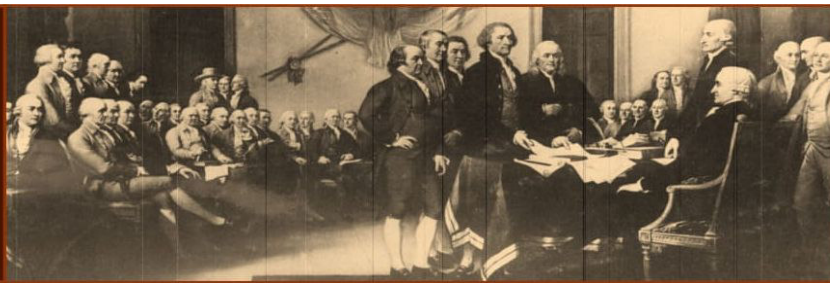


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President's Message

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



NC Compatriots,
America celebrates Patriots' Day on Monday, April 18 this year in commemoration of "the shot[s] heard round the world" (Ralph W. Emerson, 1847). Gunfire exchanged at the Battle of Lexington and Concord 247 years ago on April 19, 1775 marked the start of the Revolutionary War. When word arrived in New Bern on May 6, 1775, NC newspaper editor James Davis wrote, "The Sword is now drawn, and God knows when it will be sheathed."

Soon afterwards, our State answered the call. Militia companies were called up, and new Continental Line regiments were formed. NC troops marched north to support the new Continental Army under Gen. George Washington. They fought and died in many engagements against the British and their German mercenaries. They wintered in Valley Forge fighting starvation and illness. Many perished.

At home, militia men successfully fought against Loyalists at Moores Creek Bridge in early 1776 and staved off British intervention in our State for four years. On the high seas, NC privateers captured numerous British and Loyalist ships. This brought much needed supplies to our fighting forces. Later, NC troops were sent south to fight in Georgia and South Carolina. At the siege of Charleston, thousands of NC troops had to surrender to British forces. British Gen. Lord Cornwallis and his army started

their campaign through the Carolinas to subdue its citizens. Patriot troops fought back against the British with notable victories at Kings Mountain, Cowpens, and Guilford Courthouse. All set the stage for our victory at Yorktown.

Never forgetting the sacrifices of those who preceded us, NCSSAR will continue to steadfastly honor our Patriot ancestors with commemorations, grave markings, and hosting of the 2026 National Congress. Presently

"Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions—The Eyes of all our Countrymen are now upon us." ~George Washington
General Orders, July 2, 1776

we are recruiting members for the NCSSAR Minuteman Company who are willing to make a tax-deductible donation of \$1,000 (lump sum or four annual installments of \$250). To date, I am happy to report that 39 Compatriots have answered the call! Become a NCSSAR Minuteman by emailing NCSARMinutemen@gmail.com. Checks should be made payable to NCSSAR. We greatly appreciate your support for this worthwhile effort.

At the National SAR Spring Leadership Conference in March, the NC Society scored a number of impressive recognitions, as follows:

- George Strunk was voted the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. He will receive a Gold Color Guard Medal at the 2022 National Congress in Savannah.
- Gary Green and Brook Lyles were selected for the SAR Minutemen Class of 2022.
- Gary Green earned the endorsement of the SAR Nominating Committee for Genealogist General over incumbent Bob Fish.
- Brooks Lyles earned the endorsement of the SAR Nominating Committee for Historian General.
- NC took first place among large State societies in the USS Stark Memorial (Service to Veterans) Report.
- Lower Cape Fear Chapter took first place among medium chapters in the USS Stark Memorial Report.
- NC will receive an award for 19 of 27 chapters (67.9%) who submitted a USS Stark Memorial Report.

Huzzah to these outstanding Compatriots and Chapters for their collective efforts in executing the mission of the SAR.

Yours in Patriotism, Jay

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Membership Update

NCSSAR Welcomes 56 New Members (Dec. 10, 2021 through Mar. 11, 2022)

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BAREFOOT, Gary #221124
BOOTH, Andrew #221694
BOSTICK, Walter #221535
BOUTION, Charles #221256
BOUTION, John #221254
BOUTION, Scott #221253
BOUTION, Wesley #221255
BOYER, John #221360
CAMPBELL, Lawrence #221902
CONNER, Gregory #221898
COOK, Christopher #221259
CRUM, Robert #221258
DAUBER, Karl #221697
EAKINS, William, Jr. #221684
EGLINTON, Nicholas #221690
EGLINTON, Richard #221689
FORD, James #221125
GENT, Stephen #221357
GORDON, Billy, Jr. #221764
HALL, Timothy #221766
HARRIS, James #221683
HILLABRAND, Scott #221695
HILTON, Leonard #221811
HOSKINS, Donald #221687
JAVIER, Dash #221685
JIRTLE, Randy #221536
JOHNSON, Scott #221260
KUHN, John #221611
LEWIS, Cullen #221686
LOHNER, Andrews #221358
Mc CLARE, Thomas #221963
MERRITT, James #221359
MINTELEON, Chris. Jr. #221899
MURPHY, Joseph, III #221900
PENDRY, Benjamin #221257
PITTMAN, Jonathan #221122
PORTER, Jerry #221696
REICHART, Jacob #221765
ROSS, Thomas, III #221459
SAVACOO, Robert #221191
SCOTT, Phillip #221560
SORENSEN III, Carl #221612
STOUT, Roger #221814
TRACE, Frederick, III #221688
TILLAMAN, Linton #221123
TSUJIMURA, Norikoazu #221192

TSUJIMURA, Toshiya #221193
WALL, David #221610
WATSON, Shane #221609
WHITE, Cody #221693
WHITE, Lacy #221692
WHITE, William #221691
WILLIAMS, Charles #221903
WILLIAMS, Zebulon, III #221813
WILLIAMS, Zebulon, Jr. #221812

NCSSAR Extends Deepest Thoughts and Prayers to the Families of the Following Compatriots who Passed Away Since Dec. 10, 2021

BONHAM, Ronald
CONWAY, Paul Sr.
CRAWFORD, William
ENOCHS, James
HAYNES, Rhodes
MCMURRY, Victor
MEYER, Albert

NCSSAR Membership Inquiries

Since December 15, North Carolina received 56 inquiries about SAR membership. Corresponding Chapters and inquiry counts include the following: Alamance Battleground, 0; Albemarle, 1; Bethabara, 5; Battle of King's Mtn., 3; Colson's Mill, 0; Blue Ridge, 3; Catawba Valley, 1; Col. Alex. Erwin, 1; Col. Alexander Lillington, 0; Gen. Frances Nash, 2; Gen. George Washington, 4; Halifax Resolves, 2; Isaac Carter, 0; Lower Cape Fear, 3; le Marquis de Lafayette, 3; Lumber River, 2; Lt. Col. John Phifer, 0; Mecklenburg, 6; Old North State, 3; Nathanael Greene, 2; New Bern, 2; Raleigh, 3; Salisbury, 2; Sandhills, 0; LTC Felix Walker, 1; Western Waters, 0; and Yadkin Valley, 0.

Following through with referred inquiries is the responsibility of Chapter leaders. Note DAR assistance on a Finders Form and attach to the SAR application.

JOHN O. THORNHILL, Chair
Membership Committee, NCSSAR

Chapter News

Catawba Valley Chapter

For his extraordinary act of heroism, Patrolman Kendall Huss of the NC Highway Patrol Station, Conover was awarded the SAR Heroism Medal and Certificate by the Catawba Valley Chapter on January 20. State Trooper Huss saved a five-year-old boy and his mother from a wreck that burst into flames on US Hwy. 321 in Hickory on November 23. Pictured (L-R) are Chapter Vice President John Jay Cline, Trooper Kendall Huss, and Chapter President Ben Setser.



A grave marking for Compatriot William Alexander Graham, III was conducted at the Historic Machpelah Cemetery in Iron Station on January 22. Graham was President of the NCSSAR for the 1930-31 term. The Chapter also replaced markers for Patriots Gen. Joseph Graham and Capt. Alexander Brevard that had been damaged or stolen. Several inches of snow had fallen the night before the scheduled ceremony. Facing subfreezing temperatures, Chapter leaders were unable to predict turnout from the public. With limited people present, the ceremony went forward. Pictured (L-R) below are NCSSAR Immediate Past President Fred Learned, Stephen McKee, Roy Lightfoot and Ben Setser. Huzzah!



Catawba Valley Chapter SAR partnered with Jacob Forney Chapter DAR to hold a first annual George Washington Birthday Afternoon Tea on February 20. The celebration began with Chapter President Ben Setser presenting incoming Chapter Regent Fran Goins with a Certificate of Appreciation for her regular presence and involvement with the Catawba Valley Chapter.

A sizeable crowd included representatives from a CAR Chapter, four DAR Chapters, three SAR Chapters along with several members of Thunder Over Carolina, Inc. The food and the fellowship were splendid. Speaker Robert Patton from the Col. Alexander Erwin Chapter gave an outstanding exhibit with a selection of weapons used during the Revolutionary War, which included several authentic weapons of the period. A great time was had by all. Pictured below is Compatriot Patton in the background.



On February 23, the Chapter presented Maiden High School JROTC in Maiden with a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence in honor of President George Washington's 290th birthday. Pictured (L-R) below are Lt. Col. Joseph Thomas, Ben Setser, Cadet Maj. Laiza Ubaub, and John Jay Cline.



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Catawba Valley Chapter presented Anthony Charles with the Eagle Scout Achievement Award at his Court of Honor on February 27 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Newton. Anthony and his father Michael Charles are members of the Chapter. Pictured (L-R) below are Ben Setser, Eagle Scout Anthony Charles, and Ray Maxson.



BEN SETSER, President
Catawba Valley Chapter, NCSAR

Gen. George Washington Chapter

Any event honoring veterans of our nation that involves placing wreaths on their graves and saying a word of prayer and thanks for their service is always appropriate and timely. On December 18,



Chapter Treasurer Kenny Smith (pictured, left) and State SAR Color Guard Commander George Strunk (right) were privileged to present the first wreath in honor of the Merchant Marines in the opening ceremony at the Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Goldsboro. Afterwards, George and Kenny were able to renew their friendships with Vice Regent Betty Duncan and Registrar Lisa Buchtmann of the local David Williams Chapter, DAR.

Halifax Resolves Chapter

Lancaster Funeral Home was recently awarded the SAR Flag Certificates for correctly flying the U.S. flag at their businesses on Bickett Blvd. and on NC Hwy. 561 in Louisburg. The certificates were presented to Ryan Brown (pictured below, left) by Bill Riggan, Registrar on behalf of the Halifax Resolves Chapter which reads, *In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America.*



BILL H. RIGGAN, III, Registrar
Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSAR

The Chapter recognized three local first responders at a recent Roanoke Rapids City Council meeting. President Ken Wilson made the presentations. First to be presented with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was Capt. Michael E. Moseley of the Roanoke Rapids Police Department (RRPD).

Capt. Moseley has served local citizens faithfully for the last 20 years. Following a tour of duty in the U.S. Army and with the N.C. Department of Corrections after discharge, he was hired by the RRPD in 2002. His advancement through the ranks is an illustration of his dedication of service to the public. He was hired as a Police Officer in 2002, promoted to Police Officer II in 2007 and achieved Police Master Officer in 2012. In 2019 he was promoted to Police Sergeant and advanced to Police Administrative Lieutenant in 2021, followed by a promotion to Police Captain in December 2021.

Capt. Moseley has selflessly given his time to serve our Country and his community. He strives to teach young officers and to receive as much training himself as possible. He is compassionate

and caring and gives 100% to the important work of law enforcement. He is a man of integrity, courage and honor in conducting business with citizens, traits also seen in his private life. Pictured (L-R) below are Ken Wilson and Capt. Moseley.



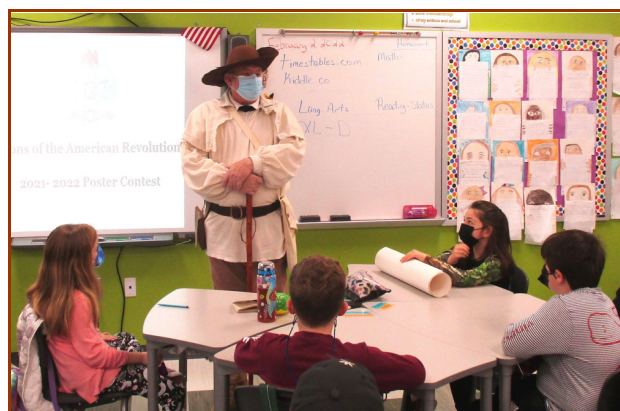
At the same Council meeting, two firemen from the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department were recognized with the SAR Life Saving Medals. Lt. Joshua B. Sparks and Firefighter James T. Bolton II were assigned to first responder duty on August 21, 2021, when they were dispatched to East Littleton Road in reference to a female not breathing. Upon arrival they found the individual unresponsive with no pulse. Firefighters immediately began to apply life savings measures that included the automated ex-ternal defibrillator and administering CPR. Once EMS arrived and started administering medications, the patient had regained a pulse. Firemen and EMS personnel then placed the patient on the stretcher and transported her to Vidant North Hospital. Upon arrival, her pulse was stable, and she was transferred to emergency room staff care. Pictured (L-R) below are Ken Wilson, Lt. Sparks, and Firefighter Bolton.



At its January meeting, the Chapter presented each of three Halifax County Deputy Sheriffs with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation. The recommendation for the award was made by Chief Deputy Scott Hall. The accompanying citation read, "On December 7, 2021, Sergeant Michael A. Bishop, Corporal Casey U. Sherrod and Deputy Michael A. Casey answered a call together concerning a man armed with a firearm wishing to harm himself. Sgt. Bishop, along with Sherrod and Casey developed a plan of action to disarm the man safely. The three Deputies executed the plan and, in fact, disarmed the man without injury which has allowed the individual to enjoy another holiday season with his family." Pictured (L-R) below are Ken Wilson, Sgt. Bishop, Cpl. Sherrod, Deputy Casey and Chief Deputy Scott Hall.



The Chapter is sponsoring a poster contest, the topic of which is an event in the Revolutionary War. Ken Wilson spoke to fourth and fifth grade students at Manning Elementary School, Roanoke Rapids and fielded questions about the contest and his Colonial attire.



The winner of the Chapter-level contest will be named at the March 12 meeting and awarded a certificate and cash prize of \$100.00. The student and winning poster will advance to compete at the State-level contest to be held on May 15 at Alamance Battleground.

Ken had another opportunity to present information about the Chapter-level SAR poster contest to fifth graders at Halifax Academy. Located in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax Academy is a private school whose curriculum is integrated with a non-denominational Christian emphasis. Ken fielded questions about the contest and, once again, he answered questions about his Colonial outfit.



Also on the educational front, Northern Nash High School social studies Teacher Ms. Charman Pearson invited Ken to speak to three of the American History classes. He discussed the Battle of New Garden, prelude to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Approximately 80 students were present for the three presentations.

KEN WILSON, President
Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR



Lower Cape Fear Chapter

Compatriot Dan Hilton (pictured below) was the speaker at the Veterans Administration Outreach Clinic in Jacksonville held on President George



Washington's birthday on February 22. He presented on Washington's farewell address and some of the first President's life history. Kathy Benedict, Chapter Regent of the Montford Point Chapter DAR was present for the occasion prior to the DAR Meeting that day.

A focal point of the occasion was a beautifully decorated cake. Although a typical kitchen knife was used to slice the cake, Dan noted, "Next year, we will use a sword!" Donations would be appreciated to cover the \$150 cost of the cake.

DAN HILTON
Lower Cape Fear Chapter, NCSSAR



LTC Felix Walker Chapter

On September 17, 2021, at precisely 4:00 p.m., the LTC Felix Walker Chapter and the Ruth Davidson Chapter DAR jointly celebrated the U.S. Constitution with a ceremony in Asheville. At that time 234 years ago, 39 members of the Constitution Convention in Philadelphia signed the document that became the Constitution.

DAR Chapter Regent Sharon Connor led the group in ringing of the bells at the top of the hour, an annual tradition. In relating the principles in the Declaration of Independence to the Preamble of the Constitution, President Mike Arnott noted that the Constitutional Convention debated for 100 days to frame the new government.



The partnering Chapters (pictured above) read the Preamble together. Regent Connor addressed how it created a democratic republic form of government. Compatriot Win Webster gave biographic sketches of the three signers of the Constitution from North Carolina, William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight and Hugh Williamson.

MIKE ARNOTT, President
LTC Felix Walker Chapter, NCSSAR

New Bern Chapter

On December 18, the New Bern Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the New Bern National Cemetery. Color Guard members present were President Dr. Bob Ainsley, Vice President Rob Webster, Registrar Gary Gillette and Compatriot Bruce Martin. Five thousand wreaths were placed on the headstones of veteran graves. To open the ceremony, Dr. Ainsley read the NSSAR President General Davis Lee Wright's proclamation, *Compatriot Participation in Wreaths Across America 2021*.

Noteworthy guests among the approximately 500 people in attendance were a number of newly inducted Chapter members: Adam Marhefke and his wife Lori; Rien and Aiden Skeens and their father Jason; Rick Layton; New Bern Mayor Dana Outlaw and his wife Susan; Bob Mull; and Sam Woodruff and his wife Faye. Representing the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter DAR were Tammy Gillette (wife of Gary) and Bobbi Webster (wife of Rob). Pictured (L-R, first row) below are Rob Webster, Aiden Skeens, Gary Gillette, Rien Skeens, Dr. Bob Ainsley, and Bruce Martin, and (L-R, second row) Rick Layton, Adam Marhefke and Bob Mull.



Joining the New Bern Chapter on October 30 was the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter DAR in co-hosting a hybrid grave marking ceremony for Patriot Maj. Isaac Guion at the Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern. The Hon. Ken McCotter, Jr., sixth great-grandson of Patriot Guion, provided a biographical presentation. He noted significantly that Maj. Guion served as a Revolutionary War Surgeon and Commissary to Gen. George Washington. Maj. Guion also served as a Representative to the Third NC Provincial Congress, a Legislator and Councilor of State and a Master Mason of St. Johns Masonic Lodge #3.

The ceremony was well attended by members of the SAR, DAR, CAR, Masons, and Questers. A combined NCSSAR Color Guard led by State SAR Color Guard Commander George Strunk. Attendees included NCSSAR President Jay DeLoach, Chapter President Dr. Bob Ainsley, President, Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter DAR Regent Kathleen Benedict, NCSCAR Senior President Davis Benedict, Craven Chapter Questers President Nancy Mansfield, and St. John's Masonic Lodge #3 member Tim Harris. Representative guests are pictured below.



The Chapter presented the SAR Hero Medal Award to Deputy Sheriff Zach Bellingham of the Craven County Sheriff's Office on January 20 at the Craven County Sheriff's Office in New Bern. Deputy Bellingham was seriously injured from a gunshot wound on October 1, 2021 while serving an involuntary commitment order. He continues in a rehabilitation program.

The SAR Hero Medal Award recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger. The Medal is awarded to recipients who demonstrate extraordinary personal courage and self-risk. Sheriff Chip Hughes opened the ceremony by commending Deputy Bellingham for his performance of duties and offering encouragement for a productive recovery. Sheriff Hughes performed the ceremonial honors of pinning the medal. Dr. Bob Ainsley presented the framed medal certificate along with a Chapter monetary contribution to the Friends of the Craven County Sheriff's Office (FOCCSO) Fund specifically for the support of Deputy Bellingham's rehabilitation.

Chapter members attending in color guard uniform were Dr. Ainsley, Gary Gillette, Scott Brick, Bruce Martin, and Lee Purcell. Other members who proudly displayed their lapel SAR Rosettes were Ken McCotter, Ed Stinson, Rick Layton and Bob Rigg. Tammy Gillette attended the ceremony. Representing the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter DAR was Tammy Gillette (wife of Gary). Also in

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attendance were numerous law enforcement officers and staff from the Sheriff's Office.

Pictured below are some of the attendees. The event was covered by four local media outlets. See a WITN-TV video at the following link: <https://www.witn.com/2022/01/20/craven-county-deputy-honored-heroism/>



The Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter DAR and the New Bern Chapter co-hosted their annual celebration of George Washington's Birthday on February 22 at the New Bern Golf and Country Club. Thirty-eight combined members, spouses and guests were joined by members of the Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter, NCSCAR and the Masons.

In keeping with the first public recorded celebration of George Washington's Birthday at Frilick's Hotel in New Bern in 1796 (five years after George Washington visited the city), the same six verbatim toasts recorded in the 1799 celebration were delivered at the 2022 event. The six toasts were led by New Bern Chapter Toastmaster Lee Purcell, including the opening first toast: "A toast to the 22nd Day of February....May it be kept by future ages, that those who see the great fabric of American glory completed, may remember the hand that laid its foundation." The sixth and final toast of the evening was, "A toast to the immortal George Washington and his companions in arms, the patriotic heroes of the American Revolution."

Professor Emeritus of American History at Bowling Green State University and New Bern Chapter Compatriot Dr. David Skaggs made a fitting presentation titled, *The Yorktown Decisions: Washington, Rochambeau, and de Grasse and the Chesapeake Campaign*. Jacob Paré, the youngest attending SAR member from the Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter, received a Certificate of Appreciation for his assistance in leading the *Pledge of*

Allegiance and drawing the winning tickets for the evening's door prizes. Two of Jacob's seventh great-grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War. Joseph Josselyn, Jr. fought with the militia at Bunker Hill, and Rev. Jonathan Davis fought with the Marquis de Lafayette at Yorktown.

Pictured (L-R) below are Chapter President Dr. Bob Ainsley, Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter DAR Regent Sims Wayt, Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter member Dan Paré, NCSCAR President Davis Benedict, Patriot Isaac Chapter President Napoleon Carter, NCSSAR President Jay DeLoach, Historic St. John's Masonic Lodge #3 member Tim Harris, and Kathy NCSCAR Senior President, Kathy Benedict.



**DR. BOB AINSLEY, President
New Bern Chapter, NCSSAR**



Raleigh Chapter

At the November Chapter meeting, President Richard Peña inducted two new 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 was unsuccessful. Now that he is a Compatriot, his mother will be able to use his research to join the DAR.



Richard presented on Bernardo 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 spoke briefly on one of his several Patriot ancestors, Antonio Gil Y'Barbo.

In celebration of George Washington's Birthday, the Raleigh Chapter presented the newly-opened Veterans Life Center (VLC) in Butner, NC with a donation of \$10,000. An event was held at the new VLC facility on February 21. The Chapter Color



Guard presented three U.S. flags as gifts in a formal ceremony. Pictured (L-R) are Color Guardsmen Tom Floyd and Tom Davis preparing for the procession.

The keynote speaker was NCSSAR President, Jay A. DeLoach. Chapter Chaplain Rev. Van Jones gave the invocation. Accepting the gift was VLC Executive Director

John Turner explained, "The Veterans Life Center is a residential program designed to help at-risk 21st Century male and female veterans. Its mission is to provide each of our residents with the prospect of strengthening their mental fitness and physical health, improving life skills, and providing vocational training and career opportunities."

The VLC works to prevent veterans from experiencing homelessness, incarceration, suicide, and premature death. A major goal is assisting them successfully reintegrate into civilian life. Chapter President Peña also presented Mr. Turner, himself

a veteran, with the SAR Silver Good Citizen Award for his tireless work in helping at-risk veterans to become self-reliant. Pictured (L-R) below are President Peña, Executive Director John Turner, Chapter Treasurer and State SAR Secretary Bob Sigmon (right).



KARL FELD, Communications Director
Raleigh Chapter, NCSSAR

Yadkin Valley Chapter



A Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at the Hollywood Cemetery in Elkin on December 18. Hosted by the Jonathan Hunt Chapter DAR, and led by Regent Becky Dursee, this was the second annual event of its kind. Supporting

the effort and representing NCSSAR was Yadkin Valley Chapter Secretary Doug Mitchell, pictured above.

Attendees placed more than 100 wreaths on the graves of veterans. The special speaker was U.S. Air Force Veteran Carol McDowell who was inducted into the DAR in 2020. A complete summary of the event by *The Elkin Tribune* is available at <https://tinyurl.com/essrrf59>.

DOUG MITCHELL, Secretary
Yadkin Valley Chapter, NCSSAR



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1777 Charleville Musket w/ Bayonet

Don't miss your chance to add this beautiful and functional reproduction to your collection whether for display or to complete your trappings as a Colorguardsman.

And not only that, but all proceeds will go to support the SAR's 2026 Congress which will be held in North Carolina

This beautiful reproduction of a 1777 French 'Charleville' Musket, manufactured by Veteran Arms LLC (veteranarms.com), is faithful to the original in functionality and form. It features a .68 caliber barrel and iron hardware with bright finish. Authentic elements include a hardwood stock and proper St. Etienne lock markings, an angled brass pan, heart shaped ring cock, and ridges on the trigger guard.

The musket comes with a limited warranty.



Sounds great, but how do I purchase a ticket?

1. To purchase online, go to <https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/ncsar/Campaign/Details> or text the word "Musket" to 406-302-5086.
2. To purchase by mail, email ncsar.fundraising@gmail.com.

Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

You must be at least 18 years of age to purchase raffle entries.

Tickets are available until April 23, 2022 @ 4:59 PM.
The drawing will be held at at April 23, 2022 @ 5:00 PM.



2022 Winter Board of Managers Meeting

Summary of Minutes
January 29, 2021 | 1:00 PM

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. President Jay DeLoach called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The invocation was given by Chaplain Rev. Van Jones. He also led attendees in a moment of silence for the late State Genealogist Ron Bonham and all Compatriots who passed away in 2021.

Gen. George Washington Chapter President Travis Putnam led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The salute to the State Flag was led by Bethabara Chapter President Bill Ewalt. Catawba Chapter President Ben Setzer led in the SAR Pledge.

After opening remarks, voting rules, designation of a Parliamentarian, and Meeting Minutes were presented, the following motions were submitted, voted in the affirmative and passed:

- **Motion 1**—Proxy Voters: Michael Aycock made a motion to approve proxy voters. Steve McKee seconded.
- **Motion 2**—Minutes of 2021 Summer Board of Managers Meeting: Craig Isaacson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting. John Thornhill seconded.
- **Motion 3**—Executive Committee Appointments of Senior Vice President and State Genealogist: Two members were appointed to serve the remainder of the 2021-2022 term for the vacant positions for two State Officer positions. John Misenheimer made a motion to approve the appointments of Jim Wood to Senior Vice President and Rolf Maris to State Genealogist. Ben Setzer seconded.

National Trustee Gary Green presented highlights from the 2021 National SAR Trustee Meeting. President DeLoach then discussed NCSSAR hosting the 2026 National SAR Congress. He also offered the following challenges: (a) Chapter leaders to conduct at least one Revolutionary War presentation/event to the public annually; (b) Color Guard members to increase by 25%; (c) Chapters to conduct at least one grave marking per year; and (d) award 250th Anniversary SAR Medals and distribute pins to non-SAR members. Information about State SAR strategic goals and objectives was also shared:

- **State SAR Goal 1**—2026 National Congress: President DeLoach discussed plans for the 2026 National Congress.
- **State SAR Goal 2**—Grow State membership to 2,200: President DeLoach discussed the *Recruit, Retain, Reinstate* initiative.
- **State SAR Goal 3**—Enhance SAR-DAR Partnership: President DeLoach discussed SAR-DAR partnership activities.

State Officer reports followed the President's updates on strategic goals, as follows:

- **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Bob Sigmon reported on the status of 2021 member reconciliation.
- **Registrar's Report:** Registrar Bob Ervin reported lessons learned for 2022, including citing documents (must be included with SAR applications) and DAR applications (require record copy purchased from DAR with copyright notice on each page; for female lines on applications, marriage proof required where the male line changes to female line).
- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dr. Sam Powell reported that the current balance of the NCSSAR account totaled \$179,792 (\$111,718 cash; \$68,074 investments) with dues payable to National of \$34,128.

Immediate Past President Fred Learned provided the Nominating Committee Report that included a proposed slate of State Offices for 2022-2023, as follows (*signifies positions to be elected at National Congress):

- **President**—Jay DeLoach
- **Senior Vice President**—Chris Grimes
- **Region 1 Vice President**—Steve Avent
- **Region 2 Vice President**—Mike Aycock
- **Region 3 Vice President**—Steve Van Pelt
- **Region 4 Vice President**—Stephen McKee
- **Region 5 Vice President**—John Boyd
- **Secretary**—Bob Sigmon
- **Treasurer**—Sam Powell
- **Registrar**—Bob Ervin
- **Genealogist**—Rolf Maris
- **Chaplain**—Van Jones
- **Historian**—Gary Spencer (Joe Sam Queen has since withdrawn)
- **Webmaster**—Bryant Trombly
- **National Trustee**—Jay DeLoach*
- **Alternate Trustee**—Gary Green*
- **South Atlantic District Vice President**—George Strunk (elected at District meeting)*

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Other State Officers, Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs reported by exception. Immediate Past President Learned provided an update on new Chapter development activities. Proposed new Chapters include the Andrew Jackson, Jacksonville and the Daniel Boone Chapter, Avery and Watauga Counties.

Regarding new business, President DeLoach discussed staffing of State SAR Committees. Regional Vice Presidents are to work with Chapter leaders to identify a regional representative for the following Committees and to submit names to the State Secretary by March 15:

- **250th Anniversary**
- **Americanism and Flag**
- **Annual NCSSAR Meeting**
- **Education**
- **Membership**
- **Public Service**
- **Veterans**

The SAR Recessional was led by Col. Alexander Erwin Chapter President Robert Patton. State Chaplain Rev. Van Jones provided the benediction. President DeLoach adjourned the meeting.

BOB SIGMON, Secretary
NCSSAR

Crossing of the Dan

The NCSSAR Color Guard participated in the Virginia Society's commemoration and wreath laying ceremonies of the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, VA on February 19. State SAR Color Guardsmen pictured (L-R) below are John Elliott, le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter; George Strunk, Gen. George Washington Chapter; Tom Davis, Raleigh Chapter; John Misenheimer, Lt. Col. John Phifer; Jay DeLoach, New Bern Chapter; Fred Learned, Bethabara Chapter; and Kenny Smith, Gen. George Washington Chapter.



246th Anniversary Commemoration Battle of Moores Creek Bridge



The Lower Cape Fear Chapter hosted the 246th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge on February 26. The Presence and Leadership of the National SAR Color Guard Command were greatly appreciated. Joining Commander Lou Raborg, Vice Commander Brooks Lyles, and Adjutant Scott Collins, the NCSSAR Color Guard marched in procession, then halted periodically to pay respect while wreaths were placed in honor at the Women's Monument, Moore Monument, Loyalist Monument, and the Private Grady Monument. The event was well attended by the public as well as representatives (pictured above) from SAR, DAR, and CAR from GA, IN, KY, MD, NC and VA.

JAY DELOACH, President
NCSSAR

Patriots' Day

April 18, 2022

Remembering Brave Soldiers of the Revolutionary War

State of North Carolina We the Subscribers
belonging to the Dobbs Regiment of Militia
Dobbs County have a solemnly
Voluntarily enlisted into the Service of our
Country to serve in this State of that of S. C.
Carolina for the Space of three Months after
proving the ability of the State Agreeable
to the late Act. And that we have
received from the Colonel of the said Regiment
the Bounty of three hundred Dollars each
Witness our hands the 26th day of
May 1780.

Capt Kennedy's Benjamin Cruch
The Marks of Capt. Johnston's - Harry Jones
John Jeffries } Capt. Kennedy's - John Lull
in the room of }
Capt. Ormond's - William Tomlinson
Co. — Daniel Holland Turnage
mark
Capt Kennedy's Thomas Siree
Co. — Benjamin Byrd
Capt. Paul's — Benjamin Smithson
Jacob Rouse
Major Crook's son

Dobbs County Militia Roll, May 26, 1780. State Archives of North Carolina.

From the Revolutionary Bookshelf

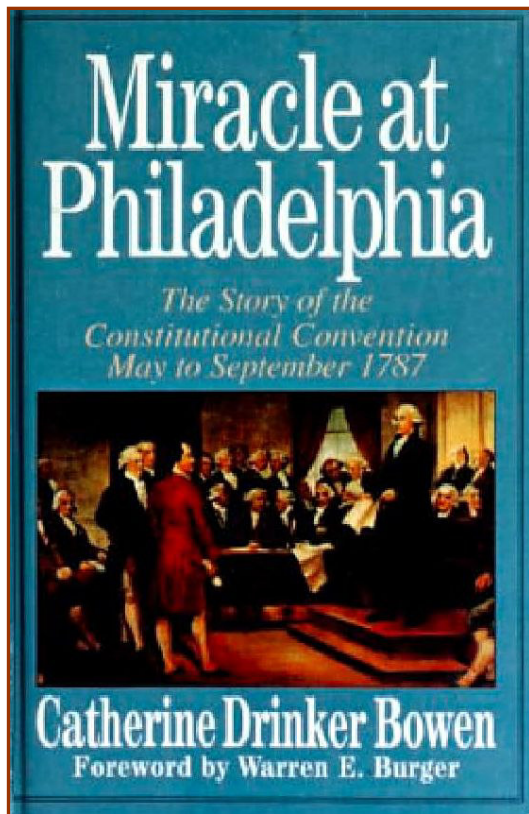
by Lowell M. Hoffman

BOOK REVIEW

Miracle at Philadelphia: The Story of the Constitutional Convention May to September 1781

Our Constitution endures. Daily news and current legislative and political concerns often cite constitutional issues. More of these issues are being accepted for review by the Supreme Court. The Court's rulings have seldom been more in the public eye. A step back in time to learn more, or be reminded of, the history and development of the Constitution, then, couldn't be more timely. In short, a fresh look at the people who negotiated and came to agreement upon the essential principles of freedom for which the Revolution was fought and for how our nation was shaped is needful.

Catherine Drinker Bowen's *Miracle at Philadelphia: The Story of the Constitutional Convention May to September 1781* is recognized by many as the most readable book that masterfully tells the story of the Constitution. Endorsements of this book include eminent historians Henry Steele Commager and Allan Nevins with a foreword by Chief Justice Warren Burger.



The Constitutional Convention was attended by 55 men representing 12 states (Rhode Island failed to appear). However actual attendance over the four month period was spotty with an average attendance of 30. Of the 55, seven had been Governors, eight had signed the Declaration of Independence, and 21 had fought in the Revolution. Each brought differing views on the balance of state versus federal rights as well as the benefits and risks of democracy in extending a strong voice to the "common people" by way of a right to vote.

The reader will become well versed in numerous negotiations which were made for the sake of unity. Key decisions enabled debates to proceed with glaring differences of opinion expressed. A congenial spirit enabled these issues to be considered and eventually resolved. Examples include (a) a commitment to secrecy—discussion was in the room and not in front of the press; (b) agreement for initial votes to enable a reconsideration of positions with subsequent re-visits as circumstances and related issues changed; (c) voting by State rather than by individuals; (d) utilization of the "Virginia Plan" offered by Edmund Randolph as the architecture of discussion in an orderly sequence; and (e) reference to past history as benchmarks and examples, including ancient Greece and Rome, the British form of government and its bill of rights as well as the writings of Locke, Montesquieu and others (a reflection of a well-educated and literate assembly).

North Carolina delegates included William Blount, William Davie, Alexander Martin, Richard Dobbs Spaight, and Hugh Williamson. Of these, Blount, Spaight and Williamson signed the document on behalf of the Old North State. Some including Martin and Blount were largely silent during the four months of debate.

Several made a number of noteworthy contributions. For example, Richard Dobbs Spaight, one of the few to attend every session, proposed the rule of reconsideration. Alexander Martin came out of his silence to participate actively in discussion of treason, its definition and the punishment of Tories. William Davies is featured in several points of the debate. His quotation, "It is much easier to alarm people than to inform them," commenting on arguments of the anti-Federalists is particularly relevant. Hugh Williamson was the most active of North Carolina's delegates. He served on five committees. He

was budget-conscious, pointing out that the Convention had no funds to pay for a Chaplain, speaking against a Benjamin Franklin proposal to hire one. He was also active in the debate regarding small versus larger states, pointing out that this would be a continuing issue as new states were formed from the western territories. In addition, he offered salient points in discussion of the Office of President and the possibility of an established "royalty" retaining the office as "King for Life."

In summary, this is a book for the Compatriot's bookshelf—one which merits periodic referral as the debate of Constitutional relevance and intent swirls around us.

Reference: Bowen, C. D. (1986). *Miracle at Philadelphia: The Story of the Constitutional Convention May to September 1787*. New York: Back Bay Books, Little, Brown & Co., 310 pp. ISBN 978-0-316-10398-5.

Author's Note: To learn more about the five NC delegates, visit www.NCpedia.org. For greater insight into the original intent and meaning of the Constitution, an insightful book to consider is *The Founding Father's Guide to the Constitution* (2012) by Brion McLanahan, ISBN 978-1-60671-298-6.

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Flags of the American Revolution: The Culpeper Flag

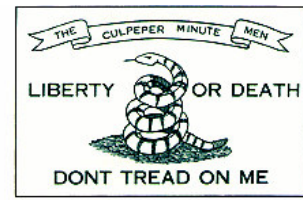
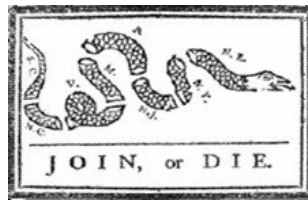
by Robert Webster

Use of the rattlesnake as a symbol first occurred in 1751 when Dr. Benjamin Franklin penned a bitter article in protests of the British practice of sending convicts to the American Colonies. In this article, Dr. Franklin suggested that the Colonies should respond to this practice by shipping rattlesnakes to Great Britain to be placed in the gardens of British nobility.

A few years later, in an attempt to unify the Colonies in the French and Indian War, Dr. Franklin published what may be the first political cartoon featuring a rattlesnake cut into eight pieces, each repre-

senting one of the then eight colonies with the words, *Join, or Die* written underneath. The somewhat subtle underlying message was that the Colonies must unify against their enemies or face a certain death. The rattlesnake cartoon was reprinted throughout the Colonies in various forms over the next two decades. Thus, the rattlesnake became a symbol of American unity.

The Culpeper Flag became the symbol of the Culpeper Minute Men, Col. Patrick Henry's first Virginia regiment of 1775. In addition to the unit's name, Patrick Henry's famous words, "LIBERTY OR DEATH!" were placed on either side of the rattlesnake.



Military garb for Culpeper Minute Men was unusual. They wore bucks' tails in their hats and sported tomahawks and scalping knives on their belts. Unfortunately, in January, 1776 the Committee of Safety ordered the group to disband; however, almost all of the unit continued to fight either as Continental militiamen or subordinates to senior unit officers.

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Tribute to Ronald C. Bonham 1948-2022 State Genealogist

by George Strunk

I can't remember our first meeting. There has been way too much fun and work since then. Ron and I shared an immense sense of history and respect for our ancestors and worked hard to teach and show others how important that is today.

Ron's SAR application was approved May, 2014. He didn't lose any time getting involved, quickly putting his administrative skills to the task. By October that year, he had obtained a Colonial line uniform and began participating in the Color

Guard. He did so just in time to meet then National SAR President General Lindsey Brock at a grave marking ceremony for five Patriots in Washington, NC. By November, 2015 he was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his work to date.

Ron really enjoyed telling me about his presentations for JROTC students in our local area, sometimes speaking to four classes in a day. Several times, he and I both traveled as far as Sanford to present medals to deserving students. On one occasion, both high schools there scheduled their awards ceremonies at the same time on the same day!



Ron served the Gen. George Washington Chapter well as officer and color guardsman. Perhaps the most coveted office he held was as State SAR Genealogist,

a position he occupied until his untimely passing. He earned several other medals including the Chapter Roger Sherman Medal, the Liberty Medal, both Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals, the State Meritorious Service Medal, and a Military Service Medal.

Ron helped grow our Chapter by recruiting and supporting family members. We will miss Ron, but we are blessed to have treasured memories and many pictures from over the years of him standing vigil at President George Washington's Tomb or commemorating a particular battle.

Editor's Note: George Strunk, MSgt., USAF (Ret.) is the State SAR Color Guard Commander and the Immediate Past President of the Gen. George Washington Chapter. This tribute was excerpted and edited from the eulogy delivered by George at Ron's funeral held at the Greenville Church of God. A Compatriot grave marking will be held at Ron's burial site in Sherwood Memorial Park, Salem, VA. An SAR Memorial Certificate was presented to Ron's family at the funeral. Ron's obituary: <https://tinyurl.com/mxc65dp>.

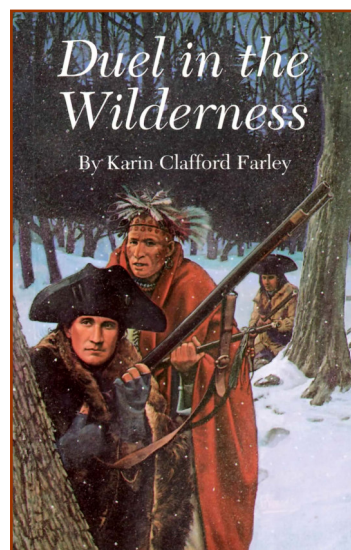
Firearms for Freedom: Conotocarious

by Dr. Michael Arnette, DDS

Have you ever heard someone say, "This is the best book I have read lately?" When I hear that, I typically obtain the book and read it for myself. Never have I been disappointed. This article is about an amazing book worth the read.

The central character is the Father of our Country, the commanding General of the Revolutionary War armies and our first U.S President George Washington. The book is a preamble to the French and Indian War and takes place in 1754.

Major George Washington is a young man 21 years of age and the Adjutant for the southern district of the colony and dominion of Virginia. The royal Lieutenant Governor Robert Dinwiddie summons Major Washington, "to accept an as-



signment to act as a diplomatic messenger and to carry a letter to the French commander and learn by what right he has come into his Majesty's lands beyond the Allegheny mountains in the Ohio River." (p. 5)

This true story highlights Major Washington's intrepid exploration into dangerous Indian lands on the Ohio River with little change of return or survival. He enlists a Dutch translator to decipher French, a guide-explorer, and two Indian traders. Washington encounters and wins the respect of an important chief of the Haudenosaunee tribe who gives him the Indian name Conotocarious, which means a "burner of villages."

Washington travels near the southern border of Lake Erie, survives blizzards, frozen rivers, assassin attempts, all the while never knowing who is friend or foe. He is given the Indian name, not as a badge of an honor, as it were, but rather as a tribute to a warrior. His great-grandfather had the same Indian name, given to him decades earlier

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during the conflict with native tribes near the family's Potomac River home.

The paperback book is 212 pages and packs a wallop. Through the lenses of the characters, readers sojourn hostile lands, witness war-like Indian tribes, and experience severe weather, freezing temperatures, deceit, starvation, and near-death experiences. A central message of the book is victory over adversaries from a virtually impossible assignment declined by more senior officers but bravely accepted by Washington. Compatriots should consider reading this book to learn the rest of the intriguing story about one of our Founding Fathers.

Reference: Farley, Karin Clafford. (1995). *Duel in the Wilderness*. Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. www.colonialwilliamsburg.org. ISBN-10:87935-130-6. ISBN-13:978-0-8735-130-4

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NCSSAR Calendar

https://ncssar.org/ecwd_calendar/calendar/

April 2: Patriot Giles Hollister/Compatriots William Hollister et al. Grave Marking, New Bern, 1:00 PM, New Bern Chapter.

April 11-12: 246th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves, Halifax, 10:30 AM, Halifax Resolves Chapter.

April 18: Patriots' Day 2022, Details TBA.

April 20: SAR ROTC Awards Ceremony, NC State University Air Force ROTC, 6:30 AM, Raleigh Chapter.

April 22-23: NCSSAR Annual Meeting, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Greensboro, Piedmont Region.

April 23: SAR JROTC Awards Ceremony, South Johnston High School, Four Oaks, 5:00 PM, Raleigh Chapter.

May 1: Lt. John Shamel (Shemel) Grave Marking, Winston-Salem, 1:30 PM, Battle of Shallow Ford Chapter DAR.

May 13: SAR JROTC Awards Ceremony, Clayton High School, Clayton, 5:00 PM, Raleigh Chapter.

May 14: Battles of Alamance (Patriots' Day), All day, Details TBA.

May 19: Capt. Jack Sculptor Visits Mecklenburg, Charlotte, 6:00 PM, Mecklenburg Chapter.

May 19: SAR Student Awards Ceremony, Corinth Holders High School, Wendell, 7:00 PM, Raleigh Chapter.

May 20: 247th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, Mec Dec Day, Charlotte, 12:00 PM, The May 20th Society.

May 21: Patriot Charles Crawford Lewis Grave Marking, Rutherfordton, 11:00 AM, Blue Ridge Chapter.

May 21: SAR JROTC/Flag Certificate Ceremony, Sanderson High School, Raleigh, 6:00 PM, Raleigh Chapter.

June 3-5: 242nd Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, All day, Catawba Valley Chapter.

June 11: 247th Commemoration of the Liberty Point Resolves, Details TBA.

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