

The newsletter of The Colonel Alexander Lillington Chapter
of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution

President's Message

Greetings,

As we start a new year here in 2020, I just want to take a minute to thank the members of the Chapter for their votes of confidence in electing our new officers. I am looking forward to a very productive year as our chapter continues to grow.

I would also like to thank the past officers for all that they have done and continue to do. Without them, our chapter would not exist. Through their hard work and dedication, we have new chapter that continues to grow and improve.

We have several exciting plans for this year. These plans include education, visibility of the chapter along with several other things.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and please bring anyone interested along with you.

Sincerely,

Mike Murphy, President

244th Anniversary of the battle of Moores Creek Bridge

Saturday, February 22nd

Our Chapter will be laying a wreath at the monument, the plan is to meet in front of the Visitor Center at 9:45 and then to walk down to the monument for the ceremony.

10:00AM- Wreath Laying Ceremony Moores Creek Battleground Association Grady Monument

10:00AM -4:00PM- Living History - Militia Encampments and Crafts & Trades.

10:00AM-4:00PM- Patriot or Loyalist - Interactive exhibit.

11:00AM -4:00PM- Meet the Author Book signing with Suzanne Adair. Visitor Center

11:00AM - Guided Battlefield Tour

Led by Dr. Chris Fonvielle, Professor, UNCW Meet at Visitor Center - Back Porch

12:00PM - Battle Demonstration Narrated program featuring musket and cannon firing followed by memorial dedication.

12:30PM - Colonial Music Performed by. John Golden. Patriots Field - Music Area

1:00PM- Musket Demonstration Explanation of weapons; musket firing. Loyalist Camp

2:00PM - Guest Speaker - Author Suzanne Adair

"The Crucial Role of North Carolina During the American Revolution"

2:00PM - Guided Battlefield Tour

Led by Ben Sorensen, Professor, CFCC Meet at Visitor Center - Back Porch

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3:00PM - Colonial Music Performed by. John Golden. Patriots Field - Music Area

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UPCOMING GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY

March 7 at 12:30 pm - Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter invites you to attend a Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony for COMPATRIOT CHARLES EARL CARTER on 7 March 2020 beginning at 12:30PM at 200 NETTIES LANE, HAVELOCK, NC. Please contact Napoleon Carter at 252-447-2258 (home) or 910-818-3032 (cell) or mail napcar@embarqmail.com for more information. See

<https://www.ncssar.org/event/compatriot-charles-earl-carter-grave-marking-ceremony/>

March 28 at 1:30 pm - Salisbury Chapter will host a Compatriot Grave Marking service for Compatriot Grady Hall at 1:30 PM on March 28, 2020 at Christ Episcopal Church located at 3430 Old Hwy 70, Cleveland, North Carolina 27013. Sandwich makings for a light lunch will be available in the fellowship hall beginning at 11:30 AM. Please if you plan to attend reach out to Franklin Merrell at salisburysar@gmail.com to receive an attendance form.

This Month's Book Recommendation

***Patriot Pirates: The Privateer War for Freedom and Fortune in the American Revolution* by Robert H. Patton.**

In this lively narrative history, Robert H. Patton, grandson of World War II battlefield legend, tells a sweeping tale of courage, capitalism, naval warfare, and international political intrigue set on the high seas during the American Revolution. American privateering-essentially legalized piracy-began with a ragtag squadron of New England schooners in 1775. It quickly erupted into a massive seaborne insurgency involving thousands of money-mad patriots plundering Britain's maritime trade throughout Atlantic. Patton's extensive research brings to life the extraordinary adventures of privateers as they hammered the British economy, infuriated the Royal Navy, and humiliated the crown.



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Important upcoming Events (National Color Guard events in **Bold**)

Battle of Cowan's Ford, Huntersville, NC – 1 February 2020

NC SAR Winter Board of Managers (BOM) meeting, Huntersville, NC – 1 February 2020

Battle of Kettle Creek, Washington, GA – 7-8 February 2020

Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, VA – 14-15 February 2020

Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, Currie, NC - 22 February 2020

National SAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY – 27-29 February 2020

Battle of Guilford's Courthouse, Greensboro, NC – 14 March 2020

NC CAR Meeting, location tbd - 20-22 March 2020

NC SAR Annual Convention, Winston-Salem, NC – 3-4 April 2020

Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC – 18 April 2020

The next meeting of The Colonel Alexander Lillington Chapter will be held on March 8th at 2:30pm in the fellowship hall at Wallace United Methodist Church located at 303 S College St. Wallace, North Carolina 28466