



# 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



Another month has come and gone in 2024, and many things have happened with our Chapter, and our world. Although there are not very many Chapter activities to report for the month of October, what we lack in quantity is replaced by quality. This month will be referred to as a "planning month" since we have done a lot of planning for activities in the future.

Once again, because of Hurricane Helene, several events have had to be cancelled, postponed, and put on hold. There were plans for grave markings in the western part of North Carolina, which of course could not take place because of a lack of access to sites, and personnel needed in the devastated region. Our friends at Davidsons Fort in Old Fort, North Carolina continue to work in the community and help the town to recover or at least have some sense of recovery. If you have been assisting in any of the recovery efforts in the area, we commend what you are doing and would like to hear about what you have been doing to assist with all that needs to be done in western North Carolina.



One activity we were able to participate in was our annual visit with the 2024 Leadership Lincoln class on their "History of Lincoln County Day". On 9 October, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot presented a shortened program about the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. Lightfoot was able to present the program on the front porch of the cabin located on the battlefield and discussed with them the importance of the battle in our local, state, and national history during the American Revolution. He discussed the events leading to the battle and discussed the aftermath and the effects on local events including the Battle of Kings Mountain. And, as always, he discussed the loading and firing his black powder rifle along with a demonstration.

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On 31 October, President Lightfoot portrayed an American Revolution specter for All Hallow's Eve. Each year, he and several others dress up and doll out the goodies to local children. Although not an SAR related event and done mostly for nothing less than a fun time, there are upwards of 900 children who visit the site behind the Lincolnton Public Library. Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff lives right down the street from this location and goes ALL out to present an amazing display in his yard.



On 2 November, Catawba Valley had the distinct privilege to have the NCSSAR State President, Steve Van Pelt and his lovely wife Mary Ann, in attendance for our chapter meeting. President Van Pelt brought us greetings from the 1525+ members and 28 chapters across our state! President Van Pelt brought news from our state society and news of our Chapter taking second place nationally for smaller chapters with our Americanism Report for 2023. He also shared different areas all chapters and SAR as a whole can improve upon. It is all about growth in our chapter and continuing to remember our Patriot ancestors through our grave markings and we feel like we are headed in the right direction!!! In addition, President Van Pelt joined Chapter President Roy Lightfoot in the induction of two new Chapter Members!!! They are James McCauley, Jr and Robert Clark, Jr.

On the evening of 2 November, members of the Catawba Valley Chapter in conjunction with the Lincoln County Historical Association, William Gaston, Jacob Forney, Vesuvius Furnace, and Major William Chronicle DAR Chapters, Mecklenburg SAR Chapter, and members of the Kingsbury Artillery / Locke's Militia reenacting group took over the Daniels Lutheran Cemetery in Lincolnton to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the forming of the congregation. While there, members told the story of how the church came to be and its importance in the community! Our State Senior Vice President Stephen McKee represented one of the most prominent figures in the history of the church. *(Pictures on Page 3)*

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



*For all the Saints  
who from their labors rest*

In observance of the 250th Anniversary of their congregation,  
Daniels Lutheran Church invites all to a historic Cemetery Tour  
of Danish Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Churches

Saturday, November 2, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Daniels Lutheran Church  
3970 Reepsville Road  
Lincolnton, NC

Tour starts in front of the Reformed "Rock" church.  
Representing a few of the founding families

Daniel Warlick	1740-1769
Barbara Schnalfer	1780-1784
Andrew Loretz	1768-1812
Adolph Reep	1730-1780
Adam Reep	1735-1837
Valentine Lore/Lohr	1739-1811
John Mozt	1758-1840
Ann Carpenter Ramsour Mozt	1750-1805
Catherine Loretz Mozt	1768-1851
General Daniel Seagle	1796-1885

Sponsored by  
Lincoln County Historical Association  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Daughters of the American Revolution



As stated earlier, October was a month of planning, and we have many things coming on the horizon which will allow us to finish out 2024 strongly. There are some changes coming to the Chapter and we have received two more completed and approved applications, who will be inducted into the Chapter at our next meeting in January. We have two major grave markings happening; at least one school program in the works; and plans of the annual commemoration of the "Burning of the Baggage" at Ramsour's Mill. We also need to plan to do a retirement of flags ceremony as we have come into possession of a substantial number of flags needing to be retired.

On 14 December, we will be participating in the Wreaths Across America program with the Mary Slocumb Chapter of the DAR in Mooresville at the Willow Park Cemetery. If you wish to purchase some wreaths in support of this event, you can do so at the website listed below in the calendar.

During this time of planning, we would be remiss if we did not recognize all of the hard work our Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard has been putting in on our Chapter Webpage on the state website. He has made this much more attractive and inviting and continues to improve it as we go along. One change which has been made is a way to reach us via email. Although we can all be reached via our regular email addresses, we now have a new Chapter email address where we can be reached to answer your questions. The email address is: [cat.val.ncssar.1776@gmail.com](mailto:cat.val.ncssar.1776@gmail.com).

Lastly, and I hate to harp on such things, if you have not gotten your 2025 SAR Dues submitted as of yet, time is running out and is of the essence. We have to submit our report on 1 December which only gives us a few more weeks. Please get them in as soon as possible if you plan to continue your membership, and if not, please let us know.

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, 11 January 2025 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





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## LOGISTICS

### SAR-DAR Happenings

- 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
  - 7 December – 249th Anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge, Great Bridge, VA (Pearl Harbor Day)
  - 14 December – Wreaths Across America – with the Mary Slocumb DAR Chapter, 12 noon 179 E McLelland Avenue, Mooresville, NC 28115
- <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/social/NCIFHM-WillowValleyCemeterywithIngramFuneralHome?Sid=44191%7C161383%7C0%7C5>

Explore everything that is happening in the state at the NCSAR Website: <https://ncssar.org/> AND what other chapters in the state have been up to at Old North State Newsletter: <https://ncssar.org/about/the-old-north-state/>.

Our next regular Chapter Meeting will be Saturday, 11 January 2025. 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 and bring a friend!!

### Upcoming Grave Markings

**DAR Patriot SAR**  
**John Hoyle**  
**Grave Marking**  
John Hoyle DAR  
&  
Catawba Valley SAR

Will conduct a Patriot Grave Marking  
10:00 am, 16 November 2024  
Grace Lutheran Church  
4536 Hickory Lincolnton Hwy  
Newton, NC 28658

**The North Carolina Society**  
of  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
presents  
**Patriot Grave Marking**  
conducted by  
Catawba Valley & Bethabara Chapters  
10:00 am, Saturday, 16 November 2024  
at  
Pilgrim Reformed Church  
797 Pilgrim Church Rd Lexington, NC 27295  
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Patriots Honored are:  
Valentine Leonard Sr, Casper Brinkle  
Woodrich Fritz, Johann Peter Everhart  
John Sauer

The Catawba Coalition  
welcomes submissions,  
comments and/or suggestions.  
Please send them to  
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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.

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