



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

Chapter President Roy C Lightfoot



The month of June can be described as the "Month of Ramsour's Mill Observance" as that is our main focus every year at this time. This year was exceptional with all of the participation we had especially with the many other events taking place on the same weekend in other locations. This was the 245th Anniversary of the battle, while other places observances were happening including the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States Army. Although many of our "regulars" were missed we were happy for the numbers who turned out for our event.

Our celebration of the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration began with a reception which was held at the Hampton Inn on Friday 13 June. Catawba Valley Chapter with the assistance of the Jacob Forney Chapter NSDAR hosted a reception for SAR and DAR members who were in town early. There was an assortment of wonderful food and refreshments as well as lots of storytelling and talks of Patriots! In addition to a wonderful turnout from the Chapter and Jacob Forney, our Past State President Steve Van Pelt and his wife Mary and current State President Stephen McKee were also in attendance.



On Saturday, 14 June, the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration and Wreath Laying was held. We hosted many distinguished guests including SAR's President General Darryl Addington, Past State President Van Pelt, Current State President McKee, Compatriots from California, Georgia, Tennessee, and others from across the state. In addition, the Daughters of the American Revolution were well represented as Children of the American Revolution was as well. The Chapter premiered a flag set up with the current flags of the Original Thirteen Colonies display which will be used at other SAR, DAR, and CAR events. The Chapter also took the time to recognize several members of our chapter and chapter supporters who have earned some well-deserved recognition and medals. (Pictures on Page 2).

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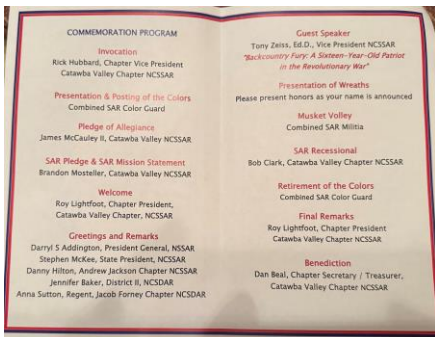
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“245th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill Commemoration and Wreath Laying” (cont.)



The Chapter was fortunate enough to have the SAR President General Addington present for this event and he was willing to assist with the presentations of the medals.

Pictured left to right: (First Picture on Page 3) Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff, Gold SAR 250th Anniversary Medal; Beverly King Moore, Jacob Forney Chapter NSDAR, Gold SAR 250th Anniversary Medal; Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard, Gold SAR 250th Anniversary Medal, Bronze Color Guard Medal, Bronze Roger Sherman Medal; Lisa Pupkiewicz, Vesuvius Furnace Chapter NSDAR, Gold SAR 250th Anniversary Medal, Martha Washington Medal; President General Addington and Mary Addington; Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Bronze Roger Sherman Medal, Silver Color Guard Medal; Compatriot Brandon Mosteller, Gold SAR 250th Anniversary Medal; Chapter Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal, Bronze Color Guard Medal, Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.

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On behalf of the Chapter, Chapter President Lightfoot presented President General Addington with a plaque of commendation for all his hard work and in recognition of his attendance at our event and so many other events during his tenure. President General Addington has been extremely active during his President Generalship and is always willing to talk to every Compatriot he could. In turn, the President General presented Lightfoot with a "President General Aide-de-Camp" pin, which he humbly accepted on behalf of the Chapter for the Chapter's exceptional work which has been done over the time of his tenure.



On Friday 20 June, Catawba Valley provided a color guard for the Jacob Forney Chapter's Patriots' Gala. Compatriots Brandon Mosteller and Stu Myers were on hand to present the colors. Unfortunately, as of this writing we have been unable to find a picture of Compatriot Myers. We believe him to be "camera shy"! Also, in the same weekend, and in partnership with the Lincoln County Historical Association, Jacob Forney and Vesuvius Furnace Chapters, NSDAR as well as several NSSAR Chapters, our Chapter participated in the 245th Anniversary of Battle of Ramsour's Mill Battle and Encampment Weekend on 21-22 June. Yes, it was hot, however, we made it through by encouraging each other to remain as hydrated as possible and stay out of the sun in what shade could be found. Our plans are already being made for next year! Please let us know if you would like to get involved in any of our events!

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Saturday, 19 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 and we will need as much participation from you that you can afford. Please check the calendar in this newsletter, make a point to mark your calendars and be there if you are able.

In closing, our chapter looks toward the future. Our SAR National Congress is set to be held later this month on 12-18 July in Uncasville, Connecticut. Our contingent will be headed there later this week to get ideas of what to do and what not to do. One thing is for sure, there will be many changes at the General Officer level as the mantle of leadership is passed. What does this mean to us as a Chapter? We will not know until Congress concludes. What we do know is that the 2026 National Congress will be held right here in our state on 10-16 July 2026! The North Carolina leadership is very excited to be handed such an honor and we have already been discussing what can be done to make this the very best it possibly can be! I realize that it is a year away, however, I ask that you please mark your calendars now as many hands will be needed to pull this off. Lastly, there are many events taking place as we continue our journey to the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country and all events which took place to the end of the Revolution. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at as many events as possible!

Sincerely, Respectfully, and Patriotically

Yours,

Roy C Lightfoot, Chapter President





LOGISTICS

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

- 12-18 July – 135th SAR National Congress, Uncasville, Connecticut.
- 12-13 July – Battle of Huck's Defeat, 1444 Brattonsville Road, McConnells, SC.
- 19 July – Chapter Meeting, Palermo's Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, Conover NC, 12 Noon.
- 26 July – Liberation Day at Fort Thicketty, 184 Goucher Creek Rd, Gaffney, SC, 9:30 AM.
- 16 August – 250th Anniversary Tryon Resolves, 2577 Tryon Courthouse Road, Bessemer City, NC, 10 AM.
- 23 August – 251st Anniversary New Bern Resolves, Tryon Palace, 529 S. Front St., New Bern, NC 28562
- 30 August – William Wiseman Grave Marking, 35 56'50"N 82 0'9"W Hwy 19, Ingalls, Avery County, NC, 11 AM
- 30-31 August – Battle of Charlotte, Museum of the Waxhaws, Waxhaw, SC.
- 5-6 September – Morganton Historic Festival, Old Courthouse Downtown Morganton, NC
- 13 September – Chapter Meeting, Palermo's Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, Conover NC, 12 Noon.
- 20 September – NCSSAR Summer Board of Managers Meeting, Time / Location, TBD.
- 27 September – Revolutionary War Day, McDowell House, Morganton, NC, 11 AM – 5 PM.
- 18 October – "Trail To Victory", Hickory Ridge Museum, Boone, NC, Time TBA

Our next regular **Chapter Meeting** will be **Saturday, 19 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.

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!



250th Anniversary Tryon Resolves



Compatriot Birthdays for July

Driscoll Henry Augustine (02)

Stephen Harrison (23)

Elias Henry Augustine (23)

HUZZAH!!



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

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Did you Know?

250th Anniversary – Tryon Resolves

The Tryon Resolves, also known as the Tryon Declaration of Rights and Independence from British Tyranny was a declaration put forth, adopted, signed and submitted to Great Britain by the Tryon County Association. The Association was formed in the early days of the American Revolution by members of Tryon County, which became Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and Rutherford Counties in North Carolina, and Cherokee, Chester, Laurens, Spartanburg, Union, and York Counties in South Carolina. In addition, it also included parts of Burke and McDowell Counties in North Carolina and Greenville and Newberry Counties in South Carolina, as well as the Catawba Indian Reservation.

In the document, the representatives vowed to increase the resistance to the increasing coercive acts coming from Great Britain's government against the Thirteen Colonies and also in response to the events at Lexington and Concord. This document was signed on 14 August 1775. Unfortunately, the one thing it did not do was call for total independence from Great Britain, which like other declarations of the time did not either.

Our Chapter along with the Tryon Resolves, Major William Chronicle, and Colonel Fredrick Hambright Chapters of the NSDAR, and the Mecklenburg Chapter of the NSSAR will be hosting the 250th Celebration on 16 August at 10 AM. Our Chapter will be providing the color guard. Please make plans to attend. See the flyer to the left for details and come out to support the SAR and the DAR. HUZZAH!!