



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



During the month of August, thoughts turn from the end of the sweltering days of summer, to the start of a shiny, new school year. Our Chapter is very fortunate to have such a wonderful relationship with one of our elementary schools which actually sits on the Battle of Ramsour's Mill's battlefield. It is known as Battleground Elementary School and their mascot is, you guessed it, the Patriot! The students, staff, and faculty know our Chapter fairly well and are always welcoming us at various events during the school year.



On the evening of 11 August, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff and Compatriot Stu Myers and Daughter Lisa Pupkiewicz of the DAR Vesuvius Furnace Chapter attended the "Open House" at Battleground Elementary School! We were very excited to be a part of this wonderful night with our friends! What makes us do this?! Well, the staff and teachers are TOP NOTCH! We wish them ALL our BEST to the "little" Patriots as well as the Patriots who oversee what they are doing and learning!! Our Chapter will return to see some of them at some point this school year and we are hoping to have our return be something special by inviting other Third Graders from some of the other elementary schools!

Much of the month of August was spent in the preparation and planning of an event which occurred in North Carolina before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Along with the Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR, and the Tryon Resolves, Major William Chronicle, and Colonel Fredrick Hambright Chapters of the NCSDAR, our Chapter presented a program celebrating the Tryon Resolves.

On 16 August, Catawba Valley joined with several Chapters of the SAR and DAR and the Guilford Court House Drum and Fife Corps in the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Signing of the Tryon Resolves, which were signed on 14 August 1775!! Catawba Valley was represented by Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal, Chapter Color Guard Commander Rob Buff and future Compatriot Jody Avery.

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## "250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Tryon Resolves" (cont.)

This event continues the efforts of the Sons, Daughters, and Children of the American Revolution in the commemoration of all events leading up to the British defeat at Yorktown and the final event in the Semi-sesquicentennial of the United States of America. In addition to collaborating with the other SAR and DAR Chapters, there were many other Chapters represented. In the picture, the size of the crowd can be seen. At the last headcount there were over one hundred in attendance, which is much more than have been there prior years. A skit was presented, which was written by our very own State President Stephen McKee. All those in attendance who wished to do so, were given the opportunity to sign our very own copy of the Tryon Resolves.



On 30-31 August, Chapter President Lightfoot traveled to the Museum of the Waxhaws to participate in the Battle of Charlotte (26 September 1780) and the Battle of the Bees, also known as the Battle of McIntyre's Farm (3 October 1780). Also, in attendance were Compatriots Eric Minetola and Jordan Lowdermilk of the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter, Stephen McKee, North Carolina State President and member of the Mecklenburg Chapter, and from the NCS DAR Lisa Pupkiewicz with the Vesuvius Furnace Chapter and Lynne Smith with the Major William Chronicle Chapter, NCS DAR Chapters.



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“The Battle of Charlotte and the Battle of the Bees”



On 30 August, Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard and Chapter Secretary / Treasurer Beal traveled to Ingalls, North Carolina to join in the combined color guard for the grave marking of Patriot William Wiseman!!



Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Saturday, 1 November 2025** at 12:00 PM at Palermo’s Family Italian and Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd W, Conover, NC 28613. We will be installing our new Chapter Officers with the assistance of State President McKee. In addition, and if the paperwork arrives, there will be several NEW members inducted at this meeting! It is a very exciting time for us at Catawba Valley with our growth. A little history, for those of you who do not know this, the original resolution for our Chapter was passed on 24 August 1996 and originally chartered as a part of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, North Carolina Society, as The Unifour Chapter, 17 October 1997. We were renamed The Catawba Valley Chapter on 6 May 2002. It is always important to know where we came from.

As always, our Chapter has 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, here is your first friendly reminder that 2026 dues will need to be paid soon. And as always, we need to reach out to those we have not seen for a while. Our new President General has stated his main mission during his tenure as our leader is to make the SAR “fun” again. Personally, I am not sure how much more “fun” I can stand!! The Chapter Leadership is always open to suggestions, so, if you have any, please do not hesitate to suggest them! We look forward to seeing as many of you are able to attend any and all of our events in the future!

Sincerely, Respectfully, and Patriotically

Yours,

Roy C Lightfoot, Chapter President





## LOGISTICS

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

- 17 September – Constitution Day, St Luke’s Episcopal, 322 E. McBee Street, Lincolnton, 4 PM.
- 19 September – Liberty Mountain Gala, Joy Performance Center, Kings Mountain, 4:45 PM.
- 20 September – Joppa Cemetery Grave Marking, US Hwy 601 N, Mocksville, 1PM.
- 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, 1200 Otts Shoals Road, Roebuck, SC, 9 AM – 5 PM
- 11 October – Battle of Shallow Ford Wreath Laying, 4215 Mt Sinai Dr, Yadkinville, NC, 11 AM – 12 PM.
- 18 October – Apple Festival, Lincoln Cultural Center Front Lawn, Lincolnton, All Day
- 25 October – “Trail To Victory”, Hickory Ridge Museum, Boone, NC, 10 AM – 4 PM.
- 25-26 October – Lenoir’s Rangers Muster, Fort Defiance, Lenoir, 10 AM – 3 PM
- 1 November – Chapter Meeting (*Installation of Chapter Officers*), Palermo’s Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, Conover NC, 12 Noon.
- 10-16 July 2026 – 136th National Congress, Greensboro, NC.

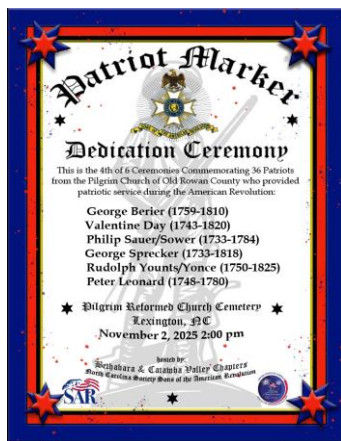
Our next regular **Chapter Meeting** will be **Saturday, 1 November**. We will meet at Palermo's Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd West, Conover, NC 28613. One may order a meal at 11:00 am or later. The meeting begins at Noon. Please come out and support your Chapter and enjoy some 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 descend 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 September

- Ben Houser (09.12)**
- Keith Black (09.18)**
- Scott Lightfoot (09.24)**



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

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### Tryon Resolves, 14 August 1775

"The unprecedented, barbarous and bloody actions committed by British troops on our American brethren near Boston, on 19th April and 20th of May last, together with the hostile operations and treacherous designs now carrying on, by the tools of ministerial vengeance, for the subjugation of all British America, suggest to us the painful necessity of having recourse to arms in defense of our National freedom and constitutional rights, against all invasions; and at the same time do solemnly engage to take up arms and risk our lives and our fortunes in maintaining the freedom of our country whenever the wisdom and counsel of the Continental Congress or our Provincial Convention shall declare it necessary; and this engagement we will continue in for the preservation of those rights and liberties which the principals of our Constitution and the laws of God, nature and nations have made it our duty to defend. We therefore, the subscribers, freeholders and inhabitants of Tryon County, do hereby faithfully unite ourselves under the most solemn ties of religion, honor and love to our county, firmly to resist *force by force*, and hold sacred till a reconciliation shall take place between Great Britain and America on Constitutional principals, which we most ardently desire, and do firmly agree to hold all such persons as inimical to the liberties of America who shall refuse to sign this association."