



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



February is the shortest month of the year, and it flew by as quickly as January! It was a very busy month for Catawba Valley and if you check the calendar on page five there appears to not be any kind of let up! This is an extremely good thing! With every event, the SAR gets the word out that we are taking the lead on celebrating our country's 250th Birthday ALL year long, and beyond!

On 7 February, several groups came together for the "Fifth Annual Burning Of The Baggage" reenactment, where Lord Cornwallis attempted to lighten the British Army's load in order to become more of a Light Infantry unit and continue his pursuit of General Daniel Morgan after the British defeat at The Cowpens, and eventually tangle with General Nathanael Greene at the Battle of Guilford Court House. This happened in late January 1781 near present-day Lincolnton. This annual program was put on by the Lincoln County Historical Association with assistance from the NCSAR Catawba Valley and Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapters, NSDAR Vesuvius Furnace, Major William Chronicle, and Jacob Forney Chapters, Lenoir's Rangers, South Carolina Independent Rangers, the Mecklenburg Militia, Thunder Over Carolina, Inc., Project Local, Liberty Mountain - The Revolutionary Drama, and several historians. It was well attended by the public as this was the first event to take place after all of the snow and ice had kept folks locked in their homes! The Catawba Valley Chapter is ever grateful for all the support we receive from our community!



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

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## "Fifth Annual Burning Of The Baggage"



On 8 February, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot and Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Dan Beal attended the rescheduled 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowans Ford Commemoration, sponsored by the NCSSAR Mecklenburg Chapter. Originally slated for the previous week, the snowstorm caused it to be postponed. Various chapters of the NSSAR, NSDAR, and NSCAR were represented at this annual event at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, North Carolina.

245th Anniversary  
of the  
**BATTLE OF  
COWAN'S FORD**  
February 8th, 2026

*Hopewell Presbyterian Church  
Huntersville, NC*

Hosted for the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution  
by the Mecklenburg Chapter, North Carolina SAR

**The Battle of Cowan's Ford**  
Feasting of the Colors  
NSSAR Combined Color Guard

**Invocation**  
Russ McCullough, Chaplain, Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR

**The Pledge of Allegiance**  
Mrs. Lynne Smith, William Chronicle Chapter, NSDAR

**The SAR Pledge**  
Gay Wallace, Mecklenburg Chapter

**Welcome & Greetings**  
Chad Lloyd, President, Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR

**Official Greetings from Organizations**  
Mr. Stephen McKee, President, North Carolina Society, SAR

**God and Country**  
Tom Phlegar, Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR

**Presentation of the Wreaths & Rendering of Honors**  
Mr. Russell McCollough, Secretary, Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR

**Market Valley**  
Assembled Living Historians from various local units

**SAR Recessional**  
Richard Penn, President, Old North State Chapter, NCSSAR

**Benediction**  
Russ McCullough, Chaplain, Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR

**Retirement of the Colors**  
NSSAR Combined Color Guard

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**  
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands: One nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

**SAR Pledge**  
We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

**SAR Recessional**  
Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free men.

**Upcoming Events**

**Chapter Presidents' Day Dinner**  
Feb 19th, 2026  
Old Mecklenburg Brewery  
Charlotte, NC

**250th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge**  
27 February 2026  
Currie, NC

**245th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse**  
15 March 2026  
Greensboro, NC

**NCSSAR Annual Meeting**  
27-28 March 2026  
Greensboro, NC

**250th Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves**  
11-12 April 2026  
Halifax, NC

**251st Mee Dee Day**  
20 May 2026  
Covars City, Chatham, NC



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## 245th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford, Huntersville, North Carolina



On 19 February, The Catawba Valley Chapter met tonight at the Court Street Grille in Lincolnton. After our business meeting, we had the pleasure of inducting two new members. Compatriot Rob Helms and Compatriot Jody Avery became a part of our corps. HUZDAH, gentlemen!! Helms will be mentored by our Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard, and Avery by Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Dan Beal.



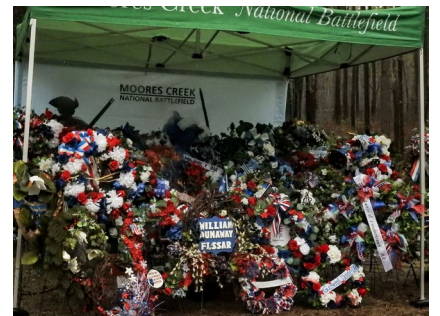
On 21 February, members of the Catawba Valley Chapter, NCCSAR, Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSSAR, and Vesuvius Furnace Chapter, NSDAR, attended the grave markings of Joseph Dobson, Sr and Joseph Dobson Jr sponsored by the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter, NCCSAR. This cemetery site was unusual because it was in the middle of a recreational vehicle camping area and had been preserved by the descendants of the Dobsons. In addition, Captain John Dobson's name appears on a marker there. He was killed and is buried on the battlefield of Ramsour's Mill. Compatriot Bill Brown, descendant, related stories of the Patriots and the family of descendants were well represented. Our Chapter was represented by Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Registrar Kyle Smith, Compatriots Bob Clark, and Stu Myers.



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On 27 February, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot attended a very rainy 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge Commemoration in Currie, North Carolina. The event took place on the exact date of the battle. This was the first significant Patriot victory of the American Revolution and served as a major deterrent for Loyalist support in the Southern Campaign. Approximately 1000 Patriots faced a force of 800 British and Loyalists. Chanting, "King George and Broadwords!", the Loyalists attempted to cross the dismantled bridge three times and were met with cannon and musket fire, each time being repelled. In the aftermath, the victory at Moore's Creek Bridge solidified Patriot control of North Carolina and emboldened the Second Continental Congress to move toward independence from Great Britain later in the year. While there, Lightfoot participated in the reenactment of the battle.



On 28 February, Chapter Compatriots Bob Clark and Kyle Smith attended Color Guard training held by Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter - SAR. While there, they trained in the proper way to carry the flags and what commands are issued when performing at SAR events. In addition, they trained with their firelocks to learn how to render honors at the SAR events. More training to come! Keep your eyes open for updates!!



Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Thursday, 16 April 2026** at 6:30 PM at Court Street Grille, 113 W Court Sq, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

Please be sure to be making plans for attending the SAR National Congress in July. **Information for the 2026 National Congress event in Greensboro, NC 10-16 July 2026 can be found here:** <https://ncssar.org/2026-national-congress/>

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! 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.

- 14 March – An Evening With David Fleming – *Who's Your Founding Father?* Lincoln Cultural Center, 6:30 PM.
- 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.
- 21 March – “Remember The Ladies”, Museum of the Waxhaws, 8215 Waxhaw Hwy, Waxhaw 10 AM-4PM.
- 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
- 11-12 April – Lenoir’s Rangers Muster, Ft Defiance, 1792 Fort Defiance Dr, Lenoir, 10 AM-4 PM, 10 AM-3 PM.
- 12 April – 250th Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves, 70 Market St, Halifax, NC, 1:30 PM.
- 16 April – Chapter Meeting, Court Street Grille, 113 Court Square, Lincolnton, 6:30 PM.
- 20 April – Patriots’ Day, Placing flags on Patriots’ graves, Location: Wherever Patriots are buried.
- 15 May – School Outreach, G.E. Massey, 130 Newbold St, Lincolnton, NC 28092, 9 – 11:15 AM.
- 25 May – Memorial Day, *Site/Time, TBA*
- 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.
- 4 July – Independence Day, 250th Anniversary of the United States – *Site/Time TBA*.
- 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, 16 April 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 March

**Robert Sloan Buff, III**  
(27th)

**HUZZAH!!**



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

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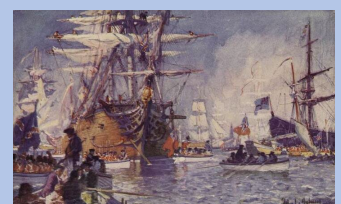


### The Siege of Boston

The Siege of Boston comes to an end on 17 March 1776. This began very soon after the Battles of Lexington and Concord on 19 April 1775. The ever-growing militia force had surrounded Boston and cut off supplies and munitions. General George Washington had assumed command in July 1775 and had transformed them into the Continental Army.

On 5 March 1776, the colonial army fortified Dorchester Heights with cannon capable of reaching Boston and British ships in the harbor along with a thousand men. These cannons were the ones captured at Fort Ticonderoga and had been brought by General Henry Knox in January. After several days of bombardment, the British left Boston. The fleet included 120 ships, with more than 11,000 people on board. Of those, 9,906 were British troops, 667 were women, and 553 were children.

The siege (and the campaign) ended on 17 March 1776, with the permanent withdrawal of British forces from Boston. To this day, Boston celebrates 17 March as Evacuation Day.



The North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

**PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY**

CONDUCTED BY  
BETHABARA & CATAWBA VALLEY CHAPTERS

4 APRIL 2026 - 10AM

PILGRIM REFORMED CHURCH  
797 PILGRIM CHURCH RD, LEXINGTON, NC

GEORGE CLODFELTER (1757-1833)  
MICHAEL EASTER (1760-1821)  
MICHAEL LEONARD (1750-1827)  
COL. JOHN LOFF (1745-1801)  
FRIEDRICK MICHAEL (1721-1780)  
JOHANN JOHN SINK (1752-1792)

246TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF RAMSOUR'S MILL

CATAWBA VALLEY CHAPTER NCSSAR PRESENTS

COMMEMORATION AND WREATH LAYING

13 JUNE 2026 10 AM

301 JEB SEAGLE RD. LINCOLNTON, NC