



The Battle of Camden Commemoration

By: Bill Vartorella
Acting Chapter President

Camden - Pomp, protocol and patriotic remarks were the order of the day as President General Judge Thomas Lawrence and other dignitaries honored the lives of the 800 Patriots lying in shallow unmarked and unprotected graves at the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden commemorated on August 15th at the battle site north of town.

The Battle of Camden, fought August 16, 1780, was the worst American defeat of the Revolutionary War. Yet, it led to the surrender at Yorktown as Lord Cornwallis misread Patriot resolve and miscalculated the impact of a change in American military leadership after General Horatio Gates was removed from command of the Southern Department.

Some 80 visitors joined SAR and DAR representatives at the event co-hosted by Palmetto Conservation Foundation, Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site and the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter. The day was broken into two larger events, the Battle of Camden commemoration led by the two lead co-hosts and an SAR-centric afternoon at the SAR Memorial (Quaker Cemetery), the Col. Joseph Kershaw gravesite and Baron Johann DeKalb's tomb.

Patriotic remarks by the President General and others including State Senator Vincent Sheheen, State Representative Laurie Funderburk, Camden Mayor Tony Scully and Historic Camden Foundation Chair Dr. Trayser Dunaway began the commemoration. Professor Jim Piecuch set the historical scene of the infamous sunrise at Gum Swamp and David Reuwer, Esq. spoke on three Patriots who fought there and later signed the U.S. Constitution.

These remarks were followed by the presentation of wreaths by President General Lawrence, South Carolina SAR President Greg Greenawalt, Florida SAR President Lawrence Fehrenbaker, Virginia SAR President Reverdy E Wright, former Georgia SAR President James E Stallings and Sherilyn Woodruff for the SC Society DAR.

Chapter wreaths were then presented by representatives of the nine South Caro-

lina SAR chapters, one Georgia SAR chapter, three South Carolina DAR chapters and one Georgia DAR chapter in attendance. The presentations were followed by a rifle volley by members of the South Carolina SAR Color Guard.

The entourage of dignitaries then retired to the reconstructed Kershaw-Cornwallis mansion at Historic Camden Revolutionary War site for lunch.

The afternoon was a very different affair with wreaths laid en masse with the exception of a single wreath laid at Baron de Kalb's tomb by President General Lawrence. Essentially, with the addition of North Carolina State President Tim Berly/wreath and the subtraction of the DAR Hobkirk Hill Chapter wreath, the SAR followed a plan of treating each as a separate event.

The SAR Memorial in Quaker Cemetery holds special meaning, not only for the plaques and flagpole erected by the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter's predecessor chapter, but for remarks made there by luminaries such as Compatriot Senator Strom Thurmond. A number of speakers presented brief comments, led by President General Lawrence who explained the latest SAR educational initiative.

The Col. Joseph Kershaw Graveside Ceremony was a very different affair. The daughter of Compatriot Joe de Loach, Louisa de Loach performed the National Anthem, solo. Keynote speaker and historian/genealogist Miles Gardner provided insight on the privation and patriotism of Col. Joseph Kershaw.

Following the example from roughly 190 years ago, when the Marquis de Lafayette laid a single wreath at Baron DeKalb's tomb in downtown Camden, President General Lawrence placed the National SAR wreath of live flowers at the Baron's gravesite. Bill Vartorella read a brief history of the Baron and his bravery and sacrifice.

The entourage then retired to the newly completed McCaa's Tavern at Historic Camden to review a special exhibit erected in the SAR's honor and for a reception, plus gifts to President General Lawrence and First Lady Mickey Jo and Vice Presi-



President General Tom Lawrence returning to the attendees after placing the SAR Wreath at the Tomb of Baron Johann DeKalb in Camden. This was the concluding wreath presentation of the day. Photo provided by Bill Vartorella.

dent General Ed Rigel and Lady Joan.

The night before the commemoration, Compatriot Doug Doster and Lady Lynn arranged a private dinner for the national officers and other dignitaries at historic Aberdeen in Camden's historic district. Perhaps the weekend's events are best summarized in the historic toast made after the Revolutionary War upon the visit of George Washington and reiterated by President General Lawrence that evening: "To the memory of the brave martyrs in the cause of American liberty. May their names ever be grateful to our memories; and may their fates animate posterity with the love of freedom and their country."

On behalf of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter, we wish to thank the following friends who were in the trenches: Compatriots Doug Doster/Lady Lynn, Dan Woodruff/Lady Sherilyn, Bob Krause, Bob Kiger, Joe de Loach, Miles Gardner, President Greg Greenawalt and Executive Committee, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter (for its moral and financial support), and Mark Anthony (early help with the formal invitation of the President General). Finally, Huzzah! to Historic Camden's Executive Director Joanna Craig, for acts too numerous to mention, and Jennifer Lee, who donated the new "Betsy Ross Flag" which flies over the SAR Memorial.

From the President's Desk



President Gregory A Greenawalt

Approximately 25 state and chapter officers met at the Kershaw-Cornwallis House in Camden on Saturday, August 20th to participate in a brainstorming session. Thanks are extended to Compatriot Bill Vartorella for working out the logistics of hosting this meeting and providing the boxed lunches enjoyed by the participants. The following topics were discussed:

1. What do we want to accomplish as a society and what should our priorities be?

Points discussed: (a) grow membership attracting a wider age demographic, (b) promote SAR's purposes and instill SAR's values in younger generations, (c) improve existing member retention, (d) Educational Outreach to schools & children, (e) work on better existing member engagement, participation and involvement, (f) provide formal new member education/orientation - get them engaged at the beginning of their membership and give them assignments to support a SAR youth or veteran program, (g) change the current paradigm - treat new members with respect, welcome them, introduce them to other members, let them know that other members are here to help them learn about the society and answer their questions, challenge new members to get and stay involved, (h) complete a SWOT analysis - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, (i) assign a mentor to every new member to help them learn about SAR and answer questions, (j) provide leadership training for all chapter officers, (k) work on membership diversity - African American and Native Indian patriots as well as other ethnic groups.

2. How is our society viewed by the public?

General opinion is that SAR has no visibility or meaning to the public. Most do not know who we are or what we stand for. DAR has much greater visibility and name recognition with the public. SAR has very little brand recognition. Our society is not relevant in the eyes of the general public.

3. What are the values/benefits do we offer to existing members and what values/

benefits can we offer to those who are interested in joining us? How do we communicate these values and benefits? (Handout: Sons of the American Revolution Benefits Goals and Purpose)

President Greenawalt commentary: We have two very different constituencies, existing members and new members. There may be overlapping values and benefits for each group; however, existing members have some understanding of the value of being a SAR member while potential members must be educated on why they should join us. We must find out what our members want and give it to them. We must distinguish between member needs and member wants. Too often organizational leadership decides to give members what "they think" members' need when really it is the members wants that should be addressed. A strong organization caters to the wants of its membership.

We tend to focus on the mechanics of running our society - filing reports, collecting dues, holding meetings, documenting activities - when we really should be focusing on the vision of the society and communicating that vision to our members and helping them to support our mission. When we really understand what our members want in exchange for their membership we will (1) better serve their needs, (2) our members will become more engaged and (3) the society will grow stronger. An organization that offers genuine benefits and value to its members will have no trouble growing and thriving.

Why should you join SAR?

You can become a member of an active organization of patriotic men brought together by their heritage and welded into an organization dedicated to the preservation of Constitutional freedoms established by the founders of our nation. As a member of the SAR you will be able to take an active part in assuring your children of the same freedoms you enjoyed. The local chapter affords an opportunity to become acquainted with a brotherhood of men in your community with whom you have common interest. Joining SAR will afford you the opportunity to serve your community to whatever degree your time permits in furthering patriotic education and generating and preserving an understanding and appreciation of the principles of government which our forefathers established. SAR will guide you in researching your family lineage to establish your right to membership and once you become a member, SAR will record and preserve this information making it forever available to your descendants.

Values and benefits to potential members

Points discussed: (a) SAR helps you locate your patriot ancestor and learn their stories, (b) SAR provides a platform to educate others on our history and our forefathers' principles, (c) SAR helps you

understand your responsibility as an American Citizen, (d) SAR helps you discover your family's relationship to the founding of our nation, (e) SAR teaches you about patriotism, (f) SAR provides an opportunity to honor your patriot ancestor, (g) SAR is a very prestigious organization that includes membership by 16 U.S. Presidents, military leaders, Senators, Congressmen, members of the U.S. Supreme Court and other prominent American dignitaries

Value and benefits to existing members

Points discussed: (a) SAR is a brotherhood of men with Common Interests, (b) you have the opportunity to learn the stories of other member's patriot ancestors, (c) SAR members have diverse political views and ideas with the opportunity to be freely expressed, (d) SAR members have pride in their heritage and a connection with the spirit of our founding fathers, (e) SAR members have numerous opportunities to learn and understand American History, (f) SAR members continue to apply the learnings of our founding fathers in today's society.

4. How can we better communicate with existing members and the General Public?

President Greenawalt commentary: What is our communication strategy? Do we actually have one? We need fresh ideas to develop strategies that will inspire a broad base of Americans to associate with SAR's deeds, ideals, values and the principles of our founding fathers so that SAR will become a catalyst to stimulate our national spirit. How do we keep our members motivated, active and engaged? How do we add value to our members? What rewards and satisfaction do our members want for their participation in our Society?

Engagement of our members is clearly the strength of any organization. It is the backbone of our society. Investment as a SAR member requires more than a monetary contribution; it requires time, travel, and research. Enjoyment and satisfaction are key values that we must figure out how to create for our members.

We must package our organization better so that our members feel a sense of worth to belong and for being active. Improving and establishing communications tools and resources is our most efficient and least costly means of increasing membership and encouraging member participation. Strong organizations distinguish themselves and establish credibility by telling good stories. Good stories give a deeper meaning to our mission and help people to connect with what we do. Good videos and photos tell stories and are engaging. Our website and social media sites are the perfect most cost effective ways to tell engaging stories and connect to potential new members and establish our credibility. (continued on page 3)

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From the President's Desk

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We need to have a strategy on what we post and display on our website and social media sites.

Feedback from a state Compatriot: I feel that the number one detractor to our great society is the lack of communications. It seems there are tremendous amounts of educational and general information that SAR has access to; however, even basic communications such as where the approval of a new application is at during the approval process and the length of time required to process it is contrary to our fast paced world we live in today. Even our news cycle is 24 hours and information may be rendered old in as little as 15 minutes. The next generation does not understand why SAR is slow to respond, slow to communicate and slow to improve.

Points discussed: (a) we must use multiple platforms to communicate - email, website, social media, newsletters, press releases, meetings, attendance at community events, (b) members with less technical experience would like to have social media training, (c) have an SAR presence at events and festivals - coordinate which events and festivals, assign local chapters to attend and represent the society, (d) attend football tailgate events and hand out SAR branded items such as koozies, (e) out of 850 members, approximately 650 have email addresses - send information directly to the membership instead of sending to chapter presidents and hoping they pass it along. Dan Woodruff will compile all email addresses by chapter for each chapter president and a state wide email list for the state officers to better communicate directly with members, (f) President Greenawalt created a template for an SAR state press release (See attachment) which will be given to all chapter presidents along with a South Carolina press media contact list. All chapters and committee chairs are encouraged to send meeting announcement press releases to local media and to promote all activities conducted by the chapters, (g) conduct a membership survey asking how the society can better serve them, (h) take good pictures and videos of all chapter activities, especially youth award ceremonies, wreath layings, award ceremonies, participation in local patriot events etc. Get pictures with DAR & C.A.R. members and send them to our webmaster to post on the state website and to President Greenawalt to post on our State Facebook page. (EDITOR'S COMMENT: C.A.R. has established policies about the usage of photographs of their members as a matter of privacy & security. All are encouraged to learn about these policies and strictly abide by them.) The State Facebook page has over 685 followers that read and pass along many posts made to the site. The ability to share information on social media is exponential. Viral

social media posts have reached over 1 million readers. It is proven that people like to learn using short videos and retain more information when watching a video than when reading the same information. Videos are one of the best communication tools to tell our story and help people connect to our mission and purpose.

5. How do we strengthen our relationships with DAR and C.A.R.?

Points discussed: (a) provide better communications to DAR & C.A.R. on SAR events - share our calendar of events, send event flyers, add Diane Culbertson DAR State Regent (culbertsondianne@gmail.com), Will Flint C.A.R. State President (Hockey14Will@aol.com) and Christine Burnette C.A.R. Senior State President (cburnette@FisherTank.com) to your email distribution list, (b) encourage DAR and C.A.R. members to attend all state and chapter activities that are planned, (c) know who your local C.A.R. and DAR chapter leaders, (d) C.A.R. would like better SAR attendance at their state and annual meetings to show support - the next C.A.R. state meeting is Feb. 26-8 2016 in Myrtle beach at the Bay Watch resort, (e) SAR gives C.A.R. an annual donation each year that goes directly into the C.A.R. general fund to help offset state meeting costs, (f) every year the C.A.R. state President adopts a specific project that is the main focus and fundraising effort for that year - this year's project is Canine Angels, an organization that trains service dogs for disabled veterans. A lapel pin representing the project is sold for \$10.00. C.A.R. would like better SAR support of their projects by purchasing pins or taking pins on consignment to sell to chapter members, (g) Invite DAR and C.A.R. members to your chapter meetings - be sure to introduce them when they attend, (h) hold annual holiday social with local DAR & C.A.R. chapters, (i) do not forget that current C.A.R. members could be future SAR members so engage them and encourage them to participate in chapter events, (h) introduce new members to DAR and ask them to do the same - new member wives & daughters could be eligible for DAR and new DAR members may have husbands & sons who could join SAR.

6. Demystifying SAR Americanism points. What are they? How do you earn them? Is there a way to make the system fair for both large and small chapters?

President Greenawalt commentary: Americanism points are a system that our national society uses to evaluate the performance of both State societies and individual chapters. Both earn points for various activities they conduct. The chapter's points roll up into points for the state society so it is very important to capture all chapter points which help our state society. (See attached Americanism article on How to earn Americanism points)

State Americanism Committee Chairman

Mark Anthony commentary: While the contests gets the most attention, the actual intent is to provide a way for chapters and state societies to accurately measure their performance against the ideals and stated programming of the SAR. The spirit of the contest is to both motivate SAR members to become more active and increase participation through friendly competition. The moment the contest becomes just about winning then the contest has failed.

The Americanism Contest is shorthand for three separate national contests: (a) the Americanism Awards (Allene Wilson Groves Award for state societies and the Liberty Bell Award for chapters) recognizing participation in outreach education efforts to the general public, (b) the President General's State Society & Chapter Activities Streamer Award recognizing efforts to meet the administrative goals of the SAR, and (c) the President General's Cup recognizing the top chapter based on chapter size on a per capita point basis.

State societies use the first two contests to recognize chapters. The National Society uses these contests to recognize both state societies and chapters. The South Carolina SAR has been fortunate to have one chapter win the President General's Chapter Activities Streamer 2 out of the last 3 years in recognition of their excelling in internal administrative functions such as attending meetings, national service, participation with the DAR & C.A.R. and donating money to the SAR. This represents a step toward finally having a South Carolina chapter be recognized as the top chapter in the nation based on their chapter size.

The State Americanism Committee is composed of 3 compatriots - a chairman, the State Historian and the State Education Committee Chairman. This committee meets as needed and publishes reports at each quarterly state meeting and in each quarterly issue of The Palmetto Patriot. Given the time of the meetings and issues of the newsletter, 8 different current results are available throughout the year for chapters to monitor their progress.

President Greenawalt commentary: Each chapter is responsible for completing their own Americanism score sheet. It is required quarterly when turning in your Board of Governors report. Please note that the BOG report and the Americanism score sheet are two separate documents. The BOG report is published in the quarterly reports package. The Americanism score sheet is compiled quarterly to tally chapter points for year end reporting. It is imperative that at least one member in every chapter fully understands how Americanism points are earned so you can accurately report the points your chapter has earned. Remember each chapter's points roll up into the state society points, so if you are not counting all of your points you are hurting the state society.

Can we have Americanism chapter contests based upon the size of chapters?

The answer is YES. To implement this change a motion needs to be made at a BOG meeting that is ratified by a majority of membership. Recommendation from Americanism Committee Chairman Mark Anthony: Approximately eight years ago, the national Americanism contest only awarded winners in two size categories: 1-80 members and 81+ members. As participation grew, this was modified to where winners in four different size groups are recognized: 1-49, 50-99, 100-199 and 200+ members.

This idea was briefly discussed a few years ago for application in South Carolina but was put aside as there were no easy delineations of membership sizes. The delineation would have had to have been along the lines of 1-35 members and 36+ members with the latter category only having 4 of the then 15 chapters participating.

As of 1 August 2015, assuming the same groupings as used by the national contest, the breakdown of chapters would be as such: 1-49 members: 14 chapters (Battle of Eutaw Springs, Cambridge, Col Joseph Kershaw, Col Robert Anderson, Col Lemuel Benton, Col William Bratton, Gen Andrew Pickens, Gen Francis Marion, Gen James Williams, Godfrey Dreher, Henry Laurens, Matthew Singleton, Philemon Waters and Thomas Lynch); 50-99 members: 4 chapters (Col Thomas Taylor, Daniel Morgan, Dr George Mosse and Gov Paul Hamilton); 100-199 members: 1 chapter (Major Gen William Moultrie); 200+ members: none.

A more realistic assignment of chapters, given that the range of chapter sizes is from 8 members to 126 members, would be as such: 1-25 members: 9 chapters (Battle of Eutaw Springs, Col Joseph Kershaw, Gen Andrew Pickens, Gen Francis Marion, Gen James Williams, Thomas Lynch, Godfrey Dreher, Henry Laurens and Philemon Waters); 26-50 members: 5 chapters (Cambridge, Col Lemuel Benton, Col Robert Anderson, Col William Bratton and Matthew Singleton); 51+ members: 5 chapters (Col Thomas Taylor, Daniel Morgan, Dr George Mosse, Gov Paul Hamilton and Maj Gen Wm Moultrie).

7. What is the future of our state newsletter? Is it still the most efficient and cost effective way of communicating internally and externally? Do we need to hire a professional publisher to get a higher quality newsletter? Should we add paid advertising to help offset costs? How many times per year should the newsletter be published? Should we go with an all-electronic version of our newsletter and email it to all members with an email address and post the newsletter on our state website and let members print it out for themselves as they need it?

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From the President's Desk

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Points discussed: (a) quarterly printed paper cost is \$450.00 to print 1,000 copies and \$480.00 to mail using a bulk mail permit with an annual cost of \$3,720.00 (b) the newsletter is a direct representation of our society - it needs to be done professionally and represent the society well no matter if it is an electronic or printed version, (c) the newsletter requires better content, (d) out of 850 state members approximately 650 have email addresses, give each member the option to receive the newsletter by email or continuing to receive a hard copy, (d) currently an electronic version is posted on the state website and there is an archive on the website going back for several years, (e) Bill Vartorella was asked to research the cost of a possible publisher /editor for the newsletter, (f) currently less than \$1.00 per year goes from member's dues to produce the newsletter - can dues be raised to cover additional costs, (g) it was discussed to ask Tom Hanson to help us put out a first class newspaper as our editor/ publisher. A preliminary exploratory discussion has taken place and he would agree to do this for \$500.00 per issue which would add \$2,000.00 per year to the production costs of a quarterly newsletter - annual cost of \$5,720.00, (h) one problem with the newsletter quality is the poor quality of the photography used - most event photos are taken by cell phone cameras which are not high enough resolution for printing but which work well for the internet or the website, (i) the publishing world is changing as printed newspapers and publications go to electronic formats - currently there are only 3 printers in South Carolina willing to print our newsletter and we may not be able to find a publisher in state in the next few years, (j) this issue comes down to how much we want to spend for a first class printed newspaper? There are multiple options: (i) cut back to 2 printed editions per year and 2 electric versions and hire Tom Hansen to publish the newspaper at a cost of \$3,860.00 which is only \$140.00 more than we spend now without a professional publisher, (ii) go with an all-electronic newsletter and completely eliminate printing and mailing cost of \$3,720.00 annually and redirect these funds toward other society activities. There would be a cost for a graphic designer to lay out the newsletter and put it in a PDF format to go on the website and be emailed ranging between \$200.00 and \$300.00 per issue. Lots of good ideas and suggestion about the future of the newsletter were discussed; however, a consensus on a main strategy for the future was not reached. The majority preferred to see the newsletter in a printed format, but were unclear on the number of issues the society should produce. Discussion ended with the attendees who encouraged state leadership to follow up on this and determine a direction we need to go.

8. Parking Lot issues (Issues brought up that we did not have time to fully address)

Issues discussed: (a) How do we get better attendance at quarterly BOG and annual state meetings? It was suggested for the annual state meeting that we keep the Saturday night reception and dinner as a social event, do not have it so scripted with lots of awards and keep any remarks short. Let people socialize and enjoy themselves. (b) It was suggested to add a best practices section to the website where they can be shared with all members. Note: this has already been done and can be found under the membership tab of the website. Any best practices to be shared should be sent to the new state webmaster Eric Lilling.

2015-2016 Americanism Poster Contest Theme

By: Mark C Anthony, Americanism Committee Chairman

The theme for the 2015-2016 Americanism Poster Contest for the South Carolina Society is "The Battle of Fort Sullivan."

Rules and regulations for this national contest are available on the NSSAR website under the Youth Programs Tab. All students in the 4th or 5th grade (depending on when the American Revolution is taught locally) are eligible to enter.

Each chapter is encouraged to participate and have a poster in Columbia at the 2016 Annual State Meeting for judging.

From the Editor's Desk



Editor Mark C Anthony

Content. Pronounce the word one way and you are referring to a state of wellbeing. Pronounce it another way and you are referring to a noun meaning the matter in a printed communication. Both seem to be popular topics for the South Carolina SAR.

As you have read in President Greenawalt's summary of the recent Leadership Meeting in Camden, the South Carolina SAR cannot remain content with its past performance or how it relates to members, potential members, peers or the public.

Content, with respect to The Palmetto Patriot, was also a topic discussed at this same meeting. While the previous issue was heavy on photographic content, this issue will be heavier on written content. This is a product of the material contributed by the members and chapters, or lack thereof.

It is not the responsibility of the editor to produce content. It is not the responsibility of the editor to divine what content

will make a few members happy. It IS the responsibility of the editor to take the material provided and format it into a newsletter that can then be printed by a third party for dissemination to the membership.

The level of written content or photographic content quality is something that is only slightly impacted by the editor. The editor has to change written content to fit specific spaces within the newsletter and in some cases correct grammar and spelling. With respect to photographic content, the quality level is more heavily impacted by the device used to take the photograph than what the editor can do in placing the photo into the document.

The Palmetto Patriot is the newsletter of the South Carolina SAR membership. Its purpose is to communicate news of past events and activities of the chapters and members both internally and externally. Its purpose is to provide information that can be used by chapters and members to plan participation and activities. Its purpose is to document, in part, the compatriots, activities and events that were important at this time to our posterity.

Content. For this term to be relevant in both its meanings with respect to The Palmetto Patriot in either a printed or electronic format, the membership needs to be actively involved in providing the content that will make them content.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAR Membership Applications

Chapter registrars are reminded to mail all new member and supplemental applications to Registrar Edd Richburg, 23 Buckingham Dr, Charleston, SC 29407.

All applications should be processed through your local chapter prior to mailing to the registrar.



Join us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=112838164444&ref=ts>

Still looking for Patriot Graves

The Patriot Graves Committee requests that all members provide photographs, locational data and GPS coordinates of any Revolutionary War Patriot Graves located in their respective communities.

Please send any such information to co-chairman Carroll Crowther at crowthercarroll@gmail.com.

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Palmetto Patriot by e-mail

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

THE 4TH QUARTER 2015 MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2015 STARTING AT 9:30 AM WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS. MEETING BEGINS AT 10:00 AM WITH A CATERED LUNCH FOR \$10.00. MEETINGS USUALLY CONCLUDE BETWEEN 2:00 PM AND 3:00 PM. MEETING WILL BE AT SHANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 3407 DEVINE STREET, COLUMBIA. ALL ARE INVITED.

18 July Board of Governors Minutes

1. Called to Order by President Greg Greenawalt at 10:00 am
2. Invocation by Chaplain Lawrence Peebles
3. Presentation of Colors by South Carolina SAR Color Guard
4. Pledge to the U.S. Flag led by President Greenawalt; Salute to the S.C. Flag led by Secretary Dan Woodruff; and Pledge to the SAR led by Compatriot Bill Allgood
5. Roll Call by Recording Secretary Nat Kaminski and quorum declared in accordance with Const., Art. V, Sec. 4 with 13 of 16 Officers present; 9 of 19 Chapters represented
6. Approval of Minutes from 16-17 May 2015 Board of Governors/Annual Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve minutes made by Treasurer Greg Ohanesian and seconded by Chaplain Peebles.
 - b. Motion by V.P. of Chapter Formation Dr. Rick Corbett to amend the minutes as follows:
 - i. To reflect that the National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee were nominated, not elected;
 - ii. To reflect that Compatriot John Ingle was elected separately to fill the position of State Genealogist
 - iii. To reflect that the State President asked for confirmation (not election) to fill the position of Recording Secretary
 - iv. To reflect the correct spelling of the name of the winner of the State Rumbaugh Oratory Contest as "Bobby Walters."
 - c. Second to the motion to amend by Secretary Dan Woodruff and approved without objection.
 - d. Revised minutes with the four corrections approved by unanimous vote.
7. Published Report Packages accepted as submitted with the following verbal amendments:
 - a. Officers' Reports:
 - i. Midlands V.P. Bill Vartorella attended the Mathew Singleton Chapter meeting which had an excellent program
 - ii. Chapter Reports:
 - i. Colonel Joseph Kershaw: Compatriot Miles Gardner presented a wreath at Huck's Defeat
 - ii. Committee Reports:
 - i. Americanism: Packets are available for every Chapter which includes a blank Flag Certificate and curricula CD's from National Society to hand out; poster contest theme for 2015-16 is the "Battle of Fort Sullivan"
 - ii. Bylaws: Compatriot Ted Morton agreed to join the Committee as its 5th member
 - iii. Colonial Ball: Planning moving forward for December 19th, but with much smaller number of debutantes than in the past which reduces the revenue

stream usually realized from the event. There are currently 4 debutantes, but the Ball is still accepting names. Ball will be in the Gold Ballroom at Frances Marion Hotel, Charleston. Hotel rate is \$109 a night. Members encouraged to support the ball by their attendance this year since there will be fewer debutantes. Virginia and Georgia SAR host similar events which creates competition in the Southeast which is having impact.

- iv. Color Guard: establishing a list for weapons, clothing, and other equipment and trying to set time for drilling to teach musket handling and safety
- v. Membership & Retention: 852 members – as point of information – 790 members at the end of the year as a result of 74 "drops" with approximately 10 reinstatements so far
- vi. Patriot Graves: Former President Carroll Crowther commended President Greenawalt for personally taking on the project of improving access to website and database
- vii. Rumbaugh Oration and Scholarships: Chapters encouraged to find more candidates for these events next year
8. Old Business
 - a. Compatriot Bill Vartorella as chair of the Special Insurance Review Committee moved to accept the recommendation on Color Guard insurance as stipulated in the Committee report. In accordance with this recommendation, each member of the Color Guard will purchase insurance for \$35 a year and will be reimbursed by the Society – that is dramatically less than other quotes for similar coverage – Compatriot Anthony points out that the total cost for this insurance package would be approximately \$250 depending on the total number in the Color Guard - there will be training for those firing flintlocks for additional level of safety. The motion approved unanimously.
 - b. Presentation of Medals and Certificates from Congress
 - i. Liberty Medal - Kermit B. Keeling Jr., John Marker, Mark Anthony, John Smith
 - ii. Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of being Vice President General of the Sons of the American Revolution 2014-15 – Mark Anthony
 - iii. Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award – James William Forrester
 - iv. South Carolina SAR awarded a Certificate of Participation and Support for submitting a candidate in the ROTC/JROTC contest
 - v. South Carolina SAR awarded Officers Attendance Award
 - vi. South Carolina SAR awarded a Certificate of Participation and Support for submitting a candidate in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay contest
 - vii. South Carolina SAR awarded a Certificate of Participation and Support for submitting a candidate in the Arthur M.

and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship contest.

- viii. President General's Activities Award – Col. Robert Anderson Chapter
1. President Greenawalt read a statement from the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter that the Chapter declares itself ineligible in the foreseeable future for the Americanism Contests at the State and National levels in order to encourage participation by the other Chapters in the statewide and national Americanism competitions. The Chapter will continue to energetically organize, conduct, and participate in activities that will promote patriotism and the values and principles on which the country was founded. (A copy of the statement is included with the minutes).
- ix. Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals – Donny Carson
- x. Center for Advancing American Heritage Lamplighter Awards for donations of either \$500 or \$1,000 – Gerald Moore Smith Patrick Alexander McCabe, Kenneth E. Love, William Thomas Logan and Donny Carson
9. New Business
 - a. Compatriot Bill Vartorella, President of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter, recognized to discuss and outline the planning in preparation for the Battle of Camden Commemoration. Chapter is co-hosting this commemoration of the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Camden with Palmetto Conservation League and Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site. A number of dignitaries have been invited including the Royal Family, German Counsel General, President General and spouse, Vice President General and spouse, Governor, U.S. Senators, and numerous other dignitaries. Reviewed the schedule of events and advised that an electronic version of the schedule is forthcoming. Part of the program will be a talk by David Reuer, a Camden native and Revolutionary War expert, on 3 patriots who fought in this battle and subsequently signed the Constitution. Compatriot Ohanesian asks about the possibility of a contribution by the State Society to assist with this event. It is pointed out that SCSSAR is paying for the rental of the mini-van that will be used during the event, two formal wreaths, lodging for President General and spouse, and miscellaneous items including water. Chapter will pay for the formal reception and lodging for Vice President General and spouse.
 - b. Compatriot Tommy O'Dell of the Cambridge Chapter is recognized to announce the commemoration of the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Musgrove Mill the following week on August 22nd.
 - c. Former President Bill Allgood recognized to discuss the George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF). He pro-

vided information about what it does, why it is there, and how it benefits the SAR. A minimum \$1,000 contribution is required to join which can be broken up into 5 annual payments of \$200. Contributions go into a permanent fund that can't be spent. Each year GWEF allocates 80% of the money earned on the endowment to fund unfunded or underfunded SAR activities and projects. The remaining 20% of earnings are reinvested. The GWEF is helping support the SCETV project with a \$4,000 grant. Anyone can join and all compatriots are urged to do so. Forms are available through Compatriot Allgood.

- d. President Greenawalt gave an update on the proposal for securing an additional \$4,000 grant from GWEF for the ETV project about the southern campaign of the American Revolution. The Society has renewed its request to GWEF for an additional \$4,000 from any funds that have not already been committed. If no money is available for the remainder of this year, another request will be submitted for the new fiscal year beginning in September.
- e. Compatriot O'Dell recognized to announce that a print of the USS Randolph in Charleston harbor is being sold by the Cambridge Chapter. Proceeds from these prints will be used by to help defray the costs for markers for Kings Mountain and Musgrove's Mill and maintenance of other important Revolutionary War sites.
- f. President Greenawalt announced the State Leadership Retreat on 29 August in Camden at 10:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. There will be a working lunch. Issues and questions to be addressed at the retreat have been emailed to the BOG with a phone call to every State Officer and Chapter President to encourage attendance forthcoming. Additional issues or questions are encouraged.
- g. President Greenawalt announced the resignation of John Marker as Chairman of Partners in Patriotism Committee. Suggestions for a potential chairman were made. President Greenawalt will make an appointment after potential chairmen have been contacted and their interest ascertained.
- h. Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development Dr. Rick Corbett recognized for the following motions:
 - i. Moved that the oversight of the Colonel Philemon Waters Chapter be continued under his direction until the next Annual Meeting. Seconded by Treasurer Greg Ohanesian. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Moved to release the Thomas Lynch Chapter be released from his oversight at the time of his next visit to the Chapter. Seconded by Treasurer Ohanesian. Motion passed unanimously. (continued on page 6)

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i. Dr. Rick Corbett is recognized as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. Compatriot Corbett moved to affirm the role of the Bylaws Committee as sole publisher and custodian of all recommendations for new or amended bylaws for presentation to the BOG. Compatriot Ohanesian asked if changes to the proposed Bylaws can continue to be proposed and voted on at the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that this procedure would continue to be the case. Former President Mark Anthony inquired that there is no specific definition of this committee's functions. The response is that this is true with all standing committees, and the Bylaws Committee will review and present proposed changes to the bylaws to specify committee functions. Changes will be presented for consideration and adoption by the BOG. Question was called and motion passed with one abstention.

j. Former President Crowther recognized to discuss the South Carolina SAR website which is an important resource for communications internally and with the general public, including potential new members. Although the Society has had good volunteers managing the website, it is difficult to maintain consistency and efficiency in keeping the site current and updated. There are professional organizations that manage websites, but these professionals cost \$500 - \$1000 a month which is out of the question. Through the efforts of President Greenawalt, a C.A.R. member has been located who works with the Word-Press software used to build the website and who is available to administer our website. Although a high school student, he will be backed up by his father who is a former ad agency executive. This student will charge \$100 a month and would work on a month-to-month basis which could be

terminated on 30 days notice. Former President Anthony points out that the Society will have to file an appropriate IRS 1099 document if we pay more than \$600 a year to this individual. Having reviewed this with the Executive Committee, Compatriot Crowther moved that the Society retain this individual to provide professional assistance with website administration on a month to month basis for \$100 a month subject to cancellation on 30 days notice. Seconded by Senior Vice President Wayne Cousar. Motion passed unanimously.

k. Former President Anthony recognized and moved that the editor of the Palmetto Patriot be authorized to purchase Adobe Photoshop software for approximately \$250 to assist in publication of the magazine. Seconded by Treasurer Ohanesian. Motion passed unanimously.

l. National Trustee Woodruff recognized to present his report. There is one addition to that report relating to Education Outreach. The SAR wants every state society to appoint someone to this position to coordinate all of the education outreach projects such as Eagle Scouts, Americanism, ROTC, etc. so that there is less duplication. President Greenawalt pointed out that Compatriot Doster is already the chair of the Education committee and Compatriot Doster agreed to take on this additional role. Compatriot Woodruff discussed new changes and upgrades to the National SAR website that have been funded that will provide for online registration and will allow each SAR member to track all donations and dues. Hopefully, by the end of next year, each member will have access to these new features. Each state and each state chapter will be provided a page on this new website. This will provide a more uniform appearance and better branding.

m. Senior Vice President Cousar recognized and moved that any SAR member

who wants to make a donation to help the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter with the upcoming Commemoration event can do so by making a tax-deductible donation to the South Carolina SAR with the notation that it is for the Camden event. Seconded by Treasurer Ohanesian and passed unanimously.

n. Compatriot Crowther recognized and moved that by acclimation the South Carolina SAR expresses its appreciation to Compatriot Bill Vartorella for his efforts in organizing the 2015 Battle of Camden Commemoration. Approved by unanimous acclimation.

10. Meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. for lunch

11. Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

12. President Greenawalt announced that Former President Mark Anthony received the prestigious Minuteman Award from the National SAR. This is the highest award given by the National Society. It has been a number of years since a South Carolina compatriot has received this award. President Greenawalt congratulated Compatriot Anthony on behalf of the Society.

13. Former President Woodruff conducted a detailed review of the new National SAR website and emphasized the need to log-in and learn how to use the new on-line Member Application. Certain State Officers can log-in and will have access to the complete State database and will be able to update information. Entering "members.sar.org" in a web browser will bring up a new beta website for the National SAR which will require a new username and password. All officers and chapter presidents are asked to log in and familiarize themselves with the new on-line Application so they can show others how to use. The database will have all on-line membership applications that are in progress and the assigned contact officer can process a membership application on-line. This has many convenient features which will

streamline the application process. The existing information in the old data base will be digitized and imported into this new system. Anyone can go to the new on-line application and enter membership application information which will then be submitted electronically for State and National Registrar review. It will not become a part of the SAR master database until approved. The goal is for this new website to go live in the next few months. All officers and chapter presidents are encouraged to enter their own membership information in the national on-line beta membership application form in order to familiarize themselves with the process.

14. Former President Anthony announced that the flyer for Kings Mountain will be coming out shortly.

15. Former President Doug Doster announced that the 234th anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs will be commemorated on September 5th with patriotic services starting at 10:00 am; author Christine Swaggert will speak; wreath laying ceremony at 11:00 am at the battle memorial site; lunch at Sweetman's BBQ followed by wreath laying at Frances Marion's tomb. State Color Guard and live bugler will be there. Please e-mail Compatriot Doster if you can attend.

16. President Greenawalt advised that he will notify the BOG of the e-mail address of the new webmaster and encouraged members to get information up on the state website about each chapter and its activities.

17. Retirement of the colors by the South Carolina SAR Color Guard

18. SAR Recessional led by President Greenawalt

19. Benediction by Chaplain Peebles

20. Adjournment at 1:52 p.m.

Prepared By Nathan Kaminski, Recording Secretary (These minutes are a draft for approval at the next BOG meeting.)

The Passing of Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss

By Mark C Anthony, Editor

The South Carolina SAR and countless history lovers were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr Bobby Gilmer Moss on 7 August 2015.

Dr Moss was a South Carolina native who earned a B.A degree from Wake Forest University and a B.D. and M.Div degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He also earned a degree from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D from the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland. Dr Moss was a professor of history at Limestone College in Greenville retiring from that institution in 1993 and being named Professor Emeritus of History.

Among his many honors during his life, Dr Moss was named the inaugural Hopper Distinguished Faculty Award recipient by Limestone College, he was recognized with the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor, by Governor Mark Sanford in 2010 and the South Carolina Society DAR also instituted the Bobby Gilmer Moss History Award for research and preservation of South Carolina History, presenting the first award to Dr Moss.

He authored over 26 books and co-authored many more. Among his published books were:

The Old Iron District: A Study of the Development of Cherokee County 1750-1897 (1972); Roster of South

Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution (1983); The Patriots at Cowpens (1985); The Patriots at Kings Mountain (1990); African-American Patriots in the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution (2004); Roster of Patriots in the Snow Campaign: First Land Battle of the American Revolution in SC (2007)

The South Carolina SAR honored Dr Moss by naming him the 2013 Lecturer of the Year and then naming the Lecturer of the Year award after him in 2014. This award is given annually at the conclusion of the Cowpens Lecture Series each January in conjunction with Wofford College and the National Park Service during the Cowpens Anniversary Weekend in Spartanburg.



Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss receiving the Order of the Palmetto in Columbia in 2010. Photograph by Ales Hicks Jr, Spartanburg Herald-Journal

Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program

By: Randy L Potts, Eagle Scout Committee Chairman

For many years the SCSSAR has recognized the many common bonds of purpose and principles of the SAR and Boy Scouts of America.

Young men who achieve the rank of the Eagle Scout have demonstrated their belief in these common principles. For this reason, the SAR believes that Eagle Scouts deserve special recognition for their accomplishment and dedication.

The SCSSAR participates in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout scholarship program. The Eagle Scout scholarship is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year, 01 Jan. to 31 Dec.). The year that the Eagle was awarded is not restricted. College plans do not need to be completed in order to receive the cash scholarship.

Chapters please immediately work with your local Boy Scout councils to identify worthy Eagle Scouts; the Chapter should assist in the application and finally select the Eagle Scout within the Chapter's area to compete in the State Society contest.

Chapter Eagle Scout scholarship awards (medal and competition patches) may be purchased via the NSSAR Store.

The winner of the South Carolina Society Eagle Scholarship will receive a handsome Eagle Scout trophy, cash award and the opportunity to compete nationally.

A significant change was approved at the National Society level this year for the National Eagle Scout award recipients: Three cash scholarship awards will be given: As the National First Place winner - \$10,000.00; 1st runner-up - \$6,000.00; 2nd runner-up - \$4,000.00. This is a net increase of \$6,000 annually from previous award years.

You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirements but no more than \$10,000 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout.

Please contact Randy L. Potts, Eagle Scout Committee Chairman, at rpotts@nesa.org for more information.

Pictured to the right is the Eagle Scout Trophy presented annually by the South Carolina SAR.



**SAR 1776 Campaign
Advancing America's Heritage**

Please Help us Finish Construction of Our Visionary Outreach Education Center, Museum Exhibits and National Headquarters

The SAR 1776 Campaign recognizes donations in the amount of \$1,776 and fractions or multiples thereof. Based on the cost of museum exhibits of the type we are building at about \$600 per square foot, a donation of \$1,776 will build approximately three square feet. Donation recognitions start at \$25 for our car or refrigerator magnet.

The Sons of the American Revolution Society has a story to tell, and your continued support will allow us to champion our rich heritage for all to hear and see.

Donation Recognition Levels (Please Circle Category Desired):

\$25 Car / Refrigerator Magnet

\$148 Silver Sons of Liberty Pin

\$296 Gold Sons of Liberty Pin

\$592 Delegate Lapel Pin (1 square foot)

\$1,184 Drafter Lapel Pin (2 square feet)

\$1,776 Signer Lapel Pin (3 square feet)

Wall-Mounted Quills will recognize donations at the levels of:

\$5,328 Bronze Quill

\$8,880 Silver Quill

\$17,760 Gold Quill

Streamers will be awarded for: \$592 from Chapters and \$1,184 from State Societies

Total Donation Amount: _____

Name: _____ National SAR Number: _____

Current Address _____, City _____, State _____ Zip _____

, telephone: _____, email: _____

The SAR Foundation, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501 c3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Please make checks payable to:

The SAR Foundation, Inc. 809 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202-2619

For Credit Card Donations:

Please Indicate: _____ Master Card, _____ Visa, _____ Discover, _____ AMEX, _____ Other

Amount: \$ _____ Name on Card: _____, Credit Card # _____

Card Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____, Date _____

Notification of Annual Meeting

By: Greg Greenawalt, President

The South Carolina SAR annual state meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2-3, 2016 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2100 Bush River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210.

The annual meeting business session will run from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, April 2nd. There will be an evening reception and banquet on Saturday. A Sunday morning Memorial Service will begin the day on Sunday, April 3rd. The weekend will end with our Youth Awards luncheon and Officer Installation.

A block of rooms are being held for attendees that would like to stay overnight. The group discount rate is \$125.00 which includes breakfast on Sunday and free Wi-Fi. To make a reservation call (803) 731- 0300 and ask for the "Sons of the American Revolution Conference" group rate. For more information please contact South Carolina SAR President Greg Greenawalt at (484) 919-2780.

The registration form will be posted on the state website and published in the winter edition of The Palmetto Patriot in January 2016.

Welcome to our new members

The following 13 compatriots representing 5 chapters have been approved for membership between July 1, 2015 and August 31, 2015.

Colonel Robert Anderson: Robert Bruce Nations, patriot ancestor Reuben Hill

Doctor George Mosse: Henry Eugene Johnston, patriot ancestor Alexander Power; William Taylor Mattingly, patriot ancestor John Cohn Conger Sr; Benjamin David Piekut, patriot ancestor Alexander Penland; John Robert Rowlette Sr, patriot ancestor John Rowlette

General Andrew Pickens: Eric Nicholas Wakefield, patriot ancestor William Harbin; Kevin Lee Wakefield, patriot ancestor William Harbin

General Francis Marion: William Gerald Adams Jr, patriot ancestor Calvin Spencer

Major General William Moultrie: Kermitt Joseph Hill, patriot ancestor Abraham Chrisman; Whiteford Cornell McWaters III, patriot ancestor John McWatters; Robert Emmett Pollard, patriot ancestor Joel Pratt

At Large: Christopher Harris Gourdin, patriot ancestor John Palmer; William Edward Richburg II, patriot ancestor William Richbourg

The South Carolina SAR also welcomes the following member by transfer from another state society between July 1, 2015 and August 31, 2015.

Governor Paul Hamilton: John Gale Kinney, patriot ancestor Jonathan Lodge

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY SAR LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

FOR SC SOCIETY USE ONLY
NATIONAL LIFE NUMBER: _____

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

_____/_____/_____
Name of Applicant (type or print) Date of Birth

Street Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Signature of Applicant Date Signed

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the foregoing Compatriot's application for enrollment in the SCSSAR Life Membership Program and approve same.

Signature of SCSSAR Secretary Date Signed

SCSSAR LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the SCSSAR Board of Governors in January, 2014, the following rates for SCSSAR Life Membership were established per the following chart. In order to apply, the applicant must be a currently active member and his application for NSSAR National Life Membership must already be approved or be submitted to the State Society for forwarding to NSSAR Headquarters.

Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost	Age = \$ Cost
0-40 = \$500	41 = \$490	51 = \$390	61 = \$290	71 = \$190	81 = \$90
	42 = \$480	52 = \$380	62 = \$280	72 = \$180	82 = \$80
	43 = \$470	53 = \$370	63 = \$270	73 = \$170	83 = \$70
	44 = \$460	54 = \$360	64 = \$260	74 = \$160	84 = \$60
	45 = \$450	55 = \$350	65 = \$250	75 = \$150	85 = \$50
	46 = \$440	56 = \$340	66 = \$240	76 = \$140	86 = \$40
	47 = \$430	57 = \$330	67 = \$230	77 = \$130	87 = \$30
	48 = \$420	58 = \$320	68 = \$220	78 = \$120	88 = \$20
	49 = \$410	59 = \$310	69 = \$210	79 = \$110	89 = \$10
	50 = \$400	60 = \$300	70 = \$200	80 = \$100	90+ = \$0

South Carolina SAR salutes the following anniversaries

By: Mark C Anthony, Editor

These South Carolina SAR members have reached the following membership anniversaries during the fourth quarter of 2015. Members having anniversaries in the first quarter of 2016 will be recognized in the next issue of The Palmetto Patriot.

- 55 Years: William S Davies, John E Goodwin
- 50 Years: David E Gilfillan
- 40 Years: Greg H Ohanesian
- 35 Years: William N Epps Jr
- 30 Years: John K Charles Jr
- 25 Years: Brewer T Horton Jr, David H Witt
- 20 Years: William T Logan, Thomas A Pigott, John L Ramsey, Richard A Sutton
- 15 Years: Thomas F Anderson Jr, John D Crapps
- 10 Years: Richard G Augur, Ronald K Booth, Ernest L Hatchell Jr, Thomas S Heyward
- 5 Years: Ronnie R Black, David J Carlough Jr, Donald R Hayes, Ottis R Wright Jr

These anniversaries are from the date that the membership application was approved and is not necessarily reflective of the number of years that dues have been paid. For purposes of consideration for certain medals as well as Emeritus Status, dues payments are the determining factor.

Roll Call of the Departed

By: Mark C Anthony, Editor

The South Carolina SAR is saddened to announce that it has been notified since the publication of the last issue of The Palmetto Patriot of the following compatriots who have passed away:

- Col Philemon Waters
- William Murray Livingston – 17 August 2015
- Gov Paul Hamilton
- Charles White Stockell – 13 March 2015
- At Large
- George B Hartness – 9 June 2015
- John Lawrence Haynes Jr – 9 June 2015
- James E Jolley – 14 February 2015

Membership Demographic Data

As of 31 August 2015, the South Carolina SAR had 858 members ranging in age from 5 years to 97 years with an average age of 63.74 years. Of the 858 members, a total of 78 members were National & State Life Members and 1 was a National Life Member only.

Judge Ed Butler complies with request from HRM Felipe VI de Borbon, King of Spain to write book about Spain's assistance during the American Revolutionary War

In May 2010 Judge Ed Butler and his first lady, Robin, led a group of 35 members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution on a tour of Spain. During their visit to Madrid, then Crown Prince Felipe granted the SAR members and their wives a private audience at Zarzuela Palace, the royal residence in Madrid, Spain.

During that audience King Felipe asked Judge Butler to write a book about Bernardo de Galvez and Spain's assistance to the U.S. during the American Revolutionary War. Gently poking judge Butler on the shoulder King Felipe, with a broad smile on his face said:

"I want you to write a book about Spain's assistance to the United States during the American Revolutionary War; then I want you to write a screen play, and get Hollywood to make a movie. I would like Antonio Banderas to play the part of General Galvez."

Judge Butler replied: "I can write the book, and I can write the screenplay, but it will be up to Hollywood to decide if they want to make a movie."

The 360 page book with 214 footnotes, and 37 pages of Appendices, contains the names of hundreds of Spanish patriots. It documents the significant support rendered by Spain, and allows our Hispanic community to feel proud that their ancestors played a vital role in the formation of our nation.

It received the Order of the Granaderos de Galvez award as the "Best Revolutionary War History Book for 2014."

The reviews on his book have been very positive. For example: Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier, President Texas A&M University-San Antonio, had this to say:

"Never has a more important book been written that confirms what has been silent in our American History books. Our students identify closely with Mexico and now through Judge Butler's scholarly work, they can, as Americans, be proud of their ancestors important role in the birth of our beloved nation. Every student of American history can now know "the rest of the story". Thank you Judge Butler for your passion and commitment to our history and for making all of us with Spanish surnames proud."

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE NSSAR NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

National Headquarters – 809 West Main Street – Louisville, KY 40202

FOR HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY
DATE RECEIVED: _____

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

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

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

Signature of State Secretary _____ Date of Signature _____

NSSAR NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES

In accordance with a motion made and passed by the 124th Congress in July 2014, the following rates for the National Life Membership were established per the following chart. In order to apply, the applicant must be a currently active member and this application must be submitted to his (primary) State Society for forwarding to the NSSAR Headquarters.

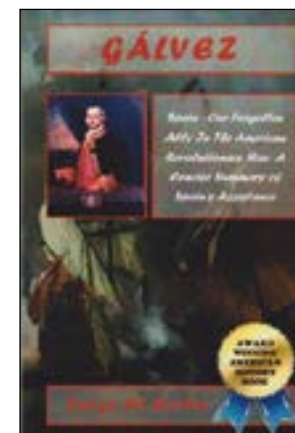
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1 = \$1,040	16 = \$965	31 = \$870	46 = \$730	61 = \$540	76 = \$325	91 = \$160
2 = \$1,035	17 = \$960	32 = \$860	47 = \$720	62 = \$530	77 = \$315	92 = \$150
3 = \$1,030	18 = \$955	33 = \$855	48 = \$705	63 = \$515	78 = \$300	93 = \$140
4 = \$1,025	19 = \$950	34 = \$845	49 = \$700	64 = \$500	79 = \$290	94 = \$135
5 = \$1,020	20 = \$945	35 = \$835	50 = \$685	65 = \$485	80 = \$275	95 = \$125
6 = \$1,015	21 = \$940	36 = \$830	51 = \$670	66 = \$470	81 = \$265	96 = \$120
7 = \$1,010	22 = \$935	37 = \$820	52 = \$660	67 = \$460	82 = \$250	97 = \$90
8 = \$1,005	23 = \$925	38 = \$810	53 = \$650	68 = \$440	83 = \$240	98 = \$60
9 = \$1,000	24 = \$920	39 = \$800	54 = \$635	69 = \$425	84 = \$225	99 = \$30
10 = \$995	25 = \$915	40 = \$790	55 = \$625	70 = \$415	85 = \$215	100+ = \$0
11 = \$990	26 = \$905	41 = \$780	56 = \$610	71 = \$400	86 = \$205	
12 = \$985	27 = \$900	42 = \$770	57 = \$595	72 = \$385	87 = \$195	
13 = \$980	28 = \$895	43 = \$760	58 = \$585	73 = \$370	88 = \$185	
14 = \$975	29 = \$885	44 = \$750	59 = \$570	74 = \$353	89 = \$175	
15 = \$970	30 = \$875	45 = \$740	60 = \$550	75 = \$345	90 = \$165	

For Headquarters use only:	Signature of NSSAR Registrar _____	Date of Signature _____
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Mimi Lozano, educator and activist for Hispanic rights who co-founded the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research, and is the editor and publisher of Somos Primos, an online monthly publication dedicated to Hispanic heritage had this to say:

"This book should be on the shelf of every school library . . . and . . . There are many fine books of recent publication out on General Bernardo de Gálvez, but, Gálvez/Spain Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War is a tidy, quick-read, quick-reference book, handy to have on hand to convince any sincere truth seeker, that in fact, the Spanish did play an important, very major role in winning the American Revolution.

The book was published by Southwest Historical Press, P.O. Box 170, 24165 IH-10 West, Suite 217-170, San Antonio, TX 78257, and is available for \$29.00 + \$6.50 p.&h.



SUMMARY MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION REPORT

CHAPTER	1/1/2015				INTERSTATE		INTRASTATE		8/31/2015	Change from 1/1/2015
	MEMBERSHIP	NEW	REINSTATE	DEATHS	TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT	TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT		
Battle of Eutaw Springs	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0
Cambridge	36	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	38	2
Col. Joseph Kershaw	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	1
Col. Lemuel Benton	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	40	1
Col. Philemon Waters	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	0
Col. Robert Anderson	44	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	49	5
Col. Thomas Taylor	65	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	66	1
Col. William Bratton	25	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	31	6
Daniel Morgan	60	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	64	4
Dr. George Mosse	47	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	10
Gen. Andrew Pickens	22	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	3
Gen. Francis Marion	15	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	18	3
Gen. James Williams	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1
Godfrey Dreher	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2
Gov. Paul Hamilton	64	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	69	5
Henry Laurens	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	2
Maj. Gen. Wm Moultrie	113	11	0	0	2	1	1	0	127	14
Matthew Singleton	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0
Thomas Lynch	17	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	1
At Large Membership	<u>125</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTALS	790	58	16	11	6	1	1	1	858	68

The South Carolina Society has had net growth of 8.61% over the the first eight months of 2015 to a total of 858 members. This is only 6 members below the total membership reported at 12/31/2014 of 864 members.

SC Society SAR 2015 Americanism Contest Update

By: Mark C Anthony, Americanism Committee Chairman

Chapter	Americanism	President General	PG Cup	Categories
Daniel Morgan	3,300	1,910	79.55	15
Paul Hamilton	1,126	360	16.38	12
William Moultrie	951	405	9.16	10
Joseph Kershaw	748	165	93.73	9
Francis Marion	660	330	46.06	9
Andrew Pickens	650	325	38.80	11
Thomas Lynch	595	110	24.56	8
William Bratton	582	430	30.46	11
Eutaw Springs	571	320	34.23	8
Cambridge	543	235	19.31	10
James Williams	481	205	34.91	9
Matthew Singleton	441	140	19.32	8
Lemuel Benton	405	90	8.60	8
Thomas Taylor	345	140	3.84	7
George Mosse	225	195	2.40	6
Godfrey Dreher	175	85	5.96	4
Philemon Waters	135	20	7.45	4
Henry Laurens	100	50	4.29	2
Robert Anderson	2,238	1,215	66.58	13
SC Society SAR	14,975	5,630		

The table above presents the current Americanism, President General's Streamer and President General's Cup results through Friday, 11 September 2015 with the exception of points earned by chapters for having members attend the August 29th Leadership Meeting in Camden.

The Colonel Robert Anderson Chapter stated it no longer wished to participate in the annual contest at the July 2015 Board of Governors meeting. Thus, its totals are reported separately from the other chapters of the South Carolina SAR.

The following goals have been established for each chapter for 2015:

- (1) each chapter recording 1,000 Americanism points,
- (2) each chapter recording points in 12 of 16 categories, and
- (3) each chapter presenting a Flag Certificate.

Blank flag certificates are provided to each chapter by the SC Society. Certificates were distributed at the July Board of Governors Meeting. Chapters are encouraged to select a deserving member of the community who can be awarded the certificate. If your chapter needs another Flag Certificate, please contact the chairman and one will be delivered at the October Board of Governors Meeting.

Through 31 August 2015, only the General James Williams, Matthew Singleton and Thomas Lynch chapters have reported the presentation of a Flag Certificate.

The only qualifications are that (1) the Flag is flown properly and (2) it is not used in a commercial manner. Perfect candidates are local first responder locations and schools. Please be sure to supply the name of the organization awarded the certificate and date of presentation to the chairman.

Based on the discussion at the August Leadership Meeting in Camden, the committee will be making a motion at the October Board of Governors meeting to establish three size categories for the awarding of Chapter of the Year designation.

Also, the committee will be compiling chapter points based on the filing of Americanism Score Sheets by each chapter in addition to its quarterly report. Each chapter is requested to inform the committee of who its designated Americanism Contest Chairman is. Having this point of contact will enable the committee to provide timely feedback in terms of corrections or the reassignment of points. This feedback will also serve as a de facto training session for each chapter contact.

The Americanism Committee stands ready to provide any assistance or answer any questions that your chapter or your chapter contact might have on how to maximize its activities and thus its points. Chapter chairman are encouraged to contact the committee chairman as soon as possible with any questions they may have even before submitting their score sheets for the October Board of Governors meeting.

Historic Sites & Celebrations

RESERVE THE DATE – 235th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF COWPENS

The National Society SAR, the South Carolina SAR and the Daniel Morgan Chapter ask that you reserve the dates of January 15-17, 2016 for the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens.

Meetings and Events will begin at 12:00 noon on Friday, January 15th and continue through Sunday, January 17th in both Spartanburg, SC and at the National Battlefield.

The headquarters for the SAR will once again be at the Courtyard by Marriott located at 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC. Information about making reservations will be published no later than December 2015.

The following is a brief outline of the meetings and events over the weekend. Registration forms will be published no later than December 2015. Places and times may be subject to change as the schedule is finalized.

Friday, January 15

12:00 noon: Order of Founders of North America Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Spartanburg

2:00 pm: Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony, Church St & Main St, Spartanburg

4:00 pm: South Atlantic District Annual Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Spartanburg

5:30 pm: Cowpens Reception, Courtyard by Marriott, Spartanburg

7:00 pm: 4th Annual Cowpens Lecture Series, Wofford College, Spartanburg

Saturday, January 16

10:00 am: SAR Wreath Laying Ceremony, Cowpens National Battlefield

11:30 am: SAR / DAR Genealogy Seminar, Cowpens National Battlefield

1-5 pm: SAR Information Table

Sunday, January 17

11 am – 5 pm: SAR Information Table

Pictured at the right, the combined North and South Carolina Color Guard stands in front of the Historic Church of the Epiphany

Standing (l-r): 1st row: Doug Doster and Wayne Cousar; 2nd row: Bob Krause, Mark Anthony, Fred Oakes, Tim Berly, Dan Woodruff, Will Flint and Donny Carson; 3rd Row: Ken Luckey. Photo by Nat Kaminski

The National SAR, the Kings Mountain Chapter, North Carolina SAR & the Daniel Morgan Chapter, South Carolina SAR

Invite you to attend the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 11:00 am, Kings Mountain National Military Park, Blacksburg, SC

SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and other patriotic and lineage societies & chapters are invited to participate in a formal wreath laying ceremony at the United States' Monument. Participants presenting a wreath must deliver it to the park's Visitor Center no later than 9:30 am on October 7th for labeling and transportation to the monument. Transportation will be provided for those needing assistance to the monument. Continental, militia or period attire is encouraged.

Please complete and return the registration form provided on the following page and no later than Saturday, September 26th for the registration to be included in the printed program. Registration forms should be returned to Doyle Campbell at either: doylecampbell@carolina.rr.com or 1407 Merrimount Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Questions about the event can be directed to either Doyle Campbell or Mark C Anthony (mcgt90@bellsouth.net).

The Courtyard by Marriott located at 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29303 is the official hotel for the 2015 Kings Mountain anniversary. Reservations can be made directly at 864-585-2400. A rate of \$119.00 plus taxes was guaranteed until September 8th but may be available upon request. Additional hotels are available in Gaffney, SC, Gastonia, NC or Kings Mountain, NC.

The following is a listing of the events associated with the anniversary commemoration.

Tuesday, October 6th

2:00 pm: General James Williams Grave Marking, Cherokee County Administration Building, N Limestone St, Gaffney

Sponsored by the General James Williams Chapter, SC Society SAR

Wreath registration contact: Charles McKinney Sr at cmckinneysr@yahoo.com or 864-833-4457

4:30 pm: South Atlantic District, National Society SAR District Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg

5:30 pm: Kings Mountain Reception, Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg

6:00 pm: The Night before Kings Mountain, Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy, Gaffney

Presented by the Overmountain Victory Trail Association

Wednesday, October 7th

9:30 am: Deadline for delivery of wreaths to Kings Mountain Visitors Center

11:00 am: Wreath Laying Ceremony at the United States Monument

3:00 pm: Arrival of the Overmountain Victory Trail Marchers / Commemoration Ceremony

2015 Kings Mountain Wreath Registration

Registration forms should be returned to Doyle Campbell at either: 1407 Merrimount Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or doylecampbell@carolina.rr.com.

Deadline for registration so that it will appear in the printed program is Saturday, September 26th.

Society Name: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Name of Presenter: _____ Title: _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____



235th Anniversary of Eutaw Springs

By: Douglas B Doster, Midlands Region Vice President

Thanks to all who participated and attended the 235th Battle of Eutaw Springs observance. Your attendance made it a great success. We had representation from ten SAR chapters including one from North Carolina. North Carolina SAR State President Tim Berly also attended. Eight South Carolina NSDAR chapters were represented and two South Carolina C.A.R. societies presented wreaths including the state president, our very own Will Flint.

Dr. Christine Swager gave a condensed but very informative talk on why the battle happened and how the outcome influenced the remaining weeks of the war. She was well received by those in attendance.

Mr. Keith Gourdin, Chairman of the Berkeley North Historical & Cultural Committee and a direct descendent of the Gen. Francis Marion family was present. He is heading up with Dr. Rick Corbett the formation of a new chapter of SAR in Berkeley County.

The weather cooperated thank the good Lord and Sweetmans BBQ was as good as ever. Special thanks to the South Carolina SAR Color Guard for a fine showing. The guns do make for great show. Special thanks to the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter for the use of their PA portable system delivered by Senior Vice President Wayne Cousar.

From the Desk of the Historian

By: Donny Carson, State Historian

The Commemoration of the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Camden on August 16, 2015 was well attended. Besides National SAR President General Thomas Lawrence and his wife Mickey Jo, there were five state societies in attendance: South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. Eight South Carolina chapters were there with wreaths: Col Joseph Kershaw, Battle of Eutaw Springs, Cambridge, Col Lemuel Benton, Col Robert Anderson, Daniel Morgan, Gove Paul Hamilton, Major Gen Wm Moultrie and Matthew Singleton.

The DAR was also there with the South Carolina NSDAR, Hobkirk Hill Chapter, the General Nathanael Greene Chapter and the Star Fort Chapter. Also in attendance from the George NSDAR was the Col William Chandler Chapter.

The afternoon events consisted of a service at the SAR Memorial in the Quaker Cemetery, a wreath laying at the gravesite of Col Joseph Kershaw and a concluding wreath laying at the tomb of Baron Johann De Kalb. A reception for the SAR followed at McCaa's Tavern on the grounds of Historic Camden.

At the reception, President General Lawrence awarded Compatriot Bill Vartorella with the Aide-de-Camp Pin for his work in hosting the PG during the weekend. This was only the second time a South Carolina Compatriot was presented with this pin. The previous recipient was Compatriot Mark Anthony.

Compatriot Vartorella and all the others who organized the weekend deserve a HUZDAH for a job well done.

The patriot victory at Musgrove's Mill was celebrated on August 22, 2015. This was the 235th anniversary of the battle. The General James Williams and Colonel Philemon Waters chapters co-hosted the event along with the Sullivan-Dunklin Chapter NSDAR. South Carolina SAR President Greg Greenawalt addressed those in attendance. General James Williams Chapter President Lee Benjamin also spoke and C.A.R. State President Will Flint brought greetings. The South Carolina SAR Color Guard fired a musket volley at the conclusion of the event and State Chaplain Lawrence Peebles gave the benediction.

Everyone involved with the Musgrove's Mill 235th Anniversary deserves a job well done for the outstanding organization of the event including the delicious ice cream served at the conclusion at the picnic shelter.



There was a grave marking ceremony for Patriot John Howerton at Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church outside of Clinton after the Musgrove's Mill ceremony. Private Howerton enlisted in 1775 in Prince Edward County Virginia in the 4th Virginia Regiment. He is known to have participated in the battles of Long Ridge, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine and Germantown. He was encamped at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78. He moved to the Duncan Creek area about 1794 and lived there until his death in 1821.

Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church is the oldest church in Laurens County formed around 1764. There are sixteen patriots buried in its cemetery.

At the August 20th meeting of the Daniel Morgan Chapter, the chapter voted to purchase a grave marker for an upcoming grave marking in November. The chapter has been fortunate in locating the graves of several militia officers who fought at Cowpens and marking their graves. Some of the graves marked include Col William Brandon, Major Thomas Young, Major Joseph McJunkin and Captain John Palmer. Future plans include marking the graves of Lt Col William Farr, Captain William Grant, Captain Robert Montgomery and Lt Hughes along with other NCOs and privates as they are identified.

In the past, I have recommended two books on the Revolutionary War: Turning Point by Katherine Cann and The Road to Guilford Courthouse by John Buchanan. Two new books I wish to recommend are Revolutionary Rangers by Richard La Crosse Jr and Patriot Militiamen in the American Revolution, 1775-82 by Ed and Catherine Gilbert. These books have a lot of useful information in them. I hope that you will enjoy them.



Photo above: Participants stand with the wreaths they presented at the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Musgrove's Mill. Photo to the left: The newly installed grave marker of John Howerton at the Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church, Clinton, SC. Both events occurred on Saturday, August 22nd. Photographs provided by the General James Williams Chapter

Upcoming Events:

All event times and dates are subject to change. Please visit the South Carolina SAR website for details or attend to the published invitations.

2015

September	TBD	Andrew Pickens Birthday	Clemson
September 19	10:00 am	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
Sept 25-26	All Day	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 3-4	All Day	Walnut Grove Festifall	Roebuck
October 6	4:30 pm	South Atlantic District Meeting	Spartanburg
October 7	10:00 am	Kings Mountain	Blacksburg
October 9	7:00 am	Battle of Savannah	Savannah, GA
October 17	10:00 am	SC Board of Governors Meeting	Columbia
October 17	TBD	Bullocks Creek Presbyterian Event	Sharon
October 19	All Day	Yorktown Day	Yorktown, VA
October 23-25	All Day	Florida SAR BoM	Orlando, FL
October 24	10:00 am	Georgia SAR BoM Meeting	Barnesville, GA
November 21	10:00 am	Commemoration of Ft Morris	Midway, GA
December 5	TBA	Great Cane Break	Simpsonville
December 5	10:00 am	Commemoration of Vann's Creek	Elbert Cty, GA
December 12	TBA	Wreaths Across America	Multiple Locations
December 19	7:00 pm	Colonial Ball	Charleston

2016

January 9	10:00 am	SC Board of Governors Meeting	Columbia
January 15	2:30 pm	Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony	Spartanburg
January 15	4:30 pm	South Atlantic District Annual Meeting	Spartanburg
January 15	7:00 pm	Bobby Moss Cowpens Lecture Series	Spartanburg
January 16	10:30 am	235th Anniversary of Cowpens	Chesnee
January 23	8:30 am	Georgia SAR Annual Meeting	Duluth, GA
January 30	10:00 am	Battle of Cowan's Ford	Huntersville, NC
January 30	12:00 pm	North Carolina SAR BoM Meeting	Huntersville, NC
February 5-7	All Day	Florida SAR BoM Meeting	Orlando, FL
February 13	10:00 am	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
Feb 26-27	All Day	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
Feb 26-27	All Day	SC Society C.A.R. Annual Meeting	Myrtle Beach
March 12	10:00 am	Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
March 17-19	All Day	SC Society DAR Annual Meeting	Columbia
Apr 2-3	All Day	South Carolina SAR Annual Meeting	Columbia
Apr 29-30	All Day	North Carolina SAR Annual Meeting	Charlotte, NC
May 13-15	All Day	Florida SAR Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL
June 15-19	All Day	NSDAR Annual Congress	Washington DC
June 28	10:00 am	Carolina Day	Charleston
July 8-13	All Day	126th NSSAR Annual Congress	Boston, MA

*Chapters are requested to not schedule meetings or events on established State and National meeting dates which are shown in italics above.

Chapter Capsules

Thomas Lynch



Photo to left: Thomas Lynch Chapter Secretary Bill Sturgeon (right) presented the JROTC Medal to Cadet Staff Sergeant Shaunleese Taylor of Lincoln HS, McClellanville on 13 May. Photo provided by Nat Kaminski.



Photo above: (l-r): Secretary Bill Sturgeon, Cadet LTC. Sherlise Green and President Nat Kaminski, president at the Kingstree High School JROTC Awards Ceremony on 14 May 2015. Photo provided by Nat Kaminski.

Governor Paul Hamilton

During April and May the Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter honored a number of Cadets with SAR medals and certificates. The first three of six high schools to be recognized within the three counties the chapter participates with, were Colleton County High School and two Beaufort County High Schools, Beaufort High School and Whale Branch Early College High School. Photos provided by the Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter.



Compatriot Billy Syfrett (left) presented Colleton County High School Naval Cadet Petty Officer Brandon McCubbins with the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal on April 21st.

Battery Creek Marine Cadet 1st Lt Robert Bowles received the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal as the unit's top Senior from Compatriot Lt Col Perry Gesell (USMC Ret). Lt Bowles enrolled in the Citadel this fall with a Marine Corps Option.



Chapter Military Awards Chairman Lt Col Perry Gesell (right) presents the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Colonel Zachary Wilson of the Beaufort High School Air Force JROTC.



General James Williams

Laurens District 55 has another JROTC Honoree (printed with permission)

By: Commander T J Linardi, Senior NJROTC Instructor

Jamie Ackerman is the newest Battalion Commander for Laurens District 55 High School (LDHS). She is in charge of the 200 plus cadets who make up the NJROTC Battalion. On 17 May, Jamie won the South Carolina SAR JROTC Cadet of the Year for 2015. The General James Williams Chapter sponsored Jamie for this prestigious award.

In 2012, Joshua Lafond-Favieres won the award as the first recipient during the tenure of CDR T.J. Linardi. Joshua was the Battalion Executive Officer (2nd in command) at the time of his selection. Joshua was a candidate for the Gilliam Award but he did not win that prestigious award. However, he did win a Navy ROTC scholarship to go to Duke University worth more than \$250,000. Joshua has taken full advantage of the Navy's generosity and he is doing extremely well as he enters into his junior year at Duke. The SAR JROTC Cadet of the Year was the first award Joshua received as he entered his senior year of high school and used it as a springboard to realize his dream of going to Duke.

In 2013, Jessica Ackerman (Jamie's older sister) was selected as the South Carolina SAR JROTC Cadet of the Year. Jessica was an all-around superstar in athletics (Volleyball and Soccer), NJROTC and even Homecoming Queen. Jessica was the NJROTC Battalion Commander and took the Battalion to many firsts. Jessica was the national NJROTC Cadet of the Year as the Gilliam Award winner. That award had never been won by anyone at LDHS. Jessica also used the SAR Cadet of the Year as a springboard to an NROTC scholarship. Jessica chose to use the NROTC scholarship to go to USC. She is doing very well at USC where she majors in engineering. She continues to be a superstar at the NROTC unit at USC where she has been recommended as midshipman of the month a number of times.

In 2014, Eric Morse was selected as the South Carolina SAR JROTC Cadet of the Year. Eric had taken great strides in his sophomore and junior years to be one of the most well rounded cadets in the unit earning himself a spot at Leadership Academy and Sail Academy in back to back years. He also attended Boy's State and became an Eagle Scout. Eric became the Battalion Commander his senior year and led the unit to consecutive/follow-on trips to Area and National Championships. Eric chose a different path than Joshua and Jessica as he trained to become a certified fire fighter. Once they get to the level of becoming a South Carolina SAR JROTC Cadet of the Year, cadets tend to be committed to service. Joshua and Jessica dedicated themselves to defending this country, which they will do after they graduate from Duke and USC respectively, however Eric chose the path to serve his community at home. They both are very important to each of us.

Finally this year's recipient, making it 4 in a row, was Jamie Ackerman. She is an amazing young woman, who like her sister can do anything she wants, She is number 6 in her senior class and is this year's Battalion Commander just like her sister. However, Jamie has a few tricks up her own sleeve. She has the capacity to win awards that the others before her never won. She has done extremely well in every area of NJROTC. She has led the Color Guard, the Drill Team, she has a medal from the Orienteering National Championships and she has participated in every National Academic Exam our unit has ever succeeded in. I don't believe that the South Carolina SAR could have found any other cadet in the state that balances all of the demands of high school student like Jamie does. I did not mention that she went to Girl's State and was voted in as a House Representative. That is a huge accomplishment considering that the young women who go to Girl's State are some of the most accomplished in the state. Jamie already has the college entrance scores to be competitive for an NROTC scholarship only time will tell what course she will take!

Photos from around South Carolina

The photographs on this page are from events taking place around the state. They are offered here in place of written chapter capsules from the various chapters.



Midlands Region VP Doug Doster addresses the attendees at the Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration



The SAR Memorial at Quaker Cemetery



The Colonel Joseph Kershaw Gravesite



South Carolina SAR members with President General Tom Lawrence and First Lady Mickey Jo at McCaa's Tavern in Camden

A Message from South Atlantic District Vice President General Dr Ed Rigel Sr

July 1, 2015

Dear Compatriots:

It is a great honor to have been elected and installed to represent what I believe to be the finest District in the National Society. Our District has the highest membership and we are the busiest District in the Society as evidenced by our recognition on Awards Night at the 125th Congress.

Each Vice President General is charged with promoting the interest and activities that further the objectives of the National Society among the State Societies within his District. To that end, I plan to maintain contact with each State President to ensure that the opportunity for free-flow communications exists. It's important that the State Presidents know I'm always available to provide assistance as needed. Further, I urge not only the Presidents, but all members in our District to not hesitate to communicate with me.

I will attend the Annual Meeting of each State Society and plan to attend all the National events recognized by or Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee within our District as well as many others. Under the Calendar tab of the District website is published our planned activities and events for 2015 and 2016. Also under that tab is my visitation/participation schedule as it exists currently and special notes relative to upcoming events.

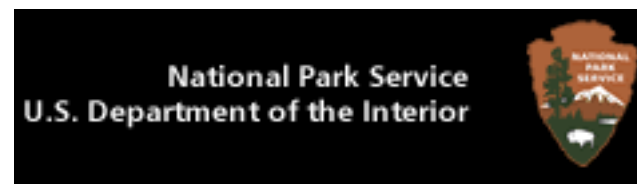
This will be a busy year, but I look forward to the many opportunities to spend time with as many of the fine members of the District as possible. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your VPG.



Dr Edward P Rigel Sr



The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25, 2016! The Centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. Join the celebration to explore, learn, discover, be inspired, or simply have fun in over 400 national parks.



Battle of Musgrove's Mill 235th Anniversary Speech

By: Greg Greenawalt, State President

Welcome to my SAR brothers, DAR sisters, our C.A.R. future leaders and distinguished guests. I would like to extend a special thank you to our friends with the US Park Service who protect and preserve these historical battle sites and help us to educate the public on their importance. I offer greetings on behalf of the 19 chapters and over 850 members of the South Carolina State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Let's take a moment to reflect back on the activities that took place throughout the Carolina back country in 1780. It was an extremely difficult time in our countries history as the war for Independence from Britain pitted neighbors, relatives and family members against each other.

In December of 1778, in a strategy to divide the colonies, the British Commander-in-Chief Sir Henry Clinton decides to send British forces south. The British hoped this strategy would weaken patriot morale in the South and inspire British Loyalist to rise up and support the British army. The first target was to capture Savannah and Augusta in Georgia which they did successfully in December 1778 and January 1779. With military victories in Georgia, Clinton decides to go after Charleston, the South's first city, and set sails from New York with 13,500 men on December 26, 1779.

The Revolutionary War in the South was quite different from the Northern Campaign. American trained continental soldiers and regiments were scarce until October 1780 when General Washington appoints Nathanael Greene as his trusted General to lead the Continental army in the South. The British still occupy New York City and have over 16,000 Redcoats based there which causes Washington and a large contingency of American Continental soldiers to stay in the north and keep the British contained to their Manhattan stronghold.

The War in the Carolina Back country was predominately fought with poorly trained back woods militia regiments. Some of the Militia leaders had gained military experience by fighting with the British in the French in Indian wars that took place in 1756- 1765, such as Francis Marion, Daniel Morgan and Thomas Sumter. The war pitted neighbors, family members, slaves and local Indian tribes against each other as any particular community would have both American Patriots and British Loyalist living in close proximity to each other. Most do not realize that there were over 400 Revolutionary War battles fought in the Southern Campaign. Many earlier American Revolutionary War educational books and material left out the major battles that took place in the South, and minimalized the important contributions to America's Independence made by the southern militia patriots.

The British had a fatal flaw in their strategy, they grossly under estimated the resolve and fighting spirit of the Carolina back country patriots. Many were Scots-Irish immigrants that arrived in Charleston by boat and followed wagon and Indian trails to establish their homesteads in the Carolina backcountry. Most left their homelands to distance themselves from the tyranny of British rule and had little patience for continued British oppression in their new homeland.

The British assault on the Carolinas begins on April 1, 1780 with the Siege of Charleston British Commander Sir Henry Clinton with 13,500 British troops defeats Patriot General Benjamin Lincoln. 5,266 American troops were captured resulting in one of the largest surrenders in US Military history.

April 14, 1780 Battle of Moncks Corner South Carolina takes place resulting in a British victory for Banastre Tarleton who defeated Isaac Huger.

On May 24, the Battle of the Waxhaw's or Buford's Massacre occurs in Buford, SC. Where Bloody Ban the Butcher Tarleton massacres over 150 American Patriots under the command of General Abraham Buford.

On June 20 The Battle of Ramseur's Mill happens in Lincolnton, NC A Patriot Victory for Francis Locke who defeated John Moore.

On July 12, 1780 Battle of Williamson Plantation or (Huck's Defeat) occurs at McConnells, SC. A Patriot Victory for Col. William Bratton who defeated Captain Christian Huck.

August 1, the Battle of Rocky Mount at Great Falls SC. A British victory for George Turnbull who defeats Thomas Sumter.

August 6, the Battle of Hanging Rock, Heath Springs SC. A British victory for John Carden over Thomas Sumter.

On August 16, the Battle of Camden, resulting in a major British Victory for General Charles Cornwallis over Patriot General Horatio Gates.

Just two days after the Patriot loss at the Battle of Camden on August 18th Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton, and 350 Loyalists located a Patriot force commanded by Brigadier General Thomas Sumter, "The Gamecock" about 40 miles from Camden at Fishing Creek. Tarleton caught the Americans totally unprepared, killing 150, wounding and capturing 300 and freeing 100 British prisoners. Loyalist losses were just 16 killed. This battle made Tarleton, in eyes of the British, a national hero. Coming just after the Patriot loss at Camden.

However, that very same day, a second battle gave the Patriots a spark of hope, here at Musgrove's Mill. Patriot Colonels Elijah Clarke, Isaac Shelby and James Williams commanded a militia force of 200 men that repelled an attack by 500 Loyalists, killing 63, wounding 90 and capturing another 70. Patriot losses were only 4 killed and 12 wounded, resulting in a battle that could have cemented Patriot disaster but instead ended in a Patriot victory. In the wake of General Horatio Gates major defeat at Camden and the loses at Fishing Creek the victory here at Musgrove's Mill heartened the Patriots and served as evidence that the South Carolina Backcountry could not be held by the British.

Ladies and Gentlemen we pause today at this most important Revolutionary war battle site not to remember that we are free men and women, but to ask how we gained that freedom. Our liberty comes at a very high price. 25,000 Patriots lost their lives during the War for Independence including over 12 brave American Patriots who were killed here on this battle site, men who laid down their lives for a cause much greater than their own.

Many more lost their homes, their land, and their livelihood for the freedoms that we enjoy today. This ladies and gentlemen is a story that we must not forget and for the sake and future of our great nation, it is our obligation to ensure that the story of America's fight for independent and what occurred here at the battle of Camden is passed along from generation to generation.

Today we pay tribute to those fallen heroes who gave their lives for the principles of liberty and freedom. May God bless our fallen patriots who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and all of our veterans who have bravely fought for the cause of liberty and American independence and May God Bless America!



SC Society DAR
State Regent Diane
Culbertson (left),
South Carolina SAR
State President Greg
Greenawalt and SC
Society C.A.R. State
President Will Flint
gather for a photo-
graph at the 235th
Anniversary of the
Battle of Musgrove's
Mill outside Clinton,
SC on 22 August
2015. Photograph
provided by Greg
Greenawalt.

South Carolina SAR hosts Twenty-second Colonial Ball in 2015

By: Greg Ohanesian, Chairman

The South Carolina SAR will hold its 22nd Colonial Ball and Debutante Presentation from 7:00 pm to midnight on Saturday, December 19, 2015. The Ball will take place in the Gold Ballroom of The Francis Marion Hotel located at 387 King Street in Charleston. Members of the SAR and DAR are invited to sponsor and present their daughters, granddaughters, nieces and other qualifying young ladies of their extended families at the Colonial Ball. To be presented, a young lady must be single, at least seventeen (17) years old by the time of the Ball and be a lineal descendant of a patriot proven through the SAR, DAR or C.A.R.

The total Debutante Fee is \$900.00 which includes the \$50.00 application fee and the \$850.00 presentation fee. The presentation fee includes dinner and dance for the Debutante and her escort, flowers, a gift for the Debutant and the Reception Dinner for the Debutante. After September 1, 2015, no part of the application or presentation fees will be refundable. Fees must be paid in full by November 2, 2015. Completed applications are also due no later than November 2, 2015.

Persons interested in sponsoring a Debutante, or who have any questions regarding Ball information or to request an application form should contact to Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball Chairman at PO Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512-1373.

The receiving line and seating for the Colonial Ball dinner will commence at 6:15 pm. The Debutante Presentation Program will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. A formal dinner of filet mignon with wine will follow the Presentation Program. A cash bar will be available starting at 7:45 pm. Live music for after dinner dancing will be provided by the Swing Set Band.

Overnight accommodations have been arranged with The Francis Marion Hotel at a special rate of \$109.00 per night plus taxes and fees for single or double occupancy. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by November 19, 2015 at 1-843-722-0600. Please indicate that you are attending the South Carolina SAR Colonial Ball. A covered parking garage is located adjacent to the hotel.

Attendees to the Colonial Ball must return their Reservation Form (see below) no later than December 4, 2015 to Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball Chairman, PO Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512. Reservations to the Debutante Reception on Friday evening are available at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Reservations for the Colonial Ball dinner are \$90.00 per person. Colonial Ball Reservations after December 4th but received before December 11, 2015 may be made but with an additional \$20.00 per person fee (total cost of \$110.00 per person). Compatriot Ohanesian may be contacted at 843-479-7193 with any questions.

The Colonial Ball is a very formal affair. Debutantes will wear long white gowns with straps of at least 1/2 inches in width (no strapless gowns allowed) and long white gloves (either cotton or kid). All other ladies may wear evening attire of any color other than white. Escorts, presenters and others taking part in the program will be attired in White Tie (black shoes, black pants, tailcoat, white vest, white shirt with wing collar, white tie and gloves). All other men may wear either White Tie, Tuxedo (Black Tie) or Tartan.

Whether you attend the Colonial Ball or not your financial support is heartily solicited. Donations will be listed in the printed program of the Colonial Ball. Net proceeds of the Colonial Ball support the annual scholarship awarded by the South Carolina SAR and other patriotic educational programs. Please make all checks payable to "South Carolina SAR Colonial Ball." Donations may be made as follows:

Friends: Up to \$99.00 Patrons: \$100.00 up to \$499.00 Sponsors: \$500.00 up to \$999.00 Benefactors: \$1,000.00 or more

Please detach this section and return it with the appropriate check made payable to "South Carolina Colonial Ball" to: Greg Ohanesian, Colonial Ball Chairman, PO Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512-1373

2015 South Carolina SAR Colonial Ball Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

Debutante Reception (Friday, December 18, 2015) No. of Reservations _____ x \$45.00 = _____
Colonial Ball Dinner (Saturday, December 19, 2015) No. of Reservations _____ x \$90.00 = _____
Donation in Support of the Colonial Ball _____
TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED: _____

Names of Attendees for Debutante Reception:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____

Names of Attendees for Colonial Ball Seating: Please indicate if an SAR, DAR or C.A.R. member. Please indicate if a guest of a debutante or of an SAR member.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____