



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



Welcome to March 2025!! HOW did we get here already?! Well, I guess it's because we lived through January and February 2025!! We have already participated in several events marking the pending 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and there are plenty for you to participate in!! To reiterate from last month, many people forget that although the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 was and is a tremendously important event in our history, the American Revolution began 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.



On 16 February, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot attended a tea celebrating George Washington's birthday (22 Feb) sponsored by the Jacob Forney Chapter of the NCS DAR. In addition, NCS DAR State President Cricket Crigler was in attendance and NCS SAR State Senior Vice President Stephen McKee was as well, both of whom brought greetings from their respective organizations.

*(Continued on Page 2)*

Find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572817325169>

<https://www.ncssar.org/chapters/catawba-valley/>

"NEW" YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@CatawbaValleyChapterNCSAR>

**BENNETT**  
FUNERAL SERVICE

Richard Bennett  
President

502 1st Ave S  
P.O. Box 232  
Conover, NC 28613  
(828) 465-2025

7878 NC Hwy 16  
P.O. Box 234  
Newell, NC 28658  
(828) 465-2111

[www.bennettfuneralservice.com](http://www.bennettfuneralservice.com)

**B-52s**  
MEMBER OF  
GOLF & GULL

206 N College Ave, Newton NC 28658  
828-994-4355



10 March 2025

Volume 6 Issue 3

Chapter Officers

**President /  
Historian /  
State Historian**  
Roy C Lightfoot

**Vice President /  
Chaplain /  
Webmaster**  
Rick Hubbard

**Secretary /  
Treasurer**  
Dan Beal

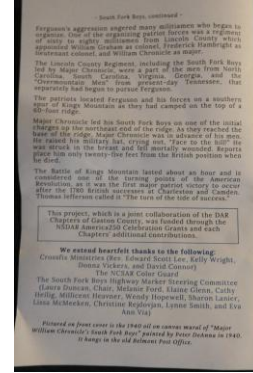
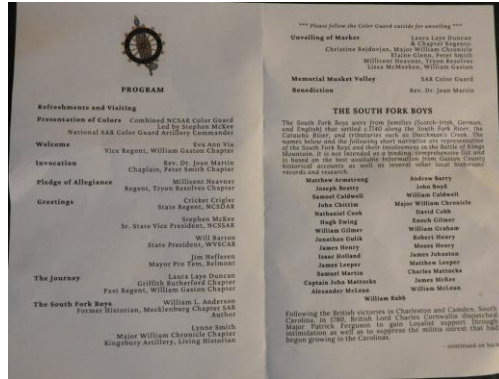
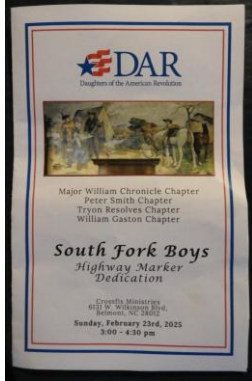
**Color Guard  
Commander**  
Rob Buff



# The Catawba Courier

Catawba Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

On 23 February, the NCSSAR including the Catawba Valley, Colonel Daniel Boone and Mecklenburg Chapters and State Senior Vice President Stephen McKee, participated in the dedication of a highway marker honoring the South Fork Boys of Lincoln (now Gaston) County. The program was a combined effort of four NCSDAR Chapters to honor these men who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain under the leadership of Major William Chronicle. These men traveled up the most treacherous and dangerous portion of the mountain to arrive on the top and defeat Ferguson and the British troops there. The DAR Chapters put on an amazing program. The Chapters involved were Major William Chronicle, Peter Smith, Tryon Resolves, and William Gaston Chapters. HUZAH to them ALL!



On 27 February, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, accompanied by Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal went to the Brevard Station Museum in Stanley to present a program on "The American Revolution in North Carolina (et al)" 1765-1783 (2015-2033) in celebration of our pending 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.



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

When a friend of the Chapter and a DAR Sister asks us to come see a potential grave marking... well, we go!! On 2 March, Chapter President Lightfoot accompanied by DAR Sister Lisa Pupkiewicz met with DAR Sister Robin Ramsey and went to check out Pioneer / Patriot Laurence Kiser's grave. This marking will take a little more effort to the planning since it is not readily accessible from a road. However, we checked it out and we may find MORE! We placed a flag with the grave for when we go back to find it in the future. HUZZAH!!



A Certificate of Appreciation from Wreaths Across America recognizing Catawba Valley's efforts was sent to us via email.



We have been negligent with birthday wishes... Since the first of the year, we have already missed four of them... SO, here we go! Happy birthday to Compatriots Kyle Smith (Jan 3), Ian Smith (Jan 19), and David Hubbard (Feb 6)!! AND a HUGE shout out to our Vice President / Chaplain / Webmaster (and so much more!) Rick Hubbard (Feb 2), and he is also one of the many "right hands" of the chapter on another trip around the sun!! HUZZAH, gentlemen!!

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, 10 May 2025 at 12:00 PM at Palermo's Family Italian and Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd W, Conover, NC 28613. Please make a point to mark your calendars and to 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](mailto: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. AND we have also created our very own **NEW** YouTube Channel! You can see videos previously recorded at <https://www.youtube.com/@CatawbaValleyChapterNCSSAR>.

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.

- 10 March – "The American Revolution in North Carolina (et al)" 1765-1783 (2015-2033); Eastern Lincoln County Historical Society, Mundy House Annex, 4339 N Business Highway 16, Denver, NC; 6 PM.
- 14 March – 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford 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, 10 May**. 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 trace 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!



#### Why was the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County So Important to the Revolutionary War?



After the British captured Charleston, South Carolina, British General Charles Cornwallis decided to invade North Carolina and take control of the state. On June 20, 1780 the battle of Ramsour's Mill took place in Lincoln. The battle was fierce, disorganized, and lasted around two hours. Although the local British Loyalists or Tories outnumbered the Patriots by more than three to one, the Tories were routed and fled down the west side of the hill toward the mill. When the fog lifted and the smoke cleared, the battlefield revealed more than 70 dead and 200 wounded, equally divided between the two sides. The unclaimed dead were buried in a mass grave on the hill.

This little-known American victory in Lincoln lowered Loyalist morale and hampered the British plan to capture North Carolina.

Roy Lightfoot Chapter President and Chapter Historian with the Catawba Valley Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will present a program on the Battle of Ramsour's Mill.

**EASTERN LINCOLN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
6 pm, Monday, March 10, 2025  
Mundy House Annex. 4339 Business Highway 16 North  
**Please Join Us! Free to the public and we will serve light refreshments.**



The Catawba Coalition welcomes submissions, comments and/or suggestions. Please send them to [cat.val.ncssar.1776@gmail.com](mailto:cat.val.ncssar.1776@gmail.com) or [capn\\_roy@hotmail.com](mailto:capn_roy@hotmail.com)

#### Did you Know? The Battle of Guilford Court House

On March 15, 1781, British General Charles Lord Cornwallis's army of 2,100 men engaged a Continental army under Major General Nathanael Greene at Guilford Court House, near present-day Greensboro, North Carolina.

Adopting a tactic utilized by Daniel Morgan at the Battle of Cowpens, Greene formed his roughly 4,500 men into three lines. The first line was held by North Carolina militia. In the second line Greene positioned militia from Virginia. Continental Regulars composed Greene's third and most formidable line. Forming his men on both sides of the Great Salisbury Road, Cornwallis sent his men forward at 1:30 p.m. When the British got within 150 yards of Greene's men, the Americans opened fire. The British pressed on, returning fire only when they got within range. On command, the British surged forward. The North Carolinians fired one more time and then retreated into the woods to their rear, abandoning their equipment as they fled. Cornwallis' force continued on through the next two lines, and eventually took the victory, holding the field at the end of the day.

After the battle, Cornwallis, realizing even though they held the field, this "victory" came at a tremendous loss. He stated if there were many more "victories like this one", the British Army would be devastated and defeated. He had no idea exactly how correct his statement was.