



Sons of the American Revolution
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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



Can you believe how quickly January flew by? With all the ice and snow bringing life around here almost to a standstill, it seems like we didn't even have the month of January! However, we still had our monthly meeting, a couple of events, and an NCSSAR Board of Managers Quarterly Meeting virtually.

At our monthly meeting, on 10 January, the Chapter recognized a couple of our Compatriots. JROTC Liaison James "Jim" McCauley was presented with the SAR Military Service Medal for the time he served in the United States Air Force and serving our country. Future Compatriot Jody Avery has already earned enough points to receive the SAR 250th Anniversary Silver Medal for all he does with our Chapter in celebration our country's birthday.



The SAR 250th Anniversary Medal – Bronze, Silver and Gold – are earned by accumulating points by attending SAR and other historical events celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country. The Bronze Medal is earned by the accumulation of 25 promotion points as certified by the Chapter; the Silver Medal is earned with 60 promotion points as certified by the State society; and the Gold Medal is earned with 150 promotion points as certified by the National Society. Promotion points are broken down as follows: Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event earns 20 points; Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event and those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn 10 points; Attending an Event earns 3 points; and attending an event in Colonial Attire earns 5 points. These medals are not limited to members of the SAR only. Anyone can earn them. This is a great way to recognize members of the DAR and the CAR, and folks who celebrate our history. AND they are retroactive covering any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033. Our Chapter has already presented several of each level of these medals, and we are just getting started. Keep up with your events and let the Chapter Officers know of your achievements. Forms and instructions for filling them out can be found on the National SAR Website.

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<https://www.ncssar.org/chapters/catawba-valley/>

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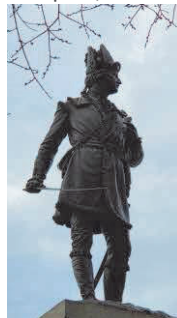
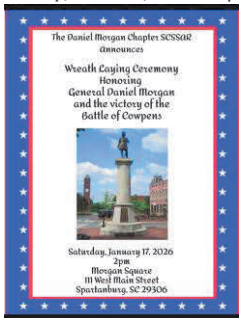
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245th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, South Carolina



Also, on 17 January, members of the Catawba Valley Chapter NCSSAR participated in the Daniel Morgan Wreath Laying at Morgan Square in Spartanburg, South Carolina sponsored by the Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSSAR. Also, SAR President General Mike Elston and His Excellency General George Washington spoke to the crowd who were in attendance. Chapter Members participating were R. Lightfoot, Beal, K. Smith, Clark, Avery, Collins, and Pupkiewicz of the Vesuvius Furnace Chapter, NSDAR.



More pictures from Morgan Square on Page 4.

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Daniel Morgan Wreath Laying at Morgan Square in Spartanburg, South Carolina



Normally during the month of January, the SAR celebrates the Battle of Cowan's Ford anniversary, however, as mentioned before with the ice and snow, this month was anything but normal. The commemoration was canceled for its scheduled date of 31 January and postponed until 8 February – the reader will just have to wait until next month for the report of the rescheduled event. In addition, the NCSSAR Board of Managers Meeting was also scheduled for that day, however, it was changed to a Zoom meeting with Chapter members R. Lightfoot, Beal, and McCauley representing us. Of course, most of the discussion involved the upcoming National Congress, and a call for delegates went out. If you have not done so, and are interested in serving as a delegate, please reach out to State President Stephen McKee. There are items which can be purchased including a medal - \$20 for a large and mini-medal, a lapel pin - \$5, and challenge coins with the picture of each of the North Carolina signers of the Declaration of Independence on the reverse side - \$10 each or all three for \$25. All are pictured below.



Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Thursday, 19 February 2026** at 6:30 PM at Court Street Grille, 113 W Court Sq, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

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 as able to attend any and all of our events in the future! Please be thinking of how you can get involved with our 2026 National SAR Congress in Greensboro! July will be here before you know it!



Sincerely, Respectfully, and Patriotically Yours,
Roy C Lightfoot, Chapter President



LOGISTICS

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

- 7 February – “Burning of the Baggage”, Ramsour’s Mill Cabin, Lincolnton, 10 AM – 3 PM.
- 8 February – 245th Anniversary - Battle of Cowan’s Ford, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, 2 PM.
- 19 February – Chapter Meeting, Court Street Grille, Lincolnton, 6:30 PM.
- 21 February – Col Alexander Erwin Double Grave Marking, Marion, NC, 11 AM.
- 22 February – NSDAR Jacob Forney Chapter’s 5th Annual George Washington Tea, Linc Cult Ctr, 2-4 PM, \$15 ticket.
- 27 February - 250th Commemoration of the Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge, Currie, NC, 10 AM.
- 27-28 February - 250th Reenactment of the Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge, Currie, NC, All Day.
- 28 February – Color Guard Training, Fort Defiance, Lenoir, 10 AM – 12 noon.
- 14-15 March – 245th Battle of Guilford Court House Reenactment Weekend, Greensboro, NC, All Day.
- 15 March – 245th Anniversary – Battle of Guilford Court House, Greensboro, NC, 11 AM.
- 27-28 March - NCSSAR Annual Meeting, Embassy Suites, 204 Centreport Dr, Greensboro, NC 27049, All Day.
- 4 April – Pilgrim Reformed Church, Multiple Grave Marking, 797 Pilgrim Church Road, Lexington, NC, 2 PM
- 12 April – 250th Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves, 70 Market St, Halifax, NC, 1:30 PM.
- 6-7 June – Battle of the Waxhaws Reenactment, The Museum of the Waxhaws, Waxhaw, SC, All Day.
- 13 June – 246th Anniversary – Battle of Ramsour’s Mill, The Mass Grave, Battleground Elem. Sch., Lincolnton, 10 AM.
- 19 June – Jacob Forney Gala, Citizens Center, Lincolnton, NC.
- 20-21 June – 246th Anniversary Battle of Ramsour’s Mill Reenactment Weekend, The Reinhardt Cabin, All Day.
- 10-16 July – 136th NSSAR National Congress, Greensboro, NC.
- 16 July – Pilgrim Reformed Church, Multiple Grave Marking, 797 Pilgrim Church Road, Lexington, NC, 10 AM

Our next regular **Chapter Meeting** will be **Thursday, 19 February 2026**. We will meet at 6:30 PM at Court Street Grille, 113 W Court Square, Lincolnton, NC 28092. The meeting begins at 7 PM. 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.

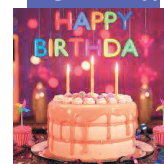
- Working to preserve our nation’s past
- Assisting schools, teachers and the public
- Sustaining and preserving our history and constitutional principles

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 January**
Rick Hubbard (2nd)
David Hubbard (6th)
Steve Bailey (7th)
Justin Lightfoot (11th)

HUZZAH!!



Information for the 2026 National Congress event in Greensboro, NC 10-16 July 2026 can be found here.
<https://ncssar.org/2026-national-congress/>

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

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Battle of Guilford Court House

On March 15, 1781, British General Charles Lord Cornwallis’s army of 2,100 men engaged a Continental army under Major General Nathanael Greene at Guilford Court House, near present-day Greensboro, NC. Adopting a tactic utilized by Daniel Morgan at the Battle of Cowpens, Greene formed his roughly 4,500 men into 3 lines. The 1st line was held by NC Militia. In the 2nd, he positioned the VA Militia. Continental Regulars composed the 3rd and most formidable line. The concept, known as a defense in depth, was for the first two lines to exhaust the enemy’s advance and inflict as many casualties as possible in the hope that the 3rd line would finish them.

Forming his men on both sides of the Great Salisbury Road, Cornwallis sent his men forward at 1:30 pm. When the British got within 150 yards of Greene’s men, the Americans opened fire. The British pressed on, returning fire only when they got within range. On command, the British surged forward. The NC militia fired one more time and then retreated to their rear, abandoning their equipment as they fled.

Cornwallis then encountered stiff resistance from the VA Militia, positioned about 400 yards behind the first line. North of the road, the 23rd Regiment of Foot, the 2nd Guards Battalion and the Guards Grenadiers engaged militia under Robert Lawson. Below the thoroughfare, the 2nd Battalion, 71st Regiment and elements from the 2nd Guards engaged Edward Stevens. The VA Militia put up a stiff fight but with British infantry engaging their left, center and right, they were forced to retreat. Although Cornwallis had punched through two lines of American infantry, the British ranks had lost cohesion. A disjointed advance now approached some of Greene’s best units.

The 1st British unit to reach the 3rd line was the 33rd Regiment. There, the regiment engaged Continentals from VA and MD and were driven back. The 2nd Guards, however, managed to turn the 2nd MD’s right but were stopped in a counterattack by LtCol William Washington’s Light Dragoons and the 1st MD. With additional British infantry finally arriving on the scene from their fight on the 2nd line, Greene prudently disengaged and withdrew.

Guilford Court House was a pyrrhic victory for Cornwallis. Despite besting the American army, he had lost 25% of his men and was in no position to pursue Greene. Cornwallis decided to withdraw to his supply base at Wilmington to rest and refit. With his army still not in condition to engage Greene by the middle of April, Cornwallis decided to shift his operations to Virginia, a decision that would contribute to the independence of the United States.