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Winner of the Graham T. Smallwood Award at the 120th Annual Congress

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SCSSAR participates in 120th National Congress

By Mark C. Anthony
Senior Vice President

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Members of the SC Society gathered with compatriots from across the United States and France in Cleveland for the 120th Annual National Congress of the SAR June 26 to 30.

The SC Society was represented by President Ted Morton; Senior Vice President Mark Anthony; Redding I. “Rick” Corbett III, vice president for Chapter Formation; Treasurer Greg Ohanesian; and Bill Allgood, past state president.

The Congress began Saturday, June 26, with a train tour of the Cuyahoga Valley followed by the Host Society Reception at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Sunday had various committee meetings in the morning followed by the National Memorial Service in the afternoon. At this service, the 17 members of the SC Society who had passed away since the 119th Congress were remembered.

The evening concluded with the finals of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

Monday, June 28, began with the presentation of colors by the National Color Guard and the SAR opening ritual. The general officers reported on activities of the year. At lunch, the assembled society recognized many outstanding youths — winners of the various youth contests who presented their winning essays and speeches.

After a second business session and dinner at area restaurants, members gathered to witness the induction of six new Minutemen. Participating in this ceremony was the SC Society’s own Bill Allgood, Minuteman Class of 1995.

After the induction, the various individual and national contest awards were presented.

Individual SCSSAR members who received medals are Victor Brandt (National Meritorious Service Medal); Mark Anthony (Liberty Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster); Redding I. “Rick” Corbett III (Liberty Medal); Edgar Dallery (Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster); Charles Porter (Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster); and John T. Smith (Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster).



CONGRESS ATTENDEES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY — Front row from left: Cindy Anthony, Ted R. Morton Jr. and Donna Allgood. Back row: Mark C. Anthony, Greg Ohanesian, Bill Allgood and Redding I. “Rick” Corbett III. [Photos by Penny Rogo Bailes]

The SC Society also received the following national honors: the CAR Activity Streamer, the Graham T. Smallwood Award for the best state publication (more than 500 members and 10 pages), and the President General’s Award (500-999 members) recognizing the state society with the best administrative program in the nation.

Tuesday’s business session included voting on various constitutional amendments and resolutions and the election and installation of the new National Trustees. Compatriot Greg Ohanesian was present to take the oath as the 2010-2011 National Trustee for South Carolina.

Among the resolutions passed was one offered by the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter.

This resolution codified the SAR’s support for having the Camden Battlefield named a National Park. It was the only resolution passed by a unanimous vote.

Elections for national officers took up the agenda during the afternoon. In the evening, members gathered for a banquet honoring outgoing President General Ed Butler.

Wednesday morning, June 30, saw the final business session of the Congress. Members participated in various tours of Cleveland in the afternoon. One was a tour of the city that included the City Cemetery and the gravesite of President Grover Cleveland. The other tour was of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Wednesday evening was the Installation Banquet, where the 2010-2011 General Officers of the NSSAR

were installed. Compatriot Redding I. “Rick” Corbett III was installed as the new Vice President General of the South Atlantic District.

The 2011 Congress will take place in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, during the second week of July. This will be the closest the National Congress will be to South Carolina until the SC Society hosts the 2014 Congress in Greenville. Compatriots should begin to plan now to attend this Congress to gain valuable experience before 2014.



SOUTH ATLANTIC VICE PRESIDENT — Redding I. “Rick” Corbett III walks toward the head table during the Installation Banquet.

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From the President's Desk

What are our obligations as SAR members?

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations. . ."

Recognize that opening line? Better not say "No," that would mean that your membership in the SAR is not what it should be! That phrase begins the SAR Recessional, which is recited at end of every assembly of the SAR, whether at the National, District, State or Chapter level.

Let's read it in its entirety: "Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men." That not only sums up what our SAR membership entails, but also states clearly what our citizenship in the United States of America involves.

What is an obligation? Webster says it is "the action of obligating oneself to a course of action (as a promise or vow)." Additional definitions define "obligation" as "commitment" or "something one is bound to do." An obligation is duty that one has taken on himself. Obligation is the assumption of responsibility. Note that Webster's first definition says that obligation is an "action" that one takes "obligating oneself to a course of action."

If we accept Webster's definition and apply it as a test of our commitment to the SAR, what grade would we earn? You know the answer to that, I am sure: some would pass with high marks, even flying colors. Others would fail miserably. I'm not going to do a litmus test on anyone as

an individual member, but I do want each of us to consider our most recent performance.

When the Board of Governors met Saturday, July 17, we could not begin transacting business at the 10 a.m. stated hour for the meeting. We had to wait until we were sure we had the quorum our bylaws require.

We made it in due course, but when a final tally was taken, we had barely half of our state officers present (12 of 23 or 52 percent) and chapter representation was only 47 percent (eight of our 17 chapters represented). The quorum for each group is 50 percent of our elected state officers and 25 percent of our chapters.

At our annual state meeting in April, we amended our bylaws, lowering the quorum, and even having done so we were flirting with the only action a board can take when the quorum is not met: entertain a motion to adjourn. Are we remembering our obligations to our society?

Yes, I am aware that circumstances alter cases. We have members who have work or family responsibilities that conflict with schedules set by the SAR, maybe their church or some other group. Even so, when it comes to SAR, if we cannot personally meet our obligation to SAR, we should get another chapter member to stand in for us. Some chapters do this in a fine way, others not at all.

Do you remember the Parable of the Stone Soup? In a time of real social and economic hardship (not unlike the

present day for many) the residents of a small village decided to pool their meager resources and cook a huge pot of vegetable soup on the village square. Each villager was to add whatever ingredient he or she could spare.

The pot was hung on a tripod, water added and the fire built. As the water began to boil, villagers came by and dropped in their offerings. When the cooking time ended, a ladle was dipped in to bring out the first serving of the soup.

What a shock when the ladle hauled up, not soup, but a watery mixture of stones! All the villagers had made the same assumption: "My little contribution will not be missed in the midst of what others are contributing — I'll just drop in some stones."

Compatriots, we are not making soup, but we are working to maintain a healthy organization. As SAR members and as American citizens, we have obligations. We work to remember our Patriot ancestors with commemorations.

We seek to serve youths through our work with Eagle Scouts, ROTC/JROTC, Oration and Essay Contests. We honor our veterans and those currently serving in our Armed Forces — space does not allow me to list all that we have undertaken. I simply remind each of us that our work is important, and "stones" are not acceptable as the personal contribution that each of us is obligated to make. As I recall, 52 and 47 are not passing grades!

What can we do to improve our

grade? I ask you to remember that our joining SAR was a voluntary act.

No one forced us to join. But when we did join, our obligations did not end when we were notified that our application for membership had been approved.

It was just the beginning of what privileged membership involves.

Think about it!

Ted R. Morton Jr.
SCSSAR President



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SCSSAR 2010 Americanism Update

The following reports accumulated points as of June 21.

Chapter	Americanism	PG Streamer	PG Cup	Categories
Daniel Morgan	2,236	1,365	70.61	16
Col. Robert Anderson	1,156	455	42.39	11
Lemuel Benton	830	280	22.20	9
Gen. James Williams	635	240	31.25	8
Col. William Bratton	535	160	40.88	8
Battle of Eutaw Springs	511	1,385	54.17	7
Cambridge	460	930	44.84	7
Gen. Francis Marion	435	85	40.00	5
Major Gen. William Moultrie	415	130	4.91	5
Gov. Paul Hamilton	356	195	12.24	7
Henry Laurens	175	55	12.11	4
Col. Joseph Kershaw	125	140	26.50	5
Godfrey Dreher	110	85	11.47	6
Dr. George Mosse	100	100	6.06	6
Gen. Andrew Pickens	55	110	7.89	5
Col. Thomas Taylor	20	335	4.67	7
Col. Matthew Singleton	0	125	5.00	2
South Carolina Society	8,064	5,080	18.10	

Points must be reported in 15 categories for consideration for the national President General's Cup contest. The final column reports the number of categories in which each chapter has recorded points. Point totals are based on information 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 contact the chairman if you have any questions or need copies of the spreadsheets that are used.

Mark C. Anthony
Chairman, SCSSAR Americanism Committee

The deadline for the Winter Edition of The Palmetto Patriot is Nov. 15.

SAR backs Camden Battlefield resolution

CAMDEN — The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution passed a resolution at its Cleveland convention June 29 supporting nonpartisan efforts to create a National Battlefield consolidating the Battle of Camden site and Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site under the aegis of the National Park Service.

"We had delegates representing 28,000 SAR members from 500 chapters in six countries unanimously supporting the protection of perhaps 800 American patriots, who presently lie in unmarked shallow graves," said William F. Vartorella, president of Camden's Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter.

These "first American veterans," including several African-Americans, remain unheralded and unprotected on the battlefield often called the British highwater mark in the Revolutionary War.

"This battle gave Gen. Charles Cornwallis, whose garrison was centered at what is now Historic Camden, a false sense of security that he would continue to beat American forces and re-secure South Carolina and North Carolina and head to Virginia," Vartorella explained. Cornwallis' defeat at Yorktown was the ultimate result.

The SAR resolution, which took a year in behind-the-scenes preparation, began with a presentation to then President General Ed Butler at an Oct. 10 meeting of the South Carolina Society's Board of Governors in Columbia.

The President General was visiting the state, and Rhett Adams, then chapter president, and Vartorella thought the timing was right to petition the SAR's Board of Trustees for assistance, following Historic Camden's lead in the effort. That, with guidance from now State President Ted Morton and now Vice President Mark Anthony, helped us prepare a more specific resolution draft and got the process in serious motion, Vartorella said.

"Essentially, we are now building on what began as the Hobkirk Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution efforts to protect the site in 1906," said Vartorella.

Other events include Congressional select committee testimony by Joanna Craig, director Historic Cam-

den Revolutionary War Site, and Gen. George Fields representing Palmetto Conservation Foundation, a member of the Battle of Camden advisory council, and the accumulation of 476 acres at the battle site, plus promises by Historic Camden to donate its 107 acres as part of a consolidated National Battlefield.

Vartorella said a history of bipartisan support in Congress for this effort heralds back to the years of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) and now retired Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.). In more recent years, fifth district Rep. John Spratt (D-S.C.) has spearheaded the effort, with Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introducing the issue on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

"Now," said Vartorella, "we're beginning the process of contacting congressional officials in the eight former colonies whose soldiers participated in the Battle of Camden and likely have dead heroes buried at the site."

Another important event on South Carolina's legislative front has afforded a different kind of protection. Thanks to state Rep. Laurie Slade Funderburk, South Carolina now has an antiquities law with teeth that provides serious punishment for those who would desecrate such a site. "It adds to our broader case for support for the National Battlefield protection," Vartorella said.

The core battlefield now has interpretive signage and a podcast may be downloaded, thanks to an SC Humanities grant. Plus, a heritage tourism aspect translates into cash and jobs.

"A consolidated National Battlefield of even this modest size should generate from \$1 to \$2 million annually for Kershaw County in sales of food, gasoline, lodging and trinkets," Vartorella explained. Historic Camden reports tourists from nearly all 50 states and 25 to 30 foreign countries.

Vartorella is optimistic that the National Battlefield will eventually become a reality. "A coalition of more than 20 Federal, State and local officials and nonprofits supports this effort," he said. "Once the veterans organizations get involved, as they should, we'll achieve a critical mass. Those 800 first veterans buried on the battlefield deserve our support."

We think it is incumbent upon this people to humble themselves before God on account of their sins, for He hath been pleased in His righteous judgment to suffer a great calamity to befall us, as the present controversy between Great Britain and the Colonies. [And] also let us implore the Divine Blessing upon us, that by the assistance of His grace, we may be enabled to reform whatever is amiss among us, that so God may be pleased to continue to us the blessings we enjoy, and remove the tokens of His displeasure, by causing harmony and union to be restored.

John Hancock, president of the Provincial Congress in Massachusetts Oct. 22, 1774

Resolution passed by NSSAR

NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Concerning the Battle of Camden site in South Carolina where one of the largest field battles of the American Revolution was fought in August, 1780

WHEREAS, at the Battle of Camden site, nine miles north of Camden, South Carolina, British Redcoats and Continental Army forces clashed August 16, 1780 in one of the largest field battles of the Revolution, and

WHEREAS, though a defeat for the Americans, it proved a watershed battle in the Southern Campaign and high water mark of British power in America, as Lord Cornwallis was forced to re-think his "Southern Strategy," which contributed to his surrender 14 months later at Yorktown, and

WHEREAS, this sacred ground where perhaps as many as 800 American forces from eight of the original thirteen colonies died and are buried in unmarked graves remains the only major Revolutionary War Battlefield without protection by U.S. Government, and

WHEREAS, a National Park Service (NPS) report emphasizes the significance and eligibility of both the battle site and Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site (an NPS Affiliate that includes reconstructions of British Headquarters and Field Fortifications), the inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and designation as a National Historic Landmark, the NPS National Historic Landmark report to Congress placed this Landmark on the "watch list" and later recommended as "endangered" because of rapidly changing land use in the area around the site, and the 2007 Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States listed the Camden Battlefield under the Priority I Principal Sites (the most historically significant and most endangered) and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Camden is increasingly featured in documentaries, such as the BBC's "Rebels and Redcoats," for its crucial impact on British rule in the colonies, the death there of General Baron de Kalb — one of George Washington's most revered and trusted generals — and Camden, as the main inland British Supply Post and Field Headquarters of Lord Cornwallis and "Bloody Ban" Tarleton, and

WHEREAS, a nonpartisan coalition of 25 federal, state and private agencies have recommended the creation and then implementation of a strategic plan for a Battle of Camden National Battlefield to include the British Garrison at Camden, where patriot Joseph Kershaw's home Lord Cornwallis commandeered as headquarters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution urges the designation of the Battle of Camden site and Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site as part of the National Park System.

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Board of Governors Chapter Officer Training

The South Carolina Society Board of Governors will conduct its next meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine St., Columbia.

Chapter officer training sessions will once again be conducted. These sessions are open to all members who are currently officers or who might be interested in becoming officers. This is an excellent opportunity for members to learn just what the SAR does.

Agenda

10 – 11 a.m. Board of Governors Meeting

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Training Session I

12:15 – 1 p.m. Catered Lunch (\$5 per person)

1 – 2 p.m. Training Session II

All members of the South Carolina Society are invited to attend this and every Board of Governors meeting.

Progenealogists.com lists top 50 genealogy sites

By Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA

These rankings were determined in the first quarter of 2010. They are based on the popularity of websites as measured by four major ranking companies, and are explained in an article published in the July-August 2008 issue of the *Digital Genealogist*, edited by Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens. The 2009 and 2008 rankings are given, in that order, in parentheses after the website description. Sites new to the list for 2010 are so identified. Those with \$ are pay sites. The others are free.

1. Ancestry.com \$ — Ancestry.com is the leading genealogical data site, with some articles, instruction and reference help.

2. FamilyLink.com — One of the most popular Facebook applications helps people identify and network with their family.

3. MyHeritage.com — Focuses on genealogy community building and networking.

4. FamilySearch.org — This major data website sponsored by the LDS Church includes the IGI, census records, the library's catalog and more, with instruction and reference help.

5. Genealogy.com \$ — This is major data site, with instruction and reference help.

6. RootsWeb.com — Rootsweb is a major data site, with free instruction and reference help.

7. FindAGrave.com — A database of more than 45 million cemetery inscriptions and photos.

8. USGWAarchives.net — A large collection of free data, arranged by state and searchable across the entire collection.

9. OneGreatFamily.com \$ — Primarily a family trees sharing and collaboration website.

10. GenealogyToday.com — Includes instruction, reference articles and some unique data collections.

11. AncestorHunt.com — A site consisting of collected genealogy links.

12. SearchForAncestors.com — Interactive directory of free genealogy websites and data.

13. AccessGenealogy.com — Includes references to helpful articles, especially for Native American information, and some data.

14. CyndisList.com — A huge subject catalog of genealogy webpage links.

15. EllisIsland.org — Database of 24 million New York passenger arrivals that is free to search. Actual passenger list images can be printed or purchased.

16. Interment.net — Transcribed and indexed cemetery inscriptions.

17. WorldVitalRecords.com \$ — The data collection provided by Family Link, with more than a billion records, as well as instruction and reference help.

18. USGennet.org — Historical and genealogical web hosting service.

19. GenealogyBank.com \$ — Database with index and images of newspapers and early books.

20. FamilyTreeDNA.com — DNA testing service focused on family history test types.

21. GeneBase.com — A DNA ancestry cataloguing project

22. CensusFinder.com — Links to free census records.

23. DeathIndexes.com — Lists of links to United States death records, by state.

24. Linkpendium.com — Nine million genealogy links organized by state, county and surname.

25. Genealogytrails.com — Four year old site with free data contributed by volunteers

26. JewishGen.org — Jewish, reference, instruction, coordination and databases.

27. GenealogyBuff.com — A free genealogy search site with hundreds of data sources.

28. FamilyTreeMaker.com — Home page for Ancestry.com's genealogical software.

29. KindredKonnections.com \$ — Grassroots created data site with compiled family trees and some extracted records.

30. FamilyTiez.com — A site where families can establish their own pages to share news, photos, events and genealogy with each other.

31. Geni.com — Web 2.0 and focuses on genealogy community building and networking.

32. HeritageQuestOnline.com \$ — Census, PERSI (the periodical index), books.

33. MyFamily.com — Hosts family websites for sharing photos, genealogy and more.

34. DistantCousin.com — An online archive of genealogy records and images of historical documents.

35. TribalPages.com — Family trees hosting and charting program.

36. PoliticalGraveyard.com — Comprehensive source of U.S. political biography that tells where many dead politicians are buried.

37. Footnote.com \$ — In conjunction with the U.S. National Archives, Footnote offers data, original records images and more.

38. FamilyHistory101.com — Less than three years old and full of instruction and guidance for genealogists

39. CousinConnect.com — A large free queries website.

40. GenoPro.com — Genealogy software that produces genograms

41. Archives.com \$ — A major new subscription data site, launched in July 2009 and already with more than a billion names.

42. GenWed.com — Online marriage records, where to order, some indexes and more.

43. Dar.org — Site of the largest lineage society, includes their library catalog and 32 million name index.

44. ThePeerage.com — A genealogical survey of the peerage of Britain as well as the royal families of Europe.

45. Genealogy.org — A listing of 400+ registered websites, ranked weekly by hits.

46. AncientFaces.com — Share genealogy research, community pages, family photos and records more for free.

47. ObitLinksPage.com — State-by-state directory of obituaries and obituary resources.

48. SurnameWeb.org — A collection of surname website links, online since 1996.

49. US-Census.org — Census abstracts (U.S. GenWeb Census Project).

50. Genuki.org.uk — Large collection of genealogical information pages for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

SC Society salutes longtime members

By Mark Anthony

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

55 years

Francis D. Rogers

50 years

Lynwood D. Jordan, Charles E. Montgomery, George S. Orton

45 years

Richard A. Deahl

35 years

Jay D. Bilyeu, John D. Hopkins, Michael S. Lupfer, Craig H. Metz, Ar-

thur C. Moss Jr., Charles G. Richman

25 years

Jasper K. Smith, Raymond F. Willeford Jr., Edward L. Young

20 years

Jackson L. Cobb, Leland W. Cross, John B. Heaton, Ernest B. Rogers, John T. Sifly, Jack J. Watts II, Tom Weidner, James S. Welch

15 years

Charles S. Aimar, Gary P. Beck, R. Kent Bedenbaugh, Thomas W. Broadway, Carroll P. Coxe, D. Eugene Fletcher Jr., Benjamin F. Johnson Jr., Douglas V. Jones, Maxwell R. Mowry

10 years

Eldon D. Bullington, John M. Carroll, Paul L. Grier, Warren N. Little,

Lawrence A. Vaughn, Ian S. Walker, Croskeys R. Welch Jr.

Five years

Charles A. Augur, Gary A. Benda Jr., Scott E. Buchanan, Victor L. Compton, Sanford C. Graves, Gary W. Griffith, Charles G. Hofstra, Everette D. Huffman, Rickey L. Huffman, Clisby H. Krell Jr., John Marker, David C. Marshall, Stephen A. Quarterman, William W. Rainey Jr., James Y. Robinson Jr.

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

Roll Call of the Departed

David Michael Kelly of the Daniel Morgan Chapter died March 11.

James Duren Trout of the Daniel Morgan Chapter died April 10.

Irving Harold Krakehl of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter died May 31.

Joseph Smith O'Neil, past president of the Daniel Morgan Chapter, died July 3.

Still Looking for Patriot Graves

The Graves and Historic Sites committee is still looking for photos and locations of Patriot Graves in South Carolina. Please send any such information to Carroll Crowther at ccrowther@islc.net

Faith of Our Fathers: Charles Cotesworth Pinckney

By Vic Brandt
Past President SCSSAR
Churchyard Committee Chairman

The formal rededication of the grave of Gen. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, one of the founders of the Republic, took place on Carolina Day, June 28.

The Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter played a major role. It financed and helped rededicate a new gravestone for Pinckney, hosted a reception with the DAR, marched in the parade of patriot organizations, fired cannons and laid wreaths.



CHARLES COTESWORTH PINCKNEY

(Compatriot Vic Brandt of the Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter and St. Michaels Church, coordinated the gravestone rededication.)

Memorial service

Bishop FitzSimons Allison, XII Episcopal Bishop of South Carolina, led the service and dedication.

The Order of Morning Prayer according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer took place at St. Michael's Church at 1 p.m., followed by the Charles Cotesworth Pinckney memorial dedication.

After the dedication, a reception took place in the Parish Hall before the parade line-up in Washington Park at 3 p.m.

Bishop Allison was also the fea-

tured speaker at the Carolina Day ceremony in White Point Garden. A reception after the celebrations reconvened at the Parish Hall.

Grave restoration

A few years ago at St. Michael's Church it was determined that the tombstones in the Pinckney-Rutledge plot were in disarray, and the grave of Gen. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney needed restoration.

Our consultant, Dr. Robert Russell of the College of Charleston's Preservation Program, recommended that we reposition several stones that had been haphazardly attached to the wall when the sacristy was added.

Charles Cotesworth Pinckney's grave is a frequent stop for visitors and tour guides to the churchyard because of his prominence as a founding father. His memorial inside the church on the south isle is a testimony to his patriotic and civic leadership.

The committee decided to place the same memorial at his grave site on a new stone, matching those of his relations. In addition, a new sign citing his accomplishments was placed above on the panel box. The cost was underwritten by many of the patriotic societies and his descendants. The Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter made a significant contribution to this effort.

Pinckney's descendants are numerous and actively serve God and his church at St. Michaels in a variety of lay ministries, foreign missions and leadership positions. But how is Charles Cotesworth Pinckney relevant today as a Christian role model from those centuries ago?

Christian piety

Pinckney's 1825 memorial says, "He combined the virtues of the patriot and the piety of the Christian." On closer investigation we find that Pinckney believed in tolerance of all Christian faiths and actively cam-

aigned to outlaw dueling.

He was the first president of the Charleston Bible Society founded in 1810. Modeled on the British and Foreign Bible Society, the organizing goal of the society was and is today to have a wide distribution, circulation and study of Holy Scripture.

The founding clergy represented perhaps the first major ecumenical effort in Charleston.

They included the Revs. Isaac S. Keith, pastor of the Circular Congregational Church, William Percy, who established St. Paul's, the third Episcopal church in Charleston, Richard Furman, the fiery Baptist minister who later founded Furman University, and Simon Felix Gallagher, longtime pastor of St. Mary's Church.

(Gallagher was considered a bril-



CHAPTER BANNER — Compatriots Ken Stock (left) and Monte McQuillan (right) march with chapter banner down Meeting Street June 28 in the annual Carolina Day observance. Also seen (second row from left) are compatriots T.O. Sanders, Frank Shorter and Douglas Doster representing the SCSSAR. [Photos by John and Johanne Ramsey]

liant wit and a friendly drinking companion whose actions helped cause a schism in the local Catholic Church that existed until the arrival of John England, who became the first Catholic bishop of Charleston.)

Society history

Over the past 200 years, the society has had a fascinating history, including massive distribution of Bibles to soldiers of the Confederate Army, the Spanish American War, merchant seamen, orphanages, churches, jails, immigrants, homeless shelters, foreign mission teams, the blind and military personnel.

As the society celebrates its 200th anniversary this year, Pinckney's Christian legacy lives on, making a difference in the lives of many. Still collecting and distributing Bibles, the society's watch words are, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). For more information, please visit www.charlestonbiblesociety.org.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



PRESENTATION OF WREATH — John Ramsey, president of Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter, lays a wreath at the rededicated and renewed gravestone of Patriot Charles Cotesworth Pinckney.

Brig. Gen. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney

One of the Founders of the American Republic
Born Feb. 25, 1740 in Charleston
Member of the Colonial Legislature 1769
District Attorney General for South Carolina 1773
Member of the provincial Congress 1775
Officer of the Continental Army 1775
Prisoner of War 1780-82
Delegate to the Constitutional Convention 1787
Signatory to the United States Constitution
Minister to France during the XYZ Affair 1796
"Millions for defense not a cent for tribute"
A Founder of South Carolina College Columbia 1801
Federalist Candidate for U.S. Vice President 1800
Federalist Candidate for U.S. President 1804 and 1808
First President of the Charleston Bible Society 1810
President of South Carolina Jockey Club
President of Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans
President of Charleston Library Society
President of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina
President General of the Society of the Cincinnati
Actively campaigned against dueling in South Carolina
Died Aug. 16, 1825 in Charleston

Hercules of the Revolution

By Travis Bowman
and James Warder

A book review by Compatriot Jim Livingston.

Giving credence to the cliché "timing is everything," I came upon an easy reading delight *Hercules of the Revolution* after I took a 12 hour course *The American Revolution* (The Teaching Company DVD, Professor Allen Guelzo, Gettysburg College).

Hercules of the Revolution is a novel based on an American Revolution hero Peter Francisco, written by his sixth generation descendant, actor Travis Bowman.

Francisco, of Portuguese nobility, was kidnapped when he was 5 years old, then abandoned at a foreign loading dock (United States). He was extraordinarily large, and black, taken

as an African slave. He was adopted, then sold into slavery, and after hearing the powerful Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death speech of Patrick Henry, he joined the Colonial army.

Francisco excelled in military service alongside Gen. Lafayette and others, gaining the deserved recognition of Gen. George Washington.

Hercules of the Revolution is of enormous value to anyone with even a vague desire to learn of our nation's founding. While Peter Francisco is a fictional character, much of the Revolutionary War is told in an easy to read, enjoyable way, keeping close to the established historic truth.

I cannot praise this book enough for joyfully and successfully introducing young students to the American Revolution. (© 2009 Travis S. Bowman, Bequest Publishing.)

Parker's Guide details Revolution in South Carolina

PATRICK — While living in Eutawville, South Carolina, Jack Parker became interested in visiting some of the Revolutionary War sites in the area.

He soon discovered that directions to the sites were poor or non-existent. Because of this, the idea for *Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina* was born.

The self-published book came off the press in January. It has 415 detailed pages, including 610 maps, photos and drawings, along with GPS locations for more than 400 sites. This guide carries its readers to

the places where these historic events unfolded and gives an account of the action at each location.

Parker did the boots-on-the-ground research he found necessary, which in turn took him down a five-year-long journey gathering the information he needed to bring this book to life.

Parker said: "It was a challenge, but I loved exploring all the areas of the state that I've visited over the years. Looking at the vast swamps and rivers that these men crossed in summer and winter made me realize the hardships that the men of the Revolution

faced to fight for our freedom."

Richard M. Huckleby, editor of *American Revolution* magazine, wrote: "Jack Parker has related many of the relatively unknown incidents of treachery, ambush and murder, as well as the major confrontations and battles. Given the book's scope, it is obvious that this work will be useful not only to the tourist or curiosity seeker, but as a reference work for students, libraries and museums, and as a source for other researchers of Revolutionary War history."

Parker's Guide may be ordered

from Parker's Guide, P.O. Box 357, Patrick, South Carolina 29584 or from the web site at screwarguide.com. The cost is \$43.75, which includes sales tax and shipping. If your bookstore does not carry Parker's Guide, ask the owner to contact Parker at parkersguide@shhc.net for details on how to stock this book.

SC Society answers call to duty at Musgrove Mill

By Mark C. Anthony
Senior Vice President

CLINTON — In June, Musgrove Mill State Park, site of an important Patriot victory in 1780, contacted

heritage organizations with a request for help. Because of state budget cuts, the park was not going to be able to staff the headquarters building on weekends in July and August unless volunteers stepped up.

Fourteen dates were available for volunteers (the weekend of the anniversary was funded by the state).

Answering this call were members of the Cambridge, Daniel Morgan and Gen. James Williams chapters. Compatriots Eric Williams, with his wife Jan, Mark Anthony and Phillip Adair, with his wife Sue (two dates) covered five dates (35.7 percent).

These volunteers manned the desk in the Visitors Center, answering the phone, selling merchandise and answering visitors' questions.

Given the current economic climate, it is expected that this situation might recur at this and other state parks. Members of the SC Society are encouraged to contact state parks in their area to see if there are volunteer opportunities, especially if the park has a tie to the American Revolution.

In this way, the SAR can continue to promote the historical, educational and patriotic aims or the organization.

Palmetto Patriot available by e-mail

SCSSAR members who wish to receive the Patriot by e-mail instead of the print edition, please e-mail Vice President Mark Anthony at mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com and say that you would like to receive the newspaper by e-mail.

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

Past issues of *The Palmetto Patriot* are available on the SC Society website www.scssar.org.

SAR Applications

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

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

Gen. Andrew Pickens Birthday Celebration

The Gen. Andrew Pickens birthday celebration will take place in Clemson at Old Stone Church and cemetery, Sunday, Sept. 19, at 2:30 p.m. Registration will start at 2 p.m.
Ralph E. Welton Jr., Ph.D.

2010-2011 Meetings

The schedule for the South Carolina Society Board of Governors Meetings has been set through the end of 2011. The schedule below also includes National Society meetings and South Atlantic District meetings.

The location and time of each meeting will be announced closer to the date and communicated through chapter officers and the state web site (www.scssar.org) if it is not listed next to the meeting date. All SCSSAR members are invited to attend these meetings.

Sept. 23-25: NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky.

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

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

2011 Meetings

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

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

Feb. 4-5: Georgia Society Annual State Meeting.

March 10-11: NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

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

April 8: South Atlantic District Annual Meeting, Columbia.

April 9: SC Society Annual State Meeting, Columbia — 8:30 a.m.

April 15-16: North Carolina Annual State Meeting.

May 13-14: Florida Society Annual State Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PIONEER DAY GRAY COURT OWINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY — The Gray Court Owings Historical Society presents its eighth annual Pioneer Day Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Culbertson Backcountry Settlement in Gray Court. The Living History Parade begins at 10 a.m. [From Sarah Jane Armstrong, vice president, Gray Court Owings Historical Society]

2011 SCSSAR scholarship rules

By Redding I. 'Rick' Corbett III

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Society SAR Scholarship is awarded annually to a high school senior at the society's state convention.

The scholarship is not awarded solely on academic achievement, but also on demonstration of those characteristics that best reflect the principles and beliefs of the SAR, such as character, good citizenship, patriotism, both school- and non-school-related extracurricular activities, and well articulated, achievable goals.

Qualifications

- The applicant must be a high school senior in an accredited public or private school or home school program.

- Applicants do not have to be related to members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Application rules and requirements:

1. Application Package: A completed application package will consist of the following items described below:

- Completed application form (available on the SCSSAR website)
- Recent picture of the applicant
- Official transcript — must have SAT or ACT scores
- Two recommendations (forms available on the SCSSAR website)
- Written personal statement of the applicant

2. Application form — available at the South Carolina Society website under youth programs.

- Download the application template and fill it in. Save the application under the applicant's last name. Print out the application and sign. (Typewritten or handwritten applications are not acceptable.)

- The application must be signed by the applicant.

- The application must be signed by two sponsors who are members of the Sons of the American Revolution in good standing. They should know and recommend the applicant, but must not be relatives of the applicant, nor can they be members of the Scholarship Committee.

Signatures must be legible, and state and national numbers must be included. Status of recommending members will be checked with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

- The application should be submitted by mail by the applicant only. Third parties may not submit applications.

3. Recent picture of the applicant

- A recent picture must accompany the application form when mailed.

4. Official transcript

- A transcript covering all high school work through the first session of the senior year is required. SAT or ACT scores must appear on

the transcript or must be submitted separately.

- If school regulations require, transcripts may be mailed directly by the school to the Scholarship Committee chairman or emailed to SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net

- If submitted by the applicant with the application form, these transcripts must be in a sealed envelope.

5. Two recommendations

- Printed recommendation forms available on the SCSSAR website must be used. Letters will not be accepted.

- These recommendations must be from persons other than relatives or SAR members signing the application.

- They should be knowledgeable as to the applicant's academic record, patriotism, community service and character.

- One recommendation must be from a high school teacher and one from someone not associated with the high school or any other school the applicant has attended.

- Additional recommendations should NOT be submitted.

- The recommendation forms should be e-mailed by the person completing the recommendation to SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net

- Recommendations submitted by mail or by a third person will NOT be accepted.

- **Note:** Recommendations must be realistic and believable. Recommendations that rate the applicant as perfect will be rejected since perfection is not realistic. Ratings of perfect on any category must be validated by documented evidence. This is required because of the many unrealistic recommendations that we have received in the past few years. Recommendation inflation gives us no usable information.

- Rejected recommendations may be replaced one time, but must be submitted by a different person.

6. Personal statement

- The personal statement must address each of the following:

Applicant's achievements — (Exclude your academic record. Include achievements not evidenced elsewhere.)

Applicant's aspirations — (What do you want to accomplish in life — professionally, personally, etc.? Your goals should be achievable and reasonable.)

Applicant's principles and beliefs — (What do you believe in and how do you try to live that out?)

Applicant's patriotism — (What is patriotism to you and how do you observe it in your life?)

Advice: Tell us what you would like us to know about you. Be honest. Avoid the appearance of conceit and grand standing. Above all be real.

- This statement is very important.

- Please include whatever you

would like to tell us about yourself.

- This statement must contain the applicant's name.

- The personal statement is to be submitted in Microsoft Word format by e-mail to SCSSAR_Scholarship@BellSouth.net

- Personal statements submitted by mail or by third party will NOT be accepted.

7. Deadline

- All material must be received by the Scholarship Committee chairman on or before Feb. 28, 2011.

8. Confirmation of received material:

- All material submitted by e-mail will be confirmed upon reception.

- Reception of mailed material may be by e-mail upon request.

- No confirmation will be made by mail or phone.

- Confirmation will only be made to a valid e-mail address submitted with the application material.

- No confirmation may be made to third parties.

9. Questions or information:

Applicants, but not parents, may contact the chairman of the committee, but may not contact any other member of the selection committee, nor should anyone else contact any

member of the selection committee on behalf of the applicant.

10. Selection

- Selection is based on a point system with weighted points for each category of criteria.

- The chairman may conduct phone interviews on behalf of the committee with applicants as deemed necessary by the committee.

- All members of the selection committee have equal votes.

- The chairman has the sole authority to break any tie.

11. Disqualification: The chairman has the sole authority to rule on disqualification of a candidate.

12. Presentation: The scholarship will be presented at the SCSSAR State Convention awards luncheon April 9, 2011. The recipient will be expected to attend the presentation event. Information on attendance will be provided before the State Convention.

Mailing Address: Redding I. Corbett, III, Ph.D., Chairman, SCSSAR Scholarship Committee, 2233 Marion St., Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Phone Contact: 803-779-3921. E-mail: SCSSAR_Scholarship@bellsouth.net.

The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

Patrick Henry, March 23, 1775

Welcome New Members

Godfrey Dreher Chapter: Eli Christopher Bowers, Patriot ancestor Barbara Osiander Epting.

Joshua Lee Clayborn, Patriot ancestor Barbara Osiander Epting.

Jacob Baron Gilliam, Patriot ancestor Barbara Osiander Epting.

Horace Elmer Harmon, Patriot ancestor Henry Amick.

Matthew Thomas Schultz, Patriot ancestor Barbara Osiander Epting.

Christopher Wayne Bowers, Patriot ancestor Philip Gruber.

Farroll Elbert Gunter, Patriot ancestor Casper Montz.

Charles Maffett Nichols, Patriot ancestor Christina Barbara Osiander Epting.

Henry Laurens Chapter: Bruce Wayne Brown, Patriot ancestor James McDade.

Wayland Wright Lamar, Patriot ancestor James Black.

Col. William Bratton Chapter:

Timothy Lawrence Puckett, Patriot ancestor James Puckett.

Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter: Robert Bethea Scarborough III, Patriot ancestor John China.

Clayton Mansfield Bull, Patriot ancestor Joel Crawford Sr.

Thomas Savage Heyward IV, Patriot ancestor Thomas Heyward.

Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter: William Allister Suggs, Patriot ancestor Elijah Ivey.

At Large: Brett Truluck Cusaac, Patriot ancestor Adam Cusack.

Carl Wilson Cusaac, Patriot ancestor Adam Cusack.

William Alexander Montgomery II, Patriot ancestor Henry Burnley.

Felix Bowden Montgomery Jr., Patriot ancestor Henry Burnley.

Charles David Suggs Jr., Patriot ancestor Elijah Ivey.

From Daniel K. "Dan" Woodruff, secretary, SC Society SAR.

Chapter Capsules

News items from SCSSAR chapters

George Mosse Chapter hosts pilgrimage to Heyward grave

James Y. Robinson Jr.
Secretary, Dr. George Mosse Chapter

RIDGELAND — On July 3 the Dr. George Mosse Chapter hosted the 24th annual pilgrimage to the tomb of Thomas Heyward Jr., one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Heyward's grave is near Cooler's Corner in Ridgeland. The family cemetery is adjacent to the Heyward home site. The home was burned to the ground by a detachment of British soldiers from Savannah in 1779. Thomas Heyward and his family escaped capture but were forced to live for the duration of the conflict in an outbuilding that the British failed to destroy.

Wreaths were laid at the graves by Shelley Block, vice regent of the Emily Geiger DAR Chapter, and Hannah Schmucker, who lives on Hilton Head, and is a CAR member.



Terry and Shelley Block at Heyward grave

About 30 SAR and DAR members from across Beaufort and Jasper counties as well as guests attended the pilgrimage.



From left: Hannah Schmucker, CAR; her mother Kim Schmucker; Mary Ann Compher, regent; Dori Dixon, past regent; and Jean Ruffin, secretary, members of the Captain William Hilton Chapter, NSDAR, co-sponsors of the event. [Photo by Atlee C. Compher]



GIFT TO LIBRARY — Sam Ziady (right), Newberry County Library director, acknowledges the lectern gift presented jointly by area DAR and SAR chapters. At left is Jim Livingston, secretary of the Gen. James Williams Chapter, standing in for President Norman Pigeon, and center is Elizabeth Rasor, regent of the Jasper DAR Chapter. [Photo by Linda Herndon]

A nation under a well regulated government, should permit none to remain uninstructed. It is monarchical and aristocratical government only that requires ignorance for its support.

Thomas Paine, Rights of Man, 1792



Citadel Cadets Honored

Each year, the outstanding graduating cadet in each of the four branches of service at The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina, are presented Silver Medals and Certificates by the Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter. Shown above, at the 2010 awards ceremony May 8 are (from left): Lt. Col. Harvey Dick (Ret.), ROTC awards coordinator for the Moultrie Chapter; Midshipman Zachary Holiday (Navy); Midshipman Mallory Colegrove (USMC); Cadet Djordan L. Porter (Air Force); Cadet Coty Trivellin (Army); and John Ramsey, president of the Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter. Inset: Officer's Sword of the Moultrie Chapter presented May 4 by Lt. Col. (Ret.) Dick to Cadet Captain Robert Heos, who commanded the Citadel Corps of Cadets in his senior year.



MUSGROVE MILL — From left SCSSAR President Ted Morton Jr., DAR State Regent Marilyn Altman, Vice President General Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III, SCCAR President Jack Hubbs, Chapter President Norm Pigeon, Rev. Lawrence Peebles, and SCSSAR Past President Doug Doster. [Photo by Jim Livingston]

230th anniversary of victory at Musgrove Mill

CLINTON — The 230 anniversary of the Patriot Victory at Musgrove Mill was celebrated Aug. 14 beneath the large old trees in front of where the Musgrove Plantation House once stood.

The SAR event was hosted by the Musgrove Mill State Historic Site with Norman Pigeon, president of the Gen. James Williams Chapter, as master of ceremonies.

This event, which has become a tradition, opens the day of park displays, demonstrations, period dress and activity centered on the Revolutionary War period. *Jim Livingston.*



Jim Livingston lays wreath. [Photo by Chris Prince]

Paul Hamilton Chapter takes Santee bus trip

By Jody Henson
Vice President
Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter

BEAUFORT — The Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter sponsored a bus trip April 20 to the High Hills of the Santee.

President Wayne Cousar and Nancy Crowther, regent of Beaufort's Thomas Heyward Jr. DAR chapter, rallied members and friends to travel along the old Santee River Road.

The road, an Indian trail long before Europeans arrived, ran from what is now Charlotte, North Carolina, to Georgetown, South Carolina, with several ferry locations to cross the Santee River to get to Charleston. Horses and wagons carried commercial traffic over this road, and it was the scene of fighting during the Revolutionary War by Gens. Francis Marion and Thomas Sumter.

Ninety years later the importance of this route was again contested during the War for Southern Independence.

The tour started at Fort Watson just off I-95 near Summerton. In April 1871 Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox, and Light Horse Harry Lee laid siege to the British fort, which had taken months to build on top of a 3,000-year-old Indian burial mound.

Major Hezekiah Maham of South Carolina erected a tower under the cover of darkness from felled pine tree logs and from which Marion's riflemen could shoot down upon the fort forcing the British to surrender almost immediately. This victory

and capture of important materials provided Marion with much needed muskets, powder and cannons.

Upon arrival at the fort, the group was met by "The Ghost of Fort Watson," Dick Felder of Summerton, who was dressed in period attire and fired his musket as he presented a history of the fort to the group.

Afterward the group proceeded to historic Richardson and Clarendon County cemeteries, where seven South Carolina governors and the founder of the Citadel are buried. From there, they went to Halfway Swamp, where Gen. Marion had an encounter with the British, and later to St. Marks Church, the Church of the Holy Cross and the tomb of Gen. Thomas Sumter, the last surviving general of the American Revolution, nicknamed "the Gamecock" by British Gen. Charles Cornwallis.

Lunch was enjoyed at Poinsette State Park, and afterward the group proceeded to Millford Plantation (circa 1839), and a tour of the big house, described as the finest residential Greek revival home in the United States.



Wayne Cousar, president of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Chapter, shows guests Joe Harden and Anita Henson map of the Santee area. [Photo by Jody Henson]



Members of Beaufort's SAR and DAR at Millford Plantation

Good Citizenship Award to Dr. James Boehner

AIKEN — Dr. James F. Boehner, M.D. was presented a Silver Good Citizenship Medal, May 5, by the Henry Laurens Chapter. The presentation was made at Newberry Hall in Aiken during the Henry Laurens Chapter's spring social gathering.

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal, authorized by the SAR in 1939, recognizes outstanding patriotic achievement and public service at a statewide level, and is presented to persons of prominence in the areas of government, military, education, religion, medical, business and other appropriate professions.

Dr. Boehner was nominated by the chapter in recognition of his extensive history of promoting the health and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina. Dr. Boehner is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (FACOG) and is certified by the Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



Past Chapter President Robert R. Johnson (left) presents award to Dr. James Boehner [Photo by J.D. Magruder]

Dr. Boehner founded the Department of Prenatal Medicine at the Aiken Regional Medical Center (ARMC) and served as chairman of that department from 1991 to 1997. Additionally, he has served on many committees at the ARMC, and currently serves as chairman of the ARMC Board of Governors. *J.D. Magruder and Robert R. Johnson.*

George Mosse Chapter honors area compatriots

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — A June 24 luncheon at Tide Point on Hilton Head Island honored Sunni Winkler and her late husband, Thomas Bond Jr.

Thomas Bond Jr. served as the registrar general of the NSSAR from 1994 to 1996, and was a candidate for secretary general when he died unexpectedly May 29, 1997.

Mrs. Winkler donated money to place the SAR logo on the Rotary signboard at the welcome area to Hilton Head in his memory.

During the 107th National SAR Congress, Mrs. Winkler announced the establishment of the Thomas Jefferson Bond Jr. Memorial Photographic Award.

After the luncheon, Doug Doster, past president of the SCSSAR, and Terry J. Block, president of the Dr. George Mosse chapter, presented Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peebles with the Distinguished Service Award at his retirement community in Indigo Pines.

Dr. Peebles helped organize the Dr. George Mosse Chapter, and served as president, chaplain and



HONORED GUEST — Terry J. Block, president of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter, and guest of honor Sunni Winkler.

many other offices. He participated in the annual pilgrimage to the Thomas Heyward grave, and the restoration and marking of patriot graves at the 200 year old Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery on Hilton Head Island.

Dr. Peebles was state SAR chaplain for 11 years and organized the annual SAR patriotic pilgrimage to the tomb of Thomas Heyward Jr., signer of Declaration of Independence. He was chaplain of DAR's annual Constitution birthday celebration at Hilton Head Island Town Hall for 15 years.



COMPATRIOT HONORED — From left: Terry J. Block, president of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter, Rev. Robert E.H. Peebles (receiving award) and Doug Doster, past president SCSSAR. [Photos by Atlee C.V. Compher II and Terry J. Block]



LUNCHEON — Members of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter and others honor Sunni (Bond) Winkler at a luncheon on Hilton Head Island June 24.

Gen. James Williams Chapter to dedicate historic marker

The Gen. James Williams Chapter will present a dedication ceremony for a roadside history marker Nov. 6.

The marker will be placed at Old Charleston Road and SC 121 to commemorate the Mine Creek Ambush that took place nearby in 1775. The dedication ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Saluda Theater, next to the County Court House on Cotter's Wagon Load. A mini-documentary, will be presented by the Saluda Players. This drama uses the words of the wagon driver who was compelled to give a deposition under oath Nov. 3, 1775.

After the dedication, a reception will be hosted by the Saluda County Historical Society at the museum next to the theater. Jim Livingston will sign copies of his new book *Mine Creek Ambush*. The cost of the book is \$14.95 with royalties from sales at the museum going to the Saluda County Historical Society Marsh-Johnson house repair fund.

Montague grave site fenced: first step in reclamation work

By Ted R. Morton Jr.
SCSSAR President

GREENWOOD — When Captain John Montague, Continental Line (Retired), died in 1831, his family did what most families of that day did: laid him to rest in the family cemetery.

In Captain Montague's case, it was the family cemetery on Plain Dealing Plantation, owned and operated by his son-in-law, Carr McGhee. The plantation is long gone, overlaid by subdivisions, houses and streets in the city of Greenwood, but the cemetery remains, and it has a fascinating, little-known history.

Captain Montague was a Virginian, and at one time during his Revolutionary War service was Captain of the Bodyguard for Gen. George Washington. A battle wound Montague received was inflicted by a British officer's saber whose target was Gen. Washington himself.

John Montague married Rebecca Brown, another Virginian, in 1774. In the course of their married life, John and Rebecca had 11 children, eight of whom married and raised families of their own in Virginia and South Carolina.

John and Rebecca moved to South Carolina in 1808 and acquired property in Abbeville District. Present day Greenwood County was created from portions of the Abbeville and Edgefield districts.

John and Rebecca's daughter Charlotte, born in 1783, was married around 1800 to Charles Moseley, another Virginian. Moseley had purchased land in the Abbeville District in 1800 but returned to Virginia to marry Charlotte.

Virginia remained in their home until after the birth of their first child, a daughter, in 1805. Sometime afterward, they moved to Abbeville District. In November 1809 Charles Moseley died, and just a few months later Charlotte gave birth to their son, Charles Richard Moseley.

One can hardly imagine the challenges that faced this young widow with two young children living in the outback of South Carolina. Nevertheless, after Charles' death, she continued to live in Abbeville District at her home near present-day Calhoun Falls.

In 1816 Carr McGhee, also originally from Virginia, married Charlotte Montague Moseley. McGhee was a widower. His first wife, Dorothy Waller, had died. At this juncture Charlotte moved to her new husband's Plain Dealing Plantation. Plain Dealing was their home until his death in 1829 and hers in 1848. They had no children.

As the years advanced for John and Rebecca Montague, they also became residents at Plain Dealing, selling their former home and lands in the Abbeville District. Plain Dealing was their home until their deaths, hence, their burial in the McGhee Family Cemetery.

Now, fast forward to the 20th century: Greenwood is growing. Cotton is

king, albeit the Upcountry plantations have given way to cotton mills, and cotton comes from smaller acreage nearby and from distant fields by rail. (Greenwood was once served by 13 cotton gins and five railroad companies.).

Plain Dealing lands changed hands, and in due course a portion owned by the late A.B. Sample was to be divided into building lots in the Kathwood Subdivision.

In 1945, Harry L. Watson (1876-1956), longtime editor of Greenwood's *Index-Journal*, purchased a 1.05 acre tract from A.B. Sample to preserve the McGhee-Montague-Watson Family Cemetery. A plat of the area drawn to delineate the cemetery is dated Oct. 25, 1945.

Subsequently, to ensure its continued preservation in future years, Watson deeded the cemetery to Greenwood County.

In 2008, the Cambridge Chapter was contacted by family members who wished to visit the cemetery. Unfortunately, there was not much to see and little that attested to Harry Watson's desire to preserve the site and its history.

Chapter members discussed the possibility of rehabilitating the cemetery as a Chapter project. A Veterans Administration marker was ordered for Montague's grave, a grave marking ceremony planned for dedication of the new marker and invitations sent.

On July 14, 2008 family members and Chapter members gathered for the ceremony. Chip Stockman, Cambridge Americanism Committee chairman, arranged for Boy Scouts from his Troop 911, to provide a color guard.

That ceremony launched the start of a special project to rescue the cemetery from neglect, honor the service of Captain Montague and reclaim the vision Harry Watson had for historic preservation of the site. A fence was needed to define the area where identifiable graves were located. Some depressions in the ground suggest other unmarked graves. A major effort to clean the site would include removing trees.

Jacob Thornton of Troop 911 needed a project to complete his Eagle Scout requirements. Pierce Stockman, a past president of Cambridge Chapter, and Chip Stockman, the Chapter's Americanism Committee chairman and Jacob's scoutmaster, assisted in bringing Jacob and the project together.

Over the past six months, Jacob worked to clean the site, remove trees encroaching on graves and install an attractive black, metal ornamental fence with entry gate. Installation of the fence was completed Aug. 7.

A host of individuals and firms contributed to the project: Fatz Cafe in Greenwood sponsored a fund-raising pancake breakfast. Old 96 Chapter of the SC Genealogical Society and many of its members made contributions. Andrew Risinger, Southern Fencing Co., installed the fence for free.



MONTAGUE GRAVE — Jacob Thornton of Boy Scout Troop 911 in Greenwood, poses by the grave marker of Captain John Montague, upon completion of the fence installation at the McGhee-Montague-Watson Cemetery. Captain Montague was wounded in the Revolutionary War defending Gen. George Washington. [Photo by Tita James, staff photographer, *The Index Journal*, Greenwood, used by permission]

Greenwood County and the Commissioners of Public Works removed the trees. A new plat was prepared by Davis & Floyd Architects/Engineers (Emmett Davis is a Cambridge Chapter member) to mark cemetery boundaries and a Commissioners of Public Works right-of-way. Installation of the fence concluded the project for Jacob's Eagle Scout requirements, and the first installment of the Chapter's cemetery reclamation program.

ROTC Committee proposal to SCSSAR

Note from Dan Woodruff, secretary: ROTC Committee Chair Norm Pigeon presented the following proposal to the SCSSAR at the July 17 Board of Governors Meeting.

This proposal was discussed at length, and the proposal is presented as a motion. This will be acted upon at the Oct. 16 Board of Governors Meeting. Chapters need to review this proposal and have representatives present at the October meeting to place your votes.

Norm Pigeon: This letter is to propose that this chair and treasurer, SCSSAR be allowed to invoice SCSSAR chapters for the purchase and provision of JROTC awards.

Background: This chair initiated a program in 2005 that established an annual communication with the almost 200 South Carolina JROTC units. This was done in a top-down approach by having the respective Services disseminate information regarding the SAR JROTC award program.

The top-down approach allowed all JROTC units to be apprised of the program. Chapter presidents were informed of this communication and were provided a primer letter about the program.

Results: There has been an increase in the number of JROTC units participating in the award program. This means that SCSSAR, through its chapters, has continued to reward young people for their efforts.

However, the annual request for the awards is financially impacting SCSSAR. There are numerous cases

“We have only begun,” said Eric Williams, Cambridge president.

Stockman, chairman of the Chapter's Memorial Committee, said: “We have some ideas that can make this little family cemetery a destination for those who appreciate Revolutionary War history. Our conversations with Greenwood County are ongoing, and we are encouraged by their interest in adding this site to some other wonderful historic attractions in our area like Ninety Six National Historic Site.”

Footnote: Harry Watson not only preserved this family cemetery, he preserved much of Greenwood County history in his “Our Old Roads” column published in *The Index Journal* from August 1940 until February 1950. The 428 issues of his column were the primary source material for *Greenwood County Sketches — Old Roads and Early Families* compiled by his daughter, the late Margaret Watson, and published in 1970 by The Attic Press of Greenwood.

Regrettably The Attic Press no longer operates, and the book is out of print. With the permission of the current editor of *The Index Journal*, *Our Old Roads* is being reprinted in *GRAB* (Genealogical Roots and Branches), the quarterly newsletter of the Old Ninety Six Chapter of South Carolina Genealogical Society.

where units are distant from their sponsor chapter or where the chapter ignores a unit in their service area.

Units desiring to participate in the award program have contacted SCSSAR, this chair or their sponsor chapter. The optimum method of a request for participation should be to the sponsor chapter.

The non-use of the optimum method is often a factor of the unit's failure to understand the provided instruction or the respective chapter's failure to be in communication with the unit.

In the cases where the unit is distant from its chapter or the chapter fails to provide, this chair provides the award through the postal service. From 2005 to date, SCSSAR has sponsored about 45 awards.

Problem: SCSSAR is sponsoring and providing awards to about 10 units each year. This is carried out to maintain the reputation of SSAR and SCSSAR and to ensure that the deserving youths are rewarded for their efforts. The annual cost to SCSSAR to maintain this sponsorship is about \$150 annually. This is the cost of purchase, shipping and handling of the 10 awards.

Proposed Solution: When a unit's request for participation in the award program is not met by the sponsor chapter, but met by SCSSAR, then SCSSAR Treasurer will invoice that chapter \$15 for each award. Chair, JROTC Award Committee, will provide a list of those instances to the Treasurer by July 1.

Charles Davant

Hilton Head's lone Revolutionary War casualty

By Terry J. Block
and Doug Doster

HILTON HEAD — Charles Davant was Hilton Head Island's only military casualty of the Revolutionary War.

Davant was ambushed and shot by Capt. Martinangele's Royal Militia from Daufuskie Island Oct. 22, 1781, while he was patrolling Hilton Head Island against possible British and Tory raids. He managed to mount and ride his horse to his nearby home, Two Oaks, where he died.

Ironically, this was three days after British Gen. Charles Cornwallis surrendered to Gen. George Washington at Yorktown, effectively ending hostilities in the war for American independence.

Previously, John Leacraft and a group of patriot soldiers captured and executed Daufuskie Island Tory leader Capt. Richard "Tory Dick" Pendarvis and Lt. William Patterson. It took Daufuskie Loyalists several months to plan a retaliation, but in mid-October the Daufuskie Royal Militia raided Hilton Head Island and burned every residence along Skull Creek.

To prevent a recurrence of this type of raid, Davant and other islanders started patrolling the marshes and waters on the Daufuskie side of Hilton Head on Oct. 22, the night of the ambush that killed Davant.

The so-called Bloody Legion, a group of Davant's fellow militiamen, raided nearby Daufuskie Island a few weeks after the ambush, and killed Capt. Phillip and Abraham Martinangele. Davant had iden-

tified them as his killers before he died.

Hilton Head historian Robert E.H. Peeples described the Bloody Legion assault in *A History of Daufuskie Island and Melrose Plantation as follows*: "At Christmas 1781, the Bloody Legion crossed to Daufuskie in strength. Pvt. Israel Andrews killed Capt. Philip Martinangele. Philip's brother Abraham was killed in his bed while holding his infant daughter.

"The raiders included Leacraft as commander, Israel Andrews, James Allen, Isaac Baldwin, Lewis Bono, John Bull, William Chiswell, James Davant, Isaac Davids, James Erving, John Erving, John Fendon, Charles Floyd, Nathaniel Gamball, Patrick McMullen, John Mongin Sr., John Mongin Jr., Christian Rankin, Meredith Rich, Thomas Roberts, David Ross, Daniel Savage and William Scott. Other than Davant's brother, James Davant, and Isaac Baldwin, little is known of the members of the Bloody Legion.

The History of Beaufort County, South Carolina Vol. 1 adds: "Late in the war, Tory partisans from the Beaufort District tended to gather on Daufuskie Island, where they were protected from partisan bands on the mainland and were within comfortable distance of the British garrisons at Savannah and Tybee Island. Neighboring Hilton Head Island became a patriot stronghold probably because of the destruction and plunder caused there by Gardner's and Prevost's incursions of 1779.

"The patriots on Hilton Head harassed the Tories on Daufuskie Island, which they nicknamed 'Little Bermuda'



Zion Chapel of Ease and Cemetery
because of its staunch loyalism.

"Late in 1781, the British were provoked into retaliating. About the time Beaufort was being evacuated in November 1781, British Major Maxwell and Tory Captain Philip Martinangele of Daufuskie Island led a raiding party to Hilton Head, which burned several homes and laid an ambush for the patriots at Two Oaks plantation near the head of Broad Creek."

Charles Davant, son of a prominent family of patriots on Hilton Head, was killed. This raid was avenged by Captain John Leacraft and the Hilton Head company of patriots known as the Bloody Legion.

In late December they crossed to Daufuskie Island and surprised Martinangele at his home. While two patriots held his wife, a third shot and killed him.

Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery

The Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery is

located at the intersection of Mathews Drive, Folly Field Road and Highway 278.

The historical marker reads: A Chapel of St. Luke's Parish, established May 23, 1787, built of wood shortly after 1786 under the direction of Captain John Stoney and Isaac Fripp, was consecrated in 1833. Members of the Barksdale, Baynard, Chaplin, Davant, Fripp, Kirk, Mathews, Pope, Stoney and Webb families worshipped here. By 1868 the chapel was destroyed. Erected by the Hilton Head Island Historical Society 1973.

The graves of four Revolutionary veterans are located there: John "Capt. Jack" Stoney (1749-1821), was marked May 14, 1959, and Charles Davant (1750-1781), private South Carolina Militia, was marked in February 1986 by the William Hilton DAR Chapter.

See Hilton Head, page 16

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Anniversary Battle of Camden, Baron de Kalb's death

By William F. Vartorella
and Ted R. Morton Jr.

CAMDEN — The 230th anniversary of the Battle of Camden and the death of Baron Johannes de Kalb were observed Aug. 19 in a ceremony at de Kalb's gravesite at Bethesda Presbyterian Church with guest Lutz Goergens, Consul-General of Germany.

The event was organized by the church with participation of Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site, SAR, DAR, the Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina/Masonic Kershaw Lodge No. 29 and the American Legion. A color guard presented the flag and assisted the consul-general in the wreath-laying. A reception in the

church courtyard followed the 10:30 a.m. ceremony.

Dr. Goergens was keynote speaker. Using the theme, the human quest for liberty, he observed that the Colonists' struggle for independence called the Baron out of retirement to join Gen. George Washington. Historians say that de Kalb was one of Washington's most trusted generals and died of wounds sustained on the battlefield at Camden. Dr. Goergens noted that this struggle for freedom continues today even as one can see it in the history of World Wars, the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall and battles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Clarence Mahoney of Bethesda Church presided over the ceremony and introduced Jeffrey Graham, mayor of Camden, and Rev. Chip Summers, pastor of Bethesda Church, both of whom brought greetings.

The program concluded with the wreath-laying ceremony. Wreaths were presented by President Ted R. Morton Jr., on behalf of the SCSSAR; William F. Vartorella, president of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter, on behalf of the chapter; Elva Pitzzenbarger, regent, on behalf of Hobkirkhill Chapter SCDAR; and Dr. Goergens on behalf of the German Government.

After the ceremonies at Bethesda Church, the consul-general visited the battlefield, and with others as-



COL. JOSEPH KERSHAW CHAPTER MEMBERS — From left: Guerry Felder, prospective member; Ted Morton, SCSSAR president; Miles Gardner, state genealogist; William F. Vartorella, chapter president; Frank Lachicotte, Low Country vice president; Joseph DeLoach; and Larry Hull.

sembled there, was presented a narrative of the Aug. 16, 1780 battle. Charles Baxley, historian and coordinator of the American Revolution Roundtables, and David Reuwer, president and editor of *American Revolution* magazine, described the battle movements from the Patriot and British perspectives.

Efforts are under way, endorsed by the SCSSAR and the National Society, to have the Camden Battlefield and Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site — Cornwallis' garrison — taken into the National Park Service for protection and further develop-

ment as a National Battlefield.

The battle was one of the largest and most important battles of the Revolution, albeit a loss for the Patriots. It galvanized Patriot resolve and set in motion decisions and events that led to the defeat of the British at Yorktown.

The day's events concluded at the Kershaw-Cornwallis House with a luncheon hosted by the Historic Camden Foundation, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, the City of Camden and Kershaw County. Joanna Craig, executive director of Historic Camden, coordinated the luncheon.



Consul-General Lutz Goergens (left) receives presentation from Charles Mahoney [Photo by Ted Morton]

The disappearance of the prison ship *Pack Horse*

By Gerald Stokes

A sultry day in August 1782, Charleston Harbor, South Carolina. The cargo of humanity chained and sweltering in the hold of the prison-ship, *Pack Horse*, stirs and sits erect on their mattresses of mildewed and filthy straw.

They cast anxious glances at one another as the sounds of the anchor being weighed fills the air. Their eyes, questioning and wondering, roam across the planking overhead where the pounding of bare feet on wood can be heard as British crewmen scurry along the deck and up into the rigging to unfurl the dinky, long unused sails of the prison schooner *Pack Horse*.

Muffled orders, shouted from the bridge by an unknown captain, float on the oppressive air of the harbor. Suddenly, there is the unmistakable feel of movement as the ship gets under way. A sense of dread fills the hold. After more than a year, the *Pack Horse* is moving. Under the escort of a British frigate, and as a part of a convoy of merchant ships, the *Pack Horse* sails quietly across Charleston Harbor, slips over the bar, and scurries out to sea. The convoy is heading for New York.

Three days later, as night falls, the prison ship quietly blends into the darkness and disappears from history. Not until Aug. 20, 1852 does it resurface in a report made to the Senate of the 32nd Congress by a Mr. James. The next year, 1853, it appears in articles in *The New York Times* and *The Charleston Courier* before it again slips away from the national consciousness.

In 1860 the story resurfaces in a pamphlet titled *A Brief Memoir of the Life and Revolutionary Services of Major William Hazzard Wigg of South Carolina*. The pamphlet is an effort by the grandson of one of the prisoners to obtain compensation for the Revolutionary War losses of his grandfather, Major William Hazzard Wigg. Some of those losses involve slaves. Quietly, as Civil War threatens the nation, the memory of the *Pack Horse* once again sinks from sight.

In December 2009 the *Pack Horse* reappears in the form of the novel, *Letters for Catherine*. The novel relates the story of semi-fictional 17-year-old William Hunter who rushes to defend Charleston from the British only to end up as one of the unfortunate prisoners rotting in the belly of the *Pack Horse*.

While this novel relies on many historical facts, much of it is conjecture. No one seems to know what really happened to the prison-ship *Pack Horse* on that night in August 1782. Incredibly, there are no firsthand accounts of one of the greatest stories of the American Revolution, and no contemporary accounts as, it seems, for the next 70 years no one thought to record them. By then, the last of the prisoners had long since been laid to rest.

What is the story of the prison-ship *Pack Horse*? We know little about the early history of the unhappy vessel and even less of its finale. One day, if we are lucky, some dusty and disintegrating document will come to light that puts an ending to this story.

The *Pack Horse* began its career as a small coastal schooner. No one knows its measurements, but quite likely it was between 20 and 30 tons with a draft of no more than six feet. This would have made it ideal for transferring cargo up and down the rivers of South Carolina. Water, firewood, Loyalist prisoners, the *Pack Horse* is known to have carried them all.

The Journal of the Commissioners of the Navy of South Carolina: July 22, 1779 – March 23, 1780, makes 17 references to the *Pack Horse* and to at least one of its captains, John Hardy, but other than mundane, day to day, happenings, little light is shed. With the fall of Charleston, the *Pack Horse* becomes a prize of the British. They continue using it as a prison ship. Now, its prisoners are Patriots, not Loyalists.

The *Pack Horse* was not an obscure ship in its day. Eliza Wilkinson, a patriotic young lady of Charleston, refers to it in a letter as the “Wilful Murder” after going aboard for a visit. The prisoners were men of wealth and substance in the colony of South Carolina. Many of them would go on to become leaders of the future United States.

In a letter written to Gen. Nathanael Greene by the inmates of another Charleston prison-ship, the *Torby*, the names of John Barnwell, George Mosse and Charles Pinckney Jr. appear on a list of the *Pack Horse*'s prisoners. So why did none of these educated and affluent men write of their sufferings aboard the *Pack Horse*? That is part of the mystery.

If a Google search of “prison ship pack horse” is done, a myriad of sites pops up. Unfortunately, all give the same information, often word for word. All citations will invariably lead back to the one common source.

What we know of the *Pack Horse* would fill less than a page. It was a coastal schooner used to carry supplies for the Patriots before the fall of Charleston in 1780. It, like the other prison ships that sailed in and out of Charleston Harbor, was not a hulk, but was able to, and often did, crack on sail and roam the Southeastern coast. At least once the *Pack Horse* is known to have entered the harbor of St. Augustine, Florida, to empty its hold of Patriot prisoners.

In May 1781, the British rounded up more than 100 influential Patriots then on parole in the town and herded them onto the prison ships *Pack Horse* and *Torby*. There they stayed, most of them, although some, such as Charles Pinckney Jr., seem to have been exchanged before the fateful voyage of 1782.

After more than a year, as the war draws to a close, the *Pack Horse* is ordered north for a prisoner exchange. Somewhere along the way, the prisoners escape from the hold and take over the ship without the loss of a single man. Evading their escort in the night, they head for the North Carolina coast. No one knows where they came ashore, some versions of the tale claim Beaufort, North Carolina, others, Halifax, North Carolina.

Perhaps they split into groups after reaching shore. This would be understandable, finding food and shelter for 30 or so men would have been difficult in that war-torn country, and the risk of being recaptured would have been a huge concern, for the penalty of attempted escape was death. Months later, the prisoners reappear in South Carolina and resume their lives, never bothering to record what exactly happened.

Research on the *Pack Horse* is at a dead end. Records that would identify the British frigate that escorted it on its final voyage may one day be found in British archives. If so, the British captain would surely have

logged the incident. Arrival in New York harbor of the rest of the ships would also have been recorded. After all, how many convoys sailed from Charleston to New York in August 1782?

Many questions remain. Did the British retrieve the ship and sail it to New York, or was it wrecked and left to rot on the North Carolina coast? Was it returned to the South Carolina Navy from whence it came, or was it used for years afterward by some North Carolina shipper or businessman? What of the British crewmen who were forced into the hold? Did they escape? Were they exchanged? Did the escape happen at all?

The list of questions goes on and on, but the biggest question is: why did the story of the prisoners on the *Pack Horse* fade from the national consciousness? There was no other such Great Escape from the prison ships. The loss of their story is truly a loss for our country, for this was heroism and patriotism at its highest level.

Visit G.G. Stokes Jr.'s website at www.georgiawriter.com

Battle of Cowpens is theme for National Poster Contest

By Mark C. Anthony
Americanism Chairman

The National Americanism Committee announced the theme of the 2010-2011 Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest at the conclusion of the Youth Awards luncheon at the National Congress June 28.

The topic for the 2010-2011 contest is “The Battle of Cowpens.”

The selection of this theme represents the first time in recent memory that the theme of the poster contest will be for a Revolutionary era event other than Valley Forge, Molly Pitcher or events related to the start of the Revolution in 1775.

The contest is open to all students in the fourth or fifth grade — whenever the American Revolution is taught in the particular school district. The intent of this contest is to stimulate interest in American history in support of the fourth or fifth grade curriculum.

Given that the theme celebrates one of the major battles of the Revolution — and one that took place in South Carolina, each chapter should endeavor to conduct a local contest and have an entry ready for the 2011 Annual State Meeting in Columbia.

As a suggestion, each chapter should contact local schools and home schools to announce the contest. The chapter level contest should include a single winner from each school competing for chapter honors.

The winner of each chapter contest will then be brought to Columbia

for judging on the state level during the Annual Meeting.

Posters are judged on the following criteria:

- 1) Does the poster express the annual theme?
- 2) Does the poster show originality by the student?
- 3) Does the poster show evidence of research?
- 4) Does the poster show artistic merit and creativity?
- 5) Does the poster accurately reflect the historical event?
- 6) Is the poster neat and visually pleasing?

The main rule for this contest is that the poster must be on a standard piece of poster board and cannot be three dimensional. Other rules and entry forms can be found on the National Society website at www.sar.org/Youth/Americanism_Poster_Contest.

SCSSAR

Member Statistics

SCSSAR membership was 733 on Aug. 15. This is a net increase of 49 members or 7.16 percent since Jan. 1.

Man will ultimately be governed by God or by tyrants.

Benjamin Franklin



PATRIOTIC DISPLAY — Doug Doster, past president of the SCSSAR, and his wife Lynne display 29 American flags at their home in Cameron to celebrate the Fourth of July. Doster, a member of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, displays the flags to honor military veterans, law enforcement personnel, elected officials, firefighters and others. [Photos by Paul Hirth]

Swamp Fox Symposium:

'Explore Gen. Francis Marion and the Southern Campaign'

MANNING — You are invited to participate in the eighth Francis Marion / Swamp Fox Symposium: "Explore Gen. Francis Marion and the Southern Campaign," Friday, Oct. 15, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The symposium will take place at the DuBose campus of Central Carolina Technical College, I-95, Exit 122, one half mile east on US 521 in Manning.

Agenda for presentations:

Jack Parker: *Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina*
Val Green: Cofitachequi: a chiefdom encountered by the Hernando de Soto expedition.
Patti Proctor: A Revolutionary War Backcountry Woman
Wright Turbeville: Christopher Gadsden
Dave Neilan: Marion Letters and Research
Nell Davies: Much Ado About Potatoes
Karen MacNutt: Marion Images
Gene Poteat: Marion and His Intelligence Network
An Evening in Revolutionary History Dinner Theater With Our Favorite Historian: Joe Stukes as Col. Otho Williams

For more information visit the web site at www.francismarionsymposium.com, call 803-478-2645 or send e-mail to gsummers@ftc-i.net.

Early bird discount ends Sept. 24. Please print this form and mail to Francis Marion Symposium, C. Hester, P.O. Box 667, Manning, SC 29102.

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● Sept. 24 is the close of early registration, and Oct. 8 is the close of registration. Fees include all lectures Friday and Saturday, Friday evening supper, Saturday snacks, lunch and dinner theater.

- Price \$ 95 (\$165 per couple) by Oct. 8.
- Early bird fee (before Sept. 24) \$85 per person (\$155 per couple)
- Make check payable to Francis Marion Symposium.

Medals and Awards Discount Program

The manager of SAR Merchandise Direct has announced the continuation of the Medals and Awards Discount Program, which assists chapters and state societies in planning for the spring awards season. During the months of September, October and November, Merchandise Direct will offer a 10 percent discount on the following medals: 0201 Bronze ROTC Medal; 0202 Silver ROTC Medal; 0220 Law Enforcement Medal; 0223 Miniature Law Enforcement Medal; 0225 Fire Safety Medal; 0227 Miniature Fire Safety Medal; 0228 EMS Medal; 0229 Miniature EMS Medal.

Please note that the discount will apply only to sales and shipments that occur during the months of September, October and November. Please indicate the discount price on your order. Also, a variety of other items will be discounted at the Fall Leadership Meeting in September, including close-outs, seasonal and discontinued merchandise.

If any chapter wants to save on shipping expense, they should contact Vice President Mark Anthony as he will be able to pick orders up at the Fall Leadership Meeting and deliver them to the chapter representative at the October Board of Governors meeting. *Dan Woodruff, SCSSAR Secretary.*

Calendar of Events

Aug. 14	230th anniversary Musgrove Mill	Clinton, S.C.
Sept. 4	Battle of Eutaw Springs Wreath Laying Ceremony	Eutawville, S.C.
Sept. 10	230th Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethtown, Tenn.
Sept. 11	Pioneer Days Celebration	Gray Court, S.C.
Sept. 23-25	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting Ribbon-cutting National Genealogical Library	Louisville, Ky.
Oct. 6	South Atlantic District Meeting SCSSAR hosting reception for Kings Mountain	Gaffney, S.C.
Oct. 7	230th Anniversary of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, S.C.
Oct. 16	SC Society Board of Governors Meeting	Columbia, S.C.
Nov. 6	Mine Creek Ambush Marker Dedication	Saluda, S.C.
Nov. 7	Veterans Day Program	Greenville, S.C.
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	
Dec. 4	Great Canebrake Celebration	Simpsonville, S.C.
Jan. 14, 2011	South Atlantic District Meeting SC Society hosting reception for Cowpens	Gaffney, S.C.
Jan. 15	230th Anniversary Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, S.C.
Jan. 22	SC Society Board of Governors Meeting	Columbia, S.C.
Feb. 27	Gen. Francis Marion Memorial Day	
April 8	South Atlantic District Meeting	Columbia, S.C.
April 9	SC Society Annual State Meeting South Atlantic District Meeting	Columbia, S.C. Columbia, S.C.

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

Center for Advancing American Heritage needs your support

**By Mark Anthony
Senior Vice President**

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

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

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

	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

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 participation rate benchmark is the easiest one to meet. In the roughly 21 months since data started to be collected, the SC Society has increased its participation rate by 6.235 percent. As of June 30, the SC Society is within 1 percent of meeting this goal. To meet the participation rate goal, the SC Society would need to have 171 donors. This means an additional 40 donors need to contribute.

For an individual donation to be credited properly, the individual donor needs to complete the form found on the CAAH website (www.sarfoundation.org/thecenter.htm) under the Foundation Tab, which is located on the top right of the page, and return it with the donation to the National Headquarters.

A copy of the donation form is also on page 15 of this issue. The minimum donation needed for the individual to receive credit is \$10.

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

Special Challenge to the State Society and Chapters

At the Annual Meeting of the SC Society in April, a challenge made by the Virginia Society was accepted by the South Carolina Society. As part of this challenge, each chapter of the SC Society was asked to consider making a one-time donation of at least \$100 on behalf of the chapter

\$1,000 plus

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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 only, and any donations made by a chapter since Oct. 1, 2009 will count toward the challenge. As part of this challenge, the SC Society itself will

donate \$500 from its general fund to the CAAH.

The following chapters have already met this challenge:

Battle of Eutaw Springs: \$1,000
Cambridge: \$500
Daniel Morgan: \$200
Col. Lemuel Benton: \$100

The Col. Robert Anderson Chapter informed the SC Society that it passed the hat and raised more than \$300 for the CAAH at its April meeting. The chapter is keeping the hat open to increase that donation.

A special thanks to the Robert Anderson Chapter and good luck on increasing the donation.

National defense is one of the cardinal duties of a statesman.

John Adams, 1815

Summary of business conducted at the July Board of Governors meeting

By Dan Woodruff
Secretary, SCSSAR

COLUMBIA — The July Board of Governors meeting was called to order by President Ted Morton at 10:05 a.m. A prayer was given by Chaplain David Johnson and pledges were led by Eric Williams.

The roll call was taken by Secretary, Dan Woodruff and Mark Anthony, senior vice president. A quorum was not met, so President Ted Morton suggested we go over the Published Report while we waited for more members to arrive.

No minutes from the previous meet-

ing were presented. Mark Anthony asked they be postponed and presented at the next Board of Governors meeting. There was no disagreement, and no action was taken.

A review of the Published Report began at 10:15.

A quorum was met at 10:33 with the arrival of state officers detained in traffic.

A motion to postpone minutes until the next meeting was made by Mark Anthony, seconded by Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III. The motion passed.

The review of the Published Report

continued until finished at 10:45 a.m.

Eagle Scout Committee — The new chair is Robert Johnson. The committee discussed the need for more funds for materials to print certificates. A motion to increase the line item for the Eagle Scout Committee by \$100 was made by Greg Ohanesian and seconded by Paul Grier. The motion passed.

Rumbaugh Committee — South Carolina was not represented at last year's contest. Members need to encourage participation.

ROTC Committee — see article page 10 for ROTC proposal.

Scholarship Committee — Low participation last year. Members need to encourage participation.

Chaplain David Johnson reminded everyone to notify him when a member passes away so he can take appropriate action in a timely manner.

Treasurer — Treasurer Greg Ohanesian thanked Secretary Dan Woodruff for proofreading the treasurer's report.

Senior Vice President — Mark Anthony thanked the SCSSAR for stepping up to help man the welcome center at Musgrove Mill (see article page 6).

President Ted Morton —

- announced that Eric Williams is the new Piedmont regional vice president.

- announced that Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III was elected South Atlantic District vice president general.

- read a thank you letter from Clarence Felder for the awards presented to him and his wife Christine Weatherhead at the state meeting in April. Mr. and Mrs. Felder produced the movie *All for Liberty* and showed it at the meeting.

Vice President General Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III

- announced the District 4 meetings.
- Wants to establish a South Atlantic District breakfast.

- Is willing to attend chapter meetings with official invitations from the chapters.

- Mentioned that proper protocol needs to be followed on all medals.

- Said all members are welcome to attend South Atlantic District meetings.

Old Business — Center for Advancing America's Heritage contribution forms were distributed.

New Business —

- A request for financial support of a Pensacola Marker was sent by letter from the Florida Society. Mark Anthony made a motion that we decline, which was seconded by Greg Ohanesian. The motion passed. Vice President General Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III, abstained. SCSSAR President Ted Morton will write a letter of declination.

- Medals Awarded at the 2010 Congress (see article page 1).

National Meritorious Service Medal awarded to Victor Brandt.

Liberty Medal With Oak Leaf Cluster awarded to Mark Anthony.

Liberty Medal awarded to Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III.

Liberty Medal With Oak Leaf Cluster awarded Charlie Porter.

Liberty Medal With Oak Leaf Cluster awarded to Edgar Dallery.

Liberty Medal With Two Oak Leaf Clusters awarded to John T. Smith.

- New Council of Past Presidents will be convened by Past President Paul Grier.

- All members are reminded to follow protocol on Blazer uniforms.

- Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. for lunch (prepared by Henrietta Morton, wife of the president).

12:46 p.m. Called to Training Session I and continued directly into Training Sessions II and III.

Recessional led by Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III. The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.



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Sacrifice of Patriots at Battle of the Waxhaws Remembered

By Mark C. Anthony
Senior Vice President

More than 120 members of the public, SAR, DAR and CAR gathered May 29 to remember the sacrifice of the 113 men killed by the British Legion under the command of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton at the Battle of the Waxhaws/Buford's Massacre.

The commemoration took place on the 230th anniversary of the engagement between British forces (150 to 230 men) and the 350 to 380 men commanded by Col. Abraham Buford.

The ceremony began with the presentation of colors by the combined SAR color guard composed of compatriots from South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Greg Ohanesian, president of the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter, presided over the ceremony that included speeches by Sam Powell, South Atlantic District vice president general, SC Society President Ted Morton



Panorama view of Buford's Massacre commemoration ceremony [Photos by Bob Yankle, NCSAR]

and Compatriot Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III.

As part of the ceremony, the Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter presented the Martha Washington Medal to

Laura Ledford, a South Carolina state park ranger, in recognition of her support of the SAR and the commemoration of the Battle of the Waxhaws/Buford's Massacre.

Wreaths were placed at the site of one of the two mass graves. After the wreath placement, members of the Virginia Society SAR sprinkled soil from Virginia over the gravesite.



SCSSAR President Ted Morton presents the Martha Washington Medal to Laura Ledford, a South Carolina state park ranger.



SCSSAR members at Buford's Massacre commemoration

Corbett elected vice president general

CLEVELAND — Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III was elected vice president general for the South Atlantic District June 30 at the SAR National Congress.

The one-year office is rotated among the SAR societies in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Dr. Corbett is a native of Columbia and a retired microbiologist-epidemiologist and college professor. He earned four degrees from the University of South Carolina — bachelor of science and master of science in biology, a master of public health in microbiology-epidemiology, and a Ph.D. in epidemiology. He was one of the first two to be awarded the Ph.D. in epidemiology by the Arnold School of Public Health at the university.

Dr. Corbett has been a member of the SAR for 18 years and a member of the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter in Columbia and a founding member of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter in Lexington. He has served as chapter vice president, president of the

Taylor Chapter, Midlands regional vice president, senior vice president, president, national trustee, alternate national trustee and vice president for chapter Formation and Development. He received the Meritorious Service Medal, the state Distinguished Service Medal, the Patriot Medal and the Liberty Medal.

As state president he was instrumental in forming the first new chapter in the state society in 13 years, the Gen. James Williams Chapter in Laurens, and as vice president for Chapter Formation and Development, he led in formation of the Godfrey Dre-

her Chapter in Lexington.

The vice president general promotes the interests and activities that further the objective of the National Society among the state societies in his district. He visits various chapters in his district, encourages the formation of new chapters and the enrollment of new members, attends state society meetings acting as an ambassador of the National Society, and attends various historical celebrations within his district.

He also hosts the president general when he attends any event within the district.

Thomas Jefferson on George Washington 1814: *His was the singular destiny and merit, of leading the armies of his country successfully through an arduous war, for the establishment of its independence; of conducting its councils through the birth of a government, new in its forms and principles, until it had settled down into a quite and orderly train; and of scrupulously obeying the laws through the whole of his career, civil and military, of which the history of the world furnishes no other example.*

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On Nov. 4, 1995, the Dr. George Mosse Chapter SAR dedicated a Revolutionary War marker for Isaac Baldwin (1752-1826), lieutenant, South Carolina Militia, and James Davant (1744-1863), private South Carolina Militia.

The Stoneys arrived in Carolina from Ireland in 1774 in the person of Capt. Jack Stoney, with his wife, Elizabeth, and son, James. He prospered from privateering and purchased land that he named Otterburn Plantation (later Otter Hole), Braddocks Point Plantation and Callibogia Plantation, the latter two comprising most of the southern tip of Hilton Head Island.

Militiaman Charles Davant of Two Oaks Plantation, a staunch Whig, was ambushed on Oct. 22, 1781, near the cemetery by a raiding party of Tories from Daufuskie Island, then a Tory stronghold. This murder was avenged with similar violence when a retaliating party of Whigs went to Daufuskie near Christmas in 1781 and shot dead Capt. Philip Martinangele of the Royal Militia as he lay ill in bed.

James Davant, South Carolina Militia, was born on Edisto Island, but died in Savannah. He owned extensive lands at Point Comfort, Shipyard and Possum Point, as well as in the Folly Field-Sand Hill-Marshlands area. He is buried at the chapel next to his first wife Lydia, who died in 1795.

Isaac Baldwin's grave is within the Kirk-Baldwin enclosure. Besides his record as a patriot, he was the father-in-law of James Kirk Sr., also buried within the enclosure with his wife, Mary, daughter of Isaac and Martha Parmenter Baldwin.

James Kirk possessed substantial land holdings on the mainland, including Kirk's Bluff (part of present-day Bluffton), as well as Callawassie Island and Rose Hill Plantation.

Mrs. Margaret Greer, in her *Hilton Head History, Sands of Time*, describes how the South Carolina Militia Muster House and the Masonic Lodge were located adjacent to the Zion Chapel of Ease, where the present cemetery is located.