



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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Welcome to a New Year!! Although we are all looking forward to a new year in 2025, we would be remiss if we did not talk about how we ended 2024.

On Friday, 13 December, the Catawba Valley Chapter was invited to present a short program on the Battle of Ramsour's Mill at Lincolnton Middle School. Special thanks to Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard, Chapter Color Guard Commander, future Compatriot Brandon Mosteller for braving the cold, and presenting to approximately 200 Eighth Graders. In addition, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to one of their teachers, Jeffrey Myers. Mr. Myers will be inducted into our Chapter at the January meeting.



Chapter Officers

President
Roy C Lightfoot

**Vice President /
Chaplain**
Rick Hubbard

**Secretary /
Treasurer**
Dan Beal

**Color Guard
Commander**
Rob Buff

On Saturday, 14 December, Catawba Valley Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America event organized as the Color Guard by the Mary Slocumb Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution in Mooresville, North Carolina. The Chapter was represented by Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard, and Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal. We are very grateful to Marie Higgins and Nancy Jamgochian for including us as we honored the veterans buried there and to Vice President Rick Hubbard for serving as our liaison. In addition to presenting the colors, we were able to fire three volleys in their memory and honor of all those who attended. (Pictures on next page)



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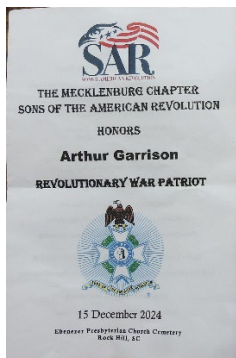
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Wreath Laying Ceremony



Sunday, 15 December, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot and Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal traveled to Rock Hill, South Carolina and participated in a grave marking held to honor SAR President General Darryl Addington's ancestor sponsored by the Mecklenburg Chapter of the NCSSAR!



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The Catawba Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

Pictures from Wreath Laying at SAR President General Darryl Addington's Ancestor



Combined SAR Color Guard with President General Addington and his wife.



PG Addington with the Catawba Valley Chapter.

Catawba Valley Chapter will be taking part in three events which will be taking place the last two weekends in January and the first weekend in February. The first is a doubleheader and will be on Friday, 17 January. These include 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, SC at 10 AM and the Daniel Morgan Wreath Laying Ceremony, Morgan Square, Spartanburg, SC at 2 PM. Both are being hosted by the Daniel Morgan Chapter of the SCSSAR.

The following weekend will be the 244th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford on Saturday, 25 January at 9 AM Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville and the Winter Board of Managers meeting is at 12 noon the same day at the same location. This event is hosted by the Mecklenburg Chapter This year's speaker will be John Adams for the commemoration. With what we have seen in the past years, the speakers have always been of the highest caliber. We expect this year to be no less. This is a National SAR Event and SAR President General Darryl Addington will be in attendance as this is his home SAR Chapter.

The 4th Annual "Burning of the Baggage" will be on Saturday, 1 February starting at 10 AM and continuing until 4 PM. Plans are still being hammered down; however, we plan to put on just as good if not better of a showing as in the past. There will be an encampment and a muster of the troops as they continue on their way in search of General Greene. Of course, a bon fire will be lit to burn up whatever baggage Cornwallis will part with. This event is in conjunction with the Lincoln County Historical Association. Come on out and support the Chapter and the LCHA!

As always, we continue to plan for our annual event of the 245th Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in June, which sometimes seems never-ending. This year will be a little different as the SAR event will be taking place on 14 June with the encampment the following weekend of 21-22 June. In addition, we have not forgotten about the retiring of flags ceremony, which was mentioned in a previous newsletter. Vice President Hubbard continues to update our web page on the NCSSAR website. Please do not forget we can be reached at each of our regular individual email addresses and the new chapter one as well: cat.val.ncssar.1776@gmail.com.

There will be many events this year to commemorate the 250th Anniversary as we start to truly observe the major events which occurred in the history of the American Revolution and the forming of these United States. Two hundred fifty years ago in 1775, there were such events as the Battles of Lexington, and Concord in April, and Bunker Hill in June; the siege of Boston began in April and would not end until March of 1776; the formation of the Continental Army in June; the Second Continental Congress is held; George Washington is named the Army's Continental Army in June; and the Navy in December. If you have ideas on how we can honor these or any other events as we travel through the 250th, please reach out to us.

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 those already mentioned, induction of three new members, and discussion of our by-laws, and what our future holds. Please make a point to mark your calendars and be there.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to say I hope that you and yours are well and I am looking forward to great things from Catawba Valley in 2025!!

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





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LOGISTICS

SAR-DAR Happenings

- 11 January 2025 – Next Chapter Meeting, Palermo’s, Conover, NC, 12 Noon
- 17 January – 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, SC, 10 AM
- 17 January – Daniel Morgan Wreath Laying Ceremony, Morgan Square, Spartanburg, SC, 2 PM
- 18-19 January – The Battle of Cowpens Encampment, Gaffney, SC
- 25 January – 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan’s Ford, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, NC, 9 AM
- 25 January – Winter Board of Managers Meeting, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, NC, 12 Noon
- 1 February – “Burning Of The Baggage”, Ramsour’s Mill, Lincolnton, NC 10 AM – 4PM
- 13 February – Presidents’ Day Celebration, Mecklenburg Chapter, President & Mrs. Washington in attendance – tickets required, 6-8:30 PM.
- 15 March – 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Guildford Courthouse
- 4-5 April 2025 – 2025 Annual Meeting.

Our next regular Chapter Meeting will be Saturday, 11 January. 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 cat.val.ncssar.1776@gmail.com or capn_roy@hotmail.com

Did you Know?

The Battle of Cowan’s Ford
“On February 1, 1781, American militia under the command of General William Davidson attempted to confront and delay General Lord Cornwallis’s forces in Mecklenburg County. The British attempted to surprise the American militia by crossing at Cowan’s Ford, but were met by American militia, resulting in a skirmish where General Davidson died. The American militia retreated after delaying the British with the skirmish.

“Davidson's troops carried out a recurring strategy that enabled Generals Nathaneal Greene and Daniel Morgan to preserve the American Continental soldiers as they made their way to Virginia. It was a crucial race, known as the “Race For The Dan”, avoiding confrontation with Charles Lord Cornwallis until the Americans were prepared to fight. The delay strategy plagued Cornwallis all the way, just enough for the Americans to slip from his grasp. General William Lee Davidson’s death at Cowan’s Ford was a great blow to General Greene and General Morgan, as well as to the people of North Carolina.” (American Battlefield Trust website)

There is a highway marker commemorating the battle on Highway 73 just after crossing the Catawba River into Mecklenburg County from Lincoln County near present-day Denver, North Carolina.