

President's Message

Jay A. DeLoach, RDML, USN (Ret.)
President, NCSSAR



NC Compatriots,

We did it! At the recent National SAR Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, the Trustees voted and approved the NC

Society to host the 2026 National Congress. What an honor! Next step is for a team from the National Congress Planning Committee to visit NC and survey several venues across the State. In our proposal we presented two potential sites, Charlotte and Raleigh. Be aware, though, that the team could select an entirely different location. The team will visit by the end of January 2022 to conduct their review, so we may know the location by our next Board of Managers Meeting on January 29th.

In the meantime, we will kick into high gear our fundraising effort with the raffle of a 1778 French Charleville black-powder musket, collection of a \$5 surcharge from each member, and an initial outlay of \$10K from our investments. Additionally, we are now 'recruiting' members to join an elite Company of NC Minutemen who donate a lump sum of \$1K or commit to donate \$250 a year for four years. These fundraisers, along with future corporate sponsorships, will give us the financial means to showcase NC and to celebrate our Nation's 250th Anniversary in style!

October is a very busy event month for us with commemorations for the Battle of Kings Mountain (Oct. 7) and the Battle of Shallow Ford (Oct. 9).

Because of pandemic restrictions, the Battle of Kings Mountain will be limited by the National Park Service to 50 people. On a brighter note, there are five Patriot and eleven Compatriot grave markings across the State on three different weekends in October (October 16, 23, and 30). Check the Calendar and Events on the NCSSAR Website for more details and RSVP forms.

Our new President General Davis Wright has been consistently clear in his acceptance speech at the 2021 National Congress and his remarks in the Summer issue of the *SAR Magazine* that we need to step up our public outreach efforts and open-up our commemorations and events more to the public. The 250th Anniversary commemorations begin in earnest in April 2025 with the

After the Constitutional Convention met at Independence Hall in Philadelphia in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked whether the new nation's government was a monarchy or a republic. In profoundly wise fashion, he replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Battles of Lexington and Concord and end in November 2033 with the British evacuation of New York City. We have a great opportunity leading up to the 250th Anniversary period to engage and educate the public on the events, battles and philosophical bases of the American Revolution and the Constitution.

While the SAR is key on delivering the National SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville in 2026, it is imperative that Chapters reach out to their communities to share these stories and accounts about the sacrifices made by our Patriot An-

cestors to secure our freedom and to and bring us our Constitutional Republic.

Yours in Patriotism,
Jay

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Membership Update

NCSSAR Welcomes 44 New Members (June 5, 2021 through Sept. 3, 2021)

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KAY, Dan #219803
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MORGAN, Boyd #220284
MOSLEY, Phillip #219653
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PAISLEY, Jr, John #220286
SCOTT, Michael #219581
SKEENS, Alden #219652
SKEENS, James #219651
SMITH, William #220359
STOKES, Jr., Glenn #220197
SUTHERLAND II, George #219799
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TYSON III, Charles #220288
WALL, Logan #21965
WHITE, David #220361
WHITE, William #220360
WILSON, John #220198
WILSON, William #220199
YATES, Christopher #220367
YATES, Jr., Raymond #220366

NCSSAR Extends Deepest Thoughts and Prayers to the Families of the Following Comatriots who Passed Away Since June 5, 2021

BROWN, Justin
SMART, Troy
STORMS, Kenneth
JONES, Lamar
ROSE, William
AYCOCK, Jimmy
WHIT, Carl

NCSSAR Membership Inquiries

Since June 5, North Carolina has received 62 inquiries about SAR membership. Chapters and inquiry counts include the following: Alamance Battleground, 0; Albemarle, 0; Bethabara, 8; Battle of King's Mtn., 2; Colson's Mill, 0; Blue Ridge, 5; Catawba Valley, 3; Col. Alex. Erwin, 0; Col. Alex. Lillington, 2; Gen. Frances Nash, 3; Gen. George Washington, 2; Halifax Resolves, 0; Isaac Carter, 0; Lower Cape Fear, 2; le Marquis de Lafayette, 2; Lumber River, 0; Lt. Col. John Phifer, 0; Mecklenburg, 9; Old North State, 5; Nathanael Greene, 3; New Bern, 2; Raleigh, 11; Salisbury, 2; Sandhills, 1; Western Waters, 0; and Yadkin Valley, 0.

Inquiries are forwarded to the President of the closest Chapter. The local Chapter then contacts the potential applicant and offers assistance. The hope is that personal contact will help Chapters recruit active applicants who will be successful in obtaining SAR membership, thereby increasing our overall State membership count. Following through with referred inquiries is the important responsibility of Chapter leaders. Remember that DAR assistance is to be noted on a Finders Form and attached to the SAR application.

JOHN O. THORNHILL, Chair
Membership Committee, NCSSAR

Chapter News

Col. Alexander Erwin Chapter

The Col. Alexander Erwin Chapter has 33 members. In addition to growing membership and being more active within the community, flag presentations have been a Chapter priority. Fourteen wreaths have been presented virtually. Pictured is the last of three on-site flag presentations made recently. Left to right are Chapter President Robert L. Patton, IV, Flag Committee Chair Albert Nelson Dale, and recipient Steve Baker. Steve is the Chapter Veterans Chair and previous exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge in Morganton, NC.



The Chapter recognized three Eagle Scouts recently and presented them with the SAR Eagle Certificate and badge. Pictured (left to right) are Scott Coley, who shared information about several Revolutionary War weapons, and Eagle Scouts Nicholas Alexander Thompson, Jacob Allen Hanlon and Jack William Costner.



At the same Chapter meeting program, Registrar Scott Coley shared with Eagle Scouts and family members a Revolutionary War period sword. He also fired a reproduction Brown Bess along with a

a St. Etienne and two Revolutionary War Heavy and Light Dragoon pistols.



Chapter President Robert Patton (pictured below) donated a Revolutionary War spontoon to the History Museum of Burke County that will be included in the Colonial/Revolutionary War display. At Valley Forge, Gen. George Washington



directed Gen. Maxwell on December 22, 1777 to instruct the forge to start making spontoons immediately and to issue them as side arms to all junior officers.

**Robert L. Patton, IV, President
Col. Alexander Erwin Chapter**

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Col. Alexander Lillington Chapter

On a hot and muggy Saturday, July 31 the Col. Alexander Lillington Chapter joined with the Battle of Rockfish Chapter of the NCS DAR in commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Rockfish Creek. This was the third annual celebration of the Battle. Several State and Chapter officers, including State President Jay DeLoach, attended the ceremony. A combined Color Guard under the direction of State Color Guard Commander George Strunk presented the Colors.



Charles C. Farrior, Mayor of Wallace, NC, gave a brief talk on the Monument, which was dedicated on July 4, 1976. After his presentation, Mayor Farrior was presented with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. He has been the mayor of Wallace for the past 26 years and recently announced that he will retire after this term.

Following the celebration of the Battle, Wallace Boy Scout Troop 35 led members of the SAR and DAR in a Flag Retirement ceremony.

Mike Murphy, President
Col. Alexander Lillington Chapter

Battle of Kings Mountain Chapter

On August 14, 2021, the Battle of King's Mountain Chapter celebrated the 246th anniversary of the Signing of the Tryon Resolves. Four State SAR and four DAR Chapters were represented at the event.



Blue Ridge Chapter

The Fourth of July holiday had deeper meaning in Hendersonville, NC this year. The Henderson County Historical Museum opened a new exhibit room for the American Revolution. On hand to



take part in the exhibition premiere from the Blue Ridge Chapter were President Craig Isaacson (pictured, left), Americanism Committee Chair Tom Long (center), and Awards Committee Chair Lance Dickinson (right).

The display has many dramatic features that are original to the region. The focal point of the gallery contains life-sized characters wearing uni-



forms and clothing of the American Revolution era. Included is a British Regular's uniform, a gift from local philanthropist Dr. David Fox. "It is amazing to see how small people were 200 years ago," commented Isaacson. "I now understand to a greater degree why six-foot, two-inch George Washington was viewed as a

giant of a man." Another attractive feature of the museum room is a wall adorned with period flags of the Patriot forces. A video of the battle of Cowpens, SC plays on a screen adjacent to that wall.

Chapter representatives were available to answer questions. In addition, the SAR Compatriots served as a backdrop at the rear of the stage as 2018 *American Idol* finalist Blake Ellege sang the *National Anthem* and other patriotic songs.

Craig S. Isaacson, President
Blue Ridge Chapter

Catawba Valley Chapter



On July 5, Catawba Valley Chapter President Ben Setser had the privilege to honor Victoria Elizabeth Charles with the Eagle Scout Award for her achievement of reaching Scouting's pinnacle rank, the Eagle Scout!

Catawba Valley Chapter was once again honored to be involved in the 132nd annual Old Soldiers Reunion Parade in Newton, NC on August 19. They were joined by NCS DAR's Lynne Smith and Karen Seguin and Lisa Pupkiewicz with Thunder Over Carolina. It was hot, but all had a great time and finished the parade just before a cloud burst.



An extraordinary event occurred on August 2. Dr. Albert Keiser, Sr., a 42-year SAR member and a Charter Member of the Catawba Valley Chapter, donated \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) to the



SAR National Library in Louisville KY. Albert is an author and resides at Kingston Residence of Hickory NC where the gift was presented. Pictured

(left to right) are NCSSAR Senior Vice President Jack Bowman, NCSSAR Treasurer Dr. Sam Powell, Dr. Keiser, National SAR Development Manager Phil Bloyd, and Catawba Valley Chapter President Ben Setser.

**Ben Setser, President
Catawba Valley Chapter**

LTC Felix Walker Chapter

In observance of Independence Day 2021, Chapter members placed Betsy Ross flags on the graves of Patriots at the Revolutionary War monument in Asheville's Pack Square and the historic Newton Cemetery, also in Asheville.

Ceremonies were conducted at both sites. Sharon Carter, Regent of the NCS DAR Ruth Davidson Chapter, read the Declaration of Independence at the Pack Square monument, and Chapter President Mike Arnott read the Declaration at the Newton Cemetery.

Chapter Compatriots Jim Marks and Roy Plemmons led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the SAR pledge, respectively. Ruth Davidson Chapter Daughter Becky Wood gave the American's Creed and Daughter Brenda Canter gave the benediction.

Pictured (left to right) are NCSSAR and NCS DAR members at Asheville's Revolutionary War Monument: Mike Arnott, Sharon Conner, Becky Wood, Jim Marks, Bob Wood, Roy Plemmons, Scott Conner, and Brenda Canter.



The ceremonies were an established Independence Day tradition of the State SAR and DAR Chapters. A few days earlier, Compatriots Bill Williams and Mike Arnott had visited 13 cemeteries and placed flags on 23 Patriot graves.

Cecil Edmonds (pictured, right), a retired US Navy Veteran with more than 25 years of service, was awarded Certificates of Commendation for his proper display of the American flag. The certifi-

cates were presently jointly by Asheville area DAR and SAR Chapters.



Flag Committee Chair Bill Williams (pictured, left), Mike Arnott (pictured, center) and Sharon Conner made the presentations. During the brief ceremony Sharon Conner read the American's Creed.

A lifelong Candler resident, Edmonds flies his American flag from a tall pole standing between his home and the log cabin he built himself on his Sardis Road property. He illuminates the flag at night and follows all the other requirements of accepted flag protocol.

Mike Arnott, President
LRC Felix Walker Chapter, NCSSAR

le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter

A special Chapter meeting on September 9 featured a SAR induction of three young men who are relatives of Chapter officers. Pictures left to right



are Chapter Secretary and grandfather Tom Tate, grandsons Tom Tate, Everett Tate, and Winton Tate, and Chapter Past President and Uncle Josh Tate. The boys are descendants of Patriot Ancestor Charles Cornelius

David L. Mann, Vice President
le Marquis de Lafayette, NCSSAR

Raleigh Chapter

On June 26, the Raleigh Chapter held its Annual Tara Farm Picnic. Members were treated to a delicious catered chicken and BBQ lunch followed by a moving presentation on the Vet Smiles Foundation (<https://vetsmiles.org>). Chapter awards were



also handed out. The event was attended by State SAR, DAR, and CAR members.

Chapter Color Guard members participated

in the Annual Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony held at the NC State Capitol on July 4. Colors were presented and posted, and a wreath was laid at the George Washington statue on the Capitol grounds. Color Guard mem-



bers present were Tom Davis, Tom Floyd, John Harrod, Van Jones, Stephen Morris, and Bob Sigmon. Also attending and in support were Chapter members Buck Anderson, Jeremy Hodges, Richard Pena and Glenn Sappie.

David Bamford
Secretary-Communications
Raleigh Chapter, NCSSAR

Salisbury Chapter

After the cancelled Independence Day celebration last year, an unusually grand July Fourth event was held on July 5 in Faith, NC. The Salisbury Chapter was joined by the Catawba Valley Chapter and the Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter NCS DAR in sponsoring a float at the Independence Day Parade that concluded the weekend event.



Among the representatives positioned on the float were Salisbury Chapter President Frank Merrill, State Senior Vice President Jack Bowman, Catawba Valley Chapter President Ben Setser,

Anthony Shoaf, Roy Lightfoot, and Cynthia Shoaf. The float won first prize honors.

Ben Setser
Consulting Editor, ONS



Patriot Medal



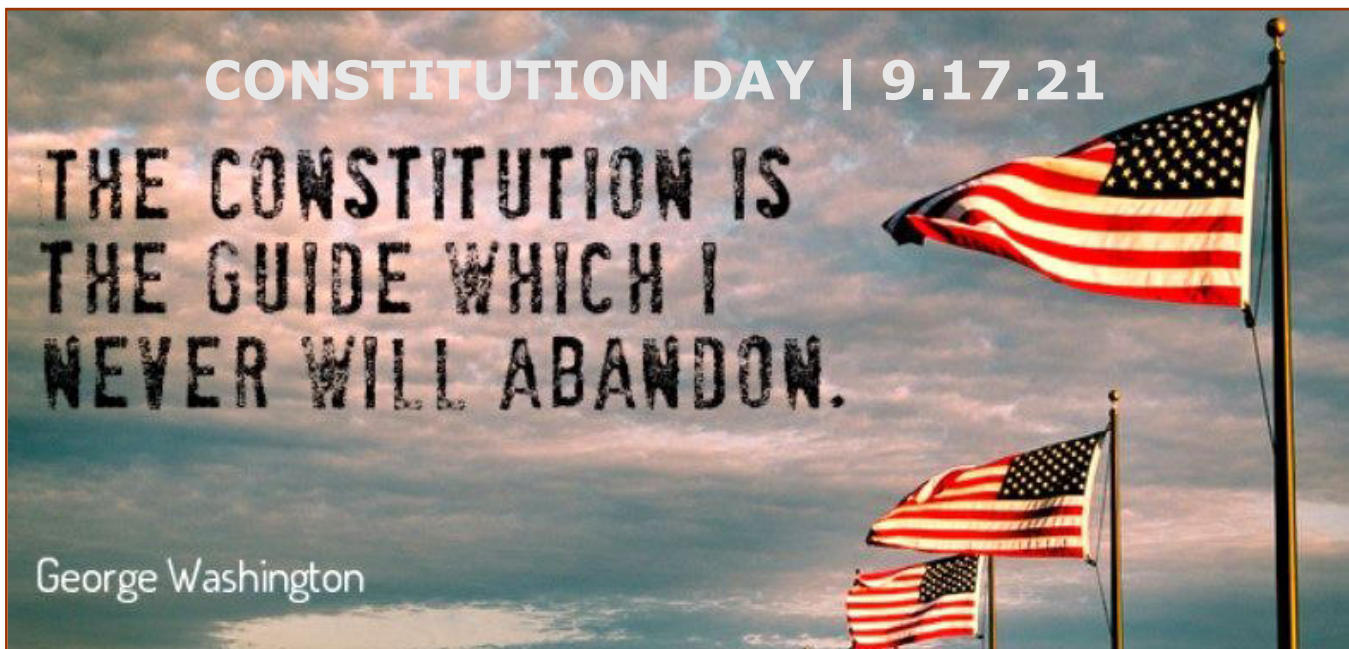
The Patriot Medal is the highest SAR award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society in recognition of long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the State and/or Chapter level. Service at the national level is not considered in the selection of recipients.

The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a State Society and may be presented only to an individual. A representative cannot accept the Patriot Medal on behalf of the recipient. A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. NCSSAR can award up to three Patriot's medals this year. Additional information and medal application information are available on the State website.

Suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color, the medal has a silver finish and bears the portrait of Compatriot Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur. On the obverse is the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse is inscribed, "Awarded to for Patriotic Service by the Society SAR, 2021. Gen.

MacArthur selected the design for the medal just prior to his death. He was awarded the first Patriot Medal posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, VA on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display.

John O. Thornhill
Consulting Editor, ONS



New Resource for Compatriots: AmRevNC.com

by Jim Morgan

It started with a mistake. I was reading my grandfather's copy of *The Ragged Ones*, a 1951 novel by historian Burke Davis about the Race to the Dan. In it was a story too bizarre to be true, about Loyalist militia stepping off a road to let British cavalry by, only to be slaughtered by what were actually Continentals. I did a quick Web search. Not only was it true, it happened not far from my home. I drove to the monument for Pyle's Defeat (or Massacre), where it was easy to imagine the events unfolding around me. Only, they didn't. Later I learned the skirmish actually happened a mile away.

This triggered my desire to visit other, *correct* locations related to the American Revolution or Regulators across North Carolina. I went looking for a guidebook. The most recent, out of print, dated to 1998. I got a used copy online, and found it included more stories that I found questionable. Creating an online guidebook became the hobby I'd been looking for.



Then the pandemic hit, and my regular business went on hold. My hobby became a startup business, *The American Revolution Tour of North Carolina*™. (We sell Rev War wares, advertising, guided tours, and corporate outings.) I worked seventy-hour weeks for a year, researching, writing, and then driving 8,116 miles to visit all the sites, some multiple times.

With an editor, site investigator, and website consultant, AmRevNC.com was created. This website provides self-guided tours of battlefields, army campsites, veterans' homes, and graves of wartime figures. Written on a ninth-grade reading level so students may enjoy, the website focuses on storytelling instead of a stodgy facts-and-dates approach to history.

Accuracy was the top goal, however. My first career was as a journalist, the 'Walter Cronkite' type, trained to follow good-quality evidence wherever it leads, whether or not I like the results. My Master's degree from a top journalism school came with hammered lessons about objectivity, multiple sourcing from all sides, and deep fact-checking. I started with the old guidebook and the www.Carolana.com site to identify possible locations. Then I found every source I could identify, first online, and then in the local history rooms of libraries as they re-opened. That research continues.

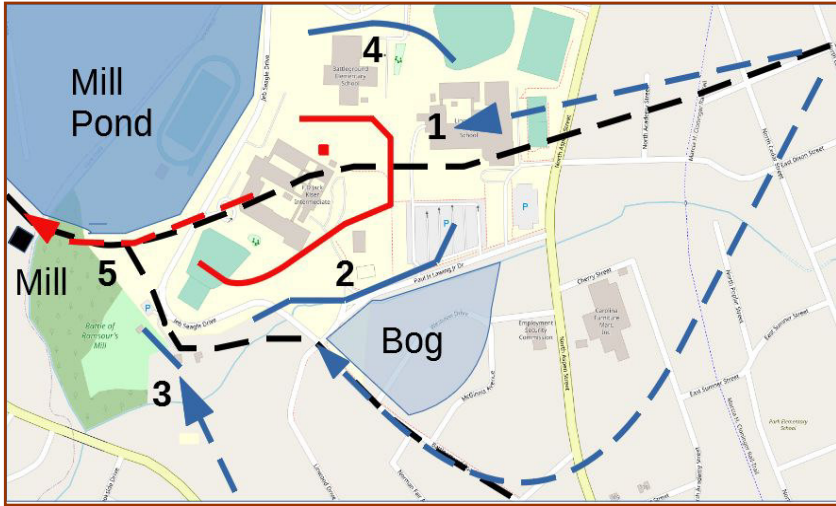
The quality of evidence mattered. If two sources differed, I deferred to wartime documents and archaeological studies first; veteran's memoirs and pension applications second (since they were subject to memory loss); and so on through modern academic studies, local historians, and secondhand sources. Last came local traditions, which often (but not always) proved wrong. We don't classify information as 'factual' unless at least two high-quality sources using different primary documents confirm in agreement. Otherwise, we qualify the claim and footnote the source.

The work led to many surprises. First, I expected to find a couple-dozen locations. Instead, we found more than ninety, enough to divide into nine, two- to three-day driving tours by region, covering almost the entire State.

Even the best-known locations held surprises. Despite having visited Guilford Courthouse several times over the years, I had no idea the extent of the battlefield beyond the current park. Our website now has the most extensive tour, taking you onto the northern flank and the southern 'battle within a battle.'

Either on our own or with help of local historians, we recovered many forgotten events and locations. Learning that the road Gov. William Tryon took into the Battle of Alamance was north of the current Highway 62 completely changed the narrative and made the story of a Regulator sniper more plausible.

Many other unexpected finds emerged including the following: why the outnumbered Patriot force attacked at Ramsour's Mill; the location of Ramsey's Mill where Cornwallis crossed the Deep River just ahead of Greene after Guilford; an outline on modern streets of the British camp in Wilmington; the exact location of probably the second drawbridge in the colonies, fought over twice; the nearly forgotten campaign against the Cherokees in 1776; and the completely forgotten British/Tory raid on Beaufort, NC in 1782. Eventually I followed an evidence trail to the end of Henry Road in Graham, NC, almost certainly the wartime Hillsborough-Salisbury Road, filled by Tory bodies after Pyle's Defeat.



In the course of the work, we resurrected both the Rutherford Trace from the Cherokee campaign—adding directions for following much of it—and Tryon's entire march route, day by

day. Site investigator Martin Brown and I concluded that Rachel and Rev. David Caldwell's wartime home in Greensboro probably was not where it is presently marked, and confirmed where Cathey's Fort sat, visited by Cherokee campaign militia and the Overmountain Men.

Unexpectedly, my work also became a journey of family history. I knew my fourth-great-grandfather's (4GG) name, Samuel Espey, was on the monument at King's Mountain. Little did I know he and another 4GG were on the Cherokee campaign. I stood in their footsteps on the trail to Cowee/Watauga Gap, where twenty Cherokees took a stand. Nor did I know Espey's father signed an 'Association' we now call the Tryon Resolves, and again I stood near the spot. No one in the family knew the Espeys might have been among the Tory prisoners scheduled to be hanged at Ramsour's Mill on the day of the battle—the likely reason Col. Francis Locke decided to attack that day. Our website takes you to Locke's homesite and grave, where I thanked him.

Nor did my best friend, or anyone in their family, know his multi-great-grandfather fought at Alamance, and came within minutes of being hanged in Hillsborough. The AmRevNC.com website has those locations, and more, to provide readers with new journeys of learning and knowledge. Whatever your Patriot ancestors may have contributed to the American Revolution, the website may help you make some new discoveries.



Black Hole: Ravine near the end of the militia line at the Battle of the Black Hole.



Tory's Den: The Cave where Patriots surprised a Tory camp.

Editor's Note: Jim Morgan, MA holds a Master of Arts degree in journalism. A Durham, NC resident, he is founder of *The American Revolution Tour of North Carolina*™ website, www.AmRevNC.com. He invites Compatriots to visit the website and welcomes your comments at jim@amrevnc.com. All images courtesy of AmRevNC.com.

River Mill Student Wins SAR Art Contest

Kyla Workman, a rising sixth grade student at River Mill Academy, won the National SAR's Elementary School Poster Contest for Americanism held at the National SAR Congress in Seattle, WA on July 12. Kyla is the daughter of David and Rachel Workman of Haw River, NC.



Kyla's poster depicts Betsy Ross creating the first American flag. The award included a \$400.00 cash prize. Her winning poster will be displayed for year at the National SAR headquarters in Louisville, KY.

Kyla also won the Alamance Battleground Contest from among 40 local entries which were displayed at Alamance Arts, Graham, NC in early May. In addition, she won the NCSSAR Contest held at the Alamance Battleground Historic Site on May 16, 2021. Kyla received \$250.00 from NCSSAR and \$50.00 from the Alamance Battleground Chapter SAR for her winning entry.

NCSSAR Piedmont Region Vice Patriot Steve Van Pelt is local chairman for the poster contest. "I would like to thank each of the four schools and the 40 students who participated in this event," relayed Van Pelt. "Over the past four years our students have won the state contest, and two of those students have received recognition at the national level. I would also like to thank Alamance Arts for helping us create a display for the local contest."

SAR Youth Programs strive to provide educational opportunities for young people to learn about the Constitution and Patriots who developed American ideals and traditions.

**Steve Van Pelt, Vice President
Piedmont Region, NCSSAR**

Brig. Gen. William Caswell Grave Marking

Brigadier General William Caswell (1754-1785), son of Gov. Richard Caswell (1729-1789), passed away almost 240 years ago. In a biographical tribute to him, the late Dr. Charles Robert Hollman, Sr. (1913-2003) indicated that William was buried in an unmarked grave at the family cemetery in Kinston, NC where his father is memorialized.

The important contribution he made in the Revolutionary War effort as a commanding officer, notwithstanding, William Caswell's grave has not yet been properly recognized by the SAR. This is about to change.

On Saturday, November 13 at 11:00 AM, the Gen. George Washington Chapter enthusiastically welcomes the attendance of State Compatriots and guests at a special commemoration and grave marker dedication for Brig. Gen. William Caswell. In addition, the event will include a grave marking for Richard "Robin" Wooten, also a descendant of Gov. Caswell.

The ceremony will be held at the Gov. Caswell Memorial Cemetery, 2612 West Vernon Ave. in Kinston. The Moseley-Bright Chapter of the NCSDAR will participate in the event along with NCSSAR representatives. For more information, contact Ron Bonham at 252.347.9117 or doctorcobot@hotmail.com. Compatriots and other guests planning to attend are asked to register at this link: <https://bit.ly/2WuFKhd>



Flags of the American Revolution

The Stamp Act and Sons of Liberty Flags

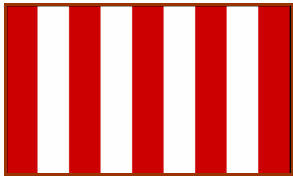
By Robert Webster, MSgt USMC (Ret.)

By definition, a flag is a “usually rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol (as of a nation), as a signaling device, or as a decoration” (Merriam-Webster). In the period up to and including the Revolutionary War, the American Colonies displayed well over 30 different flags.

This series of articles will highlight eleven flags of the American Revolution. Included will be any historical events that are symbolized in the flag designs. The series will end with a twelfth article on proper flag etiquette.

On March 22, 1765, the British Parliament, in its first serious attempt to assert governmental authority over the colonies, signed the Stamp Act into law. In a gathering known as the Stamp Act Congress that year, nine of the thirteen original colonies (neither Georgia, North Carolina or Virginia sent delegates) met in New York and petitioned the king and parliament in protest of this Act.

Subsequently, a flag of nine red and white vertical stripes, rumored to represent the nine Colonies participating in the Stamp Act Congress, became the banner of the newly-formed Sons of Liberty. This flag, known as the Rebellious Stripes, was said to fly whenever the Sons of Liberty leadership wanted to call townspeople together.



Stamp Act Flag



Sons of Liberty Flag

Upon the British Parliament outlawing this flag, the Sons of Liberty created a new flag by simply changing the direction of the stripes from vertical to horizontal, which they continued to fly openly.

This latter design with thirteen horizontal red and white stripes became the base for U.S. Merchant ships, including the U.S. Navy. This pattern was retained in our current U.S. National Ensign.

Editor's Note: This is the first article in an ongoing series, *Flags of the American Revolution*, to appear regularly in *ONS*. Robert Webster is Vice President of the New Bern Chapter. He dedicates

these articles to the memory of all who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation's flags and our freedom. Email your comments to newbernsar@gmail.com.

NCSSAR Color Guard Report

April 10, 2021: The NCSSAR Color Guard posted the Colors for a Charters of Freedom Ceremony at the Halifax County Courthouse in Halifax, NC,



and afterwards filmed the posting of the Colors for the 240th Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves Ceremony.



May 16, 2021: The 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Alamance in Burlington, NC was celebrated with a hybrid Ceremony and the posting of the Colors by the National Color Guard.

May 31, 2021: On Memorial Day, the NCSSAR Lower Cape Fear Chapter Color Guard in conjunction with the State SAR Color Guard Commander joined the San Diego, CA Chapter of CASSAR in their Memorial Day Ceremony delivered virtually, then filmed a presentation of the Colors on the USS North Carolina, Battleship in Wilmington, NC.

June 5, 2021: The National SAR Color Guard posted the Colors at the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in Lincolnton, NC.

June 12, 2021: The NCSSAR Color Guard posted the Colors at the 246th Anniversary of the Liberty Point Resolves in Fayetteville, NC.

George K. Strunk, SMSgt, USAF (Ret.)
Color Guard Commander, NCSSAR

New Bern Resolves 247th Anniversary Observance

The first Provincial Congress held in America in open defiance of royal authority occurred at the Craven County Court House, New Bern, NC during August 25-27, 1774. It was one of the most important contributions to the American Revolutionary effort. The courthouse was located at the current intersection of Middle and Broad Streets until destroyed by fire in 1865.

Seventy-one delegates representing 30 of 36 counties and 6 of 9 boroughs met in defiance of the British Royal Crown at the First North Carolina Provincial Congress. There they voiced grievances against numerous taxes and laws imposed on the Colonists by the Royal Crown and the British Parliament. Twenty-eight resolves were issued in response to the unjust taxes and laws. Richard Caswell, William Hooper and Joseph Hewes were elected as delegates to the First Continental Congress and were instructed to present the resolves as actionable redress of grievances against the Royal Crown.

A hybrid observance of the significance of the First North Carolina Provincial Congress and the bravery of the 71 delegates was hosted by the New Bern Chapter and the NCS DAR Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter on August 28, 2021, in New Bern. Outstanding support was provided by the City of New Bern Police Department, Cotton Funeral Home, Centenary United Methodist Church, First Church of Christ-Scientist, U.S. Marines (MASS-MCAS Cherry Point) and Christ Episcopal Church.



Participating in the fifteen-minute procession were SAR and DAR members, St. Johns Masonic Lodge #3, the Fife and Drum Corps of the North Carolina History Center and Tryon Palace and more than 100 Scouts and Scoutmasters. The procession moved south on Middle Street from the Centenary United Methodist Church parking lot (crossing Broad Street) to the outside Colonial Chapel site of Christ Episcopal Church.

A one-hour ceremony involving more than 60 SAR members was held at the outside Colonial Chapel site at Christ Episcopal

Church. A reading of a City of New Bern Proclamation was delivered by Compatriot and Mayor Dana Outlaw. The keynote address was presented by Compatriot Dr. Joseph Beatty, Research Supervisor, Historical Research and Publication Office, NC Office of Archives and History.

State SAR Society representatives extended greetings, including Jay DeLoach (NC), Scott Collins (GA), David Ramseur (FL), Dr. William Ryan Bartz (TN), and Ken Bonner (VA). Additional greetings were provided by Sims Wayt, Regent of the NCS DAR Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter and Davis Benedict, NCSCAR State President. The ceremony concluded with twenty organizations rendering honors for the 71 Delegates and Resolves of the First North Carolina Provincial Congress. A luncheon of Smithfield's fried chicken and BBQ was held afterwards at the Harrison Center-Christ Episcopal Church.

The next 248th Anniversary Observance is planned for August 27, 2022. Information will be available at the New Bern Chapter website and by contacting NewBernResolves@gmail.com.

No Stone Unturned

Wills, Estates and Probates

By Ron Bonham
Genealogist, NCSSAR

Genealogy is proving the lineage of an individual. Records pertinent to the study of genealogy are like a field of stones. Every stone must be turned in search of the nugget that you need. Sometimes more than one document is necessary to prove a parent/child relationship. Wills, estates and probates are rich sources.

A will is an announcement of death. Information derived from a will is particularly helpful since it may reveal or confirm the first names of a husband, wife or individual children and other descendants specified in the inheritance.



When an individual leaves a will, one or more witnesses present the document in court. Back in the day, the clerk of court would subsequently copy the will into the official book of wills in his/her own handwriting. The original will would be maintained by the family.

In rare situations, a will may prove to be of little help. For example, some wills in Pennsylvania were written in German. Clerks of court readily acknowledged that those wills were never translated or properly recorded. It is possible that wills of this type could be found in family Bibles or in other family papers.

Estates and probates are the settlement of the real and personal property and possessions of the deceased individual. These may be available in the absence of a will. One downside to estates and probates is that they may not be available until years after the individual has deceased.

The best option is to identify a will, if possible. Examining and comparing information from the will and the corresponding estate and probate is the best approach. Information gleaned from the separate documents may provide a more complete record of the ancestor.

Wills, estates and probates do not always identify husbands, wives and children. But exploring these records is worth the effort and many times will answer questions on an individual's lineage. Some states bundle estates and probates with wills. Below are Internet links for several states, all of whom offer will, estate and probate records free of cost to the user:

Kentucky: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Kentucky_Probate_Records

Maryland: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Maryland_Probate_Records

New Jersey: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_Jersey_Probate_Records

North Carolina: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/North_Carolina_Probate_Records

Pennsylvania: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Pennsylvania_Probate_Records

South Carolina: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/South_Carolina_Probate_Records

Tennessee: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Tennessee_Probate_Records

Virginia: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Virginia_Probate_Records

West Virginia: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/West_Virginia_Probate_Records

The next article in this series will address personal 'stone gathering' for establishing ancestral relationships.

Battle of Alamance Ends War of Regulation

By Samuel C. Powell, PhD

The Battle of Alamance brought the War of Regulation (1766-1771) to a close. It occurred when the North Carolina Colony Royal Governor William Tryon's militia defeated a body of local farmers known as 'Regulators' 250 years ago on May 16, 1771. The battle involved approximately 3,000 soldiers: 1,000 militia raised by Gov. Tryon, and 2,000 Regulators with no military training, no proper equipment, and very little powder and shot. Altogether, 300 men were killed or wounded.

Gov. Tryon's militia amassed 67 casualties (6 killed, 61 wounded). As published in the June 27, 1771 issue of *Edinburg Advertiser* (No. 799), casualties by county were as follows: Onslow Detachment led by Col. Gray (3 wounded); Craven detachment led by Col. Leith (3 killed, 14 wounded); Carteret Detachment led by Col. Thompson (3 wounded); Orange Detachment led by Col. Fanning (8 wounded, included Alamance); Dobbs Detachment led by Col. Caldwell (1 killed); Beaufort Detachment led by Capt. Patton (11 wounded); Pitt Detachment led by Capt. Salter (1 killed, 7 wounded); Artillery Company led by Col. James Moore (1 killed, 15 wounded). Three additional wounded militia died within a week, bringing the total killed to nine. For the Regulators, nine were killed on site with dozens more injured.

The Battle of Alamance is often viewed as a precursor to the American Revolution, rather than a battle of the American Revolution, because it was fought in 1771, before any organized effort to seek independence had begun. However, the battle was fought a year after the Boston Massacre of March 5, 1770.



For the Battle of Alamance the number of participants was much greater, but no British Redcoats were involved. The Battle of Alamance was fought five years before the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The War of the Regulation followed a period of severe drought during which there was a heavy influx of new settlers into the inland parts of North Carolina during the early 1760's. The population grew quickly, bringing not only farmers, but also businessmen inland NC. Farmers went into debt during the drought, and the local population became dependent on merchants' supplies from the east.

As debt increased, many fell into financial trouble and were brought to court by the merchants. A small cabal of merchants, lawyers, judges and sheriffs arose around each county courthouse and took advantage of the indebted population, often enriching themselves at the people's expense.

This led to the rising of the Regulators who attempted to reign in these corrupt officials, by force if necessary, when reason failed to prevail. The late 1760s saw many acts of violence against local officials, including an incident in September 1770, when three thousand Regulators interrupted the North Carolina Assembly meeting and court in Hillsborough. Public buildings, shops and private residences were destroyed, and some officials were severely beaten. Much of the population was sympathetic to the Regulators' views, but did not support use of violence.

Governor Tryon had no choice but to put an end to the rebellion and restore order. He gathered a thousand militia soldiers and marched into Regulator territory, arriving near Great Alamance Creek on May 14, 1771. Instead of fighting, the Regulators hoped to intimidate Tryon with their greater numbers. Tryon, however, was not intimidated.

Tryon called for the Regulators to put down their arms. He offered pardon for anyone who would leave and pledge his oath to the Crown, while requiring that the key leaders of the Regulation be turned over for prosecution. The Regulators refused, but asked for an exchange of prisoners who were captured the previous day. Tryon agreed but moved his army closer, to within 30 yards of the Regulators, who sensed

they were about to be fired upon. At that point, Tryon shot negotiator Robert Thompson dead in a spate of anger. Knowing things were about to unravel, he sent a white flag-bearing messenger to the Regulators, who fired on him in anger for the killing of Mr. Thompson which ensued an all-out battle.

The Regulators fought as they could but to no avail. The victorious Tryon then gathered his men and marched through Regulator territory destroying properties and harassing known Regulator sympathizers. He returned to Hillsborough for a trial of twelve prisoners. All were convicted of treason. Six were hung while the others were allowed to go free.

Tryon then sent out a demand that all known Regulators sign an oath of allegiance to King George III. According to Jerry Cross (1974), researcher with the Historic Sites Section of the NC Department of Cultural Resources, 6,409 Regulators signed the amnesty list.

Gov. Tryon's actions were viewed favorably by many colonists at first, who viewed the Regulators as rabble-rousers. Questions did arise, however, about the methods of taxation and government coercion in North Carolina, which helped feed the rising flames that would ignite into the American Revolution in less than four years.

The Battle of Alamance brought the War of Regulation to an end. Some its key leaders were executed after being captured, and a remnant fled to other states or beyond the Appalachians to make new settlements. The fact that over 6,000 Regulators signed the Governor's pardon led to speculation by the British that these men could be called up to form a large loyalist force. As a result, the British would later move into the South in 1778 with hopes that there would be support among the population for the loyalist cause. Instead, the British found a hornet's nest of opposition.

The Battle of Alamance fits into the greater American Revolution effort in a number of ways. First, it was fought for some of the same reasons that would later be the cause of the Revolution. Second, many of the Regulators and also the Governor's militia who fought at Alamance would come together to support the cause of the Revolution. Finally, it was the first large scale armed rebellion against royal authority anywhere among the thirteen colonies.

The Alamance Battleground Chapter of the NCSSAR traditionally hosts the annual Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Alamance, most recently on May 16, 2021 at the Alamance Battleground State Historic Site. This year's hybrid event was attended in-person or virtually by SAR members from several states, DAR representatives, local dignitaries including Burlington Mayor Ian Baltutis, all five Alamance County Commissioners with Chairman John Paisley, State Senator Amy Galey, and State Archivist Sarah E. Koonts.




NCSSAR Leadership is pleased to announce that our State Society has been selected to host the National SAR Congress to be held in the Sestercentennial Anniversary Year of America's independence. The site for the 2026 Congress will be announced soon. Compatriots across North Carolina are urged to rally and offer enthusiastic support of fundraising efforts.

240th Anniversary of the House in the Horseshoe Battle

The Sandhills Chapter commemorated the 240th Anniversary of the House in the Horseshoe Battle at the Alston House on August 7 in Sanford, NC. Presented both on-site and virtually, the event was planned and conducted by Chapter Secretary and Committee Chair, Compatriot Mike Fusselbaugh. State patriotic organizations rendering wreaths included representatives from 17 NCSSAR chapters, five NCSDAR chapters, and two NCSCAR chapters. Also present were Alston House Association Board Member



Katherine Meyer (pictured left) and Association Vice Chair Nancy Jirtle, also Past Regent of the NCSDAR Temperance Smith Alston Chapter.

Reid Wilson (below pictured left), Secretary of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of protecting the historic sites for the continued education of future generations. The keynote speaker was State Senator Tom McInnis (pictured center) from the 25th NC District, an Alston Family descendant and Sandhills Chapter Compatriot. Sen. McInnis gave a strong and rousing speech about the sacrifices that our Patriot Founding Fathers bravely gave to obtain our Freedom and to establish an American Republic. He also challenged

the current generation to continue striving to preserve the principles of Liberty. Also pictured with Mr. Wilson and Sen. McInnis is Compatriot Danny Hilton of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter.



The basis for this annual event is rooted in important history. On July 29th, 1781, Militia Col. Philip Alston and his patriot men returned to Alston's home along a horseshoe-shaped bend in the Deep River after a failed mission to capture loyalist militia commander, Col. David Fanning. Upon learning that two of his friends had been killed by Alston's militia, Col. Fanning gathered a much larger force and led them to Alston's house to seek revenge.

Alston's men were warned of the approaching loyalist force and quickly took up defensive positions in and around the Alston house. Loyalist bullets flew through the walls of the Alston house and were effectively returned by Alston's surrounded patriots.

To protect his children, Alston's wife Temperance placed them in the large deep fireplace on a small bench which saved their lives from the intense hail of bullets. The battle went on for a few hours with no obvious winners. Out of desperation to flush out the patriot forces, Fanning sent out a slave with a torch to set the house on fire. The slave was shot down by the defenders. Suffering so many casualties, Fanning was close to giving up on his attack. One of the loyalist militia suggested that they roll a cart full of burning hay toward the Alston house.

Col. Alston decided to surrender, realizing that everyone in the house would be killed, either by the fire or by loyalist long rifle shots, when trying to flee the burning house. He also knew that he would be shot immediately on his front porch if he walked out carrying a white flag.

Temperance, recognizing that her children's lives and their home were in danger, volunteered to go out on the porch with the white flag, praying that the loyalists would not shoot a woman. As she did, Fanning met her there and negotiated the terms of surrender. All the defenders in the House in the Horseshoe were allowed to surrender peacefully and afterwards were paroled.

Firearms for Freedom:

A Bill that Must be Paid

Dr. Michael Arnette, DDS

Some have suggested that in twenty years, possibly sooner, the greatest majority of people who revere, build, repair, shoot and hunt with black powder weapons likely may be gone. Knowledge passed down from earlier generations, well-documented and researched books by experts, and skills that our country used and needed to advance and become a world power, could all be forgotten.

Truth is, on the backs of rifleman from Concord, NH to Charleston, SC and beyond, our country depended on these men to secure and defend our nation's freedom by winning conflicts and wars. Unfortunately, their cherished history and deeds are at risk of being forgotten and gone forever unless we keep their memories alive.

The long list of these honorable heroes is difficult to number. But it necessarily would include men like Patriot soldier Tim Murphy, a likely long-range shooter in the Revolution, countless brave men and women of the American Civil War, and Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett among many in the war with Mexico against Santa Anna.

Others would include Sergeant Alvin York in France in World War I, the Marines in Bella Wood, and Audie Murphy in World War II (WWII) in Europe. Not excluded would be the Marines in the South Pacific and soldiers in Normandy. This hall

of fame would also include renowned Patriots like President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. George S. Patton and Marine sniper Carlos Haithcock in Viet-

nam, along with many who sacrificially served in the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Army and other branches of service.

In short, the many conflicts and wars, too many to name, and a host of heroes, too numerous to acclaim, compel us never to forget. We must remember that, regardless of the nature of the military battle, soldiers with rifles always have been there. The declining nature of traditional values in current American culture and the increasing global threats to our freedoms should cause us to passionately

preserve their memory. The knowledge of firearms and marksmanship skills they embraced must always be part of who we are, who we have been and who we must be forever if we are to remain a free country and a free people.

Ponder this closing thought. As you rest peacefully and safely in your abode on any given night, somewhere there is a Marine in the dark standing on a wall with a rifle, strong, ready and willing to protect you from harm. The ongoing debt, then, to all brave American heroes, past, present and future, is a bill that must be paid.

Annual SAR Membership Renewal



October kicks off the annual member dues collection campaign for NCSSAR. Dues collected must be reported on a reconciliation report, where we add names of new members and those we lose to death

or lapsed membership. Paying annual dues is a seasonal tradition, much like sports and holidays, that culminates near Thanksgiving. A dues notice will be sent to all current State SAR members by October 1.

SAR Americanism Awards

The results of the 2020 National SAR Americanism competition have been announced and posted on the SAR website. Four NCSSAR Chapters with 1-49 members were in the top 10 out of a field of 78 various state chapter competitors: Halifax Resolves (#3), Alamance Battleground (#4), Bethabara (#9), and Catawba Valley (#10). The New Bern Chapter with 50-99 members took top honors in Americanism and the President General's Cup. Overall, NCSSAR as a State Society ranked 5th out of nine Societies of 1000 or more members. Congratulations to these five State Chapters for a job well done.

For the 2021 competition, National SAR has revised the Americanism Report, consolidating and eliminating some duplicate areas, and also reducing the size of the score sheet. The new score sheet and a training presentation by the National Americanism Committee are posted on the NCSSAR Website in the Forms, Fees & Dues section at <https://ncssar.org/join/fees-dues/>. All chapters should be completing the new score sheet now and recording participation in SAR activities.

Jay DeLoach, President
NCSSAR

The Battle of Shallow Ford, October 14, 1780, Part 3

by Travis Copeland

Editor's Note: In order to get the context of this Part 3 article, readers are referred to Parts 1 and 2 published in the April 2021 and July 2021 issues of *The Old North State* (see <https://bit.ly/3FaVQhG>).

A Colonel in the Patriot militia, Joseph Williams received his commission from North Carolina Gov. Richard Caswell in June 1779, when he accompanied a surveying party to mark out the latitude that would divide Virginia and his home colony.[8] Prior to the colonial Declaration of Independence, Williams had married Sarah Lanier and moved to the banks of the Yadkin near the Shallow Ford. Having been a clerk in Surry county and having maintained his rank of colonel in the Patriot militia, Williams likely knew Martin Armstrong, Gideon Wright, and Hezekiah Wright. And he knew the importance of Shallow Ford.

Rumor spread that a Virginia company under Maj. Joseph Cloyd and Capt. Henry Francis was in pursuit of the Surry County Militia. Less is known about Major Cloyd than Colonel Williams, but his force was trained and already formed, ready for action against Wright's. As the Virginias were in pursuit, Colonel Wright lead his militia through "Richmond [the Surry County seat] to the Old Moravian Town [Salem], intending to cross at the Shallow Ford over the North branch of the Yadkin to join the British."



According to General Smallwood, they were reported to have had 900 men in their company. [9] John Peasley contradicted Smallwood's numerical account and said that only 300 Tories were present. The number cannot be definitively known, but it was likely closer to 400 just before the battle. [10]

Major Cloyd, commanding the Montgomery County Militia of Virginia, arrived first at the Ford and engaged the Tories, catching them by surprise as they moved out of the Ford and onto the Mulberry Road. Colonel Peasley, sent by Sumner from Salisbury, and Colonel Williams, resident of the Ford, had mustered a force of roughly two hundred Yadkin militia in an attempt to curtail the Tory advance. It was around 10am when Peasley and Williams "were within almost one and a half miles of Shallowford. They heard a foray advanced up with all possible speed, thinking our light infantry engaged." Peasley and Williams advanced upon Cloyd's men and arrived in the waning heat of battle, helping to drive the Tories back and dispersing them greatly. "The 300 loyalists prepared to cross the river, not suspecting any opposition. The conflict was short, hard and decisive. The Tories, badly beaten, fled and scattered." [11] The result was the death of only one Patriot, Capt. Henry Francis. As oral tradition tells, he was shot through the head with his son, John, at his side. Likewise, the Tories lost fourteen wounded and had three taken prisoner. [12]

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As the skirmish concluded and the Tories dispersed, the evening crept in overhead of Cornwallis's baggage train and Tarleton's legion, as they made their way south of Charlotte. The King's Mountain defeat had robbed the British of Patrick Ferguson and his men and the battle at the Shallow Ford had driven a large body of militia into obscurity and away from the British force. Estimable victories had been suppressed and the British now stood alone in the Carolina's. Loyalists certainly remained at large, yet a cold wind blew at the back of British ambition.

Five days later, the British having evacuated Charlotte and the Surry Tories having dispersed, Colonel Armstrong published a pardon written from the Shallow Ford on October 19: "I hereby give this public notice, requesting and commanding all those deluded people in the Cot'y of Surry who have been concerned in the late insurrection and taken up arms against their Country, in open violation of the laws thereof, to come to Richmond [the county seat] on or before the first date of November Next and deliver

up their Arms.” [13] Colonel Armstrong’s offer of parole sought to quell and make peace with the once-marauding Tory militia in his county. It also offered them parole in an attempt to remove their ability to make war and terror again.

The long march of pillaging and burning by the Surry County militia lasted several weeks; and although sequestered to Surry County and the battle at the Ford, the impact reverberated throughout the South. Terror in the backcountry meant homes were burned and robbed, sheriffs shot, and a general and dangerous raucous created, and yet it was cut short in a skirmish at the Shallow Ford. More than the halt of four hundred Tories, it sent a resounding message aimed at British morale that war in the South would not be easily won. It pressed the resolve of Cornwallis and extended as far as the British command. It would take not just ambition and political articulation, but true strength and resiliency to subdue the southern colonies, especially the Carolinas. Still, the backcountry of North Carolina continued to be characterized by this civil war. Conflict arose constantly between Whig and Tory across and within counties, exposing its perpetual presence.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1780, the North Carolina Board of War sent a letter to the delegates of North Carolina. Both the defeat of Patrick Ferguson at the Battle of King’s Mountain on October 7, and the routing of Tories at the Shallow Ford on October 14 were given credit for, “Lord Cornwallis’s retreat from Charlotte.” [14] Although thought of at the time as a significant skirmish that kept Cornwallis’s numbers from growing and that ended the Surry County militia’s destruction in the backcountry, the Battle of the Shallow Ford has since been overshadowed by greater conflicts and personalities. Because it was fought by militia and had no famous participants, the skirmish on the morning of October 14 remains a blip on the historical record. Yet, the skirmish at Shallow Ford was undeniably important to both the British and Patriots of the time. As 1780 waned, the position of the Patriots in the South looked dire, yet the rout of Tories at both King’s Mountain and the Shallow Ford greatly altered the landscape of the southern war. It placed a newly minted Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene, arriving in Charlotte in December on the backs of these conflicts. The Patriots were not ruined, but still remained in the fight. The tide of the war in the South was primed, under the right command, for a turn in favor of the rebellion.

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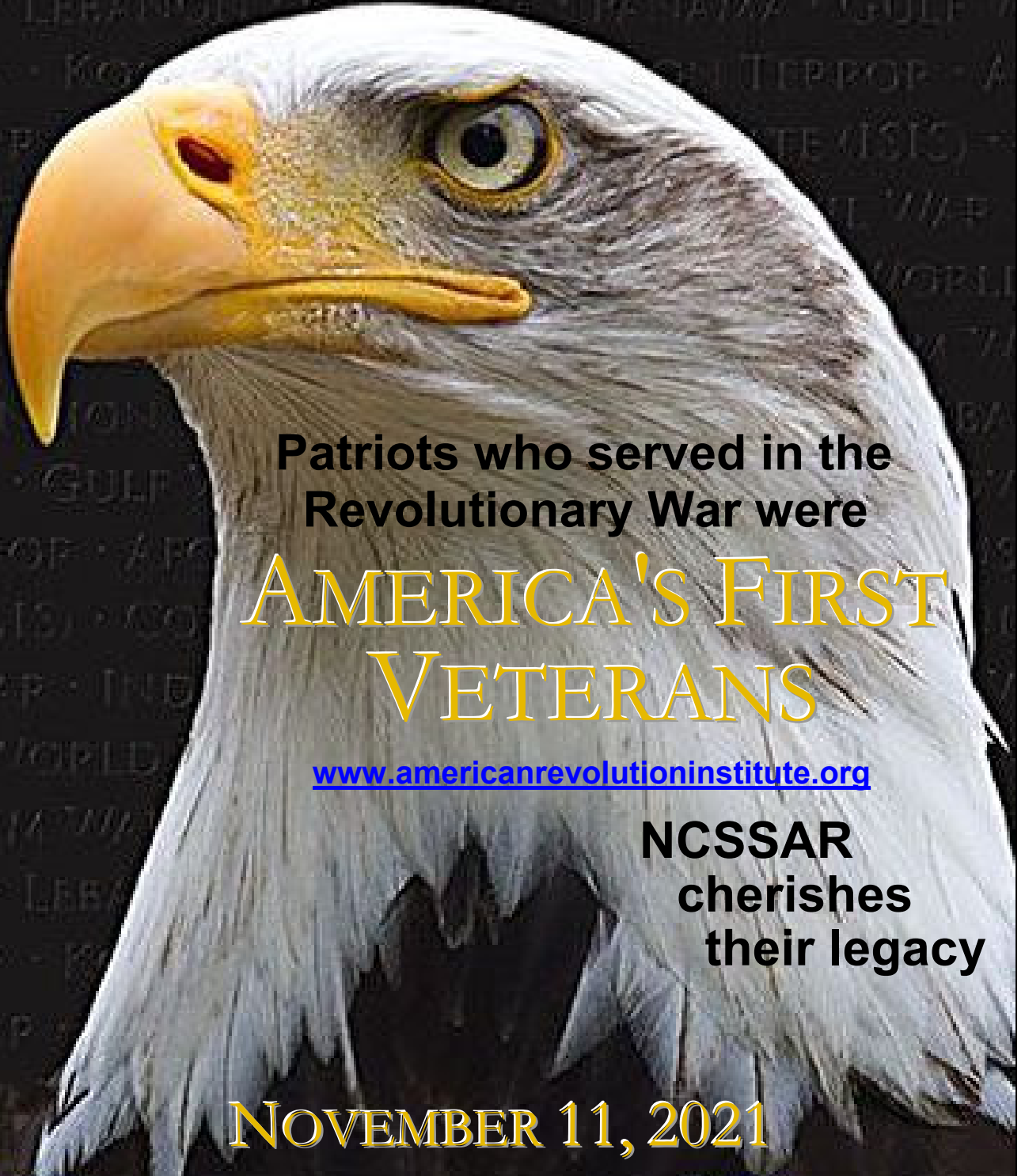
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Patriot John Arnot Grave Marking

A grave marking to honor John Arnot (Arnett in SAR Patriot database) was jointly hosted by the NCSSAR LTC Felix Walker Chapter and the NCSDAR Ruth Davidson Chapter on May 30. The ceremony was held at the Bent Creek Cemetery in Whitesburg, TN, the site of John's grave along with thirteen other Revolutionary War Veterans. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Arnot served in the New York Militia with Lt. Col. Levi Paulding's Third Regiment which was attached to Brigadier Gen. George Clinton. The militia unit saw action in the New York and New Jersey areas. Later in life, John moved to Tennessee where his family settled.

Among the eleven descendants present for the ceremony was Chapter President Mike Arnott, who served as Master of Ceremony. Other direct descendants contributed to the program. Clara and James Owen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



Bonnie Arnott Owen and Chris Arnott shared their personal appreciation for the sacrifices of their Patriot ancestor. Carter and Daniel Argo

laid wreaths on the grave site. Mike presented a marble SAR marker that was placed at the headstone of John's grave.

Compatriots Tom Higdon and Paul Glass of the NCSSAR Blue Ridge Chapter presented the colors. Sharon Conner, Regent of the Ruth Davidson Chapter, led the attendees in the National Anthem and presented the origins of the Memorial Day observation held in May.

LTC Felix Walker Compatriots Bill Williams, Jim Holbrook and Roy Plemmons facilitated the invocation, the SAR Pledge, the history of SAR and the recessional. In addition to the LTC Felix Walker Chapter and the Ruth Davidson Chapter, other guests and relatives included representatives from the NCSSAR Blue Ridge Chapter and the TNSSAR State of Franklin Chapter.

Mike Arnott, President
LRC Felix Walker Chapter, NCSSAR

Sarah Fox Wins SAR Runner-up Title

State SAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest winner Sarah Fox earned an admirable second place finish at the National SAR Rumbaugh competition held at the National Congress in Seattle, WA on July 12, 2021. In addition to a medallion, Sarah was presented with a generous \$4,000.00 cash award.

The title of Sarah's six-minute oration was *James Lafayette: The Impact of Hidden Heroes*. She recounted the story of James Armistead, a slave who offered his services to the American cause through General Lafayette.

Sarah's parents Greg and Missy Fox were able to join her for the extraordinary event. Both have expressed interest in joining the SAR and DAR, respectively. "Sarah worked hard on her preparation," reported Lowell Hoffman, Chair of the NCSSAR Rumbaugh Contest, "and is an accomplished orator." NCSSAR proudly acknowledges Sarah's impressive accomplishment.

Lowell M. Hoffman
Gen. Francis Nash Chapter, NCSSAR

Chapter Newsletter Competition

National SAR sponsors an annual Newsletter Competition for State Society Chapters. Two Carl F. Bessent Awards are presented for the best multiple sheet and single sheet periodicals. Winners for 2021 will be announced at the July 2022 Congress. The guidelines for judging are available at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3kZBujr>

To compete, submit (a) one issue as determined to be the best issue published in 2021, (b) by email [PDF or Word] to the Competition Chair Toby Chamberlain by December 15 via email at saichamb@comcast.net. A two-week extension for late submission must be approved in advance.

Guidance provided in the *SAR Newsletter and Periodicals Handbook* provides a higher goal for producing a newsletter: "Many of our supportive members find it difficult or impossible...to attend chapter meetings. Without written communication...these men would receive nothing..." (p. 1).

A. Robert "Bob" Sigmund
Consulting Editor, ONS

NCSSAR Summer Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

North Carolina State University Club
August 21, 2021

11:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER: President Jay DeLoach called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Rev. Van Jones led the Invocation.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: Color Guard Commander George Strunk led the presentation of the colors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Davis Benedict, President, NCSSAR led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SALUTE TO THE NC FLAG: Rod Mullen, President, le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter led the Salute to the NC State Flag.

SAR PLEDGE: Bruce Fensley, President, Sandhills Chapter, led the SAR Pledge.

OPENING REMARKS: President DeLoach welcomed all members to the BOM and recognized the visiting National Officers and Candidates. Davis Benedict, President, NCSSAR brought greetings and discussed upcoming CAR projects.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES: Gary Green, Friends of the Library (FOL), recognized all first-time attendees by asking them to stand and distributed FOL pins to them.

VOTING RULES, PARLIAMENTARIAN, QUORUM, AND MEETING MINUTES: President DeLoach discussed who would be able to vote on Society matters and the rules for voting. President DeLoach appointed Gary Green as BOM Parliamentarian.

Motion #1: Proxy Voters. Secretary Bob Sigmon made a motion to approve proxy voters. Vice President Jack Bowman seconded. Motion approved.

President DeLoach inquired if there was a quorum upon which Secretary Bob Sigmon affirmed.

Motion #2: Minutes of Annual Meeting. Secretary Bob Sigmon made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting. Past President Fred Learned seconded. Motion approved.

Motion #3: EXCOM Appointments of Secretary and Regional Vice President. VP Jack Bowman made a motion to approve the EXCOM appointments of Bob Sigmon, Secretary, and Chris Grimes, Regional Vice President. Past President Jim Becker seconded. Motion approved.

2021 NATIONAL CONGRESS REPORT: President DeLoach discussed highlights from the 2021 National Congress. Topics included new application fee increases, list of delegates from NC as well as new VP General Pat Niemann and other General Officers.

Highlights:

- Seven NC delegates attended National Congress in Renton, Washington
- NC captured a number of Youth, State, Chapter, and Individual Awards
- Banquet speaker was General James Mattis
 - Awarded Gold Good Citizenship Medal
 - Inducted into the SAR as a new member
- Gary Green and Jay DeLoach were sworn in as National Trustee and Alternate Trustee, respectively
- Elected new General Officers
- Approved fee increase for New Member and Supplemental applications

New 2021-2022 General Officers:

- Davis Lee Wright, President General
- Pat Niemann, SAD Vice President General
- C. Bruce Pickette, Secretary General
- John L. Dodd, Treasurer General
- Michael J. Elston, Chancellor General
- Robert Fish, Genealogist General
- Tony Vets, Registrar General
- James M. Lindley, Historian General
- Ernest L. Sutton, Surgeon General
- Rev. Dwight D. Elam, Chaplain General

National and NCSSAR Application Fees, Effective July 15, 2021

Fees for new member: National \$100, NC \$20
National will Hire genealogists needed for the increasing workload to help reduce the review and approval process timeline.

Future National Congresses

- 2022-Savannah, GA
- 2023-Orlando, FL
- 2024-Philadelphia, PA

NCSSAR 2021 STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: President DeLoach discussed the upcoming 250th Anniversary, growing the State membership, and enhancing the SAR-DAR partnership.

NCSSAR Goal 1: Prepare for the 250th Anniversary

- Objective 1A: Host the 2026 National Congress with aggressive fundraising program
- Objective 1B: Each chapter conduct at least one Revolutionary War presentation/event to the public annually.

NCSSAR Goal 1: Prepare for the 250th Anniversary (cont.)

- Objective 1C: Increase Color Guard members to 25% of membership
- Objective 1D: Conduct at least one grave marking in each Chapter annually
- Objective 1E: Award 250th Medals to non-SAR members

NCSSAR Goal 2: Grow the State Membership to 2,200 members by 2025 (Recruit, Retain, Reinstate)

- Objective 2A: Increase State membership by 200 new members annually through recruitment activities at commemorations/events, DAR collaboration, and advertising in various media
- Objective 2B: Establish 1 new chapter annually
- Objective 2C: Retain 95% of membership
- Objective 2D: Conduct membership development through training and engagement
- Objective 2E: Conduct a Reinstatement campaign to re-engage inactive members from last 10 years

NCSSAR Goal 3: Enhance our SAR-DAR Partnership

- Objective 3A: Provide Color Guard support to DAR activities
- Objective 3B: Reciprocate with DAR to recruit new members
- Objective 3C: Collaborate with DAR chapters at local schools
- Objective 3D: Participate in Constitution Week activities
- Objective 3E: Invite DAR to Chapter grave markings.

UPCOMING EVENTS: President DeLoach discussed the following:

- New Bern Resolves (New Bern), Aug. 28
- Gathering at Sycamore Shoals (Elizabethton, TN), Sept. 11
- Constitution Day (Various), Sept. 17
- Vigil at Washington's Tomb (Mt Vernon, VA), Sept. 18
- Fall Leadership (Louisville, KY), Sept. 23-25
- Battle of Eutaw Springs (Eutawville, SC), Oct. 2
- South Atlantic District Meeting (Spartanburg, SC), Oct. 6
- Battle of Kings Mountain (Blacksburg, SC), Oct. 7
- Battle of Shallow Ford (Huntsville), Oct. 9

- Battle of Blue Licks (Blue Licks, KY), Oct. 16
- Victory at Yorktown (Yorktown, VA), Oct. 19

12:00 PM

BREAK FOR LUNCH: Deli sandwich buffet with salads.

12:30 PM

CANDIDATES FORUM: President DeLoach introduced the candidate's forum where each candidate for General Officer who were present (and on Zoom) were given four minutes each to present to the membership. The following Candidates were invited to present:

- President General-C. Bruce Pickette, ALSSAR
- Secretary General-John Dodd, CASSAR
- Treasurer General-Darryl Addington, TNSSAR
- Treasurer General-Tony Vets, LASSAR
- Chancellor General-Michael Elston, VASSAR
- Registrar General-Allen Greenly, GASSAR
- Historian General-Brooks Lyles, NCSSAR
- Historian General-Lou Raborg, MDSSAR
- Librarian General-Fred Olive, ALSSAR
- Genealogist General-Gary O. Green, NCSSAR
- Genealogist General-Bob Fish, WVSSAR (not in attendance)
- Surgeon General-Keith Weissinger, WASSAR (not in attendance)
- Chaplain General-Vernon Welkner, KSSAR (not in attendance)

Motion 4: After the presentations called for an endorsement of the Uncontested Candidates. John Thornhill made Motion 4 to endorse the Uncontested Candidates. Clark Summer seconded the motion. The matter was voted on and passed. The following candidates were endorsed:

- President General-C. Bruce Pickette, ALSSAR
- Secretary General-John Dodd, CASSAR
- Chancellor General-Michael Elston, VASSAR
- Registrar general-Allen Greenly, GASSAR
- Librarian General-Fred Olive, ALSSAR
- Surgeon General-Keith Weissinger, WASSAR
- Chaplain General-Vernon Welkner, KSSAR

President DeLoach called for a vote on the contested positions, which resulted as follows:

- Treasurer General Candidate: Darryl Addington, 28; Tony Vets, 17
- Historian General Candidate: Brooks Lyles, 38; Lou Raborg, 6
- Genealogist General Candidate: Bob Fish, --; Gary O. Green, 44

1:30 PM

AWARDS PRESENTATION: President DeLoach called for each Committee Chair to announce their respective awards.

National Awards-Youth Programs

- 1st Place in Americanism Poster Contest
 - Kyla Workman, River Mill Academy (Alamance Battleground)
 - Sharon Wilson, Teacher
- 2nd Place in Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration
 - Sarah Fox, Home Schooled (General Francis Nash)
- 1st Place in American History Teacher Contest (Middle School)
 - Jerry Goodnight, Harold E. Winkler Middle School (Mecklenburg)

National Awards-State

President Jay DeLoach announced that he accepted the following awards on behalf of the NC Society while at the National Congress:

- Robert L. Sonfield Award, 1st Place for the State Society with the largest numerical increase in membership, 116 members
- Syracuse Award, State Society with the most new Chapters
- DAR/SAR Membership Award, 2nd Place for DAR State Society with highest percent of recruiting approved SAR membership when compared to SAR State Society's membership
- DAR/SAR Membership Award, 3rd Place for DAR State Society with the highest number of submitted and approved SAR members
- CAR Activities Award, State Society which documented their work with the CAR over the past year

National Awards-Chapter

President DeLoach presented the following Chapter Awards:

- Liberty Bell Americanism Award: Chapter, based on size, which best represents SAR resolutions and principles
 - New Bern Chapter (50-99 members)

- President General's Cup: Chapter, based on size, presenting evidence of the most complete program of activities
 - New Bern Chapter (50-99 members)
- Carl F. Bessent Award: Editor of the most outstanding single sheet Chapter newsletter
 - Michael Murphy (Col. Alexander Lillington), Editor of *The Colonel's Journal*
- President General's Education Outreach Streamer Certificate is awarded by the SAR's Education Outreach Committee to any Chapter giving a specific number of presentations to non-SAR organizations
 - Albemarle Chapter
 - Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter
 - New Bern Chapter

National Awards-Individual

President DeLoach recognized two distinguished Compatriots from NC who received the Minuteman Medal at National Congress. This is the highest award to a Compatriot for outstanding service at the National level.

- John Thornhill (Lower Cape Fear)
- Jim Wood (Mecklenburg)

President DeLoach presented the following additional National Medals:

- General William C. Westmoreland Award for outstanding service to Veterans
 - Gary Gillette (New Bern)
- Gold Roger Sherman Medal for outstanding service on the DAR Liaison Committee
 - Larry Wright (Lower Cape Fear)
 - Vic McMurry (Sandhills), Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC)
- George Washington Fellow for generous support of the George Washington Endowment Fund
 - Julianne Green (Lower Cape Fear)
- Liberty Medal: Presented to Compatriots who are a first line sponsor for 10 new members (M=Medal, OLC=Oak leaf Cluster)
 - David Alls (Old North State), OLC
 - Ronald Bonham (George Washington), OLC, David Campbell (Col. Alexander Lillington), M
 - Greg Catledge (Mecklenburg), 2 OLC
 - Jay DeLoach (New Bern), M
 - Bobby Ervin (Le Marquis de Lafayette), OLC
 - Gary Green (Lower Cape Fear), OLC
 - Franklin Merrell (Salisbury), M

- Paul Teem (Old North State), OLC
- John Thornhill (Lower Cape Fear), OLC
- Clarence Tillery (Nathanael Greene), 2 OLC
- Robert Whitehead (Raleigh), 2 OLC

State Awards

- Patriot Grave Marking Medal: Participated in at least fifteen (15) grave marking events. For multiple grave markings at an event, a maximum of five (5) patriots can be counted.
 - Ken Wilson (Halifax Resolves), OLC
- State Distinguished Service Medal: In recognition of a Compatriot's conspicuous service to the State Society.
 - Fred Learned (Bethabara)

2:00 PM

EXECUTIVE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

REPORTS: President Jay DeLoach asked for the Executive and Nominating Committee Reports.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Bob Sigmon presented the Secretary's Report. Secretary Sigmon requested that all Chapters:

- Announce in all Newsletters and in all Meetings that dues collections are coming up.
- Send out dues notices no later than Oct. 1.
- Dues must be turned into State Secretary by Dec. 1.
- Regional VPs contact each chapter president.
- Identify who is doing the Reconciliation in each chapter.
- Reinstatements take longer and are more costly than One-on-One conversations. Each person needs to be contacted before being dropped.

Secretary Sigmon will also:

- Find out what their plan is to collect dues on time.
- Follow up with each chapter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sam Powell presented the Treasurer's Report. This report included:

- Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2021
- Market Value of Investments
- Income and Expenses

Nominating Committee Report: Chairman Fred Learned presented the following slate of officers for the 2022-2023 (*Nominated positions to be elected at Congress):

- President-Jack Bowman
- Senior Vice President-Vacant
- Region 1 VP-Chris Grimes
- Region 2 VP-Mike Aycock

- Region 3 VP-Steve Van Pelt
- Region 4 VP-Stephen McKee
- Region 5 VP-John Boyd
- Secretary-Bob Sigmon
- Treasurer-Sam Powell
- Registrar-Bob Ervin
- Genealogist-Ron Bonham
- Chaplain-Van Jones
- Historian-Joe Sam Queen
- Webmaster-Bryant Trombly
- National Trustee-Jay DeLoach*
- Alternate Trustee-Jack Bowman*

Reports by Exception: President DeLoach called on any other State Officers, Chapter Presidents, and Committee Chairmen to present their Chapter Reports.

UPCOMING EVENTS: President DeLoach called on various members to discuss upcoming events.

Annual Reconciliation. Secretary Bob Sigmon reminded everyone of the upcoming 2021 Annual Reconciliation and to begin sending out dues notices as soon as possible.

Americanism Report. President DeLoach discussed the annual Americanism Report and to start compiling all of the events and activities participated in during the 2021.

Grave Markings. Past President Gary Green discussed in detail the Patriot and Compatriot Grave Marking procedures including:

Patriot Grave Marking. Grave Marking as a Chapter Activity

- Identify location
 - GPS coordinates & street address
 - Where am I (App store or Google Play)
- Obtain and set marker
 - SAR Merchandise
 - Local stone maker – Granite Marker
- Patriot Graves and Biographies Report
- DAR & CAR coordination/cooperation
 - DAR is a six-month process
 - CAR members can earn Grave Marking Medal

Compatriot Grave Marking

- Same procedure as Patriot Grave Marking except:
 - Member's name placed on the marker
 - Different reporting
 - Compatriot Grave Marking Report
 - Patriot Records Committee section on <https://www.sar.org>
 - <https://www.sar.org/committee/s/patriot-record-committee/>
 - Compatriot Grave Marking Medal Report

Compatriot Green also discussed various upcoming Grave Marking Events:

- Patriot Joseph Darnall (Pineville), Sept. 5
- Patriot Anthony and John Winston (Youngsville), Oct. 16
- 5 Compatriots (Louisburg), Oct. 16
- Compatriot Doyle Campbell (Kings Mtn, NC), Oct. 23
- Patriot Francis Timberlake (Youngsville), Oct. 23
- 4 Compatriots (Louisburg), Oct. 23
- Patriot Isaac Guion (New Bern), Oct. 30

YOUTH AWARDS: President DeLoach called on Youth Awards Chair Jim Wood to discuss the upcoming Youth Award Contests and introduce each contest Chair.

- Americanism Elementary School Poster, Grades 3-5 (Steve Van Pelt)
- Americanism Middle School Brochure, Grades 6-8 (Steve Van Pelt)
- Arthur King Eagle Scout (James Johnson)
- American History Teacher (Jim Wood)
 - Elementary School
 - Middle School
 - High School
- Knight Essay (Stephen Morris)
- Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations (Lowell Hoffman)
- Outstanding/Enhanced JROTC Cadet (Michael Aycock)

Compatriot Wood stressed a few items to be aware of in the Youth Programs:

- State and National Deadlines (normally set in August)
- Selecting your judges
- Having a committee of more than one
- Complete Youth Protection Training online
- Fully reading and understanding National rules and forms
- Ask questions

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion 5: Dissolution of George Dickey Chapter. Regional Vice President John Boyd made a motion (via Zoom) that the charter for Captain George Dickey Chapter be revoked per the Bylaws. Seconded by George Strunk. Motion approved. Discussion follows:

- COVID put a delay in getting members to participate
- Even with restrictions lifting, little response from current members after repeated attempts
- Chapter has been without Chapter Leadership for over 3 years

2026 National Congress Update: President DeLoach discussed the activities and planning associated with hosting the 2026 National Congress.

- At the Annual Meeting, the Society approved an initiative to host the 2026 National Congress
- Written Proposal sent to National on July 30, 2021 (NC is apparently the only bidder for 2026)
- PowerPoint presentation will be made at Fall Leadership Meeting in September 2021 whereupon Trustees will vote to approve our proposal Fundraising Committee
- Fundraising Committee formed under leadership of David Alls, President, ONS Chapter

Dues Surcharge: President DeLoach directed that a \$5 surcharge will be added to the State dues every year (2021-2025) to assist with expenses associated with the National Congress, as follows:

- Each chapter will be sent a ‘bill’ based on their chapter membership as of October 1 of current year (minus Junior and Emeritus members).
- Chapters send the checks to the State Treasurer by Dec. 1 each year.
- Chapters have the option to collect the surcharge from their members or pay by other means.
 - Collect \$5 from each member
 - Conduct a fundraising event
 - Use donations from members
 - Cut a check directly from chapter funds

Musket Raffle: President DeLoach also announced that a replica 1777 Charleville Musket has been ordered and will be raffled to raise funds. It is expected that this will occur on an annual basis until Congress.

- Raffle ticket sales will be hosted online by EventGroove
- No more than 500 tickets will be sold
- \$20 for single tickets, 6 for \$100
- Ticket sales will begin on Nov. 1, 2021
- Drawing at the Annual Meeting in April 2022
- Tickets will also be available by mail and in-person at select events around the State

Motion 6: Create a Company of Militiamen. David Alls made a motion to create a Company of North Carolina Minutemen contributing \$1,000 each to the 2026 Congress Fund. Seconded by Clark Summers. Discussion:

- Create a Company of North Carolina Minutemen of 76 people who will donate \$1,000 each to the 2026 Congress Fund (one-time payment or 4 equal yearly installments) in commemoration of the six battalions of Minutemen created by the Third North Carolina Provincial Congress on September 9, 1775, and serving until April 10, 1776.
- Recruitment period will begin after the approval of the State Society's proposal to host the 2026 SAR Congress and will extend through August 31, 2022
- The Fundraising Committee will devise, with the approval of the EXCOM, an appropriate program of recognition and appreciation for these donors.

NEW BUSINESS: New Chapter Development. President DeLoach called on Past President Fred Learned to discuss New Chapter Development Activities:

- Formation of new chapters is encouraged to generate membership growth in the NC Society. Possible locations:
 - Andrew Jackson Chapter of Jacksonville
 - Daniel Boone Chapter of Watauga & Avery Counties
 - General William Davidson Chapter of Davidson
 - Colonel Francis Locke Chapter of Lincolnton
- Members who reside in Rocky Mount, Lexington & Statesville have also expressed interest
- Large existing chapters, such as Mecklenburg and Raleigh, should actively encourage groups of its members start new chapters that meet at more convenient times & locations.

SAR RECESSIONAL: Al Segars, President, Gen. Francis Nash Chapter, led the SAR Recessional.

BENEDICTION: Chaplain Rev. Van Jones led the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: President DeLoach adjourned the meeting.

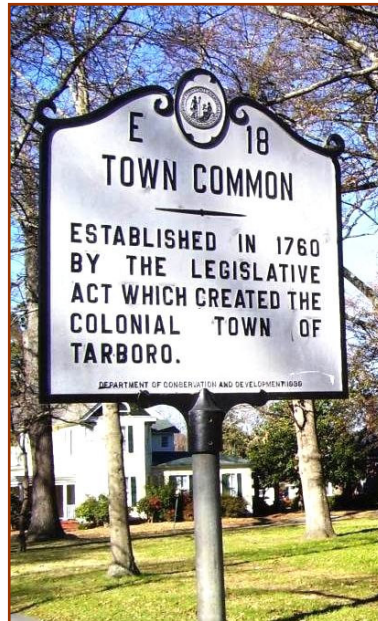
Historic Sites

Tarboro, NC

Tarboro, NC is an early colonial town located in the interior section of the Eastern part of the State along the Tar River. The town and River are named after the important naval product that was produced from the populous long leaf pines in the former British colony of North Carolina. Considered a

'Naval Store' colony by the British, the State produced pine tar and other products from the distinctive pine forests in the region. The British Navy relied heavily on these products during the Colonial period.

President George Washington visited the town during his famous tour of the Southern Colonies in 1791. Tarboro was his stop after a visit to Halifax,



NC where he was hosted by Major Reading Blount. Washington remarked that the town of 'Tarborough' was "lively and thriving." Tarboro's most enduring distinction is the town common which was legislated into being by the NC Colonial General Assembly in 1760. Town commons in the Colonial U.S.

were more frequently seen in the New England states, including Massachusetts and Connecticut. Tarboro retains the distinction of being the second oldest legislated town common in the nation and the only original town common on the East Coast, outside of Boston, MA.

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Worth Mentioning

We are told to "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness..." [Matthew 6:33, King James Version]. That is what Chaplains have been teaching, urging, leading toward for thousands of years. That is what helped empower the Revolution, preaching for decades before the Revolution. That is what engendered the power and determination for Washington, his Generals, and his army to keep on fighting toward true FREEDOM. It is just as important today, to help us teach the principles of true Freedom and Liberty. May each of you keep seeking, and finding true freedom in God's wondrous Kingdom.

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NCSSAR Calendar

All commemorations and events will be held on-site, unless otherwise indicated.

https://ncssar.org/ecwd_calendar/calendar/

* Color Guard ^ On-site & Virtual

October 6: NSSAR South Atlantic District Meeting, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC.

October 7*: 241st Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC.

October 6*: 241st Battle of Shallow Ford, Huntsville, NC.

October 16*: Patriots Anthony and John Winston Grave Markings, Youngsville, NC.

October 16: Yorktown Victory Day, Historic Yorktown, VA

October 23*: Patriot Frances Timberlake Grave Marking, Youngsville, NC; Compatriots William Barrow, Samuel Bodie, Charles Yarborough, Charles Yarborough, Jr., and William Yarborough, Jr. Grave Markings, Louisburg, NC; Compatriot Grave Marking, Kings Mountain, NC; Compatriot Barney Clapp Grave Marking, NCSDAR, Burlington, NC.

October 30: Grave Marking, New Bern, NC.

November 11: Veteran's Day; Sally Hemings descendant presentation, Charlotte, NC.

November 12*: Patriot William Caswell and Compatriot Richard "Robin" Wooten Grave Markings, Kinston, NC.

November 20*: Patriot Abner Nash Grave Marking, New Bern, NC; Compatriot Grady Hall Grave Marking, Cleveland, NC.

December 4: 246th Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA.

December 18: Wreaths Across America.

President DeLoach Travels to South Carolina

NCSSAR President Jay DeLoach participated in the Color Guard for the Patriotic Service of the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs at the Church of the Epiphany in Eutawville, SC on September 4, 2021.

