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*President's Report*



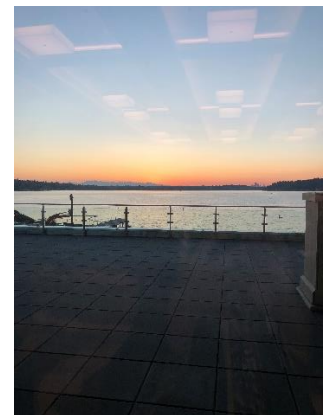
Seattle Space Needle



Chihuly Glass Garden



Entrance to Pike Place Market



Lakeside Hotel Sunset



2021 Commemoration of the Battle of Rockfish

We are almost back to a new near normal. We met at Congress in Seattle after having to cancel the Congress in Richmond, last year. I will attach the Power Point that I gave at our last meeting with more pictures and story of the event. I had met a family from Seattle while camping in Holland once, and they were absolutely right in their praise and description of a beautiful city full of trees and almost surrounded by water. I could learn to love the Pacific Northwest except for the traffic and prices. I think I have seen as many seaplanes takeoff of the lake by the hotel as I have seen in movies. We have a new President General, heard a patriotic yet not political speech by a great General (Mad Dog Mattis) and enjoyed

much good food and really enjoyed the comradery that we have missed this past pandemic year. There were seven of us from North Carolina and three wives. The State Oration Contestant took second place and NC won the Poster Contest. Meanwhile, back here in NC, we grew by two more members: Dr. Mike Arnette and John Longley for a total of 52. We are planning several upcoming events and encourage everyone to see how they might begin to participate as we come out of this new surge in COVID-19 Cases approaching the Fall. We continue to meet at the Greenville Church of God and will continue to use zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. The Summer Board of Manager's Meeting is on

the 21<sup>st</sup> at noon at the NC State University Club in Raleigh. RSVP (cutoff 16 Aug) information is on the State Website and everyone is invited to attend. Our next meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Ron will give a presentation on the Battle of Point Pleasant – First Battle of the Revolution. It is time to give some thought to election of officers in October and if you would like to discuss the opportunities, please reach out to Ron Bonham, myself or any of our more senior members. Oh, I almost forgot, the 2020 Americanism Results have been posted and the General George Washington Chapter was number 15 in the Nation of all Chapters our size. Five other NC Chapters were ahead of us and fourteen were behind us. We did well, considering many of our points were lost to Covid this year (ROTC and JROTC Awards). Thank you all for your continuing support.

George

*SM Sgt. George Strunk, USAF Ret.*

### *Meeting Agenda - August 19<sup>th</sup>*

Call to Order: President George Strunk  
Invocation/Blessing: Chaplain Ron Jones/Ron Bonham  
Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's Flag: Broughton Goodson  
SAR Pledge: Holden Spain  
Program: Ron Bonham – Battle of Point Pleasant – the first battle of the Revolution  
Acceptance of Previous Month's Minutes  
Treasurer's Report: Kenny Smith  
Unfinished Business:  
New Business:  
SAR Recessional: David Hance  
Benediction: Chaplain Ron Jones/Ron Bonham

### *Last Meeting Minutes - July 22, 2021*

The following were in attendance: George Strunk, Joe Sutton, Kenny Smith, David Hance, Donald Bonham, Ron Bonham, Jerry Wilcox, John Longley, Mike Arnette, and guests Chris Grimes, Shroud Arnette, and Aaron Arnette. Zoom: Travis Putnam and Jim Gaddis.

George Strunk called the meeting to order.

Ron Bonham prayed the Invocation.

Travis Putnam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Hance led the SAR Pledge.

Program on "2021 National Congress" by George Strunk

George Strunk inducted Mike Arnette into the chapter with Joe Sutton as sponsor. Mike spoke to the group about membership.

George Strunk inducted John Longley into the chapter with Jerry Wilcox as sponsor. John spoke to the group about his patriot.

Kenny made a motion to accept the June minutes. The motion seconded by David Hance. Approved.

Kenny Smith gave treasurer's report: Balance of \$1666.73.

Old business:

1. Ron Bonham brought up the November 13th celebration of Richard and William Caswell's and the grave marking for William at 11 am, followed by a compatriot marking for Richard "Robin" Wooten, then a commemoration of Richard and William Caswell until 4 pm.

2. Ron Bonham asked if anyone was going to the commencement of the Battle of Rockfish on July 31st. 3 responses.
  3. George Strunk asked that the chapter should be represented at the House in the Horseshoe on August 7th  
New business:
    1. George Strunk announced the Halifax Resolves chapter is working on a patriot and compatriot grave marking event.
    2. George Strunk announced the Summer BOM meeting will be on August 21st in Raleigh at the NC State University Club.
- Genealogy Report: We have two more inquiries and the team is working to get applicants to send in their own birth certificates.
- George Strunk led the SAR recessional  
 Ron Bonham prayed the Benediction  
 George Strunk adjourned.

## **Upcoming SAR events that might be of interest**

*Pending resumption of public gatherings – post Corona Virus – Check Calendar before heading out*

- Aug 14 Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony – Carlisle, KY**
- Aug 19 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**
- Aug 21 NC BOM – Burlington, NC
- Aug 28 New Bern Resolves – New Bern, NC
- Sep 16 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**
- Sep 18 Washington’s Tomb Vigil – Mt. Vernon, VA**
- Oct 6 South Atlantic District Meeting
- Oct 7 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Kings Mountain**
- Oct 21 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**
- Nov 11 Veterans Day – Washington, NC**
- Nov 13 Caswell Ceremony and Grave Marking – Kinston, NC**
- Nov 18 General George Washington Annual Meeting**
- Dec 19 Wreaths Across America**
- Feb 12 Heroes of the Hornets Nest – Zoom
- Feb 13 **Battle of Kettle Creek – Zoom**
- Feb 18 **General George Washington Chapter Meeting – 7PM –**
- Feb 20 **Crossing of the Dan- 10AM – 700 Bruce St., South Boston, VA**
- Feb 27 245<sup>h</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Moore’s Creek – 10AM**
- Mar 3 NSSAR Spring Leadership – Louisville, KY
- Mar 12 241<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse**
- Mar 17 General George Washington Chapter Meeting, Greenville and Zoom 7 PM**
- Mar Raleigh Chapter Lunch Meeting, Raleigh, NC
- Apr 12 Halifax Resolves - Zoom**
- Apr 21 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**
- May 16 Patriots Day in Alamance County
- May 20 245<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration
- May 19 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**
- May 30 Memorial Day
- Jun 4 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill – Lincolnton**
- Jun 11 Liberty Point Resolves – Fayetteville
- Jun 14 Flag Day