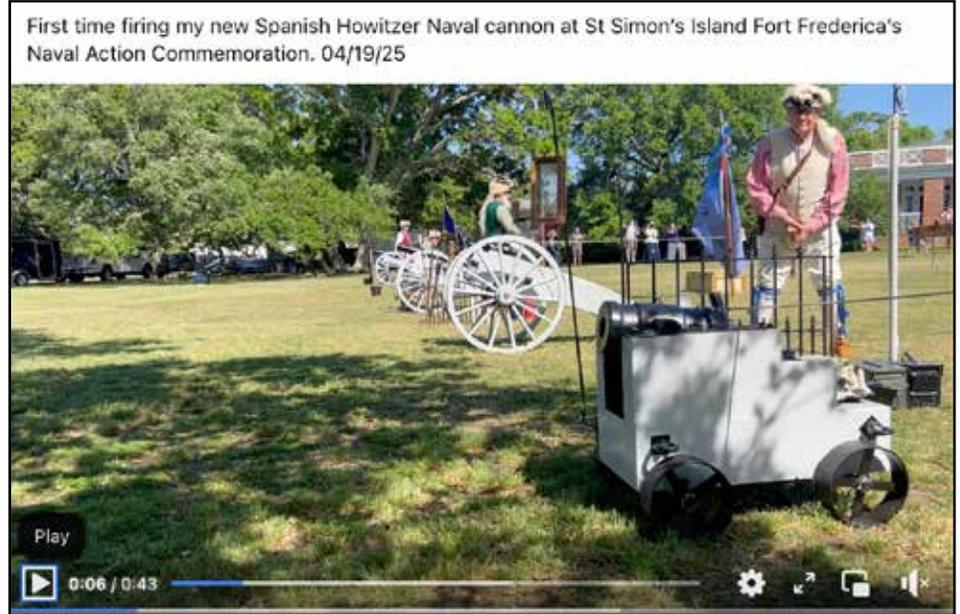
## Purple Martin Festival



Ted Walker and his wife Linda brought their Revolutionary War Living History display and cannon to the St. Matthews/Calhoun County Purple Martin Festival Saturday, April 26. The Calhoun County 250th Committee sponsored Ted's display. The five cannon firings were a big hit with the festival attendees. [Photos by Doug Doster]



# Ted Walker with his cannon



<https://www.facebook.com/alton.mccloud.39/videos/971333898317286>

# 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 holiday season — while the City is be-decked 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 — The Secretary's Corner

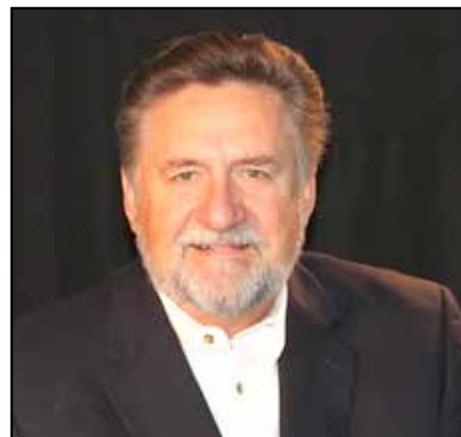
The position of secretary for the state society is the communication link between the state's chapters and national headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, and from the state leadership to the chapters.

Beyond communications, the secretary handles funds for new applications, supplemental applications, transfers, reinstatements, life membership applications, and dual memberships that cross his desk. Depending on the nature of the paperwork, these funds are proportioned between national headquarters, the state society and the chapters. In coming editions of *The Palmetto Patriot*, I will delve into some of these areas to give the reader a perspective of state secretary's position for the South Carolina State Society.

This edition focuses on state chapters communicating with the state secretary when changes in leadership at the chapter level occur and when chapter's dues structure changes.

When a leadership position changes at the chapter a Change of Officers Form must be filled out at the chapter level and emailed to the state secretary. It is reviewed by the state secretary and forwarded to national headquarters so the Blue database can be updated to reflect the changes. This form was sent to all chapter presidents May 22. To ensure your chapter's leadership roles are current, please review the Blue database.

Dues collection is an integral part of the chapter's revenue stream. When a chapter votes to change its dues, the change needs to be quickly communicated to the state secretary as well as the state registrar. The state registrar is the first in line to ensure the check is received with an application totals to the correct amount to meet national, state and chapter fees and dues requirements. Once received by the state secretary it is proportioned out to national, state and chapter levels based on current informa-



**Jim Closson**

tion. Don't let your chapter be shorted on dues with a lapse in communications.

Fraternally,  
Jim Closson

South Carolina State Secretary

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**The deadline for the Fall Edition  
of *The Palmetto Patriot* is Aug. 18**

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*They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.*

**Benjamin Franklin, 1759**

I received the above quote from Jim Closson, South Carolina State Secretary, and President, Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter.

Please send your quotes to [Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org](mailto:Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org).

# Fort Motte: ‘Founding Mothers’ of the American Revolution



Doraine and Luther Wannamaker, owners and caretakers of the Fort Motte property.



S.C. 250th CEO Molly Fortune and State Chairman Gen. William Grimsley display the Governor's Proclamation.



S.C. 250th Commission Chairman Gen. William Grimsley addresses the group with S.C. 250th CEO Molly Fortune.



Attendees at the Fort Motte event



Author Margaret "Peggy" Pickett speaks on Rebecca Motte and other "Founding Mothers" of the American Revolution.



Rebecca Motte monument erected by the S.C. DAR.

Photos by Doug Doster

## Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration

From Doug Doster: I am pleased to announce the names of our speakers for this year's Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration programs Aug. 29 and 30. Our Friday night, Aug. 29, dinner program speaker is Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Pickett, author and historian. Her presentation will focus on the "Founding Mothers" of our nation. On Aug. 30, at Saturday morning's Patriotic Program we have Gen. William Grimsley (Ret.), Chairman of S.C. 250th Commission, bringing us up-to-date on projects in progress including the Battle of Eutaw Springs sites.

A reception will be hosted by the Eutaw Springs Battleground Association, Inc. at Clark's Restaurant and Inn on Thursday evening, Aug. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. Please plan to attend and welcome those who have traveled long distances to attend our event!

Archives of past copies of *The Palmetto Patriot* are on the Godfrey Dreher chapter website at [www.herritage.com/gdc](http://www.herritage.com/gdc)

James Herritage

# USC-Beaufort History Department Award



For the past 10 years, the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter of Beaufort has presented a serving tray engraved with the name of the Chapter and the name of the recipient to the graduating senior of the University of South Carolina at Beaufort who has attained the highest grades in American History in their college career. The recipient this year was Sebastian Biggs, and the award was presented at the USCB awards ceremony May 1. Tom Mikell, Vice President of the SAR chapter along with USC-B History Department Chair, James Shinn, presented the award at a ceremony held at the USC-B campus in Beaufort. *Wilson McElveen.*

From left (standing): Tom Mikell, Sebastian Biggs and James Shinn. [Photo by Miles Montgomery]

## Greenwood High School JROTC Annual Awards

**By Ted R. Morton Jr.  
Chaplain, Cambridge Chapter**

The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Department (JROTC) has ended the 2024-25 School Year at Greenwood High School with its Annual Awards Day program conducted Friday, May 2, in the GHS Auditorium.

Two dozen awards were presented to members of the 56th Eagle Battalion including those given by local civic and patriotic organizations like the DAR, SAR and American Legion as well as those designed especially for the ROTC/JROTC programs.

Cadet Col. Allison Vargas Luna, Battalion Commander, received the SAR Award presented by the Cambridge Chapter, Greenwood.

Lt. Col. Curtis A. Laymon, Senior Instructor, and Master Sergeant Morris D. Albert, Army Instructor, conducted the program. Both are Retired from US Army service and comprise the JROTC staff for the year-long program. In audience were JROTC members, parents, friends and award presenters. The Awards Day program recognizes outstanding academic achievement and essential military components like leadership, military bearing and other requirements for military service.

## Seneca High School JROTC Award



Regional Vice President Eric Barnhill (center) with LTC Henry Delacruz (left) Cadet Commander, presents the SAR Medal and Certificate to Cadet Cooper Johnson at the Annual Awards ceremony of the Seneca High School Bobcat Battalion April 2. [Photo by Ric Hill]

## T.L. Hanna High School JROTC Award



Bud Starnes, President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, presents cadet PO2 Aiden Harper with the SAR Bronze Award at T L Hanna High School JROTC Awards Ceremony May 1. The Chapter made similar presentations at area high schools this same month. It is quite encouraging to see so many young students preparing their lives through the JROTC programs to become our future leaders, being led by such dedicated military leaders.

# 35th Annual Patriotic Pilgrimage to Old House Plantation

**By John Ethan Boyes  
President, Dr. George Mosse Chapter**

The 35th Annual Patriotic Pilgrimage to Old House Plantation near Ridgeland hosted by the Dr. George Mosse Chapter was held March 1. Old House Plantation is the birthplace and final resting place of Thomas Heyward Jr., a South Carolina signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The event began with a welcome by Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter President Randy Atkins followed by a welcome to Jasper County by County Council Chairman John Kemp. Greetings were brought from a number of state societies of hereditary organizations including the SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence (DSDI).

Smittie Cooler, Chairman of the Jasper County 250 Commemoration Committee and a member of the Thomas Heyward, Jr. SAR Chapter, has been instrumental in obtaining funds for and overseeing the improvements to the Old House Plantation site. He informed the event attendees about the work that has been accomplished and what they can expect to see at future Pilgrimages as the improvements continue.

During 2024, the Dr. George Mosse Chapter worked to raise money to help with the enhancements at the Old House Plantation site. Compatriot Cooler was happy to accept a check for \$10,000 from the Chapter during the event. The Hilton Head Island Society C.A.R. raised \$2,000 of the donated \$10,000.

Wreaths were presented by 21 hereditary and historical organizations followed by a cannon salute and Taps with closing remarks given by Jim Closson, President of the Thomas Heyward Jr., Chapter SAR.



From left: SCSAR Senior Vice President Mike Monahan, SC C.A.R. Librarian Preston Henderson, SCSSAR Registrar Jim Closson and SC C.A.R. Treasurer Paul Henderson. [Photo by Mike Henderson]



John Verenes (center) with SAR State President Mike Monahan (right) and C.A.R. Senior State President Ethan Boyes (left).

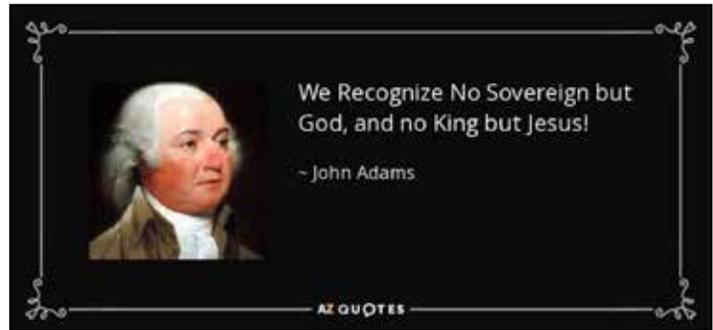


John Verenes with Smittie Cooler, Jasper County 250 Committee.



John Verenes with actors from the documentary that was debuted at the Rededication.

C.A.R. State President John Verenes attended the Rededication Ceremony and Reception at Old House Plantation, the birthplace and final resting place of Thomas Heyward Jr., a South Carolina signer of the Declaration of Independence. John met many people and even found a prospective C.A.R. member.



# Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

There was a special highlight of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter's First Quarterly Meeting at the Olde Beaufort Club on March 14.

Member Harold Mills introduced Eric Thompson, leader of the Air Force JROTC at Beaufort High School. Eric relayed to the audience that with him that day were members of the JROTC who were involved in a Robotics Team that for the third year in a row qualified to participate in a national robotics competition in Dallas, Texas.

JROTC members who joined us for lunch were Courtney Heyward, Clifton Jordan, Alaina Knoles, Travis Patterson, Cody Rabon, Jackson Snow and Adam Thompson. This impressive group of JROTC members then brought forward two of the robots they had created themselves and gave a demonstration on how the three teams of high school students would be operating the robotic creations in Dallas by retrieving and stacking six-inch rings. Members and guests were treated to an extraordinary presentation and gave a rousing applause for their efforts. This JROTC unit is responsible for raising money for their travel expenses to participate in the National competition.



Harold Mills (left) with members of the Beaufort High School JROTC Robotics Team.



## JROTC Award at Battery Creek High School

Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Ethan DeLoach was presented the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze JROTC Medal with Certificate at the Battery Creek High School's (Beaufort) annual awards ceremony May 14 by Past Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter President Jody Henson. A rising Senior, Cadet DeLoach was recognized for his superior leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence. The Battery Creek Marine JROTC unit is commanded by Senior NCO's 1st Sgt. Troy James and Gunnery Sgt. Robert Shannon.

## Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter’s conducted its First Quarterly meeting March 14 at the Olde Beaufort Club on Lady Island.

After reading a long and notable list of the education, work history and accomplishments of our featured speaker, President Atkins then introduced Lise Sundria, Assistant Director of the Historic Beaufort Foundation. Lise gave an informative presentation titled, “Waiting for Lafayette — Beaufort’s Bicentennial Celebration” on the planned festivities and events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the esteemed Marquis de Lafayette’s visit to Beaufort March 18. It was relayed that the local chapters of the SAR and DAR had sponsored a poster contest in all of the participating area high schools. Two of the best in the competition were selected and used in promotional materials for the upcoming event.

Ms. Sundria shared copies to pass around of the two finalists from May River High School who participated in the joint DAR/SAR poster contest. The two finalists received a cash prize from both the DAR and SAR. The recipients were announced and recognized at the Lafayette Day events on the portico of the John Mark Verdier House on Bay Street by the Gov. Paul Hamilton SAR Chapter President Randy Atkins and the Thomas Heyward Jr. DAR Chapter President Dian Brownfield. Both winners were presented with a cash prize and certificates for their achievements.



Lise Sundria at Chapter Quarterly meeting. [Photos by Wilson McElveen]



Beaufort DAR Chapter President Dian Brownfield and Beaufort SAR Chapter President Randy Atkins.



## JROTC Awards at Beaufort High School

Cadet Mariah Coleman was presented the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze JROTC Medal along with an SAR Certificate at Beaufort High School’s annual awards ceremony May 14 by Gov. Paul Hamilton Treasurer Miles Montgomery. Cadet Coleman was recognized for her superior leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence. The Beaufort High School JROTC unit is led by Air Force JROTC Instructor, Lt. Col. Eric Thompson, USAF. [Photo by Joann Montgomery]



# Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

## JROTC Award at Hampton County High School

Cadet Nicholas Connor received the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal, certificate and a stipend of \$100 (top photo) by Col. Harold Mills, USAF (Ret).

Col. Mills represents the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter of Beaufort. The Hampton JROTC unit is commanded by Commander William Murtagh, USN (Ret).

The awards ceremony was moving as it celebrated the retirement of Commander Murtagh completing 22 years of dedicated service to Hampton County High School and the community. From the tone of the cadet remarks and attendance by hundreds of parents, school officials, former cadets, and school board members, it is obvious that Commander Murtagh is held in the highest esteem.

Bottom photo shows Commander Murtagh presenting the unit flag to his replacement, Command Master Chief David Mathews. [Photos by Mrs. Jan Ulmer of the Daughters of the American Revolution].



# Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

## Colonel Matthew Singleton Chapter Activities: March – May 2025

The Col. Singleton chapter's local events plus in-state and out of state events this spring.

On March 14 compatriots Scott Bruton and Hal Gonzales participated in the 200th year anniversary of Lafayette's Grand Tour at Mepkin Abbey and in Camden, S.C. And, on March 15, they joined events at the Sumter Museum for their Time Travelers Backcountry weekend.

Locally, on March 28 at Sumter's Art in the Park festival, we met many liberty minded people, gave out South Carolina hats with a coloring book to the kids, plus handed out 23 copies of our four generation ancestry tree, and a pocket Constitution, while talking with parents about the SAR and history. This is our chapter's second time participating, and we had six members helping with our community outreach effort: Doug Foxworth, Hal Gonzales, Eric Shumpert, Richard Halferty, John Holmberg and Larry Gamble.

Compatriot Larry Gamble ventured north to participate with the Massachusetts State Society in the 250th Commemoration activities of Lexington and Concord from April 18 to 20. The 18th was exploring downtown Boston with stops along the Freedom Trail that included the old State House, the location of the marker for the Boston Massacre, and visiting the Granary Burying Ground for a self-guided tour of the final resting places of Paul Revere, John Hancock, and markers for participants in the Boston Tea Party and victims of the Boston Massacre.

The final event on April 18 was the 250th Commemoration of Paul Revere's Midnight Ride that began with the play



SC State Color Guard Commander and Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter member, Scott Bruton at the Fredrica Naval action commemoration April 19.



Compatriots Larry Gamble, Hal Gonzales, Eric Shumpert and John Holmberg at Sumter's "Art in the Park" sponsored by the Sumter Lions Club.



Compatriot Hal Gonzales at the Sumter Museum "Time Travelers" Backcountry event.



Compatriot Hal Gonzales presents the SAR JROTC Medal to Cadet Captain Brandon Gerecke at Lakewood High School April 30.

"Revolution's Edge" at the Old North Church and watching the re-enactment of Paul Revere leaving the church area, the lanterns being illuminated, and Revere walking to the harbor to begin rowing across the Charles River to begin his ride.

Early morning on the 19th, it was a trip to Concord for the SAR events. The day started with Compatriot Gamble getting pressed into Color Guard Duty and as chance would have it, getting to bear the South Carolina flag for those events. Once at Concord, the SAR contingent participated with presenting Colors and a Musket volley for the Wreath Laying at Old



Compatriot Larry Gamble carries the South Carolina flag in the 250th Commemoration Parade at Concord, Massachusetts.

# Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter

Hill Burying Ground in Concord.

Next, was marching to the Concord Parade starting point and a 3.5 mile parade through town, across the Old North Bridge with a stop for a 250th ceremony, then continuing back through Concord to finish the parade. The 19th concluded with the MASSAR 250th Patriots Day Celebration banquet and on the 20th the MASSAR led a historic tour of Lexington and Concord where we got to see more of these historical locations and points of interest.

Also, on April 19, Compatriot Scott

Bruton traveled to Georgia for the 247th Anniversary of The Frederica Naval Action at St. Simons Island. This was sponsored by the GASSAR, Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter, plus the Brunswick and Fort Frederica Chapters NSDAR.

On April 26, we held our Commemoration of the 244th Anniversary of the Battle at Fort Watson. This year's event had 18 people attending. We were honored to have SCSSAR State President Mike Monahan, former SCSSAR State President James Wyrosdick, Chapter members Scott Bru-

ton, Hal Gonzales and Larry Gamble delivered the presentation. Also, attending were the State Regent Linda Hawkins of the SC Society, Daughters of the American Colonists, and 1st Vice Regent, Edith Gamble of the Sumter Home Chapter DAR.

On May 1, the JROTC SAR Medal was presented to students at area high schools. Hal Gonzales and Larry Gamble were on hand at two schools to present medals.

The next chapter meeting for the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter is July 8 in Sumter.

## Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter

The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter met Thursday, May 15, at Clark's Restaurant and Inn in Santee, S.C. The speaker was author John Brian Eleazer, who spoke on his new book: *The South Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War*. Mr. Eleazer is a descendant of two Revolutionary War Patriots: Captain Henry Felder of the Battle of Orangeburg and Johann Stephen Eleazer. Clarence Felder and wife Chris Weatherhead of the Actors Theatre of S.C. wrote the forward for Eleazer's book and were present at the meeting.



Clarence Felder (left) of the Actors Theater of S.C. and Brian Eleazer author and speaker that night.



From left: Clarence Felder, Doug Doster, Brian Eleazer and Chapter President David Rast. [Photos by Chris Weatherhead]

# My Revolutionary War Ancestor: John Hanson

'Tis a long way from Londonderry, Ireland, and a lengthy time span, beginning in 1725.

This is the tale of an English soldier who left the Redcoats in Ireland when assigned to aid in the execution of a fellow soldier, listened intently to his conscience and made the decision to leave Europe.

But not without consultation with his young lady friend, a member of the nobility in Ireland who agreed to his decision and at the same time agreed to become his wife without benefit of getting permission from her parents, members of the Irish Landed Gentry.

John Hanson I first landed with his bride in Baltimore, and shortly thereafter took off for the interior where they settled on the Greenbrier, which was a vast area and included the Greenbrier river valley. This was in the 1750s. Between those years and the period about 1754 they migrated down the Valleys of Virginia, settling finally at Fincastle, Virginia, in Botetourt County. There they farmed and became the parents of seven sons, each of whom served during the Revolutionary War in the cause of free-

dom. They were William, James, Samuel, Joseph and John II (my patriot ancestor), the youngest born in 1760. Two names are not known.

Young John Hanson II married on April 13, 1785 to Mary Magdalena Wall of Pulaski County, Virginia. He had earlier been in the service of a unit commanded by Gen. Anthony Wayne and had shared in the proceeds of the loot collected during their assault on White Plains, New York. This record is in the Day Books of Captain Robert Gamble, their commanding officer, and was authorized by Gen. Washington and the Congress of the United States. In 1779 John II was discharged at the age of 19 after serving three years. He returned home, married, and the couple migrated to Ashe County, North Carolina, where they homesteaded on 150 acres at the confluence of Buffalo Creek and the North Fork of New River in the extreme northwestern corner of North Carolina, near today's Warrentonville and Lansing. The children born in Ashe County were Elizabeth,

Mary, Conrad, John Wesley, Rebecca, Sarah and Polly.

By 1799 they were again on the move, this time over the ridge into Carter County. From Carter during the War of 1812, John II with his siblings, and his children and parents removed into Clay County, Tennessee. From Irvine in Estill County, Kentucky, the entire family loaded onto flat boats and rafts and floated down the Kentucky River to Indiana.

At Vincennes, Indiana, they purchased land near Bloomington from the land office at the going rate of \$1 per acre. The Hansons are found in Monroe County, Indiana, holding in excess of 2,000 acres in 1854. Old John died earlier, somewhere in Kentucky and probably in Clay County. In March, 1818 his son John II died and Mary Magdalena Wall Hanson, his widow, and her son Conrad removed to better farming land, which they purchased with Conrad's son James, in Tower Hill, Illinois.

Written by Raymond Hanson

**Tell others about your Patriot ancestor. Send your story to  
Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org.**

## 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 you images are high resolution, at least 200 DPI, and that no time or date stamps appear in the images.

Limit the number of photographs to those you would like most to appear in the publication.

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

When taking photos at meetings, get as close to the speaker as possible, and avoid shooting the backs of audience heads.

**From Eric Barnhill, Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter:** Fill the frame with the subject, unless you are trying to capture a large area (monument, battlefield). Better to get head shots than feet shots. Choose your background carefully. Often it just takes a minute to look around and find a more appropriate background. Watch your lighting. Better to have subjects face the lights (sun for outdoor shots) and be careful of indoor lights, your camera may set the exposure for lights if they are in the shots. Articles are always more interesting when pictures accompany them. Take lots of digital pictures and choose the ones that best capture the subject. Check your spelling, spell check sometimes makes words you don't want.

Please meet the deadlines that are mentioned in each issue of The Palmetto Patriot.

# Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter

**By Jim Closson  
Chapter President**

May was a busy month for the Thomas Heyward Jr. chapter.

The rededication of the site of the Tomb of Thomas Heyward Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence, at Old House Plantation took place May 3. The turnout was large, with the guest list including many local and state dignitaries. Master of ceremonies, Jasper County 250 Committee Chairman, Smittie Cooler, a member of the Thomas Heyward Jr. chapter, presided over the event and introduced keynote speaker, General William Grimsley (Ret.).

The event included the dedication of the first Liberty Tree to be planted and recorded in South Carolina. Sponsored by the Thomas Heyward Jr. chapter of the SAR, the Emily Geiger chapter of the DAR and the Jasper County America 250 committee, the stone for the 10 foot tall Southern live oak was unveiled by committee chairman Mike Williams of the Thomas Heyward Jr. chapter and Heidi Herrin, Regent of the Emily Geiger chapter. It will be the centerpiece at the site for years to come.

Driving from Pensacola, Florida for the occasion was dual chapter member Joe Joseph. While with us, Joe had the opportunity to attend the Liberty tree dedication and meet the South Carolina State President Mike Monahan, who welcomed Joe to the Palmetto State.

During the event, Chapter President Jim Closson and South Carolina State Society President Mike Monahan presented chapter member Smittie Cooler with the SAR America 250 encased challenge coin



Mike Monahan (left) presents Smittie Cooler (center) the America 250 Challenge Coin Award with Jim Closson. [Photo by Ann Monahan]



JROTC Award to Tyler Tran of Bluffton High School May 9. Cadet chosen by Senior Instructor



From left: Smittie Coolie, Jim Closson, Gen. William Grimsley (Chairman, State 250 Committee), and Mike Monahan.



Mike Monahan (left) and Joe Joseph. [Photo by Jim Closson]

award recognizing his accomplishments in gaining grants as the chairman of the Jasper County America 250 committee for the archaeological dig that took place at Old House Plantation and the enhancements and preservation of this historical site.

On May 9 Chapter President Jim Closson attended the JROTC awards ceremony at Bluffton High School where he presented cadet Tyler Tran with the JROTC medal set, award certificate and a \$100 check recognizing his achievements.

His senior instructor, Thomas F. Foster, Col. U.S. Army (Ret.), wrote "Cadet Tyler Tran is an excellent Cadet in the Bluffton

High School Junior ROTC program. This young man is an outstanding leader worthy of praise and awards. Tyler served as the Alpha Company Executive Officer and did an outstanding job supporting the cadets in his company. Cadet Tran maintains above a 3.6 GPA. Army JROTC's mission is 'To motivate young people to be better citizens.' Tyler is excelling at accomplishing the JROTC mission. Cadet Tran is motivated and driven to excel. He is mature beyond his years and has a relentless work ethic. I know Tyler will make a positive mark on the future of America. This young man demonstrates what America should and can be."

On May 19 Chapter President Jim Closson attended the AFJROTC awards ceremony at May River High School, where he presented cadet Zackary Brown with the JROTC medal set, award certificate and a \$100 check recognizing his achievements.

His senior instructor, Mark H. Rumph, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.), wrote: "Cadet Brown has been with our program since it started in 2023. He has become an outstanding cadet and one we count on to get things done. He was selected to be a Flight NCOIC and



Liberty Tree Dedication Stone Unveiled [Photo by Jim Closson]

# Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter

led his flight in mastering our 30-count drill sequence. He was also selected to lead our newly formed Drone Team and has done an amazing job starting up that program and getting his cadets ready for competition. He has accumulated over 46 community service hours in the past year and a half. His efforts to prepare his flight resulted in our unit receiving an Exceeds Standard Rating, the highest rating available on our first Higher Headquarters Evaluation.”



Cadet Zackary Brown 1A (left) with Chapter President Jim Closson. [Photo by Gail Ward, Emily Geiger Chapter DAR member]

## Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter Awards Eagle Scout

Tom Sharkey, Vice President of the Thomas Heyward Jr. Chapter, presented the chapter’s Eagle Scout Award May 6 to new Eagle Scout Warren Hollingsworth at the All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island. The occasion was a combined Eagle Court of Honor for three outstanding young men and new Eagle Scouts.

Eagle Scout Warren Hollingsworth chose to enter the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Arthur M. and Berdena Eagle Scout contest at the end of 2024. Compatriots Mike Williams and Tom Sharkey reviewed Warren’s package and approved him for this award. Warren received a certificate, bronze medal, pocket patch, and a \$150 stipend. Warren’s parents and grandmother were present and pleased the SAR was present.

The contest requires:



Tom Sharkey presents the chapter’s Eagle Scout Award May 6 to Warren Hollingsworth.

- A list of scouting, school, and community activities
- A four generation chart
- A patriotic essay of no more than 500 words

Warren’s essay was on Patriot Crispus Attucks, an American whaler, sailor and stevedore of African and Native American descent who is traditionally regarded as the first person killed in the Boston Massacre, and as a result the first American killed in

the American Revolution. Based on genealogical research performed by compatriot Starkey, the current State Society Genealogist, Warren may have up to six Patriot ancestors.

For his Eagle Scout project, Warren designed and built a boardwalk around the dragonfly pond at the Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island, creating a space for the community to experience and learn about the natural world.

Warren is a member of several Hilton Head High School academic societies, and has been accepted into Clemson University’s Honors College, where he plans to study Computer Engineering.

For many years, the SAR has recognized the common bonds of purpose and principles shared with the Boy Scouts of America. The SAR believes that these skills learned on the trail to Eagle Scout, along with the sense of duty to God, Family, Community and Country taught by Scouting, and the determination necessary to complete the task of earning Eagle, are the same attributes that enabled our ancestors to found and build this country. *Tom Sharkey.*

# Pine Tree Festival and Parade



From left: Unknown, Alton Reynolds, Alton McCloud, Alton McCloud's granddaughter, Ted Walker, Steve Burke and in back Dess Smith.



From left: Steve Burke, Dess Smith and Ted Walker



Ted and Linda Walker, Alton Oneal McCloud, Alton Reynolds, Steven Earl Burke, Dess D. Smith III, Cam Quick and Alton McCloud's daughters and granddaughter participated in the Pine Tree festival and parade May 3 in Swainsboro, Georgia. We walked the parade route firing muskets for about 6,000 folks. The SCSSAR / GASSAR / NSSAR got a lot of positive publicity that was in support of our mission to remember those who sacrificed for America's freedom. Ted Walker, Trustee SCSSAR. [Photos by Linda Walker]

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*“A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty is more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?”*

**George Washington**

## Thomas Jefferson Bond, Jr. Memorial Photographic Award

This award was created and funded by Wilma 'Sunni' M. Bond as a memorial to Thomas J. Bond, Jr. (1936-1997). The annual award shall recognize and reward the compatriot whose photographic entry is selected as the most representative of patriotism. The money given to the NSSAR by Mrs. Bond is to be invested in such a manner as to yield at least \$1,000 annually in earnings, earnings up to \$1,000 to be presented to the winner. If the earnings in any year are less than \$1,000, the award shall be given in increments of \$100 (i.e., \$900). Any excess earnings shall be added to the principal. An SAR certificate, appropriately embossed, shall accompany the award. Incidental administrative expenses, i.e., the cost of the certificate, may be deducted from earnings prior to any excess reverting to principal. Should the name of this award ever be changed by NSSAR, the original \$20,000 donation shall revert to the Bond Memorial Trust as of the date of any such name change.

Entries are to be no greater than 8 1/2" x 11" in size, unmounted and unframed, and may be in color or black-and-white. Only one entry per compatriot will be accepted. Entries are to be sent to NSSAR Headquarters for judging during the Spring Leadership Meeting. All photos to be considered must be received by the Executive Director no later than February 15 of each calendar year.

Judges shall be the SAR Magazine Editor, Historian General and Chairman (Chairmen) of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee(s). If the latter is unavailable or if that committee is ever absorbed by some other entity, the other two shall select the individual(s) to serve as the third judge with preference being given to the chair of a committee devoted to patriotism. Judges will reach their decision in whatever manner they deem appropriate, so long as only one picture is selected as the winner. Announcement of the winner and presentation of the check and certificate will occur at Recognition Night during the Annual Congress each year. The SAR Magazine Editor is requested to run a reproduction of the winning photo each year in the issue of the SAR Magazine in which Congress events are reported.

All entries become the property of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and will not be returned. The award was first presented in 1998.

Mrs. Bond donated an additional sum to NSSAR that will bring the annual award to \$3,000, beginning in 2026 (The additional donation has to have a year to earn interest before the actual award is increased).

**From Rick Morris, Piedmont Vice President:** Mrs. Sunni Bond is a member of a local DAR Chapter and very supportive of our Cambridge Chapter. Thomas Bond was Registrar General, and at the time of his death, preparing to run for Secretary General. The award was first announced at the 1997 NSSAR Congress, just a few months after Tom's untimely death. Sunni Bond had the privilege several times of presenting the check and certificate in person.

Please encourage any photographers in your SAR chapter to enter this award contest. The award is given annually at the National Congress. **Sunni Bond (Mrs. Thomas J. Bond Jr.), Registrar, Star Fort Chapter NSDAR, Greenwood, South Carolina.**

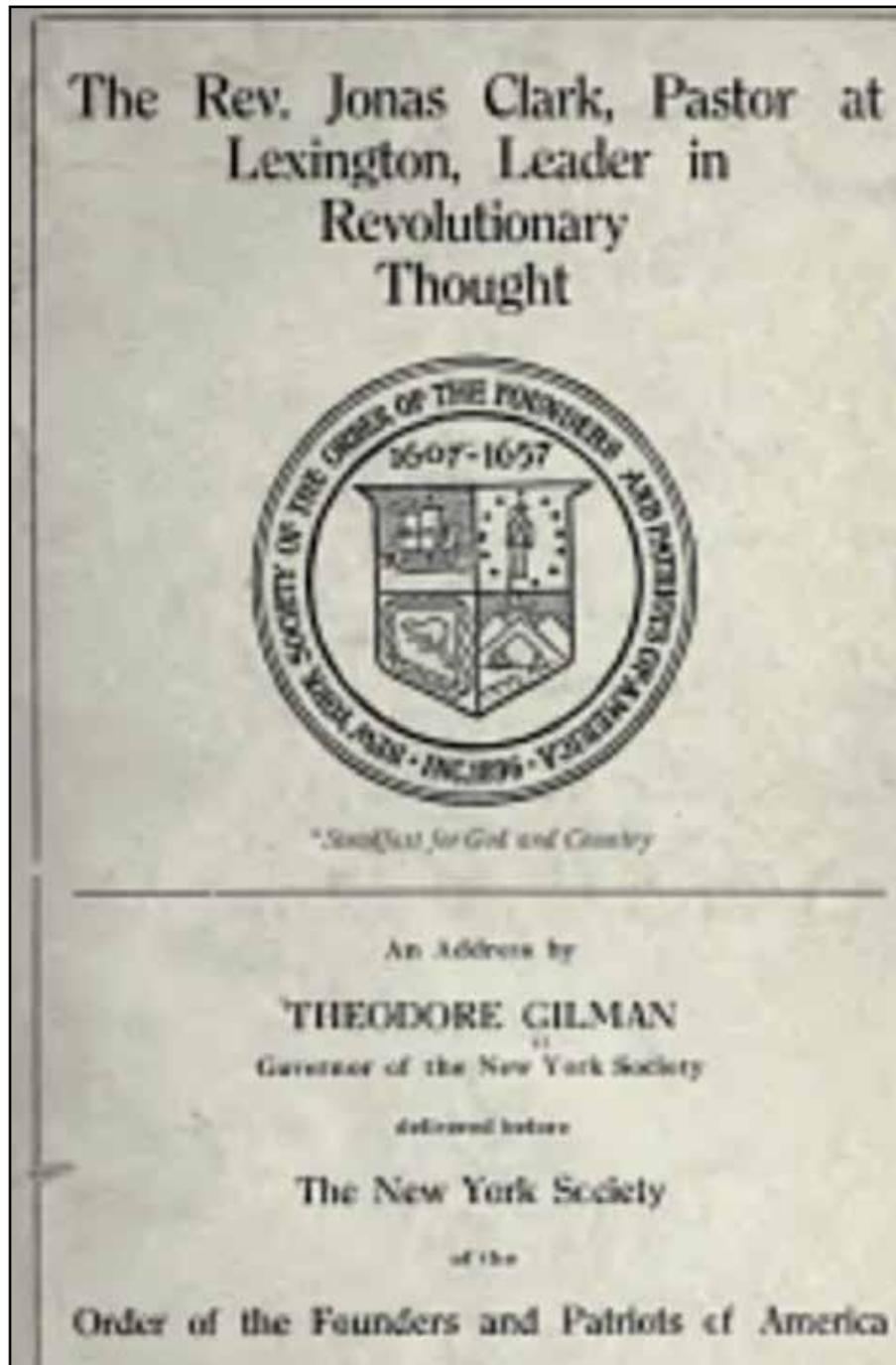


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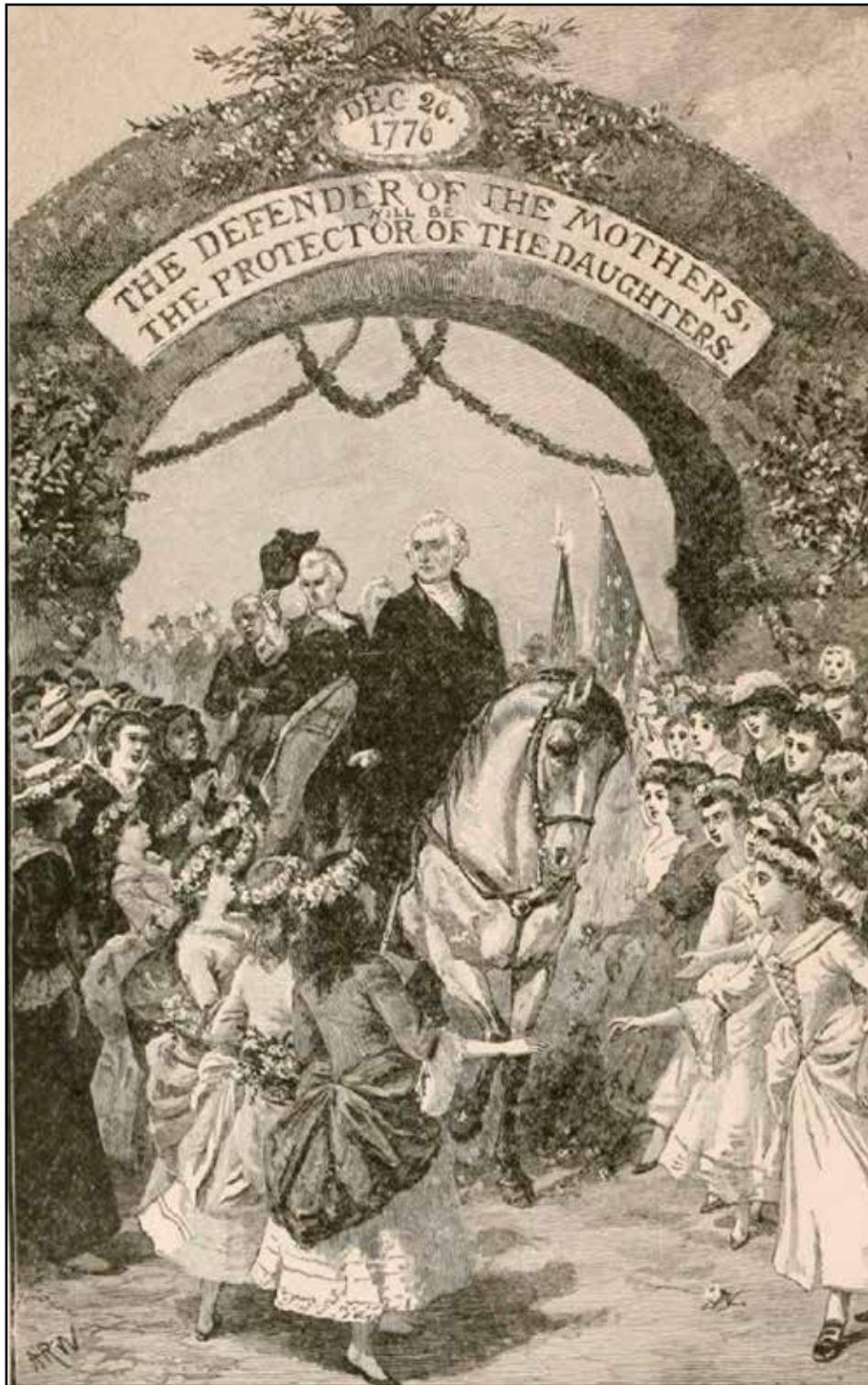
Cane Brake 250th Anniversary logo created by Steve Murray, Col. Robert Anderson Chapter compatriot.



“Steadfast for God and Country”

REV. JONAS CLARK, Pastor of the Church at Lexington during the Revolution, Leader of Revolutionary Thought.

“When in Parliament, Townshend, one of the ministers, spoke of the colonists as ‘children planted by our care, nourished by our indulgence, and protected by our arms.’ Barre indignantly replied: ‘They planted by your care? No. Your oppressions planted them in America. They nourished by your indulgence? They grew up by your neglect of them. They protected by your arms? Those sons of liberty have nobly taken up arms in your defence.’ ” (Page 6)



From Heartfelt History: On his journey to New York to be inaugurated, Washington was met and escorted by crowds of people, who made his progress a march of triumph. At Trenton (April 21, 1789) a beautiful arch, decorated with flowers, spanned the road, commemorating his victory over the Hessians in 1776. His path was strewn with flowers, and troops of children sang songs of welcome. The great American book of biography by Hamilton Wright Mable, published in 1896.

# 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: Dec. 6, 2025  
 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 <sup>st</sup> . 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 <sup>st</sup> 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	Last	Suffix	Date Approved
Fort Dorchester	James	William	Cheesborough	II	February 20, 2025
Daniel Morgan	Russell	James	Kolmus	IV	March 6, 2025
MG William Moultrie	Joseph	Murphy	Landing	Sr.	March 6, 2025
Dr. George Mosse	Payton	Lemieux	Steele		March 6, 2025
Dr. George Mosse	Steven	Robert	Steele		March 6, 2025
Col. Robert Anderson	Cole	Thomas	Branson		March 13, 2025
Col. Robert Anderson	Frank	William	Branson	IV	March 13, 2025
Col. Thomas Taylor	William	Lentz	Ivey	II	March 27, 2025
Col. Thomas Taylor	William	Lentz	Ivey	III	March 27, 2025
Godfrey Dreher	Ryan	Michael	Kelly		April 3, 2025
Gov. Paul Hamilton	James	Patrick	Roberts		April 3, 2025
Battle of Eutaw Springs	Harold	Lea	Blitch		April 10, 2025
Gov. Paul Hamilton	John	William	Franks	Jr.	April 10, 2025
Fort Dorchester	Timothy	Eugene	Hilton		April 10, 2025
Fort Dorchester	Richard	Daniel	Miante		April 10, 2025
Fort Dorchester	John	Barry	Gordon		May 8, 2025
Col. William Bratton	Michael	Dorr	Redman		May 8, 2025
Matthew Singleton	Robert	Benjamin	Sandifer		May 8, 2025
Thomas Heyward Jr.	Michael	Lee	Schwartzkopf		May 8, 2025
Fort Dorchester	Gary	David	Taylor	Jr.	May 8, 2025
Col. Lemuel Benton	Douglas	Rollin	Keefe		May 9, 2025

## Roll Call of the Departed

MYSTIC COURT, South Carolina — Jeffrey “Jeff” Sloan O’Dell, 60, a member of the Cambridge Chapter, died March 18.

**Please send SCSSAR member obituaries to [Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org](mailto:Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org)**

# SAR 1776 Campaign: Advancing America's Heritage

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

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

fractions or multiples thereof.

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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@clmson.edu](mailto:edwlsur@clmson.edu)

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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

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

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

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

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

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the 133<sup>rd</sup> Congress in July 2023, the following rates for the National Life Membership Program were established per the following chart. **In order to apply, the applicant must be a currently active member, and this application must be submitted to his (primary) State Society for forwarding to the NSSAR Headquarters.**

| Age = \$Cost |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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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# 245th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre

By Mandy J. Shaw

On May 24, the National Society, the South Carolina Society, and the General Francis Marion Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution commemorated the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Waxhaws, better known as Buford's Massacre, at the Battle Site near Buford's Crossroads about nine miles east of Lancaster, South Carolina.

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

Colonel Abraham Buford was the commander of a Virginia Regiment of infantry and a company of artillery comprised of about 300 men. Two hundred forty-five years ago, on May 29, 1780, British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton pursued Colonel Buford from Nelson's Ferry to Buford near the Waxhaws District. Colonel Buford attempted to surrender, but a bloody battle ensued, with American casualties numbering 113 against a handful of British fatalities. Even more were taken prisoner, and 150 of the 187 prisoners were wounded. Tarleton became known as "Bloody Ban," and "Tarleton's Quarter!" became a rallying battle cry for Southern Patriots until the surrender of Gen. Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781.



Greg Ohanesian  
[Photo by Jeffrey France]



State President Mike Monahan  
[Photo by Mrs. Kelly Keck Kuvakas]

Compatriot Greg Ohanesian organized this 2025 National Society Sons of the American Revolution public commemoration as he has done for the last 20 years. Due to a recent minor surgical procedure and the healing process, Cmpt. Ohanesian was unable to attend this year. Dr. Sam Powell graciously took the reins for this year's event and noted that the event drew

more than 120 members of the public and S.A.R., D.A.R. and C.A.R. hailing from many states, and included descendants of those buried at the site. N.S.S.A.R. Registrar General Brooks Lyles, S.C.S.S.A.R. President Mike Monahan, and VA.S.S.A.R. President Mike Weyler were present and participated.



SCSSAR President Mike Monahan (left) and Dr. Sam Powell [Photo by Ann Monahan]



SCSSAR Vice President Gary Blanpied and his wife Deborah (right) with Don and Miriam Lovett of the SAR Thomas Taylor Chapter and the DAR Granby Chapter.

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Mass Grave [Photo by Ann Monahan]



Gary Blanpied, SCSSAR Vice President  
[Photo by Deborah Blanpied]



Buford's Massacre Commemoration Participants [Photo by Scott Bruton]