



Sons of the American Revolution

The Catawba Courier



A Monthly Newsletter for The Catawba Valley Chapter
of the Sons of the American Revolution

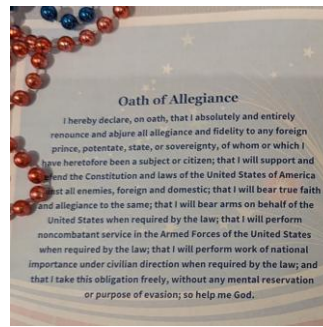
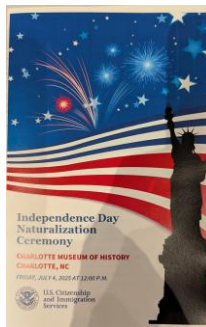
President's Ponderings

Chapter President Roy C Lightfoot



July is always a special month as we observe the signing of the Declaration of Independence and this founding of the United States of America, and this year, the 249th Anniversary of that event certainly did not disappoint!

On 4 July, Catawba Valley joined several other SAR and DAR Chapters in a combined color guard and witnessed Twenty people from Thirteen countries take the Oath of Allegiance and become United States Citizens. The event was held at the Charlotte Museum of History. Included SAR Chapters were the Mecklenburg, Le Marquis de Lafayette, and the Old North State Chapters. DAR Chapters included Major William Chronicle and Vesuvius Furnace Chapters. Chapter President Roy Lightfoot and Chapter Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal represented our Chapter at this event.



On 5 & 6 July, Catawba Valley joined members from the Yadkin Valley and Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapters of the SAR and the Vesuvius Furnace Chapter of the DAR for a fun filled time at the Hickory Ridge Museum! We were able to speak to folks about life in the 18th Century, life in the Continental Line and the militia, weapons, cooking, woodworking, clothing, and no Independence Day would be complete without a reading the Declaration of Independence, toasting our new nation and firing of a couple of volleys!! HUZZAH!!

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"249th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence" (cont.)



On 12 July, Chapter President Lightfoot, while attending a reenactment, represented Catawba Valley at the Wreath Laying for the Battle of Huck's Defeat at Historic Brattonsville in McConnells, South Carolina.



The week of 12-18 July was the 135th National Congress of the SAR, which was held in Uncasville, Connecticut. The new President General, Michael Elston, VASSAR, winners of the Youth Awards including Jonathan Paul (first on the left) of North Carolina, Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest Winner, and the dedication of a marker honoring the Mohegan Tribe by the Connecticut Society of the SAR.



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On 19 July at our Chapter meeting, Lightfoot presented the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Ribbon to Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff and Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard. Buff installed the ribbon onto the Chapter Flag. Also on that day, Lightfoot presented Compatriot Walter Smith with the SAR Gold 250th Anniversary Medal, since he was unable to attend the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Wreath Laying Ceremony in June. We were very excited to see him and present him with his well-deserved award.

Liberation Day at Fort Thicketty 245th Anniversary	
10th CELEBRATION PROGRAM - July 26, 2025	
Music:	Hymners and Harmony Event Advisor - Kathy Shapiro Assistant Organist - Jim Anderson Music Coordinator - Mary Hall
Invocation:	Tom Hanson
Presentation of Colors:	OVTA and Catawba Valley Chapter NCSAR
Pledge of Allegiance:	Chapter - Tom Hanson Sons of the Revolution (Greenville Chapter)
National Anthem:	Hymners & Harmony
Welcome:	President - Wayne Lester Sons of the Revolution (Greenville Chapter)
Introduction of Rick Minetola:	Parade M. Cazal Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter NCSAR
Importance of Thicketty:	Rick Hanson
Introduction of Wayne Speaker:	Wayne Lester
Wayne Speaker:	Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter NCSAR The Sons of the American Revolution
Recognition of Organizations/Attendees:	Wayne Lester
Flag Ceremony:	OVTA and Catawba Valley Chapter NCSAR
March Songs:	OVTA and Catawba Valley Chapter NCSAR
Verbal Salute to the Patriots:	All Attendees
Reading of the Declaration:	OVTA and Catawba Valley Chapter NCSAR
Benediction:	Tom Hanson
Final Comments:	Billy Pennington



On 26 July, Catawba Valley traveled to Gaffney, South Carolina for the Liberation Day Commemoration and were joined by the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter - SAR, Vesuvius Furnace Chapter - DAR, and the OVTA. The battle won with no shots fired and an imitation cannon!! Representing were Lightfoot, Beal, Col Alexander Erwin Chapter Color Guard Commander Eric Minetola, and Lisa Pupkiewicz from Vesuvius (not pictured).

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Saturday, 13 September 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, just a reminder that our Chapter along with the Mecklenburg SAR, and the DAR Chapters Tryon Resolves, Major William Chronicle, and Colonel Frederick Hambright are sponsoring the 250th Anniversary of the Tryon Resolves on 16 August at 10 AM. If you wish to participate in the color guard, muster is at 9 AM. At this time, as we take stock in our country's founding and all events which took place to the end of the Revolution, we must remember our journey to the 250th Anniversary is not a "sprint" but a "marathon", just like it was for our founding fathers. We must continue to remember to keep our energy up for all of these important events. 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.

- 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 – NCSAR Summer BOM, NCSU Club, 4200 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, 27606, 10:30 AM – 3 PM.
- 27 September – Revolutionary War Day, McDowell House, Morganton, NC, 11 AM – 5 PM.
- 4 October – "Festifall" Walnut Grove Plantation, Roebuck, SC, 9 AM – 5 PM.
- 11 October – Battle of Shallow Ford Wreath Laying, 4215 Mt Sinai Dr, Yadkinville, NC, 11 AM – 12 PM.
- 25 October – "Trail To Victory", Hickory Ridge Museum, Boone, NC, 10 AM – 4 PM.
- 2 November – Pilgrim Church Multiple Grave Marking, Pilgrim Reformed Church, Lexington, NC, 2 PM.
- 10-16 July 2026 – 136th National Congress, Greensboro, NC.

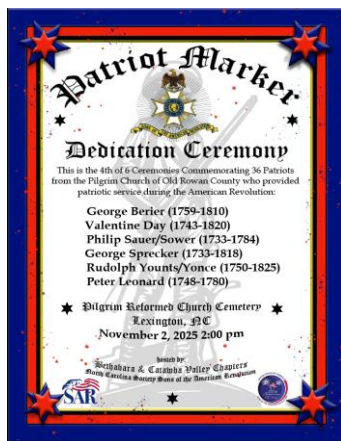
Our next regular **Chapter Meeting** will be **Saturday, 13 September**. We will meet at Palermo's Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd West, Conover, NC 28613. One may order a meal at 11:00 am or later. The meeting begins at Noon. Please come out and support your Chapter and enjoy some 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!



Compatriot Birthdays for July

- Sherrill Watkins (2nd)
- Bobby Dean Hinson (12th)
- Bob Clark (19th)
- Will Barton (20th)

HUZZAH!!



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?
250th Anniversary – Tryon Resolves

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution along with National Society Sons of the American Revolution cordially invite you to the 250th Historic Anniversary of the Signing of the Tryon Resolves Saturday, August 16, 2025 10:00am Tryonota Volunteer Fire Department 2577 Tryon Courthouse Road Bessemer City, North Carolina 28016 Additional parking available at Tryon Elementary School

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, August 11, 2025 Millicent Heavner mheavner28016dar@gmail.com or 704.678.4910 (text or msg)

Tryon Resolves Chapter: NSDAR Major William Chronicle Chapter, NSDAR Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, NSDAR Catawba Valley Chapter, NCSAR Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSAR

Color Guard musters at 9 am at 2577 Tryon Courthouse Road, Bessemer City, NC 28016 for instructions!

CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER! IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WISH TO RUN FOR ONE OF OUR OFFICERS' POSITIONS, PLEASE SUBMIT THE NOMINATION TO SECRETARY / TREASUER DAN BEAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

