



# The Sons of the American Revolution Catawba Coalition



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

## President's Ponderings

*Compatriots and Friends*  
Chapter President Roy C Lightfoot



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As I started to think about the events of September, I felt like the Chapter had not done that much this month. However, as I looked at our Facebook page, I was able to say there were some things done.

On 13 September, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard, and Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff participated an event at South Newton Elementary School for Constitution Week. Our Chapter had been invited to come again this year by the Hickory Tavern Chapter of the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution. We were cheered on by the entire school and were treated to their singing of our "National Anthem". Also in attendance were members of the American Legion, and members of the local emergency services. At our Chapter meeting on 14 September, Chapter President Lightfoot presented Compatriot Walter Smith with his *Silver 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Medal*!! This has been a long time in coming as it was ready to be given to him back in June and we have not been able to get together. We are glad to have him back amongst us again!! Remember, you, too can be earning points towards the 250th medals and you can even count back to events from 2014.



Our Chapter was invited to participate in the Opening Night Gala and festivities for the play "Liberty Mountain" in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. In addition, there were other SAR and DAR Chapters represented. These included the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter - SAR, Col Daniel Boone Chapter - SAR, Yadkin Valley Chapter - SAR, William Gaston Chapter - DAR, and the Vesuvius Furnace Chapter - DAR. Throughout the evening, we fired rifle and musket volleys, and talked to the crowd about our weapons, and the Battle of Kings Mountain. Also, in attendance was the Kingsbury Artillery / Locke's Militia Reenacting unit, who brought on their cannon for the big booms!! In addition to our members, there were several potential SAR, DAR, and CAR members in participation. Those in attendance from our chapter were Chapter President Lightfoot, Secretary/Treasurer Dan Beal, and Chapter Color Guard Commander Buff. Thank you to those involved for inviting us, and we hope to make this a yearly tradition!! (Pictures Page 2)

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Pictures from the "Liberty Mountain Gala"



On 21 September, Chapter President Lightfoot attended the Vesuvius Furnace Chapter of the DAR's meeting at St. Peter By The Lake Episcopal Church. While there, President Lightfoot witnessed the installation of their newest Daughter, Lisa Pupkiewicz. It has been a while in coming, and we can only hope her duties with the Vesuvius Furnace will not take her from all she helps us with!! Our Chapter cannot be more thrilled for Lisa! One thing we can remember is that she has received SAR medals before ever receiving her first award from the DAR whatever that might be. Lisa will wear her *Bronze and Silver 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Medals* with pride!! In addition, Chapter President Lightfoot was able to provide information for the upcoming commemoration of the Battle of Kings Mountain, and what the members of the Overmountain Valley Trail Association would be doing there. *(Note: Unfortunately, this event was canceled because of the damage to the park by the hurricane.)* **Continued on Page 3**



# The Catawba Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

And speaking of the recent hurricane, I truly hope that none of you incurred any damage and were not without power for an extended amount of time. Personally, I was without power for the weekend after the storm, but I relied on my 18th Century skills to muddle through and read several books by flashlight. Our State Vice President, Stephen McKee and some others were able to provide some assistance and collect a vast amount of goods and made several trips to the areas of devastation. McKee and Lynne Smith of the DAR William Gaston Chapter even took one load to assist one of our own, Kevin Allec, from the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter. As a Chapter, any donations received at our meetings for the next couple of months will be forwarded to a reputable and trusted charity.



Our friends at Davidson's Fort in Old Fort North Carolina weathered the storm the best they could. Jason Cook and Joshua Chapman aided at one of the relief centers by serving hot meals to those from the town. Downtown Old Fort is another of those places which was devastated by the storm. Fortunately, the fort itself was left standing and passed unscathed except for the newly installed sign. In addition, the fort played host for some United States Army personnel in the area by providing them a safe place to bed down.



It is that time of year again, Chapter Members, for everyone to get their dues paid up for 2025. Keep an eye out on your mailbox in the coming weeks for notification on how to submit your dues. There is a possibility of being able to submit them electronically, however, I need to read up on that some more before I can commit to that completely. You can still do it the "olde fashioned way" and mail them to me or bring them to a chapter meeting.

Lastly, the NCSSAR's on-line publication for the last quarter of 2024, *The Old North State*, is available for viewing. By looking at this, Catawba Valley's activities for this time can be seen all over this. We are very proud of our and the rest of the NCSSAR's activities across the state. In talking to the State President Steve Van Pelt, he was extremely impressed with all we have accomplished during this time. Please take the time to look at it and all the other important information within it. You can see this at <https://ncssar.org/about/the-old-north-state/> and all the other issues dating back to 2014.

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, 2 November at 12:00 PM at Palermo's Family Italian and Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd W, Conover, NC 28613. We have several events coming up including grave markings, patriotic events, member inductions, recruitment, and discussion of duties which need to be assigned. Please make a point to mark your calendars and be there.

Sincerely, Respectfully, and Patriotically Yours,  
Roy C Lightfoot, Chapter President





## LOGISTICS

### *SAR-DAR Happenings*

- 12 October – 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Shallow Ford Commemoration, Huntsville, NC
- 19 October – 243rd Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown Commemoration, Yorktown, VA
- 19 October – Grave Marking, Col. Alexander Erwin Chapter; Patriot William Cuthbertson; Lake James State Park, 2229 Lake James State Park Road, Nebo, NC; 11 AM. (Tentative – depending on clean-up of Lake James Park)
- 2 November – Chapter Meeting, Palermo’s Family Italian and Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd W, Conover, NC 28613; 12:00 PM
- 9 November – Grave Marking, Col. Alexander Erwin; Patriot John McDowell; McDowell Presbyterian Church, 4950 McDowell Church Road, Morganton, NC; 11 AM.
- 9-10 November – Battle of Camden Reenactment, Kershaw, SC.
- 11 November – Veterans’ Day
- 16 November 2024 – Grave Marking, with DAR John Hoyle Chapter; Patriot John Hoyle; Grace Lutheran Church, 4536 Hickory Lincolnton Hwy, Newton, NC 28658; 10 AM.
- 16 November – Grave Marking, Patriots Valentine Leonard, Sr., Casper Brinkle, Woodrich Fritz, Johann Everhart, John Sauer Lexington, NC
- 28 November – Thanksgiving Day

Our next regular Chapter Meeting will be Saturday, 4 November 2023. This is an important meeting! We will meet at Palermo’s Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd West, Conover, NC 28613. One may order a meal at 11:00 am or later. The meeting begins at Noon. Please come out and support your Chapter.

#### The Sons of the American Revolution

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

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

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

Join Today



The Catawba Coalition welcomes submissions, comments and/or suggestions. Please send them to capn\_roy@hotmail.com

#### Did you Know?

Deborah Sampson was a fierce and loyal Patriot, who wanted to contribute to the war in a different way than women were expected to. She disguised herself as a man named Robert Shurtleff to join the Continental Army. She was successful in going unnoticed for two years, despite her military prowess and rather frequent injuries. Her disguise lasted until she became very ill in 1783 and woke up in the hospital.

Perhaps surprisingly, Sampson was honorably discharged, given a full military pension, and went on to lecture across the country about her experiences as a hidden female soldier in the war. She also, with the help of Herman Mann, wrote a memoir about her experience in 1797.

Sampson died at 66. Her husband petitioned Congress for spousal pay, as a woman would receive after her soldier-husband passed: His petition was successful. Although Sampson is the most famous (and historically proven) example of a woman on the battlefield, it is believed that a number of other women joined the fight for the young nation.