



The Old Waggoner

The Newsletter of the Daniel Morgan Chapter SAR

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Next Meeting: Thursday, 16 February 2017 at 6:00 pm
Location: Wade's Restaurant, 1000 North Pine Street, Spartanburg
Program: The Revolution as Told by its Flags



From the President

Dear Compatriots,

As we start 2017, the start of our 241st year of our Independence, allow me to again wish you and your families the best for a New Year filled with much Happiness and Good Health.

I am honored to serve as your Chapter President, and wish to continue the leadership of Compatriot John Ingle, under whose guidance we were named Chapter of the Year in 2014 and 2015 and also Partners in Patriotism in 2014 and 2015. Thank you, John, and all Compatriots who made these happen.

During this past year I attended the Chartering Ceremony of the first SAR Chapter to be named for a black freeman patriot. The ceremony was attended by National Officers and was held in Havelock, NC and attended by several hundred. Several of us were invited to join the Chapter to help support their growth and we did so. It was a wonderful and historic evening!

It was also my pleasure to represent the Chapter at the Commemoration of the Battle of the Great Canebreaks which was the start of the Snow Campaign.

Soon you will received a brief survey questionnaire that we request for you to complete and email or mail back to me. I am most interested in learning your ideas for our Chapter. It is my hope that more of our members will make the effort to attend the dinner meetings and also SAR events. I also hope to see many of you either January 13 or 14th for the Battle of the Cowpens weekend.

Regards,
John D. Hoyle

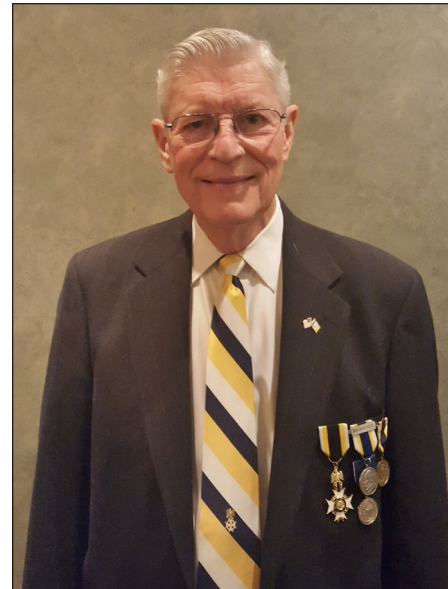


Photo to left: President John Hoyle

Photo below (l-r): 2017 Daniel Morgan Chapter Officers. Chaplain David Johnson, President John Hoyle, Vice President Bill Askins, Treasurer Charles Augur, Registrar John Ingle, Genealogist Marc Oburg, Historian Donny Carson and Secretary Mark Anthony. Both photographs taken by Cindy Anthony.



Cowpens Anniversary Weekend Planned

The Daniel Morgan Chapter will once again host compatriots from around the nation for the 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens. The weekend begins on Friday, 13 January and concludes on Sunday, 15 January 2017.

Events begin on 13 January with a ceremony at the Daniel Morgan Statue located in Downtown Spartanburg. The ceremony begins at 2:30 pm. There will be the presentation of colors by the Massed National SAR Color Guard followed by remarks by representatives of the National Park Service. The ceremony will conclude with the placing of carnations at the base of the statue.

Following this the South Atlantic District of the SAR will conduct its quarterly meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott on Mobile Dr just off the Heaton Traffic Circle at 4:30 pm. All members of the chapter are invited to attend and participate in this opportunity to meet many of the national leaders of the SAR. The meeting will be followed by a reception.

The 13th concludes with a Chautauqua lecture featuring Lt Col Banastre Tarleton in the Barnett Room of the Main Branch of the Spartanburg Library. This lecture is co-sponsored by the South Carolina SAR and the National Park Service. The performance begins at 7:00 pm and is free to the public.

The main events of the celebration will occur on the 14th with the formal wreath laying ceremony scheduled to begin at 10:00 am. This ceremony is preceded by the presentation of colors by the Massed National SAR Color Guard.

Following the wreath laying at the US Monument in front of the main building, the Massed Color Guard will lead a procession out to the Washington Light Infantry Monument for a final wreath laying. Participants will then adjourn to the Fatz Café on Peachoid Road in Gaffney for a Dutch Treat Lunch.

Again, all members of the chapter are encouraged to participate in this annual observance which was the first historic event official recognized as a National event by the SAR.



United States Monument
at Cowpens National Battlefield

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Patriot Biography: Ralph Smith

Member: John T Smith

Ralph Smith was born 28 Aug. 1725 the son of William and Mercy Croasdale Smith of Bucks Co., PA. In 1765 Ralph and family moved to Spartanburg, SC were among the first settlers within the territorial limits of Spartanburg County.

At the start of the American Revolution, he was a justice of the peace, although advanced in years he was able to serve on a wagon train taking supplies to the Americans. He served as a private. He was wounded by the British while making one of his runs and later died in April 1784. Ralph is buried on Arron's Land in Spartanburg County.

He had at least four sons that served in the Revolutionary War: William Smith served as a Captain, Zopher Smith (from whom I am descended) served as a Sergeant, Aaron Smith served as a Lieutenant and was killed in the battle of Cowpens and Samuel Smith who also served as a Lieutenant.

More on the Smiths can be found in *The Greer Citizen*, 17 August 1966, "Pioneer Greer Area Families" by Leonarde Andrea and *The Smith Family*, Chapter IV in Landrum's book *History of Spartanburg County, SC*, page 205.

Revolutionary War Trivia

Nathanael Greene was born 7 August 1742 in Rhode Island. Though he was a Quaker, Greene pursued education beyond basic skills and was enamored with serving in the local militia. Despite organizing a militia company, the Kentish Guards, in August 1774, he was only able to serve as a Private since the company did not want a Captain with a pronounced limp.

Greene was serving in his company during the Siege of Boston when he was promoted from the rank of Private to Major General in the Rhode Island militia on 8 May 1775. He came to the attention of George Washington and was appointed as a Brigadier General by the Continental Congress on 22 June 1775. He was later promoted to Major General on 9 August 1776.

His was later named Quartermaster General on 2 March 1778 but retained his field officer rank and was given command of troops from time to time. On 16 August 1780 he was appointed as the commander of the Continental forces in the Southern Theatre where his greatest successes were achieved in the battles of Hobkirk Hill, Eutaw Springs, Guilford Courthouse, Ninety Six and the Race to the Dan.

Following the Revolution, Greene accepted a plantation awarded to him by the State of Georgia. It was at this plantation that he died from a sun stroke on 19 June 1786 at the age of 43.

The Daniel Morgan Chapter was chartered on 22 May 1950 as the successor to the Spartanburg Chapter which had been organized in 1926.

Upcoming Events:

All event times and dates are subject to change. Please visit the South Carolina SAR or respective state SAR society website for details.

Jan 13	2:30pm	Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony	Spartanburg
Jan 13	4:30pm	South Atlantic District Meeting	Spartanburg
Jan 13	7:00pm	Cowpens Lecture (Main Library Branch)	Spartanburg
Jan 14	10:00am	Anniversary of Cowpens	Chesnee
Jan 21	10:00am	Board of Governors Meeting	Columbia
Jan 28	10:00am	Anniversary of Cowpens Ford	Huntersville, NC
Feb 11	10:00am	Kettle Creek Anniversary	Washington, GA
Feb 16	6:00 pm	Daniel Morgan Chapter Meeting	Spartanburg
Feb 18	10:00am	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA
Feb 25	10:00am	Moore's Creek Bridge Anniversary	Currie, NC
March 2-4	All Day	National SAR Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 18	10:00 am	Guilford Courthouse Anniversary	Greensboro, NC
April 12	10:00 am	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC
April 20	6:00pm	Daniel Morgan Chapter Meeting	Spartanburg
April 21-22	All Day	SC SAR Annual Meeting	Beaufort



Chapter Capsule

The Daniel Morgan Chapter met at Gerhardt's Cafe at 6:00 pm on Thursday, 1 December 2016 with 10 members and 5 guests in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President John Ingle followed by the SAR opening ritual with pledges to the US, South Carolina and SAR flags.

Chapter business began with the approval of the minutes of the October meeting and various reports on chapter activities. The updated plans for the annual Cowpens Anniversary celebration were discussed. This was followed by a discussion of other upcoming events. Chapter Treasurer Charles Augur reported a chapter bank balance of \$850.02. The 2017 chapter budget was presented and approved.

President Ingle then announced various awards recognizing chapter members: 5-year service awards for Charles T Floyd and Charles B Hanna Jr; 10-year service awards for Thomas C Cochran, James R Gibson, David J Johnson and Hal Johnson; 15-year service awards for Steve Blackwell and Don Wilder; 20-year service award for Max Trout and a 30-year service award for Ron Swain. The Lydia Darragh Medal was announced for Sheila Ingle. The Bronze Robert Sherman Medal was announced for Marc Oburg. The Bronze Chapter Distinguished Service Medal was announced for Charles Augur. The Past Chapter President Pin was announced for John Ingle. These awards will be presented later due to a delay in receiving the awards in the mail.

The Nominating Committee slate of officer nominations was presented and approved. The new chapter officers are listed in the upper left hand corner of this page. These officers were inducted by Chapter Secretary Mark C Anthony.

Following the induction, President John Hoyle spoke on his expectations for 2017 and thanked all for their efforts in the past.

The meeting concluded at 8:32 pm.