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# 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

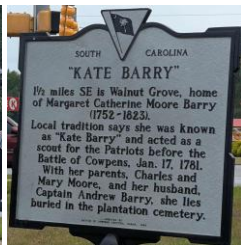
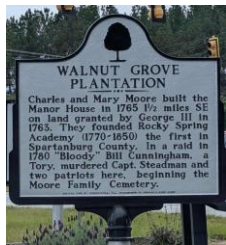


October is always an important month to the SAR and to American History, with so many events which happened this month during the years of the American Revolution. We are so thankful we can participate in commemoration of so many of them.



To begin with, please remember to get in your **Dues for 2026!** They break down as follows: National: \$50, State: \$20, and Chapter: \$25 for a total of \$95. Please remember that if you have not done so, 15 November is our deadline. Please do not let your membership lag. Other items you can donate to are as follows: Grave Marking Memorials (Suggested \$20 but any amount is welcomed); Wreaths Across America – *See Page 5 for more information* (\$17 per wreath), Center for Advancing America's Heritage; George Washington Endowment Fund; SAR Library; and any others, however, please specify the SAR destination. Make checks payable to **NCSSAR Catawba Valley Chapter** And mail them to **233 Lake Sylvia Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092.**

On 4-5 October, Catawba Valley Chapter members traveled to Walnut Grove Plantation in Roebuck, South Carolina for the Festifall Celebration. Chapter members participated in the skirmish known as "Bloody Bill" Cunningham's Raid on both days. While at Walnut Grove Plantation, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot had the distinct honor of inducting his nephew, Scott Lightfoot, into the Catawba Valley Chapter - NCSSAR in the presence of all who were there and especially representatives of the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter - SAR and DAR Vesuvius Furnace Chapter.



(See Page Two For More Pictures)

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## Walnut Grove Plantation (Continued)



Catawba Valley was invited to attend a program presented by His Excellency General George Washington and his lovely wife Lady Martha Washington in Boone, North Carolina on 6 October! Chapter President Lightfoot had the distinct pleasure to introduce the General to a packed house. The Washingtons presented their program to area fifth graders where they spoke of their lives during the American Revolution in their country of Virginia. His Excellency provided the students with some good advice for them to remember about what he had learned from his father. Afterwards, the Washingtons invited questions from the exuberant and excitable students. Lightfoot then accompanied the Washingtons to the Hickory Ridge Museum for a tour of the grounds. THANK YOU to the Daniel Boone Chapter, - NSDAR, the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, and the Watauga 250th Committee for the invitation! In addition, the Rendezvous Mountain & Vesuvius Furnace Chapters - NSDAR were represented.



On 7 October, the 245th Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain held today in Jolly Park, Gaffney, South Carolina. Outstanding job done by Paul Cashion and the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR to pull together this wonderful program in a very short period of time! Compatriot Scott Collins, dual Chapter Member, commanded the combined color guard and rifle / musket detail.



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Also on 7 October, Catawba Valley traveled to Kings Mountain, to participate in the pre-show activities at the "Liberty Mountain - The Revolutionary War Drama" anniversary performance. Lightfoot and Chapter Color Guard Commander Robby Buff participated in firing volleys and discussing with audience members about the importance of the Battle of Kings Mountain.



On 11 October, Compatriots attended the 245th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Shallow Ford, Huntsville, NC, which occurred on 14 October 1780. This battle, another between Patriot and Loyalist Militias, took place one week after the Battle of Kings Mountain and caused support for the British to wane. This event is a North Carolina state event and was attended by many SAR, DAR, and CAR Chapters. In addition, a local artist has commemorated this important event in wonderful watercolors including one which shows a previous commemoration a few years ago.



On 18 October, Chapter Members set up an information booth at the Lincoln Apple Festival on a beautiful fall day, however, we got too busy to take very many pictures after the set up was completed! We shared information with all who came by about our local Battle of Ramsour's Mill, the American Revolution, and life in the 18th Century. In addition to Lightfoot and Buff, Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard, Chapter Secretary/ Treasurer Dan Beal, Compatriot Bob Clark, and future Compatriots Jody Avery and Rob Helms were in attendance. Also representing were Beverly King Moore and Carole Hoffman Howell of the Jacob Forney Chapter and Lisa Pupkiewicz of the Vesuvius Furnace Chapter of the DAR. We also shared information about the newly formed Major General Benjamin Lincoln Society of the Children of the American Revolution, the Lincoln County Historical Association, and Lincoln 250.



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On 25 October, the Hickory Ridge Museum in Boone, North Carolina hosted "Trail To Victory - Battle of Kings Mountain". This event depicted the road to the Battle of Kings Mountain! Catawba Valley happily participated again this year!! We were able to reach at over one hundred people with the telling of this important story!!



On 26 October, Lenoir's Rangers hosted a Winter Muster at Fort Defiance in Lenoir, NC. Participants included the Colonel Alexander Erwin and Catawba Valley Chapters, NCSSAR and the General Hugh Mercer Chapter, WVSSAR, and Vesuvius Furnace Chapter, NCSDAR. While there, the groups participated in living the 18th Century Life including sleeping in tents, cooking over a fire, militia drilling, and volley firing.



Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Saturday, 10 January 2026** at 12:00 PM at Palermo's Family Italian and Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd W, Conover, NC 28613. We will be discussing the future of Chapter Meetings and locations.

As always, our Chapter has several events coming up and we will need as much participation from you that you can afford. And as you can see because of all we are doing our newsletter has expanded to another page. Please check the calendar in this newsletter, make a point to mark your calendars and be there if you are able.

If you have not done so, please consider buying a wreath or two for the Wreaths Across America Campaign. Details of this are on Page 5, however, here is the QR Code for your convenience, which some of you prefer:



In closing, please remember to get your 2026 Dues in as soon as possible and that will be the last you hear of that until late 2026. As always, 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.

- 10 November – United States Marine Corps 250th Birthday.
- 11 November – Veterans’ Day Parade, Lincolnton, 11 AM.
- 15 November – 250th Anniversary of the Battle of 96 Reenactment, 1103 SC-248, Ninety-Six, SC
- 21 November – Carolina Emerald Sock Hop, 70 Hiddenite Church Road, Hiddenite, NC
- 27 November – Thanksgiving Day
- 30 November – Lincolnton Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, Lincolnton, NC, 4 PM.
- 6 December – Pearl Harbor Day/Flag Retirement w/Amer Leg Post #30, 1120 N Aspen St Lincolnton, 10 AM.
- 13 December – Wreaths Across America w/Carolina Emerald NSDAR, Taylorsville Cemetery, Taylorsville, 12PM
- 10 January 2026 – Chapter Meeting, Palermo’s Family Italian & Greek Restaurant, Conover NC, 12 Noon.
- 31 January – 245th Anniversary - Battle of Sherrills Ford, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, 10 AM.
- 31 January – NCSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, 12 noon.
- 7 February – “Burning of the Baggage”, Ramsour’s Mill Cabin, Lincolnton, 10 AM – 3 PM.
- 10-16 July 2026 – 136th NSSAR National Congress, Greensboro, NC.

Our next regular **Chapter Meeting** will be **Saturday, 10 January 2026**. 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 November

**John Sullivan (17th)**  
**James Stewart (21st)**  
**Dan Beal (27th)**

**HUZZAH!!**



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)



### Wreaths Across America

This year, we will be partnering with the Carolina Emerald Chapter of the NCSAR with the Wreaths Across America

program! We are very excited to be working with one of the youngest Chapters in the state. In short, this program occurs on the same date and at the same

time all across the United States! Wreaths are placed on the graves of veterans in approved cemeteries and sites.

In the past, we have traveled to Black Mountain to place wreaths there, however, more locations have become available locally and we are able to affect those programs closer to home.

This event occurs on 13 December at 12 noon. We may need assistance the evening before as we will need to assist with the unloading of the wreaths.

AND if this were not enough, for every wreath sold from our Chapter’s Page for \$17, we will receive \$5 in return. It may not sound like much, but it does add up! Please check out the website for more details, purchase them as you are able, and encourage your family and friends to support us in this matter!

<https://tinyurl.com/44b9buje>

