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## SCSSAR honors chapters, members at annual awards luncheon

By Mark Anthony  
State Secretary

The award-winning South Carolina Society could not hold that status without significant contributions made by its chapters and members. These chapters and members were recognized at the awards luncheon Saturday, April 26, that concluded the annual state meeting.

National Society President General Bruce Wilcox and outgoing S.C. Society President Rick Corbett presented the awards. The presentations began with recognizing winners of the various youth program contests sponsored by the SCSSAR.

### Youth program winners

Jenna Barker of Summerville was recognized as the winner of the Knight Essay Contest. She received a check for \$300 and a certificate. Also recognized were Weslynn Adderson of Hemingway for second place, and Eric Reeves of Columbia for third place. Both received checks for \$100 and a certificate.

Ms. Barker was also named the recipient of the South Carolina Society scholarship, and she received a check for \$1,000. She will graduate from Fort Dorchester High School and has applied to Washington University, Duke University, William & Mary, Dickenson College and Furman University.

Eagle Scout Garrett Rapp of Troop 911, Blue Ridge Council in Greenwood, was named the SCSSAR Eagle Scout of the Year. He received a trophy and a check for \$500.

Anna Lynn Doster, daughter of Compatriot Doug Doster, of Cameron was named winner of the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Contest and received a check for \$250 and a certificate. Her oration was titled "Democracy in America — A Possible Dream?"

### History teachers honored

This year marked the first time that the SCSSAR recognized History Teachers of the Year. This is in conjunction with a new NSSAR program that honors a National Teacher of the Year. The SCSSAR named three teachers in various categories. Each was given a plaque and a check for \$250.

The Secondary Education category winner was Lt. Col. Joel E. Rexford. Lt. Col. Rexford serves as the senior Army instructor for the Clinton High School JROTC Program, the head coach of the cross country and marksmanship teams, and as sponsor of the Interact Club. Each of these organizations was started by Lt. Col. Rexford. He was also the SCSSAR nominee for the NSSAR contest.



**SCSSAR OFFICERS** — From left: Fred Kellogg, Pee Dee Region vice president; Mike Farr, historian; Mark Anthony, secretary; Paul Grier, president; Doug Doster, senior vice president; Rick Corbett, immediate past president and national trustee nominee; Ted Morton, vice president chapter renewal; and Pierce Stockman, Piedmont vice president. [Photo by Susan Beaver]

The Collegiate Category winner was Dr. Walter Edgar. Dr. Edgar is the Claude Henry Neuffer Professor of Southern Studies, and the George Washington Distinguished Professor of History at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Edgar has authored and edited numerous books including *South Carolina: a History*; *Partisans and Redcoats: the Southern Conflict That Turned the Tide of the American Revolution*; and *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*.

The Non-Academic winner was Charles Baxley. Mr. Baxley has served as editor and publisher of the online magazine *Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution* and has organized numerous academic conferences on the American Revolution and conducted battlefield tours through the Corps of Discovery.

### Honoring chapters

The awards program then moved to the recognition of SCSSAR chapters. In 2007, a new program was authorized to recognize each chapter that sponsored at least one event in support of the Patriotic (White Flag Streamer), Educational (Red Flag Streamer) and Historical (Blue Flag Streamer) goals of the Society. Each chapter that sponsored at least one event in all three areas would receive a Red, White and Blue colored Flag Streamer. Only three out of 14 chapters submitted a score sheet for consideration. The Cambridge, Gen. Andrew Pickens and Gen. Daniel Morgan chapters each received a Red, White and Blue Streamer.

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# From the President's Desk



Dear Compatriots,

On behalf of the Dr. George Mosse Chapter on Hilton Head Island, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the State Convention in April. It was an honor to have in attendance President General Bruce Wilcox and Vice President General George Thurmond of the National Society. I think this was a first for our State Society.

A new slate of officers and committee chairmen are working to implement the many programs our Society has adopted. I encourage each of you to get involved and participate.

We have two new chapters, Gen. James Williams of Musgrove's Mill, and re-chartered Col. Joseph Kershaw of Camden. I believe these chapters will make a real contribution to the society.

Because I have not met many of you and want you to know me better, I am listing a few facts about my background.

I was born in Clover, South Carolina, and was active in scouting programs. I am an Eagle Scout and a past scoutmaster. I attended the University of South Carolina in Columbia and was a member of the Naval ROTC. At graduation in 1955, I received a commission and reported to active duty on the *USS Intrepid*, an aircraft carrier attached to the Sixth Fleet operating in the Mediterranean Sea. My assignment was communications and cryptography.

After completing my military obligation, I returned to the business world and spent most of my career working in New York City and living in New Jersey. We retired and moved to Hilton Head Island.

I married Jane Reid in 1958, and we have one son and three grandchildren. We enjoy traveling, and our best trip was around the world in 40 days.

I am a deacon in Providence Presbyterian Church.

My activities in the SAR include serving as secretary, vice president and president of the Dr.

George Mosse Chapter; and area vice president and senior vice president of the State Society.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our new publisher of *The Palmetto Patriot*, Stephen Blackwell, and our new editor, Tom Hanson, for accepting these assignments. We will now be able to set up a regular schedule to publish.

Let's all pitch in and make 2008 the best year for participation and membership

Fraternally,

Paul Grier  
President, SCSSAR

## SC Society SAR Americanism Update

The South Carolina Society SAR continues to be active in promoting the ideals of the SAR. This activity is measured through the President General's Streamer and Grove's Americanism contests. These same contests' score sheets are also used to determine the SC Society Chapter of the Year.

Through May 16, the entire South Carolina Society has generated 7,945 points for the President General's Streamer and 5,410 points for the Grove's Americanism Contest. These totals are already more than half of the total points generated in 2007.

At this time, the standings for all 16 chapters are as follows:

Chapter	PG Streamer	Groves
Gen. Daniel Morgan	2,090	1,710
Gen. James Williams	1,000	940
Col. Thomas Taylor	310	215
Cambridge	275	200
Battle of Eutaw Springs	255	235
Maj. Gen. William Moultrie	255	220
Henry Laurens	215	170
Col. William Bratton	206	196
Col. Robert Anderson	150	110
Dr. George Mosse	101	16
Gen. Andrew Pickens	70	35
Gov. Paul Hamilton	51	16
Col. Joseph Kershaw	50	10
Col. Matthew Singleton	40	0
Col. Lemuel Benton	25	0
Gen. Francis Marion	20	0

These point totals are based on information supplied to me either through the National Office, the various chapters or my direct observation.

For more information, please contact me at either mark.c.anthony@suntrust.com or at 864-255-7442. I am happy to discuss the various programs that the Americanism Committee promotes.

*Mark C. Anthony, Chairman, SCSSAR Americanism Committee*

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## Historian's Corner

### Revolutionary War history: It's all around us

The American Revolution is all around us anywhere we go in South Carolina. As many of us were on Hilton Head Island for our convention in April, did you realize that a Revolutionary battle was fought there? A check on the History link of our website ([www.scssar.org](http://www.scssar.org)), then a mouse-click to the Cambridge Comprehensive Compilation reveals that the Battle of Callibogue Sound was an artillery engagement across the sound between Daufuskie Island and Hilton Head in February 1782.

As you drove through Bluffton, did you realize that you were only eight miles from the tomb of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Heyward, on the Maye River? I urge you to take a minute to find out the battles and other Revolutionary events that took place near your home here in South Carolina. Every chapter's service area includes sites of at least four battles and dozens of patriot graves. *J. Michael Farr, SCSSAR Historian, and Joe Goldsmith.*



# SCSSAR Membership Update

The SCSSAR began 2008 with 605 members (not including the about 15 dual members whose primary membership is in another state society). Through May 16, the membership stands at 678 members (not including dual members). The following summarizes this growth:

Beginning Membership	605
New Members	34
Reinstatements	40
Transfers In	1
Deaths	(2)
Total Membership	678

Congratulations to the Gen. James Williams Chapter of Musgrove’s Mill, which has had 10 new members approved this year as well as one reinstatement.  
Chapter secretaries please note that you are to notify the state secretary whenever a member passes away. This can be done electronically or by sending a copy of the member’s obituary through the postal system. *Mark C. Anthony, SCSSAR Secretary.*

# Awards Luncheon

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The Chapter of the Year was determined by total points generated on the NSSAR President General’s Streamer score sheet. The Chapter of the Year was the Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter, which tallied 3,939 points.

The first runner up was the Cambridge Chapter, which tallied 3,780 points. The second runner up was the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter, which tallied 1,166 points.

As a note, the South Carolina Society registered a total of 15,545 points for the President General’s Streamer and 9,155 points for the Americanism Award. Both totals represented increases of 50 percent over the point totals reported in 2007.

The awards program concluded with the presentation of the following certificates and medals to individual members of the South Carolina Society.

## Certificates of Appreciation

- Compatriot Ralph Welton for service in the State Color Guard and organizing the Gen. Andrew Pickens birthday celebration.
- Compatriot Bob Krause for forming the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter Color Guard and service in the State Color Guard.
- Compatriots Frederick Kellogg, Ronald Horton and Greg Hembree each received a certificate for their efforts in revitalizing the Col. Lemuel Benton Chapter.

## Distinguished Service Certificates

- Compatriot Robert Johnson for his efforts in promoting the formation of the new Gen. James Williams Chapter and for the organization of area meetings.



Outgoing President  
Rick Corbett



State Secretary Mark Anthony (left) with  
Vice President General George Thurmond

- Compatriot Michael Farr for representing the State Society at numerous events where other state officers were unable to attend.
  - **Martha Washington Medal** — given to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to the SAR by either the National or State Societies or a chapter.
- Cindy Anthony, wife of Compatriot Mark Anthony, for her support of the SCSSAR by attending and participating in many commemorations and

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## The Major General William Moultrie Chapter South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution

invites you to participate in

# Carolina Day

Saturday, June 28  
Charleston, South Carolina

### Schedule of Events

- 10:30 a.m. Organizations assemble for parade in Washington Park
- 11 a.m. Procession from Washington Park to White Point Gardens
- 11:30 a.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony\*\* with performance by the Charleston Community Band
- 11:45 a.m. Remarks by John McCardell, president emeritus and professor of History at Middlebury College; author of *The Idea of a Southern Nation*
- Noon Ringing of church bells
- 7 p.m. Ceremony at Fort Moultrie

- A re-enactor encampment and demonstrations of infantry and artillery will take place throughout the day.
- Carolina Day is hosted by the Palmetto Society Carolina Day Board.
- All SAR members are welcome to march with the Major General William Moultrie Chapter.
- Because of expected heat and humidity, period attire is not encouraged.

For additional information, please call: 843-723-3225, Ext. 11  
(This is the number of the Historical Society in Charleston.)

\*\*It is policy that only organizations that are members of the Palmetto Society are allowed to lay a wreath. Therefore, the SAR and SCSSAR and all of its chapters will be represented by the wreath placed by the Major General William Moultrie Chapter.



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events of the South Carolina Society. She also assisted her husband in his school and civic lectures and assisted and supported him in his duties as the state secretary.

● **Daughters of Liberty Medal** — presented to a woman recommended by any officer of a chapter, state or national society in appreciation of her unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the SAR, and who has dedicated her time, energy and ability to the organization in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the SAR. This medal is considered second in importance only to the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

Barbara Ohanesian, wife of Compatriot Greg Ohanesian, in recognition of her service in a variety of roles in full support of the SCSSAR. She has worked tirelessly behind the scenes over the past several years, being fully engaged in support of her husband, the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter, the South Carolina and National Societies, and the Colonial Ball. She has repeatedly volunteered time, energy and ability in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the SCSSAR. She also serves as the president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

● **War Service Medal** — which dates to 1899,

is presented to SAR members who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and fought against an enemy of the United States in a war or action that has been recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and for which a campaign medal and ribbon are authorized

Compatriot William Connor Jr. of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, a lieutenant colonel in the South Carolina National Guard, who is deployed on a tour in Afghanistan. This tour began shortly after he had been elected as president of his chapter.

#### Children of the American Revolution

Thomas Burnette, president of the South Carolina Society Children of the American Revolution (SCSCAR), assisted in the presentation of the next three awards.

● **Silver CAR/SAR Medal of Appreciation** — presented to a member of the CAR or SAR in appreciation of outstanding services rendered to the SCSCAR.

Compatriots Steve Blackwell and Don Wilder. Both compatriots have given countless hours providing counsel, travel assistance, professional services and other forms of leadership to the South Carolina Society CAR.

Over the past year alone, they aided Sagen Blackwell, their daughter and granddaughter, dur-



President General Bruce Wilcox (left) and President Paul Grier

ing her term as president of the State Society.

● **Silver Good Citizenship Medal** — recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service in many areas including school, patriotic organizations, service to the military or veterans, or historical organizations.

Sagen Blackwell, past president of the South Carolina Society CAR. The major achievement of her term was fund-raising efforts she led on behalf of the Wounded Warrior Project. Over the course of the year, about \$50,000 in cash and services were raised benefiting wounded soldiers after being evacuated from the battlefield in Iraq or Afghanistan. She also represented the CAR at numerous events sponsored by the SAR and spoke to SAR and DAR chapters in the state about the CAR and the Wounded Warrior Project. During all of this, she remained an outstanding student.

● **Bronze Good Citizenship Medal** — which dates to 1895, recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state.

Henrietta Morton, wife of Compatriot Ted Morton. She has distinguished herself as a friend to the SC Society. She has served the DAR on the chapter and state levels and as a vice president general. She has not only supported her husband, she has been present at many SAR events, conducted many genealogy workshops and has helped many SAR applicants with their genealogy and applications. She has been an unofficial, but effective ambassador between the SCSSAR and the DAR.

● **Meritorious Service Medal** — recognizes long, faithful and meritorious service to the State Society.

Compatriot Doug Doster for his service as secretary, vice president and president of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, Midlands region vice president; and as chairman of the Eagle Scout committee. He was actively involved with the restoration of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter. He has organized and conducted the commemoration of the Battle of Eutaw Springs, the commemoration of the 275th birthday of Gen. Francis Marion and the George Washington birthday commemoration with the CAR and DAR this past February.

Compatriot Dan Patten served as treasurer of the Col. Robert Anderson Chapter and for the past two years as the state treasurer, which is one of the most difficult jobs in our Society. He reorganized this office and established a more detailed budget. He conducted the financial affairs of this Society with efficiency and in a timely manner.

## Your chapter might get a phone call: Patriot Graves and Index Committee



**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION GRAVE STONES** — Left photo: Andrew Meeks of Hilton Head Island. Right photo: Scott Watts (left) and Travis Alford, a Clinton High School JROTC cadet, install stone for First Lt. James Watts. [Photos by Norm Pigeon]

One hundred thirty-seven high school students (plus JROTC Cadets, teachers and chaperones) from Rotary Interact Clubs across the state participated in a DAR-SAR workshop and grave marking ceremony for seven patriots Feb. 2, and then went to the six graveyards where they are buried and installed new Veterans Administration grave stones for those same patriots.

They also transcribed and mapped each old graveyard, straightening fallen or leaning stones and cleared deadfall, vines and saplings from those graveyards.

Many have expressed interest in preserving this history, so they may look up your chapter on the Internet and call you to ask your help in ordering and installing a free grave stone for one or more patriots buried in your chapter's service area. For help with these or other patriot graves contact Joe Goldsmith at (864) 547-1006 or e-mail joeg5950@yahoo.com.



Compatriot Frank Lachicotte served as president of the Major Gen. William Moultrie Chapter and in the sponsorship of the Carolina Day Celebration. He was most active in helping to restore and reorganize the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter in Camden.

● **State Medal of Distinguished Service** — the highest medal that can be awarded by a State Society President only once during his term of office.

Compatriot Ted Morton, for his service to the Society as chapter president, area vice president, chaplain and as national trustee. In all of his service he never sought the spotlight, but the good of the Society. He excelled in the restoration of the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter and made it possible for the Gen. James Williams Chapter to be created.

#### Dr. George Mosse: host chapter

Before the Patriot Medals were presented, President Rick Corbett recognized the Dr. George Mosse Chapter for its efforts in hosting the 2008 South Carolina Society Annual State Meeting. Members of the chapter in attendance were recognized, and the chapter was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the South Carolina Society.

President Corbett also recognized Compatriot Lynwood Jordan Sr. on the conclusion of 25 years of continuous and faithful service to the South Carolina Society Board of Managers. Dr. Jordan has served the state in various roles, most recently as state registrar. He was instrumental in the formation and growth of the celebration of the Battle of Cowpens in January of each year. Dr. Jordan is a past recipient of the Patriot Medal (1992) and the National Medal of Meritorious Service (2006).

#### Patriot Medal: highest award to individual

The final award presentations made were the Patriot Medal, the highest award that can be presented by a State Society to an individual compatriot. This medal can only be presented to an individual once in recognition of long, faithful and outstanding service at the state or chapter level. The SC Society was authorized to present two Patriot Medals by virtue of having had more than 500 members at the end of 2007.

● Compatriot Greg Ohanesian, in recognition of his service to the SC Society as president of the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter, as area vice president, se-



**ESSAY AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNER** — Jenna Barker of Summerville receives award for winning the Knight Essay Contest and the South Carolina Society scholarship from outgoing President Rick Corbett. At left is President General Bruce Wilcox. [Photo by Cindy Anthony]

nior vice president, president and vice president general. He has chaired numerous committees and led the distribution of educational materials to history and social studies teachers throughout the state. He is a co-founder of the Gen. George Washington birthday celebration, which involves the CAR and DAR. He is the chair of the successful Colonial Ball Committee.

● Compatriot Mark Anthony, while he has been a member of the SC Society and the Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter since 2005, he has served as a member of the Color Guard, as Americanism chairman since 2006, and as state secretary since 2007.

He has enthusiastically and vigorously done much to energize the State Society to reach higher goals, being partially responsible for enhancing the profile of our Society at the national level. He is the author of a scholarly article, "The British Evacuation of Charles Town," which was published in *The SAR Magazine* (Winter 2008). As state secretary and an adviser to the state president, he has accomplished more in the three years that he has been a member of our Society than most members ever accomplish.

The awards presentations concluded with President General Bruce Wilcox inducting the new SCSSAR officers.



**ART PROJECT** — President General Bruce Wilcox and his wife, Theresa, with Cambridge Chapter art project.



**CHAPTER OF THE YEAR** — The Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter of Spartanburg was named Chapter of the Year. From left: President General Bruce Wilcox, outgoing President Rick Corbett, Will Clement, vice president of the chapter, and Mark Anthony, state secretary. [Photo by Cindy Anthony]



## John T. Smith named new SCSSAR registrar

At the annual state meeting in April, John T. Smith was elected the new state registrar. Please mail all new member and supplemental applications to:

Compatriot John T. Smith  
SCSSAR State Registrar  
598 Sloan Rd.  
Lyman, SC 29365

If you need to contact Compatriot Smith, he can be reached by phone at 864-877-9909 or by e-mail at smith702142@bellsouth.net.

Please note that when you send applications, you only need to send the following items:

- one signed original application on the SAR watermarked, archival paper
- one signed copy of the application. The copy can be on either the archival paper or regular legal size paper.

- one set only of the documentary genealogical evidence
- For first time applications, a check made payable to SCSSAR in the amount of \$125. For all supplemental applications, the check is made payable to SCSSAR in the amount of \$50. No chapter dues should be sent with the application.

## Board of Governors to meet July 19

The next meeting of the SCSSAR Board of Governors will be Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m. at the Northeast Branch of the Richland County Library, 7490 Parklane Rd., Columbia.

All SCSSAR members are invited to attend.

The South Carolina Society Children of the American Revolution (CAR) will be having their summer workshop that day in Columbia.

The Board of Governors meeting should conclude by noon, so those members who are senior

CAR leaders and others who wish can attend this meeting as well. The SC Society CAR color guard is scheduled to present the colors at the Lexington Blowfish baseball game that night as well.

## Garrett Rapp: Eagle Scout of the Year

Garrett Rapp, winner of the SCSSAR Eagle Scout of the Year award, was unable to attend the state convention awards luncheon at Hilton Head Saturday, April 26, so Cambridge member and scoutmaster Chip Stockman arranged an alternate setting to recognize Garrett's significant accomplishments in scouting.

A Court of Honor was the setting for completing the awards procedure Saturday, May 10, at Main Street United Methodist Church in Greenwood. That church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 911 of which Compatriot Stockman is scoutmaster.

Compatriot Stockman presented the state award, including a scholarship cash award. He acknowledged past State President Rick Corbett and SAR State Scout Chairman Doug Doster in making the award.

Compatriot Ted Morton represented the Cambridge Chapter and presented the chapter award. Phillip Dorn represented Greenwood's Knights of Pythias Chapter and made an award on that organization's behalf. Garrett Rapp's brother, Travis J. Rapp, also an Eagle Scout, presided at the ceremony.

A reception in the fellowship hall concluded the Court of Honor, providing opportunity to greet Garrett, his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Rapp, and those who participated in the ceremony. *Ted Morton Jr.*

*“Let tyrants shake their iron rod, and slavery clank her galling chains. We fear them not, we trust in God. New England’s God forever reigns” Chester, Revolutionary marching song by William Billings, second in popularity to Yankee Doodle.*

## Calendar of Events

May 24, Saturday, 10 a.m.	<b>Commemoration of Buford’s Massacre</b> Sponsored by Gen. Francis Marion Chapter	Lancaster, S.C.
May 25, Sunday, 2 p.m.	<b>Memorial Day — Woodlawn Cemetery</b> Sponsored by Col. Robert Anderson Chapter	Greenville, S.C.
June 7, Saturday 10 a.m.	<b>Battle of Ramsaur’s Mill Celebration</b> Sponsored by North Carolina Society SAR	Lincolnton, N.C.
June 28, Saturday, 11 a.m.	<b>Carolina Day</b> Sponsored by Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter	Charleston, S.C.
July 5 -10, Saturday-Thursday	<b>NSSAR National Congress</b>	Sacramento, California
July 19, Saturday, 10 a.m. Saturday, noon	<b>SCSSAR Board of Governors Meeting</b> <b>SCSCAR Summer Workshop</b>	Columbia, S.C. Columbia, S.C.
Aug. 16, Saturday, 1:30 p.m.	<b>Battle of Musgrove’s Mill Celebration</b> Sponsored by Gen. James Williams Chapter	Clinton, S.C.
Oct. 6, Monday (5 p.m.)	<b>Kings Mountain Reception</b> Sponsored by South Carolina Society SAR	Gaffney, S.C.
Oct. 7, Tuesday, 10 a.m.	<b>Battle of Kings Mountain Celebration</b> Sponsored by South Carolina and North Carolina Societies SAR	Kings Mountain, N.C.
Oct. 18, Saturday 10 a.m. Jan. 10, Saturday, 10 a.m.	<b>SCSSAR Board of Governors Meeting</b> <b>SCSSAR Board of Governors Meeting</b>	Columbia, S.C. Columbia, S.C.
Jan. 16, Friday, 5 p.m.	<b>Cowpens Reception</b> Sponsored by South Carolina Society SAR	Gaffney, S.C.
Jan. 17, Saturday, 10 a.m.	<b>Battle of Cowpens Reception</b> Sponsored by Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter	Chesnee, S.C.

Details for each of these events can be found on the SCSSAR web site ([www.scssar.org](http://www.scssar.org)) under the Calendar tab.

## The Snow Campaign: by Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss

Cambridge Chapter's business meeting May 13 included a visit from Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss, professor emeritus of Limestone College and a scholar of Revolutionary War history.

Dr. Moss was unable to attend the chapter's annual Patriot Dinner in February because of illness, when he was to receive an award. Dr. Moss offered the chapter a make-up class. He commented, "If you want to make an award to me, the least I can do is come to accept it."

His wife, Cathy, accompanied him to the meeting held at the Gatewood Club in Greenwood.

At the February Patriot Dinner, Compatriot Eric Williams, chapter vice president, made the award in absentia. At the business meeting he told Dr. Moss, "This is a reprise of my role at our February meeting when I was privileged to award to you the chapter's Gen. James Williams Outstanding Patriot Award for your service to the SAR and the preservation of South Carolina's history in the Revolutionary War."

Compatriot Williams is a National Park Service Ranger and manages the Ninety Six National Historic Site. He has worked with Dr. Moss for many years.

Dr. Moss reviewed his latest written history, *The Snow Campaign*. In his remarks, he noted that the Snow Campaign resulted in two battles, one at Col. Thomas Savage's Old Field in November 1775, and the other at the Great Cane Break in December. He noted that the first battle is sometimes called First Ninety Six, but that it is more properly named Savage's Old Field. He named numerous patriots associated with the two battles.

The National Park Service book stores at Cowpens, Ninety Six and other NPS sites will have the book for sale. *Ted Morton Jr.*

# Summary of Business Conducted at Annual State Meeting

The majority of new business considered by delegates at the 2008 Annual State Meeting focused on amendments to the SCSSAR Constitution and Bylaws.

Seven Constitutional amendments were discussed. Of these, six passed and one failed. Following is a summary of each amendment considered:

- 1) Delete the phrase "Secretary/Treasurer" — passed
- 2) Require elected state officers to have primary SAR membership in the SCSSAR — failed
- 3) Retitle "Area Vice Presidents" to "Region Vice Presidents" — passed
- 4) Create new elected officers: (a) Vice President for Chapter Renewal and Revitalization and (b) Vice President for Chapter Formation and Development — passed
- 5) Retitle "Board of Managers" to "Board of Governors" — passed
- 6) Formally add State Committee Chairmen to Board of Governors — passed
- 7) Redefine a quorum for a State Meeting to be 25 percent of Board of Governors — passed

A total of 11 Bylaws amendments were discussed. Of these, 10 passed, and one failed. Following is a summary of each amendment considered:

- 1) Elimination of the State Life Membership Program — passed
- 2) Establish an "Emeritus" membership for members who are 90 years old or older — passed
- 3) Member death notifications sent to the State Secretary instead of State Registrar — passed
- 4) Establish criteria for Chapter suspensions and revocation of charters — failed
- 5) State President to be National Trustee Nominee — passed
- 6) State Senior Vice President given oversight of Society communications — passed
- 7) State Senior Vice President to be State President Nominee — passed
- 8) Duties of the State Secretary and State Treasurer delineated — passed
- 9) Expansion of the duties of the State Historian — passed
- 10) Permanent State Committees redefined — passed
- 11) General duties of the two new Vice Presidents are defined — passed

The updated Constitution and Bylaws can be found on the state web site at [www.scssar.org](http://www.scssar.org).

Before outlining the other business conducted at the meeting, it is important to clarify the first Bylaws amendment. While the summary states that the State Life Membership program has been eliminated, it is important to note that this only applies to the acceptance of new State Life Members.

- No new State Life Memberships will be accepted
- Existing State Life Members will not change. If you were a State Life Member before April 2008, there will be no change to the way in which your membership dues are paid.

In other new business, the SCSSAR approved an operating budget for 2008 with projected revenues of \$15,100 and projected expenses of \$14,300.

The Society also voted to pursue hosting the 2014 National Congress in Charleston. There is no commitment on behalf of the SCSSAR at this time. State President Paul Grier will be sending a letter stating the interest of the SCSSAR in hosting

this event to the NSSAR National Congress Committee. That committee will decide if this Congress will be awarded to the SCSSAR after consideration of a bid.

The final item of new business was in relation to the obligations of the now closed State Life Membership Program. As a result of a review of

the obligations related to this program, the delegates at the meeting voted to fund the purchase of National Life Memberships for each of the current State Life Members. This obligation will be funded in December of this year and will alleviate some of the existing pressures on the current Life Endowment Fund.

## From the Editor Submissions for *The Palmetto Patriot*

Please send any articles, stories or pictures of your chapter events to me at [tom.hanson@SouthCarolinaConservative.com](mailto:tom.hanson@SouthCarolinaConservative.com) or mail them to Hanson Communications, 2004 Old Parker Rd., Greenville, South Carolina, 29609.

The deadline for the Fall edition is Aug. 15, but I would appreciate receiving any articles or photos as soon as possible after the event happens so *The Palmetto Patriot* can be a continual work in progress. That way I can have the issue mostly laid out by the deadline and then plug in any last minute items before sending it off to press.

I have included some quotations from the Revolutionary War era such as the one below. They are taken from *First Person History: the American Revolution in the Words and Deeds of Those Who Were There*. They are available from Tree Farm Communications ([www.treefarmtapes.com](http://www.treefarmtapes.com)). They were recorded live from the Michael Medved Show ([www.michaelmedved.com](http://www.michaelmedved.com)).

Compatriots, *The Palmetto Patriot* is YOUR newsletter. It is one of the main ways that the SCSSAR keeps in touch, and we look forward to hearing about your chapter events and keeping alive what our patriot ancestors fought for. We would appreciate your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better. *Tom Hanson, editor.*



Tom Hanson

*"Just hold up your heads, boys, three fires, and you are free. Then when you return to your homes, how the old folks will bless you and the girls kiss you for your gallant conduct," Daniel Morgan's instructions to front-line militia the night before the battle Battle at Hannah's Cowpens, Jan. 17, 1781.*

## My Patriot

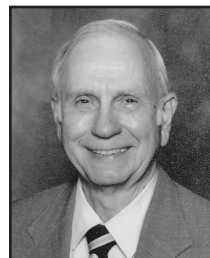
By Ted Morton

### Conducting a Search for an Elusive Ancestor

*Palmetto Patriot* editor Tom Hanson requested I do a brief sketch of my Revolutionary War ancestor, Caleb Smith. Brief it will have to be because about the only part of his life's record that has survived was his service in the War for Independence.

Caleb Smith was born about 1755 and died Feb. 5, 1811 in Onslow County, North Carolina. The place of his birth is unknown, and we were unable to identify his parents. Although he died in Onslow County, he likely migrated to North Carolina from another colony (state) perhaps the Chesapeake area.

North Carolina state records show that he served as a private in Captain John Ingles' company of the Second North Carolina Battalion com-



Ted Morton

manded by Col. John Patton. He enlisted in 1777 and served for the duration of the war.

What did he do from the end of the war (1783) until his death in 1811? No records exist to tell us, but I suspect he was a farmer because from Colonial days to the present much of eastern North Carolina has been farmland.

A number of my ancestors came South from New England, with stops in the Chesapeake area, seeking naval stores (lumber for ship masts, turpentine, tar, pitch). Caleb could have been in that number, and he could have easily been a lumberman as a farmer.

We can trace his descendants, however, and they all turned out to be right honorable folks: farmers, storekeepers, legislators, preachers and railroad men. Like Caleb, some served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Wish I could give you a more "swashbuckling" account, but there is none to report.

Send your *My Patriot* articles to Tom Hanson ([tom.hanson@SouthCarolinaConservative.com](mailto:tom.hanson@SouthCarolinaConservative.com)). We hope to publish at least one each issue.



## National Congress set for Sacramento

The NSSAR National Congress will take place this year in Sacramento, California, from Saturday, July 5, to Thursday, July 10. Registration materials and an agenda can be found on the National web site at the following address:

[www.frogsncats.com/html/SAR/congress\\_118th/congress\\_index.htm](http://www.frogsncats.com/html/SAR/congress_118th/congress_index.htm)

The SCSSAR is allowed 16 voting delegates at the National Congress. As of May 16, three compatriots expressed an interest in being delegates.

## Two SCSSAR Chapters Chartered at State Convention at Hilton Head

Two chapters were chartered at the state convention at Hilton Head Island April 25 and 26.

Having recovered from several years of life in the doldrums in the late 1990s, the Cambridge Chapter had grown sufficiently to endorse a proposal to charter a new chapter to serve the Laurens, Saluda and Newberry counties area.

Named to honor Revolutionary War patriot Gen. James Williams, work began in 2007 to secure at least the minimum of 10 members required to charter a new chapter.

With seven Cambridge members setting out on a recruitment campaign, the goal was met by the time of the SCSSAR executive committee meeting Jan. 26, 2008. Leading the chapter will be compatriots Bud Marchant, president; Norm Pigeon, vice president; Joe Goldsmith, secretary; and Charles McKinney, treasurer. The chapter adopted Musgrove's Mill State Historic Site as its historic site to support and will conduct a celebration there Saturday, Aug. 16.

The second chartering event at the Hilton Head convention was for the Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter in Camden. The prior Camden-Wateree area chapter of the SAR, Gen. Thomas Sumter, surrendered its charter and ceased operations in 2004. The SCSSAR Chapter Revitalization Committee began work in January 2007 to return SAR to Camden.

Under the leadership of then Area Vice President Doug Doster, committee member Frank Lachicotte and committee chairman Ted Morton, a provisional chapter was organized.

Priority was given to recruiting new members since few former members remained to meet chartering requirements. Chapter leadership includes Compatriots Rhett Adams, president; Dwight Deloach, vice president; Laurence Hull, secretary; James DeLoache, treasurer; and Miles Gardner, genealogist. Compatriot Gardner is also serving as SCSSAR state genealogist.

The Col. Joseph Kershaw Chapter meets at the Joseph Kershaw House on the grounds of Historic Camden, Broad Street, Camden.

The chapter is working with Historic Camden on a number of projects, including seeking National Park Service status for Camden's Battle of Hobkirk Hill and associated Revolutionary War venues in the Camden area.

Coming on the Chapter Renewal and Revitalization agenda for 2008 will be an effort to restart the Col. William Bratton Chapter in Rock Hill.

"We hope Rock Hill will be easier to restart than Camden," said committee chairman Ted Morton. "The Chapter did not surrender its charter and has a respectable number of compatriots on its roster," he noted. "They simply are not meeting and are not engaged in the programs offered by SCSSAR and NSSAR." *Ted Morton Jr.*

## Chapters to place flags on Patriot graves

Cambridge Chapter and the Gen. James Williams Chapter will place American flags on the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers the week before the Fourth of July.

The chapters have an active program of identifying, marking and protecting Patriot graves in the counties they serve.

Cambridge Chapter will meet again Aug. 12 for its Summer Chapter Social event. *Ted Morton Jr.*



### Aiken Cadet Receives SAR Award From Henry Laurens Chapter

Cadet Ryan Wisz (left) of the South Aiken High School JROTC program was awarded the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate April 29 by the Henry Laurens Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The medal endeavors to foster the principle of the citizen-soldier as exemplified by the Minutemen of the American Revolution. Recipients are selected for a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The medal and certificate were presented to Cadet Wisz by Henry Laurens Chapter President Robert Johnson at the South Aiken High School awards dinner for the JROTC program. [Photo by J.D. Magruder]

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