



The Patriot Journal

Newsletter of the Raleigh Chapter
North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution

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President's Corner

Richard A. Peña, President



Hear ye, hear ye, here comes the Year 2022

Many of us, if not all, are thankful 2021 was indeed a much better year than the previous 2020. Although we are slowly moving in the right direction with the pandemic, many families are still at risk. Some still feel the stinging effect of the pandemic; rest assured, we will all come out of this period more resilient and more robust as a nation and people.

In hindsight, 2021 was a very productive year for the Raleigh Chapter, with the following highlights. First, the Raleigh Chapter presented five successful Zoom meetings between January and May, including guest speakers and topics such as George Strunk, SMSgt USAF Ret - kicking off the color guard initiative, Earl Ijames-Black-American history, and Genetic Genealogy with Caswell-Nash DAR guests.

During the mid-year of 2021, the Tara Farm Picnic is always a crowd-pleaser with the SAR and DAR community. During last year's Tara Farm Picnic, the Raleigh Chapter presented David E McCracken, Lt. Col. U.S. Army Ret., Founder of the Veterans Smile Foundation (VSF) of North Carolina, a one thousand dollars donation - I ask all to contribute to VSF. Also, the chapter presented Jake Hessler, the Rumbaugh Oration Chapter Award for his oration on the "Kentucky Long Rifle."

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Registrar's Report, January 22

Bob Whitehead, Registrar

The Raleigh Chapter totals for 2021 are twenty-four New Member Applications approved and four Supplemental Applications approved.

Since the last Registrar's Report on October 18, 2021, five New Member Applications and one Supplemental Application have been approved by NSSAR. They are listed on the next page.

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President's Corner– Continued

On the Fourth of July at the North Carolina State Capitol, our Raleigh Chapter's Color Guard was as outstanding as the colors they posted! Many thanks to Bob Sigmon and Tom Davis for their efforts with the Raleigh Color Guard. In August, the Raleigh Chapter had the opportunity to host the NC SAR State BOM meeting at the North Carolina University Club, our efforts praised.

In the last quarter of the year, the Raleigh Chapter presented three successful hybrids Zoom and In-person meetings from September to November. In addition, the Wreaths Across America Campaign was a wild success, with the Raleigh Chapter sponsoring 66 wreaths and chapter members volunteering at the Historic Oakwood Cemetery, placing over 250 flags and 300 wreaths on veterans' graves. Hats off to David Bamford for spearheading and the volunteers/contributors that helped donate to Wreaths Across America, Buck Anderson, George Dolicker, Karl Feld, Robert Higdon, Van Jones, Norm Matthias, Patrick Niemann, Tommy & Kleist Rhodes, Bob Sigmon, and Gary Spencer. Also, a big thank you goes out to Rebecca Whaley, Michael Stubbs, and Rebecca Glave of Allscripts Healthcare for their contribution to the Raleigh Chapter's Wreaths Across America campaign.

The Raleigh Chapter's President and members also attended twenty NC SAR State-sponsored historical events throughout 2021. Finally, in closing, I am pleased the Raleigh Chapter's met its commitment and donated ten thousand dollars to the Veterans Life Center in December 2021. The Raleigh Chapter looks forward to presenting John W Turner, Executive Director, Veterans Life Center, a SAR Good Citizen medal/certificate, two U.S. flags, and a certificate on George Washington's Birthday 2022. So, keep your powder dry; we have a lot more work ahead in 2022.



Registrar's Report– Continued

There are currently four New Member Applications and seven Supplemental Applications under review at the National Society.

New Member Applications Approved

Norikazu Joshua Tsujimura, Patriot: Robert Means

Toshiya Lucas Tsujimura, Patriot: Robert Means

Jeffery Alan Angle, Patriot: Stephen Tompkins

Andrew Joseph Lohner, Patriot: John Longstreth

James Timothy Merritt, Patriot: Absolom Petty

Supplemental Applications Approved

David Ewing McCracken, Patriot: Herman Husband

Secretary's Announcements

David Bamford, Secretary

The chapter has “approximately” 175 members. This is an estimate based on preliminary data from the annual dues reconciliation process which should be finalized by the first of February. This is a labor-intensive exercise in MS Excel (many rows and columns of info, data, and formulas) where we have to account for who has paid their 2022 dues and who has not– for all chapters and the society level. Bob Sigmon (Chapter Treasurer and NC Society Secretary) has put in countless hours, and we appreciate his work on this.

In December we processed Compatriot Thomas A. Weierick Jr's transfer paperwork from the Georgia SAR Society to our chapter. Welcome Thomas!

National is rolling out a new system for members to log-in to the SAR website and update their contact info (address, phone #, email). After I attend the training tutorials, I will relay this to the chapter.

NEW MEMBERS' BIOS

Toshiya Lucas Tsujimura

Compatriot Tsujimura was born and raised in Raleigh, North Carolina. He received his BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology from UNC Charlotte in 2016. He is employed with Progress Energy/Duke Power as an Engineering Technologist. Toshiya is a veteran of the North Carolina National Guard. He is also an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

He is the twin brother of new compatriot Norikazu Joshua Tsujimura.

His membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from **Patriot Robert Means**. During the Revolution Robert Means fought at the Battle of Guilford County Courthouse in North Carolina.

Norikazu Joshua Tsujimura

Compatriot Tsujimura was born and raised in Raleigh, North Carolina. He received his BS in Horticultural Science with a minor in Agribusiness from North Carolina State University in 2015. He is employed as a professional gardener and groundskeeper with Falls Revival Nursery in Raleigh and Cedar Creek Gallery in Creedmoor, North Carolina. Norikazu is an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

He is the twin brother of new compatriot Toshiya Lucas Tsujimura

His membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from **Patriot Robert Means**. During the Revolution Robert Means fought at the Battle of Guilford County Courthouse in North Carolina.

Andrew Joseph Lohner

Compatriot Lohner was born in Milwaukee County Wisconsin and raised in Medina County, Ohio. In 2009 Andrew received his Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts of America while being a member of Troop 514. Andrew received a BA in 2014 and an MBA in 2015 from Wright State University. He relocated to North Carolina in 2020.

Andrew is currently working as a Financial Analyst for a local bank. In season, he also works at a local river outfitter on the weekends. He spends his free time being active outdoors; mountain biking, scuba diving, backpacking, sport shooting, hiking and camping. His hobbies include Legos, mining cryptocurrencies and day trading the Forex markets. He met his girlfriend, Nina Hoffmann, in high school. They have 3 rescue dogs, Nala – 5y/o Mini Aussie, Stella – 2yo mixed breed, and Luna – 2yo Dutch Shepherd.

Compatriot Lohner's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from **Patriot Lt. John Longstreth**. During the Revolution Lt Longstreth volunteered with Capt. Andrew Hines' Flying Camp, which was a roving, mobile battalion of reserve soldiers defending New Jersey from the British, freeing up Washington's main army for the defense of New York. After the British capture of Fort Lee, the Flying Camp withdrew back to Philadelphia where the Flying Camp was formally disbanded and Longstreth was drafted into Capt. Rush's company of militia. At the expiration of his tour, he reenlisted in the militia and spent the next several years scouting the wilderness of western Pennsylvania for hostile Indians.



NEW MEMBERS' BIOS

Jeffery (Jeff) Alan Angle

Compatriot Angle was raised in St. Louis County, Missouri. In 1988 Jeff received a BS in Electrical Engineering from GMI Engineering & Management Institute (aka Kettering University) in Flint, Michigan. In 2004 he received a Masters in Engineering from the University of Louisville. He has worked as an engineer in the automotive, appliance and aerospace industries. Jeff is currently employed by Collins Aerospace – Kidde Aerospace & Defense, in Wilson, North Carolina.

Jeff and his wife Kerri currently reside in Knightdale. In his spare time Jeff is involved in hiking, visiting national parks and ballroom dancing with his wife Kerri. Jeff and Kerri are active at Knightdale Community Church as well.

He is married to Kerri (Penna) Angle who is originally from New Rochelle, New York. Jeff has twin daughters, age 23, who currently reside in Louisville, Kentucky with their mother. His daughter Emily just recently graduated from the University of Louisville with a degree in Nursing. She is beginning her career as a pediatric intensive care nurse at Nortons Children's Hospital in Louisville. His daughter Sarah is currently working as a customer service agent with Spectrum in Louisville as well.

Compatriot Angle's membership in The Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from **Patriot Capt. Stephen Tompkins**. During the Revolution Capt. Tompkins served in the South Carolina Militia under Col. Abel Kolb, Col. Thomas Wade and Maj. Gen. Nathanael Green. This Regiment saw action at the Battles of Cole's Bridge, Piney Creek, and Beatti's Bridge.

James Timothy Merritt

Compatriot Merritt was born and raised in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and moved to Morganton, North Carolina, at age of 12. After graduating from Gardner Webb University he was employed by the State of NC as a bank examiner and worked as a state and federal financial institution regulator and consultant until retiring in May 2021. His current residence is Holly Springs, and he is married to Judy Craft Merritt. They have two daughters, Amanda and Lindsey who reside in Banner Elk and Raleigh, respectively. He is also a Master Mason, is a past master of Holly Springs Lodge #115, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, NC. In his spare time Tim enjoys the outdoors and spends his free time tending his garden, salt water and fresh water fishing, upland bird hunting, as well as attending college football games. He is a descendant of **Patriot Absalom Petty**, who served as a sergeant under Capt. Robert Montgomery of the Continental Army and participated in the following battles:

- Jul. 12, 1780, [Williamson's Plantation](#)
- Aug. 8, 1780, [Wofford's Iron Works](#)
- Nov. 20, 1780, [Blackstocks](#)
- Jan. 17, 1781, [Cowpens](#)
- May 21 - Jun. 19, 1781, [Siege of Ninety-Six](#)
- Sep. 8, 1781, [Eutaw Springs](#)



Final Honors Committee Report

Gary Spencer, Vice President


The State Society EXCOM met recently to discuss the Final Honors Certificate we had created to honor our members that have moved “to that house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens” and be presented to the family of the compatriot. It was decided not to adopt this, as there is already a similar certificate. I guess that when I checked the SAR store, these tired, old and bloodshot eyes missed the Memorial Certificate that is currently available. Therefore, the state leadership decided that it would be best to utilize the current Memorial Certificate, instead of changing it or possibly having two different ones.

I recommend that the chapter go ahead and purchase a few of these to have on hand in case the unexpected occurs, so that they may be presented in a timely manner. The certificate would look best if done by a calligrapher, but that could incur an additional fee. While the fee will likely be nominal, I recommend the chapter cover the cost of that service, as well.

We want our compatriots to know that they are valued and important to us as a chapter. We also want the families to know this as well, and perhaps even spark an interest in learning more about their own ancestry.

I understand that there could potentially be some members that simply do not wish for their families to receive one of these when that unfortunate time comes. That is perfectly fine, and we will honor that preference. If you do not wish the chapter to do this in your honor, please send me an email at gspencer1861@hotmail.com. Put “Memorial Certificate” in the subject line. No explanation is expected or required. Just know that your memory will not be forgotten and we are grateful for the time we had with you.


The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution



In Memory of

Born _____ Died _____
A member of the _____

By virtue of lineal descent from _____ who aided in establishing the
Independence of the United States of America in the capacity of _____

 This Memorial of Respect was adopted by
the Society on the _____ day of _____
in the year _____

President

Member Death Notices

Edward “Ted” Rudisill passed away on October 12, 2020 in Vermont. Ted had been a member of the SAR since 1989. Ted’s generous gift to the Raleigh Chapter years ago helped create our Color Guard and continues to support its efforts today.

Haynes William Rhodes, Jr. passed away on January 20, 2022 in Garner, NC. Haynes had been a member of the SAR since 2007.

Upcoming 2022 SAR Events

Event Description	Dates - 2022	Calendar URL
George Washington’s Birthday	February 12, 2022	Click Here
214 Anniversary Crossing the Dan	February 19, 2022	Click Here
246th Anniversary Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge	February 26, 2022	Click Here
241st Anniversary Battle of Guilford Courthouse	March 12, 2022	Click Here
Patriot/Compatriot Grave Marking	April 2, 2022	Click Here
246th Anniversary Adoption of the Halifax Resolves	April 11—12, 2022	Click Here



Next Chapter Meeting– Virtual on Zoom February 17, 2022 @ 7 PM

Guest Speaker: Ernest Dollar, director of the City of Raleigh Museum,

Topic: "Orange Turned Red: The Revolution in the North Carolina Piedmont." Founded in 1752, Orange County, North Carolina became the center of backcountry commerce and settlement. With the outbreak of war in 1775, Hillsborough and the surrounding countryside took a central role in the patriot effort to resist British invasion of the South and a hotbed of loyalist guerilla activity. Orange County was central to the struggle for independence and the founding of the new United States.

Chaplain's Prayer

Van Jones, Chaplain



Painting By Arnold Friberg

God,

It is our prayer that this virus would end,

It is within your power and will.

Whatever your wish is, we will deal with how to live from there onward.

I ask for your unending presence with both our local, state and national bodies and help us on all three levels be an inspiration to this nation and the world.

Help us to lead in freedom.

Help us to guide the younger generations in the struggle to remain free, yet recognize the rights of others.

Help us to be there for the others who desire to lead by serving.

Help all of us to remember our ancestors who gave so much for us to be free men and women.

May our prayer be to your glory,

AMEN

Get your children and grandchildren involved !

Your children or grandchildren qualify for membership in the **National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)** if they are ages 0 to 21. This is an excellent youth program for them to gain valuable life skills and leadership experiences. They also learn American heritage, history, and patriotism. Many C.A.R. members have moved on to become leaders in the S.A.R. and D.A.R. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. Encourage them to join today. More information can be found at this link: [N.C.S.C.A.R. – North Carolina Society of the Children of the American Revolution](http://www.ncscaar.org) .



Children of the American Revolution

Patriots are the foundation...

Each member is very important to the Raleigh Chapter, North Carolina Society and also the SAR National Society. Thank you for your continued membership during this time.

Please visit the [NC SAR website](http://www.ncscaar.org) to keep informed, and thank you for keeping your 2022 membership renewal up to date.



Submitted by Ken Van Valen

Send your flag photo submissions to the editor ([Click here](#)) if you want it in the next newsletter!

“We fight, get beat, rise and fight again.” Nathanael Greene

November Meeting

The Raleigh Chapter held its November meeting in person on November 20, 2021. President Richard Peña inducted our two newest members, Joe Jasper and his son Ben. Joe explained that his inspiration for doing the research and joining the SAR was his mother, who had wanted join the DAR, but had been unsuccessful. Now that he is a Compatriot, his mother can use his research and record copy to join the DAR.

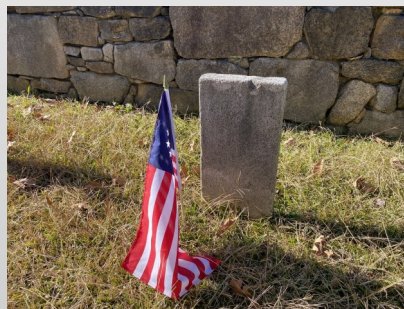
Chapter President Richard Peña gave the meeting's presentation on Bernado de Galvez. De Galvez was an experienced military leader during the rule of Carlos III and covertly provided supplies via the Mississippi for the Patriots in his role as the Spanish governor of Louisiana during the American Revolution. De Galvez also helped write the Treaty of Paris. Richard also made a brief presentation on one of his several Patriot ancestors, Antonio Gil Y'Barbo.

Wreaths Across America

The Raleigh Chapter contributed their time and resources in making the 2021 National Wreaths Across America Day (NWAA) Ceremony on December 18 at [Historic Oakwood Cemetery](#) a success. The chapter organized and created a sponsorship page and collected 66 wreaths for the event. These wreaths went towards marking the approximately 1,600 buried veterans at Oakwood. Chapter Compatriots Gary Spencer, Bob Sigmon, and David Bamford volunteered the week in advance of the event to place American flags at the many veteran graves to help those at the December 18 event know where to place wreaths. Several members attended the main event and also held a ceremony honoring the Revolutionary War services of patriots John Hinton Sr: [COL John Hinton II \(1725-1784\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#), John Hinton Jr [Maj John Hinton III \(1748-1818\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#), and Malachi Hinton (brother of John Sr): [Lieut Malachi Hinton \(1730-1808\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#). The Hinton Patriots are buried at Oakwood.



Above Left Picture: (L-R): Buck Anderson, Norm Matthias, Gary Spencer, Bob Sigmon, Van Jones, Stephen Morris, Bette Peña
DAR-SAR Liaison, not pictured is Richard Peña



US Flag Award Given to Veterans Club

The Raleigh Chapter presented its Flag Certificate to the Veteran's Club of Del Webb at Traditions on Dec. 14, 2021 for its work raising money for the Veterans Smiles Foundation (VSF). The award was accepted by club President Kathie Sheperd. The Veterans' Club promoted display of the US flag this year through sales and installation of 61 flags to residents of the Del Web at Traditions community. Mr. Hustis is also a member of the club. Proceeds from flag sales went to the VSF.

The VSF (<https://vetsmiles.org>) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Wake Forest, NC that provides dental and oral healthcare support to at-risk veterans do not qualify for free care at Veterans Administration hospitals and clinics and cannot afford dental care on their own. VSF's year-round Vet Smiles initiative is in partnership with the East Carolina University (ECU) School of Dental Medicine, (NC Serves, and Veteran Service Officers throughout the state. ECU's School of Dental Medicine has eight satellite dental clinics located around the state in rural and under-served areas including Brunswick, Robeson, and Davidson Counties, and also in the communities of Elizabeth City, Ahoskie, Lillington, Spruce Pine, and Sylva.



Raleigh Compatriot Bruce Hustis presents Del Webb Veterans' Club President Kathie Sheperd with the SAR Flag Certificate.



Change of Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest Committee Chairman

President Richard Peña is excited to announce Compatriot Ken Van Valen has stepped up to be the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest Committee Chairman. Scouts compete in the contest for state and national cash prizes by completing a chart of their ancestors, writing a patriotic themed essay, and submitting information on their scouting histories. The 2020 state level winner, Eagle

Scout Cameron Edwards, came from the Raleigh chapter area. Learn more about the contest at <https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-Eagle-Scout-Contest>. Please congratulate Compatriot Van Valen on his new chapter leadership role! The prior chair Compatriot Stephen Morris will mentor Compatriot Van Valen. We thank Compatriot Stephen Morris for all his many years of service as the Eagle Scout Committee Chair.



Russell Chafin Accepts Role as Chair of the Raleigh Chapter Veterans Affairs Committee

President Richard Peña announced that Raleigh Chapter Compatriot Russell A. Chafin had accepted the Raleigh Chapter's Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman. The Raleigh Chapter pursues several activities in support of US military service veterans. These include support for the [Veterans Life Center](#) (VLC) in Butner, NC, annual [Wreaths Across America](#) activities at [Historic Oakwood Cemetery](#), participation in Revolutionary Patriot grave marking program and Veterans' funerals, and an [awards program](#) recognizing SAR veteran members for their service. Russell generously volunteered for the position. Please congratulate Russell on his new chapter leadership role, and please assist when volunteers are needed. Compatriot Chafin will be kicking off the program with a member's survey, so please provide your much-needed input.



The Raleigh Chapter pursues activities which support the Veterans Life Center in Butner, NC.

The Raleigh Chapter recognizes the Hinton Family's Revolutionary War service with a permanent SAR marker.



SAR War Service Medal for veterans who served in a US military operation



SAR Military Service Medal for veterans who were honorably discharged from US service

Raleigh Member Involved in Commemoration of Battle of Great Bridge

Dec. 9 marked the 246th anniversary of the 1775 Battle of Great Bridge (<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/revolutionary-war/battles/great-bridge>) in Norfolk, Virginia. Raleigh Compatriot Tom Davis presented a wreath at a commemorative ceremony held on the battlefield on Dec. 4. He also paraded the colors in the color guard and fired volleys of musketry over the battlefield in recognition of the veterans who were involved. Other representatives from the [NC SAR](#) also attended.

Compatriot Davis is a descendant of Capt. Richard Kidder of the 2nd Virginia Militia Regiment. Cpt. Kidder's regiment joined battle at Great Bridge against British Marines, the British 14th Regiment of Foot, and Loyalist militia to prevent the seizure of the Virginia colony's gunpowder stores. Their victory resulted in the British Governor's flight from Virginia and the effective end of British rule. The ceremony was hosted by the Norfolk Chapter, Virginia SAR and attended by Daughters of the American Revolution as well as SAR representatives.



Compatriot Tom Davis places a wreath at the Battle of Great Bridge monument.



January Meeting

The Raleigh Chapter held its January meeting virtually on Zoom January 20, 2022. It was announced that Raleigh is currently the largest chapter in North Carolina.

Roderic Mullen, President of the North Carolina Le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter spoke on Samuel Cornell and Bayard vs. Singleton. This 1777 court case addressed a North Carolina proposal to seize, confiscate, and sell real and personal property of Loyalists opposed the Revolution to help pay for the war effort. It later resulted in a post-war court case and challenge.

President Peña announced that in 2022, the Raleigh chapter has a goal to become more involved in Children of the American Revolution (<https://nscar.org>) activities and Raleigh's Revolutionary-era Joel Lane House (<https://www.joellane.org>).

The chapter is also actively involved in a series of other activities this year including 1) Wreaths Across America (<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>), chaired by David Bamford; 2) Raleigh Chapter Veterans Affairs, chaired by Russell Chafin

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3) U.S. Flag Certificate Awards (<https://ncssar.org/about/flag-certificates/>), chaired by Bob Sigmon; 4) SAR Chapter Color Guard (<https://ncssar.org/about/ncssar-color-guard/>), chaired by Bob Sigmon; 5) Speakers Bureau (<https://ncssar.org/about/north-carolina-sar-speakers-bureau/>); 6) SAR DNA Project, chaired by Jeremy Hodges; 7) Knight Essay Competition, chaired by Stephen Morris (<https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/>); 8) Rumbaugh Oration Contest, chaired by Jeremy Hodges (<https://www.sar.org/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration.../>); 9) Eagle Scout Contest, chaired by Ken Van Valen (<https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout.../>); 10) ROTC/JROTC Awards Program, chaired by Brett Russ (<https://www.sar.org/rotc-jrotc-recognition-program-3/>); and 11) American History Award Program, chaired by Glenn Sappie (<https://www.sar.org/.../american-history-teacher-award.../>).

full-sized Military Service Medal by a Compatriot who received the Purple Heart from one of the United States' Armed Forces.



The 2022 Raleigh Chapter Leadership Team was also announced consisting of Richard Peña, President; Gary Spencer, Vice President; David Bamford, Secretary; Karl Feld, Communications Director; Bob Whitehead, Registrar; Bob Sigmon, Treasurer; Van Jones, Chaplain; Jim Becker, Member at Large; and Glenn Sappie, Member at Large.

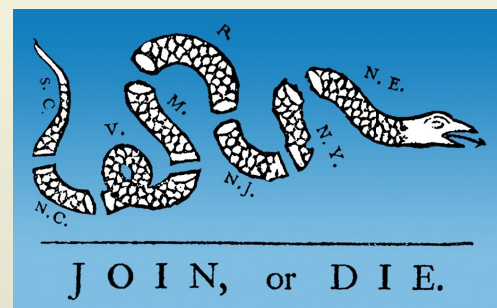
Earning the SAR Military Service Medal

The Military Service Medal may be presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service which does not otherwise qualify for the War Service Medal. Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be provided to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn. Such proof must show that the Compatriot served, or is serving, honorably in: (1) the armed forces of the United States, (2) the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or (3) a United Nations Peace Keeping Force. A Purple Heart Pin may be worn on the

“American Revolution Podcast”

Each Sunday Michael Troy posts a new episode, approximately 30 minutes in length, that covers a specific topic on the American Revolution. These free audio shows are available at this link for both IOS and Android. Or you can play the episodes directly from your computer by clicking this link: [American Revolution Podcast \(amrevpodcast.com\)](http://amrevpodcast.com) .

Episode 234– [ARP234 Siege of Savannah \(amrevpodcast.com\)](http://amrevpodcast.com)



NC National Guard Museum

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture transferred a 15,559 square foot building to the North Carolina National Guard Museum, located at 2109 Blue Ridge Road, across the street from the NC Museum of Art, and just a stone's throw from the NC National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters.

Tracing its history back to the signing of the Carolina Charter by the Eight Lords Proprietors in 1663, the North Carolina National Guard has a tremendous history that spans not only wartime, but periods of civil unrest, natural disasters and serving the citizens of North Carolina in every way imaginable.

The NCNG Museum has been operating for only seven years, but in that time, has amassed a large collection of items of every description from civilians and service members all over the world. The Museum's footprint had been limited to the atrium area of the Joint Force Headquarters building, and its reach has been amplified through the use of "The History Machine," a small mobile museum. With the building just obtained, the Museum can create a much more compelling, interactive and comprehensive way to showcase and explore the long and rich history of the North Carolina National Guard, starting with its Militia roots.

Compatriot (Sergeant) Gary Spencer, of the Raleigh Chapter, and curator of the North Carolina National Guard Museum, stated "There's much work to be done to make the building ready to be a museum. Plans are being made for an opening ceremony on March 24, 2022. It is my sincere hope to build a strong partnership between the Museum and the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. I think there will be many ways we can boost both organizations in a mutually beneficial manner."

With the Sestercentennial kicking off in only a few years, it is the goal of the North Carolina National Guard Museum to pay particular attention to the role that this state played in the period of the American Revolution. Exhibits for that period will have to be

heavy on graphics, as the museum has no artifacts in its collection from that timeframe. You can help, though! The Museum is actively seeking donations of artifacts or high quality reproductions from the period of the Revolution. When donated items are displayed, the descriptive placard always shows the donor's name as a small tribute to that person's investment in our mission.

Should you desire to enable the Museum to better tell the story of our great State's role in the Revolution, please contact Compatriot and Curator Gary Spencer at gspencer1861@hotmail.com.



The Veteran Smiles Foundation

The Veteran Smiles Foundation (VSF) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Wake Forest, North Carolina which provides educational and financial support to at-risk veterans to improve their dental and oral healthcare. Most of these veterans do not qualify for free care at VA hospitals and clinics and cannot afford dental care on their own. VSF founder David E. McCracken, COL, U.S. Army, Retired, became aware of the gap in veterans' services through his work with the Veterans Affairs Council and created a solution with VSF.

VSF's year-round Vet Smiles initiative is in partnership with the East Carolina University (ECU) School of Dental Medicine, NC Serves, and county Veteran Services Offices throughout the state. ECU's School of Dental Medicine has eight satellite dental clinics located around the state in rural and under-served areas including Brunswick, Robeson, and Davidson Counties, and also in the communities of Elizabeth City, Ahoskie, Lillington, Spruce Pine, and Sylva.

After a veteran is determined eligible for services, the program begins with an oral exam and X-rays to outline a dental plan specific to their oral health needs. Dental plans include routine checkups, annual cleanings, and minor and major dental work. VSF provides financial support when the veteran enrolls in the program. The level of assistance is subject to funds available under VSF financial policies and agreements.

For the current fiscal year, the VSF has spent about \$10,700 for 21 veterans. The VSF's funding and day-to-day operations are dependent on grants, donations, individual dentists volunteering their services, and the ECU School of Dental Medicine.

How can you help? The VSF needs partners for funding and donations to expand the "Vet Smiles" program to help more veterans with gaps in their oral healthcare throughout North Carolina.

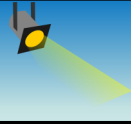
For more information on how to volunteer or to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Ret.

Colonel David E McCracken at davide@vetsmiles.org or at 984.233.3350, or go to the VSF website at <https://vetsmiles.org>

Editor's note: Retired COL David E McCracken is a member of the Raleigh Chapter, North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution.

The two veterans pictured below, one an Iraq War Veteran and the other a Vietnam War Veteran, received needed dental services through the VSF "Vet Smiles" Program.





Patriot Rice Holman was born in February 1758 and was living in Goochland County, Virginia, at the time of the American Revolution. When Rice was about 17 years old in the spring or summer of 1775, he volunteered in a company of militia commanded by Captain Gideon Hatcher which belonged to a regiment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Morris. He served 1 month in this company which was raised to go against Lord Dunmore at Williamsburg, which was the Capitol of Virginia. Dunmore was the British Colonial Governor at the time. In April 1775 after the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Dunmore ordered the seizure of weapons and gunpowder from the magazine in Williamsburg in order to prevent a similar uprising in Virginia. Dunmore's British allegiances angered many colonists. Militia units were mobilized from the surrounding counties to march on Williamsburg and demand that the royal government of Virginia pay and reimburse the colonists for the seized powder and weapons. Patrick Henry and his Hanover County Militia were also among the forces that marched on Williamsburg to confront Dunmore. For his prominent role in the militia uprising, Henry was charged with extortion of the Royal government which increased his reputation among the anti-British colonists. By June 1775 Lord Dunmore had to flee the Governor's Palace due to the growing colonial unrest.

In September 1776, Holman enlisted for 2 years as a private in the 4th Troop, 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons, Virginia Continental Line, under the command of Captain Lewellin Jones. This regiment was under the overall command by Colonel Theodorick Bland. Holman served until December 8, 1778, when he was discharged at Winchester, Virginia. He recalled in his pension affidavit that it was probably Major John Jimmerson who signed his discharge papers.

During his 2 years of service mentioned above, Holman was present in three major battles: Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth. The Battle of Brandywine occurred on September 11, 1777, when General George Washington positioned his force of about 14,000 along the Brandywine Creek to block any British attempt to move against Philadelphia. British General Sir William Howe with a force of about 15,000 crossed the creek and threatened Washington's right flank. The patriots put up a fierce resistance but had to fall back, which they did in good order under the rearguard actions of General Nathanael Greene.

After Brandywine, British General Howe captured and occupied Philadelphia. Germantown was a village outside of Philadelphia where Howe stationed about 9,000 men which included British Regulars and Hessian troops. On October 4, 1777, Washington sensed an opportunity and launched an attack from several directions to destroy this detachment. The British were driven back at first but held their ground. Heavy fighting centered around a stone house called Cliveden. With dense fog, confusion, and the dwindling supply of ammunition for General John Sullivan's patriot force, Washington had to fall back from the field under the cover of darkness.

The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, occurred the following year on June 28, 1778. British General Henry Clinton was ordered to evacuate Philadelphia and move his troops to Sandy Hook, New Jersey, where the Royal Navy would ferry his men to New York. Washington's forces shadowed the British on their march. General Charles Lee and roughly 1/3 of Washington's force were detached to attack the British rearguard. The attack was not properly coordinated, and the British rearguard under Charles Cornwallis put up a stiff resistance. When more British troops arrived on the scene, the Continentals were outnumbered and driven back. Washington had to ride forward to rally his men to continue the assault. The battle pitched back and forth until sundown when

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Patriot's Spotlight -Continued

the British called off further fighting and resumed their march to Sandy Hook. Washington's forces were exhausted and did not pursue the enemy.

On January 18, 1779, Holman was commissioned a captain on the recommendation of Colonel Daniel Morgan. He served 8 months in Colonel Francis Taylor's Regiment of Militia, Albemarle County Virginia. Their job was to guard the prisoners that had been captured at Saratoga on October 17, 1777. British General John Burgoyne surrendered approximately 5,000 men to Continental Commander General Horatio Gates following battles in and around Saratoga, New York, in September and October of 1777. At the time of Holman's commission, the prisoners were being held under guard in the barracks at Albemarle.

Around August 10, 1779, Holman received orders from Colonels Thomas Mann Randolph and John Woodson to enter into the recruiting services with the rank of captain and begin enlisting soldiers, sailors, and mariners for the State Troops, Continental Line, or the Virginia Navy. Holman's main area of recruiting was Goochland County and other surrounding areas in Virginia. In his pension affidavit, it was reported that Holman recruited about 100 men over a 2-year period until the funds he was furnished ran out. The last recruits were delivered to Captain Fredrick Woodson of Powhatan County where receipts were taken for the men.

In June 1781 while in service at Elk Island on the James River, Holman was taken prisoner by British Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton's Legion. All of Holman's papers were destroyed including his commission, discharge records, orders, recruiting receipts, and muster rolls of the men he enlisted. Holman was detained as a prisoner of war and paroled just before the surrender of British General Charles Cornwallis on October 19, 1781, at Yorktown. He continued his parole until the close of the war and was never exchanged or ordered again into service.

Rice Holman moved to Bath County, Kentucky, in March of 1818. Records show Holman was married twice. In his 1821 pension application when he was 63 years old, Holman stated that he had a 39 year-old wife, and that they had 2 daughters ages 2 and 3 and also a son who was 13 months old. Rice Holman is listed in the SAR Patriot Research System as P-278033. His death is listed as January 16, 1849, in which he would have been about 91 years old. His burial location is unknown. At the present, there are 3 SAR membership records on Holman's Revolutionary War service.

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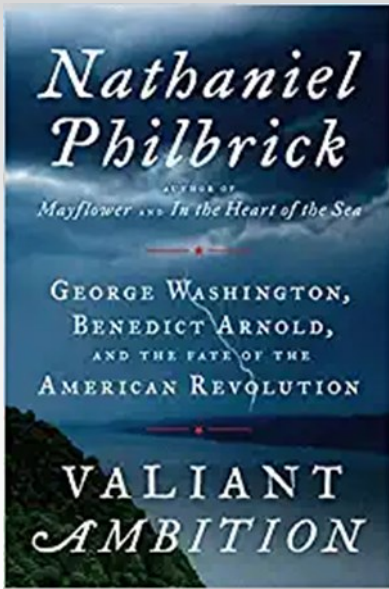
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Book Review - by Van Jones

Nathaniel Philbrick's *Valiant Ambition*



I began the book by reading the PREFACE. It gives a clue to where this book is going. One needs to pay attention to what Mr. Philbrick says in this preface. “What follows (in the book) is the story of how one of Washington’s greatest generals came to decide that the cause to which he had given almost everything no longer deserved his loyalty.” The book has to do with the stories of George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and their involvement in the Revolutionary War. Being that I knew little about Benedict Arnold, except that he was a traitor, I found that the book was very interesting and informative.

The book is for me essentially a running account of how General Arnold fought the war alongside George Washington and how despite Gen. Washington’s concern for this general and his compassion towards this man Benedict turned to the British. No matter what General Washington did for him Arnold was on his own course. And that course ran towards desertion and

being a traitor. Philbrick adds the importance of Arnold’s wife to the direction that he took. Philbrick adds her story to the story of Arnold’s betrayal and the part she played in his ongoing struggle.

The story really becomes involved during and after the battle of Saratoga. The work of the civilian Congress and its local ideologies is working on the story also. Between the two events, there is a build up to Arnold’s betrayal and what it meant to the future of the Revolution and to the Nation thereafter. Philbrick builds up to the climax, Benedict Arnold’s betrayal.

As a side note, Philbrick speaks briefly about the role of migrants in our national war for independence. I read this during the crisis at the border of Texas and wondered what it meant for our Revolution as well as the present. But this speaks of Philbrick’s attention to the details of what is going on around the events that take place. He is very much attuned to what is going on. First in our Revolution, second in the life of George Washington during the Revolution, and thirdly in the life of Arnold before and during his betrayal of our nation.

American Battlefield Trust Videos

[Shared American and British Grave at Brandywine? \(Click\)](#)

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Road Trip- South Boston - Halifax County Museum of Fine Arts and History

■ by Van Jones



Recently my wife and I went to South Boston, VA, to the museum there that sponsors the Race to the Dan display. It's title is the South Boston - Halifax County Museum of Fine Arts and History. It was a grand fall day with wonderful weather. We left about 0840 in the morning and arrived at the about 1030.



Leaving Raleigh from inside the beltline is the hardest and most time-consuming part of the trip. We went up US 15 to Oxford and then NC 96 from the US 15 Oxford bypass to Virgilina VA. There we took a left and stayed on VA 96 to US 501. We took a right and went straight to South Boston. Here is a photo of Virgilina at top left.

At the stop sign in Virgilina (the in ahead of us in the photo), we took a left and then a right on US 501.



We crossed the Dan River on a modern bridge and to our left was a railroad bridge. That bridge is in the approximate area of where General Greene troops crossed the Dan. After crossing the Dan the road slip into a south bound and north bound streets. We stayed on US-501 North until we came to Webster St and turned right. In one block was the museum. (See photo of the South Boston-Halifax County History Museum).

As you step into the museum you see *“General Nathanael Greene instructs his Quartermaster, Lt. Col. Edward Carrington, to explore the Dan and Yadkin Rivers to find a route for transporting supplies to his army in North Carolina.”*

(See photos) The statue is life size and done very well. Along the walls are other displays and chart the course of the Revolution both preceding and after the “Race for the Dan.”

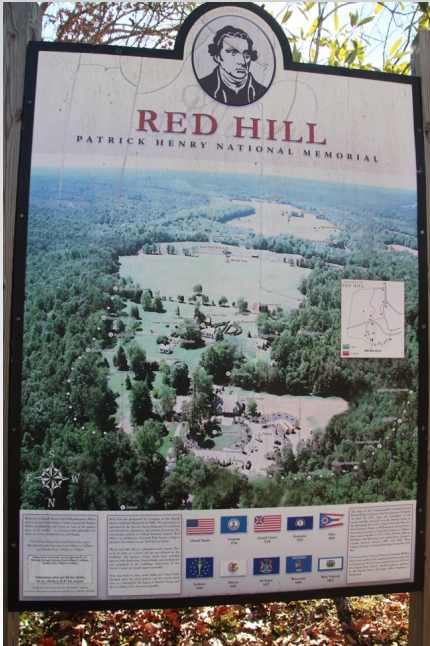
After leaving the “Race for the Dan” exhibit we view the remainder of the museum and then went to the bookstore.

The museums bookstore is ever changing. I've been to the museum twice, and the store has offered different books for sale both times. The store is a must if you can't help but buy books on the Revolutionary War period. I bought one specifically on General Greene.



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Road Trip– Continued



After leaving the museum we headed to Brookneal, VA, about 30 miles up US 501. About 6 miles east of there lies the home that Patrick Henry owned when he died, Red Hill. (See photos).

I could imagine how it was when Patrick Henry died there in 1799. He cleared much land out of the back of the house and today, as then, you could see three counties from his window.

The living quarters was quite small, about 4 rooms. All other rooms were outside buildings then, and as such they remain so today. His original law offices are somewhat intact. The kitchen and foundry and one other building were separate buildings. His grave is close by. Overall, there is some walking to be done here.

The visitors center also includes the homesite's museum and bookstore. The museum holds several unique Patrick Henry items and the bookstore has many different printed items about Mr. Henry.



There is a scarcity in eating establishments in the Brookneal, VA area. We ate a late lunch in a place named "The Drug Store" on Main Street. It has a limited menu. It was good but as I said limited.

Discounting the side trips, the whole trip to South Boston/Red Hill and lunch took about 7 to 8 hours and was roughly 220 miles. One can make the trip to South Boston and back in about 5 hours. A grand time for me. I've included several photos.

There are other sites in Virginia that hold Revolutionary War period interest. Jefferson's home of Monticello, and Poplar Forest are two. Monroe and Madison both had homes there in Virginia. Patrick Henry's birth and childhood home is over in the Richmond area. So, there is much to see in Virginia.



AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



Getting involved!

There are many ways you can get involved in SAR activities and projects. Here are just a few.

Monthly Meeting Programs

Chapter meeting programs are always welcome by members and guests. If you or someone you know would like to speak on a historical battle or figure or other topic of interest, please contact **Gary Spencer** at gspencer1861@hotmail.com so we can schedule this for an upcoming meeting.

Newsletter Submissions

We invite members to submit write-ups or articles for the chapter newsletter. These can be on patriot ancestors, a historical battle or research topic, or anything else that would be of interest to the chapter. Perhaps you are knowledgeable on a particular subject. Please send your submissions to **Karl Feld** at karlfeld@hotmail.com.

SAR Patriot Research System (PRS)

Volunteer

Join hundreds of other compatriots across the country working together on this project by becoming a PRS volunteer. You will receive a special password log-in access to the PRS dashboard on the national SAR web-site. Using your computer, you will transcribe lineage data from approved membership application records into the PRS as well as updating and verifying patriot service and burial info using a variety of on-line tools like "Find A Grave." This PRS database, linking members to their patriots, is searchable on-line for members and the public, and is a great resource for prospective SAR members. Contact PRS Chairman **Gary Green** to assist in this worthwhile effort at garyogreen@gmail.com and visit <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/> for more info.



Getting involved!

Chapter Color Guard

The chapter color guard serves an important ceremonial role at SAR events including patriot grave markings, annual celebrations and memorials, and Revolutionary War battle remembrances. If representing the chapter at these events in period dress interests you, please contact **Bob Sigmon** at rob-ert_sigmon@yahoo.com. Additional resources: **National Color Guard Manual**— [Click here](#), **Society Color Guard Manual**— [Click here](#).

State and chapter funds are available to help offset the cost of purchasing an outfit. First-Time Revolutionary War Outfit Reimbursements - On February 1, 2020, the NC SAR Board of Managers approved a \$100 financial incentive to help re-



build the Color Guard of the NC Society by encouraging Compatriots to acquire and wear a Revolutionary War outfit at events. The form is now available to obtain a \$100 reimbursement from the State. Reach out to the Raleigh Chapter leadership. To do so, (1) a Compatriot acquires a complete Revolutionary War era uniform or outfit for the first time; (2) participates in a Color Guard function or other SAR related activity (i.e.,

giving an award, giving a presentation, manning a recruiting table, etc.) wearing the Revolutionary War era outfit, (3) has the form verified with a signature from your Chapter President, Vice President, or Chapter Color Guard Commander; and (4) sends form to our State Treasurer Sam Powell for reimbursement. Reimbursements are retroactive to September 1, 2019.



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Ranck, John Michael, January 02
Howard, Farrell Lee, January 03
Thomas, Jacob Wesley, January 09
Jolly, Frank Mosley III, January 14
Harden, Holmes Plexico, January 14
Converse, John Carpenter, January 18
Peterson, Grant Mark, January 18
Witte, William Malcolm, January 22
Harman, John Robert Jr., January 25
O'Hagan, Joseph Timothy II, January 25
Montgomery, Charles Harvey, January 28
Upshaw, MAJ Charles Andrew, February 04
Howard, D'Angelo Quentin, February 08
Loving, John Charles, February 10
Howard, Thomas North, February 11
Niemann, Patrick Alan, February 21
Hill, COL Ret. Ronald Calvin Ph.D., February 24
Bamford, David Milton, February 24
Sappie, Glenn Paul, February 26
Hammond, Alexander Spruill, February 29
Karlsson, Keith Edward, March 01
Thiem, James E. III, March 01
Sauter, Kenneth Elmer, March 06
Becker, James Arthur, March 07
Spencer, SGT Gary Chandler NCARNG, March 09
Tsujimura, Norikazu Joshua, March 15
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Harrison, Leslie Pat, March 17
Smith, George David II, March 18

Parrish, James Preston, March 20
Chafin, Russell Arden, March 21
Pugh, Dr Vernon Watson Jr MD, March 26
Deibel, Dr Philip Thiem, March 26
Atkinson, Henry Gerald, March 28

