



*South Carolina Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Americanism Committee*

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Fellow Compatriots:

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mark Anthony and I am a member of the Daniel Morgan Chapter in Spartanburg. SCSSAR Charlie Porter has recently appointed me as Chairman of the newly established SCSSAR Americanism Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to organize and direct the efforts of the SCSSAR to promote the principles of freedom and liberty for all Americans through the many educational and community based programs that the SAR sponsors. These programs include:

- Elementary School Poster Contest
- Eagle Scout Program
- ROTC and JROTC Programs
- The Knight Essay
- Presentation of Medals and Certificates – especially the Flag Certificate
- Classroom Presentations
- Historic Commemorations

I would like to take this moment to make one very important statement – the Americanism Committee does not, nor will it ever, replace the established committees that already oversee specific programs. Instead, this committee seeks only to record and document the participation of the various chapters and members of the SCSSAR in these programs. This documentation is then taken and submitted for various national awards programs.

Each chapter already has established programs that they support. Through the efforts of the Americanism Committee, additional programs can be brought to your attention for consideration. The specific framework for the operation of this committee will be formally introduced as part of an amendment to the State Constitution and By Laws at the next state meeting.

The most visible activity of the Americanism Committee on the national level is through the administration and awarding of the President General's Award and the Americanism Award at the National Congress. Many state committees also award these at the state level. An additional award is the Admiral Furlong Award. This streamer is presented to each state society that has at least half of its chapters as well as the state society present at least one Flag Certificate during the course of the year.

I would like to ask that each chapter president to please select a deserving individual or local business to present a flag certificate to before the end of 2006. To help in this, the state society will be purchasing a Flag Certificate for each chapter. Please expect yours shortly. Once you have presented the certificate, please either email me or phone me with the date of presentation and the recipient. My contact information can be found at the bottom of this page. My email address is already posted on the State website.

You will also find as part of the email that contains this letter an Excel Spreadsheet. This spreadsheet can be used to easily document the activities of your chapter over the past year. The final output of the spreadsheet is the basis for

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the awards submissions for each chapter as well as the state society. I realize that you are getting this at the end of the year and in the middle of the holiday season. I would like to request that you take what time that you can and complete as much of the spreadsheet as possible. Once you have completed it, please send a copy to me for the tabulation of the state society submission.

As with anything new, if you have any questions as to how to complete the worksheet, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In conclusion, it is the aim of the SCSSAR Americanism Committee to help your chapter increase its visibility within its specific community. This increased visibility will allow your chapters to not only increase the participation of its current members but also to attract new members.

I thank each of you for the opportunity to serve the SCSSAR in this capacity.

Yours in Patriotism,

/s/

Mark C. Anthony
Chairman