



The Sons of the American Revolution

Catawba Coalition



A monthly Newsletter for
The Catawba Valley Chapter of
The Sons of the American Revolution

President's Piece

This new year is a quarter of the way through, and more things seem to be opening back up. With that in mind, there are more opportunities for us as a Chapter to do things to promote NC SSAR. There are many activities in the upcoming future for us to take part in.

I would like to thank the Color Guard Members, Larry Anderson, Roy Lightfoot and Chris Stone, who participated in the presentation of a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence to Catawba Masonic Lodge #248 in honor of George Washington's birthday this past February 23rd. It was a great event and they were very pleased with the gift and presentation. Our Color Guard seems to define us in public and I am quite proud of them all.

I have accepted the opportunity to speak at the April 3rd meeting of Tucker's Barn Chapter of DAR and would really like to have Color Guard for this event also. Those members of our Chapter Color Guard who show up in uniform to participate in lectures, classroom presentations, award presentations and the like are the "Face of the SAR". These Compatriots wearing the uniform or period clothing is also our greatest recruiting tool. The more we wear it, the more people will ask questions, tell us about their family connection to the American Revolution, and then will inquire on becoming members. This also helps our Chapter on the end of the year Americanism Report which is a direct reflection on how our Chapter is supporting SAR mission and programs. The meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, April 3, 2021, at Caldwell Heritage Museum, 112 Vaiden St, Lenoir, NC 28645. Please plan to come. DAR has helped us and been present at every event we have and I think we should reciprocate.

Keep in mind, Patriots Day is April 19th. I, along with several other members will be placing Betsy Ross flags on Patriots graves that week. If you want flags to do this on your own, if you would like to join in, or if you have Patriots that you would like to be sure they get a flag, please contact Chapter President Ben Setser or Past President Jack Bowman and we will make sure that it gets done.

Compatriot Will Barton, along with his Boy Scout Troop, Greenlee Chapter DAR and The Marine Corps League, will be conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, June 14th, Flag Day. I know many will be busy with Battle Week in Lincolnton, Thunder Over Carolina production and the Ghost Walk, but we need to have a Color Guard presence here too please.

There are several state and national events upcoming via ZOOM. Interested persons should check with the NC SAR website to see what and where they are.

Please come be with us at our next meeting on 13 March 2021 at **Palermo's Family Italian & Greek Restaurant** at 12:00 Noon. One may order a meal at 11:00 am. If you cannot be there live, please logon to ZOOM. The link for the meeting is

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Medals for Color Guard Activities

Ask someone if they have ever heard of the Sons of the American Revolution. Many will say they know the SAR because they are the men that wear Revolutionary War Uniforms and carry flags at different events. The one thing that people remember about the SAR is the "Color Guard".

One of the goals set by the State SAR for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution is to have 50% of the members to be members of the color guard. So, who are the Color Guard Members in our Chapter? Greg Bell is our Color Guard Commander, with Larry Anderson as his Adjutant. Members include (in no order), Ben Setser, Rhod Reep, John Cline, Roy Lightfoot, Chris Stone, Will Barton and myself. The Chapter does not keep up with everyone's color guard activities but rather it is up to the individual members to keep up with their own.

The first medal that a color guard member can earn is the North Carolina State Bronze Color Guard medal. Over a three-year period, the member must participate in three SAR events, recognized by the state. This is not a calendar year, but it must be over three years non-contiguous. The next medal is the national Silver Color Guard Medal which has a slightly different requirement. The color guard member must participate in three District and/or National Recognized Events over a three-year period (these do not have to be contiguous years) and he must have earned the state bronze medal. These two medals may be earned at the same time when counting the various events. As soon as I had three years in as a color guard member and I received the bronze medal, I immediately applied for the silver medal since most events were National events.

In North Carolina we have many National Color Guard Events, as well as state and chapter events. Seems like most of the NC Events were so important to the Revolution that they have been recognized as National. The list is: The Battle of Cowan's Ford (N), the Battle of Moore's Creek (N), the Battle of Guilford Courthouse (N), Halifax Resolves (N), Alamance Battleground (state), Mecklenburg Declaration (state), Battle of Ramsour's Mill (N), Liberty Point Resolves (state), Battle of Colson's Mill (state), Battle of Rockfish Creek (state), House on the Horseshoe (state), Signing of the Tryon Resolves (state), New Bern Resolves (chapter), Crossing of the Catawba at Greenlee Ford (chapter), Battle of Kings Mountain (N), Soldier's Day Parade (chapter, Newton), Battle of Shallow's Ford (state).

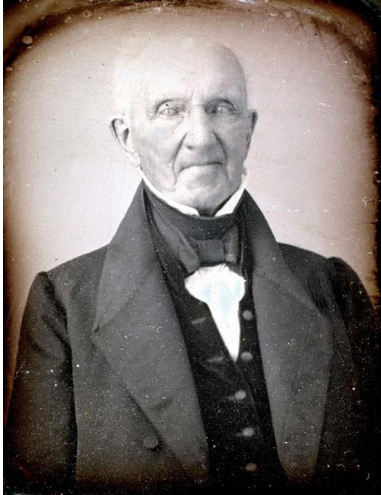
In addition to these events, we have Veteran's Day, Patriot's Day, 4th of July, Memorial Day, George Washington's Birthday, and several more I am sure. You can also count Patriot or Compatriot Grave Markings. So, to get the first and second medals just pick out three or four National Events and be in the Color Guard. The closest ones are Guilford Courthouse, Kings Mountain, Cowan's Ford, Ramsour's Mill, and you can add Cowpen's which is close to King's Mountain. How easy can this be?

The final medal that you can earn is the Von Steuben Medal. The color guard member starts with the date his Silver Medal has been approved. He must be in at least five National Events per year for at least five years (which do not need to be contiguous). This medal is to recognize those members who have had sustainability in their Color Guard activities.

Of course, you can earn a Color Guard Medal for both Patriot and Compatriot grave markings, but that is for another newsletter!

Jack Bowman

PATRIOT JAMES W HEAD



James W Head was born on 6 June 1766 in Boston Massachusetts and as a Boston youth, joined the Continental Navy at age 13 and served as a midshipman aboard the frigate Queen of France under the command of Capt. John Peck Rathbun. The Queen of France sailed to Bermuda and on to Charleston, SC, when it came under attack. Five frigates, including the Queen of France, and several merchant ships were sunk in a channel to prevent the king's troops from approaching the city from one strategic direction. Officers and crew were placed in the fort at Charleston under the command of Gen Lincoln Head and other sailors fought as artillerymen in forts and were captured when the Americans surrendered. This was the Patriots' biggest and arguably most disastrous surrender of the war. Taken as a prisoner of war, Head was released at Providence, Rhode Island and walked home. His brother wrote that when he arrived, Head was deaf in one ear and had hearing loss in the other from the cannons' concussion. No evidence has surfaced to indicate that James ever received an appointment as Midshipman. A statement of claims

adjusted and allowed by the Treasury Department for James W. Head's service on the Queen of France dated 23 January 1793 indicates payment of \$45.66 is due him to 15 July 1780 and suggests his rate or capacity on the vessel's payroll was listed as "Boy". His pension was granted at the rate of "Seaman". After securing the house and nearly empty store of Rufus Crane who had been issued at retailer license three years earlier, James Head was also granted a retailer license by the Court of Sessions, brought in new inventory and commenced trading at Warren in the spring of 1787. James W Head married Sarah Olney on 16 May 1788, and they had 6 children. Settling in a remote section of Massachusetts, that later became Maine, he was elected a delegate to the Massachusetts convention in Boston that was called to ratify the Constitution. James Head was also active in the local militia serving as Captain prior to his promotion as Major in 1796 and Colonel about two years later. Head served as Justice of the Peace for Warren Maine in 1805, 1812, 1819 and 1826. Col James Walter Head died on 17 August 1861. When he died, he was the richest man in Warren Maine and stone deaf because of his war injuries. James Head was one of a handful of Revolutionary War Veterans to have a photograph made.

Upcoming DAR events

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| Mar 13... Tucker's Barn DAR meeting,
2:00 pm Lenoir NC | Mar 20... Greenlee DAR meeting,
11:00 am, Marion NC |
| Apr 3... Tucker's Barn DAR meeting,
2:00 pm Lenoir NC | Apr 17... Greenlee DAR meeting,
11:00 am, Marion NC |

Upcoming SAR events

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| Mar 13... Guilford Courthouse VIA ZOOM | Apr 12... Halifax Resolves |
| Apr 17... SAR Annual Meeting VIA ZOOM | Apr 19... Patriot's Day |
| May 31... Memorial Day | June 8... Battle of Ramsour's Mill |

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George Washington's Birthday

Catawba Valley Chapter had the pleasure to present Catawba Masonic Lodge #248, Newton, NC with a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence on Tuesday, 22 February, 2021 in honor of General George Washington's 289th birthday. Chapter President Ben Setser and Color Guardsmen Larry Anderson, Roy Lightfoot and Chris Stone presented the Declaration. A short educational speech about Brother George Washington in roles as Patriot, General and Mason was given. Lodge Master pro-tem David Brandon received the document on behalf of the Lodge.

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Is a nonpolitical, patriotic, educational 501c3 organization of men who have ancestors who fought for, or otherwise supported the War for Independence from Great Britain that established the United States of America.

- Working to preserve our nation's past
- Assisting schools, teachers and the public
- Sustaining and preserving our history and constitutional principles.

Membership is open to any male (no age limit) who can prove direct descent from a man or woman who contributed to our country's Independence. A patriot did not necessarily have to serve in the military, but might have supported the Revolution by paying a supply tax, providing food for troops, serving as a juror, or being a local public servant.

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After Washington's defeat at Germantown, a Fox Terrier wandered into camp with Gen Howe's name on its tag. In keeping with the etiquette of the time, Washington returned the pup with complements to Gen Howe.

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