



Sons of the American Revolution

The Catawba Courier

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



The Catawba Valley Chapter is off and running in 2025! You may have noticed a "new look" and name for our Chapter Newsletter. "The Catawba Coalition" served us very well for communicating with the Chapter and beyond, however, a decision was made to come up with something a little different as we head deeper into the 250th Anniversary. We hope you enjoy "The Catawba Courier" with as much enthusiasm as our previous newsletter.

We are extremely excited for all of the 250th anniversaries of all the events which led up to the American Revolution, and the establishment of our great nation with anniversary of the Declaration of Independence next year. Many people forget that although it was and is a tremendously important event in our history, the American Revolution started in the 1760s and lasted until Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown on 19 October 1781. There are those who would also argue that it went beyond that event as well.



Our chapter started 2025 with our monthly meeting and with inductions and recognition of a DAR member who has supported us on many occasions. Compatriots inducted were (pictured above) Kyle Smith, Thomas Smith, and Stu Myers. Lisa Pupkiewicz, member of the Vesuvius Furnace Chapter of the DAR was unofficially presented with the Grave Marking pin since has done so many of them with the chapter.

Our first event of 2025 was attending the 244th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens in Gaffney, South Carolina on 17 January. Chapter President Roy Lightfoot and Chapter Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal attended this important presentation along with SAR representatives from across the state and nation and participated as a part of the Combined Color Guard. They were also able to speak with the SAR President General Darryl Addington and his lovely wife, Mary. We are extremely fortunate to have President General Addington as a Compatriot with the Mecklenburg Chapter and also living in North Carolina!! And I am sure we will see them again at area events here in North and South Carolina which we will be attending.
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In addition to the President General, other State and National SAR Officers were in attendance including Registrar General Brooks Lyles, South Atlantic District Vice President General Scott Collins (who is also a member of our chapter), National Color Guard Commander Patrick Wesolosky, and North Carolina State Vice President Stephen McKee. In addition, there were many DAR Chapters represented as well.



On the same day, Lightfoot and Beal travelled a short distance to Spartanburg, South Carolina, to take part in the wreath laying ceremony honoring General Daniel Morgan at Morgan Square in a small but powerful ceremony. They participated as part of the Color Guard and were able to talk to South Atlantic District Vice President General and our Chapter Compatriot Scott Collins.

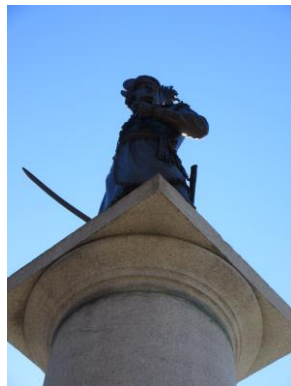


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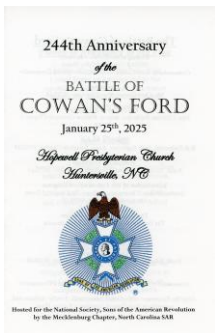
Presents

The 244th Anniversary of Battle of Cowpens
Friday, January 17, 2025, 10:00 am
Cowpens National Battlefield
4001 Clarence Hwy
Gaffney, SC 29341
33-0814, N/81-4903, W

The Daniel Morgan Statue Wreath Laying
Friday, January 17, 2025, 2:00 PM
Daniel Morgan Square
113 West Main St
Spartanburg, SC 29306
34-949716 N/81-932169, W



On 25 January, Lightfoot, Beal, and Compatriot Bob Clark attended the Commemoration of the 244th Anniversary of Battle of Cowans Ford at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville hosted by the Mecklenburg Chapter. They served as a part of the Combined Color Guard. This event is always an outstanding one to attend and always has a wonderful guest speaker. In previous years, we have been treated to hearing General George Washington and Patrick Henry. This year President John Adams was in attendance and brought to us a powerful message. Again, North Carolina Chapters of the SAR were well represented as well as others from across the region along with National Officers and several representatives of several DAR Chapters. State Vice President McKee served as Master of Ceremonies. After the wreath laying, Lightfoot and Beal joined members of the Kingsbury's NC Artillery / Locke's Dismounted Militia reenacting group in the firing of musket/rifle volleys.



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Pictures from 244th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford



On the same day, Lightfoot and Beal remained at the location to attend the North Carolina Society of the SAR's Board of Managers meeting. This meeting consisted of the business of running the North Carolina Society, plans for the 2026 National Convention being hosted by North Carolina in Greensboro, nominations for next year's leadership, fellowship, and most importantly food!

On 1 February, Catawba Valley took part in the 4th Annual Burning of the Baggage sponsored by the Lincoln County Historical Association. There was a great turnout of participants and guests to this event. The event is growing larger and larger every year. This year, Lightfoot, Vice President Rick Hubbard, Beal, Color Guard Commander Rob Buff, and Compatriots Brandon Mosteller and Stu Myers all participated or were in attendance. In addition, Compatriots from the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter traveled to be a part of it. Our State Vice President McKee served as General Lord Charles Cornwallis. We would also like to thank the New Acquisition Militia (NAM), the members of the Rowan Militia of Davidson's Fort in Old Fort, and members of Liberty Mountain who came out to be a part of this event. We present this event because Cornwallis stopped in Lincolnton to lighten his load as he was pursuing Daniel Morgan after the Battle of Cowpens and continuing in the Race to the Dan when he was attempting to catch Nathanael Greene. A demonstration of militia drill and weapons, along with a small encampment which the attendees could tour and ask questions.



Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, 8 March 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.

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. In addition, you can view more of our pictures for all of our events on our **NEW** Facebook page, which has just recently been updated and put online.

Thank you for all you do and for all of your support as we continue to follow the mission of our Chapter and our Society.

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



LOGISTICS

SAR-DAR Happenings – All events are FREE unless otherwise indicated.

- 13 February – Presidents’ Day Celebration, Mecklenburg Chapter, President & Mrs. Washington in attendance – tickets required, 6-8:30 PM.
- 16 February – George Washington Tea, Jacob Forney Chapter, Lincoln Cultural Center, Lincolnton – tickets required, 2-4:00 PM.
- 22 February – 249th Battle of Moore’s Creek Commemoration, 200 Moore’s Creek Dr, Currie, NC 28435 – 10 AM.
- 23 February – Marker Dedication for the South Fork Boys, DAR Chapters – 6131 W. Wilkinson Blvd, Belmont – 3:00 PM – *See flyer at the bottom of the page for further details.*
- 14 March – 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Guildford Courthouse Wreath Laying,
- 22-23 March – Fort Defiance Muster Weekend, 1792 Fort Defiance Dr, Lenoir – 10 AM – 3 PM each day.
- 4-5 April 2025 – 2025 Annual Meeting.
- 12 & 13 April – Pilgrim Reformed Grave Marking, 797 Pilgrim Church Road, Lexington – 2 – 3:00 PM each day.

Our next regular Chapter Meeting will be Saturday, 8 March. 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 enjoy some fellowship.

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





National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Chapters of Gaston County

cordially invite you to the
South Fork Boys Highway Marker
Unveiling and Reception

Sunday, February 23, 2025
at 3:00 p.m.
Crossfix Ministries
6131 W. Wilkinson Blvd.
Belmont, North Carolina 28012

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Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, February 14, 2025 to
Christine Rajadovjan
mwc.ncdar@gmail.com or 704-898-6806 (text or msg)

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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 Moore’s Creek Bridge

“The Battle of Moores Creek Bridge, fought between North Carolina Patriot and Loyalist militia forces, demonstrates the bitter internal divisions that marked the American Revolution. The Loyalists, mostly Scottish Highlanders wielding broadswords, charged across a partially dismantled Moores Creek Bridge, as nearly a thousand North Carolina Patriots waited quietly with cannons and muskets poised to fire. Expecting to find only a small Patriot force, the Loyalists advanced across the bridge. Shots rang out and 30 to 70 Loyalists lay wounded or dead, including Lt. Col. Donald McLeod, who led the charge. Stunned, outgunned, and leaderless, some of the Loyalists surrendered, while others retreated in confusion.

“Moores Creek is the site of the first Patriot victory in the American Revolution and the site of the last Scottish Highland broadsword charge. The victory ended British authority in the Colony and stalled a full-scale British invasion of the South for nearly four years. The resulting Halifax Resolves of April 12, 1776, instructed North Carolina’s delegates to the Continental Congress to vote for independence; it was the first American Colony to take such action in writing.”