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## SCSSAR celebrates Patriot victory at Cowpens

By Mark Anthony  
SCSSAR Secretary

SPARTANBURG-CHESNEE — Compatriots from six states celebrated the Patriot victory at the Battle of Cowpens Saturday, Jan. 16.

The day before the commemoration, compatriots gathered in Gaffney at the Super 8 Motel, the traditional SAR headquarters, as Vice President General Sam Powell of North Carolina convened the South Atlantic District meeting. Representatives from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia reported on the activities of their state society since the previous meeting in October. Secretary General David Sympson and Chaplain General Rev. Clark Wisner brought greetings to the assembled compatriots.

After this meeting, all present adjourned to a reception hosted by the South Carolina Society. Compatriots and their wives gathered and socialized before breaking into groups to go to dinner in area restaurants.

The South Carolina Society again demonstrated true Southern hospitality by providing biscuits to the gathered compatriots Saturday morning. During this breakfast, Vice President General Powell presented A.J. and Nita Patel, owners of the Super 8, a SAR Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their hospitality to the SAR over the past number of years.

Saying adieu to the Patels, the SAR members traveled to downtown Spartanburg to begin the day's activities. A massed Color Guard of 35 compatriots gathered at Morgan Square and presented the colors. Chief Ranger Kathy McKay made introductory remarks before inviting those who wished to do so to place a carnation on the base of Gen. Daniel Morgan's statue. This statue was placed in downtown Spartanburg as the highlight of the centennial celebration of Cowpens in 1881.

Leaving Spartanburg, the SAR gathered at Fatz Cafe in Gaffney to have lunch. At this lunch, the SAR number grew to 44 compatriots, which did not include wives accompanying their husbands.

After lunch, the SAR gathered at the visitors center at the battlefield. The massed Color Guard grew to 42 members resulting in three columns used for the presentation of colors. Secretary General Sympson brought greetings from the National Society and began the wreath presentation ceremony. In total, 63 wreaths were presented by members of the SAR, DAR, CAR, Sons of the Revolution and other patriotic organizations.



**COLOR GUARD** — From left: Frank Horton, North Carolina SAR, Richard Bishop, North Carolina SAR, and Mike Tomme, Georgia SAR, lead the SAR Color Guard at Cowpens Jan. 16 [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]



**COWPENS VISIT** — The Indian Land JROTC makes its annual trip to Cowpens Jan. 16. Compatriot Sam Wood Jr. is the senior Army instructor. The Col. William Bratton Chapter sponsors the JROTC Bronze Medal program for the school. [Photo Cole McNeil]



**REENACTORS** — Women in period attire at Battle of Cowpens anniversary celebration. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

**One-day Annual State Meeting Set for April 17 in Columbia.**  
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# From the President's Desk

Fellow Compatriots,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your state president this past year. Having President General Ed Butler to visit us this past fall was a big event, but I have enjoyed attending your meetings and events just as much as I did President General Butler's visit. Each one I attended was a pleasure. Thank you all for your hospitality during my visits.

We had one of the best Colonial Balls ever this past December in Charleston. This is an event we should never let end. I would encourage more of you to become involved on the state level of SCSSAR. We have a fine state organization, and we look for and need fresh input to keep us progressing on the right path.

We as a patriotic organization must continue

to grow or we will perish. Your meetings, programs and events are important. I urge you all to continue this work, which brings attention to our country's forefathers and our Revolutionary War ancestors. We are doing that on the local, state and national levels.

Continue to support our SC Children of the American Revolution. They are an exceptional group of young Americans. Our national SAR programs, such as the Center for Advancing America's Heritage, are accomplishments that will continue for generations to provide a definitive statement of what the NSSAR stands for.

In closing I wish to thank all the state officers and committee chairmen that I have worked with this past year. Your dedication to the SCSSAR as evident in your work made my job

easier. I now ask that as many of our state membership who can to attend our state meeting in Columbia on Saturday, April 17, and be a part of the process of electing new officers.

It is a great time to enjoy meeting and honoring our state award winners and to fellowship with your compatriot friends.

In the Spirit of '76,



Douglas B. Doster

Douglas B. Doster  
President, SCSSAR

*After the Boston Tea Party, where colonists threw 342 chests of British East India tea overboard, Parliament passed the Boston Port Bill, blockading the harbor and starving the inhabitants.*

*The Committee of Correspondence sent word to the other Colonies, who called a Day of Fasting and Prayer, June 1, 1774, "to seek divine direction and aid."*

*In August 1774, William Prescott led the men of Pepperell, Massachusetts, to deliver many loads of rye, telling Boston's inhabitants: "We heartily sympathize with you, and are always ready to do all in our power for your support, comfort and relief, knowing that Providence has placed you where you must stand the first shock. We consider that we are all embarked in (the same boat) and must sink or swim together."*

*Prescott continued: "Let us all be of one heart, and stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. And may He, of His infinite mercy, grant us deliverance of all our troubles." From the American Minute with Bill Federer (www.AmericanMinute.com).*

## SCSSAR Americanism Update

The following points are as of Feb. 22.

Chapter	Americanism	PG Streamer	Stark	PG Cup
Gen. Daniel Morgan	1,565	130	0	33.24 11
Col. Robert Anderson	290	60	0	9.72 8
Gen. James Williams	280	65	0	13.80 9
Cambridge	250	160	0	13.23 8
Col. Thomas Taylor	125	100	0	3.08 6
Col. William Bratton	85	25	0	6.88 6
Gen. Andrew Pickens	75	20	0	4.75 3
Col. Joseph Kershaw	65	0	0	5.91 1
Gov. Paul Hamilton	50	70	0	2.86 3
Battle of Eutaw Springs	40	25	0	2.10 4
Dr. George Mosse	25	0	0	0.78 1
Godfrey Dreher	25	0	0	3.57 1
Gen. Francis Marion	10	5	0	1.15 1
Lemuel Benton	0	10	0	0.22 1
Henry Laurens	0	5	0	0.31 1
Maj. Gen. William Moultrie	0	5	0	0.05 1
Col. Matthew Singleton	0	0	0	0.00 0
<b>South Carolina Society</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.18 19</b>

The committee has completed tabulation for the 2009 contest year and submitted an entry for each chapter to the National Committee. The final results will be made available after the 2010 Annual State Meeting.

Points must be reported in 23 categories for consideration for the national President General's Cup contest. These point totals are based on information that has been supplied to the committee through the National Office, the various chapters or direct observation. If the event is not reported, it cannot be recorded. Please be sure to contact the chairman if you have any questions or need copies of the spreadsheets that are used.

The categories reported above include points generated for the USS 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.

Mark C. Anthony  
Chairman, SCSSAR Americanism Committee

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**The deadline for the Summer Edition of The Palmetto Patriot is May 17.**

# 121st Annual State Meeting set for Columbia

COLUMBIA — In response to suggestions from members, the South Carolina Society Board of Governors made changes to the structure of the Annual State Meeting.

Starting this year, the Annual State Meeting will be a one-day event hosted by the SC Society and not one specific chapter. This helps members to not miss work to attend the meeting.

This is a change from the past in which a business session took place on Friday with a formal meal followed by a business session on Saturday followed by the state awards and installation luncheon. Both meals will be on Saturday.

### Awards and banquets

As in previous years, the Annual State Meeting is the venue where the SC Society recognizes winners of its youth programs as well as outstanding chapter and individual accomplishments. In previous years, this often meant that the awards and installation luncheon would last from two to three hours. This has also been addressed in the announced changes for 2010.

On Saturday, April 17, the SC Society will host the youth awards luncheon. At this luncheon, the SC Society will award medals, certificates and cash awards to the winners of the Americanism Poster Contest, Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Knight Essay Contest and the State Scholarship. The SC Society will also recognize its Outstanding Educator.

In the evening, the SC Society will host its state awards and installation banquet. At this banquet, the SC Society will recognize the outstanding chapters and individual members for their work during the previous year. Following the recognition of these winners, the new state officers for the 2010-2011 year will be installed.

### State Meeting headquarters

The SC Society has chosen the Clarion Town House Hotel at 1615 Gervais St. as the venue for the meeting. This hotel has a long history of hosting meetings of the SC Society and DAR as well as other lineage organizations.

The SC Society has arranged with the Clarion to provide rooms on Friday and Saturday night. Rooms are available in the Courtyard at \$85 per night plus tax (two double beds or a single king bed) as well as in the Tower at \$99 per night plus tax (two queen beds or a single king bed). A block of rooms has been reserved for each night.

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 803-771-8711 or 800-277-8711. Please be sure to identify yourself as an SAR member to get the special rate.



Clarion Hotel Columbia

### Agenda

Following is a synopsis of the schedule of events.

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Annual Memorial Service
9:30 a.m. – noon	Business Session 1
12:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Youth Awards Luncheon
2:45 – 5:30 p.m.	Business Session 2
6 – 6:45 p.m.	President's Reception
7 – 9:30 p.m.	State Awards and Installation Banquet

A special program for spouses and guests is being planned. Please check the SC Society website

(www.scssar.org) for further details as they are finalized.

### Registration details

The registration fee for the 2010 Annual State Meeting is \$95, which includes both meals. A la carte pricing is available for spouses and guests.

The registration form below should be returned to the state secretary no later than April 10.

### Members invited

The Annual Meeting is for the entire membership. This meeting has often been thought of as a special meeting for just the members of the Board of Governors. This is not the case.

The primary difference between a regular Board of Governors meeting and the Annual State Meeting is that the Annual State Meeting is the only meeting at which state officers are elected and the SC Society Constitution and Bylaws can be amended. A second difference is that each chapter is assigned a specific number of voting delegates based on membership. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please contact your chapter leaders and volunteer.

The Annual State Meeting is a great opportunity for each member to learn about the programs of the state society as well as to learn about all the good work that is going on within the state society.

## SCSSAR 121st Annual Meeting

### Registration Form

Deadline for registration — April 10

Name _____		
Chapter _____	Title _____	State Office _____
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____	E-mail _____	
Name of Spouse or other Guest _____		
SAR Member Registration Fee	\$95 x _____	= \$ _____
SAR Member Registration Fee (includes either the Youth Awards Luncheon or State Awards and Installation Banquet)	\$75 x _____	= \$ _____
Circle which meal you will attend: Youth Awards Luncheon / Awards and Installation Banquet		
Non-SAR Member / Guest of SAR Member (Youth Awards Luncheon only)	\$25 x _____	= \$ _____
Non-SAR Member / Guest of SAR Member (State Awards and Installation Banquet only)	\$50 x _____	= \$ _____
Non-SAR Member / Guest of SAR Member (includes Youth Awards Luncheon and State Awards and Installation Banquet)	\$75 x _____	= \$ _____
Total amount enclosed		\$ _____

Please make check payable to SCSSAR and send check along with registration form to Mark C. Anthony, Secretary, SC Society SAR, P.O. Box 10048, Greenville, SC 29603-0048.

## Thomas Paine

### 1776 — Common Sense

*Everything that is right or reasonable pleads for separation. The blood of the slain, the weeping voice of nature cries; tis time to part.*

From The Patriot Post  
(www.patriotpost.net)

# Proposed Amendments to SCSSAR Constitution and Bylaws

As required by Article VI of the Constitution and Article XI of the Bylaws, the following proposed amendments are being published in this edition of *The Palmetto Patriot* for distribution to all members at least 15 days ahead of the Annual State Meeting, April 17, in Columbia. The proposed amendments have been reviewed by the State Chancellor.

## AMENDMENT 1) CONSTITUTION:

**ARTICLE IV** — Officers, Board of Governors, National Trustee, Alternate National Trustee, Delegates to Annual Congress, Executive Committee

**Motion:** To amend Article IV of the Constitution by deleting the entire Article and replacing it with the following text in italics:

### *Article IV — Administration of the State Society*

#### *Section 1: General Administration*

*The administration of the general affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, and the Officers of the Society. Whenever the Board of Governors is not in session, the administration of the Society shall be vested in the Officers or the Executive Committee.*

#### *Section 2: Board of Governors*

*(a) The Board of Governors shall consist of the National Trustee, the Alternate National Trustee, the elected officers of the Society during their terms of office, all living past presidents of the Society, and two members from each Chapter in the Society consisting of the chapter president and one additional member selected by the Chapter, and the chairs of each committee appointed by the President of the Society.*

*(b) The Board of Governors shall perform such duties as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws and as may be committed to it at any meeting of the Society.*

*(c) The Board of Governors or President of the Society may delegate specific duties or responsibilities to permanent or ad hoc committees that are established by either the Board of Governors or the President of the Society. The President shall appoint the chairman, except where such chairmanship is defined within the Constitution and/or Bylaws, and approve the membership of the following committees.*

- (i) Americanism*
- (ii) Historic Sites & Patriot Graves*
- (iii) Medals & Awards*
- (iv) Membership & Retention*
- (v) Nominating*
- (vi) Publicity & Communications*
- (vii) Such other committees as may be deemed advisable.*

#### *Section 3: Executive Committee*

*(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Past President of the Society appointed by the President.*

*(b) The Executive Committee shall be the custodian of all property, real and personal, belonging to the Society. The Executive Committee shall meet from time to time as necessary between the meetings of the Board of Governors to manage the business and affairs of the Society and perform such duties as may be committed to it by any meeting of the Society, provided, that it shall not have power to sell, convey, or encumber any real estate belonging to the Society or incur any liability other than for ordinary current expenses, except when it be ordered at a meeting of the Society by a two-thirds (2/3s) vote of the members present.*

*(c) Any actions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to ratification at the subsequent meeting of the Board of Governors.*

#### *Section 4: Officers*

*(a) The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Senior Vice President, five (5) regional Vice Presidents, a Vice-President for Chapter Renewal and Revitalization, a Vice-President for Chapter Formation and Development, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Endowment Trust Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain, a Historian, a Chancellor, a Genealogist and an Auditor.*

*(b) The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society; and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are qualified, elected, and installed.*

*(c) The officers shall serve without compensation in such capacities except for the reimbursement of ordinary expenses incurred in the performance of their office as provided for in the annual budget of the Society.*

*(d) The duties of the officers shall be such as their titles shall, by custom, indicate and as may be defined within the Bylaws of the Society or as assigned by the President, the Board of Governors, or the Executive Committee.*

*(e) No officer of the South Carolina Society shall hold any elective or ex officio office of any other State Society.*

#### *Section 5: National Officers and Delegates*

*(a) National Trustee: The Society shall nominate one (1) member each year to be elected by the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to serve as National Trustee. The National Trustee shall be considered the Head Delegate to the Annual Congress from the Society.*

*(b) Alternate National Trustee: The Society shall nominate one (1) member each year to be elected by the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to serve as Alternate National Trustee.*

*(c) Delegates to Annual Congress: The Society shall elect a Delegate At Large to attend the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and such other Delegates as it may be entitled to as defined and assigned by the National Society. Said delegates to be selected in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society.*

Furthermore, it is moved that all affected numbering in other sections of the Constitution and Bylaws be changed based on the approval of this motion.

**Rationale:** In reviewing other non-profit organizations' constitution and bylaws, it was apparent that the structure of the SC Society SAR's Constitution did not match these other documents with regard to outlining and defining the administrative functions of the Society. Furthermore, the administrative structure was defined in both the Constitution and the Bylaws. These should be defined in one place within the Constitution.

The proposed amendment provides the necessary structure and definition of how the Society is administered. By providing this structure and definition, the duties and limitations of each entity or individual are specifically outlined.

Additional changes have been made are outlined as follows:

#### **Section 2: Board of Governors**

(a) The members of the Board of Governors have been redefined specifically with respect to the representation from the chapters and the language made a little clearer.

(b) The Publicity & Communications Committee has been made a permanent committee of the Society by the National Congress.

(c) The power to form and appoint members to committees is specifically defined.

#### **Section 3: Executive Committee**

(a) The size of the Executive Committee has been reduced from 20 members to five members to allow for greater efficiency. As a note, the Executive Committee has only met four times in the last two years and two of those meetings were by e-mail. Both of these meetings were difficult to obtain positive votes without direct contact from the State Secretary to the various members. This reduction in size will increase the ability of the Executive Committee to meet and address business as it comes up. Also, the proposed membership is more in line with other non-profit Executive Committees.

(b) By replacing the National Trustee with a Past State President, this allows the immediate Past State President to remain on the Executive Committee by virtue of this state title instead of through the National Trustee office. The Society has previously stated that the preferred manner of succession is for the outgoing State President to have the "right of first refusal" on being the National Trustee nominee. Thus, this is more of a change in name than a purposeful exclusion of a member. Furthermore, if the immediate past president is not willing or not capable of holding the office of National Trustee, this provides a mechanism to allow for the appointment of another individual.

#### **Section 4: Officers**

(a) Clarification is provided on Officer Expense Accounts

(b) Clarification is given with respect to the ability of members to serve in chapters of other state societies as well as within the SC Society, which also clarifies the relationship between the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors.

## AMENDMENT 2) CONSTITUTION:

### ARTICLE V — ANNUAL MEETING, SPECIAL MEETINGS, QUORUM

#### SECTION 1

**Motion:** To amend the definitions of the various meetings of the Society as found in Article V of the Constitution by deleting the article in its entirety and replacing it with the following text in italics:

### *Article V — Meetings and Quorum*

#### *Section 1 — Board of Governors Meetings*

*(a) The Board of Governors shall meet at least quarterly, including the Annual Meeting. The normal quarterly meeting shall be on the third Saturday of each quarter except when such dates conflicts with a National Society event, commemoration, or religious holiday. In the event of a conflict the State President shall have the discretion to move the date of the meeting by seven (7) days.*

*(b) The business of the Board of Governors Meeting shall consist of the reception of quarterly activity reports by the officers, chapters, and committee chairmen as well as other such business that needs to be transacted unless specifically defined within another meeting.*

#### *Section 2 — Annual Meeting*

*(a) The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held each year between January 1 and forty (40) days prior to the Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on a date, excepting Easter weekend, and at a place designated by vote of the Board of Governors.*

*(b) The business of the Annual Meeting shall consist of the reception of the annual reports of the officers, chapters, and committee chairmen, the election and installation of officers, the amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws, and any other business that needs to be transacted.*

*(c) Notice of the Annual meeting will be given to each member in the Spring Edition of The Palmetto Patriot at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting specifying time and place.*

*(d) The Annual Meeting shall conclude with an Awards Banquet, the Installation of Officers, and an address by the incoming State President.*

#### *Section 3 — Special Meetings*

*(a) Special meetings may be called by the President, and shall be called by him when so directed by the Board of Governors or when so requested by fifteen (15) members of the Society representing at least twenty-five (25%) of the Chapters in the Society.*

*(b) Notice of a Special Meeting must be given to each member specifying the date and place of the meeting as well as the business to be transacted at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. This notice can include, but is not limited to, publication in The Palmetto Patriot or a notice mailed to each member whether by regular mail or by electronic format.*

*(c) The business of a Special Meeting shall be limited to the business published in the required meeting notice.*

#### *Section 4 — Quorum*

*(a) Provided that no member can be counted more than once in establishing the quorum, a quorum will be defined as having a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the elected officers including either the President or Senior Vice President and at least one (1) representative from twenty-five percent (25%) of the chapters of the Society.*

*(b) A quorum shall be established at the beginning of a meeting. In the event of the failure to meet a quorum, the only action that can be taken is an adjournment.*

**Rationale:** The purpose of this amendment is to specifically define the types of meetings that can be held on the state level. It also provides a simpler definition of a

quorum that applies to all meetings of the Society.

The definition of the various types of meetings also allows for the formal definition of (1) when a specific type of meeting can be held, (2) the type of business that can be conducted at the specific meeting, and (3) the definition of any special notification requirements.

With respect to the new definition of a quorum, this change has been proposed due to the difficulty to generate a quorum at almost every Society meeting since the 2008 Annual Meeting. This is in spite of the fact that each announcement of meetings sent to chapter officers and advertised in *The Palmetto Patriot* includes statements inviting all members to attend even if they do not hold a state office or appointment.

This issue has caused great difficulties and stress to those who attend these meetings and limits the ability of the Society to function at a minimal level.

As currently defined, the minimum number necessary for quorum is 22 assuming that there are no duplications of duties. The proposed definition drops this number to 15.

Given the attendance over the past 18 months, this is a more realistic number to obtain unless higher attendance is generated.

**AMENDMENT 3) BYLAWS:  
ARTICLE IV: Officers  
SECTION 3: Senior Vice President**

**Motion:** To amend the definition of the duties of the Senior Vice President found in Bylaws Article IV, Section 3, by deleting the underlined sections and inserting the bold text as follows:

(a) *The Senior Vice President shall assist the President in the general supervision over of the affairs of the Society and shall represent the Society at Chapter meetings or other affairs, which when the President is unable to attend.*

(b) *In the absence of the President, he will preside over meetings of the Society or the Board of Governors and, in the event of death, disability or resignation of the President, he will assume the duties of the President until a new President is elected at the annual a special meeting of the Society. Such service as an interim president shall not disqualify the Senior Vice President from serving a full term as President at the conclusion of his term as Senior Vice President.*

(c) *The Senior Vice President shall have oversight of Society communications especially the Palmetto Patriot Editor, the Palmetto Patriot Publisher, Webmaster, and Public Relations Chairman. The Senior Vice President shall coordinate educational and youth activities of the State Society serve as the chairman of the Membership & Retention Committee and the Publicity & Communications Committee.*

(d) *The Senior Vice President will be considered the designated nominee for President under normal circumstances. Under normal circumstances nNo member of the Society shall be nominated for Senior Vice President unless he has served at least one (1) term in another office of the Board of Governors within the past five (5) years.*

**Rationale:** This amendment seeks to eliminate and clarify a number of functions that are assigned to the Senior Vice President that are more correctly the function of committee chairmen. Clarification is also provided through grammatical corrections as to the expected succession of the Senior Vice President into other officers. Finally, the method of serving in the event of the loss of a State President is specifically defined.

These changes are being proposed to provide specific guidelines on the role and function of the Senior Vice President in lieu of it functioning as "catch all position." Finally, the appropriate names of certain committees have been updated.

**Section as Amended:**

(a) *The Senior Vice President shall assist the President in the general supervision of the affairs of the Society and shall represent the Society at Chapter meetings or other affairs when the President is unable to attend.*

(b) *In the absence of the President, he will preside over meetings of the Society and in the event of death, disability or resignation of the President, he will assume the duties of the President until a new President is elected at a special meeting of the Society. Such service as an interim president shall not disqualify the Senior Vice President from serving a full term as President at the conclusion of his term as Senior Vice President.*

(c) *The Senior Vice President shall serve as the chairman of the Membership & Retention Committee and*

## Dr. Benjamin Rush

*"Let the children . . . be carefully instructed in the principles and obligations of the Christian religion. This is the most essential part of education. The great enemy of the salvation of man, in my opinion, never invented a more effectual means of extirpating Christianity from the world than by persuading mankind that it was improper to read the Bible at schools."*

*He continued in the same letter:*

*"The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty."*

*March 28, 1787, open letter "To the citizens of Philadelphia: A Plan for Free Schools." [www.faithofourfathers.net](http://www.faithofourfathers.net)*

## Roll Call of the Departed

**Edward Louis Warmoth** of the Matthew Singleton chapter died Jan. 2, 2009.

**Paul V. Braden** of the Dr. George Mosse chapter died Jan. 10, 2009.

**Harlan Robert Edge**, an at large member, died Sept. 26.

**G. Kingman Hodgkiss Jr.** of the Maj. Gen. William Moultrie chapter died Oct. 1.

**Albert Clinton Gossett Jr.** of the Col. Robert Anderson chapter died Oct. 17.

**William James Clement** of the Gen. Daniel Morgan chapter died Nov. 15.

**Monroe Brown** of the Col. Matthew Singleton chapter died Dec. 29.

**John Woodson Rabb Sr.** of the Col. Joseph Kershaw chapter died Feb. 10.

**Phillip St. John Moore**, a founding member and past president of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter, died Feb. 22.

the Publicity & Communications Committee.

(d) *The Senior Vice President will be considered the designated nominee for President under normal circumstances. No member of the Society shall be nominated for Senior Vice President unless he has served at least one (1) term in another office of the Board of Governors within the past five (5) years.*

**AMENDMENT 4) BYLAWS:  
ARTICLE IV: Officers**

Provided that the motion to amend the Constitution — Article IV is approved, the following motion is made:  
*To delete sections 15 and 16 from Article IV since they have been incorporated within the new Article IV of the Constitution.*

**Rationale:** This eliminates sections that are being reassigned to other sections of the Constitution and Bylaws.

If Amendment 1, related to this proposal, is not passed, this amendment will be withdrawn since it will be moot.

**AMENDMENT 5) BYLAWS:  
ARTICLE VI — Elections  
SECTION 6**

**Motion:** To amend the definition of the members allowed to vote at the meetings of the Society found in Bylaws Article VI, Section 6 by deleting the current Section 6 and replacing it with the text as follows:

*Members in good standing with the Society shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting of the Society and at any properly called meeting of the Society unless specifically prohibited by National or State Bylaws.*

## 2010-2011 Meetings

The schedule for the South Carolina Society Board of Governors Meetings has been set through the end of 2011. The schedule below also includes National Society meetings and South Atlantic District meetings. The location and time of each meeting will be announced closer to the date and communicated through chapter officers and the state website ([www.scssar.org](http://www.scssar.org)) if it is not listed next to the meeting date. All SCSSAR members are invited to attend these meetings.

**2010 Meetings**

**March 26:** SC Society, DAR Annual Meeting, Columbia.

**April 17:** SC Society Annual State Meeting, Columbia — 8:30 a.m., Clarion Town House Hotel, 1615 Gervais St.

**April 23:** South Atlantic District Annual Meeting, Charlotte, N.C.

**June 26-30:** NSSAR Annual Congress, Cleveland, Ohio, Marriott Renaissance Hotel, 24 Public Square.

**July 7-11:** NSDAR Continental Congress, Washington, D.C.

**July 17:** SC Society Board of Governors Meeting, Columbia — 10 a.m.

**Sept. 24-25:** NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

**Oct. 6:** South Atlantic District, Gaffney — 4 p.m.

**Oct. 16:** SC Society Board of Governors Meeting, Columbia — 10 a.m.

**2011 Meetings**

**Jan. 14:** South Atlantic District, Gaffney — 4 p.m.

**Jan. 22:** SC Society Board of Governors Meeting, Columbia — 10 a.m.

**March 4-5:** NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

**March 24-26:** SC Society Children of the American Revolution State Conference

**April 15:** South Atlantic District Annual Meeting, Columbia

**April 16:** SC Society Annual State Meeting, Columbia — 8:30 a.m.

**June 29 - July 3:** NSDAR Continental Congress, Washington, D.C.

**July 9-13:** NSSAR National Congress, Winston-Salem, N.C.

**July 16:** SC Society Board of Governors Meeting, Columbia — 10 a.m.

**Sept. 23-24:** NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

**Oct. 6:** South Atlantic District Meeting, Gaffney — 4 p.m.

**Oct. 15:** SC Society Board of Governors Meeting, Columbia — 10 a.m.

*Such voting members must be registered and pay any applicable fees prior to the meeting. No member shall be allowed to cast more than one ballot irrespective of held multiple offices on a chapter, state, or national level. The presiding officer shall be allowed to vote in any meeting.*

**Rationale:** The current wording of the Bylaws implies that only those members who are named members of the Board of Governors or named as a Delegate to the Annual Meeting have the right to vote. This implication is seen as a primary contributor to the lack of attendance at society meetings whereby the limitation of the franchise leads to an attitude of "why should I attend."

As proposed, this restated section clearly states that each attendee of a meeting has the right to vote unless specifically prohibited by a National or State Bylaw. As of this date, the only prohibition to voting is that Junior Members are not allowed to vote on a National level due to that classification of membership.

This change also eliminates the requirement for delegates to the Annual Meeting assigned by chapter size. While the establishment of delegates was seen as a necessary step to prevent smaller chapters from not having an equal voice at the Annual Meeting, this concern has not been a factor in the past three Annual Meetings. Instead, it contributes to the issue of obtaining a quorum in only the host chapters or chapters with between 10 and 20 members having been able to send a full delegation to these Annual Meetings.

In summary, the main rationale for this proposed amendment is to eliminate perceived barriers to attendance at Society meetings and to make participation more inclusive.

# Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

## Cambridge installs officers, names Outstanding Patriot

GREENWOOD — Cambridge Chapter officers for 2010 were installed by SAR State Secretary Mark C. Anthony of Greer, at the chapter's Patriot Dinner Feb. 9.

Eric K. Williams, a retired National Park Service ranger, will serve a second year as chapter president. Thomas L. O'Dell will serve as vice president. L. Brabham Dukes Jr. will serve another term as treasurer, and Ted R. Morton Jr. will serve another term as secretary. John W. Dukes Jr. is registrar. J.C. Wofford is genealogist, and Gilbert Smith continues as parliamentarian.

The Cambridge Chapter named Steven D. Smith, associate director in the Applied Research Division of the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology as an "Outstanding Patriot." Smith was cited for his work in the search for Francis Marion. Smith presented an illustrated program on archaeological work on the Siege at Fort Motte.

The chapter's Gen. James Williams Outstanding Patriot Award memorializes Brig. Gen. James Williams, South Carolina Militia and Laurens district planter, who was mortally wounded attaining the Patriot victory at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Inaugurated in 2003, the award has been made to Lt. Col. Joel E. Rexford, U.S. Army (Retired) of Clinton for leading research efforts with JROTC cadets in locating lost Revolutionary War battle sites.

William T. Graves, attorney and author of Charlotte, N.C., for his biography of James Williams.

Idella Bodie of Aiken, educator, historian and author of Revolutionary War biographies and histories written for young people.

Elizabeth D. McKinney of Clinton, for inspiring her family to contribute for a permanent display at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site the Williams commemorative pistol awarded the Williams family by North Carolina after the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Others receiving the award have been Dianne Tucker Culbertson of Gray Court, who with her late husband, Charles, developed the Colonial Village at Gray Court and has assisted in numerous historic preservation projects.

Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss of Blacksburg, retired professor of history at Limestone College, for his pioneering work that has preserved the deeds and records of Patriot soldiers and others in South Carolina who won the War for Independence.

Sagen Blackwell of Woodruff, a past president of the SC Society of the Children of the American Revolution, whose leadership in fund-raising for the National Wounded Warriors program has resulted in gifts exceeding \$150,000.

## Col. William Bratton Chapter elects new officers

ROCK HILL — The Col. William Bratton Chapter conducted its annual officer elections Jan. 14. The following members were elected: President, John Marker; Vice President, Greg Greenawalt and Secretary-Treasurer Mark Starnes.



**GEORGE MOSSE CHAPTER OFFICERS** — Paul Grier, past state president, installs new officers from left: Robert P. Smith, Registrar; Arthur B. Elliott III, Historian; Robert E. H. Peeples, Chaplain; Gordon Kiddoo, Treasurer; Atlee C. Compher, Vice President; and Terry J. Block, President. Secretary Thomas E. Senf was not present. The installation of new officers took place Dec. 2 at a chapter luncheon at the TidePointe Retirement Center on Hilton Head Island. [Photo by Shelley Block]

## Gen. James Williams Chapter honors couple for flag display



Compatriot Jim Livingston (left) awards winners Anne and Ed Cole after a civilian review of Newberry High School AJROTC troops. [Photo by Norm Pigeon]

NEWBERRY — The Gen. James Williams Chapter honored Ed and Anne Cole for the flag display at their home in Newberry at a Veterans Day event at Newberry High School with AJROTC cadets.

The Coles inspected the AJROTC troops, who were assured that their efforts are respected and that they share a connection with our first protective military, George Washington's Continental Army of the American Revolution.

The chapter also celebrated the 269th birthday of Gen. James Williams, at an event Nov. 10 in the President's dining room at Newberry College. *Jim Livingston.*



**WILLIAMS BIRTHDAY** — Youngest and oldest cut the cake: Will Flint (left) and John Pitts. [Photo by Jim Livingston]



From left: Ann and Bernard Koenig and Robert Johnson, president of the Henry Laurens Chapter. [Photo by J.D. Magruder]

## Aiken resident receives SAR Flag Commendation

AIKEN — Bernard Koenig received an SAR Flag Certificate Commendation Nov. 20 for his patriotic display of the American flag from Robert Johnson, president of the Henry Laurens Chapter. Several chapter officers assisted with the presentation ceremony at Mr. Koenig's home in Woodside Plantation.

Mr. Koenig and his wife, Ann, take pride in flying the American and Marine Corps flags from a 25-foot pole facing The Reserve golf course at Woodside, where it can be seen by golfers and passers-by. Mr. Koenig, a retired engineer, is originally from Baltimore, Maryland, and is a Marine Corps veteran, having served as a sergeant in the USMC Combat Engineers.

The SAR Flag certificate is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes. *J.D. Magruder, Secretary, Henry Laurens Chapter.*

## Partners in Patriotism Committee

We encourage all chapters to participate in the Partners in Patriotism program

The Partners in Patriotism Committee needs reports of State Society and chapter events with Veterans Organizations.

Our criterion is joining with a Veterans organization in the planning of a joint program of mutual interest. It could be a flag retirement program, posting and retiring colors, marching in a parade, grave marking or laying of wreaths.

Veterans organizations include the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Amvets, Military Order of the Purple Heart, DAV, Fleet Reserve and the Marine Corps League, to name a few.

Program reports must be turned in for events that took place from June 1 to May 31 each year. Streamers are awarded at each National Congress.

Submit your event(s) to John Marker, South Carolina Committee Chairman. Email: [jmarker@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jmarker@carolina.rr.com). Phone 704-843-6930. Please be sure to include the date(s) of event and the Veterans organization(s) involved.

## James Madison

*If Congress can do whatever in their discretion can be done by money, and will promote the General Welfare, the Government is no longer a limited one, possessing enumerated powers, but an indefinite one, subject to particular exceptions. James Madison, 1792 — letter to Edmund Pendleton. The Patriot Post ([www.patriotpost.net](http://www.patriotpost.net))*

## Update from DAR liaison committee chairman

By J. Michael Jones  
DAR Liaison Committee Chairman

Below is a reprint of a DAR announcement from their president general that was distributed to DAR members in their magazine. My response is below that announcement.

From the *Daughters*, November-December 2009, page 422, in the Minutes section:

The President General made the following announcement:

"It has been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that the S.A.R. is apparently offering a monetary prize for the DAR chapter and/or state that turns in the most number of applications for the Sons of the American Revolution each year.

"While we do, of course, have a strong bond with the S.A.R. any type of liaison committee for this purpose is not sanctioned by the National Society. Our members, first and foremost, should be doing research to help prospective members of the DAR rather than S.A.R. Our primary concern, however, is that all members using the DAR database should be using it only to research and complete DAR applications.

"As you know, DAR has spent millions of dollars to create this electronic database for our own document preservation and membership growth. Please encourage your members to abide by the initial guidelines for use of the genealogical database."

### SAR response from J. Michael Jones

As SAR and DAR are two sole and separate organizations, they each have the right to establish awards programs as they so desire.

The SAR DAR Finder Program has been around since 1990. As the DAR liaison chairman for the past few years, I have discussed this program with each DAR president general.

The situation that brought about this message from the DAR president general happened when she was at a DAR state conference and that particular DAR state society won the \$500 cash award from SAR. It appeared to her that the DAR database was being used as a recruiting tool for SAR so the DAR state society could win the \$500 award.

Misuse of the DAR database is not the goal of SAR and our president general has also issued warnings to our members. The DAR president general also cautioned them toward doing research for DAR new members and not SAR new members.

The SAR DAR Award Program will continue, but I caution all SAR members not to ask a DAR member to misuse their database for the purpose of enrolling new SAR members.

### SAR Applications

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to

Compatriot John T. Smith  
SCSSAR State Registrar  
598 Sloan Rd.  
Lyman, SC 29365

If you need to contact Compatriot Smith, he can be reached by phone at 864-877-9909 or by e-mail at smith702142@bellsouth.net.



COLONIAL BALL — Debutantes and fathers at the SCSSAR Colonial Ball. [Photo by Meg Farrelly]

## Twelve debutantes presented at Colonial Ball in Charleston

By Greg Ohanesian  
Chairman, Colonial Ball

CHARLESTON — The South Carolina Society hosted its biennial Colonial Ball Dec. 19 at the Charleston Place Hotel. Twelve debutantes were presented to 265 guests.

Guests included several past vice presidents general, past state society presidents (including one from Indiana) as well as publicly elected officials.

The debutantes, who are descendants of American Revolutionary War patriots, were presented to

the Society through an arch of swords delivered by a corps of Citadel Cadets and a member of the Charleston Police Dept.'s Piper Corps.

Debutantes presented are Martha Whitney Bel-lows, Elizabeth Harrelson Burns, Isabelle Pinckney Caskey, Cameron McNair Crawford, Alexa Christine Culclasure, Anna Lynn Doster, Kimberlee Allen Lockwood, Helen Elizabeth Menchinger, Britney Alycia Rast, Whitney Elizabeth Rhoad, Ashleigh Nicole Tucker and Claire Isabelle Mad-eleine Voegelé.

### Reciprocal exchange between France and the United States

The SAR exchange program for children and grandchildren of SAR members in France and the United States was first implemented in 2008-2009 and has been a resounding success. The exchange includes young ladies and gentlemen 12 to 20 years old. This has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for young people from both countries to experience a different culture, develop new relationships and share our mutual heritage of freedom.

The exchange program is on a reciprocal basis. The youths that participate in this program are paired based on common interests and age. The time period for those participating from the United States could occur in June and July, when most schools are on vacation. In France, the time period for the exchange could occur from the end of June to the beginning of September, when their schools are on vacation. Thus, upon agreement between the paired families, the youths of the United States and France will be visiting during time periods mutually convenient. It is recommended that the duration of the visit to both countries be two to three weeks. However, the time and duration of visits can be changed based on individual preferences.

If your children or grandchildren are interested in participating in this exchange program and do not possess a French or U.S. Passport, please file for the passport immediately. For youths under the age of 18, both parents' consent and proof of parental relationship are required. Each participant in this exchange program must also show proof of medical insurance and have the appropriate immunizations for visiting France or the United States.

All responsibility for travel arrangements, costs and liability of these exchanges rest solely with each candidate and their family. The SAR will not be responsible for any expenses whatsoever. The role of the SAR is to merely collect each candidate's interest and then identify and match each participant based on common interests.

#### Facebook

In 2010 a Facebook group page was inaugurated so that eligible youths can get acquainted, share experiences and establish friendships. Group membership is open to all eligible program participants, their parents and grandparents and members of the SAR Youth Exchange Committee. However, it is anticipated the group primarily will be used by the youths of France and the United States. It is not necessary that group members either have participated in the exchange program or plan to participate in the future. The youths of France and the United States are encouraged to join the group whether or not they plan to participate in the Youth Exchange Program. Hopefully, by joining the Facebook group they will find other youths with common interests and decide to visit each other by participating in the SAR Youth Exchange Program.

To find the group, log onto Facebook at [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) (it's free), and search for "Sons of the American Revolution Youth Exchange," then ask to join. This is a closed group, meaning the administrator must either approve requests for new members to join or invite new members. The administrator reserves the right to remove any postings that are inappropriate or inconsistent with the goals and objectives of SAR.

April 30 of each year is the deadline for submitting your application if you wish to participate in the exchange program for that year. The application and other data relating to this program are contained in a PDF you can find on the SAR website at <http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/RECIPROCAL-YOUTH-EXCHANGE.pdf>.

#### Further information

For more detailed information on the exchange program, please contact one of the following: United States: Lindsey Cook Brock [lindsey.brock@comcast.net](mailto:lindsey.brock@comcast.net), John L. Dodd [JohnLDodd@earthlink.net](mailto:JohnLDodd@earthlink.net). Canada: Pierre de Vasson [devasson@msu.edu](mailto:devasson@msu.edu). France: Ingrid de Pimodan [depimodan.olivier@neuf.fr](mailto:depimodan.olivier@neuf.fr).

# My Patriot

## ~ Pvt. John Hanson, 1760 - 1818 ~

By Thomas C. Hanson  
Palmetto Patriot Editor

GREENVILLE — I found the following item when doing an Internet search about my Patriot ancestor John Hanson. It was written by a Raymond Hanson, who compiled a Hanson family history.

" '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 [father of my Patriot ancestor] 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 freedom. They were William, James, Samuel, Joseph and John II (my Patriot ancestor), the youngest born in 1760. Two names are not known."

John II's enlistment in the American forces is confirmed by the endorsement in faded brown ink by the American Adjutant General, dated at Secon River, near New York, with the remarks, "Enlisted December 1, 1776, for three years." He was 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, N.Y.

Some of this information is in the Day Books

of Capt. Robert Gamble, their commanding officer (which, by the way, is also available on the Internet), and was authorized by Gen. Washington and the Congress of the United States.

War Department Records show the following: "The records of this office show that our John Hanson served as a private in Captain Rowland Madison's company, 12th Va. Reg., commanded by Col. James Wood, Revolutionary War."

His named first appears on a company pay roll for the month of June 1777, dated Aug. 5, 1777, with the remarks: "Appointed Dec. 29, 1776. And it last appears on a company roll for the month of November, 1779, dated at Secon River, near Newark, N.J., Dec. 1, 1779, with remark: 'Enlisted Dec. 23, 1776, for three years.' No further information relative to this soldier has been found on the records of this office," Signed, H.P. McCann, by Adj. Commander. Dated at Washington Nov. 1, 1915."

John returned home at the age of 19, and was married on April 13, 1785 to Mary Magdalena Wall of Pulaski County, Virginia. The couple migrated to Ashe County, N.C., 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 Warrensville and Lansing.

The Hansons moved to Tennessee, and the War of 1812 swept John's son, Conrad, into the ranks, and prompted old John to set up a powder factory in the Nick-a-Jack Cave in the Blue Ridge, for he was a specialist in munitions. Conrad served with Gen. Andrew Jackson at New Orleans.

The Hansons moved on to Kentucky and to Indiana, where John died in 1818. My wife, son and daughter visited the cemetery in 1995 though we could not find his grave. His widow moved to Tower Hill, Ill., and we saw the cemetery where she is buried.

James Hanson, grandson of my Patriot ancestor, compiled a Hanson family history, which was passed on to Raymond C. Hanson, who continued to search for additional records. Then in the 1920s, Homer Eiler of Topeka, Kansas, published a Hanson family history. Eiler served as state reg-

istrar for the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Whittier L. Hanson used this information to join the Massachusetts Society SAR in the 1920s, but advised his brother Wayne: "Join 'em if you want to, but the Massachusetts S.A.R. is a bunch of old 'fuddy duddies.'" He considered the \$8 a year membership dues to be too much.

### SCSSAR at a Glance

All data is as of Feb. 24

Total SCSSAR Members:	700
14th Largest State Society in NSSAR	
Total NSSAR Members:	27,804 (2.5 percent)
2000 SC Population: 4,012,012 (0.00017 percent)	
Average Member's Age:	62 years, 9 months, 26.3 days (62.82 years)
Oldest Member's Age:	99 years, 4 months
Youngest Member's Age:	11 years, 2 months
Average Length of Membership: 13 years, 5 months, 13.25 days (13.45 years)	
Most Populated City: Charleston — 56 members (8 percent)	
Most Populated County: Charleston — 103 members (14.7 percent)	
Least Populated County: 4 — Allendale, Dillon, Edgefield and Williamsburg (8.7 percent)	
Highest Membership out-of-state: 22 — Georgia (3.1 percent)	
Number of Members living out-of-state:	82 (11.7 percent)

### SCSSAR Member Statistics

Following is a summary of SCSSAR membership statistics for 2009.

Membership as of Jan. 1, 2009: 667

New Members: 84

Transfers in: 6

Reinstated Members: 21

Deaths: 17

Resignations: 8

Transfers out: 4

Membership as of Dec. 31, 2009: 749

Dropped members: 65

Membership as of Jan. 1, 2010: 684

Total growth during 2009: 12.29 percent

Net membership growth: 2.55

Following is a summary of SCSSAR membership through Feb. 22, 2010.

Membership as of Jan. 1, 2010: 684

New members: 8

Reinstated members: 8

Transfers in: 1

Deaths: 1

Membership as of Feb. 22, 2010: 700

Total growth during 2010: 2.34 percent

Twenty-eight new member applications are awaiting approval at the National Office.

Ten new member applications have been pending by the National Office.

## Palmetto Patriot available on website and by e-mail

Did you know that past issues of *The Palmetto Patriot* are available on the SC Society website? Did you know that you can also receive the Patriot by e-mail?

In an effort to reduce costs associated with the production and mailing of *The Palmetto Patriot*, the Board of Governors approved the issuance of the state newspaper by e-mail at the January 2009 meeting.

For those SCSSAR members who wish to receive the Patriot by e-mail, please e-mail Mark Anthony, the state secretary, at mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com and say that you would like to receive the newspaper by e-mail.

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**SCSSAR celebrates Patriot victory at Cowpens**

**REACTORS** — Members in central area to gather for the 2010 National Convention in Charleston, S.C. (Photo: Bob McNeil)

**COMING NEXT** — The 2010 National Convention will be held in Charleston, S.C. on October 15-17, 2010. The convention will feature a variety of speakers and activities. For more information, contact the National Office at 1-800-368-3688.

**One-day Annual State Meeting Set for April 17 in Columbia.**  
See page 3 for details.

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The printed edition will not end.

Members who want to continue to receive the hardcopy edition do not need to do anything.

The online edition is being made available to those members who would prefer to receive it in this manner at least two or three days before the mailed edition would arrive at their mailing address.



# President General's address to the SAR on George Washington's birthday

By Ed Butler

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his Countrymen," but George Washington is no longer first in our nation's history books. Lamentably, he is not even included in many of today's American history texts.



President General Ed Butler

In Texas and many other states where book publishers sell history text books, American history starts with the period of Reconstruction after the Civil War.

Liberal educators who control the content have chosen to focus on the Social Revolution rather than the American Revolution.

There is a sinister undercurrent among educators to discredit George Washington. Past President General Larry McClanahan told me that his grandson told him that his history teacher in Nashville had disparaged our nation's first President because he was a slave owner.

I have in my library a copy of the American history book used in my school district. It contains little substance relating to the Revolutionary War or the origins of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The book contains 10 brief biographies — presumably of the 10 most important figures in American history. Although George Washington is included, the others are Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Cesar Chavez, three former slaves and other civil rights leaders. No mention is made of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Marshall or the other icons to whom we owe our freedom and the rights acquired under our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

In early February, I testified before the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the arm of the Texas State Legislature that determines text book content. I testified about what should be included in our text books. I argued that our children cannot understand their rights and duties as citizens until they know the hardships encountered by our Founding Fathers, and the events leading to this conflict.

What can you, as an SAR member, do to correct these heinous omissions? Three avenues open to you.

1) You can participate in SAR activities in your area to celebrate George Washington's birthday.

On Feb. 20 some 40 SAR members from Virginia, Florida, California and Texas marched in a George Washington birthday celebration in Laredo, Texas. Last year, it was reported that 425,000 people lined streets along the 3.5 mile parade route, so the numbers this year were probably about the same.

In Memphis, Tennessee, the SAR and DAR had a joint George Washington dinner Feb. 20. Nearly every city and town across this nation has public events in which you and your family can participate to show your support for the founder of our nation.

2) The second thing you can do is to become politically proactive. Many avenues are open to you. You can write to your state legislators and express your opinion about what should be in American history text books. Letters to the editor can raise this issue in your community. Visit school board meetings and express your opinion, or run for a seat on your local school board.

When your state education agency meets at your state capital, ask to be placed on the agenda to speak and take a group of supporters with you. Seek appointment to your state's text book committee. If you have the time and resources, consider running for a seat in your legislature. Try to get invited to speak to your Chamber of Commerce, PTA, Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimist, Lions Club or other civic groups. Talk about this travesty to your family and friends. Be vocal!

Bill Allerton, president of the Louisiana SAR and also president of the SAR Foundation, is heading up a committee to provide Revolutionary War information, including portraits of George Washington, to each SAR chapter. We are actively seeking seed money to manufacture patriotic kiosks. Under this new program, each chapter would start putting kiosks with this information into area schools. Each school would be given the opportunity to purchase framed posters for display in classrooms of Washington, Signing of the Declaration of Independence, Washington Crossing the Delaware, U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

3) A third way you can help is by making a donation to the Center for the Advancement of American History (CAAH) to help the SAR to educate our children. As of Dec. 31, our membership was almost 29,000. Certainly, an organization as large as ours should be able to shape public opinion — if each of us joins in the cause.

Hopefully, our first U.S. President can once again be first in the hearts of his countrymen. This can happen — with your support! You can start by forwarding this message to SAR members in your chapter and state, and to your friends, co-workers

and neighbors. Only through a public awakening can we expect positive results.

God bless you,  
God bless the United States, and  
God bless the SAR

Ed Butler, President General 2009-2010

## Response to President General's Address

Compatriots,

Responding to our President General's call to action, let me tell you of a simple way we can help fill the void of information about George Washington and the Founding Fathers.

I wore my period Revolutionary War uniform to church today (Feb. 21). I received a lot of inquiries about why I was in uniform. I was asked to speak to the middle level Sunday school children. I was asked to explain the statue with George Washington in prayer to our adult Sunday school class.

You can get the image of George Washington on his knee in prayer free from the Valley Forge Historical Commission. Just call or e-mail them. They send it by e-mail, which is readily made into a slide for projection. Our church did that at the beginning of each service.

The image of Washington in an attitude of prayer is important to make the point that the Founding Fathers were believers in God. Also 90 percent or more were Christians of various denominations.

Carl K. Hoffmann, President General 1997-1998  
Saramana Chapter FLSSAR

PS: Just speak to your rabbi, priest, spiritual leader or minister about next year and most will oblige.

PPS: Feb. 20, 2011 is the Sunday before Washington's birthday.

*"Independence forever." John Adams, 1826 — last public words as a toast for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.*

*From The Patriot Post (www.patriot-post.net). Reference: The Revolutionary Writings of John Adams, Thompson, ed. (xiv)*

## SC Society salutes longtime members

By Mark Anthony

The following members have reached membership anniversaries during the first quarter of 2010. Those members having anniversaries in the second quarter of 2010 will be recognized in the next issue of *The Palmetto Patriot*.

### 55 years

Henry L. DuRant

### 50 years

Walter W. Gregg Jr.

### 30 years

Hugh M. McLaurin III, Harry L. Jeffcoat

### 25 years

B. Scott McConnell

### 20 years

Oly E. Lombard, Bryan T. Martin, William W. Shives, Charles H. Williams II

### 15 years

William M. Connor Jr., Jeremiah A. Kay, K. Clayton Rhodes, Benjamin F. Sheftall

### 10 years

Frank K. Babbitt, James F. Douglas, Hampton O. Fuller, William E. Prout, Samuel B. Sanders Jr., Gerald M. Smith

### Five years

James M. Alford, Charles C. Caldwell, Robert C. Earley, Heywood A. Garlington, John W. McCurry, Geary M. Serpas, Edward L. Warmoth Jr.

These are from the date that the membership application was approved and are not necessarily reflective of the number of years that dues have been paid. For certain medals and emeritus status, dues payments are the determining factor.

# Center for Advancing American Heritage needs your support

## By Mark Anthony SCSSAR Secretary

The SCSSAR continues to support the Center for Advancing American Heritage (CAAH).

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Julian H. Foster  
**Gen. James Williams Chapter\*\***  
Rev. George B. Goldsmith Jr.  
**Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter\*\***  
Hudson S. Green  
Greenville Chapter, NSDAR\*\*

	SCSSAR Membership	Total Donors	Participation Rate	Total Amount Donated	Donations Per Member
July 28, 2008	605	78	12.9 percent	\$10,200	\$16.86
Sept. 30, 2008	605	78	12.9 percent	\$11,200	\$18.51
Dec. 31, 2008	605	83	13.7 percent	\$11,960	\$19.77
March 31, 2009	667	97	14.5 percent	\$12,672	\$19.00
June 30, 2009	667	97	14.5 percent	\$12,697	\$19.04
Oct. 15, 2009	667	99	14.8 percent	\$12,822	\$19.22
Dec. 31, 2009	667	103	15.4 percent	\$13,720	\$19.89
March 31, 2010	684	???	???	???	???

At the 2008 National Congress, three benchmarks were established for the Capital Campaign:

1) Each state society will have at least 20 percent of its membership become donors to the CAAH.

2) Each state society will meet an average gift of \$250 per member within the state society.

3) 100 percent of the recognized SAR Societies will meet these benchmarks by Dec. 31, 2013.

To help meet these two benchmarks, all previous gifts and donors who contributed before 2008 will count toward these goals. Obviously the SC Society has a long way to go to meet these benchmarks.

The participation rate benchmark is the easiest one to meet. In the roughly 18 months since data started to be collected, the SC Society has increased its participation rate by 2.5 percent.

However, it should be noted that as of March 31 the participation rate will drop to 15.05 percent because of the new membership number, which reflects the society's membership as of Jan. 1. Based on that number, 137 members must be donors, which equates to an additional 34 donors.

For an individual donation to be credited properly, the individual donor needs to complete the form found on the CAAH website ([www.sarfoundation.org/thecenter.htm](http://www.sarfoundation.org/thecenter.htm)) under the Foundation tab on the top right of the page, and return it with the donation to the national headquarters.

Any donation sent through the State Society will be credited to the state society and not increase the number of individual donors. Also, for proper credit to be given with respect to the established benchmarks, all donations need to be sent directly to the SAR Foundation along with the completed donor form that can be found on the National Society website

The minimum donation for the individual to receive credit is \$10.

If you decide to donate, please keep the \$250 per member benchmark in mind — though any amount is welcomed and will help drive up the participation rate. Please note that a \$250 donation can be spread out over a five year period with an annual pledge of \$50 per year.

### \$500 - \$999

Ladson A. Barnes Jr.  
Eldon D. Bullington  
J. Michael Farr  
Ted Morton Jr.  
Lauritz R. Smitt

### \$250 - 499

Charles A. Augur  
Ernest Leon Hatchell Jr.  
Capt. Dean J. Hewitt Jr.  
Edward P. King  
Greg Ohanesian  
Thomas E. Serf  
Gilbert A. Smith  
Evelyn P. Tollison\*\*  
South Carolina Society SAR\*\*

### \$100 - \$249

James C. Antisdell  
Walter H. Arnold Jr.  
Major Gassaway H. Berry  
Warren W. Carothers  
Dr. James R. Carroll  
Furman F. Cole  
**Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter**  
Atlee C.V. Compher II  
Dr. Samuel P. Davis Sr.  
Lt. Col. Harvey M. Dick  
George W. Dudley Jr.  
Harold R. Gault Sr.  
James H. Gressett Jr.  
James T. Hammond  
George B. Hartness  
Paul W. Harvin  
John B. Heaton

Buford S. Mabry  
Patrick A. McCabe  
John N. McCarter Jr.  
B. Scott McConnell  
Earl W. McCrackin  
Capers W. McDonald  
Robert C. McQuillan Sr.  
Frank O. Meade  
Elias W. Nettles III  
William L. Perry  
Nancy S. Pitts\*\*  
John L. Ramsey  
Brig. Gen. Francis D. Rogers Jr.  
James G. Rumph  
Rev. H. Leroy Stewart  
Jack O. Sullivan  
Edward R. Thomas IV  
David C. Waters  
David H. Witt  
Ward C. Worthington Jr.

### \$1 - \$99

Joe M. Alexander  
William T. Allgood  
Ronald D. Althoff  
Richard G. Augur  
Johnnie H. Beasley Jr.  
O. Heyward Bellamy Jr.  
Edward L. Benton  
Jay D. Bilyeu  
Thomas W. Broadway  
Dr. Gorman L.D. Burnett  
John T. Caskey  
Andrew W. Chandler  
Hopkins G. Charles  
William J. Clement

Joseph B. Henson Jr.  
George B. Hodgkiss Jr.  
Hugh C. Horry  
Elder H. Jones Sr.  
Nathan Kaminski Jr.  
Joseph F. Kirby  
Herbert D. Kleine  
W. Thomas Logan  
John D. Magruder  
Arthur C. Moss  
A. Daniel Patton Jr.  
Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peeples  
Dallas L. Phelps  
William C. Prewitt  
Dr. Benjamin F. Sheftall  
Ernest J. Sifford Jr.  
The Honorable Carl J. Smith  
Jasper K. Smith  
John T. Smith  
Robert P. Smith  
John R. Stillwagon Jr.  
Wendell H. Tiller Sr.  
James D. Trout Jr.  
Dean V. Traxler  
James D. Trout Jr.  
Max B. Trout  
James Trowbridge  
Frank Vartorella  
Ronald E. Waldhour  
Lt. Jg. Richard G. Watson Jr.  
Dr. Ralph Welton  
Howard H. Whitehurst

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

Finally, this should remind each member that they received an appeal from President General Ed Butler near the end of the year asking for a \$100 donation. As part of making that donation, the donor will receive a lapel pin. I would like to remind each member who has not taken advantage of this program to con-

sider making that donation using the form that was provided in the request.

The above list shows the 103 SCSSAR Compatriots who have donated to the Center for Advancing American Heritage. Thank you for your support that has brought the Sons of the American Revolution to this exciting moment in time.

*On the distinctive principles of the Government . . . of the United States, the best guides are to be found in . . . The Declaration of Independence, as the fundamental Act of Union of these States. James Madison, 1825, letter to Thomas Jefferson*

*From The Patriot Post ([www.patriotpost.net](http://www.patriotpost.net)). Reference: James Madison: Writings, Rakove, ed., Library of America (809)*

# Summary of business conducted at January Board of Governors meeting

COLUMBIA — The Board of Governors of the South Carolina Society met at Shandon United Methodist Church in Columbia, Saturday, Jan. 9. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by President Douglas Doster.

The Reports Package that was prepared before the meeting contained reports from 15 of 17 chapters, 12 of the 16 committees, and 16 of 19 officers.

During the Chapter Reports, various chapters announced next meetings and their most recent events.

During the Committee Reports, the following main items were discussed among other items:

- Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball chairman, reported that the 2009 ball was the best ever with State President Doug Doster presenting his daughter.

- Doug Doster, Eagle Scout chairman, reported that two applications have been received and that applications are down in other state societies.

- Membership and Retention Committee reported that the SC Society had a 91.23 percent renewal rate for 2010 dues.

- Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III, Scholarship chairman, reported that the online application is available, but that some people are experiencing problems, which are being addressed.

- Discussion on the various youth programs focused on increasing participation and the need to make specific personal contacts between the chapters and the individual schools.

Officers Reports were received with only minor additions to the provided written reports:

- Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III, vice president of Chapter Formation and Development, reported on the progress for chartering new chapters. The next target for expansion is in the Walterboro area. Additionally, he is looking into the possibility of re-chartering the Philemon Waters Chapter in Newberry.

- State President Doug Doster reported that he has attended meetings of 13 of the 17 chapters and planned to visit the other four before the close of his term in April.

Reports were heard on the following events:

- Veterans Day Events — David Johnson, state chaplain, reported on the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter observance in Greenville; State Secretary Mark Anthony reported on the Sevier Middle School Program, where he was the keynote speaker; and State President Doug Doster commented on the Francis Marion High School program he attended.

- State President Doug Doster handed out copies of President General Ed Butler's DVD to chapter presidents who did not have one.

- A short discussion was conducted on the state society obtaining an electronic bugle to use at grave dedications.

The following Old Business was considered:

- The 2010 Annual State Meeting will be conducted Saturday, April 17, in Columbia. Past State President Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III has been negotiating with the Clarion hotel and was authorized to sign the necessary contracts (see article page 3)

- Greg Ohanesian announced that the Buford's Massacre commemoration date has been set as Saturday, May 29. This year's program will start at 11 a.m., which is 30 minutes later than in the past.

The following items of New Business were considered:

- The 2010 SCSSAR Budget was approved unanimously. The budget anticipates \$16,373 in revenue and \$15,215 in expenses. This results in an anticipated surplus of \$1,158.00.

- A motion was made and passed to pay the 2014 Congress surcharge for those at large life members who did not pay it out of the life endowment fund.

- President Doug Doster appointed John Markler of the Col. William Bratton Chapter as the new Partners in Patriotism Committee chairman.

- Past State President Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III Corbett introduced the idea of an At Large Chapter being formed with a state officer acting as the chapter president. After discussion, this

idea was tabled for further research with respect to whether this type of membership should be continued or restricted in some manner. A committee composed of the State President, Senior Vice President and Corbett will report back to the Board of Governors.

Announcements were made concerning coming events and other items of interest. State Secretary Mark Anthony announced the deadline for submitting potential amendments to the State Constitution and Bylaws. Dan Patten, state auditor, reminded all chapter presidents of the need to complete the required IRS Form 990 filings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

## Welcome New Members

**Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter:** Charles D. Parler, Patriot ancestor William Murchey.

Edward L. Parler, Patriot ancestor William Murchey.

William R. Tindal II, Patriot ancestor William Murchey.

**Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter:** Irvin R. Bibb, Patriot ancestor Colin McLachlan.

**Col. Robert Anderson Chapter:** Samuel J. Norris, Patriot ancestor Jordan Holcombe.

James G. Rumph, Patriot ancestor Jacob Rumph II.

**Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter:** Ronald F. Dorsey, Patriot ancestor Harbert Tucker.

**Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter:** John C. Reid, Patriot ancestor Robert Lusk.

**Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter:** William N. Brinson Jr., Patriot ancestor James Malpass.

**Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter:** Samuel W. Chesnut, Patriot ancestor John Gaston.

**Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter:** Scott E. Buchanan, Patriot ancestor John Buchanan.

John J. LaRoche, Patriot ancestor James LaRoche.

Andrew W. Larson, Patriot ancestor Ambrose Meador.

Archie W. Muckenfuss Jr., Patriot ancestor George Muckenfuss Sr.

**At Large:** Douglas B. Brinson, Patriot ancestor James Malpass.

Christopher A. Dorsey, Patriot ancestor James Malpass.

Richard T. Field, Patriot ancestor Casper Metzgar.

Robert C. Grizzle, Patriot ancestor Lewis Powell.

James T. McClain, Patriot ancestor John Norris.

Edwin S. Walker, Patriot ancestor William Axson.

Alfred J. Worley Jr., Patriot ancestor William Liffage Sr.

Boyd T. Worley, Patriot ancestor William Liffage Sr.

\*\*Through Feb. 23.

## Calendar of Events

March 4 - 7	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, Ky.
Mar 13	229th Anniversary of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, N.C.
April 4	Georgia Society Annual State Meeting	Atlanta
April 10	Halifax Resolves Day	Halifax, N.C.
April 17	S.C. Society Annual State Meeting	Columbia, S.C.
April 23-24	South Atlantic District Annual Meeting N.C. Society Annual State Meeting	Charlotte, N.C.
May 7-8	Florida Society Annual State Meeting	Kissimmee, Fla.
May 15	Battle of Pensacola Commemoration Patriots Day in Alamance	Pensacola, Fla. Alamance, N.C.
May 29	Buford's Massacre Commemoration	Lancaster, S.C.
June 12	230th Anniversary of Ramsaur's Mill	Lincolnton, N.C.
June 26-30	NSSAR Annual Congress	Cleveland, Ohio

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

# Col. Robert Anderson chapter celebrates 234th anniversary of Battle of Great Cane Brake

SIMPSONVILLE — The Col. Robert Anderson chapter of the South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution was host to the 234th anniversary celebration of the Dec. 22, 1775 Battle of the Great Cane Brake Dec. 5.

In the Dec. 22, 1775 battle, a force of South Carolinians under Col. William Thomson defeated a band of Tories under Patrick Cunningham.

Charles Porter, a past president of the SCSSAR, was master of ceremonies.

The colors were presented by the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter Color Guard, the Gen. Daniel Williams Chapter Color Guard, the SC Rangers, the Musgrove Mill Militia Color Guard, the Furman University Army ROTC Color Guard, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office Color Guard, and the Southside High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard.



**Charles Porter**  
Master of ceremonies

Jane Hopkins sang the National Anthem accompanied by pianist Traci Batson from Buncombe Road Baptist Church. Dan Patten, SCSSAR auditor and Anderson Chapter treasurer, led the pledge of allegiance. David Johnson, SCSSAR chaplain, gave the invocation. Courtney Arnold sang "Danny Boy."



Traci Batson (left) and Jane Hopkins

John Hopkins, owner of Hopkins Farm, where the commemoration took place, greeted guests.

Bob Krause, president of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, made a flag presentation. Dennis Waldrop, mayor of Simpsonville, greeted participants and guests; and Fred Payne, a member of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, and a Greenville County Councilman, read a Cane Brake Proclamation from Greenville County.

Tom Weidner, SCSSAR past genealogist, gave a history of the Battle of the Great Cane Brake. Guest speaker Lt. Col. William M. Connors, a past president of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, spoke of his wartime experiences in Afghanistan, and afterward received a War Service Medal from Bob Krause, president of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.

The keynote speaker was Lt. Col. William B. Maddox, chairman of the Military Science department at Furman University and director of the



From left: J.D. Norris; Mark Anthony, SCSSAR secretary; President Doug Doster; David Johnson, state chaplain, and Hal Johnson.

university's ROTC program.

Courtney Arnold sang "Heroes." Mike Barnes of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter introduced those presenting wreaths. The Reedy River Intertribal Singers and Courtney Arnold sang "Amazing Grace."

A combined militia fired team fired a musket volley.

Cadet Jacob Adams of the Furman ROTC played "Taps."

Major Joseph Windley, commander of the Air Force Junior ROTC at Southside High School, gave a prayer.

Then the Cane Brake roadside historic plaque was rededicated. Charles Porter gave opening remarks, and Weyland Brown, chairman Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission, presented the plaque.

Dot Lind, state vice regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, brought greetings from the DAR.

Kristi L. Kingren, regent of the Behetland Butler Chapter DAR, rededicated the plaque.

Jane Hopkins sang "America" accompanied by and pianist Traci Batson, and chaplain David Johnson gave the benediction.



**Dot Lind**  
State DAR Vice Regent



**HONORED VET** — Robert Krause (left), president of the Col. Robert Anderson chapter, presents a War Service Medal, to guest speaker Lt. Col. Bill Connor, past president of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter.



**Cadet Jacob Adams**  
Furman ROTC  
plays Taps



**Sagan Blackwell (right)**  
CAR  
presents wreath



Gail Pioth (center), widow of a veteran, presents roses to family members of deceased veterans or those who have family members deployed overseas.



**Weylin Brown**  
Greenville County Historic  
Preservation Commission



**VOLLEY** — From left: Robert Krause, Hal Johnson, unidentified reenactor and Mark Anthony fire a volley.



SCSSAR President Doug Doster and his wife, Lynn.



DAR members unveil Battle of Great Cane Brake plaque.