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## Jenna Barker, SCSSAR essay entrant, wins National SAR Society Knight Essay Contest

By Redding I. 'Rick' Corbett III, PhD  
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — At the National Congress on Monday, July 7, I opened the Youth Awards Luncheon program and was pleasantly surprised to find that our SCSSAR essay winner had won the National Knight Essay contest. Although I am a national judge of the Knight Essay contest, I had not received notification of the winner.

The winner of the George and Stella Knight Essay National Contest is Jenna Barker of Summerville, S.C. She is a senior at Fort Dorchester High School and is the daughter of Philip and Kristine Barker. She hopes to study English and become an editor at an independent book publishing company.

Ms. Barker's essay was titled, "The Philosophy That Sparked a Revolution." In it she explored the

ideas of John Locke and Montesquieu (Charles-Louis de Secondat, baron de La Brède et de Montesquieu).

National contest judges read and judge the essays without any identification. I am pleased to say that looking back I found that I did rate our winner as number one. Her essay was well thought out, well written and well documented.

As first place winner, Ms. Barker received a \$2,000 award. In addition she was the winner of the SCSSAR scholarship.

We congratulate Ms. Barker, her parents, the Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter, who was her sponsor, and Cmpt. Will Suggs, who encouraged her to enter the essay contest and the scholarship contest, and Cmpt. Glenn Ohanesian, Knight Essay Committee chairman.

The George S. and Sheila M. Knight Essay Contest has a distinguished history. It was originally established to honor President Calvin Coolidge, who won an SAR essay contest while a student at Amherst College. In 1995 it was renamed in honor of George and Sheila Knight. The contest provides high school juniors and seniors with an opportunity to research and formulate a paper about an event that was significant in the formation of our



**NATIONAL WINNER** — Jenna Barker (center) of Summerville, S.C., winner of the National Knight Essay Contest, is shown at the Youth Awards Luncheon at the National Congress in Sacramento with her mother, Kristine (left) and Rev. Dr. Stanley W. DeLong, vice chairman of the Knight Essay Contest. [Photo by Redding I. Corbett III]

## CAAH meets in Louisville

LOUISVILLE—The Center for Advancing American Heritage Advisory Task Force met June 13 in Louisville. Mark Anthony, SCSSAR state secretary, made a presentation for the Educational Center sub-committee.

This task force is split into four sub-groups (Education Center, Gallery/Exhibit Space, Gift Shop, and Library) that have been charged by President General Bruce Wilcox "to identify the core elements of the future Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH), their interrelationship, and contribution each will make towards an engaging experience for visitors."

The task force and its sub-committee members will meet with various compatriots nationally to solicit their ideas, since the CAAH will not only be the SAR headquarters, but also a primary outreach tool to the general public with respect to the educational, historical and patriotic goals of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Mark Anthony

Republic. The research must be on a topic dealing with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence or the framing of the Constitution.

This is one of a number of programs the SAR offers to young people to inspire them to learn about the ideals and philosophy on which this nation was founded. But more than this, it is for them to gain knowledge and insight into the real people who fought to give us a free nation governed by the will of the people.

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# From the President's Desk



Dear Compatriots,

Our society is having a busy summer with many activities and programs. I encourage each of you to get involved and participate in one or more of them.

I attended the 118th Annual Congress in Sacramento, California, July 6-10. It was a rewarding experience, and on your behalf I accepted the President General's Streamer Award. Also, my congratulations to Jenna Barker from Summer-ville, who won the National Knight Essay Contest. Previously, Jenna won the SCSSAR award at the state convention in April (see the Summer edition of *The Palmetto Patriot*).

I believe we are moving toward winning even more awards this year as indicated by the point totals listed in the Americanism Update below.

The board of governors met in Columbia July 19. This business meeting covered so many important subjects that every chapter needs to be represented. Chapters that do not attend cannot fully participate in the society's plans and activities. Our next meeting will be Oct. 18, and I encourage

you to mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Another key date is the celebration at Kings Mountain Oct. 6 and 7. We will join with the North Carolina Society again this year with a reception on Oct. 6. Your attendance is needed, since we were outnumbered by the Tar Heels last year.

You all have received correspondence and read articles on the Center for Advancing American Heritage (CAAH). A capital campaign is under way, and each state society has a level of giving goal of 20 percent of membership. As of July, South Carolina has 63 members who have contributed, and we need 74 more to reach our goal. A gift of any size is appreciated, but it's the participation that counts.

All of our committees are working hard to carry out various programs, and I regret that space will not allow me to review all of them. However, I want to mention several newer ones:

- Young SAR chaired by Victor Brandt IV.
- The Speakers Bureau led by Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III.

• Education chairman Joe Goldsmith is developing the Benjamin Franklin Reading Contest and SAR Americanism Poster Contest for fourth and fifth grade students. Please support all of these new programs.

Finally, I want to remind you to check out [www.scssar.org](http://www.scssar.org). The state web site is improving day by day, and web master Victor Compton is doing a great job.

Fraternally,

Paul L. Grier  
President, SCSSAR

*"The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations." George Washington" (Farewell Address, 1796). Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents of the United States.*

## SC Society SAR Americanism Update

The SCSSAR has dramatically increased its activity levels in promoting the ideals of the SAR. Through July 28, the entire Society has generated 12,388 points (compared to 7,945 points on May 16) for the President General's Streamer and 9,493 points (compared to 5,410) for the Grove's Americanism Contest.

The total points generated in 2007 were 15,545 and 9,155, respectively.

The chapters marked with asterisks are currently above the state society average of 18.06 points per member. The chapter standings are as follows:

Chapter	PG Streamer	Groves	Stark	Avg/Member	
Gen. Daniel Morgan**	3,344	2,674	4,324	59.71	13
Gen. James Williams**	1,686	1,616	648	80.29	11
Cambridge**	1,465	375	65	58.60	10
Maj. Gen. William Moultrie	1,021	821	1,630	9.12	8
Col. Robert Anderson**	982	807	80	27.28	9
Dr. George Mosse	584	354	220	14.24	9
Col. Thomas Taylor	496	381	10	7.29	8
Gov. Paul Hamilton	402	332	135	9.57	9
Col. Lemuel Benton	387	262	0	10.18	4
Gen. Francis Marion**	364	319	155	30.33	9
Henry Laurens**	362	312	0	17.24	5
Col. William Bratton	347	237	0	38.56	5
Battle of Eutaw Springs	341	306	10	10.66	9
Gen. Andrew Pickens	263	193	5	10.96	7
Col. Matthew Singleton	161	121	0	4.60	3
Col. Joseph Kershaw	137	82	5	10.54	7

These point totals are based on information that has been supplied to me through the National Office, the various chapters or my direct observation.

The new categories reported above include points generated for the Stark Service to Veterans Award and the average points per member for the PG Streamer. The final column reports the number of categories in which each chapter has recorded points.

The average points and the categories columns are important because of a new national contest called the President General's Cup. This cup is presented to the chapter that reports the highest average points per member, with the chapter recording points in 15 of the 19 established categories for the President General's Streamer scoresheets. Only one chapter is close to the 15 of 19 threshold.

For more information, please contact me at either [mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com](mailto:mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com) or at 864-255-7442. I am more than happy to discuss the various programs that the Americanism Committee promotes.

Mark C. Anthony, Chairman, SCSSAR Americanism Committee

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# My Patriot: Freegift Patchin

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SUMMERVILLE, South Carolina—My GR4 grandfather, Freegift Patchin, was descended from an English immigrant who arrived in Boston in 1634.

Born in 1758 in Wilton, Connecticut, he joined Washington's Army during the summer of 1776 and fought in the Battle of Long Island before his initial enlistment expired the following January.

His descendants and the State of New York erected a monument in his memory in 1928 in the town of North Blenheim. It describes his Revolutionary War service and subsequent career as follows:

- Fifer in Wadsworth's Brigade of Connecticut Militia, 1776-1777
- Captured by Brant while serving in Captain Alexander Harper's Company of New York Militia and prisoner in Canada, 1780-1782
- Brigadier General, New York State Militia, 1806-1814
- Member of Assembly from Schoharie County, 1804-1805, 1820-1822
- Died August 30, 1830, aged 72 years.

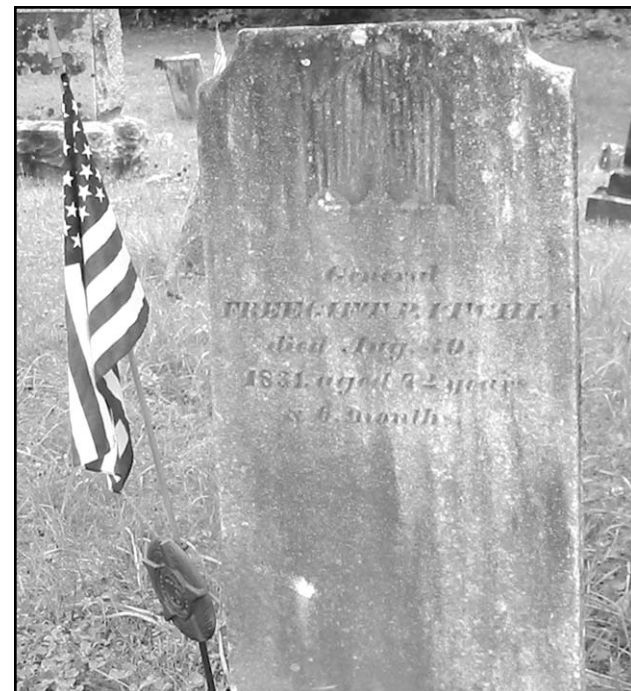
I have visited his grave in North Blenheim and have seen a box with a sliding lid that he carved during his Canadian captivity and is decorated to resemble a Bible. It is now in the possession of the widow of a Freegift descendant who lives in Hilton Head, South Carolina.



**REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERO** — Monument to Freegift Patchin (left) and his grave in North Blenheim, New York. [Photos by Charles "Chip" Churchill]

She also has a letter Freegift wrote to his wife, Molly, while he was in Albany, New York, serving as an Assemblyman.

I have a photocopy of Molly's application for an \$80 a year pension to which she was entitled



as the widow of a Revolutionary War veteran.

Send articles and photos for this column to editor Tom Hanson at [tom.hanson@SouthCarolinaConservative.com](mailto:tom.hanson@SouthCarolinaConservative.com).

## SCSSAR sponsors youth and other contests

The SCSSAR participates in a number of National Society programs and contests. These are summarized below. Details, rules and application forms can be found on either the NSSAR web site or the SCSSAR web site. Please refer all potential applicants to these sources.

### Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

This contest is open to fourth or fifth graders, whichever year the American Revolution is taught in school. Students compete by producing a poster based on a theme. The theme for the 2009 contest is Paul Revere's Ride. The poster must be completed by an individual student on a standard 22" x 28" poster board. The poster can only be in two dimensions and must show evidence of research. Only one entry per school can be entered into the local SAR competition. The state winner is selected at the Annual State Meeting. Prizes can be awarded on the local and state level. National winners (first, second and third) receive a ribbon and monetary award.

Deadlines are as follows: April 1 — Local winner submitted to State Americanism Committee

June 1 — State winner submitted to the National Americanism Committee

### Eagle Scout Scholarship

This scholarship contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and who have not reached their 19th birthday during the year they compete. There is no restriction on what year the Eagle Scout rank was awarded. This contest consists of a two-page application form, a completed four-generation ancestor chart, and a 500-word essay. The Eagle Scout must also have earned the American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law merit badges. Three cash scholarships are awarded on the National level — \$8,000 for the Winner, \$4,000 for Runner-up, and \$2,000 for the Second Runner-up. The SCSSAR budgets \$500 toward this contest to be awarded as the committee dictates.

Deadlines: Dec. 31 — submissions from Eagle Scouts due to State Eagle Scout chairman

Feb. 15 — state winner sent to the National Eagle Scout Committee

### Knight Essay Contest

This contest is open to all sophomore, junior and senior high school students. Each contestant prepares an original researched and proven topic in English dealing with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Consti-

tution. The student must source at least five references with a minimum of three being published books, not including encyclopedias. Prizes can be awarded on the local and state level. The National winners receive \$2,000 for first place in addition to a medal, airfare and one night hotel stay at the next National Congress; \$1,000 for second; and \$500 for third.

Deadlines: Feb. 15 — local winner materials sent to State Knight Essay chairman. March 31 — state winner materials sent to National Knight Essay Committee.

### ROTC/JROTC

This program fosters the principle of the citizen-soldier exemplified by the Minutemen. A medal is presented to a cadet selected by the commander of the local ROTC/JROTC unit. The commander notifies the local SCSSAR chapter of the name, and the chapter provides a medal and certificate for presentation to the cadet at the annual year-end awards night of the unit. For consideration in the National Cadet of the Year contest, a nomination form must be completed, two recommendation letters submitted, and the nominee must complete a 500-700 word essay on the theme: "How Has JROTC Prepared Me to Be a Better Citizen of the United States of America." The SCSSAR has budgeted funds for medals, certificates and potential monetary awards. The National Cadet of the Year receives \$1,000, a medal, and up to \$1,000 toward hotel, taxi, airfare and related meals for the cadet and a chaperone to attend the National Congress where the award is made.

Deadlines for this contest: March 1 — Nominations for Cadet of the Year to the State ROTC/JROTC chairman. May 1 — State Cadet of the Year materials due to the National ROTC/JROTC chairman.

### Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

This contest is open to all sophomore, junior and senior high school students. Each contestant prepares an original oration of not less than five minutes and not more than six minutes on an event, personality or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and which shows a relationship to America today. The oration must be essentially the same as the submitted written manuscript of the oration. Notes and props (including clothing) are not allowed. The SCSSAR has budgeted \$500 for awards. State winners who are selected to compete at the national level have lodging, meals and transportation expenses covered by the state. This may or may not include expenses for a chaperone. Awards on the national level include \$3,000 and a medal for the winner, \$2,000 and a medal for second, \$1,000 and a medal for

third. All other finalists receive \$300, and all other non-finalists receive \$200.

Deadlines: Feb. 15 — local winner name and materials sent to State Oration chairman. June 12 — state winner name and materials sent to National Oration Committee.

### Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year

This award is targeted to extraordinary educators who actively address the Revolutionary War era (1750-1800) by exceeding and excelling above current, accepted curriculum requirements. The National winner receives a trip to the Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The award is valued at \$1,400, which includes tuition, room and board provided by Freedoms Foundation. Up to an additional \$400 will be provided for travel expenses. Applicants must submit an essay of at least 500 words discussing why teaching the American Revolution is important, including innovative teaching techniques or projects that the teacher uses. Also needed are the required application form and two letters of recommendation (one from a supervisor and the other from their principal).

The National Society has established the following deadlines for this contest: Dec. 12 — applicant entry sent to local chapters. Jan. 2 — chapter winner sent to State Society. Feb. 6 — State Society candidate materials submitted to the National Society

### South Carolina Society Scholarship

The South Carolina Society awards an annual \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior. The scholarship is awarded not only on academic achievement, but also the demonstration of those characteristics that best reflect the principles and beliefs of the SAR, such as character, good citizenship, school and non-school related extracurricular activities, and well-articulated achievable goals. Applicants, who do not have to be related to an SAR member, submit an application form, a recent picture, an official transcript, two letters of recommendation from people knowledgeable on the academic, patriotic, civic and personal character (only one from an academic source), and a signed personal statement outlining their achievements and goals. The deadline for submission of the application materials is Feb. 28.

Let's continue South Carolina's streak of having National winners. The Society sponsored the National ROTC Cadet of the Year in 2007 and the National Knight Essay Winner in 2008.



## Historian's Corner

### Patriot guile wins several SC battles in Revolution

In the summer of 1781, after the disastrous fall of Charlestowne, the Patriots had recovered enough strength to besiege Fort Dorchester north of Charleston, about where Dorchester State Park is today on the Ashley River in southwest Summerville.

During the siege, the British cattle and horses were allowed to graze on the large field in front of the well-guarded fort. The Patriots did not object because as long as the enemy was locked up in the fort the animals were no threat. One July day a man and a boy pulled up in a wagon at the foot of the hill before the fort and began to examine the feet of the horses. They actually shod several. They returned every day, and once brought a salt block and appeared to be caring for the livestock.

After a week or so they arrived with several wagons full of split rails and built a fence to protect a shady spot that had been over-grazed. Day after day they faithfully came and worked with the animals for an hour or two and quietly left. On two occasions a train of wagons brought hay for the animals. The sentries inside watched and dutifully reported.

All inside assumed that these were neighbors loyal to the king and were trying to do their part. One day in early August, after several weeks of this, the same men arrived, moved the fences to block the gates, and proceeded to methodically, quietly herd all of those cattle and horses down the road. They were out of site before the sentries realized they had been robbed in broad daylight. By now it was too late and hopeless to chase them on foot. That night the menus changed in the British fort and around the Patriot camp fires. Talk about hutzpah!

The previous summer, July of 1780, in what is now Marlboro County, Patriot Captain Tristan Thomas' men fashioned three six-foot-long pine logs into roughly the shape of 14-pounder canons and placed them on wagon wheels on Hunt's bluff overlooking the Pee Dee River. The Tories, under British Naval Captain Nairne, could not elevate their small canons high enough to bring them into play and so surrendered a gun-boat and 16 barges of much needed supplies to the Patriots with out a shot being fired. The lesson? Make sure that what you see is actually there. *J. Michael Farr, Historian SCSSAR. Researched by Dr. Joe Goldsmith.*

### James Williams Chapter Leads Way in SCSSAR Membership Growth

The SCSSAR began 2008 with 605 members (not including the about 15 dual members whose primary membership is in another state society). Through July 28, membership stands at 690 members (not including dual members) summarized as follows:

Beginning Membership	605
New Members	46
Reinstatements	42
Transfers In	1
Deaths	(4)
Total Membership	690

The Gen. James Williams Chapter continues to lead the way with 13 new members and one reinstatement so far in 2008.

Chapter secretaries, please remember that you are to notify the state secretary whenever a member passes away. This can be done electronically or by sending a copy of the member's obituary through the postal system.

Mark C. Anthony  
SCSSAR Secretary

### Clemson Event Will Mark 269th Birthday of Gen. Andrew Pickens

CLEMSON — The Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Pendleton Historical Commission's fourth annual commemoration ceremony will take place Sunday, Sept. 21.

This event will honor those men and women who fought for America's freedom and settled the Upstate.

**2 p.m.** Check-in and registration for all groups wishing to lay a wreath (we will lay wreaths at the graves of Gen. Andrew Pickens and his wife Jane, Gen. Robert Anderson, and 10 other patriots buried at Old Stone Church.

**2:30 p.m.** Memorial service (inside the meeting house)

**3 p.m.** Laying of wreaths and dedication (at the gravesites)

All SAR and DAR chapters are invited to participate and lay wreaths. Veterans are invited to attend. The event is free and open to the public.

If your chapter intends to lay a wreath, please contact Ralph E. Welton Jr., President & Coordinator, Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter SAR, 301C Serrine Hall, Box 341303, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634-1303.

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In the event of inclement weather, we will conduct the commemoration inside the meeting house.

### Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the SCSSAR Board of Governors will be Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Northeast Branch of the Richland County Library, 7490 Parklane Rd., Columbia.

All SCSSAR members are invited to attend.

## SCSSAR chapters lead pilgrimage to tomb of Thomas Heyward Jr.

By Clayton Rhodes  
President, Dr. George Mosse Chapter

BEAUFORT—On Saturday, July 5, the Dr. George Mosse Chapter and the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter sponsored the 22nd Annual Patriotic Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Thomas Heyward Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence.

President Clayton Rhodes of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter presided. The Naval Junior ROTC from Hilton Head High School served as the color guard.

Regents and others from the Thomas Hey-

ward Chapter NSDAR, the Emily Geiger Chapter NSDAR and the Capt. William Hilton Chapter NSDAR were present.

Regent Mary Ann Compher of the Captain William Hilton Chapter read a letter from a soldier in Iraq.

Richard H. Ellis spoke on "The Significance of July 4." Laura A. Heyward, a direct descendant of Thomas Heyward, dedicated a marker that is to become part of the gravesite. Thomas Jackson Dextraze of the CAR laid a wreath at the tomb.

After the ceremonies, many of those present had lunch together at Patrick's Porch in Ridgeland.

### 228th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain

KINGS MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MILITARY PARK — SAR, DAR, CAR and SR societies and chapters are invited to participate in a formal wreath-laying ceremony at the Kings Mountain Park U.S. Monument beginning at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7. Participants desiring to present a wreath must deliver it to the park's Visitor Center no later than 9:30 a.m., Oct. 7. The wreaths must be labeled.

To ensure that your organization is properly listed in the printed program, please mail the following information:

Name/Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Family/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Laying Wreath: Yes/No Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Bringing Unit/Chapter Flag? Yes/No Color Guard? Yes/No

Number of members expected to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ In Uniform or Colonial Dress \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the information to Franklin N Horton, 3812 Ithica Place, Fayetteville, NC 28311, or it can be e-mailed to BushBar@aol.com.

The reception is sponsored by the SCSSAR and is open to all SAR members, spouses, children and their guests. The reception includes light finger food and drinks (bring your own) at the Super 8 Motel just off Floyd Baker Blvd. (about a mile east of I-85, Exit 90) in Gaffney. The reception is followed by a Dutch Treat supper at various area restaurants. All SARs are encouraged to attend not only the reception but also the Kings Mountain celebration.

# Gen. James Williams Chapter honors ancestors at Musgrove's Mill battle site

By Jim Livingston  
Chairman History Committee  
Gen. James Williams Chapter

**MUSGROVE MILL STATE HISTORIC SITE** — A commemoration service honoring the Patriot victory at Musgrove's Mill took place Aug. 16 at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, home of the Gen. James Williams Chapter.

This site in Union and Laurens counties on the Enoree River is important because of the Aug. 18-19, 1780 battle between the American and the British.

The commemorative service was jointly sponsored by three organizations comprised of descendants of those who served our nation in the American Revolution — the South Carolina Children, Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution (SCCAR, SCDAR and SCSSAR).

Highlights were Pipes and Drums of the Johnson and Orr families; a drama "The Musgrove Family in This Battle" by McDavid-Westmoreland Society SCSCAR; Unveiling of the Enoree Bridge Sign by all youth and Melvin Foshee, president of the Cambridge Chapter SAR; and placing of the wreaths to honor the Patriots, SAR, DAR, CAR, Confederate Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, American Legion and other patriotic groups.

Spartan and Musgrove's Mill Cos., SC Militia Re-Enactors provided a musket salute. Reloading for the second round of fire showed how time-consuming use of these single-shot firearms was.

Installation of officers and chapter awards

were presented by Paul Grier, state president, SCSSAR, and special presentations were made by Norman B. Pigeon, president, Gen. James Williams Chapter SCSSAR, and Jo Ann Roberts Childers, senior president, McDavid-Westmoreland Society SCSCAR.

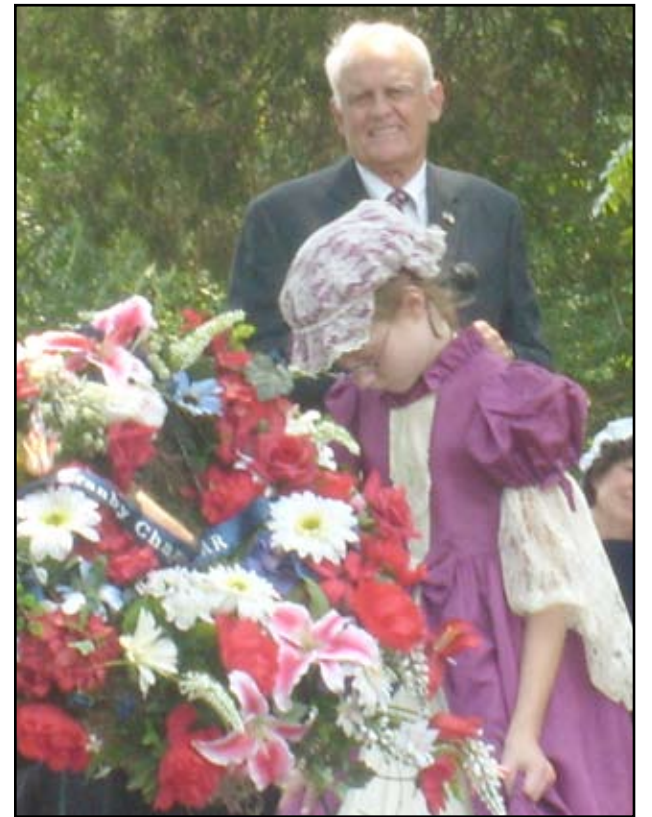
Gary Griffith of Saluda was elected vice president of the Gen. James Williams Chapter.

At the battle of Musgrove's Mill, senior officer Col. (later Gen.) James Williams with Col. Elijah Clark of Georgia and Col. Isaac Shelby of North Carolina and a force of 200 men are credited with the victory. They fought against 400 British. American casualties totaled six killed and eight wounded, whereas the British suffered 63 killed and 90 wounded.

Although the Patriot forces were outnumbered two to one, by taking a strong defensive position and luring the Loyalists (British) into a fierce fight, the battle of about an hour created near total defeat and utter confusion for the British.

It is recorded that at the nearby Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church the day following their miraculous victory, church membership increased by 60.

The newly formed Gen. James Williams Chapter is composed of 25 members and serves Laurens, Newberry and Saluda counties. For further information, please e-mail joeg5950@yahoo.com.



**WREATH-LAYING** — Callie Cox lays a wreath while Norm Pigeon, president of the Gen. James Williams Chapter looks on.



**LAMENT FOR THE FALLEN** — Pipers (from left) Ewan Johnson, Patric Johnson and Thomas Orr play a lament for the Patriot fallen. [Photos by Jim Livingston]

## SCSSAR Donates to CAR



Paul Gier (left), president of the SCSSAR, presents a check for \$500 to Thomas Burnette, president of the South Carolina Society Children of the American Revolution, July 19 at the CAR Summer Workshop in Columbia. The 2008-2009 SCSCAR State President's Project is "C.A.R.ing for South Carolina's Kids," which supports the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Children's Hospital Fund for Pediatric Cardiology. In addition to monetary contributions, CAR members will sew blank dolls, which are used to comfort children, while also serving as teaching tools for doctors and nurses as they explain procedures to their young patients. SCSSAR chapters are encouraged to support this project. [Photo by Adam Cox]

## Savannah battle wreath-laying and march planned for Oct. 9

By Michael L. Jordan  
Coastal Heritage Society  
Public Relations director

SAVANNAH, Georgia—We are once again preparing to honor the thousands who fought and the hundreds who died in the Oct. 9, 1779, Battle of Savannah.

We will gather in the Savannah History Museum and Visitors Center parking lot at 7 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 9, form up in ranks behind the color guard and musicians, and march in the footsteps of the allied French and American soldiers who attacked the Spring Hill Redoubt. After the ceremony, we will gather for a light breakfast at the WhistleStop Café behind the History Museum.

The Coastal Heritage Society would like to invite you to take part in this event. Please contact me at (912) 651-6895 so we may add your name to our list of those placing wreaths during the ceremony.

We ask that you to drop your wreath off at the battlefield before the march begins, rather than giving it to us at the History Museum parking lot. We will have staff at the ceremony site on the battlefield to receive your wreath.





**Montague Grave-marking**

The Gen. James Williams chapter under the guidance of the Cambridge chapter co-hosted their first official grave-marking ceremony July 12 in Greenwood for Capt. John Montague. Montague was twice wounded while serving as captain of Gen. George Washington's body guard detail and is buried in what is now Greenwood. The service was attended by members of the Gen. Andrew Pickens, Col. Robert Anderson, Cambridge and Gen. James Williams chapters and was presided over by Pierce Stockman, region vice president, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ted Morton, SCSSAR state chaplain. [Photo by Ranette Gaffney]



**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** — Bud Marchant (left), founding president of the Gen. James Williams chapter, receives SCSSAR Certificate of Appreciation from Norm Pigeon, chapter vice president. Marchant stepped down Aug. 15 to accept a position as president of Central Carolina Community College in North Carolina. Pigeon was installed as president the next day during the celebration at Musgrove's Mill State Battlefield Park. [Photo by Joe Goldsmith]

**Changing of the guard in Clinton**

CLINTON — Dr. Eston T. “Bud” Marchant III accepted a position as president of Central Carolina Community College near Raleigh, N.C., effective Aug. 15.

Marchant and his wife Emilie have been residents of Clinton for several years. During this time he has made quite a name for himself with outstanding leadership at Piedmont Technical College in opening several satellite branches, his leadership at the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Thornwell Home and School, Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Laurens and the United Way. He was named the 2007 Citizen of the Year by readers of the *Clinton Chronicle*.

During his brief tenure as founding president of the Gen. James Williams Chapter, Dr. Marchant led the chapter to grow from 10 to 25 members. It has worked with Interactors and others to install Veterans Administration grave stones for 13 Revolutionary soldiers in four counties, has won national recognition with the Partners in Patriotism Award and is among the top three chapters in South Carolina in total points for the SCSSAR Americanism Award.

Norm Pigeon, the new president, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a retired naval officer with Command at Sea of Surface Warfare ships. He is active in the Episcopal Church and is the immediate past commander of the American Legion Post No. 56. He and his wife Lee Ann, a hematologist, live in Clinton.



**SCSSAR honors Aiken resident**

Aiken resident Frank Newkirk (right) receives an SAR flag Certificate from Robert Johnson, president of the Henry Laurens chapter, May 7, for patriotic display of the American flag at his residence. The flag certificate was authorized in 1987 and is presented to individuals, companies or government agencies that fly the U.S. flag for patriotic purposes.



**Gov. Paul Hamilton Luncheon**

The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter in Beaufort conducted its quarterly luncheon June 22. From left: State President Paul Grier, Chapter President Carroll Crowther, member Wayne Cousar, who presented a program on The Battle of Sullivan's Island, and members Henry Chambers and Thomas Logan, who reported on chapter projects.”



# Joe Kirby receives Sword of Honor award

By Joe Kirby

SPARTANBURG—The Daniel Morgan Chapter, SAR, presented Bronze SAR medals with certificates to nine high school units and a Silver ROTC medal to the Wofford College ROTC unit.

Three Byrnes cadets were awarded four-year scholarships to Clemson, Converse and University of Oklahoma.

The criteria for the national awards is established jointly by the Department of Defense and the sponsoring national organizations. The schools select the awardees. SAR has no control over the selection process.

A number of school awards were made namely, the Director's Award, Distinguished Cadet Awards, Cadets of the Year, Recognition of Seniors, Col. Sam Betsill Award, and Chairman's Awards.

When the above presentations were completed, Col. Pittman asked

that I come forward for a special presentation. It was an award of the Military Sword of Honor. The sword was mounted on a display device, framed and covered. It can be mounted on a wall. I was shocked but pleasantly surprised.

The brass plaque reads "Air Force JROTC, Byrnes High School, Sword of Honor. Presented with sincere appreciation to Mr. Joe Kirby."

Each year the Honor Sword is awarded to a military officer, only one. This year, however, they presented one to me, Major Palmer and Captain Langley.

Present for the ceremony were Air Force Colonel Williford, who is chief of inspections and ratings of the JROTC units; Butch Coan, District Five board of trustees chairman; Dr. Scott Turner, District Five superintendent; and officials of Byrnes High School. We were given swords to cut the cakes.



**BATTLE OF FISHING CREEK** — Sam Wood, president of the Col. William Bratton Chapter, lays a wreath at the DAR monument at the site of the Battle of Fishing Creek Aug. 17, where U.S. Gen. Thomas Sumter was defeated by British Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton in the Aug. 18, 1780 battle. More than 150 Patriots were killed or wounded. It led the way for British Gen. Charles Cornwallis to move from Camden into Charlotte. [Photo by Debbie Wood]

## Patriot Graves & Patriot Index Committee

Past President General Bruce Wilcox pointed out at the state convention in Hilton Head that the Arizona Society president, and a number of state societies would give most anything to have a Patriot grave in their states.

We in South Carolina are blessed with an abundance of them. While placing American flags on Patriot graves for Independence Day, Cmpt. Melvin Foshee found another four in a church yard, where we already had more than 20 recorded. Cmpt. Lawrence Young found six in Duncan Creek church yard, where we already had 63 listed. But 230 year old stones are hard to read, and many will not survive until the next generation is interested in them.

With much help from Georgia Cmpt. George Thurmond, our state web site ([www.scssar.org](http://www.scssar.org)) has a new button in the lower left named Patriot Graves Registry. Click on this and you will see that we have begun the task of listing every Patriot grave we know of in South Carolina. We have completed almost 100 of the known 432 graves and are adding information steadily as time permits. Included are a photo of the grave stone, information about the Patriot, global positioning satellite (GPS) readings and a Google map to help anyone locate the graveyard.

We will introduce a chapter incentive program at the October board meeting to help chapters locate and report Patriot graves in their service area and to recognize those chapters that conduct proper grave marking ceremonies. We are developing a checklist to help you plan a grave marking.

Along this lines, we have just learned that the John Sevier Chapter (Chattanooga) of the Tennessee Society has been approved to sell several sizes of polished marble grave markers at considerably lower cost than the bronze ones available from the SAR Merchandise Department in Louisville.

We ask chapters to hang on to your information until after the October meeting, when we will provide a form to report them with. *Joe Goldsmith, Chair, Patriot Graves & Index committee.*

## Sixth Annual Francis Marion / Swamp Fox Symposium "Explore the Revolutionary War Southern Campaign, Francis Marion and his Contemporaries"

MANNING, South Carolina — The sixth annual Francis Marion / Swamp Fox Symposium "Explore the Revolutionary War Southern Campaign, Francis Marion and his Contemporaries" will take place Oct. 10-11. It is sponsored by Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society.

Immerse yourself in Francis Marion's world and learn from his contemporaries: Horatio Gates, Nathanael Greene, John Rutledge and Hezekiah Maham, as well as the significance of Francis Marion; the modern applications of Marion's style; the Legend of the Swamp Fox: Marion in Life and Lore; and the South Carolina Militia. Dinner Theater Saturday, Oct. 11, is an evening in history with Mary Esther Videau Marion, presenting life at Pond Bluff with the General.

Site: F.E. DuBose Campus, Central Carolina Technical College, I-95, Exit 122, half mile east of US 521, Manning, South Carolina.

Approximate times: Friday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 11, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Mail check and registration form below to Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society, P.O. Box 667, Manning, SC 29102.

Contact Carole & George Summers 803-478-2645 or cell: 919-730-3533  
[www.francismarionsymposium.com](http://www.francismarionsymposium.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Sept: 21: Close of early registration

Oct. 3: Close of registration

Fees include all lectures, Friday evening reception with hor d'oeuvres, Saturday snacks, lunch and dinner theater

Price \$95 (\$165 per couple) before Oct. 3.

Early Bird Fee (before Sept. 21) \$85 per person (\$155 per couple)

Make check payable to Francis Marion Symposium (non-refundable after Oct. 3)

Mail to Francis Marion Symposium, C. Hester, P.O. Box 667, Manning, SC 29102

[www.francismariontrail.com](http://www.francismariontrail.com)

[www.francismarioncountry.com](http://www.francismarioncountry.com)

[www.francismarionsymposium.com](http://www.francismarionsymposium.com)

[www.swampfoxtrail.com](http://www.swampfoxtrail.com)

# Hints for scoring points in President General's contests

On page 2 of this issue of *The Palmetto Patriot* a chart is provided that reports the rankings of the various chapters based on the number of points they have generated toward the President General and Americanism contests.

While it may seem to be focused on the total number of points, these are merely the way participation in SAR programs are measured. As with any organization, there is a need for metrics so the organization can assess how successful it is in doing what it says it will do.

Since only about a third of the year is left, the following are a number of quick hints on how your chapter can increase membership participation and visibility within your community.

**1) Newspaper articles** — Submit an article on an area patriot or Revolutionary War event to your paper. You can also submit an article about your

## New procedure for membership & supplemental applications

After a lot of confusion over just how applications need to be processed, the following is a summary for the benefit of all members and chapters.

1) Two copies of the application (at least one on SAR watermarked archival paper) are signed by the applicant, the first-line sponsor, and the co-sponsor.

2) The applicant prepares a check in the amount necessary to cover the respective chapter dues and the required application fees and other dues. This would mean a check in the amount of \$125 plus chapter dues. In the event that the applicant is applying for At Large membership, the check is for \$125 only.

3) One copy of all the supporting genealogical information is prepared with the appropriate names underlined in red ink. No highlighting should be present.

4) The applications, check and supporting documentation are mailed to the State Registrar.

5) The State Registrar reviews the application and signs both applications and then forwards the application package to the State Secretary

6) The State Secretary reviews the application package to determine if the check amount is correct and all previous signatures (a total of four at this point) before signing the applications.

7) The State Secretary then prepares the required transmittal form, prepares a check for the appropriate amount for national dues and fees and mails the packages to the National Office for review and approval.

8) The State Secretary then prepares a copy of the transmittal form and mails the form along with the collected checks to the State Treasurer for deposit.

9) Once an application is approved, the State Secretary notifies the State Treasurer, who then remits the collected chapter dues to the chapter for deposit.

The only differences in this procedure with respect to Supplemental Applications are:

1) There is no need for first-line or co-sponsor signatures. A supplemental application only requires a total of three signatures — applicant, state registrar and state secretary.

2) No dues are remitted back to the chapter upon the approval of a supplemental application.

Based on this new procedure, it is critical that each chapter secretary promptly inform the State Secretary of any changes in the dues amount and when the State Secretary requests this information.

most recent chapter meeting concerning what your guest speaker said or your next chapter event. Specifically submit your article to your weekly or non-major paper since they generally are looking for material to print. POINTS EARNED — 50 per article up to 20 articles.

**2) Speakers bureau** — Find a member who is available to speak to civic organizations and schools about the Revolution. Many civic organizations are looking for speakers. The speaker can even speak about projects of the chapter as well. POINTS EARNED — 100 points for establishing bureau and delivering first speech, 10 points per speech thereafter.

**3) CAR Program** — Sponsor a local CAR chapter and conduct activities with the members of that chapter. Members can also support the CAR by buying the lapel pins related to the CAR State President's project. POINTS EARNED — 50 for sponsorship, 10 per SAR participant per meeting, and 1 point per dollar up to \$500.

**4) Youth Programs** — To sponsor a youth program, the chapter actively promotes the programs to schools and conducts a contest based on the entries received.

- Knights Essay — for high school students
- Rumbaugh Oration — for high school students
- ROTC/JROTC — for high school students (medals paid for by the State Society)
- Eagle Scout — for Eagle Scouts up to 18 years old
- Americanism Poster — fourth or fifth graders

POINTS EARNED — 25 points per program sponsored, 1 point per entrant for each program, except for the Americanism Poster Contest, where it is 25 points per entrant up to 20 total, 15 points per ROTC/JROTC medal presented.

**5) Medals & Awards** — The presentation of various awards and certificates can quickly be done.

a. Flag Certificate — a supply of certificates can be purchased from the State Society for \$4 each (includes presentation folder). These certificates can be presented to any individual or business that properly displays the U.S. flag in a non-commercial manner. POINTS EARNED — 15 points per Flag Certificate presented

b. Speaker Certificate of Appreciation — a supply of these are available at \$4 each (includes presentation folder). These certificates can be presented as a token to the guest speaker at each of your chapter meetings. POINTS EARNED — 15 per certificate presented

c. Outstanding Citizenship Award — This is a lapel pin and certificate set (\$4 for pin and \$3 for certificate) that can be presented to someone who demonstrates outstanding citizenship. POINTS EARNED — 15 points per presentation

**6) Genealogy Workshop** — Conducting a workshop is a great way to identify potential new members. It can be done jointly with your local DAR chapter. POINTS EARNED — 50 points per workshop

**7) Liaison With DAR** — Conducting an event with or hosting members of the DAR at your next chapter meeting earns points. POINTS EARNED — 10 points for each event

For additional information and to report any points earned, please contact Mark Anthony, State Americanism Chairman, at [mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com](mailto:mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com).

Mark C. Anthony  
SCSSAR Americanism Chairman

## Dues Notices Coming in Late October

Dues notices for the 2009 calendar year will be mailed out toward the end of October. To make sure that the state can bill the proper amount, it is imperative that each chapter secretary notify the state secretary of the appropriate chapter dues amount that should be billed. Please e-mail the name of the chapter and the amount of the 2009 chapter dues to [mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com](mailto:mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com).

Mark C. Anthony  
SCSSAR Secretary

## From the Editor

### Submissions for *The Palmetto Patriot*

The Fall issue of *The Palmetto Patriot* shows that the South Carolina Society continues to be quite active in promoting the memory of what our Patriot ancestors fought and in some cases died for.

The quotations I included in this issue from the Revolutionary War era are taken from Founders' Quote Daily, a service of The Patriot Post. You can receive Founders Quote Daily delivered by e-mail to your inbox by signing up on the web at [www.PatriotPost.US/subscribe/](http://www.PatriotPost.US/subscribe/)

Compatriots, *The Palmetto Patriot* is your paper. It is one of the main ways that the SCSSAR keeps in touch. Please send any articles, stories or pictures of your chapter events to me at [tom.hanson@SouthCarolinaConservative.com](mailto:tom.hanson@SouthCarolinaConservative.com).

The deadline for the Winter edition is Nov. 15, but I would appreciate receiving any articles or photos as soon as possible after the event happens so *The Palmetto Patriot* can be a continual work in progress. That way I can have the issue mostly laid out by the deadline and then plug in any last minute items before sending it off to press.



Tom Hanson



# SCSSAR lists speakers and writers bureau

By Redding I. 'Rick' Corbett III

The SCSSAR has instituted a Speakers/Writers Bureau. This bureau will provide a list of speakers, topics, type of audience and contact information.

## Speakers/Writers Bureau: List of Available Speakers

**Disclaimer:** This is a list of members (Compatriots) of the South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution (SCSSAR) who have indicated that they are willing to speak on given topics. The SCSSAR does not act as a clearing house for presentations and thus is not responsible for the content of any presentation including historical accuracy. This list is for convenience only. It does not imply endorsement by the SCSSAR nor is the SCSSAR responsible for individual speakers in any way.

Arrangements must be made directly with speakers.

**Name of Speaker:** Compatriot Mark C. Anthony

**Geographical Area:** Upstate of South Carolina (primary) willing to go to the Midlands if needed.

**Topics:** History of the Revolution as told by its flags

Battle of Kings Mountain

Battle of Cowpens

**Type of Audience:** All

**Availability:** Upstate — weeknights, lunch meetings (30 mile radius of either Greenville or Spartanburg); Midlands — weekends

**Contact Information:**  
manthony.psy90@gtalumni.org

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**Name of Speaker:** Compatriot H. Wayne Copeland

**Geographical Area:** Travel — within 75 mile radius of Clinton, S.C.

**Topics:** Gen. James Williams: The Unsung Hero of the Revolution in South Carolina.

**Type of Audience:** Any, but the topic is probably a little deep for children

**Availability:** Not available on Sunday mornings

**Contact Information:** Office phone (864) 833-5879.

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**Name of Speaker:** Compatriot Joseph M. Goldsmith

**Geographical Area:** Will travel 100 miles from Clinton, S.C.

**Topics:** Four area Revolutionary War battles

(Musgrove's Mill, Kings Mountain, Blackstock's Plantation and Cowpens; Locating, Marking and Reporting Patriot Graves; Three Heroic S.C. Women Patriot Soldiers of the American Revolution; Joseph Kerr — Multi-handicapped Teen-aged Super-Spy

The Revolution in Saluda County  
Patriot Guile Wins Battles

**Type of Audience:** Preferred Group — older than Kindergarten, CAR, DAR, SAR, School, Youth, Civic, Church, Senior Citizens

**Availability:** Available anytime except Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings.

**Contact Information:** joeg5950@yahoo.com

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**Name of Speaker:** Compatriot Greg Ohanesian

**Geographical Area:** Marlboro, Florence, Richland, Lexington and Charleston counties

**Topics:** Life and Times of George Washington; Life and Times of Gen. Francis Marion

**Type of Audience:** Children and adults of all ages

**Availability:** Weekday evenings and weekends

**Contact Information:** P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512; 843-479-7193

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**Name of Speaker:** Compatriot Joel E. Rexford

**Geographical Area:** Will travel 100 miles from Clinton, S.C.

**Topics:** The American Revolution in Laurens County, The Role the Christian Faith Had in the Founding of Our Country

**Type of Audience:** High School or Adult

**Availability:** Prefers evenings

**Contact Information:** Home phone: (864) 833-1686

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**Name of Speaker:** Compatriot Frank Wyman  
**Geographical Area:** Will travel anywhere in the Carolinas if his wife and children can come; otherwise within 75 mile radius of Clinton, S.C.

**Topics:** The Battle of Hayes Station

**Type of Audience:** Junior High School and up to Senior Citizens.

**Availability:** Not available during normal school hours

**Contact Information:** Home phone: (864) 833-6003

## Calendar of Events

Sept. 6 Saturday (10:30 a.m.)	<b>Battle of Eutaw Springs</b> Sponsored by Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter	Orangeburg, SC
Sept. 21 Sunday (2 p.m.)	<b>Gen. Andrew Pickens Birthday</b> Sponsored by Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter	Clemson, SC
Sept. 25-27 Thursday – Saturday	<b>NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting</b>	Louisville, KY
Oct. 6 Monday (4 p.m.) (5 p.m.)	<b>South Atlantic District Meeting Kings Mountain Reception</b> Sponsored by South Carolina Society SAR	Gaffney, SC
Oct. 7, Tuesday, 10 a.m.	<b>Battle of Kings Mountain Celebration</b> Sponsored by South Carolina and North Carolina Societies SAR	Kings Mountain, NC
Oct. 18, Saturday, 10 a.m.	<b>SCSSAR Board of Governors Meeting</b>	Columbia, SC
Dec. 6, Saturday, 11 a.m.	<b>Battle of Great Cane Break</b> Sponsored by Col. Robert Anderson Chapter	Simpsonville, SC
Jan. 10, Saturday, 10 a.m.	<b>SCSSAR Board of Governors Meeting</b>	Columbia, SC
Jan. 16, Friday, 5 p.m.	<b>Cowpens Reception</b> Sponsored by South Carolina Society SAR	Gaffney, SC
Jan. 17, Saturday, 10 a.m.	<b>Battle of Cowpens Reception</b> Sponsored by Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter	Chesnee, SC
Feb. 14, Saturday, 10 a.m.	<b>Battle of Kettle Creek</b> Sponsored by Georgia Society SAR	Washington, GA
March 6-8 Thursday – Saturday	<b>NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting</b>	Louisville, KY
March 14, Saturday, 11 a.m.	<b>Battle of Guilford Courthouse</b> Sponsored by NC Society SAR	Greensboro, NC
April 17-18 Friday-Saturday	<b>SCSSAR Annual Meeting</b>	Santee, SC

*Details for these events can be found on the SCSSAR web site ([www.scssar.org](http://www.scssar.org)) under the Calendar tab.*

## Eutaw Springs battle celebration Sept. 6

EUTAWVILLE, S.C. — The South Carolina Society SAR and The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter SAR request the honor of your presence at the Celebration of the 228th Anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs, Saturday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 a.m.

For those wishing to present a wreath, please contact Compatriot Doug Doster at [dosterdb@hotmail.com](mailto:dosterdb@hotmail.com) or 803-823-2824.

New information signs have been erected around the battlefield. Please deliver wreaths to the battle site by 10 a.m. Dutch treat lunch will follow the ceremony at either Sweatman's Bar-B-Que or The Parish House Tea room in Eutawville.

# Center for Advancing American Heritage needs your support

Since 1999, the SAR has been raising funds for the Center for Advancing American Heritage. Major accomplishments in the past included purchasing land adjacent to the current headquarters in Louisville. However, the first spade of dirt was never turned and fundraising efforts have atrophied over time.

The SAR took a major step toward the realization of the center in March of this year with the purchase of the Fulton Conway Building on Main Street in Louisville. This building is the future home not only of the relocated National Headquarters but also of the Center for Advancing American Heritage.

One of the key conditions that was imposed on the purchase by the SAR trustees was that the renovation construction on the Fulton Conway Building would not begin until sufficient funds had been raised to pay for the renovations.

To meet this condition, the SAR has announced that a new phase of the Capital Campaign has begun. Phase I of this campaign will close Dec. 31 of this year. The new phase will run for the next five years (2008 through Dec. 31, 2013). Three specific benchmarks have been established for the second phase of the Capital Campaign:

1) That each state society will have at least 20 percent of its members become donors to the Center for Advancing American Heritage.

2) That each state society will achieve an average gift of \$250 per each member within the state society.

3) That 100 percent of the recognized SAR Societies meet the first two benchmarks by the close of Phase II.

To help meet these two benchmarks, the gifts and donors who contributed during Phase I will count toward the Phase II goals.

Through July 28, the SC Society stood at a membership total of 690 members with 78 having contributed. This gave the SC Society a membership participation rate of 11.3 percent. The total donations were \$10,230, for an average gift of \$15 per member.

Needless to say, the SC Society has a long way to go to meet the established benchmarks. By way of comparison, see chart this page for how the SC Society stacks up against our nearest neighbors.

the current level of \$10,230 in donations.

Given the current economic climate, it is more prudent for the SC Society to focus on meeting the first goal. By meeting this benchmark first, the level of donations will necessarily increase, which in turn will impact the average donation per member. It is to be hoped that the economic climate will improve over the next five years, over which time the level of the average gift per member can be addressed.

As an example, please consider pledging a gift of \$250, which could be paid in \$50 increments over the next five years. In this way, you would increase the number of donors from the state and eventually help meet the \$250 per member average gift by the end of the campaign.

The SC Society must also recognize that both benchmarks will change as the membership level of the society changes. These changes in the benchmarks will be addressed over time and should not deter the Society from striving to meet the 20 percent participation rate as quickly as possible.

By addressing the participation rate first, a later single significant gift could then dramatically impact the average per member benchmark. For example, Compatriot Sam Powell of the North Carolina Society, who is chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee, announced a gift of \$75,000 to be paid over the next five years when he spoke at the National Congress about the new campaign. While this one gift did not increase the number of donors for the NC Society, it did increase the average gift per member amount from \$106.35 to \$207.56.

To aid in the generation of this type of significant gift, the Capital Campaign Committee has allowed any large pledge to be spread out over the five year period of Phase II of the campaign.

If you have not donated to the Center for Advancing American Heritage, please consider doing so. If you do decide to donate, please keep the \$250 dollar per member benchmark in mind.

If you have given to the Center for Advancing American Heritage in the past, please consider an additional donation, especially if you are able to bring your total donation up to or above the \$250 level. By increasing your donated amount, you will increase the average per member amount as well.

## \$999 - \$500

Ladson A. Barnes Jr.  
Eldon D. Bullington  
J. Michael Farr

## \$499 - \$250

Capt. Dean J. Hewitt Jr.  
Edward P. King  
Gregory H. Ohanesian  
South Carolina Society SAR\*\*  
Evelyn P. Tollison\*\*

## \$249 - \$101

James C. Antisdell  
Major Gassiway H. Berry  
Warren W. Carothers  
James H. Gressett Jr.  
Frank O. Meade  
Gilbert A. Smith

## \$100 and below

Joe M. Alexander  
William T. Allgood  
Ronald D. Althoff  
Richard G. Augur  
O. Heyward Bellamy Jr.  
Jay D. Bilyeu  
Dr. Gorman L.D. Burnett  
Dr. James R. Carroll  
William H. Chandler  
Furman F. Cole  
Col. Chester F. Cotter  
William H. Culley  
Capt. C. Dean Cullison  
Dr. Max A. Culp  
Dr. Samuel P. Davis Sr.  
Dr. Fletcher C. Derrick Jr.  
Lt. Col. Harvey M. Dick  
Douglas B. Doster  
George W. Dudley Jr.  
Henry L. DuRant  
Julian H. Foster  
Harold R. Gault Sr.  
Rev. George B. Goldsmith Jr.  
Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, SCSSAR\*\*  
Greenville Chapter, NSDAR\*\*  
George B. Hartness  
George B. Hodgkiss Jr.  
Hugh C. Horry  
John P. Jennings  
Elder H. Jones Sr.  
Joseph F. Kirby  
Herbert D. Kleine  
Francis W. Lachicotte IV  
W. Thomas Logan  
B. Scott McConnell  
Earl W. McCrackin  
Robert C. McQuillan Sr.  
The Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peeples  
William L. Perry  
Nancy S. Pitts\*\*  
William C. Prewitt  
John L. Ramsey  
Brig. Gen. Francis D. Rogers Jr.  
Dr. Benjamin F. Sheftall  
Ernest J. Sifford Jr.  
The Honorable Carl J. Smith  
Jasper K. Smith  
Robert P. Smith  
Rev. Homer L. Stewart  
John R. Stillwagon Jr.  
Wendell H. Tiller Sr.  
Dean V. Traxler  
James D. Trout Jr.  
Max B. Trout  
James S. Trowbridge  
David C. Waters  
Lt. Jg. Richard G. Watson Jr.  
Howard H. Whitehurst  
Dr. Ward C. Worthington Jr.

\*\*Not an individual member of the Sons of the American Revolution

State Society	Membership	Donors	Percent Donating	Total \$	Average \$
South Carolina	690	78	11.3%	\$10,230	\$14.83
North Carolina	741	84	11.3%	\$153,806	\$207.56
Tennessee	847	59	7.0%	\$47,892	\$56.54
Georgia	1,465	128	8.7%	\$104,731	\$74.49
Florida	1,627	135	8.3%	\$80,037	\$49.19

Out of the 52 recognized societies, only two have currently met the established benchmarks:

State Society	Membership	Donors	Percent Donating	Total \$	Average \$
District of Columbia	249	51	20.5%	\$184,656	\$741.59
Delaware	289	75	26.0%	\$114,345	\$395.66

The Capital Campaign Committee has stated that these benchmarks should be met by the 2013 campaign end date. The question now becomes how the SC Society will meet these established benchmarks.

First, it is obvious that the participation rate benchmark is the easiest one to meet. To meet it, the Society must have 138 donors, which means we only need to double the current number of donors.

Second, the level of donations that the SC Society will have to generate to meet the second benchmark is \$172,500 based on current membership levels. This is a large number when compared to

The following lists the 71 compatriots from the SC Society who have already donated to the Center for Advancing American Heritage. As a member of the Task Force that is currently working to design the educational space within the center, let me offer my thanks to each of you for your gifts in the past that have brought the Sons of the American Revolution to this exciting moment in time.

## \$1,000 plus

Mark C. Anthony  
Abner P. Stockman Jr.  
William B. Ten Eyck



# Summary of Business conducted at the July Board of Governors meeting

COLUMBIA—The Board of Governors quarterly meeting took place at the Northeast Branch of the Richland County Public Library in Columbia.

The reports package prepared before the meeting contained reports from all 16 chapters, 20 of the 22 committees, and 14 of the 16 officers.

Reports were also given on the following events and commemorations that the SC Society or respective chapters have sponsored.

- Buford's Massacre — Sponsored by the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter with 25 SARs in attendance.

- Carolina Day — Sponsored by the Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter with 30 SARs in attendance

President Paul Grier reported on the events of the National Congress. The SC Society was represented by President Grier, Past President and National Trustee Rick Corbett, and Compatriot Bill Allgood. President Grier also presented the awards that the South Carolina Society and its members received at the Congress.

Old business concerned the following items:

- Compatriot Mark Anthony reported that the State Society had obtained possession of the state's US, SC and SAR flags along with flag stands and streamers. The public address system has also been located and will be returned shortly.

- A new membership directory was discussed. Due to the cost of producing a hard copy, the State Society determined to produce a membership directory through a members only section on the SC Society's web site. This would be accessed through a login and password that will be disseminated on the back of the membership card that each member will receive once dues are paid. The membership directory on the web site will be updated monthly. For those members who do not have access to a computer, a hard copy of the directory will be provided each chapter secretary for dissemination.

The following new business items were discussed:

- The committee structure was addressed as follows:

- The Chapter Revitalization and Endowment Fund committees were abolished

- *The Palmetto Patriot* and Webmaster committees were combined into a new Publicity & Communications Committee. This new committee will be chaired by the senior vice president, and members will consist of the *Palmetto Patriot* editor, publisher and the webmaster.

- The new 2014 Congress Planning Committee was announced. This committee is chaired by Compatriot Mark Anthony and will prepare the formal bid for the National Congress. Additional details will be forthcoming.

- A new officers manual was introduced. This manual includes information on the various SAR programs and provides procedural guidance related to various functions. This manual will be provided through the SC Society web site.

- A new brochure providing a summary of all SAR youth programs was introduced. Copies will be made available shortly.

- The 2009 annual meeting date and location was announced as April 17-18, 2009 in Santee, SC. The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter will be the sponsoring chapter. Further details will be announced closer to the date.

- A brief discussion over the agreement between the SCSSAR and the Columbiana Library took place. Currently, no formal archival agreement is in place. The Columbiana currently only holds various member files and other records. These files and records are not available to the general public. Also, the Columbiana is no longer accepting new submissions. Compatriot Rick Corbett will continue to discuss this issue with the library and will provide options at the next board meeting.

- The condition of the gravesite of Gen. Francis Marion was discussed. The Gen. Francis Marion Chapter volunteered to undertake that upkeep of this gravesite as an ongoing project. Among the items discussed were the availability of a grant to the DAR for certain aspects of this gravesite as well as the possibility of asking the State of South Carolina to consider purchasing the immediate gravesite land.

- The Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter approached the State Society concerning a new award for excellence in patriotism. After much discussion, the

item was referred back to chapter for further consideration.

At this point of the meeting, with another four items to be considered in new business, the number of attendees fell below the required quorum number. Because of this, these items could not be acted on and will be carried over to the October board of governors meeting as old business.

Before the recessional was heard, the following announcements were made:

- The neckties the SCSSAR has sold in the past are sold out. The possibility of a new order for future sale will be explored and a report made at the next board of governors meeting.

- The Colonial Ball Committee has signed a contract with the Charleston Place Hotel for the 2010 Colonial Debutante Ball. Details and application forms will be announced in the near future.

- The Kings Mountain Celebration will take place Tuesday, Oct. 7.

- The Musgrove's Mill Celebration would take place Saturday, Aug. 16.

## Chapter Check Up: How 'Healthy' Is Your Chapter?

By Ted R. Morton, Jr.  
Vice President, Chapter Revitalization

Do you remember when you made your last visit to your doctor for an annual physical (or wellness exam as they are sometimes called)? Or to your dentist? When did you last take your car in for service, even the routine oil change and lubrication? And let's not forget financial monitoring, both personal and business: you do check the bank statements, don't you?

The answer for all of these questions is the same: to ensure good health for ourselves, our vehicles, our finances.

Now apply those same questions to your SAR chapter: are the chapter officers and members regularly examining the chapter to see if it is maintaining good health, operating well and making good use of resources to help fulfill the objectives of NSSAR, the South Carolina Society and achieve local goals the chapter has set for itself? A quick — and honest! — survey of the South Carolina scene will reveal that some of our chapters are not in the best of health.

Yes, we did charter a new chapter at the state convention. Yes, we did re-charter a former chapter, and it is doing well. Work is under way to get another of our chapters back on track with the SAR program, and with yet another to help them get reorganized and begin operating like a good chapter.

What are the characteristics of an SAR chapter that is in good standing? Some hallmarks of a strong SAR chapter are regularly scheduled meetings; goals and objectives related to the purpose of SAR on the national, state and local level; continuous recruitment of new members, who are taught the meaning and the responsibilities of SAR membership and are assimilated into chapter work and activities; good communications and networking (including seeing to it that dues are paid timely); and participation in SAR beyond the chapter level (regional meetings; state board meetings; the state convention; and even at the national level).

The last meeting of the SC Society's Board of

Governance (July 19 in Columbia) barely achieved a quorum. Remember Robert's Rules states that an organization that fails to meet the quorum it sets for conducting business is limited to one official action: a motion to adjourn. We transacted some business, but before we completed the agenda we had to adjourn as board members who left early reduced attendance below a quorum. Our next meeting agenda will be even longer when we add the catch-up items from the previous agenda.

Why did your state board encounter that problem? One reason is found in the fact that not all of our 16 chapters had representatives at the meeting. Every chapter is entitled to two representatives at every board meeting, one of whom should be the chapter president. Other chapter members may attend, but only two designated chapter representatives can vote on business items requiring a vote. It should be noted, also, that chapter members serving as state officers cannot represent their home chapter since they vote as a state officer not as a chapter representative (this includes past state presidents: they vote as state board members, not as chapter representatives).

We still have work to do to get our chapters and state board on the same page. Without healthy chapters, we have an ineffective state society. Without a strong state Society, we miss the linkage between our state and the national organization. It takes every level of SAR working together to achieve our purpose in preserving the history of the American Revolution, educating (and continually reeducating) ourselves and others on the values and ideals that made us a nation and taking responsibility as good citizens in our democratic Republic.

What can you do as a state board member, a chapter president or as a member with no title? Ask yourself: have I offered time, talent and a bit of treasure to help SAR measure up to its lofty goals? Is my chapter a healthy organization that seeks ways to make a difference in the work of SAR? SAR works when we can answer Yes. It is hobbled when honesty requires us to answer No. It's just that simple. It's time for an exam. Will you like the findings?





**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN WASHINGTON** — Left photo: The combined National Society SAR Color Guard advances up Constitution Avenue. Right: Mark Anthony, state secretary, in the uniform of the Second South Carolina Continental Line. [Photos by Miles Anthony]

## Mark Anthony represents the SCSSAR at Memorial Day parade in Washington

Mark Anthony, state secretary, represented the SCSSAR in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C., this past Memorial Day.

The May 26 parade followed a two-mile route down Constitution Avenue from the National Archives at Seventh Street to 17th Street, where it

ended between the White House, the Washington Monument and the National World War II Memorial.

Mr. Anthony carried the South Carolina state flag as part of the Combined National Society SAR Color Guard. Members of this color guard were drawn from California, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina and Ohio.

This year, the parade celebrated the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Army Reserves. Among the featured guests were actors Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna, who were the honorary marshals of the parade, actor Mickey Rooney, Miss America 2008 Kirsten Jaglund, Hall of Fame baseball pitcher Bob Feller, and Edith Shain, who was the nurse kissed by a sailor in the picture from Times Square taken on V-J Day.

Interspersed among the marching bands from across the nation and various local groups were wounded veterans, veterans groups and other guests including Medal of Honor recipients from World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

The parade began at 2 p.m. and contained more than 120 units, including many veterans and reenactor groups. At 3 p.m. the entire parade paused for the playing of Taps and the observance of the National Moment of Remembrance. The final units of the parade were comprised of massed platoons from all branches of the United States Military.

## North & South Carolina SAR mark Buford Massacre 228th anniversary

By Greg Ohanesian  
Past President, SCSSAR

LANCASTER COUNTY—Eighty people attended the SCSSAR's 228th anniversary commemora-

tion of Buford's Massacre Saturday, May 24, at the battle site in Lancaster County.

### Battle history

The massacre took place May 27, 1780, at what has since been known as Buford's Crossroad. Col. Abraham Buford was the commander of 300 to 400 men, comprised of a Virginia regiment of infantry and a company of artillery.

British Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton pursued Col. Buford from Nelson's Ferry to Buford near the Waxhaw District. Col. Buford attempted to surrender, but a blood battle ensued, with American casualties numbering 113. Even more were taken prisoner, and 150 of the 253 prisoners were wounded. Tarleton became known as "Bloody Ban."

"Tarleton's Quarter" became a rallying cry for Southern Patriots until the surrender of Gen. Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown because no quarter was given to the Americans who tried to surrender.

### Anniversary event

The event, directed by Greg Ohanesian, past SCSSAR president, included presentations on the significance of the battle by Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III, SCSSAR immediate past president; Sam Powell, NCSSAR president; Henrietta Morton, an SCSSAR honorary regent; and Barbara Ohanesian, SCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary president.

In addition a poem was read by Emily Carnes-Franklin, a descendant of Jacob Carnes, a Patriot who assisted in burying the dead at Buford's Massacre.



Greg Ohanesian (left), past SCSSAR president, greets Sam Powell, president of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution, at Buford's Massacre commemoration May 24. [Photo by Bob Yankle]

### SAR Applications

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to

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