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Kings Mountain: The celebration that almost wasn't

By Mark C. Anthony NSSAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Chairman

The question was first asked at the Fall Leadership Meeting, "What will the anticipated shutdown of the Federal Government mean for the annual Kings Mountain Celebration?"

It was a good question that needed immediate attention since "zero hour" was only three days away, and the planned celebration was only six days after that.

By way of background, the planning for the 2013 Kings Mountain Celebration had already taken into account one major change with respect to the location of the headquarters hotel for the event after more than 10 years at the Super 8 Hotel in Gaffney.

In addition, the South Atlantic District Meeting, which is normally conducted on the afternoon before the celebration, was being moved to the day of the celebration to accommodate the travel schedule of Vice President General Randy Moody.

Both of these changes were met with a positive attitude and great acceptance by those who normally attended the celebration. In fact, the change in host hotels was universally greeted with enthusiasm even before the actual stay.

Now a new wildcard was introduced at what was practically the last moment. This wildcard would effectively prevent the NSSAR and other

heritage organizations from even having a location to conduct the annual celebration.

Beginning on Friday, Sept. 27, I emailed Compatriot Jim Cook in North Carolina from the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville. Jim has served as the North Carolina chairman with me being the South Carolina chairman for the past few years. I asked him to start thinking about possible alternative locations for the Kings Mountain Celebration. Among the possible alternatives were the gravesite of Col. Frederick Hambright, ancestor of former President General Ed Butler among others, Kings Mountain State Park, adjacent to the National Military Park, and downtown Gaffney, South Carolina, where Gen. James Williams, the highest ranking American killed at Kings Mountain, is buried.

Downtown Gaffney was quickly chosen as the most logical location given its proximity to the new host hotel and the gravesite. Contact with city officials quickly obtained agreement in hosting the event, but with some limitations on activities given the short time frame before the celebration.

The primary limitation was that the Color Guard would not be allowed to parade since the normal process for obtaining a parade permit took two weeks. Thus, plans were announced that the alternate location for the celebration would be at

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KINGS MOUNTAIN COMMEMORATION — President General Joseph Dooley (center) with SCSSAR Secretary Mark Anthony (left) and SCSSAR President Carroll Crowther at the 233rd anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain commemoration Oct. 7. [Photo by Janet Norris]



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2014 National Congress Update

By Mark C. Anthony Host Society Chairman

The 2014 Congress is now eight months away! Since the last issue of *The Palmetto Patriot* the following developments have taken place:

1) Requests for proposals have been received from four local charter bus companies. The proposals are currently being reviewed by the National Office, and a final decision is expected before the end of the year.

2) A number of local catering companies have been contacted concerning providing the barbecue meal during the Saturday tour to the bat-

tlefields. A decision on the catering company is expected by the end of the year.

3) We have met with the National Park Service to begin coordination of the tours at Kings Mountain, Cowpens and Ninety Six. Final plans will be made at a meeting scheduled for February.

4) Peter Grassl, National Congress Planning Chairman, visited Greenville in late September and conducted meetings with the host hotel, church where the Memorial Service will take place, and Convention & Visitors Bureau. The visit went well, and we received an enthusiastic endorsement from Chairman Grassl at the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville.

5) A vendor and prize have been finalized for favors that will be presented to each lady in attendance during the Ladies Luncheon.

6) A contract with the organist for the Memorial Service is currently in negotiation and should be completed by the end of the year.

7) The City of Greenville has been contacted concerning a parade permit for the procession from the hotel to the Memorial Service. The permit

will be submitted closer to the date of the Congress.

8) A venue for the Volunteer Reception has been finalized. This is an event on Thursday, July 17, to thank each volunteer for their help. It provides an opportunity for the volunteers to meet the national leadership of both the SAR and the SAR Foundation.

9) A contract has been negotiated with the Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 407 N. Main St., Greenville (one half block from the Hyatt) for use as an overflow hotel. This hotel is also recommended for the SC Society volunteers. The room rate is \$124 plus tax (\$1 less than the Hy-

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From the President's Desk

Do we take the SAR pledge seriously?

My message this issue is short, but I hope thought provoking. Today we face an entirely different threat than our Patriot ancestors faced. Only 54 years ago, Nikita Krushchev stood before the United Nations, banged

his shoe on the lectern, and said: "Your children's children will live under communism. You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright; but we keep feeding you small doses of socialism

until vou will finally wake up and find that we have won. We won't have to fight you; WE WILL SO WEAKEN YOUR ECONOMY, until you fall like overripe fruit into our hands.

Does any of this sound familiar?

Thoughts on Government

Each individual of the society has a right to be protected by it in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property, according to standing laws. He is obliged, consequently, to contribute his share to the expense of this protection; and to give his personal service, or an equivalent, when necessary.

But no part of the property of any individual can, with justice, be taken from him, or applied to public uses, without his own consent, or that of the representative body of the people. In fine, the people of this commonwealth are not controllable by any other laws than those to which their constitutional representative body have given their consent.

John Adams, 1776

SCSSAR 2013 Americanism Update

The following are the cumulative Americanism Contest results through Nov. 15.

Chapter	Americanism	PG Streamer	PG Cup	Categories
Daniel Morgan	5,950	3,850	157.63	15
Col. Robert Anderson	5,587	5,385	188.27	15
Gov. Paul Hamilton	2,861	1,250	62.84	14
Cambridge	1,146	1,500	65.84	12
Major Gen. William Moultrie	981	890	13.39	10
Gen. James Williams	916	250	47.01	11
Battle of Eutaw Springs	802	1,223	66.63	13
Col. Thomas Taylor	645	355	9.59	9
Dr. George Mosse	600	220	19.95	10
Col. William Bratton	487	380	31.87	11
Gen. Francis Marion	410	250	37.80	8
Lemuel Benton	380	1,720	17.06	6
Matthew Singleton	350	110	16.29	7
Gen. Andrew Pickens	305	170	15.45	6
Col. Joseph Kershaw	211	215	35.16	7
Godfrey Dreher	185	370	18.30	7
Henry Laurens	0	50	0.63	1
South Carolina Society	22,626	24,780	NA	NA
* 12 categories must have points	for a chapter to be eligible	for consideration for the nationa	al President General's	Cup contest.

The following goals have been established: (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.

Toward reaching the third goal, each chapter representative was given a blank flag certificate at the July Board of Governors meeting and tasked with presenting the certificate before the October Board of Governors Meeting. If your chapter did not receive a certificate, contact the Americanism Chairman for one.

As of Nov. 15, only the Cambridge, Daniel Morgan, Gen. James Williams and Gov. Paul Hamilton chapters had reported that they had presented a Flag Certificate. It is imperative that each chapter make this presentation by year end and report it. If not, the state society will have the embarrassment of being the first Congress Host Society to not receive the Admiral Furlong Streamer at its Congress. This has not happened in at least the last 10 years.

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.

A PowerPoint presentation is available upon request that provides hints on what types of activities are recorded, where the events are recorded and common errors that can be avoided.

Mark C. Anthony, Chairman, SCSSAR Americanism Committee

dants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the princi-

Remember our

pledge to SAR: We the descen-



Carroll Crowther

ples of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every

The next time we say the pledge, seriously think about what we say. Do we mean it?

Caroll L. Chew then

Carroll Crowther **SCSSAR** President

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233rd anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens

To all SAR, DAR, CAR, SR Societies and Chapters, Patriotic and Historical Organizations:

The NSSAR, the SCSSAR and the Daniel Morgan Chapter cordially invite you to participate in the celebration of the 233rd anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens on Saturday, Jan. 18. The schedule for the weekend will be as follows:

Friday, Jan. 17

2:30 p.m.: Ceremony honoring Gen. Daniel Morgan at his statue in Morgan Square (corner of Main Street and Church Street) in downtown Spartanburg. Participants will be invited to place a flower at the base of the statue.

4:30 p.m.: South Atlantic District Meeting at the Quality Inn & Suites, 160 Simuel Rd.

5:30 p.m.: Cowpens Reception at the Quality Inn & Suites

7 p.m.: Cowpens Lecture in the Burwell Building, Wofford College,

Daniel Morgan Ceremony: YES NO

Wreath presentation at Battlefield:

Approximate Number Attending:

YES NO

YES NO

YES NO

Society/Chapter/ Organization/Individual:

Address:

Will attend:

Will attend:

Ceremony

Presenter:

Color Guard:

Cowpens Battlefield

429 N. Church St. Gen. Andrew Pickens will speak on his remembrances of the Battle of Cowpens. Admission is \$5

Saturday, Jan. 18

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.: Wreath registration at Cowpens National Battlefield

10 a.m.: Wreath-laying ceremony at the U.S. Monument, Visitors Center, Cowpens National Battlefield

10:45 a.m.: March to the Washington Light Infantry Monument on the battlefield by the NSSAR Color Guard with laying of National Society Wreath.

Noon: Lunch at Fatz Cafe, Peachoid Road, Gaffney.

Participants in the wreath-laying ceremony at the battlefield are requested to deliver wreaths to the battlefield Saturday morning. If you order a wreath from an area florist, please have it delivered before noon on Saturday. Recommended local florist: Book Shelf Florist (864) 489-4738. Please specify size, price and delivery to the battlefield. Call the florist directly.

Lodging: Rooms are reserved for SAR members at the Quality Inn & Suites at 160 Simuel Rd., Spartan-

burg, SC. A block of rooms has been reserved for \$59 plus tax. Please call the hotel at 800-992-2694 for reservations

Intent to participate or attend must be received no later than Jan. 10 to ensure listing on the ceremony program. Early registration will be greatly appreciated.

Please fill out the information on this page and mail to Dr. Lynwood D. Jordan, 2040 Old Orchard Rd., Woodruff, SC 29388 or send the information by email to ldjordan1@frontier.com. Dr. Jordan's telephone number is 864-476-3773.

Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still.

Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.

President Harry S. Truman SAR Member

2014 National Congress Update

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att), which includes free parking and Internet as well as a complimentary breakfast. The reservation code is "NSS," and reservations can be made by calling 864-678-8000.

10) Fund-raising continues with the sale of tickets for the Minuteman statuette drawing as well as the continued sale of lapel pins, challenge coins and medals.

The Congress will be from Friday, July 18, to Thursday, July 24, at the Hyatt Regency, which anchors the Main Street corridor in downtown Greenville. The SC Society will need to have volunteers on hand from Thursday, July 17, through Thursday, July 24. The major events of each day are as follows:

Thursday, July 17: Registration / Volunteer Thank You Event

Friday, July 18: National Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, July 19: Tour of Kings Mountain and Cowpens Battlefields / 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 Battlefield / Induction Banquet **Thursday, July 24:** National Executive Committee Meeting / Post Congress Tour

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

Registration: Welcome attendees and provide Congress materials to them

Credentials: Certify voting delegates and conduct any elections. (At this point, two offices appear to be contested, so this committee will have a major role at the Congress.)

Transportation: Serve as points of contacts during tours and when transportation is needed.

Protocol: Work with distinguished guests / Provide guidance for protocol and seating charts at meals

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

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

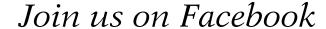
The chart summarizes the number of volunteers needed each day.

All interested compatriots are invited to attend future Congress planning meetings, which are held in conjunction with the Board of Governors Meetings. After the January meeting, the committee will meet more often.

Finally, the Congress Planning Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman are available to present a program at chapter meetings. The program focuses on what happens at a National Congress and what the SC Society needs to do to host the best Congress ever. Please take advantage of this opportunity to educate and encourage your members.

	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
Registration	6	6	4	4	4	4	3	0
Credentials	4	4	4	4	4	6	3	0
Transportation	2	4	8	4	0	4	4	4
Hosting/Hospitality	4	10	10	20	25	19	14	0
Information Desk	0	2	6	8	8	8	4	4
General Sessions	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	0
Totals	16	26	32	40	45	45	32	8







Col. William Bratton Chapter marks grave of Patriot James Brian Sr.

By Greg Greenawalt CLOVER — The Col. William Bratton Chapter honored Revolutionary War Patriot James Brian Sr. with an SAR grave-marking ceremony Nov. 9 at the Mill Creek Cemetery (431 Harper Davis Rd., Clover SC 29710. GPS: n35 08.100. w81 05.233).

James Brian Sr. was an Irish immigrant who migrated to York County, South Carolina, and served in the

Revolutionary War under Col. William Hill. The ceremony was a joint effort between the Col. William Bratton Chapter and the Desoto Trace Chapter SAR in Hot Springs, Arkansas. John Speer, a Desoto Trace member, is a direct descendent of Patriot Brian.

The grave-marking was attended by SAR state officers Mark Anthony, Dan Woodruff and Greg Greenawalt,

as well as members of area chapters of the DAR, CAR and the Fort Mill VFW Chapter. Military Honors were rendered by Post 43, The American Legion, Fort Mill, with a 21 gun salute and a cannon volley. Benny Paterson was in charge.

The event was coordinated by Col. William Bratton Chapter President Murray White.

All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree.

James Madison Constitutional Convention



Invocation for Private James Brian Sr. Marker Dedication with the Col. William Bratton Chapter at Mill Creek Cemetery

Lord on this Divinely inspired day, you have led us each here, to this time and place by different roads, from distance places and we have all come together by the Holy Spirit, to stand together in Patriotism, in honor of those who served this great country from its founding, and birth, to the men and women who this day are fighting terrorism, standing against oppression, and keeping our right alive (to not only worship you Lord) but to be your light of Hope, Faith and Love that your Son Jesus Christ, and all the generations that have followed his example have died for.

Lord, this day we have gathered to stand in solidarity, to stand proud but also underneath your protection and we pray for you continued blessings on those gathered, the families they represent and the country that we all love. May we as one people do your will Lord, nothing more and nothing less, in Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

Prayer of Dedication

"I will begin the Prayer of Dedication with the very words that might have been said over the grave of Pvt. James Brian Sr. so many years ago when he was laid to rest"

A Reading of the 23rd Psalm:

- 1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Lord on this Veterans weekend, we remember the reason why we came to this great land. We remember that we came to escape the class wars and religious oppression of Europe, that we came to the New World for opportunity. What you blessed us with, Heavenly and Divine Father, was the opportunity to grow, to prosper and the freedom to worship and to know you great God.

Today Lord, this weekend, we remember that freedom, opportunity and faith sometimes have great costs, sometimes must be defended, and that loyalty, patriotism toward country and the God that it resides under is worth defending. Lord we are gathered here in remembrance of one Veteran of the American Revolution, Pvt. James Brian Sr., who when the time demanded answered the call to service in a time of uncertainty. In a season of chaos, Pvt. Brian stepped forward to support the great cause of Liberty for a land oppressed, to bring freedom where bondage had ruled and to allow America to grow, develop into the strongest nation this world as ever seen.

Lord, this day we ask for your blessings on this marker commemorating our respect for Pvt. James Brian Sr.'s example of service during the Revolutionary War that granted us the ability to prosper in wealth, justice and in greater service of your Son, the divine servant that we all must follow. Lord, when this marker is viewed let us remember that where God is present, service is required and so it is in Christ's name that we pray. AMEN.

> The Rev. Neill McKay **Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church**



Murray White, president of the Col. William Bratton Chapter, conducts the SAR gravemarking ceremony for Patriot James Brian Sr.



Grave of Patriot James Brian Sr

SCSSAR Colonial Ball Dec. 21

By Greg Ohanesian SCSSAR Colonial Ball Chair

The Society's 21st Colonial Ball will take place Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Charleston Place Hotel on Meeting Street in Charleston.

The Ball will include the presentation of 12 debutantes, all who have proven lineage to an American Revolutionary War Patriot.

The Ball is a formal affair with debutantes in white gowns, and the presenters and escorts in white tie, Citadel Cadets in uniform and other pageantry.

Music will be provided by The Swing Set Band. Dinner will include filet mignon.

The Ball seeks to raise funds for

patriotic education, some of which has been used in the past to purchase American Revolutionary War history textbooks for placement in South Carolina public schools, and to publish the Cambridge Chapter's text on South Carolina battle sites.

A reception to honor the debutantes will take place Friday evening, Dec. 20, at the Historic Embassy Suites (the Old Citadel) on Marion Square.

Please send the reservation form on this page to Greg Ohanesian, P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512.

For more information, call 843-479-7193 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Board of Governors Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 11

Shandon United Methodist Church 3407 Devine St. Columbia, South Carolina

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts 9:30 a.m.

All compatriots are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet concurrently.

Items to be discussed include proposed Bylaw amendments the 2014 Congress and a report from the Nominating Committee on the 2014-2015 officer slate.

Lunch will be served for \$10.

The request for chapter, committee and state officer reports will be forthcoming.

Debutante Reception and Colonial Ball

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City, State, Zip Code	
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Donations accepted and Benefactor — \$1,000 Sponsor — \$500 Patron — \$100 Friend — Less than \$100	listed in program
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Among the features peculiar to the political system of the United States, is the perfect equality of rights which it secures to every religious sect. James Madison, letter to Jacob de la Motta, August 1820

The Jay Treaty

The Jay Treaty was signed Nov. 19, 1794, and was officially known as "The Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, Between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America." It resolved issues remaining since the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which ended the American Revolution.

The treaty gained the primary American goals, which included the withdrawal of British army units from pre-Revolutionary forts it had failed to relinquish in the Northwest Territory, which the British had recognized as American territory in the Treaty of Paris.

The Treaty ended the British practice of impressing American sailors into British service. American merchants received compensation for 250 merchant ships the British had confiscated in 1793 and 1794.

Southern politicians wanted monetary compensation for slaves who were freed by the British Army following the Revolutionary War. Merchants in America and in the Caribbean wanted the British West Indies reopened to American trade. The boundary with Canada was vague in many places, and needed to be more clearly delineated. The British were believed to be aggravating American Indian attacks on settlers in the Northwest (modern-day Kentucky and Ohio).

How many observe Christ's birth-day! How few, his precepts!

O! 'tis easier to keep Holidays than Commandments.

> Benjamin Franklin Poor Richard's Almanack

Cambridge and Gen. James Williams chapters place markers at Musgrove Mill, Kings Mountain

By Ted Morton Jr.
Past President SCSSAR (2010-11)
Cambridge Chapter Chaplain

It is a long journey across the years from autumn 1780 to the present day, and without research few

would remember what took place as Patriots began the fifth year of their struggle for independence.

The Cambridge and Gen. James Williams chapters highlighted the importance of the battles of Musgrove Mill (Aug. 18, 1780) and Kings

Mountain (Oct. 7, 1780) and Patriot leader Col. James Williams by placing roadside historical markers.

NSSAR President General Joseph Dooley and a number of National officers attended the Kings Mountain event, along with SAR members and families from throughout the South Atlantic District. School children from Gaffney and the Kings Mountain area attended ceremonies in Gaffney and at the State Park.

Pierce Stockman, President of the Cambridge Chapter, and Charles McKinney, President of the Gen. James Williams Chapter, unveiled the markers when they were presented at commemorative programs: Musgrove Mill on Saturday, Aug. 17; and Kings Mountain on Monday, Oct. 7.

"We began this project nearly 10 years ago," Stockman said. "Our motivation was simply that of giving recognition to James Williams, who led Patriots to victory at Musgrove Mill and provided leadership and tactical information for the victory at Kings Mountain, where he laid down his life for his country."

Stockman is a descendant of James Williams, as is Betsy McKinney, wife of Compatriot Charles McKinney.

One panel of the marker at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site records the battle that took place, and the reverse panel describes the role of James Williams and the Little River Regiment, which he organized in Laurens District and led as commander.

The two historical markers were produced by Sewah Studios of Marietta, Ohio, at a cost of \$1,975 each.

The Cambridge Chapter raised the funds needed through sale of reprints of Nolan Van Powell's painting of the *Continental Navy Frigate Randolph* at anchor in Charleston Harbor. Charleston's Old Exchange Building, which still stands and is owned by the SC State Society NSDAR, is shown on the shoreline to the right of the *Randolph*.

In presentation remarks at the Musgrove Mill and Kings Mountain ceremonies, Stockman thanked the following: all who purchased artwork; Dr. Will Graves, a Charlotte, attorney and primary biographer of James Williams; and Dr. Tracy Power, director of the State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, for reviewing proposed texts and making helpful suggestions.

Director Phil Gaines of the South Carolina State Park Service approved placement of the markers. Brian Robson at Musgrove Mill and Shea Joyner at Kings Mountain assisted with site selection and installation.

Norm Pigeon, Piedmont Regional Vice President, assisted at Musgrove Mill.

At Kings Mountain, the government shut-down closed the National Park, and commemorative activities and wreath-laying took place at the Capri Theater in Gaffney. The Gaffney activities concluded at the James Williams burial site on Limestone Street with a musket firing.

After the activities in downtown Gaffney, the Kings Mountain marker dedication took place on Park Road in Kings Mountain State Park, concluding with a musket salute.

Welcome to our new members

By Mark Anthony State Secretary

The following 30 compatriots representing 11 chapters and one provisional chapter have been approved for membership between Aug. 1 and Nov. 15.

Battle of Eutaw Springs: Jimmy Melvin Johnson Jr., Patriot ancestor Jesse Pearson.

Cambridge: Charles Joseph Rimsky IV, Patriot ancestor Nathaniel Abney

Phillip Wayne Sears, Patriot ancestor Andrew Pickens

Colonel Lemuel Benton: Frankie Dean Owens, Patriot ancestor Peter Hubbard.

John Chalmers Sims Jr., Patriot ancestor Samuel Harwell.

Col. Robert Anderson: Timothy Marshall Drake Jr., Patriot ancestor John Stevenson.

John Edward Woods, Patriot ancestor Alexander Adair.

Col. William Bratton: Ronald Dean Klein, Patriot ancestor Thomas Gilham

Daniel Morgan: John Edward Clark, Patriot ancestor Parson Rack-

Dr. George Mosse: Edward William Altstaetter, Patriot ancestor Lewis McClouth.

Allan William Jones, Patriot ancestor Gottfried Orwig.

Kermit Bailey Keeling Jr., Patriot ancestor Stephen Turner.

Alexander Robert Whan Jr., Patriot ancestor Joseph Coleman.

Gen. Andrew Pickens: Jerry Edward Hancock, Patriot ancestor Cutlope Hancock.

Peter Altmann Keck I, Patriot ancestor Burwell Boykin.

David Ralph Nash, Patriot ancestor William Hurst.

Godfrey Dreher: Sidney Astor Gambrell, Patriot ancestor John Gambrell.

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Donald Gary Jones, Patriot ancestor Henry Felder Sr.

Gov. Paul Hamilton: Charles Leonard Calvert III, Patriot ancestor John Frierson.

Dana Angier Cheney, Patriot ancestor Daniel Cheney.

Thomas Evans Wilson III, Patriot ancestor Dr. James Wilson.

Major Gen. William Moultrie: Steven William DiMascio, Patriot ancestor Jacob Morgan Jr.

Allen Gantt Folline III, Patriot ancestor Dr. William Read.

Marion Wayne Hall, Patriot ancestor John Hall.

William Edward Richburg Sr., Patriot ancestor William Richburg.

At Large: John Eric Fulda, Patriot ancestor James Merrick.

Max Kearse Fulda, Patriot ancestor James Merrick.
Tom Heider Ort, Patriot ances-

tor William Sanford.

**Vernon Marcus Parker III,

Patriot ancestor Joseph Moore. **David Hugh Swain,** Patriot an-

cestor John Swain.

J. Michael Tomme, Patriot an-

cestor Edward Denney.

**Thomas Lynch Chapter (Provisional)

Summary Membership and Retention Report

	Jan. 1, 2013 membership	New members	Reinstate- ments	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Deaths	April 1, 2013 membership	Net Change
Eutaw Springs	23	3	0	0	0	0	26	3
Cambridge	28	3	0	0	0	0	31	3
Joseph Kershaw	7	1	0	0	0	0	8	1
Lemuel Benton	51	2	0	0	0	3	50	(1)
Robert Anderson	47	8	1	1	2	0	55	8
Thomas Taylor	67	9	0	0	0	1	75	8
William Bratton	22	5	0	1	0	0	28	6
Daniel Morgan	52	7	0	1	0	3	57	5
George Mosse	33	6	0	0	0	0	39	5
Andrew Pickens	18	4	0	1	0	0	23	5
Francis Marion	15	1	0	0	0	1	26	0
James Williams	22	0	0	0	0	0	22	0
Godfrey Dreher	20	1	0	1	0	0	22	2
Paul Hamilton	56	7	0	0	0	2	61	5
Henry Laurens	13	3	0	0	0	1	15	2
William Moultrie	120	17	2	0	0	0	139	19
Matthew Singleton	18	2	1	0	0	1	20	2
At Large	109	18	2	1	0	2	128	19

Totals Membership Jan. 1 721 Transfers Out 2
New members 97 Deaths 14
Reinstatements 6 Membership July 31 814
Transfers In 6 Net Change 93

South Carolina Society salutes longtime members

By Mark Anthony
The following members reach membership anniversaries during the first quarter of 2014. Those members having anniversaries in the second quarter of 2014 will be recognized in the next issue.

45 Years

Olin D. Burgdorf

35 Years

William T. Allgood, Baxter L. Crawford III, Harold W. Funderburk, Ronald J. Horton

30 Years

James R. Carroll, Eugene S. Gregg Jr., Robert E.H. Peeples

25 Years

Matthew D. Clark, Thomas O. Sanders III

20 Years

Carl A. Ellsworth, Edward P. King, Herbert D. Kleine, William A. Martin, William C. Moore, A. Daniel Patten Jr.

15 Years

Terry J. Block, John C. Vaughn

10 Years

Matthew Abee, Creech, George T. DesChamps Jr., Wayne D. Roberts, Hudson C. Rogers, James D. Trout Jr.

5 Years

Rhett A. Ashley, 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 Jr., Charles W. McKinney III, Clifton D. McKinney, Mark S. Starnes, Edward P. Stapleton, Phillip E. Towles, Frank J. Wyman III

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

Paul Hamilton Chapter at Bellevue Plantation

McCLELLANVILLE — Upon the hallowed grounds of Bellevue Plantation, established in 1768, home to Patriot Col. Barnard Elliott, was erected a temple of eight lofty white columns rising among the pines that skirted the road between the Ashepoo and Combahee Rivers.

"In times anterior to our Revolutionary War, a Sylvan temple, erected by a gentleman, who to the higher qualities of a devoted patriot, united the taste and liberality of the sportsmen. The spot was admirably chosen, being on the brow of a piney ridge which slopes away at a long gun-shot's length into a thick swamp; and many a deer has, we doubt not, in times past, been shot from the temple when it stood in its pride — as we have struck them from its ruins."

On Nov. 23, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter compatriots Carroll Crowther, Wayne Cousar and Joe Harden, sat upon these grounds near the ruins of "The Temple of Sport" judging culinary delights offered by teams of local sportsmen at an annual competitive event planned by owner Charles Webb and dear friends including Elliott's descendants.

In true good fashion, and with earnest forethought for these sportsmen, our three compatriots rendered a just verdict agreed upon by all 100 plus attendees in selecting a First Team of cooks who tickled everyone's taste buds to the great delight of all. Our three chapter compatriots had won last year's Temple gathering and will pass the torch and judging on to this new first team in 2014. Jody Henson.



From left: Judges Joe Harden, Society President Carroll Crowther and Wayne Cousar. [Photo by Anna Christine Crowther.]

An elective despotism was not the government we fought for; but one in which the powers of government should be so divided and balanced among the several bodies of magistracy as that no one could transcend their legal limits without being effectually checked and restrained by the others.

James Madison Federalist No. 58

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.

> President Dwight D. Eisenhower **SAR Member**

Calendar of Events Simpsonville Battle of Great Canebrake Dec. 7 10 a.m. Charleston Dec. 21 Colonial Ball 7 p.m. Columbia, S.C. Jan. 11 SC Society Board of Governors 10 a.m. Spartanburg, S.C. Jan. 17 Daniel Morgan Statue Ceremony 2 p.m. Spartanburg, S.C. Jan. 17 South Atlantic District Meeting 4 p.m. Spartanburg, S.C. Jan. 17 South Atlantic District Reception 5:30 p.m. Spartanburg, S.C. Jan. 17 Cowpens Lecture 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 Chesnee, S.C. **Battle of Cowpens** 10 a.m. Jan. 24-25 Duluth, Ga. Georgia Society Annual Meeting Charlotte, N.C. Feb. 1 Battle of Cowan's Ford 10 a.m. Washington, Ga. Feb. 15 Battle of Kettle Creek All Day Feb. 28 Louisville, Ky. NSSAR Spring Leadership March 1 March 15 Battle of Guilford Courthouse Greensboro, N.C. 11 a.m. Columbia, S.C. April 4-5 SC Society Annual Meeting Lancaster, S.C. May 24 Buford's Massacre 10:30 a.m. July 12 Columbia, S.C. SC Society Board of Governors Greenville, S.C. July 17-24 124th National Congress Columbia, S.C. Oct. 18 SC Society Board of Governors 10 a.m.

*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.

Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

Ohanesians restore historic Upcountry home



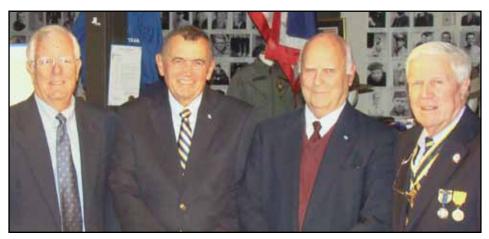
From left: Carroll Crowther, Drs. Greg and Barbara Ohanesian, and Joe Harden on the front steps of Scotch Cross. [Photo by Tommy O'Dell]

GREENWOOD - This upcountry historic home under renovation was opened for public tour Oct. 26 to benefit the Palmetto Trust for Historic Structures. Drs. Greg and Barbara Ohanesian hosted the public at their Greenwood home, Scotch Cross, for the tour. The house was built in 1812 by John Wesley Brooks and his wife, Ann Taphenes Lipscomb. The Ohanesians are in the midst of a major preservation effort for this historic home. The original builders of Scotch Cross had seven Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors, and have all been documented by approved Supplemental SAR applications.



Greg Ohanesian is a past State President, past National Trustee, and current State Treasurer for the SCSSAR. Barbara Ohanesian is an active member and leader of the SCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary. Crowther and Joe Harden, members of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, were guests of the Ohanesians. Crowther is a collateral descendant of Brooks and his wife and has documented the Patriot ancestry of the builders. Also representing the SCSSAR were Tommy O'Dell, Bob Krause and nior Vice President Dan Woodruff.

Matthew Singleton Chapter



State President Carroll Crowther (right), installs new officers in the Matthew Singleton Chapter Oct. 8. From left: Registrar John Summerford, President Frank Brown and Jimmy Lee, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain.

Eagle Scout Poster Contest winners



Daniel Morgan Chapter August Meeting







At the Aug. 23 meeting of the Daniel Morgan Chapter in Spartanburg, President Donny Carson (left photo) presents paramedic Lynn Cole with an Emergency Medical Award. Center photo: President Carson presents a Certificate of Appreciation to William Caldwell for his program on the Cherokee and Tory Alliance. Right photo: Mark Anthony, National Trustee (left) inducts John Sitton as the newest member of the chapter. [Photos by John Smith]

It is rare that SCSSAR poster contest winners are seen together. Pictured are Micah Griffith (left) and brother his Caleb, who also won the NSSAR contest. The occasion was the Eagle Scout ceremony Sept. 23 in Saluda, where Micah, 14, was installed as an Eagle Scout. Micah's Eagle Scout project was an inventory of Patriot graves in Saluda County. Not only did he provide GPS coordinates, but he also cleaned the gravesites and recorded the grave information. Norm Pigeon.

Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom.

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Gathering at Sycamore Shoals



Compatriot Ronnie Lail TNSSAR and Overmountain Men, Master of Ceremonies. [Photos by Janet Norris]



The SCSSAR participated in the 230th celebration of the Gathering of the Overmountain Men at Sycamore Shoals, Fort Watauga, Elizabethton, Tennessee, Sept. 20-21. The ceremonies, sponsored by the Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution, included a Grave Marking Service at the grave of Robert Young nearby in Johnson City, Tennessee, Friday afternoon, Sept. 20.

According to a National Park Service brochure describing the Battle of Kings Mountain, Oct. 7, 1780, Robert Young is believed to have been the one who mortally wounded Patrick Ferguson. The ceremony also paid homage to Young's six sons who also served at the Battle of Kings Mountain.



Above and below: President General Joseph Dooley, NSSAR greets participants at the memorial wreath presentations Saturday, Sept. 21. [Photos by Janet Norris]









Tim Foster (green cap) conducts Living History Event

Gen. Andrew Pickens and Col. Robert Anderson chapters host Andrew Pickens Memorial





The Gen. Andrew Pickens and Col. Robert Anderson chapters sponsored a Gen. Andrew Pickens memorial Sept. 22 at the Old Stone Church Meeting House and Cemetery in Clemson.

Dr. Tim Drake, a direct descendant of Gen. Pickens, related many of the exploits and accomplishments of his ancestor. Will Ouvry, President of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, recounted events in the life of Col. Anderson. Gen. Pickens and Col. Anderson are buried in the Old Stone Church Cemetery along with several other Revolutionary Patriots.

The SCSSAR Color Guard assisted in the service and also rendered a black powder rifle salute. [Photos by Janet Norris]

Daniel Morgan Chapter member hosts Living History Event

SPARTANBURG — Tim Foster, a member of the Daniel Morgan Chapter, presented a Living History Event Nov. 20 and 21 to the eighth grade Social Studies classes at Gabel Middle School on the Revolutionary War in the back country of South Carolina, the men who fought and how things were during this time period.

Foster, a Master Deputy with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department, is the deputy assigned to the school.

Foster dresses out the eighth grade teachers to be back country militia with demonstrations of weaponry and accourrements. The event also includes a map and studies of area engagements and their overall contribution to Patriot victory.

Two hundred eighty students participated in the Living History Event sponsored by members of the Daniel Morgan Chapter. *John Smith*.

Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter of the SAR conducted its quarterly meeting Sept. 20 during Constitution week. Wells Morrison, retired FBI agent and current Director of Security of Dataw Island, was the guest speaker.

Morrison was FBI agent-in-charge of the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania He provided details on the 9/11 takeover of the flight by terrorists and subsequent valor of the passengers in keeping the plane away from its intended target. Pete Dickerson, Public Affairs Officer, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter.



HISTORY AWARD — Nichlos Ward (left) receives the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter's History Award from Tom Mikell, Secretary of the chapter. Ward was selected as the University of South Carolina Beaufort's top history graduate for 2013 by the USCB's History faculty and is now attending Gonzaga Law School in Tacoma, Washington. [Photo by Libby Jennings]



GUEST SPEAKER — Wells Morrison, FBI agent-in-charge at the United Airlines 93 crash site, speaks to the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter about events on 9/11 at the chapter's guarterly meeting Sept. 20.



10 YEARS OF SERVICE — Capt. Dean Hewitt, USN Retired (left) receives an SAR Ten Years of Service Certificate and Pin from Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter Secretary Tom Mikell at the chapter's quarterly meeting Sept. 20.



The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter was presented with a Proclamation June 25 adopted by the City Council of Beaufort recognizing June 28 as Carolina Day in the city. On that date in 1776 South Carolina defeated a fleet of 50 ships of the British Navy and at least 2,500 British soldiers at what is known as the Battle of Sullivan's Island. Beaufort Mayor Billy Keyserling (third from right) presents Carolina Day Proclamation to Gov. Hamilton Chapter Officers (from left) Michael Keyserling, Tom Mikell, Mayor Keyserling and Chapter President Jody Henson. Carolina Day was recognized by the chapter at a banquet at Callawassie Island River Club hosted by DAR member Judith Ericksen and her husband Harold. Forty attendees heard a presentation by Secretary Tom Mikell on origins of the Moultrie Flag and the Gorget on the South Carolina Flag. [Photo by Mary Ann Mikell]

The Palmetto Patriot wants to hear from you

The South Carolina Society has chapters conducting many interesting activities, and we would like to share these with the rest of our South Carolina compatriots. Please send your Chapter Capsule summaries to Tom.Hanson@HansonCommunications.org.

What Was the American Revolution?

But what do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American war? The Revolution was effected before the war commenced.

The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people; a change in their religious sentiments, of their duties and obligations. . . . This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments, and affections of the people was the real American Revolution.

John Adams Letter to H. Niles, Feb. 13, 1818



NEW MEMBERS — Tom Mikell (center), Secretary of the Gov. Hamilton Chapter, installs new members Perry Gesell (left) and David Easlick at the chapter's Sept. 20 meeting. Gesell's Patriot ancestor was George Hubbard, and Easlick is a descendant of Beaufort's Patriot John Barnwell. [Photos by Tom Burnett]

Presentations at Daniel Morgan Oct. 24 Meeting









At the Oct. 24 meeting of the Daniel Morgan Chapter in Spartanburg, President Donny Carson (left photo) presents Vietnam veteran Victor Young (right) with a Wounded Warrior coin and certificate. Second left photo: John Clark (left), the chapter's newest member, is sworn in by Mark Anthony, National Trustee. Second right photo: Thomas Peacock (right) receives an Eagle Scout recognition patch and certificate from President Carson. Right photo: Spartanburg Sheriff Sgt. Chris Bush receives a Law Enforcement certificate and medal from President Carson. [Photos by Mark Anthony]

Confidence . . . thrives on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection and on unselfish performance. Without them it cannot live.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt SAR Member

`Tis folly in one Nation to look for disinterested favors from another; that it must pay with a portion of its Independence for whatever it may accept under that character; that by such acceptance, it may place itself in the condition of having given equivalents for nominal favours and yet of being reproached with ingratitude for not giving more.

There can be no greater error than to expect, or calculate upon real favours from Nation to Nation. `Tis an illusion which experience must cure, which a just pride ought to discard.

President George Washington Farewell Address, Sept. 19, 1796

Kings Mountain Celebration

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the gravesite of Gen. Williams. The last detail that needed to be attended to was a location for parking during the celebration.

We now thought that everything had been planned for and every contingency either addressed or about to be addressed. This is when Mother Nature decided to intervene with a tropical storm that was forming in the Gulf of Mexico. This storm's projected path and speed actually had the storm hitting the Upstate of South Carolina — and specifically Gaffney — on the morning of Monday, Oct. 7.

The problem is that the Kings Mountain Celebration is always held on the actual anniversary date — Oct. 7 — in conjunction with the end of the annual Over Mountain Victory Trail Association's (OVTA) march from Sycamore Shoals, Tennessee.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, I started trying to mitigate all of the potential problems that had been brought up. First on the list was contacting First Baptist Church in downtown Gaffney about the possible use of their sanctuary as a rain location and to confirm the availability of their parking lot.

The church was unable to accommodate the use of the sanctuary but was quick to allow the use of their parking lot next to the Williams gravesite. They also mentioned that

they would like to have some of the children in their child education program attend the celebration ceremony. This was agreed to and thus the parking issue was addressed.

Since the church sanctuary was unavailable, I next tried the City Li-

brary. Unfortunately, the meeting room there could only hold 40 people, but they did mention the Capri Theatre Building, which is owned by the City of Gaffney.

I called the City asking for City Manager James Taylor. Instead of speaking with Mr. Taylor, I was transferred to LeighAnn Suggs, the director of Gaffney's Visitors Center and Art Gallery. Ms. Suggs listened to the needs of

the NSSAR and quickly made the Capri Theatre Building available without the need of submitting a rental agreement for review.

This converted theater is located on the next block from the Williams gravesite and could accommodate about 200 people if need be. Thus, we had obtained a potential rain location mitigating the concern over the weather.

As I was preparing the last minute

As long as Property exists, it will accumulate in Individuals and Families.

As long as Marriage exists, Knowledge, Property and Influence will accumulate in Families.

John Adams Letter to his wife, Abigail July 17, 1775

Mayflower Compact

In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic; for our better ordering, and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth, 1620.

announcement about the changes, I was contacted by Ms. Suggs. Fearing the worst, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the City of Gaffney, through Police Chief Richard Turner, had arranged for the street in front of the Williams gravesite to be closed during the planned celebration allowing for the Color Guard to process if need be. This was indeed

welcome news.

Likewise, I received a phone call from Compatriot Ted Morton of the Cambridge Chapter to ask if the Color Guard would be able to attend a highway marker dedication honoring Gen. James Williams and the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The marker was the second of two purchased and placed though the efforts of the Cambridge and Gen. James Williams

chapters.

The dedication was scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. on Oct. 7 just inside the boundary of the South Carolina Kings Mountain State Park, about two miles from the battlefield. I quickly said yes, and this event was added to the day's events.

With everything seemingly in place, including a new one-time event, the modified announcement was sent out by SAR-Officer Talk and

various emails to neighboring state societies on Wednesday, Oct. 2. All that remained was to see if the celebration would have the same attendance as in the past.

Now fast forward to Sunday, Oct. 6, and the annual Kings Mountain Reception hosted by the South Carolina Society Ladies Auxiliary. A group of nearly 50 compatriots, including President General Joe Dooley, Secretary General Lindsey Brock and other national dignitaries, met in the meeting room of the Hampton Inn & Suites outside Gaffney. The reception was a great success with attendance equal to past receptions. After the reception, the attendees adjourned to the Fatz Cafe for dinner and fellowship.

The morning of the Oct. 7 broke with the anticipated rain from the tropical storm, but luckily the path was further to the north and west than originally forecast. In fact, the weather began to break up just as the South Atlantic District Meeting ended, and the SAR members began to travel the two miles to downtown Gaffney.

Even with the breaks in the clouds, it was decided to hold the celebration ceremony inside the Capri Theatre. At 10 a.m., almost 200 attendees — including nearly 20 from the First Baptist Church education program — gathered for the presentation of nearly 90 wreaths. This number of wreaths was in line with

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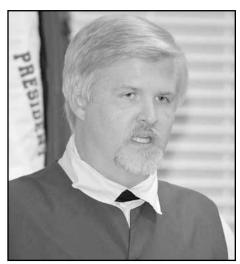


Will Flint (second from left) receives his Color Guard Silver Medal from President General Joe Dooley with Mark Anthony (left) and Mike Tomme (right).

Summary of business at October Meeting

By Mark Anthony SCSSAR Secretary

COLUMBIA — The Board of Governors meeting took place Oct. 19 at Shandon United Methodist Church in Columbia.



Mark Anthony, Host Society Chairman, speaks about the 2014 Congress in Greenville.

- 1) Called to order at 10 a.m. by President Carroll Crowther
- 2) Invocation by Chaplain Lawrence Peebles
- 3) Presentation of Colors by the State Color Guard
- 4) Pledges to the Flags led by Jody Henson, President of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter
- 5) Roll Call and Quorum announced by Secretary Mark Anthony with 14 of 16 state officers and 11 of 17 chapters represented.
- a) Officers Present: President Carroll Crowther, Senior Vice President Dan Woodruff, Piedmont Vice President Norm Pigeon, Midlands Vice President Doug Doster, Pee Dee Vice President Fred Oakes, Low Country Vice President Paul Grier, Vice President of Chapter Formation Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III, Vice President of Chapter Revitalization Bob Krause, Secretary Mark Anthony, Treasurer Greg Ohanesian, Registrar John Smith, Chaplain Lawrence Peebles, Historian J.D. Norris and Genealogist John Marker

b) Chapters Represented:



Mike Tomme of the Georgia Society, candidate for SAR Treasurer General, and his wife. Cilla.

- 1) Cambridge: Pierce Stockman, Tommy O'Dell, Ted Morton
- 2) Col. Joseph Kershaw: Miles Gardner, Bill Vartorella
- 3) Col. Robert Anderson: Tom Hanson
- 4) Col. Thomas Taylor: Ron Waldhour
- 5) Col. William Bratton: Murray White
- 6) Dr. George Mosse: Jim Robinson
- 7) Gov. Paul Hamilton: Jody Henson, Mike Keyserling
- 8) Major Gen. William Moultrie: Bru Izard
- 9) Matthew Singleton: Frank Brown
- 10) Thomas Lynch (Provisional): Nat Kaminski
- 6) Motion to approve minutes of the July 20 Board of Governors Meeting by Treasurer Greg Ohanesian with second by Senior Vice President Dan Woodruff. Approved by unanimous consent.
- 7) Review of Published Reports Package reports as submitted and included by reference unless noted below



Lindsey Brock of the Florida Society, candidate for President General, and his wife,

a) Chapters

- 1) Cambridge written report submitted late and will be disseminated electronically
- 2) Col. Joseph Kershaw Compatriot Bill Vartorella updates Board of Governors on process on getting Historic Camden recognized as national historic park. The Department of the Interior has asked for additional data, which is very positive in nature. Another public meeting is to be scheduled late fall or early 2014. All compatriots are encouraged to attend when date and location are known.
- 3) Col. Lemuel Benton written report submitted late and will be disseminated electronically
- 4) Col. Thomas Taylor no written report submitted
- 5) Gen. Andrew Pickens no written report submitted
- 6) Henry Laurens no written report submitted
- 7) Thomas Lynch (Provisional) written report submitted late and will be disseminated electronically

b) Committees

1) CAR/DAR/SAR Liaison — no written report submitted. Co-chair Doug Doster reported that he and Compatriot Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III attended the SC Society CAR Summer Workshop. Co-chair Greg Ohanesian reported that a \$600 check has been given by the SC Society to the SC Society CAR.

He attended the CAR Committee meeting at Fall Leadership and said that it was reported that the flag poles at the CAR headquarters are in need of repair and that SAR state societies were asked to pay for new poles. Moved that the SC Society give \$50 to National CAR for the purchase of a new flag pole for the SC Flag with second by Historian J.D. Norris. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

2) Colonial Ball — Chairman Ohanesian stated that 2013 will most likely be the last Ball at the Charles-



Michael Keyserling reads *The Palmetto Patriot*.

ton Place Hotel due to its mandatory annual price increases.

- 3) Color Guard no written report submitted
- 4) Historic Sites & Patriot Graves no written report submitted
- 5) Knight Essay no written report submitted
- 6) Patriot Medal President Crowther appointed Senior Vice President Dan Woodruff as chairman and committee members Compatriots Ted Morton, Mark Anthony, Dean Cullison and Doug Doster

c) Officers

- 1) Chancellor no written report submitted
- 2) Historian no written report submitted
- 3) Registrar thanks everyone for well wishes during his hospitalization
 - 4) Pee Dee Vice President no

written report submitted. President Crowther states that Compatriot Richard Johnson had resigned and that Compatriot Fred Oakes had been appointed to fill the term.

5) Upstate Vice President — no written report submitted

8) New Business

- a) Report on Kings Mountain Secretary Anthony reports on how the society scrambled due to the government shutdown with great success due to the cooperation of the City of Gaffney. Anthony also mentions potential of forming a chapter in Gaffney.
- b) Report on 2014 Congress preparations Secretary Anthony reports on all activities to date and remaining items to be completed. Encourages members to book hotel room early. Link has been uploaded



John Smith (right) and John Marker talk about membership applications.

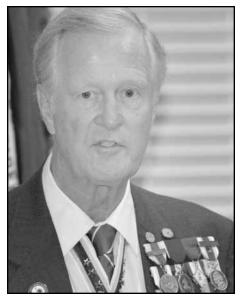
on national website.

- c) Report on revitalization of Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter Vice President for Revitalization Bob Krause reports meeting at Andrew Pickens Birthday event where provisional officers were selected. Next meeting will be on Oct. 24.
- d) Report on Fall Leadership Meeting
- 1) World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans Corps President Crowther announces the appointment of Compatriot Wayne Cousar to serve as point person. All veterans of these conflicts should submit their data to Compatriot Cousar so they can be recognized.
- 2) President General Joe Dooley has requested that each state society submit a written report on their Education Outreach programs. Reports should be submitted to Education Committee Chairman Doug Doster for compilation and submission to national office.
- 3) President Crowther mentions the Marker, Monument and Memorials initiative. Col. William Bratton Chapter President Murray White mentions planned grave marking by the chapter on Nov. 9 in conjunction with the Arkansas Society (see page 4). E-mail details will be forthcoming.



Bruce Pickette Alabama Society Candidate for SAR Librarian General

- 4) Ratification of Bylaw 23 Senior Vice President Woodruff recognized to speak on process up to this point and need for state ratification. Motion by Treasurer Ohanesian to ratify Bylaw 23 as submitted with second by Chaplain Peebles. Approved by unanimous voice vote
- 5) Distribution of SAR Declaration of Independence and Constitution
- e) Secretary Anthony recognized to speak on potential change for 2014 Annual State Dues. Motion by Treasurer Ohanesian to maintain dues at the current level with second by Compatriot Ted Morton. Approved by unanimous voice vote
- f) Registrar John Smith states there is a need to increase state supplemental application fee to \$15. President Crowther refers this to the Executive Committee for further discussion.



Larry P. Cornwell Alabama Society Candidate for SAR Treasurer General

- g) Cambridge Chapter President Pierce Stockman asks for an update on Congress funding. Compatriots Anthony and Ohanesian both state finances are in order and sufficient funds will be available for expected expenses.
- h) President Crowther discusses the potential need to purchase Errors & Omission / Liability Insurance.

Treasurer Ohanesian states that the National Legal Advisory Committee has recommended that each state society discuss and make a decision. President Crowther refers this matter to the Executive Committee for formulation of a plan due to potential risk with respect to black powder usage and presence of alcohol at chapter functions.

- i) Conflict of Interest Attestations Secretary Anthony speaks to those still needing to sign. Also mentions that a specific incident occurred where a potential privacy violation occurred with a chapter registrar providing access to members only site
- j) President Crowther announces appointment of Senior Vice President Woodruff as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Senior Vice President Woodruff recognized and asks for nominations with Piedmont Region Vice President Norm Pigeon, Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter President Henson and Vice President for Chapter Formation Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III being nominated. Motion by Cambridge Chapter President Stockman with second by Treasurer Ohanesian to elect these compatriots to the Nominating Committee. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Crowther states he will announce appointments for the remaining three spots after speaking with the compatriots he has in mind.

k) Gen. Francis Marion Chapter President Greg Ohanesian announces the loss of Compatriot Jerry Kendall. Secretary Anthony mentions the loss of John Wesley Dowis of the Daniel Morgan Chapter and the need to communicate deaths so Chaplain Peebles can correspond with families.

Recess for Comfort Break

- 9) Recess called at 11:15 a.m.
- 10) Meeting called back to order at 11:20 a.m.

11) Candidates Forum

- a) Candidate for President General Lindsey Brock recognized to address Board of Governors
- b) Candidate for Treasurer General Larry Cornwell recognized to address BOG
- c) Candidate for Treasurer General Mike Tomme recognized to address BOG
- d) Candidate for Librarian General Larry Guzy recognized to address BOG
- e) Candidate for Librarian General Bruce Pickette recognized to address BOG
 - f) President Crowther asks for

- candidates in contested races to exit the room so the BOG may discuss endorsements and hold the election
- g) President Crowther announces the endorsements of Compatriots Mike Tomme for Registrar General and Larry Guzy for Librarian General
- h) Senior Vice President Woodruff moves to endorse all unopposed candidates by acclamation with second by Chaplain Peebles. Approved by unanimous voice vote
- i) Senior Vice President Woodruff



Larry Guzy Georgia Society Candidate for SAR Librarian General

moves to have Secretary Anthony destroy all ballots with second by Treasurer Ohanesian. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

- 12) Recess for lunch with Blessing by Compatriot Ted Morton
- 13) Meeting called to order by President Crowther at 12:40 p.m.
- 14) Training Session on How to Properly Complete and Document an Application by Registrar John Smith and Genealogist John Marker
- 15) Retirement of Colors by State Color Guard

- 16) SAR Recessional by Vice President of Chapter Formation Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III
- 17) Benediction by Chaplain Peebles
- 18) Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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.

Roll Call of the Departed

The South Carolina Society announces that the following compatriots have passed away since the last issue of *The Palmetto Patriot*.

Robin Earl Middleton, a member of the Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter, died Aug. 5.

John Wesley Dowis Jr., a member of the Daniel Morgan Chapter, died Oct. 16.

Jerry Thomas Kendall, a member of the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter, died Oct. 10.

David Pinckney Easterling, a member of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, died Nov. 9.

Jadwin F. Sortore, a member of the Henry Laurens Chapter, died July 16.

Curtis Henry Caulkins Jr., a member of the Matthew Singleton Chapter, died Aug. 1.

A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops, while on the contrary an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops.

Gen. John J. Pershing SAR Member

I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents.

President James Madison

God grant that in America true religion and civil liberty may be inseparable and that the unjust attempts to destroy the one, may in the issue tend to the support and establishment of both.

John Witherspoon signer of the Declaration of Independence

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

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).

Three benchmarks were established for the Capital Campaign at the 2008 National Congress:

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

The 20 percent contribution level has been met. The SC Society remains well short of the \$250 per member average goal with less than one month remaining before the Dec. 31 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.

CAAH Funding Nearing Possible Completion

At the 2012 Congress, 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, your check for \$125 will be doubled to reach the \$250 per mem-

Many compatriots have already taken advantage of this - including 30 new donors in the fourth quarter of 2012 and 15 through the third quarter of 2013. The impact of these contributions is seen in the nearly doubling of the per member measurement since the third quarter of

President General Joe Dooley Challenges Society to Shave His Head

At the 2013 National Congress in Kansas City, President General Joe Dooley pledged to have his head shaved bald at the 2014 National Congress in Greenville if a total of \$1 million was raised for the CAAH during his term in office, which concludes at the 2014 Congress.

To encourage donations, President General Dooley pledged to match each chapter or state society donation

The following lists the compatriots who have donated to The Center for Advancing America's Heritage through Sept. 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.

\$2.500 plus

Daniel K. Woodruff South Carolina Society SAR**

\$1,000 plus Mark C. Anthony Ladson A. Barnes Jr. Paul L. Grier Monte A. Hart A. Pierce Stockman Jr. A. Pierce Stockman III William B. Ten Eyck Lauritz R. Smitt Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter**

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Robert S. Adams Jr. William D. Anderson Eldon D. Bullington Douglas B. Doster George W. Dudley Jr. Arthur B. Elliott III J. Michael Farr David J. Johnson Jeremiah A. Kay Kenneth Love Earl W. McCrackin John W. McCurry Ted R. Morton Jr. David L. Preston John Lefferts Ramsey Wayne B. Richey Gilbert A. Smith Cambridge Chapter**

Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter**

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William T. Allgood

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Walter F. Lubkin

Walter H. Arnold Jr.

	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
Dec. 30, 2012	711	187	26.30 percent	\$39,560	\$55.64
March 31, 2013	724	195	26.93 percent	\$47,130	\$65.10
June 30, 2013	724	198	27.35 percent	\$51,230	\$70.75
Sept. 30, 2013	724	206	28.45 percent	\$56,715	\$78.34

of \$400 to \$749 with an additional \$100 donation. If the chapter or state society donates at least \$750, he will match it with a \$250 donation.

For those keeping score at home, a chapter donation of \$400 will actually result in the chapter being credited with a donation for \$1,000 when the \$100 President General match and \$500 Powell match are applied. Likewise, a \$750 donation will result in a total credit of \$2,000 after the \$250 match and doubling Powell match.

In response to this challenge, the SC Society Board of Governors voted to make a \$750 donation at the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville.

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 onetime 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.

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There are no adequate substitutes for father, mother, and children bound together in a loving commitment to nurture and protect.

No government, no matter how wellintentioned, can take the place of the family in the scheme of things.

> **President Gerald R. Ford SAR Member**



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

Chapter marks 232nd anniversary of 1781 Battle of Eutaw Springs

By Douglas Doster President

Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter

EUTAWVILLE — The Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter conducted its annual commemoration of the battle Sept. 7.

A patriotic service took place at the Historic Church of the Epiphany at 10 a.m. with nearly 60 people in attendance. SCSSAR President Carroll Crowther brought greetings from the state society. Historian Michael Scoggins of the York County Historical Society and Museum presented a message on South Carolinians who fought in the battle.

A wreath laying service took place at 11 a.m. in the battle monument park. President Crowther gave an address on Col. William Washington, who fought in the battle under the Eutaw Flag. Fourteen wreaths were presented by SAR, DAR and CAR chapters.

At noon many participants enjoyed barbecue at Sweatmans outside Eutawville. After lunch 16 people traveled to Gen. Francis Marion's tomb for a ceremony.



Michael Scroggins





A member of the South Carolina Children of the American Revolution presents the SC CAR wreath. Left: Dan Woodruff, and right: Bob Krause.



Donny Carson



President Carroll Crowther



Doug Doster

Will Ouvry



Tom Hendrickson



SCSSAR Color Guard



Rifle Volley - Photos by Thomas C. Hanson

Kings Mountain

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previous years' celebrations.

During the course of the celebration, President General Dooley presented Outstanding Citizenship Pins to Gaffney Mayor Henry Jolly, City Manager James Taylor, Chief of Police Richard Turner and LeighAnn Suggs, director of the Gaffney Visitors Center & Art Gallery, for their support of the 2013 Kings Mountain Celebration.

Following the conclusion of the wreath presentations, the attendees walked to the gravesite of Gen. James Williams. Members of the Over Mountain Victory Trail Association and NSSAR Color Guard marched the block from the Capri Theater to the gravesite, where they fired three volleys over the grave and conducted a Mourning of Arms. As this compo-



From left: Dan Woodruff, Donny Carson, John Misenhimer, Bob Krause and J.D. Norris [Photos by Janet Norris]

nent of the ceremony ended, many children approached the uniformed members to ask questions and learn more about the story of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Before attending a luncheon (again at Fatz Cafe), President General Dooley, former President General Steve Leishman and I walked over to the offices of First Baptist Church and presented the church with a Certificate of Appreciation for the use of their parking lot.

After lunch, members of the SAR, DAR and OVTA traveled past the closed gates of the National Military Park to the location in the State Park where the new highway marker was to be dedicated. Through a miscommunication, this ceremony started early so that the OVTA members arrived toward the end of the dedication. In addition, the mayor of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, arrived toward the end of the ceremony with a limousine containing about a dozen children from the city. Not to miss an opportunity, the OVTA members told an abbreviated version of the story of their ancestors' march to the battle, which concluded with a firing of muskets.



Rifle volley

In my opinion, which was shared by many I spoke to, we felt that our ancestors were present and appreciative of the efforts that had been taken to continue to honor their sacrifice and heroics in the cause of American Independence. My thanks go out to the countless individuals who made this event possible. We can only hope that future celebrations can be as successful and meaningful.