



Rowan Resolves

NEWSLETTER OF THE SALISBURY CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Chapter finally has a live meeting on May 16

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Our Chapter had its first “live” in person meeting since November on May 16 at the Rowan Museum. It was really good to see everyone - especially the smiling faces! It appears that most of the chapter may be vaccinated and relatively immune to the dreaded virus.

The chapter elected the officers for the 21-22 year and all current officers were re-elected along with Tony Shoaf as Secretary and Rev. John Reeves as Chapter Chaplain. We are one of a very few chapters in the NC Society that has a chaplain - and we actually have three! In addition, several members have stepped forward to assist with the JROTC medal program in Davidson and Davie Counties. This should make our presence stronger in those areas. It is always a joy to recognize good students who are interested in military service.

The nomination forms for Law Enforcement, Fire Service and Emergency Medical Service medals will be going out by the end of the month. If you know of a law enforcement officer, a fire fighter, or an EMS technician who has gone “above and beyond” feel free to nominate that person. The nomination forms will be going to the various department supervisors for their consideration.

We have several new members in process. Two were with us at our meeting - Clark Cable from Lexington and Will Stokes from Concord. Both were inducted earlier in the year. Three others have submitted applications with two being a National and the third one going out by May 25. We should have three more new members for our August meeting.

We have the possibility of participating in the Faith Fourth parade on July 5. As more information is developed, email communications will be sent.

At the recent State Convention in April, the state society voted to submit a bid for the 2026 National Convention. This will be submitted at the fall Leadership Meeting. If approved,

the state society also voted to add a \$5 dues surcharge to each member at reconciliation at the end of the year from 2021 through 2025 to help defray the cost of hosting the convention. As we get closer to the actual event, we will all have opportunities for assisting over the four-day convention.

250th Anniversary

Recognition Program



There has been some interest in the 250th Anniversary Recognition program that has been implemented leading up to the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The requirements for recognition are not difficult and some of you may already be qualified for a bronze level award. It is designed to encourage compatriots, chapters and societies to participate in **local, state, national and international events** which (1) **publicly educate**, and (2) **recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the American Revolution**. A key emphasis of this program is that these events must be open to the public to educate them on the American Revolution and excite them about the 250th Anniversary of our Nation. A reporting form will accompany this issue.

SAR Members may be awarded the following Medals:

Bronze Medal: 25 points as certified by your chapter president.

Silver Medal: Compatriots who earn 60 points as certified by the State Awards Chairman.

Gold Medal: Compatriots who earn 150 points as certified by the National 250th Anniversary Gold Medal Subcommittee chaired by Gary Gift.

Notice that the time period for earning points spans the period from 2014 to 2033.

Chapter Calendar

Jun 12-13
Race to the Dan
Brown House

July 24
Colson's Mill
Norwood

Aug 15
Chapter Meeting
2:30
Rowan Museum

Looking Ahead

President's musings

As we go forward in 2021, there are a number of things we need to be mindful of. First, when looking at the goals of the State Society, we are in really good shape. Our membership is increasing and we have a good relationship with the DAR chapters in our area. We have a good communication system and are participating in the 250th Anniversary events.

I am humbled by the membership re-electing me to be your president again. I sincerely hope someone will decide to step up next year. I am excited to have several members volunteering to help out with the JROTC program. I have found the ceremonies to be very stimulating and the recipients are all top drawer students who end up being the leadership for the school during their senior year. It gives good feeling to be associated with this event. For those volunteers, the SAR has an on-line youth protection training session that you should take. It can be found on the sar.org website.

Speaking of events, on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 & 13, the Rowan Museum is holding a "Race to the Dan" with re-enactors from the southeast at the Old Stone House (Braun House) in Granite Quarry. The museum is needing help with various administrative items and if you can assist, let the Museum's staff know.

There are several other events on the horizon:

Colson's Mill in July in Norwood is usually a good event

We are working with the Brown-Fisher Org. to do a grave marking for Michael Brown in the fall.

We will be planning to present the various public service medals at our November meeting. It will be somewhat like last year's event, but the place/date is currently TBA.

I would like for someone to assist with the Wreaths Across America coordination. The event is held locally at the National Cemeteries and we have to follow their rules. Covid disrupted the event last year and it was not held. If you can help with this, please let me know. If you know of other cemeteries that have a fair number of veterans, we may be able to help sponsor those as well.

Our chapter does not have an official color guard for the various events. The state society has put into place a \$100 grant for those members who wish to purchase colonial clothing or continental army uniforms. A good quality uniform can cost anywhere from \$500 to whatever you want to spend. In North Carolina, most color guard members who wear continental army uniforms use the blue coat with red facings which was the uniform issued to North Carolina units near the end of the Revolution. In the next column, are website listings for various suppliers of colonial clothing. The listing is not complete by no means. We also have a shop in Salisbury, the Backcountry Peddler, on N. Main that can help with various clothing parts. Janet Pyatt, the proprietor, hand-makes the clothing and it is as close to authentic as possible. Her website is thebackcountrypeddler.com. The store is open on Fridays and Saturdays.

Colonial Clothing Vendors

(partial listing)

Barkertown Sutlers — barkertownsutlers.tripod.com

Bethlehem Trading Post —
<https://www.bethlehemtradingpost.com/>

Burnley & Trowbridge Co. — burnleyandtrowbridge.com/

C & D Jarnagin Co. — [/www.jarnaginfo.com](http://www.jarnaginfo.com)

Cobb Creek — cobbcreek.com

James Townsends — townsends.com

Clearwater Hats — <http://www.clearwaterhats.com/early-america/>

Crazy Crow — crazycrow.com

Samson Historical — samsonhistorical.com

There are many more, but these are probably among the best. Most of the ones listed above carry both colonial clothing and some regimental wear. Depending on what you decide to spend, you can easily take care of a month's wages if you are a mind to do so. Many of the other chapter color guardsmen wear what is commonly known as "militia" clothing. That will be a shirt, breeches, waist coat and a hunting frock. I have found that Townsends has fair prices for hats and some other articles, while Crazy Crow is very reasonable for militia wear. Do not be afraid to "mix and match" getting shirts at one place, breeches or slacks at another and the waist coat at yet another. Most of the colonial militia members were wearing homespun linsey-woolsey and none were alike. Only when the Continental Army was able to buy French uniform parts did the regulars begin to look like an army. Most of our ancestors were backwoodsmen in hunting clothing. If you don't find what you are looking for at one of the above, there is always Google. If some of you happen to have a seamstress in the family, there are some patterns on the market for home-made goods. Beware - having a wife make your outfit could be more expensive than you think.



Flag Certificates

Several of our new members have been working hard to present Flag Certificates this spring. Below are some presentations by Chaplain John Reeves and George Cunningham. If you see a proper display of the US flag and can present a certificate, let me have the details and I will print up one for you. For the past several years, we have led the state in Flag Certificate presentations.



McIntosh Law Firm, Mooresville. This flag flew over the US Capitol in the 90s. Pictured: Bob McIntosh. Geo. Cunningham presented.



Rowan-Salisbury Schools - John Reeves, presenter



Greg Edds Insurance Agency



The Laurels Nursing Home