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The Catawba Courier

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of the Sons of the American Revolution



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President's Ponderings

Chapter President Roy C Lightfoot



The word "busy" cannot even describe what all happened in the month of May. Many more JROTC medals and Certificates of Appreciation were presented not to mention the commemorations and events attended.

At various times during the month of May, Compatriot James "Jim" McCauley traveled the lands around our area to present SAR's Bronze JROTC medals. These medals are presented after the cadets' instructors make their recommendations. Here are the six of the eight area candidates who received recognition from the Catawba Valley Chapter.



L-r: Cadet Command Sergeant Major Roman Fox, Bandys High School with Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard (8 May); Cadet Alexander Hollar, South Iredell High School with Compatriot McCauley (9 May); Cadet John Hall, St. Stephens High School with McCauley (9 May); Cadet Lieutenant Commander Lucas Hester, West Lincoln High School with McCauley (14 May); Cadet Seaman Angel Ruperto Quinones, Newton-Conover High School with McCauley (16 May); and Cadet Lt Eric Tyler Clontz, Alexander Central High School with McCauley (23 May).

Also, at various times during the month, Catawba Valley reached out in appreciation to several folks who have partnered with us to spread the word throughout the community about the American Revolution by presenting them with a "Certificate of Appreciation".



L-r: Third Grade Teachers from Battleground Elementary School with Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff include Jennifer Broome, who coordinated our visit this year, Candie Hedrick, Lillian Presnell, Alicia Hudgins and Sandi Martin (9 May); American Legion Post #30, Commander Chris Duschel with Chapter President Roy Lightfoot Memorial Day (26 May); and Marty Holbrook, West Lincoln High School with Buff (29 May).⁹

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At our chapter meeting on 10 May, the Chapter recognized a couple of our members for their hard work. Compatriot Robert "Bob" Clark was presented with the Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal for points accrued. Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard was recognized for all of the hard work he has put in for the Chapter in his role as Chapter Vice President, Chapter Chaplain, and Chapter Webmaster with the presentation of the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.



Also, at our Chapter Meeting on 10 May, Compatriot Clark shared information with us about his ancestor and the unit he belonged to. Originally formed in 1775, the Independent Battalion of Westmoreland County Pennsylvania (IBWCP) was expanded in 1777 when General George Washington called for the states to provide more troops for the cause.

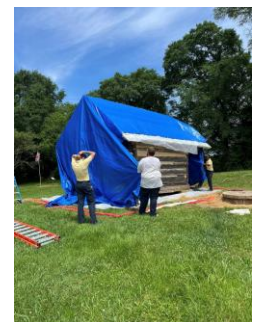
Clark brought along with him a copy of the flag - the original still does exist. Known as Proctor's Flag, it was named for their commander John Proctor whose signature can be seen above the IBWCP.

Created for the very first American troops west of the Allegheny Mountains, comes a battle flag known as Proctor's flag. Proctor's flag, made in the fall of 1775, predates the Stars and Stripes by two years and is the only surviving "Don't tread on me" rattlesnake flag from the American Revolution.

In addition, Clark shared about the Hanna's Town Resolves from 16 May 1775, which notified the King that Pennsylvanians were "annoyed" with him, and would be adopting these. Most importantly of these was the fact they would be forming a militia, training them and having them ready in the case of being invaded.



There have been some improvements and repairs happening in the area of where the Reinhardt Cabin is located. Although this is not an SAR property, we are happy to see that the area is being taken care of by the Lincoln County Historical Association (LCHA) and Lincoln County. From the pictures you can see the sign at the main entrance has been replaced and the HUGE pothole has been filled in. Also, the cabin was recently treated for damaging insects.



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Also, and in partnership with the LCHA, the flags on the grounds at the Mass Grave, Warlick Grave, Shuford Grave, Captains' grave, and the Memorial Park have replaced with heavier duty, sewn, nylon flags. They have been placed out earlier than the upcoming events so the creases will straighten out.



Our Chapter joined in at several events this month. Chapter President Lightfoot and Daughter Lisa Pupkiewicz traveled to Charlotte for the 250th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration on 20 May; on the same day, assisted as part of a combined Color Guard in the dedication of a DAR Marker for Thomas Polk, who was a signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration, soldier, and Patriot; and joined the American Legion Post #30 Color Guard on Memorial Day (26 May) at the old Court Square in Lincolnton along with Compatriots Kevin Allec and Eric Minetola of the Colonel Alexander Erwin chapter.



Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Saturday, 12 July 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.

In closing, our chapter continues to look toward the future. We truly wish every member of our Chapter, past and present are doing well, and for those of you who are unable to join us, we would love to hear from you. You can email us at cat.val.ncssar.1776@gmail.com to tell us of what is happening with you. We have many ways for those of you who are able to become involved with whatever aspect of the SAR we have. There are many events happening involving the 250th Anniversary of these, our United States. Remember this, whether you are able to come out or not, you are still a member of our Chapter and you are still our "brothers in arms" and will remain so until you decide not to be. ALL of our members are "men (people) of consequence." We all share a common bond in that we all have ancestors who fought to create the union and preserve it for future generations. Let us continue to celebrate our rich American history through the end of the 250th Anniversary in 2033.

Sincerely, Respectfully, and Patriotically

Yours,

Roy C Lightfoot, Chapter President





LOGISTICS

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

- 7-8 June – Battle of the Waxhaws Encampment & Reenactment, Waxhaw, 10A-5P(7th), & 10A-3P (8th).
- 14 June – Flag Day and United States Army's 250th Birthday
- 14 June – 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration, Battleground Elementary School, Lincolnton, 10AM.
- 14 June – Patriot Gravemarking – Pvt Edward "Netty" Cook; Cooke Family Cemetery, 217 Parker Road, Casar, NC; 12:00-13:00 PM
- 20 June – Jacob Forney Chapter NCSDAR Patriots Gala, Lincoln Cultural Center, Lincolnton, 6 PM, \$45 fee.
- 21-22 June – Battle of Ramsour's Mill Encampment & Reenactment, Lincolnton, 10A-5P (21st) & 10A-3P (22nd)
- 21 June – 250th Anniversary of the Liberty Point Resolves, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- 4 July – 249th Anniversary of Independence Day
- 5-6 July – Independence Day Celebration, Hickory Ridge Museum, Horn In The West, Boone, All Day.
- 12 July – Chapter Meeting, Palermo's Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, Conover NC, 12 Noon

Our next regular **Chapter Meeting** will be **Saturday, 12 July**. 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.

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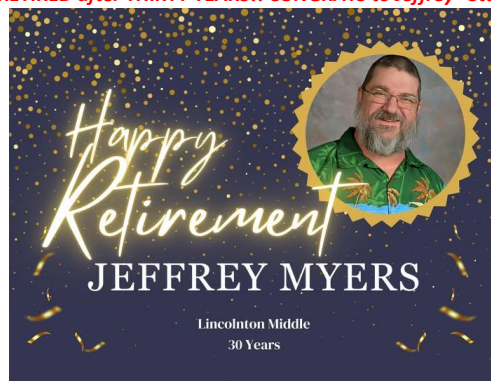
is a nonpolitical, patriotic, educational 501c3 organization of men who have ancestors who fought for, or otherwise supported the War for independence from Great Britain that established the United States of America.

- 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



We have no birthdays for this month (that we are aware of), HOWEVER, we do have BIG news!! He FINALLY did it!!! One of our newest Compatriots has finally RETIRED after THIRTY YEARS!! CONGRATS to Jeffrey "Stu" Myers on his accomplishment!!



The Catawba Coalition welcomes submissions, comments and/or suggestions.

Please send them to cat.val.ncssar.1776@gmail.com

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Did you Know?

**United States Army
Founded 14 June 1775**

The United States Army was founded on 14 June 1775 when the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army to fight the British in the American Revolutionary War and in an effort to unify the Thirteen Colonies. General George Washington was unanimously named as its Commander-in-Chief. The formation of the Army came soon after the Battle of Lexington and Concord when the need was seen to have a standing army. As we know from our history, the Army defeated the British and the Continental Army was disbanded in 1783 although two companies were kept active. The following year, on 3 June 1784, Congress officially created the United States Army.

Today, the United States Army boasts over 700,00 soldiers.

Happy Birthday, ARMY!!

