



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



We have made it to April, and it does not appear we will be slowing down any at all! In the month of March, we had another induction, did presentations at a historical society meeting and a couple of schools, attended an event at a historical site, went to the NCSSAR Annual Meeting, continued preparation for our second installment of the grave markings in Lexington, North Carolina, completed several new Compatriot applications, and continued work on our program celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. In addition, **APRIL IS HALF PRICE SAR APPLICATION FEE MONTH!! HELP OUT A FRIEND OR RELATIVE AND HELP GET THEIR APPLICATIONS DONE!!! DEADLINE IS POSTMARKED 30 APRIL FROM THE REGISTRAR, WHICH HE HAS TO HAVE IT BY 26 APRIL AND FOR YOU TO GET STARTED NOW!!**



On 8 March, Catawba Valley Chapter had the pleasure of inducting Compatriot Brandon Mosteller. Mosteller has been a long-time supporter of the SAR by his attendance at several events in the past five years. Brandon traced his bloodline back to his ancestor, Patriot Peter Marsteller, who was one of the original settlers of Tryon / Lincoln County. In addition to this Patriot ancestor, Brandon also has many other ancestors in this county including the Ramsour, Reinhardt, Warlick, Carpenter, Buff, and several other families. We will be referring to him as "Mr. Lincoln County." Brandon was accompanied today and received his SAR Rosette from his daughter Dallas.



On Tuesday evening 11 March, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot and Vice President Rick Hubbard traveled to Denver (Of The East) to present "The American Revolution in North Carolina (et. al.)" 1765 - 1783 (2015 - 2033) to the Eastern Lincoln Historical Society. Special thanks to all who turned out especially to Melissa Thompson for the invitation and to Richard for his technical assistance! (Continued on Page 2)

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

"NEW" You Tube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@CatawbaValleyChapterNCSSAR>







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On Friday, 21 March, members of the Catawba Valley Chapter SAR, the Vesuvius Furnace and Jacob Forney DAR Chapters, the Lincoln County Historic Association, and the Lincoln County Hearth Cookers were invited to take the Third Grade Classes on a tour of the Ramsour's Mill Battlefield. This was the second year we have done this with the teachers at Battleground Elementary School. Although it was cold, we were able to get the event taken care of! In addition, Ms. Paulette was in the cabin to show the students how to cook over an open hearth. Special thanks to the Third-Grade teachers and their students and the Lincoln County Historic Association.



On 22 March, members of the DAR and SAR joined the fine folks at Fort Defiance for a Spring Muster. Represented were the Colonel Alexander Irwin, General Hugh Mercer, and Catawba Valley Chapters of the SAR and the Quaker Meadows and Vesuvius Furnace Chapters of the DAR. Thank you to Compatriots Jordan Lowdermilk and Eric Minetola for their leads in helping to make this event a tremendous success!!



On 4 April, Catawba Valley went to West Lincoln High School to do a presentation on the Battle of Ramsour's Mill. Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard, Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff, along with DAR Sister Lisa Pupkiewicz presented in the hot afternoon sun a program about the battle which happened only about 10 miles away from their school. Many of the students were especially knowledgeable about the event and the grounds around Battleground Elementary School even though none of them ever attended there. Special thanks to Marty Holbrook and the other teachers, administration, and students of WLHS!!  
HUZZAH, WEST LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL!!





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

On 5 April, Catawba Valley Chapter President Roy Lightfoot attended the Annual Meeting of the NCSSAR. While there, Lightfoot served with the color guard for the Youth Luncheon and the Annual Meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, we remembered those who left us in 2024-25 since our last meeting. Catawba Valley Chapter was recognized as the runner up in the Americanism Ribbon and took first place with the Thomas "Nat" Clark Outstanding Chapter for the Small Chapter Category for those chapters numbering 1-40.

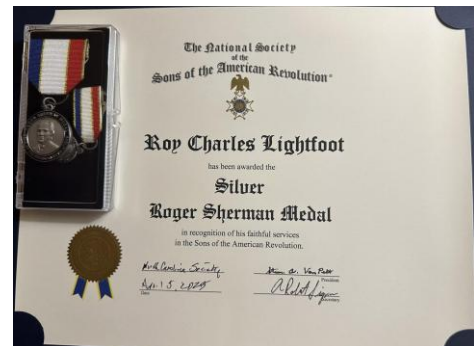
Our new State Leadership was sworn in and the State President's gavel was passed from Former State President Steve Van Pelt to Current State President Stephen McKee.

Lastly, Lightfoot was recognized by the State with the presentation of the Silver Roger Sherman Medal. HUZZAH!!



NC Americanism Streamers	
First Place & Honorable Mention (HM) Streamers are awarded based on highest scores achieved by a chapter in the NC Americanism scores.	
Small Chapter (1-40):	1st Place – Col Alexander Erwin (10,944 pts) HM – Catawba Valley (10,031 pts)
Medium Chapter (41-90):	1st Place – Sandhills (6850 pts) HM – Alamance Battleground (6656 pts)
Large Chapter (91+):	1st Place – Mecklenburg (27,874 pts) HM – New Bern (23,475 pts)

Thomas 'Nat' Clark Outstanding Chapter Streamers	
First Place & Honorable Mention (HM) are awarded based upon combined scores for the NC Americanism and President's Streamer divided by the number of members in the chapter.	
Small Chapter (1-40):	1st Place – Catawba Valley (577.3 pts/m) HM – Battle of Kings Mountain (532.5 pts/m)
Medium Chapter (41-89):	1st Place – Sandhills (278.9 pts/m) HM – Lower Cape Fear (187.2)
Large Chapter (90-149):	1st Place – New Bern (321.8 pts/m) HM – Mecklenburg (258.7 pts/m)



In terms of birthdays, for the month of March, we celebrated Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff (Mar 27). In April, we celebrate Compatriots Stu Myers (Apr 1), Scott Collins (Apr 7), Thomas Smith (Apr 14) and Walter Smith (Apr 27)!! HUZZAH!!

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. We have several events coming up including those already mentioned, 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](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.

- 4-5 April – 2025 NCSSAR Annual Meeting, Greensboro.
- 12 & 13 April – Pilgrim Reformed Grave Marking, 797 Pilgrim Church Road, Lexington; 2 – 3:00 PM each day.
- 19 April – 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, “The Shot Heard ‘Round The World”, 120 Justice Drive, Lincolnton, 10 AM.
- 19 April – General Lenoir Tea, Fort Defiance, 1792 Fort Defiance Drive, Lenoir; Rendezvous Mountain, Tuckers Barn and Carolina Emerald NSDAR Chapters hosting, 2 PM. (Fee)
- 19 April – Patriots’ Day – Time to put the flags out on the Patriots’ Graves
- 26 April – William Cuthbertson Grave Marking; Lake James State Park; 2229 Lake James State Park Road, Nebo with the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter; 11 AM.
- 26 April – Patriot Marker Dedication, Obeth Cemetery, 2229 Lake James State Park Road, Nebo with the Quaker Meadows Chapter, NSDAR, 2 PM

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 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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**The North Carolina Society  
of  
Sons of the American Revolution**

**PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING**

conducted by  
**Catawba Valley & Bethabara Chapters**

12 & 13 April 2025, 2:00pm

at  
**Pilgrim Reformed Church**  
797 Pilgrim Church Rd. Lexington, NC 27295

★ Henry Darr

★ Jacob Leonard

★ L. George Fritz

★ Peter Kane

★ Peter Lapp

★ Jacob Sink

★ Capt "Charles" Grimes

★ Adam Hendrick

★ Valentine Leonard Jr.

★ Nicholas Michael

★ Philip Sink

★ John Fritz

**250th Anniversary  
of  
The Battles of Lexington & Concord**

**"The Shot Heard 'Round The World"**

19 April 1775 ★ 19 April 2025

Can't make the trip to Massachusetts to mark the 250th  
Anniversary of "The Shot Heard Round The World"?  
Join us as we bring Massachusetts to North  
Carolina at the Lincoln County Courthouse!

Sponsored by the  
Lincoln County Historical Association  
and  
Road To Liberty 250

★ 19 April 2025 ★  
10 AM

Lincoln County Courthouse  
120 Justice Drive  
Lincolnton, North Carolina  
28022

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 Riders of Lexington & Concord

Many of us know the Longfellow poem about Paul Revere's ride prior to the Battles of Lexington and Concord, which begins, "LISTEN, my children and you shall hear Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere, On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five...." (Longfellow, 1860).

As we look back and reflect on the poem from our childhood, we can transport ourselves back to a simpler time not only of childhood but that of the American Revolution or what we can romanticize the time to be like.

What most folks do not realize is there were more riders than just Revere.

These other riders other than he include William Dawes, Samuel Prescott, Israel Bissell, Sybil Ludington, and Wentworth Cheswell (Cheswill).

There is not room here to delve into all of these riders, and I leave that to the reader to research on their own. Start with the lesser known riders such as Ludington and Cheswell.

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