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# The Catawba Courier



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

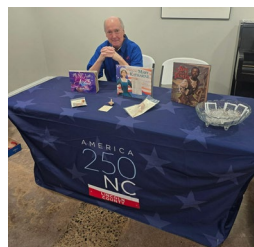
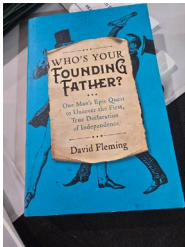
## President's Ponderings

Chapter President Roy C Lightfoot



Time seems to be clicking away with our events celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the month of March was chocked full of events for us to attend and spread the word of our country, our Chapter and the SAR.

On 14 March 2026, through the Lincoln County Library, Members of the Catawba Valley Chapter set up an information table about the SAR, Ramsour's Mill Event, NC 250 - Lincoln County, and the role of the Continental Soldier in the American Revolution at a program presented by David Fleming author of "Who's Your Founding Father?" Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard, Chapter Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal, and Compatriots Brandon Mosteller and Jody Avery were there to share as much information as possible! And they were able to have the chance to get their picture made with the author! Our Chapter is always grateful to be invited to participate in such activities and opportunities for community outreach! There are many more to come, so please watch your calendar and plan to be a part of some of them!



On 15 March 2026, members of the Catawba Valley Chapter traveled to Greensboro for the 245th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. Along with about twenty-five other Color Guardsmen, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Secretary / Treasurer Dan Beal, and Chapter Registrar Kyle Smith participated in the event. The Color Guard was made up of members from several North Carolina Chapters and several others from other states. NCSSAR State President Stephen McKee and SAR Treasurer General Brooks Lyles brought greetings. In addition, the Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution were well represented including Daughters Lisa Pupkiewicz, Peggy Long, Peggy Young Rishe, and Chapter Regent Holly Sweet, of the Vesuvius Furnace Chapter in Lincoln County!! The group was treated to music from the Guilford Court House Fife and Drum Corps who led the procession from the visitor's Center to the General Nathanael Greene's monument. If you have never been there, please do not miss the chance. Their 250th Anniversary will be in 2031 and there are plenty of others to attend during the next several years.

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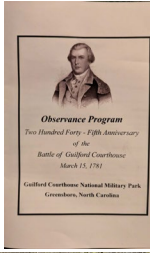
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## "245th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse"



Also, on the weekend of 14-15 March, Chapter President Roy Lightfoot participated, and Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Dan Beal attended the 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Court House Reenactment. In addition, Compatriots Eric Minetola and Jordan Lowdermilk of the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter also participated.



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On 28 March at the NCSSAR Annual Meeting and Banquet, Catawba Valley had a BANNER DAY!! The Chapter was presented with the First Place Americanism Streamer for Small Chapters (only one other chapter in the state had more points); the First Place President's Streamer for Small Chapters; and the First Place Thomas "Nat" Clark Outstanding Chapter Streamer for Small Chapters - Combined score divided by number of Chapter Members - Top score in the State!! That is a Clean Sweep for all categories in the Small Chapters! At the evening banquet, it was announced that Chapter Vice President Rick Hubbard had earned the Patriot Grave Marking Medal. Chapter President Roy Lightfoot along with all of the Chapter Presidents were presented a Certificate of Appreciation by State President Stephen McKee; Lightfoot was also presented with the NC Color Guardsman of the Year by State Color Guard Commander Gary Spencer; and an Oak Leaf for his second Silver Roger Sherman Medal for service to the NCSSAR as State Historian. Lisa Pupkiewicz was presented the Molly Pitcher Medal for all of her work with our Chapter Color Guard by Spencer. The night was rounded out with the swearing in of our newly elected State Officers. Lightfoot participated in the Color Guard for the meeting and the banquet.



## NC Americanism Streamers

First Place & Honorable Mention (HM) Streamers are awarded based on highest scores achieved by a chapter in the NC Americanism scores.

Small Chapter (1-40):	1st Place – Catawba Valley (21,648 pts) HM – Col Daniel Boone (5449 pts)
Medium Chapter (41-90):	1st Place – Col Alexander Erwin (11,308 pts) HM – Sandhills (8599 pts)
Large Chapter (91+):	1st Place – Mecklenburg (28,550 pts) HM – New Bern (19,775 pts)

## NC President's Streamers

First Place & Honorable Mention (HM) Streamers are awarded based on the highest scores achieved by a chapter in the President's Cup.

Small Chapter (1-40):	1st Place – Catawba Valley (3450 pts) HM – Albemarle (3000 pts)
Medium Chapter (41-90):	1st Place – Sandhills (8205 pts) HM – Col Alexander Erwin (7315 pts)
Large Chapter (91+):	1st Place – Mecklenburg (12,120 pts) HM – Raleigh (8780 pts)

## Thomas 'Nat' Clark Outstanding Chapter Streamers

First Place & Honorable Mention (HM) are awarded based upon combined scores for the NC Americanism and President's Streamer divided by the number of members in the chapter.

Small Chapter (1-40):	1st Place – Catawba Valley (865.4 pts/m) HM – Albermarle (450.4 pts/m)
Medium Chapter (41-90):	1st Place – Col Alexander Erwin (365.2 pts/m) HM – Sandhills (357.5)
Large Chapter (91+):	1st Place – New Bern (272 pts/m) HM – Mecklenburg (262.4 pts/m)



## NC Color Guardsman of the Year

NC SAR Color Guardsman of the Year must have completed three years of service at the State/Chapter level. The State Color Guard Commander, Adjutant, and each Chapter Color Guard Commander may nominate one compatriot each year for the NC SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. Compatriots who best exemplify both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit, shall be considered.

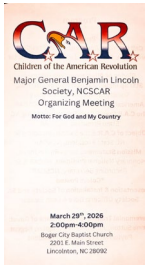
2025  
Roy Lightfoot



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On 29 March, Catawba Valley was fortunate enough to be a part of the forming of a brand-new Society in Lincoln County for the Children of the American Revolution!! The Major General Benjamin Lincoln Society of the NSCAR is no longer just a dream but a reality! The Chapter is extremely excited to participate in future events with this new Society and partner with them and the Jacob Forney Chapter, NSDAR!! Special thanks to Chapter Regent Anna Sutton and members of the Jacob Forney Chapter, NSDAR for inviting us to take part in this wonderful event!! Chapter Members participating were Chapter President Roy Lightfoot, Chapter Registrar Kyle Smith, Compatriot Jody Avery and Compatriot Thomas Smith!! In addition, several NSSAR and NSDAR chapters were represented!! State President Stephen McKee, District II Director Jennifer Baker, Chapter Vice Regent Carole Howell, and Lightfoot brought greetings to the group and Society. And our very own Thomas Smith stepped in to provide us with the history of Major General Benjamin Lincoln! Sutton ceremonially passed the gavel to the officers and Lightfoot presented them with a 13-star Betsy Ross flag. HUZDAH to these young people and may the Major General Benjamin Lincoln Society THRIVE!!



Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Saturday, 9 May 2026** at 12 Noon at Palermo's Family Italian and Greek Restaurant, 924 Conover Blvd W, Conover, NC 28613.

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.

- 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, Placement of flags on Patriots’ graves, Location: Wherever Patriots are buried.
- 1 May – Lincoln County Veterans Services and Parks & Recreation Facility, Grand Opening, 302 N Academy St, Lincolnton, 8 AM – 2 PM.
- 15 May – School Outreach, G.E. Massey, 130 Newbold St, Lincolnton, NC 28092, 9 – 11:15 AM.
- 16 May – Battle of Alamance County / Patriots’ Day, 5803 NC-62, Burlington, NC, 10 AM – 4 PM, 2:00 PM Wreath
- 25 May – Memorial Day, *Site/Time, TBA*
- 6-7 June – Battle of the Waxhaws Reenactment, The Museum of the Waxhaws, Waxhaw, NC, All Day.
- 12 June – 246th Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill Reception, Hampton Inn, Lincolnton, 6 – 8 PM.
- 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

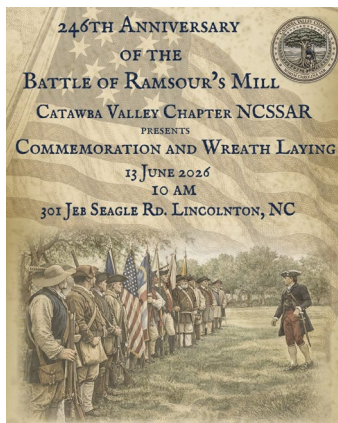
Our next regular **Chapter Meeting** will be **Thursday, 16 April 2026**. We will meet at 6:30 PM at Court Street Grille, 113 W Court Square, Lincolnton, NC 28092. The meeting begins at 7 PM. Please come out and support your Chapter and enjoy some fellowship.

### 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!

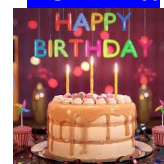


### Compatriot Birthdays

for April

- Stu Myers (1st)
- Scott Collins (7th)
- Thomas Smith (14th)
- Walter Smith (27th)

**HUZZAH!!**



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

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### The Halifax Resolves

At a meeting on April 12th 1776, the eighty-three delegates of the Fourth Provincial Congress of North Carolina at Halifax voted unanimously for independence.

With this act, they cemented their resolve and intent by including the resolutions into the minutes of their meeting.

This authorized the North Carolina delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, and John Penn, to vote for independence. These

Resolves were not only important because of the call for independence but also because

they were not unilateral recommendations and were a call to all colonies to do the same. With its passage, North Carolina became the first colony

who explicitly allowed delegates to vote in favor of Independence and severe ties with Great Britain. However, what it did not

do was instruct the delegates to introduce the resolution of independence to Congress. After

its adoption by Congress, Virginia soon followed with the “Lee Resolution” or “The

Resolution for Independence”, introduced by Richard Henry Lee passing on July 2nd 1776, stating

that the colonies were to be “free and independent States.” The date is one of two dates on

the North Carolina state flag and the reason for “First In Freedom” on the state’s car

license plates.

(See Flag Picture to the left)