

President's Message

Jay A. DeLoach, RDML, USN (Ret.)
President, NCSSAR



NC Compatriots,

Summer is here, and I am thankful to report that the NCSSAR is conducting outdoor commemorations and in-person chapter

meetings once again. We had a great turnout for Patriots' Day at Alamance on May 16 with over 75 attendees at the monument and more than 50 virtual attendees from 11 states, including California, Washington, Minnesota, Texas, New Mexico, and Michigan, to name a few. On May 20th, I joined the Mecklenburg Color Guard for the opening ceremony of MecDec Day in downtown Charlotte.

While I was on grandpa duty in Virginia, Senior VP Jack Bowman represented NC at the commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill on June 5th hosted by the Catawba Valley Chapter. This National event had 126 attendees in Lincolnton and another 68 on Zoom from more than 13 states. On June 12th, my two SAR grandsons and I participated in the Le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter's inaugural Liberty Point Resolves commemoration in Fayetteville. We are learning from each of these hybrid events that the ultimate goal is to develop an equipment list and a guidebook so that those in distant states can participate and learn about our important NC Revolutionary War events.

The 2021 National Congress will be held in Renton, WA. Seven NC delegates will be attending. Included are Thornhill (Lower Cape Fear Chapter and former Historian General) and

Jim Wood (Mecklenburg Chapter and former South Atlantic District VPG) who will be honored with the prestigious Minuteman Medal at a special ceremony at Congress. This Medal is the highest award that can be bestowed on a Compatriot and recognizes exceptional service to the National Society.

Also headed to Congress is our State winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Historical Contest, Sarah

"Every post is honorable in which a man can serve his country."

—President George Washington

Fox (Gen. Francis Nash Chapter). She is one of six finalists in National competition. Congratulations, Sarah! We wish her the very best as she competes. In addition, our State winner of the Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Contest (middle school level), Jerry Goodnight (Mecklenburg Chapter), was selected the National winner in this category. Congratulations, Jerry! The NCSSAR will underwrite his costs to attend a week-long seminar on the American Revolution.

National competitors and winners do not occur in a vacuum. Organization and guidance are required. Hats off to Lowell Hoffman (Gen. Francis Nash Chapter) for his year-to-year nurturing of outstanding Rumbaugh Oration contestants. Similarly, Jim Wood (Mecklenburg Chapter) warrants a shout-out for his efforts in finding a stellar American history teacher who skyrocketed to the National winner's circle. Both gentlemen deserve a hearty, "HUZZAH!"

As we move into the second half of the year, recruiting and retention remain at the forefront of our Society.

Our goal is to add 200 members each year and to reach a total State membership of 2,200 by 2026. To this end, we need to rebuild our Membership Committee under the leadership of John Thornhill. If you would be willing to serve on this Committee, please contact John at thornhill@embarqmail.com. I have asked Past President Fred Learned to join the Membership Committee and to take the lead in developing new chapters.

This Fourth of July, let us all reflect on the sacrifices endured by our Patriot Ancestors who made it possible to have an Independence Day.

Yours in Patriotism,
Jay

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Membership Update

NCSSAR Welcomes 60 New Members (March 15, 2021 through June, 2021)

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BECK, J. S. Peter, III #218828
BISHOP, James #219105
BLAIR, William #219044
BOWERS, Derek #219380
BOWMAN, Rodney #219107
BRADBURY, Michael #218716
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FOGELMAN, Joshua #218631
FOSTER, Michael #219106
GILLEN, Jeffery #219043
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GUIDRY, Steve, Jr. #219379
GREEN, Wheeler #218717
HUGHEL, Mark #219045
HUTCHINSON, Ryan #218829
JONES, Michael #218933
JONES, Olin #218935
JONES, Riley #218934
KOPROWSKI, William #218824
LAFFERTY, Henry #218636
LANIER, David #218564
LINTON, Charles, Jr. #218258
LONG, David #218826
LONGLEY, John #219381
LOVE, John #218657
LOVE, Mark #218638
LOVE, Nicholas #218640
LOVE, Paul #218639
MOLLERE, Finnegan #219383
MOLLERE, Michael #219382
MOWREY, Glen #218714
NICHOLS, Edwin #219321
PARRISH, James #219241
RANCK, John #219242
ROBERSON, Richard #218901
SAXON, Randy #219320

STEELE, Robert #219378
STOKES, William #218718
SPENCER, Gary #218630
TALLEY, John, III #218719
TALLEY, John, IV #218720
TATE, Everett #218322
TATE, Fielding #219324
TATE, Winston #219323
THOMAS, David #218715
Van Valen, Kenneth D. #219193
Van Valen, Kenneth J. #219194
WALKER, William #218900
WEBSTER, Carleton #218825

NCSSAR Extends Deepest Thoughts and Prayers to the Families of the Following Com- patriots who Passed Away Since March 15, 2021

DIXON, Roger W.
EBERT, James
KEEFE, Howard
NORTHCUTT, William B.

NCSSAR Membership Inquiries

Since March 15, North Carolina has received 45 inquiries about SAR membership. Chapters and inquiry counts include the following: Alamance Battleground, 2; Albemarle, 1; Bethabara, 3; Battle of King's Mtn., 1; Blue Ridge, 2; Catawba Valley, 2; Col. Alex. Erwin, 2; Gen. Frances Nash, 1; Gen. George Washington, 2; Lower Cape Fear, 5; Le Marquis de Lafayette, 1; Mecklenburg, 8; Nathanael Greene, 2; New Bern, 3; Raleigh, 6; Sandhills, 2; and Yadkin Valley, 2.

Let's continue our #1 National ranking for State membership growth from last year. For applicants who receive help from a DAR member, be certain to complete the *Finders Form* and attach to the SAR application.

JOHN O. THORNHILL, Chair
Membership Committee, NCSSAR

Chapter News

Bethabara Chapter

On April 10, members and relatives of the Bethabara Chapter visited the Shallow Ford property recently purchased for development of a historic site (see article on this page). They posed for pictures at the DAR's Daniel Boone Trail mark-ing sign. Dedicated in 1912, the historic marker (below) is bolted and fastened to the bedrock.



In the foreground of the picture (below) are Past State President Fred Learned (left) and Chapter Secretary Andy Kelly, who spear-headed the three-year effort to preserve the property. Left to right In the background are Chapter President Ed Hosmer, VP Bill Ewalt and Treasurer Gary Fraysier.



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Shallow Ford Preservation, Part 2

In a previous Part 1 article, Past President Fred Learned announced the acquisition of the 246-acre Messick Farm on the Forsyth County side of the Shallow Ford to be developed as a historic park. NCSSAR credits the passion and leadership of Compatriot Andy Kelly and the diligent efforts of the Bethabara Chapter in making this a reality.

At a cost of \$2.8 million, the acquisition of the property is an unprecedented and significant milestone for NCSSAR and the State. The Conservation Fund of Arlington, VA is serving as a bridge loan to allow philanthropic groups, including the NCSSAR and Lewisville Historical Society, to raise funds to acquire the property.

Momentum and public support for this endeavor have increased exponentially over the last few months. The General Assembly has presented two bills slated to become law on July 1, 2021. The House chimed-in first with an appropriation bill filed on March 9, 2021 that will allocate \$1.8 million to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Historic Sites. Funds are earmarked for the preservation of the east bank of the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin and establishment of "a major site for canoe camping, canoe access, and passive outdoor recreation along the Yadkin River paddle trail." (H.B. 242).

Just days later, the Senate filed a bill on March 15, 2021 which proposed a more encompassing, much larger appropriation of \$9.9 million. Aptly titled, *An Act to Commemorate the Sestercentennial of the American Revolution by Providing for the Acquisition and Protection of Historic Properties in order to Preserve North Carolina's History and Cultural Heritage for Future Generations*, S.B. 295 allocates funds for the purchase of 633 acres of land at eight sites across the State. Shallow Ford represents the largest portion of the total acreage.

NCSSAR gratefully acknowledges the support of State Legislators. The sponsor of the House bill is Rep. Jeff Zenger, District 74, Forsyth County. Sponsors of the Senate bill are Sen. W. Ted Alexander, District 44 (Cleveland, Gaston, and Lincoln Counties), Sen. Bob Steinburg, District 1 (Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Care, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrell, and Washington Counties), and Sen. Tom McInnis, District 25 (Anson, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland Counties). Sen. McInnis is a charter member of the recently installed Sandhills Chapter of NCSSAR.

The importance of Shallow Ford should not be underestimated. Historian Michael Hill, with the N.C. Office of Archives and History, geographically described Shallow Ford:

"Shallow Ford, a rock-bottomed crossing point on the Yadkin River....was used by settlers and traders in the region from about

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Fred's wife and DAR member, Teri Phillips Learned, and Andy Kelly admire the marker in the picture above. Andy is standing in Great Wagon Road, just east of the Shallow Ford. In the background the Cape Fear Road branches off to the right.

FRED LEARNED
Past President, NCSSAR

Blue Ridge Chapter

The Blue Ridge Chapter awarded the SAR *Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commendation Medal* to Toby Linville of Henderson County for outstanding EMS service. The Medal is presented in recognition of dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions and/or performing duties beyond those normally called for within the EMS profession. The award is intended for paramedics and certified emergency medical (EM) technicians and others in the EM field who have performed extraordinary service.

Toby has served on the Henderson County Rescue Squad since 2005 where he was a former captain and Chief. As an EM technician and rescue technician, he is certified in the areas of swift water rescue,

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Firearms for Freedom

Dr. Michael Arnette, DDS

Two hundred and thirty years ago, shooting was the national pastime in our country. Folks shot guns back then like people shoot golf today. It was the daily occupation of those who lived on the largely unsettled frontier. No village was so small that it didn't have its measured range, and no crossroads tavern was successful unless it had a facility for tests of marksmanship. Whether for business, political, or religious purposes, any gathering of men seldom dispersed without a shooting match. [1]

The British Army likely never fully understood the metal of its adversary in the American colonists, their love of a fine rifle or fowling piece, and their excellence and expertise when applying it to long-range communication. After all, the British were quite accommodating with their redcoats and white suspenders in telegraphing a nice X-target on their chests that bellowed, "Shoot me here." The Patriots skillfully did just that.

The common military smoothbore rifles of the era were the Brown Bess (pictured, bottom) from England and the Charleville musket (pictured, top) of France, and any of a hundred muzzleloading, flintlock rifles of outdoorsmen, hunters and Indian fighters.



Photo courtesy of <https://www.gunboards.com>

The military smoothbore muskets were 69-72 caliber firearms generally with no rear sight. Bare balls were loaded with metal ram rods to seat the round ball on the powder. Large, clunky springs in the large lock hammered a big flint against a frizzen to make sparks fall into a pan filled with fine (4F) powder. Through a small hole in the side of the barrel the main charge in the barrel was then ignited and fires the projectile.

The frontier rifleman muzzleloading flint rifles were 42-54 caliber with a round ball wrapped in a linen patch seated on the powder. When the rifle fired, the patch engaged the rifle and spun the patch/ball apparatus that expelled the spinning ball. The net effect was extended range, great accuracy and long-range hits on targets (British officers) up to 300 yards.

The large bore military muskets probably led to the demise of many, if not most, battlefield casualties. The British feared the tactics of the frontier riflemen, but they feared their rifles more.

Many shooters think muzzleloading flintlock rifles are slow in ignition and unable to reliably and accurately hit targets at any

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ropes rescue, vehicle and machinery rescue, and in mountain search and rescue. In addition to these duties, Toby has been director for Henderson County Code Enforcement since 2005.

Pictured below are Chapter President Craig S. Isaacson (left), award recipient Toby Linville, and State Western Region VP John Boyd.



Toby holds a Bachelor's degree in political science with a concentration in town, city, and county management and a Master's degree in public administration. He earned both degrees at Appalachian State University.

Toby is an active member of Carolina Brotherhood annual charity bicycle ride for fallen law enforcement or fire fighters. The Sheep Dog Assistance Impact Charity for veterans and active police, fire, and EMS responders value his dedicated membership as well.

CRAIG S. ISAACSON
President, Blue Ridge Chapter

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Sarah Fox to Compete at SAR Convention

The First Amendment protects the Right of Free Speech. Developing the ability to deliver an effective presentation of patriotism and history takes work. The national SAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest offers high school students in North Carolina and across our nation such an opportunity.

Within NCSSAR, Rumbaugh Oratory was re-launched in 2017 by Glenn Sappie of the Raleigh Chapter and Lowell Hoffman of the Gen. Francis Nash Chapter. That year, the contest was won by a single participant of Chapel Hill, Ryan Lanford, a freshman at Woods Charter School.

NC Rumbaugh winners have demonstrated that they can compete well at the national level. In 2019, NC winner Miss Riley Shaner of Northwoods High School, Pittsboro placed second at the National SAR Convention in Costa Mesa, CA. She brought home a \$4,000.00 prize which she applied toward expenses as a student at UNC Charlotte where she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Beginning in 2020, students competing in Rumbaugh Oratory submitted video orations due to restrictions from the pandemic. The 2021 NC contest featured eight participants in two competitions sponsored by the two chapters.

This year's winner is Sarah Fox, a resident of Raleigh who first won in the Gen. Francis Nash competition. She is a home educated student and an active participant in events sponsored by the National Christian Forensics and Communication Association.

On the national level, Sarah's excellent oratory video (see <http://www.tinyurl.com/sarahfoxSAR>) catapulted her to the top tier among twenty state SAR winners from across the country. She has been selected as one of six finalists who will compete in person at the National SAR Convention to be held in Renton, WA.



The NCSSAR will cover Sarah's basic travel and subsistence costs.

The title of Sarah's six-minute oration is *James Lafayette: The Impact of Hidden Heroes*. She tells the story of James

Armistead, a slave who offered his services to the American cause through General Lafayette. Armistead was sent into the British encampment at Yorktown posing as a runaway slave. There the British engaged him to spy on the Americans.

His trusted position enabled him to provide valuable information on British General Cornwallis' defenses to Generals Lafayette and Washington. This reduced allied casualties and hastened the surrender of Cornwallis that led to victory and independence for the Americans.

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Catawba Valley Chapter

An onsite commemoration of the 241st anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill was conducted by the Catawba Valley Chapter on June 5. Also delivered virtually, the event was attended by Compatriots representing more than 12 states,



including California, Florida and New York.

The speaker was State Regional VP and Past President of Mecklenburg Chapter, Stephen McKee. More

than 125 people viewed the ceremony live, and more than 67 people attended online. Upwards to



70 wreaths were presented. The combined Color Guard (above) added a regal tone to the event. Although it was a hot day, a grand time was had by all.

BEN SETSER, President
Catawba Valley Chapter

Gen. George Washington Chapter

At the May 20 meeting, President George Strunk presented the *Bronze, Silver and Gold SAR*

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Liberty Point Resolves Commemoration

The inaugural commemoration of the 246th anniversary of the signing of the Liberty Point Resolves was held on June 12. The event was jointly coordinated by the Le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter under the leadership of President Rod Mullen in conjunction with the Liberty Point and Robert Rowan Chapters, NCSDAR and the Isham Blake Chapter, NCSCAR.



On the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fayetteville, the ceremony opened with a presentation of the colors by members of the NCSSAR Color Guard. Pictured left to right are Jay DeLoach, State President; John Elliott, Le Marquis de Lafayette Color Guard Commander; George Strunk, Gen. George Washington Chapter President and State Color Guard Com-

mander; Bob Ervin, State Registrar; Ron Bonham, State Genealogist; and Broughton Goodson, General George Washington Chapter.

Broadcast virtually, some 75 people attended the ceremony onsite. Included was Jay's wife, Jodi DeLoach of the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter, NCSDAR, and their two grandsons, Carraig and Declan Flanary, of the New Bern Chapter. Pictured with Jay and grandsons is Rod Mullen.



The NCSSAR President's attendance as a State officer elevated the Chapter-level occasion to a State-level event for 2021. After the Chapter consistently holds the event for several more years, Chapter leadership may make application to the State Society for Liberty Point Resolves to be a recognized annual State event.

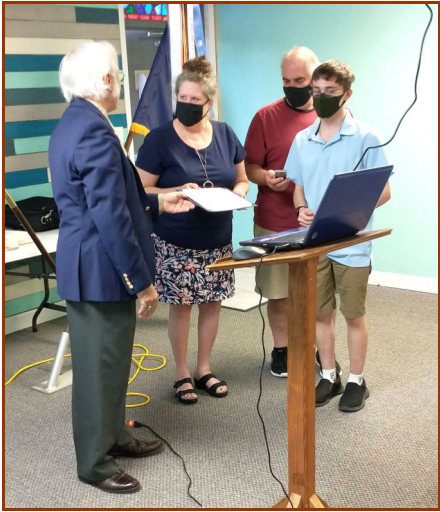
The Liberty Point Resolves were signed by Patriots in the back country of Cumberland County on June 20, 1775 in response to events at Lexington and Concord one month earlier. Also known as the Cumberland Association, the original signed document is preserved in the Southern Historical Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill. Cumberland County at the time included current day Moore, Harnett and Hoke Counties.

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250th Anniversary Medals to the family of the late Ralph Smiley. Ralph's daughter Tisha Daughton (pictured below, left), her husband David, and their son Colby were present at the meeting to receive the awards.



When Chapter leaders learned the qualifications for the medals, they determined that Ralph had earned the three medals prior to his death and was due the special honor posthumously. Ralph's daughter Lois Marshall from out-of-state viewed the presentation virtually.

During the month of May, Chapter President George Strunk and Ron Bonham, Chapter Secretary-Historian and State Genealogist, had the distinct honor of presenting the SAR Bronze JROTC Awards to a plethora of Cadets and instructors across a four-county region. Included were Cadet Jackson Dildy of James B. Hunt High School (Wilson County) and instructor Sgt. Chris White, Cadet Patience Stevens of Kinston High School (Lenoir County), Cadet Gabriel Lefkowitz of Charles B. Aycock High School (Wayne County) and instructor Sgt. Mooring, Cadet Kenya Pittman of Farmville Central

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The Battle of Shallow Ford, October 14, 1780, Part 2

Travis Copeland

On October 7, Colonel Armstrong responded to Sumner's letter with alarm. The Tories, "are too strong for what force I can raise. They are determined to have me Prisoner. Their number is about 300." As a resident of Surry County and knowing the strength and presence of these militia men, Armstrong could be targeted for his Patriot sentiment. But, Surry County militia contented themselves with burning and pillaging in the distant countryside, far from the county seat of Richmond. Armstrong further outlined for Sumner his expectation that they would return to central Surry County no earlier than October 13. Their return would not be met with the force required. In ever-increasing alarm, Armstrong complained to Sumner that, "the men I have cannot be depended on, & of a truth my present Circumstances are bad." He continued to stress to Sumner that, "unless some timely Aid comes [I] am afraid the enemy will persevere further in their hostile Scheme already begun." [3]

As the Tories pressed to return to the county seat of Richmond and move southward to the Ford at the Yadkin, the Whigs feared they could not turn back their violent advances. Leading this pillaging company was "Col. [Gideon] Wright and his brother," Hezekiah, whose, "ignorance is to be dreaded, having not the least principles of Honor or honesty." [4] Both Gideon and Hezekiah Wright were veterans of the French and Indian War in New York. After moving to North Carolina, Gideon Wright sided with Provincial North Carolina Gov. William Tryon during the Regulator Movement and rose to the rank of colonel. [5] Having earned an officer's rank under British rule and with the movement quelled, he returned to the newly-established Surry County and founded its county seat. He did so over and against the Armstrong family, of which Col. Martin Armstrong was a member. When the Revolution broke out, the Wrights and Martin found themselves on opposing sides of hostility. Now Gideon and Hezekiah were leading a Tory militia of "bandits and plunderers" throughout western North Carolina. [6]

As urgency grew, mustering a force became more pressing and concerns grew that the Tories would join forces and move south. Trouble developed in Surry and southward as Colonel Wright returned with his, "3 or 400" men. General Sumner again wrote General Gates concerned about their advancement. The Wright brothers had already sent an advanced guard "into Charlotte to get a way open for them to join the British army." Sumner's letter deliberated to Gates that he would be willing to send three hundred soldiers to disperse the Tories, but the movement of his men at that time was impossible. [7]

While the Tory militia under Colonel Wright terrorized the countryside while they headed for Charlotte, Joseph Williams, living along the Yadkin River, received word of their approach. At the lowest point in the river, the Shallow Ford had been used by

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High School (Pitt County) and instructor Maj. Davis, Cadet Aquillian Whitley of Junius H. Rose High School (Pitt County), Cadet Camden Blake of Donald H. Conley High School (Pitt County), Cadet Mia Carraway of Ayden-Grifton High School (Pitt County), and Cadet Javier Barbosa-Rijos of South Central High School (Pitt County).

Halifax Resolves Chapter

The combined NCSSAR Color Guard, under the command of George Strunk, SMSgt., USAF (Ret.), presented and retrieved the Colors for the Halifax County Charters of Freedom time capsule dedication on April 10. During the dedication, two members of the Halifax Resolves Chapter were recognized for their efforts in bringing the project to a successful completion. Compatriots Ken Wilson (pictured, center left) and J. Rives Manning (center right) received *Certificates of Appreciation* and glass paperweights engraved with the Halifax County seal from County Manager Tony Brown (left) and Foundation Forward Education Director David Streater (right).



Following the event, the Guard proceeded to the Colonial Court-

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Leadership Changes for NCSSAR

Tony Zeiss stepped down as NCSSAR Secretary effective June 5 so that he could devote more of his time on several Boards which he current chairs. During his time as Secretary, Tony performed his duties diligently and with a great deal of heart. We have asked Tony to consider working on several State Committees where he can lend his considerable talents.

Bob Sigmon of the Raleigh Chapter has accepted an interim appointment as State Secretary effective June 5. Bob has been Chapter President and was in charge of the 2019 Annual Convention. He is currently Region 1 Vice President and Raleigh Chapter Secretary.

With this appointment, Bob will relinquish his position as Region 1 VP. Chris Grimes has accepted an interim appointment as Region 1 VP. Chris previously served as Region 1 VP and also has been the Albemarle Chapter President.

Both appointments were made with the assent of the Executive Committee. We look forward to working with Bob and Chris as they assume their new appointments.

JAY A. DELOACH
President, NCSSAR

DeLoach Family to Donate Musket

President Jay DeLoach and his father Jesse (nickname is Jay), a New Bern Chapter member who lives in San Antonio, TX, are donating a 1777 French Charleville Musket with bayonet as a fundraising effort for NCSSAR. The firearm is made by the Veterans Arms, LLC of Lumpkin, GA.

This donation follows the lead of the Florida and Georgia Societies who purchased the same model musket for their State Society raffles as a means of raising funds for their respective National Congresses. The musket is a fully functional, black powder reproduction.

The donation from the DeLoach family will kickoff fundraising efforts if NCSSAR is selected to host the 2026 National Congress. The fundraiser is expected to solicit over \$6,000 in raffle proceeds, whereupon some of the funds will be used to procure another musket (e.g., Brown Bess or Pennsylvania long rifle) for subsequent raffle fundraisers. Compatriot David Alls is in charge of the Fundraising Committee.

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house site to video the presentation and to retrieve the Colors for the 245th Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves that occurred on April 12. Held virtually, the Anniversary ceremony was attended by some 100 participants, including SAR President General Jack Manning.

Compatriots comprising the Color Guard included Ken Wilson and Steve Avent of Halifax Resolves Chapter, Dr. Sam C. Powell of Alamance Battleground Chapter, George K. Strunk and Ron Bonham of Gen. George Washington Chapter, and Bob Sigmon and Tom Davis of Raleigh Chapter. Chapter President Geoff Pittard served as videographer for both events.



The Halifax Resolves Chapter was represented by Compatriots J. Rives Manning (pictured, left), Ken Wilson and E. C. Bobbitt (right) at the Memorial Day celebration at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids. Compatriot Wilson was the

keynote speaker and was assisted by members of AMVETS Posts 101 and 320 along with Boy Scouts

Troop 146 for the folding and presentation of the flag. Ken also presented the Chapter wreath.



KEN WILSON, Past President
NCSSAR & Halifax Resolves Chapter

Goodnight Wins National SAR Award

Jerry Goodnight, social studies teacher at Harold E. Winkler Middle School in Concord, NC, has been selected the national winner of the SAR *Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award* (middle school level) for 2020-2021.



Jerry (pictured, left) was officially notified of his award in a May 7 email notice from The Hon. Thomas Lawrence, Justice of the Peace (Ret.) of the Texas SAR and Chairman of the *Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award* Committee. SAR Past President General (2015-2016), Judge Lawrence commended Jerry, writing, "I know the North Carolina Society of the SAR is very proud of you....We are pleased to have someone with your excep-

tional talents win our award and we hope you benefit as those benefits will be passed along to your students."

The contest seeks teachers who use extraordinary instructional techniques or innovative projects to teach the American Revolution. The national contest winner from each school level receives potential benefits worth up to \$5,000 per winner, including a stipend that covers costs to attend a teacher workshop or conference on the American Revolution.

"An integral part of our Society's community work with youth is honoring outstanding educators at private, public and parochial institutions in the elementary, middle or high school setting who actively teach the history of the American Revolution," said Jim Wood (pictured, right) Program Chairman with the Mecklenburg Chapter.

"Mr. Goodnight submitted his application along with a written essay discussing the importance of teaching the history of the American Revolutionary era," Jim added. "As a patriotic organization, NCSSAR is delighted to work with schools and educators that continue to teach about the founding of our nation and the people and events that inspired American independence."

Jerry holds a Bachelor of Science from Western Carolina University and a Master of Art in Teaching from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He received a cash award for winning at the chapter level and advanced to the State level contest where he also won.

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Lower Cape Fear Chapter

The Chapter Color Guard joined the Stamp Defiance Chapter of the NCSDAR in the presentation of a swivel gun to Moores Creek National Battleground on April 24. The Stamp Defiance Chapter is



celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. In lieu of gifts, they donated

a swivel gun to the Moores Creek National Battleground. About two feet in length and cast in brass, the gun (replica above) is a small cannon mounted on a swiveling stand or fork which allows a wide arc of movement. It was manufactured by Lawrence Campbell of Campbell Cannon and Carriage Works, East Palatka, FL.

The Chapter mustered a Color Guard to present the colors during the Pledge of Allegiance which formed an awe-inspiring backdrop for the presentation ceremony. Chapter president, Kevin E. Graham, who photographed (below) the Color Guard, was recognized at the ceremony. Color



Guard members (pictured, left to right) included Danny Hilton, Gary Green, Gene Funderburk, John Stewart, and Tom Waltz. Two other Compatriots not included in the picture were John Thornhill and Doug DeGroote.

GARY O. GREEN, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.)
Vice President, Lower Cape Fear Chapter

Patriots' Day Ceremony in Burlington

The 25th annual Patriots' Day hosted by Alamance Battleground Chapter was held at the Alamance Battleground State Historic Site in Burlington on May 16. The NCSSAR Color Guard with period uniforms and militia dress proudly presented ceremonial flags.



The event occurred concurrently with the 250th anniversary of the pre-Revolutionary Battle of Alamance fought on May 16, 1771. Three of Alamance County's 1781 Revolutionary War Battles were commemorated: Pyle's Defeat, Clapp's Mill and Lindley's Mill.

NCSSAR representatives were joined by officials from NCSDAR, NCSCAR and other patriotic/historical societies in a formal wreath laying ceremony. Among the attendees were Daughters, including NCSDAR Battle of Alamance Chapter Regent, Sue Carew, who presented one of many wreaths. At the conclusion of the event, members of NCSSAR posed for a group photograph, taken in front of the Patriot James Hunter Monument.





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New Bern Chapter

On Patriots' Day, April 19, with Tryon Palace in the background, the Chapter presented Davis Benedict, newly elected State President for NCSSAR, with a check for \$200 for his special project. Pictured (below, left to right) are Rolf Maris and Ed Perkins, New Bern Chapter Color Guard; Jay DeLoach, State President, NCSSAR; and Davis Benedict, Bob Rigg's great nephew and NCSSAR State President; and Bob Rigg, New Bern Chapter Color Guard Commander. Also attending the event was Kathy Benedict, Senior State President and niece of Bob Rigg.

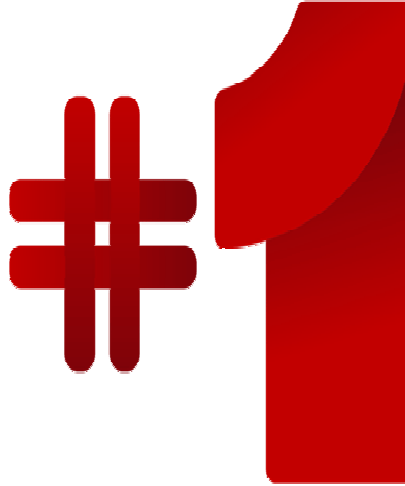


At the same event, the Chapter awarded the *Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Award* to Compatriot Ed Perkins. This award is a national recognition presented to a SAR member in good standing who is currently active in a scout unit, district, or council or has displayed outstanding dedication to the scouting program.

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NCSSAR Ranked First

In a recent meeting, the South Atlantic District Vice President General Allen Greenly reported that North Carolina obtained the largest membership growth of any society in the SAR. We grew by 116 members. Further, we surpassed second place Georgia by five members. This achievement was a collective effort of all who recruited, researched family generations and processed applications, trained and mentored new members, engaged and plugged-in members in SAR programs, created a new chapter, collected annual dues, or pursued reinstatements.



Special thanks to our State Registrar Bob Ervin for processing over 220 new member applications last year and to our Membership Committee Chairman John Thornhill who drove the establishment of the Sandhills Chapters and also writes to dropped members inviting them to reinstate. We closed 2020 with a total of 1,272 members and currently have 1,362 members through new and reinstated members.

State Registrar Bob Ervin says we are on track to repeat the number of new member applications this year. Keep recruiting and working with your local DAR chapters to recruit their husbands, fathers, sons, and grandsons as we, in turn, recruit our wives, mothers, daughters, and granddaughters for the DAR. The DAR ladies who help with recruiting SAR members should be rewarded with an appropriate SAR medal.

Our priority focus should be on retaining current members. This is done by offering new members a copy of the *New Member Guidebook*, assigning them a seasoned mentor, and going through the *Fundamental of SAR* training. Both documents can be found on the NCSSAR website and NC Sharefiles. Then plug your new and old members in-to committees to work on historic commemorations, Color Guard, youth programs, and Veteran programs.

In the fall of the year, we have to reach out to all members to collect 2022 dues, starting in August/September with newsletter and email alerts, then written dues notices, followed with phone calls or visits as needed. Many of our Compatriots simply want to talk before sending in their check.

If we can improve our retention while increasing our recruitment efforts, then our goal of growing by 200 members a year is achievable. The cumulative effect is we reach 2,200 members by 2026. It is possible as we pull together. One team, one fight!

JAY A. DELOACH
President, NCSSAR

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In the East Carolina Council, Ed is a board member on the monthly Eagle Boards of Review, performs award presentations at Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, and is the lead organizer of the Patriot Merit Badge Workshops for the American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law merit badges. Pictured (below,) are award recipient Ed Perkins (left) and NCSSAR State President Jay DeLoach.



JAY A. DELOACH, RDML, USN (Ret.)
President, NCSSAR

Raleigh Chapter

The Chapter awarded the *Bronze Good Citizenship Award* to Micah Hill, Corinth Holders High School in Johnston County, for his enthusiasm and engagement in the study of the founding principles of American government. Micah is a senior and completed the advanced placement course in American Government this year. He is planning to attend North Carolina State University in the Fall 2021 semester and will major in political science.

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Shallow Ford Preservation, Part 2

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"1750 until about 1920, when highways and bridges rerouted traffic. The course of the Yadkin River at this point forms the boundary between present-day Forsyth County and, to its west, Yadkin County. The Shallow Ford crossing is approximately 600 yards south of the modern bridge on the Huntsville-Lewisville road." (<https://www.ncpedia.org/shallow-ford>, para. 1)

Shallow Ford's role in the War of Independence is unmistakably noteworthy. Mr. Hill summarized the famed battle fought on this hallowed ground:

"Shallow Ford was an essential link on Great Wagon Road, the frontier road used by immigrants to backcountry North Carolina in the mid-eighteenth century. On 14 Oct. 1780 about 300 Whigs ..engaged a similar number of Tories...in a battle near Shallow Ford. The Whigs included about 160 Virginia troops and 140 militiamen from Surry and Rowan Counties. The battle, lasting several hours, ranged over an area that included present-day Huntsville. Fifteen Tories and a single Whig, a captain in the Virginia militia named Henry Francis, were killed in the Whig victory. A tributary of the Yadkin River took the name Battle Branch from this encounter." (<https://www.ncpedia.org/shallow-ford>, para. 2)

As the preservation of Shallow Ford moves forward, members from all NCSSAR Chapters may be interested in donating toward this important cause. Contributions, large or small, made to The Conservation Fund will defray the cost to the State when the property is eventually purchased from the Fund. Donations can be made in two ways:

Online Gifts: Donate on the website, then send an email stating "I contributed [\$ amount] on The Conservation Funds's website and would like to ensure it is allocated to the Messick/Shallow Ford project." <https://support.conservationfund.org>

Mail-in Gifts: Send donations to The Conservation Fund, 1655 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 1300, Arlington, VA 22209.

RECENT UPDATE: In a conversation with Past President Fred Learned on June 26, State Sen. Tom McInnis of the Sandhills Chapter reported that funding for Senate Bill 295 has been debated and **approved** by the full Senate. It now goes to the House for deliberations and approval, after which it returns to the Senate for final adjustments. Sen. McInnis believes all issues will be resolved and agreement reached on the financial aspects of the bill during the next thirty days. The bill will then be referred back to the Senate for a formal vote before it is sent to the Governor's Office for approval or veto, which is projected by end of July.

Sen. McInnis is confident the joint bill will receive final approval by mid-August, possibly before the August 21 NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting. All SAR members are urged to contact State Representatives to encourage endorsement of the acquisition of these historic properties.

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Raleigh Chapter

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Under the leadership of ROTC/JROTC Awards Chairman Karl Feld and with the assistance of volunteers, the Chapter awarded 19 medals and certificates to ROTC and JROTC commanders in Wake and Johnston counties this year. Award recipients are selected by their commanders in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and military bearing.

Chapter ROTC/JROTC awards volunteers include the following: Jeremy Hodges (West Johnston High); David Bamford (Clayton High); Stephen Morris (Enloe and Knightdale High Schools); Karl Feld (South Johnston High, Smithfield-Selma High, Garner Magnet High, Sanderson High, Wake Forest High, North Johnston High, NCSU Air Force, Saint Augustine's University Army); Brett Russ (Millbrook High and NCSU Army); Clark Hemingway (Cleveland High); George Dolicker (Cary High); Tom Howard (NCSU Navy); and Bradley Cook (Broughton High).

As of June 1, 2021, the following students have received the ROTC/JROTC Outstanding Cadet/Midshipman Award: Air Force Cadet



Mason Berger (pictured), NC State University (NCSU) junior, Lt. Col. John J. Dumont III commanding; Navy Midshipmen Tristan Seal

and Marines Cadet Jack Wild, both NCSU juniors, Capt. Andrew Hertel commanding; Army Cadet

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No Stone Unturned

Ron Bonham
State SAR Genealogist

Genealogy is proving the lineage of an individual. Records pertinent to the study of genealogy are like a field of stones. Every stone must be turned in search of the nugget you need. Sometimes more than one document is needed to prove parental lineage.

Death certificates and records are an important resource. Availability varies from state to state. Some death records are found for free on www.familysearch.org, and others can be found on a paid service like www.ancestry.com (also available at your local library). Below is a summary of six states and when they began requiring death certificates:

Kentucky required death certificates starting in 1911. From 1852 to 1911 each county kept records of deaths with parents' names listed when they were known. These records are best retrieved at the county level or from ancestry.com.

North Carolina required death certificates beginning in 1913, but it took until 1917 before all counties complied. There are a few death certificates before 1913. But most are in ledgers held in the counties, and they do not identify the father/mother of the deceased. When you find the individual in a county index then the county has to be contacted for the record.

South Carolina required death certificates from 1915 and are housed at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Before 1915 counties kept a record which did not list the parents.

Tennessee required death certificates beginning in 1908, but it took until 1914 before all counties complied. Each county has a ledger of deaths in the counties which list the parents if known. When you find the individual in a county index then the county has to be contacted for the record.

Virginia required death records to be kept in 1853, and each year the record copies were sent to the state archives. They were not required from 1896 to 1912 because of a lack of state funds. Some counties retained copies of death ledgers.

West Virginia required death certificates in 1917, but it took until 1925 before all counties complied. All deaths recorded by the county from 1863 to 1917 did not list the parents.

Death certificates may contain inaccurate information. My great-grandfather, Robert Alexander Bonham, who died in Smyth County, VA is an example. His second wife (informant) indicated on the death record that his father was Ehilum Bishop and his mother was Anna Belle Bishop. Multiple other records, however, confirmed his parents were Ephraim and Martha Bishop.

The National SAR genealogist readily accepts death records to establish a connection between child/parent relationships or death date. The next article in this series will address wills, estates, and probate records, where to find them, and some known issues.

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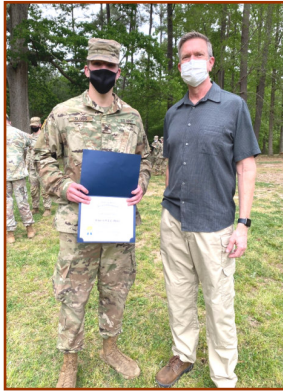
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Brandon Sluss (pictured), NCSU junior, Lt. Col. Andrew K. Sinden commanding; Air Force Cadet Theresa Jones, South Johnston (County) High School, Lt. Col. Eric Brewington commanding; Air Force Cadet Colin Culbertson,



Sanderson High School, Wake County, Col. Patrick Davis commanding; Air Force Cadet Katelyn Evans,

North Johnston (County) High School, Col. Peter Markle commanding; and Army Cadet Malcolm Johnson, Enloe Magnet High School, Wake County, Maj. Peter Markle commanding.

The *Enhanced JROTC Outstanding Cadet Medal* was awarded to Air Force Cadet Nayla Seda (pictured), Sanderson High School,



Wake County, Col. Patrick Davis commanding. This award is highly competitive among the

14 JROTC units in Wake and Johnston counties. Cadet Seda ranked first for extracurricular, academic, and community leadership as well as military bearing.

DAVID BAMFORD
Secretary-Communications
Raleigh Chapter

Firearms for Freedom

Dr. Michael Arnette, DDS

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distance. In many round ball shooting matches that feature multiple targets and variable distance, a shooter has frequently shot better aggregate scores with the flintlock rifle than with the caplock rifle.

Well into the 1940s the long distance shooting records were mostly held by muzzleloading rifles. The tuning of flint size, shape and length, the quality of frizzen and the best powder and 'old codger' experience clearly shows no perceptible difference in ignition speed between the caplock and the flintlock rifle, however.

Compatriots who may wonder where the amazement, preoccupation, and love of rifles, bullets, outdoor skills, tracking, and marksmanship originate in their family lines need look no further than their Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors. A genetic proclivity is likely there.

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Editor's Note: This is the first article in a new ongoing *ONS* series, *Firearms for Freedom*. Author, Dr. Michael Arnette, DDS has been a competitive shooter for more than 40 years. He has distinguished expertise with multiple weapons and has served as captain and competitor coach on the U.S. International Muzzle Loading Team. Recognized for his shooting skill, Mike has been awarded state, national and world champion medals and has set new world records in the process. A proud descendant of Patriot Benjamin Sutton, Sr., Mike was inducted into the SAR at the July meeting of the Gen. George Washington Chapter.

NCSSAR Compatriot Awards

The awards ceremony is always a highlight at the State Convention. It is a special time when individual Compatriots are recognized and thanked for their achievement and service to the SAR. Leadership proudly announces the 2021 award recipients.

Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal: Presented to individuals who volunteered time to the National SAR. Eight compatriots received the award this year. Asterisk (*) signifies oak leaf cluster given to recipients receiving the award a second/more time(s): **David Bamford**; **James Campbell***; **Gary Green***; **Ed McBride***; **Michael Murphy**; **Michael Snow**; **John Thornhill**; and **Ted Zajac***.

Silver Roger Sherman Medal: Awarded to Compatriots in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service rendered to the State Society. Seven Compatriots received the award this year.

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The Battle of Shallow Ford, October 14, 1780, Part 2

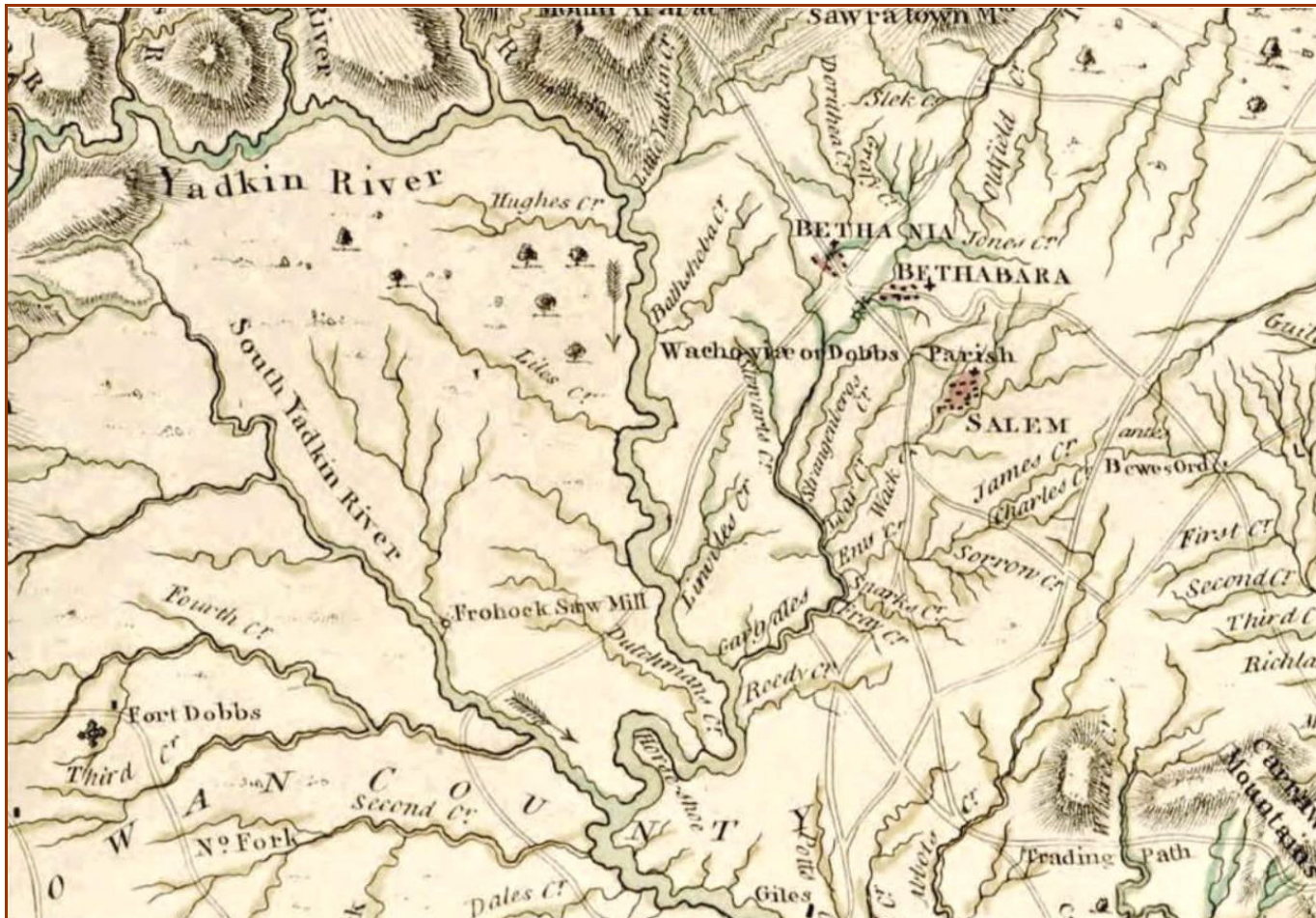
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native peoples for centuries to cross the Yadkin. Located on the northern branch of the Yadkin in the interior of North Carolina, the ford was near the Moravian town of Salem. Its necessity was evident to all sides fighting in the interior. The ford also lay strategically on the Great Wagon Road, which ran from Pennsylvania to Georgia and was used by colonists and natives to transverse the interior of the East Coast of North America. *To be continued.*



Detail from a map of North Carolina in 1770 showing the Yadkin River, with Moravian settlements to its West. (Photo courtesy of North Carolina Maps Collection, University of North Carolina)

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Sarah Fox to Compete at SAR Convention

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Following the War, Armistead changed his surname to Lafayette. In 1824, Gen. Lafayette returned to America for a grand tour. Upon revisiting Virginia, he recognized a face in the crowd lining the road. He stopped his carriage, got out and embraced James Armistead Lafayette, thereby paying respect to someone who had contributed significantly to American independence.



Sarah concludes the story with an exposition on what she has dubbed 'hidden heroes,' people who contribute each in their own way to a better life for others. As she states, "Our history is shaped

through the dedicated actions of ones like him, invisible people who change the world." In keeping with Sarah's proclamation, NCSSAR Rumbaugh Oratory Chairman, Lowell Hoffman will continue his post for the coming year. His mission is to once again double the number of contest participants and to seek sponsorship of Rumbaugh competition in additional State SAR Chapters.

Establishing a Rumbaugh competition at the State chapter level requires a joint effort. Finding allies is key. Each State SAR Chapter has members who have connections and influence with schools and other organizations that could be potential sponsors of oratory competition. Among these are VFW and American Legion as both have highly regarded oratory programs. Perhaps through collaboration with a SAR chapter, student competitors might also choose to participate in the Rumbaugh Oratory program.

Past SAR State Presidents and current President Jay DeLoach are strong advocates of youth programs, including Rumbaugh Oratory. Chapter leaders who wish to explore sponsorship for 2022 may contact Lowell at lmhglobal927@gmail.com or 919-656-9955 for more information and assistance in developing a Rumbaugh Oratory program. As Sarah so eloquently puts it, 'Hidden heroes' are indeed among us even today.

LOWELL M. HOFFMAN
Gen. Francis Nash Chapter

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Asterisk (*) signifies oak leaf cluster given to recipients receiving the **Silver Roger Sherman Medal Award** a second/more time(s):

Michael Aycock*—State Chaplain for two years; Vice President, SE Region; and Chairman, Enhanced JROTC Cadet Contest

Joe Culik—Organizer, Cowan's Ford Commemoration

Lowell Hoffman—Chairman, Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Ben Setser—Ramsour's Mill and King's Mountain Commemorations; President, Catawba Valley Chapter; and Editorial Committee, *The Old North State* newsletter

Dr. Joe Sutton—Editor, *The Old North State* newsletter

Bryant Trombly—Organizer, Zoom meetings and events for National and State SAR

Bob Whitehead—First Chapter Registrar to successfully use DNA for a membership application

NC George Washington Fellow: Presented to the Compatriot who has made sustained and noteworthy contributions to the State Society. The 2021 recipient is **Jim Wood**, recognized for his continuous, outstanding leadership, and all-around service to the NCSSAR.

State Meritorious Service Medal: Presented to members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to the State Society. Three Compatriots received the award this year:

Charles Adams—State Parliamentarian; Chairman, By-Laws Committee

Jack Bowman—State Secretary; Ramsour's Mill and King's Mountain Commemorations, Mail Chimp and Zoom

Ed McBride—Chairman, Eagle Scout Committee; PRS volunteer

State Medal of Distinguished Service: Highest honor awarded by the State President for long and conspicuous service to the North Carolina Society. The 2021 recipient is **Jay DeLoach**, Senior State President and State Secretary. Jay updated the *NCSSAR Handbook*, established the Revolutionary War Uniform Reimbursement Program, developed and implemented training materials, and obtained liability insurance to protect members at various SAR events across the State.

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Powell Donates Musket

Dr. Sam Powell, State Treasurer and member of the National SAR Museum Committee, has donated an American musket to the Museum in March. Made from parts that could be found and put together in the U.S., the musket has an American-made stock and a British barrel. Gunsmiths at The Historical Shop in Metairie, LA assembled the musket and shipped it directly to the SAR Museum.



In his March 26 acknowledgment of the donation, Zachary Distel, Curator and Program Exhibit Director for the Museum described the musket as "a fantastic addition to the collection and exhibits many American characteristics from the era. The overall shape of the stock, the barrel patch near the muzzle, and the crude blacksmith forged ramrod are emblematic of mid-late 18th century American firearms and detail how the Revolutionary generation had to make do with what they had on hand. We look forward to sharing this artifact in exhibitions and programming."

Veteran Smiles Foundation

A nonprofit organization, the Veterans Smiles Foundation (VSF) is headquartered in Wake Forest, NC, and provides educational and financial support to at-risk veterans to improve their dental and oral health-care. 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 Ret. Colonel David E. McCracken 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 Veteran Service Officers throughout the state. ECU's School of Dental Medicine has eight satellite dental clinics located around the state in rural and underserved 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.

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Flags Retired

After a year's hiatus, the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, the Stamp Defiance Chapter of the NCSDAR and Boy Scouts Troop 242 once again joined forces to retire over 250 unserviceable flags during a ceremony conducted at Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington, June 14.

Cemetery superintendent Erik Kozen hosted the event. Many of the unserviceable flags were supplied by All-Star Flags of Wilmington. Reasons why our nation's symbol should be honored and a solemn flag folding ceremony were included.



Compatriot Harry Blakeslee, Chapter Treasurer and members of Troop 242 are pictured (above) preparing the flags for disposal. Harry (below) then demonstrated committing the flag remnants to the retirement barrel. Chapter President, Kevin E. Graham presented *Flag Retirement Certificates* to the participant organizations as well as to those who presented flags for retirement.



GARY O. GREEN, Lt. Col, USAF (Ret.)
Lower Cape Fear Chapter, NCSSAR

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Patriot Medal: Highest award presented by the State Society to Compatriots for long, faithful, outstanding and distinguished service at the State and/or Chapter level. Three Compatriots received the award this year. Five Compatriots from four previous years were also recognized:

Class of 2021

Connie Gene Funderburk—President, Registrar, Color Guard Commander, and Chairman, Awards and Social Events Committees, Lower Cape Fear Chapter; participated in 58 Color Guard events and 467 funerals for veterans with the American Legion; attended six State Conventions and seven Board of Managers meetings; and first line signer (sponsor) for nine new members.

Christopher Wayne Grimes—State Regional Vice President for three years; State Awards Committee for three years; Chairman, Re-enactor Liaison for five years; Chairman, Chapter Americanism Committee for six years; President, Vice President and Chaplain, Albemarle Chapter; member, Color Guard at 33 events; member, State Speakers Bureau, portraying a colonial doctor at various events and gave tours of the Mariners Museum in Newport News, VA; and attended five State Conventions and eight Board of Managers meetings.

David Mann—State Regional Vice-President for two years; Chairman, State Financial Review Committee; member, Editorial Committee, *The Old North State* newsletter; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter; member, Color Guard since 2008 and participated in events in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia; helped organize the Lumber River Chapter; attended five State Conventions and numerous meetings of the Board of Managers; and first line signer (sponsor) for two new members.

Class of 2019

David Alls—President, Old North State Chapter; President, Registrar and Color Guard Commander, Mecklenburg Chapter; led the effort to erect a Monument to Patriots buried at the Centre Presbyterian Church in Mooresville; member, Color Guard, participating in 88 events; attended one State Convention and six Board of Managers meetings; and sponsor for 102 new members.

Class of 2017

Doyle Campbell—Helped establish the Battle of King's Mountain Commemoration, Mecklenburg Chapter; NC representative, King's Mountain Commemorative Committee; started the Chapter Color Guard; organized the *Liberty Mountain* performance at the King's Mountain Theatre; attended two State Conventions and six Board of Managers Meetings.

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This Independence Day, reflect on the beauty of a free country envisioned by our Patriot Ancestors

Inspired by a trip to Pikes Peak, CO in 1893, Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929) penned the words to one of our most cherished patriotic songs.

America the Beautiful

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!*

*God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!*

*God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country love
And mercy more than life!
America! America!*

*May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for halcyon skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the enameled plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
Till souls wax fair as earth and air
And music-hearted sea!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!*

*God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for halcyon skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the enameled plain!
America! America!*

*God shed His grace on thee,
Till souls wax fair as earth and air
And music-hearted sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
Till paths be wrought through wilds of thought
By pilgrims foot and knee!*

*O beautiful for glory-tale
Of liberating strife,
When once and twice for man's avail
Men lavished precious life!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
Till selfish gain no longer strain
The banner of the free!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
Till nobler men keep once again
Thy whiter jubilee!*

247th Anniversary Observance



The first Provincial Congress held in America in open defiance of the British Royal Crown occurred at the Craven County Court House, New Bern, NC August 25-27, 1774. The courthouse was formerly located at the intersection of Middle and Broad Streets until destroyed by fire in 1865.

Seventy-one delegates representing 30 of 36 counties and six of nine boroughs met at the First North Carolina Provincial Congress to discuss the grievances against numerous taxes and laws imposed on the colonists by the Royal Crown and the British Parliament. Twenty-eight resolves were issued in response to the unjust taxes and laws. Richard Caswell, William Hooper and Joseph Hewes were elected as delegates to the First Continental Congress and were instructed to present the resolves as actionable redress of grievances against the Royal Crown.

The 247th anniversary observance of the First Provincial Congress will be directed by the New Bern Chapter on Saturday, August 28, 2021 in New Bern, NC to recognize and honor the bravery of the 71 delegates. The importance of the First Provincial Congress in North Carolina and American history will also be marked, in particular, for its significance toward the outcome of the American Revolution.

A fifteen-minute procession involving members of the NCSSAR, the NCSDAR, St. Johns Masonic Lodge #3, the Continental Line and Fife and Drum Corps of the North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace, the Boy Scouts of America, numerous local schools and other patriotic and civic organizations will move south on Middle Street from the Centenary United Methodist Church parking lot (crossing Broad Street) to the outdoor Colonial Chapel of Christ Episcopal Church.

A one-hour ceremony will be held at the Chapel. Dr. Joseph Beatty, Research Supervisor, Historical Research and Publication Office, NC Office of Archives and History will deliver the keynote address. The ceremony will conclude with a rendering of honors for the 71 Delegates and Resolves of the First North Carolina Provincial Congress.

In the event of inclement weather, the procession will be canceled, and the ceremony will be moved to the Harrison Center, located across the street at 311 Middle Street, New Bern NC. See pre-registration, lunch and hotel reservation information and directions at <https://forms.gle/VQpVgbdPhu2fBXCf8>. Direct all questions and comments to newbernresolves@gmail.com.

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For Revolutionary War Patriot



JOSEPH DARNALL



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Sunday | September 5, 2021 | 4:00 PM
Darnall-Pearson Cemetery | 1010 Culp Road | Pineville, NC

RSVP: Martha Hunt Hirsch
mhh2030@hotmail.com | 704-609-0940

** Light refreshments served **

In the event of rain, ceremony will be postponed to the following day.

NCSSAR Calendar

All events will be held
virtually via Zoom, unless
otherwise indicated

* Color Guard
^ In-person & Zoom

July 4: Independence Day; Ringing
of the Liberty Bell, Bicentennial
Mall, Raleigh, NC

July 9-15*: National SAR Con-
gress, Renton, WA

July 24*: 241st Anniversary Com-
memoration, Battle of Colson's Mill,
Norwood, NC

July 31*: 240th Anniversary Com-
memoration, Battle of Rockfish
Creek, Wallace, NC, Col. Alexander
Lillington Chapter

Aug. 7*: 240th Anniversary Com-
memoration, Attack at the House in
the Horseshoe, Deep River, NC,
Sandhills Chapter

Aug. 14*: 246th Anniversary
Commemoration, Signing of the
Tryon Resolves, Bessemer City, NC

Aug. 21*^: NCSSAR Summer
Board of Managers Meeting, TBD

Aug. 28*^: 247th Anniversary
Observance, New Bern Resolves,
New Bern Chapter, New Bern, NC

Sept. 17*: Constitution Day

Sept. 18-23*: Constitution Week

Sept. 23-25*: National SAR Fall
Leadership Conference

Veteran Smiles Foundation

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For the current fiscal year, about
\$10,700 has been spent for 21
veterans. VSF's funding is de-
pendent on grants, donations,
individual dentists volunteering
their services, and the ECU
School of Dental Medicine.

Pictured is an Iraq War Veteran
(anonymous) who received need-

ed dental services through the
Vet Smiles program.



The VSF needs partners for
funding and donations to ex-
pand the Vet Smiles program to
help more veterans with gaps in
their oral healthcare throughout
NC. For more information on
how to volunteer or to make a
tax-deductible donation, please
contact Ret. Col. David E.
McCracken at 984.233.3350,
davide@vetsmiles.org or visit
<https://vetsmiles.org>.

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Patriot Medal Class of 2017

Jay Allan Joyce—Foothills
District Vice President for two
years; State Webmaster for
eight years; created the State
website; initiated digital conver-
sion of State communications,
notices and announcements;
Chapter President for four
years; Chapter Vice President
and Secretary for two years each
and webmaster for eight years;
started Chapter participation in
Wreaths Across America; parti-
cipated in State and Chapter
Color Guard events; attended
two State Conventions and nine
Board of Managers meetings;
and first line signer (sponsor)
for one new member.

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