

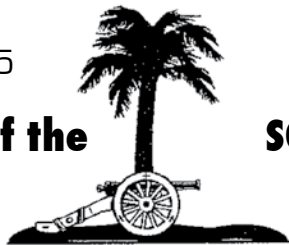
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State Societies mark Patriot victory at Kings Mountain

By Greg Greenawalt
President
Col. William Bratton Chapter

BLACKSBURG, South Carolina — Representatives from local, regional and national Historical Societies rendered their honors to the Patriots at the 232nd anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain Oct. 7.

Included were Steve Pittard, Vice President General for the South Atlantic District; and Lindsey Cook Brock, SAR Treasurer General.

SCSSAR President John Ramsey extended greetings and spoke on the importance of the battle to the cause of American freedom from British Tyranny. J. Michael Tomme, National Color Guard Commander, led the SAR combined Color Guard in posting the colors.

The Oct. 7, 1780 Battle of Kings Mountain was a pivotal moment in the history of the American Revolution. Coming after a series of disasters and humiliations in the Carolinas—the fall of Charleston and capture of the American army there, the destruction of another American army at the Battle of Camden, the Waxhaws Massacre—the surprising, decisive victory at Kings Mountain was a great boost to Patriot morale.

Major Patrick Ferguson was appointed British Inspector of Militia May 22, 1780. His orders were to march to Tryon County, North Carolina, raise and organize Loyalist units from the Tory population of

the Carolina Backcountry, and protect the flank of Gen. Charles Cornwallis' main body at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Major Ferguson and his Loyalist militia marched west on Sept. 2, heading for the Appalachian Mountain hill country along what is now the Tennessee/North Carolina border. By Sept. 10, he had established a base camp at Gilbert Town, North Carolina, and issued a challenge to the Patriot leaders to lay down their arms or he would "lay waste to their country with fire and sword."

North Carolina Patriot militia leaders Isaac Shelby and John Sevier met after receiving Ferguson's fire and sword message and agreed to lead their militia against him.

Patriot leaders also sent a message to Virginia militia leader William Campbell asking him to join them. Campbell, in turn, called on Benjamin Cleveland to bring his South Carolina militia to join the rendezvous. The detachments of Shelby, Sevier and Campbell were joined by 160 North Carolina militiamen led by Charles McDowell and his brother Joseph.

Some 1,100 volunteers from southwest Virginia and present-day northeast Tennessee, known as the Overmountain Men, mustered at the rendezvous at Sycamore Shoals near present day Elizabethton, Tennessee, on Sept. 25. The Overmountain Men crossed over Roan Mountain the next day, and proceeded in a southerly di-



SOUTH CAROLINA COMPATRIOTS — From left: J.D. Norris, state historian; SCSSAR President John Ramsey; Donny Carson, president of the Daniel Morgan Chapter; and Will Flint of the Daniel Morgan Chapter [Photo by Greg Greenawalt]

rection for about 13 days in anticipation of encountering the British Loyalist force.

By Sept. 30 they had reached Quaker Meadows, the Burke County,

North Carolina, home of the McDowell brothers, where they were joined by Benjamin Cleveland and 350 men.

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Chairman gives update on 2014 Congress in Greenville

By Mark C. Anthony
Host Society Chairman

The Congress Planning Committee met in Greenville Aug. 18 following the anniversary of the Musgrove Mill event in Clinton earlier that day. Items discussed were the schedule for the Congress, staffing requirements and a preliminary review of data on tour buses and other items for which the SC Society will be responsible.

The meeting concluded with a guided tour of the Hyatt Regency for the committee. This tour included

meeting rooms and guest rooms so that all had a good idea of the layout of the facilities.

At the NSSAR Fall Leadership meeting Sept. 28, the National Congress Planning Committee announced a few changes in which future Congresses will be administered. The majority of these changes will not impact the Greenville Congress as we are already beyond the scope of negotiating hotel rates and contracts.

The main impact will be that the National Society will take more of a leadership role in terms of meal

menus and administration of the business sessions. Specifically, the host society in the future will be able to provide suggestions on menus and other venues, but the final decisions will be made at the National level. The South Carolina Society will still have a major role in terms of planning and executing the social aspects of the Congress (the tours specifically and the Host Society Reception).

The main items that are being addressed in the coming months are (1) the selection of the church for the National Memorial Service, (2) con-

tinued work on bids for bus transportation and (3) continued work on the tour DVD.

The Congress will be from Friday, July 18, to Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency, which anchors the Main Street corridor in downtown Greenville. The major events of each day are as follows:

Friday, July 18: National Executive Committee Meeting.

Saturday, July 19: Tour of Kings Mountain and Cowpens battlefields /

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From the President's Desk

Let's celebrate our many blessings during this Season!

As I write these lines, my family — like most of yours — has enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal together. Each person in turn had a chance to talk about their blessings of which they were most thankful and most proud. As you would expect, most talk turned to food, shelter, church, friends, even a favorite pair of Levi jeans!

At the root of the blessings we all felt was this rich land of America and her vibrant, hardworking people. A people steeped in the faith of their forefathers who live in a country ruled by laws and having the freedom and opportunity to choose their leaders and economic path.

I hear many say that talk of American exceptionalism is not popular now. The thought that America was created out of a wilderness, and guided by a group of exceptional leaders at the country's birth. These leaders provided America with a framework for a successful government of laws

that ensured individual liberty and economic freedom.

America stands uniquely among nations for its Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and laws. Many developing nations now try to emulate these documents in their own way!

Compatriots of the SCSSAR are reminded at each meeting and activity of the courage, hardships and tenacity of our Patriot ancestors who brought America into fruition. I can hear our Patriot ancestors' muffled voices in my mind. They would be the first to testify that America is indeed exceptional!

Sitting at the Thanksgiving table, I could not help but talk about our country and the many blessings each American uniquely enjoys. My wife, Johanne, and I returned in October after traveling during September through farms, villages and big cities in mainland China. The Chinese are wonderfully warm people and seemed to genuinely like Americans — and es-

pecially what America stands for!

Fashion, dress and commerce are now as Western as any town or city in America. Construction and the market place are almost frantic. But the hand of that one party state, controlling the future, supported by its own version of the truth with a controlled media, and owning all land, was a stark reminder of the blessings we have in our homeland.

Yes, when Chinese professors and common people say that their system is broken, one knows that big changes will be coming. (Hopefully peacefully!)

Yes, America always has challenges — sometimes they seem almost overwhelming. But our country will endure precisely because of the blessings that our Patriot ancestors helped bestow. We will work through problems as we always have. And the guiding beacons of liberty, laws and self government will surely be enjoyed by our grandchildren.

The SAR and DAR, organizations dedicated to the memory and unfinished tasks of our Patriot ancestors, are also indeed blessings each of us should cherish.



John Lefferts Ramsey

I hope each of you and your families have a blessed Christmas season and you will tell someone about your Patriot ancestors, what they created, and the blessings of the SAR and DAR!

John Lefferts Ramsey
SCSSAR President

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Washington says farewell to officers

NEW YORK CITY — On Dec. 4, 1783, nine days after the last British soldiers left American soil and truly ended the Revolution, George Washington invited the officers of the Continental Army to join him in the Long Room of Fraunces Tavern so he could say farewell.

The best known account of this emotional leave-taking comes from the Memoirs of Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge written in 1830 and now in the collection of Fraunces Tavern Museum.

As Tallmadge recalled: "The time now drew near when Gen. Washington intended to leave this part of the country for his beloved retreat at Mt. Vernon. On Tuesday the 4th of December it was made known to the officers then in New York that Gen. Washington intended to commence his journey on that day.

"At 12 o'clock the officers repaired to Fraunces Tavern in Pearl Street where Gen. Washington had appointed to meet them and to take his final leave of them. We had been assembled but a few moments when his excellency entered the

room. His emotions were too strong to be concealed which seemed to be reciprocated by every officer present.

"After partaking of a slight refreshment in almost breathless silence the General filled his glass with wine and turning to the officers said, 'With a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable.'

"After the officers had taken a glass of wine Gen. Washington said, 'I cannot come to each of you but shall feel obliged if each of you will come and take me by the hand.' Gen. [Henry] Knox being nearest to him turned to the Commander-in-chief who, suffused in tears, was incapable of utterance but grasped his hand when they embraced each other in silence.

"In the same affectionate manner every officer in the room marched up and parted with his general in chief. Such a scene of sorrow and weeping I had never

before witnessed and fondly hope I may never be called to witness again."

The officers escorted Washington from the tavern to the Whitehall wharf, where he boarded a barge that took him to Paulus Hook (now Jersey City), New Jersey. Washington continued to Annapolis, where the Continental Congress was meeting, and resigned his commission.

Washington's popularity was great at the end of the Revolution and he had been urged to seize control of the government and establish a military regime. Instead, he publicly bid farewell to his troops at Fraunces Tavern and resigned as commander-in-chief at Annapolis, thus ensuring that the new United States government would not be a military dictatorship.

Washington returned to Mount Vernon, believing that December 1783 marked the end of his public life. Little did he realize that he would return to New York six years later to be sworn in as the nation's first president.

www.frauncestavernmuseum.org

If by the liberty of the press were understood merely the liberty of discussing the propriety of public measures and political opinions, let us have as much of it as you please: But if it means the liberty of affronting, calumniating and defaming one another, I, for my part, own myself willing to part with my share of it, whenever our legislators shall please so to alter the law and shall cheerfully consent to exchange my liberty of abusing others for the privilege of not being abused myself.

Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

An Account of the Supremest Court of Judicature in Pennsylvania, viz. The Court of the Press, Sept. 12, 1789

The deadline for the Spring Edition of The Palmetto Patriot is Feb. 18

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Congress in Greenville

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Host Society Reception

Sunday, July 20: Committee Meetings / Memorial Service / Oration Contest Finals

Monday, July 21: Congress Business Sessions / Youth Awards Luncheon / Awards Night

Tuesday, July 22: Congress Business Session / National Officer Election / Banquet

Wednesday, July 23: Congress Business Session / Tour of Ninety-Six / Induction Banquet

Thursday, July 24: National Executive Committee Meeting

Subcommittees to serve in specific functions have been named. They are as follows:

Registration: Welcome attendees

and provide Congress materials to them.

Credentials: Certify voting delegates and conduct any elections.

Transportation: Identify a bus company for tours / Serve as points of contact during tours and when transportation is needed.

Protocol: Works with distinguished guests / Provides guidance for protocol and seating charts at meals.

Publicity: In charge of all public relations / Oversees design process and stuffing of souvenir bags.

Ladies Hospitality: Works with National Ladies Auxiliary to support social and other projects of the group while at Congress.

All interested compatriots are invited to attend future Congress planning meetings.

Congress fund-raiser

Medals, coins, lapel pins

By Mark C. Anthony
Host Society Chairman

The SC Society is proud to announce that it has commemorative medals, lapel pins and a challenge coin being sold as a fund-raiser for the 2014 Congress.

The medal is available in large (\$20) and miniature (\$15). They are also available as a set for \$30. Both medals have the palmetto and crescent moon surrounded by the words SAR 2014 Congress — Greenville, SC and the state motto *Dum Spiro Spero* (While I breathe, I hope). The medal is suspended from an indigo blue ribbon. This is a limited edition medal, and only 300 sets have been ordered at this time. Please contact the 2014 Congress Committee to place your order.

The challenge coin is available for \$10. The center of the coin includes the palmetto tree and crescent moon on an outline of the state. This design is surrounded by both state mottos and the phrase "Organized April 13, 1889."

The lapel pin is available for \$5. The pin is round with the palmetto tree and crescent moon in the center, surrounded by the phrases "2014 SAR Congress" and "Greenville, SC."



Challenge Coin



Lapel pin



Congress Medals

At this time, no provision is available for shipping these items. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, here are a few ways to handle the request:

(1) All items will be available at Board of Governors Meetings in Columbia.

(2) You may place an order and have it picked up at a Board of Governors meeting by your chapter's president or other representative, but preferably by you.

(3) You may place an order and arrange to pick it up at a commemorative event around the state.

It was not any worldly considerations that brought our fathers into this wilderness, but religion, even that so they might build a sanctuary unto the Lord's name; whereas now religion is made subservient unto worldly interests.

Cotton Mather, Boston, 1679.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 12 10 a.m.	SC Society Board of Governors	Columbia, S.C.
Jan. 18 2:30 p.m.	Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony	Spartanburg, S.C.
Jan. 18 4 p.m.	South Atlantic District Meeting	Spartanburg, S.C.
Jan. 18 7:30 p.m.	Cowpens Lecture	Spartanburg, S.C.
Jan. 19 10 a.m.	232nd Anniversary of Cowpens	Chesnee, S.C.
Jan. 26 All Day	Georgia Society Annual Meeting	Duluth, Georgia
Jan. 26 10 a.m.	232nd Anniversary Cowan's Ford	Huntersville, N.C.
Feb. 9 10 a.m.	234th Anniversary of Kettle Creek	Washington, Georgia
Feb. 16 10 a.m.	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, Virginia
Feb. 23 10 a.m.	Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, N.C.
March 1-2 All Day	NSSAR Spring Leadership	Louisville, Kentucky
March 16 10 a.m.	232nd Anniversary of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, N.C.
April 5 - 6 All Day	SC Society Annual Meeting	Columbia, S.C.
April 19 - 20 All Day	South Atlantic District Meeting / North Carolina Society Annual Meeting	Asheville, N.C.

*Chapters are requested to not schedule meetings or events on established State and National meeting dates.

*All event times and dates are subject to change. Please visit the SC Society website (www.scssar.org) for details.

Whenever governments mean to invade the rights and liberties of the people, they always attempt to destroy the militia, in order to raise an army upon their ruins.

**Elbridge Gerry 1744 - 1814
Fifth U.S. Vice President (1813-1814)**

2013 Colonial Ball

The success of the 2013 Colonial Ball will depend directly on debutante participation.

You are encouraged to solicit interest in the young ladies (age 17 or older) in your family who may be interested in participated in an age-old formal tradition.

Please contact Greg Ohanesian (chair, Colonial Ball) by Feb. 28 if you have such a young lady in your family (P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512-1373; 843-479-7193).



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232nd anniversary Victory at Kings Mountain

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Now 1,400 strong, they marched south to South Mountain, North Carolina. The five colonels leading the Patriot force (Shelby, Sevier, William Campbell, Joseph McDowell and Cleveland) then named Campbell the lead commander but agreed that all five would act in council to command their pickup armies.

Two deserters from the Patriot force reached Patrick Ferguson and informed him that a large body of militia was advancing toward him. After waiting three days for reasons that remain unclear, Ferguson elected to retreat to Gen. Cornwallis and the British main body in Charlotte, sending a message to Cornwallis asking for reinforcements. The message did not reach Cornwallis until it was too late — one day after the battle. On Oct. 1 Ferguson reached North Carolina's Broad River, where he issued another proclamation, calling for local militia to join him lest they be "pissed upon by a set of mongrels" (the Overmountain Men).

The Patriot militia pursuing Ferguson reached his former camp at Gilbert Town on Oct. 4, where 30 Georgian partisans joined their camp, looking for action. On Oct. 6, they had reached Cowpens, South Carolina, and they received word from local sympathizers that Ferguson was east of them, heading toward Charlotte and Cornwallis. They would have to hurry to catch him.

Rebel spies reported that Ferguson was making camp atop Kings Mountain with 1,500 men. The intelligence was accurate.

Ferguson, rather than pushing on until he reached Charlotte and safety (just a day's march away), camped out at Kings Mountain and sent Cornwallis another letter asking for reinforcements, which was received a day late.

Kings Mountain was one of many rocky forested hills in the upper Piedmont near the border between North and South Carolina.

The Loyalists were encamped on a ridge to the west of Kings Pinnacle, the highest point of Kings Mountain.

Needing to act quickly, the Patriot militia put 900 men on horseback and made for Kings Mountain.

They set out immediately, marching through the night of Oct. 6 and morning of Oct. 7.

It rained all night and through the morning. By sunrise on the Oct. 7, they were fording the Broad River, 15 miles from Kings Mountain.

By early afternoon they had reached their goal, whereupon they



KINGS MOUNTAIN CELEBRATION — Compatriots celebrate the 232nd anniversary of the Patriot victory at Kings Mountain Oct. 7 [Photo by Greg Greenawalt]

surrounded the ridge where the Loyalists were encamped and attacked.

The battle began around 3 p.m., when 900 Patriots (including John Crockett, father of Davy Crockett), approached the steep base of the western ridge of Kings Mountain. The rebels formed eight groups of 100 to 200 men. Ferguson, completely unaware that the rebels had caught up to him, was at the top of the ridge with 1,100 men. Ferguson was the only Briton in his command, which consisted of Loyalist militia, with the exception of 100 red-uniformed Loyalist soldiers from New York State. Most of the Loyalists were of North and South Carolina origin.

Ferguson had not built any fortifications on his position. As the screaming Patriots charged up the hill, Captain DePeyster turned to Ferguson and said, "These things are ominous—these are the damned yelling boys!"

Two parties, led by Colonels John Sevier and William Campbell, assaulted the "high point" of the wooded mountain, while the other seven groups, led by Colonels Shelby, Williams, Lacey, Hambright, Cleveland, Winston and McDowell attacked the main Loyalist position by surrounding the base

beside the crest of the mountain.

They caught the Loyalists by surprise. Tory officer Alexander Chesney admitted that he didn't know the Patriots were in the vicinity until the shooting started.

No one among the Patriot army was in command once the fighting commenced. Each group fought in-

dependently in accordance with the plan to surround and destroy the Loyalists. The Patriots crept up the hill and fired on the Loyalists from behind rocks and trees. Ferguson rallied his troops and launched a bayonet charge against Campbell and Sevier's men. With no bayonets of their own, the rebels retreated down the hill and into the woods.

Campbell rallied his troops, returned to the base of the hill, and resumed firing. Ferguson launched two more bayonet charges during the course of the battle.

This became the pattern of the battle all around the Loyalist position.

When the Patriots would charge up the hill, the Tories would form and charge down the hill with fixed bayonets, driving whatever Patriots they found down the hill and into the woods.

The Tories would withdraw when the charge was spent, and the scattered Patriots would reform in the woods, return to the base of the hill, and charge back up the hill again. During one of the charges, Col. Williams was killed and Col. McDowell was wounded.

It was hard for the Loyalists to find a target because the Patriots were constantly moving and using cover and concealment. Additionally, the downhill angle of the hill caused the Loyalists to overshoot.

After an hour of combat, Loyalist casualties were heavy. Ferguson rode back and forth across the hill, blowing a silver whistle he used to signal charges. Shelby, Sevier and Campbell reached the top of the hill



Kings Mountain National Military Park established in 1931. [Photo by Greg Greenawalt]

behind the Loyalist position and attacked Ferguson's rear. The Loyalists were driven back into their camp at the toe of the hill, where they began to surrender.

Ferguson drew his sword and hacked down any small white flags that he saw popping up, but he apparently knew that the end was near. In an attempt to rally his faltering men, Ferguson shouted out "Hurrah, brave boys, the day is ours," gathered a few officers together and attempted to cut through the Patriot ring, but Sevier's men fired a volley and Ferguson was shot dead from his horse. When the rebels found his corpse they counted seven bullet wounds.

Seeing their leader fall, all of the Loyalists began to surrender. Tory Captain Abraham DePeyster, in command after Ferguson was killed, sent out an emissary with a white flag, asking for quarter.

Some Patriots were eager to avenge the Waxhaw Massacre, where Banastre Tarleton's men had killed a sizeable number of Abraham Buford's Continental soldiers after the latter had surrendered.

Some did not initially want to take prisoners, while others were unaware that the Loyalists had surrendered.

The Patriots rejected DePeyster's white flag and continued firing, many of them shouting, "Give 'em Tarleton's Quarter!" and "Give them Buford's play!"

After a few more minutes of bloodletting in which a significant number of the surrendering Loyalists were killed, DePeyster sent out a second white flag, and a few rebel officers, including Campbell and Sevier, ran forward and took control by ordering their men to cease fire, giving quarter to around 700 Loyalists.

The Battle of Kings Mountain lasted 65 minutes. The Loyalists suffered 244 killed, 163 wounded and 668 taken prisoner. The Patriot militia suffered 29 killed and 58 wounded. The Patriots had to move out quickly for

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John Ramsey, SCSSAR President



**Greg Greenawalt
President
Col. William Bratton Chapter**

*The test of success is not what you do when you are on top.
Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.*

**Gen. George S. Patton (1885-1945)
SAR member**

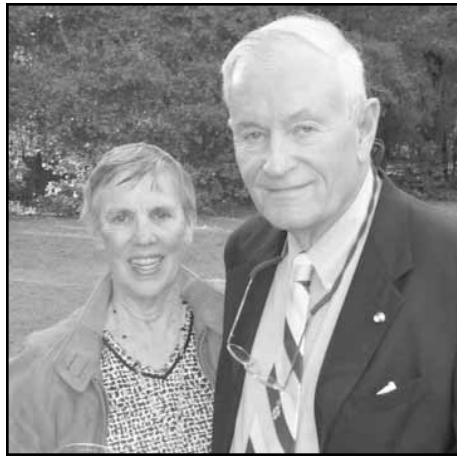
Gen. William Moultrie Chapter conducts Fall Social at church and churchyard of St. Thomas and St. Denis

By John Ramsey
SCSSAR President

CAINHOY — The Gen. William Moultrie Chapter conducted its fall social in a joint event with the Society of St. Thomas and St. Denis and the Royal Society of St. George Sunday, Oct. 21.

The compatriots, guests, wives and friends joined in an Evensong Prayer Service from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. (This is the Book and Evensong service that would have been in use at the time of the Revolution.) The high Anglican service and evensong prayers resounded through the restored historic old church. The church was filled with only one seat remaining in the balcony.

After the ceremony, attendees enjoyed a traditional Lowcountry Boil dinner prepared by Compatriot John LaRoche. Moultrie President Bru Izard and SCSSAR President John Ramsey addressed the assembly and presented Compatriots Ned Mont-



Moultrie Chapter Vice President Ken Stock and his wife, Laura.

gomery and James Stedman (in absentia) with their member emeritus certificates for 50 years involvement in SAR.

The Church of St. Thomas and St. Denis is one of the oldest and most historic in South Carolina. The area surrounding St. Thomas and St. Denis was known as the Orange Quar-

ter, named after William of Orange, who became king of England in 1688.

In 1704, the Anglicans built the first Pompion Hill Chapel. It was reported that the Quarter included 80 Anglican and 20 Dissenting families. St. Thomas and St. Denis Parishes were created by the Church Act of 1706, when Sir Nathaniel Johnson of nearby Silk Hope Plantation was governor. St. Thomas Parish was created for the English speaking, and St. Denis for the French.

By 1708, the first church was built on the site, and the parishes were combined in 1768. The first church burned in 1815, and the current church was rebuilt in 1819 within the old walls. The east wall and Apse survive from the 1708 original construction. The small Vestry building dates from the original 1708 construction, making it the oldest in South Carolina.

The grave of Sarah Beresford, wife of Richard Beresford, who died Nov. 28, 1712, at age 21, has the oldest known tombstone in our state. In 1876, St. Thomas and St. Denis was the scene of the bloody, racial Cainhoy Massacre. This was a confrontation between black Republicans and white Democrats after the election of Wade Hampton as governor. During the conflict, the church served as a hospital.

By 1925, the church became dormant. In 1937, the Society of Colonial Dames with the aid of Harry F. Guggenheim restored the church. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 and included in the Landmark Overlay Zone by the City of Charleston in 2002.

Members of the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis played prominent roles in the American Revolution — 51 known significant Patriots who served in the military, and countless others with civil and Patriot service, who were members of this congregation. Some of these Patriots are buried in the church cemetery. Many may be buried there, but the records have been lost, and the stones greatly worn or lost to time.

Perhaps the most eloquent memorial is that of Dr. Henry Collins Flagg and Mrs. Rachel Flagg that recounts his Revolutionary War service. "He lived, he loved and respected and met death with that calmness and resignation which may remain whose trust in God whose faith is well founded."

It is said that more officers came from this parish than any other in the state, including Captain John Anderson, Major Anthony Ashby, Captain Richard Ashby, Captain William Bennett, Lt. John Bryan, Major William Capers, Major Evan Edwards, Dr. Henry Collins Flagg, Lt. James Fogartie, Lt. Joseph Fogartie, Captain Lewis Fogartie, Major Alexander Garden, Lt. John Garden, Lt. James Gordon, Lt. Henry Gray, Lt. James



Moultrie Chapter President Bru Izard (left) presents Ned Montgomery with a 50 year Emeritus Member certificate. Not shown, James N. Stedman, who received a 50 year Emeritus Member certificate in absentia. [Photos by Bill Prewitt]

Gray, Major Isaac Harleston, Captain John Hart, Lt. Thomas Karwon, Col. William Lee, Col. Joseph Maybank, Lt. Stephen Miller, Captain Andrew Quelch, Captain Jacob Schubrick, Col. Thomas Schubrick, Captain Isaac Singletary, Col. Maurice Simons, Col. James Simons, Captain John C. Smith, Lt. Edward Thomas, and Captain Richard Todd.

Non-commissioned offers included Thomas Cochran, Robert Dearington, John DuBose, Robert Gamble, Sanders Glover, William Harleston, Robert Johnson, John Miller, John Moore, John Moore Jr., John McDowell, Hopson Pinckney, Thomas Roche, John Singletary, John White, Thomas Wood, John Wright and Thomas Young.

The primary purpose of the Society of St. Thomas and St. Denis (which has many SAR and DAR members) is to lend material aid and support to the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, and the Diocese of South Carolina in the preservation and maintenance of the Church of St. Thomas and St. Denis.

Membership in the society and donations to the trust to help restore and preserve this gem from our Colonial and Revolutionary War past are always welcome. If interested, SAR members can contact or make a donation to SAR Vice President Francis W. Lachicotte III, P.O. Box 549, Camden, SC 29021.



Past Chapter President Bill Prewitt and his wife Karen.

Kings Mountain victory celebration

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fear that Cornwallis would advance to meet them.

Loyalist prisoners well enough to walk were herded to camps several miles from the battlefield. The dead were buried in shallow graves and wounded were left on the field.

Ferguson's corpse was later reported to have been mangled and wrapped in oxhide before burial. Victors and vanquished came near to

starvation on the march due to a lack of supplies in the hastily organized Patriot army.

The Tories of the Carolina Backcountry were broken as a military force. Additionally, the destruction of Ferguson's command and the looming threat of Patriot militia in the mountains caused Gen. Cornwallis to cancel his plans to invade North Carolina. He instead evacuated Charlotte and retreated to South Carolina. He would not return to North Carolina until early 1781, when he was chasing Nathanael Greene after the Americans had dealt British arms another devastating defeat at the Battle of Cowpens.

In *The Winning of the West*, Theodore Roosevelt wrote of Kings Mountain, "This brilliant victory marked the turning point of the American Revolution."

Thomas Jefferson called it, "The turn of the tide of success."

Herbert Hoover, in an address at Kings Mountain said: "This is a place of inspiring memories. Here less than a thousand men, inspired by the urge of freedom, defeated a superior force entrenched in this strategic position."

"This small band of Patriots turned back a dangerous invasion well designed to separate and dismember the united Colonies. History has done scant justice to its significance, which rightly should place it beside Lexington, Bunker Hill, Trenton and Yorktown."

In 1931, the Congress of the United States created the Kings Mountain National Military Park on the site of the battle. The park headquarters is in Blacksburg, South Carolina.



Patrick Ferguson Monument



MILITARY HONOR — Charles Porter, a past SCSSAR president (second from left), receives Order of the Silver Crescent from the Office of South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley during halftime of a Furman University football game against the University of Tennessee Knoxville Oct. 13 in Greenville. State Rep. Garry Smith (left) made the presentation. At right are Porter's sons Luke and Chuck [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

Doctor, I wish you to observe how real and beneficial the religion of Christ is to a man about to die. . . .

I am, however, much consoled by reflecting that the religion of Christ has, from its first appearance in the world, been attacked in vain by all the wits, philosophers, and wise ones, aided by every power of man, and its triumphs have been complete.

Patrick Henry
Governor of Virginia
Member, Virginia House of Burgesses

Revolutionary War in Newberry County

By Jim Livingston

NEWBERRY — With the dedication of the American Revolution Patriot Monument at Newberry Memorial Park comes an expanded and renewed interest in the American Revolution.

Documented battles in the area of present day Newberry County show Indian Creek, William's Plantation, Watkins and Mud Lick Creek. Leaders of these militia patriots were Capt. John Blassingame, Capt. Thomas Collins, Capt. John Dillard, Capt. James Hayes, Col. Joseph Lawson, Capt. John McJunkin, Major Joseph McWhorter, Capt. Robert Nisbett, Capt. Samuel Ridgeway, Capt. John Ridgeway Sr., Capt. John Roebuck, Col. Benjamin Simons, Cornet James Thomas, Capt. Robert Washington,

Lt. Col. William White and Lt. Col. Henry.

Hundreds of Patriot militia serving in the above battles are unnamed here and in large measure unknown.

Research is ongoing to make identifications. Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution are actively involved in such research.

The SCSSAR has authorized a process to reestablish an SAR chapter within Newberry County. Newberry County has many men with ancestry that can be traced to the American Revolution, but active membership in the SAR has been limited. The Philémon Waters Chapter was chartered here in 1924 as one of the original SAR chapters in South Carolina, but became defunct in 1984.

Plans set for Cowpens battle commemoration

CHESNEE — The National Society SAR, the SC Society SAR and the Daniel Morgan Chapter invite all SAR, DAR, CAR, SR Societies and chapters, patriotic and historical organizations to participate in the celebration of the 232nd anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens Saturday, Jan. 19.

This year's ceremony will feature a revised schedule from prior years and a new headquarters hotel in Spartanburg. The change by the National Park Service and partner historical organizations is to increase community involvement and outreach in promoting the history of the American Revolution.

Friday, Jan. 18

2:30 p.m. — Daniel Morgan Statue ceremony in downtown Spartanburg. This ceremony is not a wreath laying ceremony. All groups may participate by placing a flower at the base of Gen. Morgan's statue.

4 p.m. — South Atlantic District Meeting at the Quality Inn & Suites in Spartanburg.

5:30 p.m. — Cowpens anniversary reception at the Quality Inn & Suites in Spartanburg.

6:30 p.m. — Battle of Cowpens Lecture. This is a new event sponsored by Wofford College, the National Park Service, SAR and DAR. The lecture will be "The Cavalry of the Revolution," presented by Jim Piecuch, editor of *Cavalry of the American Revolution*.

The lecture will be in the Montgomery Room of the Burrell Building on the Wofford College campus (about three miles from the headquarters hotel) and will begin with a dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lecture at 7:15 p.m. A small fee may be charged. Further details on the lecture will be provided closer to the event date.

Saturday, Jan. 19

9 a.m. — Registration of wreaths begins at the Cowpens Battlefield near Chesnee.

10 a.m. — Wreath-laying cere-

mony at the National Monument in front of the Cowpens Visitors Center. After this ceremony, a procession will take place onto the battlefield (weather permitting) for a National Society wreath presentation at the Washington Light Infantry Monument.

Noon — Dutch treat lunch at Fatz Café on Peachoid Road in Gaffney.

Participating State and Chapter Color Guards will receive a flag streamer.

Lodging

The State Society reserved a block of rooms for SAR members at the Quality Inn & Suites, 160 Simuel Rd., in Spartanburg. Queen double rooms are \$62 plus tax and King suites are \$72 plus tax with a continental breakfast included. Please call the Quality Inn directly at 864-542-0333 to make your reservation.

Intent to participate or attend must be received no later than Jan. 12 to ensure listing on the ceremony program. Early registration will be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the following information and mail to Dr. Lynwood D. Jordan, 2040 Old Orchard Rd., Woodruff, SC 29388 or send information by email to ldjordan1@frontier.com.

Society/Chapter/Organization/ Individual:

Will attend:

Daniel Morgan Ceremony:
YES NO

Will attend:

Cowpens Lecture
YES NO

Will attend:

Cowpens Battlefield Ceremony
YES NO

Wreath presentation at Battlefield:
YES NO

Presenter:

"For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill.

"The eyes of all people are upon us."

**Sermon by
John Winthrop
to his fellow Puritans
on their way
to Massachusetts
in 1630**

DAR to conduct memorial service at Marion's tomb

PINEVILLE — A memorial service for Gen. Francis Marion will take place at Marion's Tomb at 11 a.m., Feb. 27.

For more info contact General-MarionsBrigade@gmail.com.

The SCDAR will thank those who contributed to the repainting and repairing of the two SC Historical Markers at Marion's Tomb.

Genealogy study leads to Palmer grave-marking

By Derik Vanderford
Staff Writer
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UNION — Two sisters' genealogy study led to the uncovering of the graves of a Revolutionary War patriot and his wife.

A grave dedication ceremony held Saturday [Sept. 22] at Palmer Cemetery — located on Ashley Acres Road off S.C. 18 — honored the memory of Revolutionary War patriot John Palmer. The dedication was a combined effort of the Daniel Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Fairforest Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Palmer's great-great-great-great-granddaughter, Olva Nichols Jones, spoke at the dedication, describing the events leading up to the ceremony. Jones — who lies in Alabama — said she and her sister, Marie Johnston, had been sorting out their genealogy in 2010 and decided to apply for membership into the DAR.

"A distant relative of ours, Joel Palmer, told me about his trip to Union, South Carolina, in 1979 to find the cemetery and the graves of John and Martha Williams Palmer," Jones said. "He found them on his second trip and told me that it would be hard — if not impossible — to find. While we were waiting to be accepted as DAR members, I thought it

would be nice if we could go to Union as Joel did and find the cemetery and graves that Joel had found earlier."

On Sept. 29, 2010, Jones and Johnston made the trip to Union to find the graves of their great-great-great-great-grandparents.

"John was the lineage that we had to connect to become (DAR) members because he was our soldier of the Revolutionary War," Jones said.

Jones described a daylong search for the cemetery, explaining that she asked lots of people in Union about the Palmer Cemetery and none were aware of its whereabouts. She finally went to the county courthouse and found a copy of John Palmer's will. She asked around at the courthouse, and one employee said her husband knew the location of Palmer Cemetery. The woman gave Jones directions to her house where her husband waited to lead Jones — along with her sister and husband — to the cemetery. They made it to the cemetery site, but finding the graves was another matter.

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid, one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

**Gen. Douglas MacArthur (1880 - 1964)
SAR Member**



JOINING FORCES — The Daniel Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Fairforest Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) combine for John Palmer grave-marking.

Jones stopped a man who was hauling a wrecked car from a nearby salvage business and asked him if he knew where the cemetery was, and he pointed them in the direction of a large tree with a small fence

around it. She said even though the area around the cemetery had been cleared, the cemetery itself was completely overgrown with privet hedge, wild rose bushes, briars and other small bushes. As Jones and Johnston examined the mess closely, they spotted one grave marker and recognized the name — "John."

Jones said she and her sister yelled and decided to clear the vines and brush from the graves. They borrowed tools from landowner Jimmy Greer, and placed an American flag there.

On Sept. 20, 2011, she received a message from John Robbins saying that his son, Jacob, and his Boy Scout Troop 42 were planning to clean the Palmer Cemetery as a community service project.

The project was completed in June 2012 after the scout troop had cleaned debris from the area, replaced the fence, planted crepe myrtle trees and installed a sign reading "Palmer Cemetery."

Jones said she found out Saturday's ceremony was going to take place after contacting the DAR Fairforest Chapter about getting a new marker for Palmer's grave. Regent Margaret McCarley emailed Jones, stating that her chapter — along with the SAR Daniel Morgan Chapter — were planning to honor Palmer with a ceremony. Jones, Johnston and their nephew Mark Nichols — an SAR member from Mississippi — chose and paid for a new marker, while Mark Anthony — then president of the South Carolina Society of the SAR — ordered it and had it placed at the grave.

Jones, Johnston and their sister Shirley Holland — also a DAR member — attended the ceremony as well as fellow descendants Freddie Gault, Fredrick Tucker, Warren Newell Little and Thomas Going Jr.

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SCSSAR 2012 Americanism Update

The following are the cumulative Americanism Contest results through Aug. 12.

Chapter	Americanism	PG Streamer	PG Cup	Categories
Col. Robert Anderson	4,148	3,140	133.33	14
Daniel Morgan	4,111	3,220	140.98	15
Gov. Paul Hamilton	2,280	770	49.26	13
Col. William Bratton	1,694	1,100	99.79	14
William Moultrie	1,209	1,380	17.97	12
Gen. James Williams	1,170	220	50.67	10
Cambridge	1,095	450	47.87	12
Lemuel Benton	845	440	17.48	9
Battle of Eutaw Springs	760	300	36.48	7
Gen. Andrew Pickens	711	175	34.79	11
Col. Thomas Taylor	695	440	13.39	9
Dr. George Mosse	450	160	13.97	8
Gen. Francis Marion	430	315	49.57	9
Col. Joseph Kershaw	260	85	37.75	7
Matthew Singleton	250	10	5.60	3
Henry Laurens	175	100	11.79	3
Godfrey Dreher	110	140	7.80	6
South Carolina Society	21,580	11,775	NA	NA

* 12 categories must have points for a chapter to be eligible for consideration for the national President General's Cup contest.

At the July Board of Governors meeting, the following goals were discussed: (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. As of the tabulation date above, only five chapters had met all three goals: Daniel Morgan, Major Gen. William Moultrie, Gen. James Williams, Col. William Bratton and Gov. Paul Hamilton.

Also, six chapters have qualified for the National President General's Cup contest as compared to the seven chapters that qualified in each of the previous years. There is still plenty of time for others to qualify. The easiest way to accumulate points is to participate in the various historical events that occur throughout the year.

The point totals listed above are based on information that has been supplied to the committee through the National Office, the various chapters or direct observation. If the event is not reported, it cannot be recorded. Please be sure to contact the chairman if you have any questions or need copies of the spreadsheets that are used.

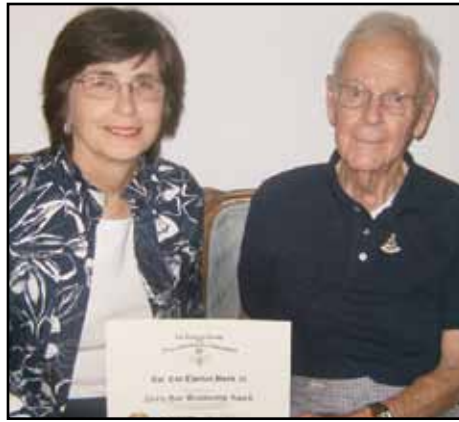
Mark C. Anthony, Chairman, SCSSAR Americanism Committee

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter features South Carolina signers of U.S. Constitution at its quarterly meeting

BEAUFORT — The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter conducted its quarterly meeting Sept. 20, coinciding with the national observance of U.S. Constitution Week Sept. 17-21.

The program featured information on the four South Carolinians who signed the U.S. Constitution at the Constitutional Convention Sept. 17, 1787: John Rutledge, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Charles Pinckney and Pierce Butler. Compatriots Joel Holden, Henry Chambers, Bob Sadler and Pete Dickerson led the presentation.

Chapter President Henson swore in Robert Harley Hartzog (Patriot ancestor John Booth) as a new member in the Society. *Pete Dickerson.*



LONGTIME MEMBER — Col. Cud Baird (shown with his daughter Norma Stice) with a Length of Service medal for 30 years of service completed July 14, 2012.



QUARTERLY MEETING — Chapter President Jody Henson (left) with Joel Holden, Bob Sadler, Pete Dickerson and Henry Chambers following their presentations on the lives of the four South Carolinians who signed the U.S. Constitution.



NEW MEMBER — Robert Hartzog (left) is welcomed into the SAR by sponsoring member Captain Dean Cullison, a past president of the South Carolina Society.

State Color Guard



DAR CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY — The Behethland Butler Chapter SCDAR in Greenville celebrated its 100th anniversary Nov. 4 at the Greenville Woman's Club. The SCSSAR Color Guard presented the colors to open the ceremony. From left: J.D. Norris, Daniel K. Woodruff, Donny Carson, Mark C. Anthony, William A. Ouvry and Robert H. Krause. Seated: Sue McClure, Behethland Butler Chapter member.



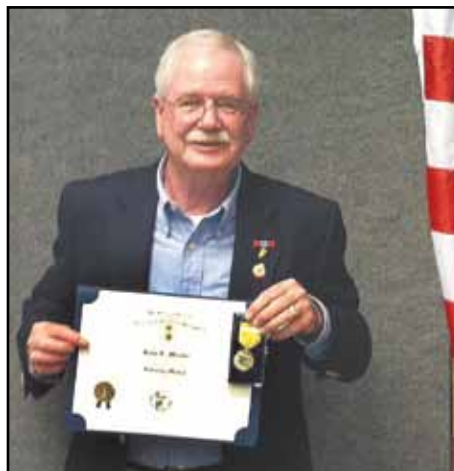
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION — The National SAR Ladies Auxiliary and the State Color Guard recognized Rick Patel, owner of EZ Trip in Williamston with a Certificate of Appreciation for his donation to the care packages the Auxiliary sent to the troops in Afghanistan. From left: Donny Carson, Mark Anthony, Rick Patel, Sherilyn Woodruff, Dan Woodruff and Bob Krause. Mrs. Woodruff of the Ladies Auxiliary asked businesses for donations, and Mr. Patel donated more than \$200 worth of snack foods. These items were placed in care packages that were shipped to our U.S. armed forces serving in Afghanistan. The care packages are part of the National Ladies Auxiliary efforts to support our troops.



PATRIOTIC FLAG DISPLAY — The Col. William Bratton Chapter honors Comporium Communications of Rock Hill for its patriotic American flag display Sept. 11. "We are especially pleased to render this honor to Comporium for their respect to the American flag on this anniversary of our country's Sept. 11 disaster," said Chapter President Greg Greenawalt, pictured above right with Glenn McFadden, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Comporium Communications. The Col. William Bratton Chapter covers membership in Lancaster, York and Chester counties.

Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.

Samuel Adams
1722 - 1803



John Marker, registrar and genealogist for the Col. William Bratton Chapter, is honored with the SAR Liberty medal and certificate at the chapter meeting Sept. 22 for his work in signing up and sponsoring 10 new SAR Chapter members. The award was presented in July during the 2012 SAR National Congress in Phoenix, however Marker was not present to accept it. [Photo by Greg Greenawalt]

Cambridge Chapter presents Flag Certificate to Pincrest Elementary School

Pincrest Elementary School has been recognized for flying the flag of the United States using correct flag protocol during each school day.

Tommy L. O'Dell, president of the Cambridge Chapter, made the presentation Dec. 4 to Principal Susan Buchanan, Mary Peacon and Christian Sprouse. Mrs. Peacon, a classroom assistant, assists Sprouse, a student, in raising the U.S. and South Carolina flags each school day.

"We recognize schools, other institutions and businesses for flying the flag daily, displaying it prominently and observing the protocols that govern the display of our national banner," said Mr. O'Dell. He

noted that the Flag Certificate was developed by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution as a way to promote Patriotism and Good Citizenship. *Ted R. Morton Jr.*



From left: Tommy L. O'Dell, president of the Cambridge Chapter; Christian Sprouse, who raises the flag each day; Susan Buchanan, principal; and Mary Peacon, classroom assistant, who assists Christian. [Photo by Jeff O'Dell]



Active duty military personnel (left), and SAR color guard led by Richard K. Johnson (with American flag) on right, bring flags off the beach. [Photo by Frederick Oakes]

Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter celebrates Partners in Patriotism in event at Myrtle Beach

By R.B. Scarborough

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH — The Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter, through President William F. Judd, partnered with the American Legion and volunteers from Wounded Warrior Project, Blue Star Mothers of America, Rolling Thunder and retired and active military personnel for an American Pride March July 4. It is hoped that this will become a tradition on the Carolina coast.

The march carried the American flag, South Carolina flag and POW flag in two groups covering eight miles on the beach, through thousands of onlookers who came to attention and applauded as the flags passed.

The two processions converged at a central point on the beach at a corridor of patriots holding American flags leading off the beach. There, as the crowd was treated to a fly-over that included F-16 fighter jets, the flags were handed off to a color guard representing SAR, active duty military and POW groups.

The color guard proceeded through the corridor of flags to a flagpole plaza on Ocean Boulevard, where the event concluded with raising the American flag, remarks from speakers and a rendition of our National Anthem.

The Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter Color Guard included President William F. Judd, also a member of the

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; Richard Johnson, vice president Pee Dee District and past chapter president; Ronald Horton, past chapter president, past National Flag chairman, and highly decorated World War II veteran; Frederick J. Oakes, chapter vice president; Frank Branson, past chapter president; Will Branson, president, Children of the American Revolution; Gregg Hembree, past chapter president; Thomas Heyward Jr.; R.B. Scarborough; John Johnson; and Irvin Bibb.

Starting with Memorial Day 2011, President Judd, along with the Elks Lodge from Murrells Inlet, area Shriners and the South Carolina Department of Transportation, teamed up to bring the Parade of Flags to fruition.

To begin, they installed 76 brackets on utility poles, and the goal was to have 50 American flags flying by Memorial Day, 75 by Flag Day (June 14), 100 by July 4 and 125 total, for use on Sept. 11 and Veterans Day also, every year. This project was conceived and executed by President Judd as a way to reinvigorate the patriotic spirit dwelling in the heart of the American people.

The success of these events bodes well for the continued rise in patriotic awareness, pride in American Exceptionalism and the call for limited Constitutional government as our Founders and Patriot ancestors intended.



Left photo: marchers give flags to the color guard. Active duty military on the left, SAR on the right including William F. Judd, closest to camera. [Photo by Frederick Oakes]. Right photo: installation of an American Flag for the Parade of Flags. Photo by William F. Judd]



PATRIOTS LANDING DEDICATION — From left: Jamie Williams; state Rep. Laurie Slade Funderburk; state Sen. Vincent Sheheen; Miles Gardner, president of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter; Pat Watts, Hobkirk Hill Chapter DAR regent; Bill Vartorella; unidentified Department of Transportation representative; and Frank Lachicotte

Kershaw Chapter helps dedicate Patriots Landing

By Miles Gardner

KERSHAW COUNTY — The Department of Natural Resources, the Kershaw County legislative delegation and the Kershaw County Council formally dedicated a refurbished boat ramp Sept. 28 on the Wateree River at Highway 1 as Patriots Landing.

The Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter and the Hobkirk Hill chapter of the DAR were invited to participate and

were recognized at the ceremony. The name commemorates the capture of an earthen Loyalist fort that controlled the ferry by Gen. Thomas Sumter, just before the Battle of Camden, as well as other activity at the site during the Revolution. It also references the first American regimental-sized parachute drops, made by forces preparing for the invasion of Italy in 1943, during which three soldiers were killed.



Legislators and veterans at Patriots Landing dedication.



DANIEL MORGAN CHAPTER AWARDS — Left photo: Scott Withrow (left), a park ranger from Cowpens National Battlefield, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Donny Carson, chapter president, for his program on the Great Wagon Road. Right photo: Gregg Satterfield, Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department investigator, receives a Police Commendation Award from President Carson. [Photos by Eric Carson]

There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know.

President Harry Truman, 1945-1953, SAR member

Sycamore Shoals: major role in 18th century history

By Bob Krause

FORT WATAUGA, Tennessee — Members of the South Carolina State Color Guard assisted the Watauga Chapter in commemorating the 232nd anniversary of the mustering of the Overmountain Men Sept. 15.

Rendering honors were Mark Anthony, SCSSAR trustee; Donny Carson, president of the Daniel Morgan Chapter; Bob Krause, commander SCSSAR Color Guard; Will Ouvry, vice president of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter; and Dan Woodruff, SCSSAR secretary, by participating in the formal ceremony and musket salute.

It was at the Sycamore Shoals of the Watauga that the Overmountain Men assembled on Sept. 25, 1780. The muster included about 1,100 fighting men, who marched the next day over the mountains in search of British Maj. Patrick Ferguson and his Tory militia. Eleven days later, on Oct. 7, the Overmountain Men led by Cols. John Sevier and Isaac Shelby found Ferguson's army at Kings Mountain, South Carolina.

A little more than an hour later on that October afternoon, Maj. Ferguson lay dead and his army defeated. The victory at Kings Mountain has been described as a crucial first link in a chain of events that led to

the eventual surrender of the British forces in the Revolutionary War.

Sycamore Shoals played a significant role in 18th-century history as the setting for some of the most dramatic events to occur in the expansion of America's western boundary. Here was established the first permanent American settlement outside the original 13 colonies, and the Watauga Association — the first majority-rule system of American democratic government — was formed in 1772.

Sycamore Shoals became the hub of the frontier as pioneers from Virginia and North Carolina settled along the Watauga River. Trails soon connected Sycamore Shoals (Elizabethton) with Fort Robinson (1761), Fort Patrick Henry (1776), Sapling Grove (Bristol), Rocky Mount, the first territorial capital (in Piney Flats between Bristol and Johnson City), and settlements in northwestern North Carolina and South Carolina.

In May 1772, the settlers compiled the "Articles of the Watauga Association" and elected five of their number to "govern and direct for the common good of all the people." This group, called a court, combined the legislative, judicial and executive functions of the infant government.

March 17, 1775, the Transylvania Purchase, the largest private or



SCSSAR COLOR GUARD — Members of the SCSSAR Color Guard at Sycamore Shoals. From left: Dan Woodruff, Mark Anthony, Donny Carson, Bob Krause and Will Ouvry. [Photo by Cindy Anthony]

corporate real estate transaction in United States history, took place at Sycamore Shoals. The Transylvania Company, led by Richard Henderson of North Carolina, purchased from the Cherokee Indians more than 20 million acres of land — all the lands of the Cumberland River watershed and extending to the Kentucky River — for 2,000 pounds sterling and goods worth 8,000 pounds.

Twelve hundred Indians spent weeks in counsel at Sycamore Shoals before the signing of the deed. Chief Dragging Canoe was firmly against deeding land to the whites, but the other chiefs ignored his warnings and signed the deeds amidst great ceremony and celebration.

Dragging Canoe returned home after the Sycamore Shoals Treaty (or Transylvania Purchase) determined to drive the white settlers from Cherokee lands. He was aided by English agents whose plans called for the In-

dians to attack the settlers from the rear while the English attacked them from the sea.

Fort Watauga, which had been built near Sycamore Shoals, became a refuge for the settlers in the summer of 1776. A band of warriors under Old Abram of Chilhowee struck against Fort Watauga, where most of the settlers had already fled. Lt. Col. John Carter, Capt. James Robertson (founder of Nashville in 1779), Lt. John Sevier (Tennessee's first governor in 1796), and other officers commanded the fort. The Indians laid siege to Fort Watauga for about two weeks, but when the pioneers failed to surrender, the Indians departed.

A reconstruction of Fort Watauga, based on archaeological and historical research, stands near the Sycamore Shoals river crossing. The original location was about 1,500 yards to the southwest. Reference: [www.tn.gov/environment/parks/Sycamore Shoals/](http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/Sycamore%20Shoals/)



232nd anniversary of the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals.

On this date in 1780, a few days before the Revolutionary War battle of Kings Mountain, local militia gathered at Sycamore Shoals in Tennessee. Pastor Samuel Doak told them: My countrymen, you are about to set out on an expedition which is full of hardships and dangers, but one in which the Almighty will attend you. The Mother Country has her hand upon you, these American colonies . . . the crown of England would take from its American Subjects the last vestige of Freedom. . . . Will you tarry now until the other enemy carries fire and sword to your very doors? No, it shall not be. Go forth then in the strength of your manhood to the aid of your brethren, the defense of your liberty and the protection of your homes. And may the God of Justice be with you and give you victory. . . . Help us as good soldiers to wield the SWORD OF THE LORD AND GIDEON. AMEN. American Patriots defeated the British at Kings Mountain Oct. 7, 1780.

I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964)
SAR Member

By removing the Bible from schools we would be wasting so much time and money in punishing criminals and so little pains to prevent crime.

Take the Bible out of our schools and there would be an explosion in crime.

Benjamin Rush 1745 - 1813
Signer of the Declaration of Independence

Robert Anderson leads 237th anniversary ceremonies for Battle of Great Cane Brake



State Chaplain David Johnson gives invocation.

SIMPSONVILLE—The Col. Robert Anderson Chapter was the host chapter for the 237th anniversary of the Battle of the Great Cane Brake Dec. 1 at historic Hopkins Farm in Simpsonville.

J.D. Norris, chapter president, was master of ceremonies. Tom Weidner gave a history of the battle, and David Johnson, SCSSAR chaplain, delivered the invocation and benediction.

The battle took place Dec. 22, 1775 on the banks of a creek leading to the Reedy River near here.

The battle occurred when Patriot Col. Richard Richardson was on his way into the back country to arrest leaders of the Royal party involved in the Mine Creek ambush in the Old Ninety Six District, now Saluda County.

The battle, 25 days after the Mine Creek Ambush, was called the Battle of the Great Cane Brake because of the abundance of bamboo cane.

Photos by Thomas C. Hanson



Dennis Waldrop (left), former mayor of Simpsonville, receives Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from J.D. Norris, president of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.



J.D. Norris



Norm Pigeon



Militia Firing Team fires volley. From left: Donny Carson, Hal Johnson, Will Ouvry, Bob Krause, Dan Woodruff and J.D. Norris.



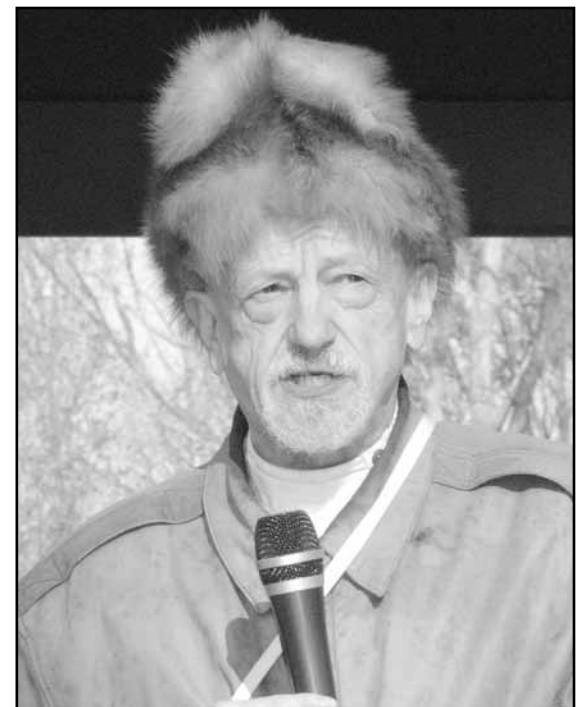
Dan Woodruff



Charles Augur



Sherilyn Woodruff presents wreath



Tom Weidner delivers history of Battle of Great Cane Brake.



Mark Anthony (left) and Dan Woodruff demonstrate battle tactics to students.



DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — From left: Betty Burdett, Peggy Wilson, Kathy Moore, Pat Henderson, Sheila Boyd, Peg Stutsman, Jean Patten, Loretta Woods, Bobbie Armstrong, Norma Corley, Dot Cooley, Cosette Harley, Jennie Wilson and Eva Ann Via.

Summary of business conducted at the October Meeting

By Dan Woodruff
State Secretary

COLUMBIA — 10 a.m. Opening Ritual

Call to Order — John Ramsey

Invocation — Ted Morton

Pledge to the American Flag

Pledge to the South Carolina Flag

Pledge to the SAR

Roll Call — Dan Woodruff — quorum met

10:15 a.m. Chapter Renewal — Wayne Cousar — page 25 — 10 minutes.

Characteristics of a successful chapter — discussed a checklist of ideas of what makes a successful chapter. Chapters have their own identity and do things differently. Do what works best for your chapter.

Steve Pittard, South Atlantic Vice President General, spoke to the Board and brought greetings from the National Society — discussed the relevance of the National Society and the youth programs. Asked us to be more influential with the local schools as it pertains to our American Heritage.

10:41 a.m. — Review of Published Report Package. All reports accepted as written with the following additions:

Chapters:

Eutaw Springs — as presented — Ernie Rogers' wife passed away. Harry Omer had a stroke and is in a care facility. The chapter thanks the society for their participation at Battle of Eutaw Springs event.

Lemuel Benton — law enforcement award to Police Chief O'Connell.

Robert Anderson — Cane Brake coming up, please attend.

William Bratton — please attend Veterans salute, Nov. 3 flyer passed out.

Daniel Morgan — Nov. 11 Elias Cannon grave-marking, Nov. 17, 1 p.m. at Blackstocks.

Paul Hamilton — Chapter members attended Francis Marion Symposium. It is worth the effort to attend as it is an excellent event with great speakers

Committees:

2014 Congress — Mark Anthony — lapel pins, medal sets and challenge coins are available for purchase. Looking for grants for DVD. All is on track for 1014 Congress.

Americanism — by Mark Anthony — presented red participation to Andrew Pickens.

CAR/DAR/SAR — by Ted Morton — Please reach out to the local DAR chapters for prospective members.

Colonial Ball — by Greg Ohanesian — please present your daughters, granddaughter, nieces for the ball.

Color Guard — by Dan Woodruff — two Silver Medals and one Bronze Medal were presented.

Eagle Scout — by Andy Beall — please be sure to report awards to Andy.

Historic Sites and Patriot Graves — by Carroll Crowther — Please submit photographs of the Patriot grave sites you visit so we can add them to the database.

Medals and Awards — by Carroll Crowther — encourages all members to give their input for awards.

Marion Statue — by Doug Doster — still short \$20,000 for landscaping — hoping to dedicate the statue in May.

Nominating Committee — by Carroll Crowther — the committee will meet during lunch — please go back to your chapters and encourage new blood, younger men, to step forward into leadership.

Publicity and Communication — by Carroll Crowther — John Ramsey commented that we are not getting anything to the National magazine. President Ramsey asked Jody Henson to assemble the articles for the National Magazine.

Rumbaugh Oration — by Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III — updated material and information for the contest is on the SCSSAR website. National rules apply and take precedence.

SCSSAR Scholarship — by Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III — updated material and information for the contest is on the SCSSAR website. National rules apply and take precedence.

Officers:

National Trustee — Mark Anthony —

1) Mark presented the \$500 check at National Trustees meeting.

2) There is a new program called Operation Reach on Ancestry.com

3) "Tool Box for Wounded Warriors" project — a set of tools and a tool box is being presented to Wounded Warriors and the SAR is collecting funds to help furnish the boxes. Mark strongly encourages all members to make a donation.

Genealogist — Jim Wyrosdick



Color Guard (from left): Mark Anthony, Donny Carson, Hal Johnson, Doug Doster and Dan Woodruff.

— attended Musgrove Mill and Eutaw Springs.

Registrar — **John Smith** — membership is increasing — discussed holding applications so new members don't pay dues twice in close succession.

Secretary — **Dan Woodruff** — presented Emeritus Member Certificates to:

Frank O. Bartel Jr., Nov. 15, 1949, Daniel Morgan Chapter.

William S. Davies Jr., Nov. 30, 1960, Thomas Taylor Chapter.

Walter W. Gregg Jr., Feb. 9, 1960. At Large member.

Alexander S. MacAulay, Jan. 5, 1962, Andrew Pickens Chapter.

Charles E. Montgomery, May 24, 1960, William Moultrie Chapter.

Henry M. Reed II, Sept. 20, 1961, At Large member.

James Roy Smith Jr., Dec. 31, 1959, At Large member.

James N. Stedman Jr., Dec. 30, 1950, William Moultrie Chapter.

Samuel S. Wood, Jan. 13, 1959, Daniel Morgan Chapter.

Vice President Midlands — **Doug Doster** — attended Thomas Taylor Chapter meeting.

11:25 a.m. New Business

Mark Anthony made a motion that the Lectureship series be moved



Steve Pittard (left), Vice President General for the South Atlantic District, and John Ramsey, SCSSAR President.

from the Annual Meeting to Cowpens. Second by Greg Ohanesian — discussion included reasons to attend annual meeting. Society will ask the history teacher of the year to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

11:45 a.m. Old Business — None

11:55 a.m. Announcements

Dec. 1: Battle of Great Cane Brake — Simpsonville.

Dec. 8: Wreaths Across America

12:10 Lunch

Past Presidents Council breakout lunch

Nominating Committee breakout lunch

1:55 p.m.: Chapter Officer Training: Mark Anthony and Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III.

2:03 p.m. John Ramsey discussed the middle school brochure contest.

2:04 Steve Pittard — discussed Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) phase 2 museum/education part of the building. A donation form is available on-line at SAR.org — please contribute as you are able.

2:12 p.m. Closing Ritual

Recessional

Benediction — Ted Morton

For discussion at January Board of Governors Meeting

Due to increases in production costs of *The Palmetto Patriot*, the Long Range Planning Committee has been tasked with looking into options on how to best move forward. The committee has come up with a proposal. They will present this for discussion at the Jan. 12 meeting. Any member interested in this matter or has an option to discuss is encouraged to attend the meeting.

That these united Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance from the British crown, and that all political connection between America and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

Richard Henry Lee
(1732 - 1794)

**Resolution for Independence
to the Second Continental Congress**

SCSSAR marks 232nd anniversary of Blackstocks

By Mark C. Anthony
Daniel Morgan Chapter Secretary

ENOREE — About 25 people gathered on Monument Hill at the site of the Battle of the Blackstocks Nov. 17 to commemorate a crucial Patriot victory by Gen. Thomas Sumter over Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton Nov. 20, 1780.

Brian Robson, a Musgrove Mill State Park ranger, began the program with short remarks before the SC Society Color Guard presented the colors, and members of the SC Rangers fired a musket salute. Wreaths from the state society, Daniel Morgan, Col. Robert Anderson, Col. William Bratton and Gen. James Williams chapters were then presented.

The main program featured a walking tour of the battlefield led by Michael R. Burgess, a Lexington County history teacher. Mr. Burgess focused on a quote from Maj. James Jackson to Col. Richard Winn during the battle when he said, "Sir, I will tell you the salvation of this country depends on this single fight."

This battle was fought between two of the most flamboyant and controversial military leaders at that point in the Revolution, according to Mr. Burgess. The result of the battle

was the first defeat of "Bloody Ban" at the hands of the militia.

The impact of the battle was felt later at Cowpens, just two months later, when the British Legion refused the order to charge into a similarly arrayed line of Continentals. The memory of the tremendous loss of life earlier when Tarleton ordered the Legion into a killing field still lingered and must have played a role.

Likewise, the local militias had gained confidence in being able to stand up to the British regulars. Undoubtedly this knowledge played a role in the numbers of militia that turned out for Daniel Morgan, and their resolve in a pivotal role in the Battle of Cowpens even after they had fulfilled the expectations of Gen. Morgan.

The tour concluded with the participants remarking on their new found appreciation of this often overlooked battle. The battlefield is still in an almost totally natural setting with no development and limited archaeological work having been done on the site, which is owned by the South Carolina Park Service. Plans to develop the site are dependent on funding and resources from the state, but until these are available, the site will be maintained in its current state.



BLACKSTOCKS ANNIVERSARY — Ranger Brian Robson (left) addresses the gathering at Blackstocks with the SC State Color Guard standing to the right. Members of the Color Guard are (from left) Mark Anthony, Dan Woodruff and Donny Carson. [Photo by Norm Pigeon, Gen. James Williams Chapter President]

In the time of darkest defeat, victory may be nearest.

**President William McKinley
(1897 -1901)
SAR member**

Rev. Ellis Cannon's grave marked at church service

By Mark C. Anthony
Daniel Morgan Chapter Secretary

SPARTANBURG — Members of the South Carolina Society, Broome High School JROTC and Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church gathered on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to mark the grave of Rev. Ellis Cannon.

Rev. Cannon was a private in the Third Virginia Regiment, Continental Line, who enlisted and served an 18-month tour from March 1781 to September 1782. While his pension application did not mention any specific battles, the National Park Service lists this unit as present at Yorktown during the siege that led to the surrender of Gen. Charles Cornwallis.

After the war, the Cannon family moved to the Upstate of South Carolina near Spartanburg. Many generations of the family gave land and served as leaders in the Cannon's Camp Ground Church (founded 1789) as well as the Cannon's Camp Ground that attracted worshippers from as far

away as Georgia and North Carolina in the late 19th Century.

The grave marking service was incorporated into the church's Veterans Day service, which saw the colors presented by the Broome High School JROTC and a musical salute to veterans by the church's chancel choir.



CANNON GRAVE MARKING — Rev. Mac Kinnett (left) and Mark Anthony, National Trustee, read the dedicatory litany at the grave of Rev. Ellis Cannon as members of the Broome High School JROTC stand at ease. [Photo by Kathy Johnston, Cannon's Camp Ground United Methodist Church Historian]

New SCSSAR members

By Dan Woodruff

The South Carolina Society welcomes the following new members.

Cambridge Chapter: Gilbert Alexander Smith Jr., Patriot ancestor Isham Blake.

Brooks Stanhope Smith, Patriot ancestor Isham Blake.

Justin Stanhope Smith, Patriot ancestor Isham Blake.

Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter: Lex O'Neal Johnson, Patriot ancestor Benjamin Endicott.

Lex O'Neal Johnson II, Patriot ancestor Benjamin Endicott.

Brett Carroll Johnson, Patriot ancestor Benjamin Endicott

Col. Robert Anderson Chapter: William Edward Crawford, Patriot ancestor Aaron Boggs.

Patrick Manuel Dodd, Patriot ancestor Abraham Stucky.

Alan Timothy Garrett, Patriot ancestor Edward Garrett.

Gen. James Williams Chapter: Weyman Frederick Webb, Patriot ancestor Hendly Webb.

Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter: Allen Kem Fronabarger, Patriot ancestor John Fronabarger.

New Dual Members

Cambridge Chapter: Randy Dwight Moody of Florida.

At Large

Charles Bruce Pickette of Alabama.

Walter Brown Stevenson of Alabama.

Palmetto Patriot available by e-mail

SCSSAR members who wish to receive *The Palmetto Patriot* by e-mail instead of the print edition, please e-mail Mark Anthony at mcgt90@bellsouth.net. Those who wish to continue to receive the hardcopy edition do not need to do anything. Past issues are available on the SC Society website www.scssar.org.

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage needs your support

By Mark Anthony
Past State President

Following is a progress report of the SC Society's continued support of The Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH).

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

1) Each state society will have at least 20 percent of its members become donors to the CAAH. 2) Each state society will meet an average gift of \$250 per member within the state society. 3) 100 percent of the recognized SAR Societies will meet these benchmarks by Dec. 31, 2013.

While the 20 percent contribution level has been met, the SC Society is still well short of the \$250 per member average goal with 18 months remaining before the Dec. 31, 2013 deadline.

The minimum donation needed for an individual to be credited for the participation benchmark is \$10 when the check is accompanied with a completed donation form found on the CAAH website (www.sarfoundation.org/thecenter.htm). A copy of the donation form is also included on page 15 of this issue of *The Palmetto Patriot*. The check and form must be mailed directly to the National Headquarters. If you decide to donate, please keep in mind the \$250 per member benchmark (though any amount is welcomed), which is the next goal for the SC Society.

At the 2012 Congress, a special announcement was made with respect to the funding of the CAAH. Sam Powell of the North Carolina Society announced a matching grant program whereby he would match up to \$1.5 million in donations to the CAAH with each individual donor being credited with both their contribution and the matching amount.

In other words, to reach the \$250 per member goal, a compatriot only needs to donate \$125. With this, the necessary funding for building out the CAAH in Louisville is within reach. Your donation to the CAAH can be effectively doubled and help the SC Society meet its remaining goal. Many compatriots have already taken advantage of this and the impact of their contributions will be seen in the year-end report as their donations were made after the end of the third quarter of 2012.

Challenge to State Society and Chapters

The South Carolina Society continues to work toward meeting a special challenge from the Virginia Society accepted at the 2010 Annual State Meeting whereby each chapter of the SC Society was challenged to consider making a one-time donation of at least \$100 in the name of the chapter to the CAAH.

This donation could be made from either existing chapter funds or from a "pass the hat" appeal at a chapter meeting. Please note that this is not a required donation but a challenge, and any donations made by a chapter since Oct. 1, 2009 will count toward the challenge.

As part of the challenge, the South Carolina Society pledged a \$500 donation from its general fund. The following chapters have responded to this challenge: **Battle of Eutaw Springs:** \$1,000; **Cambridge:** \$500; **Col. Robert Anderson:** \$500; **Col. Thomas Taylor:** \$500; **Daniel Morgan:** \$200; **Col. Lemuel Benton:** \$100; **Dr. George Mosse:** \$100; **Gov. Paul Hamilton:** \$100.

The following lists the compatriots who have donated to The Center for Advancing America's Heritage through Oct. 30. Thank you for your support that has brought the SAR to this exciting moment in time. A special thank you to all compatriots who increased their donations and moved up in terms of donation category.

\$1,000 plus

Mark C. Anthony
Paul L. Grier
A. Pierce Stockman Jr.
William B. Ten Eyck
Lauritz R. Smitt
Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter**
SC Society SAR**

\$500 - \$999

Ladson A. Barnes Jr.
Eldon D. Bullington
J. Michael Farr
Kenneth Love
Earl W. McCrackin
Ted R. Morton Jr.
Gilbert A. Smith
Daniel K. Woodruff
Cambridge Chapter**
Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter**

\$250 - \$499

James C. Antisdell
Charles A. Augur
Gassaway H. Berry
Donny C. Carson
Furman F. Cole
Atlee C.V. Compher II
Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III
C. Dean Cullison
Arthur B. Elliott III
Ernest L. Hatchell Jr.
John B. Heaton
Dean J. Hewitt Jr.
David J. Johnson
Edward P. King
B. Scott McConnell
Greg Ohanesian
John Lefferts Ramsey
Wayne B. Richey
Thomas E. Sent
Evelyn P. Tollison**

\$100 - \$249

William T. Allgood
Walter H. Arnold Jr.
Charles M. Ayers
Steven J. Brasington
Thomas W. Broadway
William R. Campbell
James R. Carroll
Warren W. Carothers
Henry C. Chambers
Bob E. Childers
Victor L. Compton Sr.
Carroll L. Crowther

Samuel P. Davis Sr.
Harvey M. Dick
John W. Dixon
George W. Dudley Jr.
Stephen F. Gates
Harold R. Gault Sr.
James H. Gressett Jr.
James T. Hammond
George B. Hartness
Paul W. Harvin
William B. Helene
Joseph B. Henson Jr.
Willard A. Hills
Rice R. Holcombe
Rickey L. Huffman
John P. Jennings
James M. Johnson
Frank Lachicotte IV
Buford S. Mabry Jr.
Robert C. McQuillan Sr.
Patrick A. McCabe
John N. McCarter Jr.
Capers W. McDonald
Robert E. McGlone
Frank O. Meade
Elias W. Nettles III
James D. Norris
A. Daniel Patten Jr.
William L. Perry
Joseph A. Preston
Francis D. Rogers Jr.
James Rumph
John T. Smith
Robert P. Smith
Randolph D. Smoak
H. Leroy Stewart
Jack O. Sullivan Jr.
Edward R. Thomas IV
Max B. Trout
David C. Waters
Richard G. Watson Jr.
David H. Witt
Charles R. Wolfe
Ward C. Worthington Jr.
Christopher L. Young
Nancy S. Pitts**
Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter**
Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter**
Daniel Morgan Chapter**
Dr. George Mosse Chapter**

\$1 - \$99

Joe M. Alexander
Ronald D. Althoff
Richard G. Augur
Johnnie H. Beasley Jr.

O. Heyward Bellamy Jr.
Edward L. Benton
Jay D. Bilyeu
Scott E. Buchanan
Gorman L.D. Burnett
John T. Caskey
Andrew W. Chandler
Hopkins G. Charles
William J. Clement
Chester F. Cotter
H. Wayne Cousar
William H. Culley
Max A. Culp
Charles E. Davis Jr.
Fletcher C. Derrick Jr.
Douglas B. Doster
Henry L. DuRant
William Q.C. Flint
Julian H. Foster
George B. Goldsmith Jr.
Hudson S. Green
George K. Hodgkiss Jr.
Hugh C. Horry
Dennis M. Hull
Elder H. Jones Sr.
Nathan Kaminski Jr.
Joseph F. Kirby
Herbert D. Kliene
Robert H. Krause
Thomas M. Lamacks
W. Thomas Lagoda
John D. Magruder
James B. McGill
Hudnalle B. McLean Jr.
Arthur C. Moss
Robert G. Nebergall
Dr. Robert E.H. Peoples
Dallas L. Phelps
William C. Prewitt
Benjamin F. Sheftall
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Carl J. Smith
Jasper K. Smith
John R. Stillwagon Sr.
Wendell H. Tiller Sr.
James D. Trout Jr.
James Trowbridge
William F. Vartorella
Ronald E. Waldhour
Dr. Ralph Welton
Howard H. Whitehurst
Gen. James Williams Chapter**
Greenville NSDAR**

**Not an individual SAR member

	SCSSAR Membership	Total Donors	Participation Rate	Total Amount Donated	Donations Per Member
July 28, 2008	605	78	12.9 percent	\$10,200	\$16.86
Sept. 30, 2008	605	78	12.9 percent	\$11,200	\$18.51
Dec. 31, 2008	605	83	13.7 percent	\$11,960	\$19.77
March 31, 2009	667	97	14.5 percent	\$12,672	\$19.00
June 30, 2009	667	97	14.5 percent	\$12,697	\$19.04
Oct. 15, 2009	667	99	14.8 percent	\$12,822	\$19.22
Dec. 31, 2009	667	103	15.4 percent	\$13,720	\$19.89
March 31, 2010	684	118	17.25 percent	\$18,195	\$26.60
June 30, 2010	684	131	19.15 percent	\$18,995	\$27.77
Sept. 30, 2010	684	132	19.30 percent	\$19,645	\$28.72
Dec. 31, 2010	684	135	19.74 percent	\$23,700	\$34.65
March 31, 2011	688	143	20.78 percent	\$25,225	\$36.66
June 30, 2011	688	151	21.95 percent	\$25,285	\$36.75
Sept. 30, 2011	688	151	21.95 percent	\$26,745	\$38.87
Dec. 31, 2011	688	152	22.09 percent	\$26,855	\$39.03
March 31, 2012	711	155	21.80 percent	\$29,230	\$41.11
June 30, 2012	711	156	21.94 percent	\$29,630	\$41.67
Sept. 30, 2012	711	157	22.08 percent	\$30,580	\$43.01

South Carolina Society salutes longtime members

By Mark Anthony

The following members reach membership anniversaries during the first quarter of 2013.

Those members having anniversaries in the second quarter of 2013 will be recognized in the next issue.

55 Years

Norm Pigeon

30 Years

Alan S. Altman, Perry A. Cantarutti, Hopkins G. Charles, Roger L. Derrer, Earl W. McCrackin, William Grantham Wood.

25 Years

John H. Busch, James M. Holman Jr., William L. Holman, James L. Wyrosdick

20 Years

Joseph E. Brunson III, Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III, Michael T. Gardner, William H. Jeffers, Robert D. Mikell Jr., Lawrence H. Mixson III, Samuel F. Reid Jr., Furman R. Younginer

15 Years

Henry R. Dunbar, Andrew S. Platte, Francis G. Shorter Jr.

10 Years

Charles M. Ayers

Five Years

Dennis K. Allen, Arthur L. Benjamin Jr., Francis T. Brown, Harold W. Copeland, Stewart F. deWitt, Miles D. Gardner, Joel D. Holden, Laurence O. Hull, John D. Magruder, Capers W. McDonald, Charles W. McKinney, Charles W. McKinney III, Clifton D. McKinney, Julius L. Porter, Edward P. Stapleton, Mark S. Starnes, Phillip E. Towles, Frank J. Wyman III

Anniversaries are from the date that the membership application was approved and are not necessarily reflective of the years dues have been paid.

For purposes of consideration for

certain medals and emeritus status, dues payments are the determining factor.

Roll Call of the Departed

The South Carolina Society announces that the following compatriots have passed away.

Tom Senf of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter died April 6.

James Earle Bruce of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter died May 2.

William Louis Perry of the William Bratton Chapter died May 6.

Peter Driscoll of the Gov. Paul Hamilton died Sept. 13.

Jerry William Oates Sr., an at large member, died Sept. 20.

Arthur Beverly Elliott III of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter died Oct. 5.

John Walton Dixon of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter died Nov. 4.



CONFIDENTIAL PLEDGE COMMITMENT

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____

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PLEDGE AMOUNT:

I/We pledge to support the Sons of the American Revolution Foundation and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Campaign.

I/We pledge my total gift of: \$ _____

PLEDGE PERIOD:

Pledge will be payable over (check one): 1 2 3 4 5 years

First payment will begin _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Please bill me:
- Annually in the amount of \$ _____ in the month of _____
- Semi-Annually in the amount of \$ _____ in months _____ and _____
- Other: _____
- Please charge my: Visa MasterCard AMEX
Card # _____ Exp. _____
- Annually in the amount of \$ _____ in the month of _____
- Semi-Annually in the amount of \$ _____ in the months of _____ and _____
- Full payment is enclosed. *Please make checks payable to "Sons of the American Revolution Foundation"*
- Gift of Stock *Please contact us at 502-589-1776 for stock information and instructions.*
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- I am interested in a gift through my estate or will, please call me at () _____

This Statement of Pledge Commitment constitutes a declaration of intent.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sons of the American Revolution Foundation, Center for Advancing America's Heritage: Campaign for New Generations, P.O. Box 1776, Louisville, Kentucky 40201-1776.

SAR Applications

Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to John T. Smith, State Registrar, 598 Sloan Rd., Lyman, SC 29365.

Smith can be reached by phone at 864-877-9909 or by e-mail at smith702142@bellsouth.net.

Still Looking for Patriot Graves

The Graves and Historic Sites committee is looking for photos and locations (with GPS coordinates) of Patriot Graves in South Carolina. Please send any such information to Carroll Crowther at crowthercarroll@gmail.com

Membership Statistics South Carolina Society

Following is a summary of the membership reconciliation for the SC Society for the 2012 calendar year:

Membership as of Jan. 1, 2012:	711
New Members:	59
Transfers In:	7
Reinstated Members:	23
Deaths:	(8)
Resignations:	0
Transfers Out:	(1)
Membership as of Oct. 31, 2012:	791

Net growth during 2012: 11.25 percent.

*This was the membership total before dues notices were sent out.

Eutaw Springs Chapter marks 231st anniversary of battle

By Martha Rose Brown
Published courtesy
The Times and Democrat

EUTAW SPRINGS — The 231st anniversary of one of the bloodiest battles fought during the American Revolution was observed Sept. 8 at the Historic Church of the Epiphany in Eutawville and also at the site of the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

The total numbers of soldiers listed as killed, wounded, captured or missing at the battle was 579 of 2,200 troops for the Americans and 882 of 2,000 troops for the British, Dr. Steven D. Smith, interim director and associate research professor at the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, noted during the program at the church.

“It was an intense battle,” Smith said, noting that pension applications tell of the injuries sustained by those who went toe-to-toe in the battle.

From entry and exit wounds by musket balls to the thrusts of bayonets and other tactical maneuvers, the bloodshed was nearly incomprehensible, he said.

Smith told of an African-American drummer, Jim Capers, who sustained injuries from flying bullets and survived. The drummer who stood behind Capers wasn't as fortunate, he said. The South Carolina militia, under the leadership of Gen. Francis “Swamp Fox” Marion and Gen.



PAST STATE PRESIDENTS — From left: Rev. Ted Morton Jr., a Past President of the South Carolina Society; John Thornhill, Past President of the North Carolina Society; David Summers, a Past President of the South Carolina Society; Steve Pittard; Doug Doster, a Past president of the South Carolina Society; and Jim Cook.

Andrew Pickens, led the troops into harm's way in the Colonies' battle for independence.

Smith said young people should be taking more interest in such organizations as Children of the American Revolution.

Not only did Saturday's commemoration of the Battle of Eutaw Springs' anniversary occur on the exact calendar date as the Revolutionary War battle, but it was also the exact day of the week the battle occurred, Smith said.

Following the service at the

church, members of various societies of the American Revolution participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Eutaw Springs Battlefield, a couple of miles from the church.

The two-part anniversary celebration was sponsored by the South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Douglas Doster, Midlands area vice president of the SCSSAR, presided at the event.

The Washington Light Infantry Color Guard, based in Charleston, presented the colors at the battlefield site. The group brought with them a reproduction of an original flag, known as the Eutaw Flag, that was given to the Washington Light Infantry on April 19, 1827.

The solid crimson-colored flag flew during the actual Battle of Eutaw Springs on Sept. 8, 1781.



Douglas Doster
Midlands Vice President
Master of Ceremonies



Steve Pittard
South Atlantic District
Vice President General



Gene Funderburk
North Carolina Society



Jim Cook
North Carolina
Society



Will Flint (left) stands with member of the Washington Light Infantry.

William Thornley Photography



Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter members with wreath



Washington Light Infantry Color Guard