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President's Corner

What is in view for 2020

Stephen A. Morris, President

2020 has been an out of the ordinary year for the Raleigh Chapter as it has been for many other societies, groups, and businesses. Like many other organizations, the Raleigh Chapter is required to alter normal activities. The monthly chapter meetings have been postponed until we can safely resume in a public venue with a normalized schedule. With the pandemic in the line of sight, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support.

Patriots are the foundation...

Every member is very important to the Raleigh Chapter, North Carolina Society, and the SAR national organization. Thank you for your patience and continued membership during this time. I like to think of our chapter as a family and not just a group that meets for a monthly luncheon. Our officers will continue to meet via telephone. Please visit the NCSSAR websites to keep informed and thank you for keeping your 2020 membership renewal up to date.

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Welcome New Members

Raleigh Chapter Registrar's Report - Bob Whitehead, Registrar

Since January 1, 2020, twelve New Member Applications and two Supplemental Applications have been approved by NSSAR. They are listed below.

New Member Applications Approved

- ✓ Douglass Scott Toth (Patriot: Nathan Bond, Sr)
- ✓ David Loftin Goodwin (Patriot: William Goodwin)
- ✓ Connor William Brian Goodwin (Patriot: William Goodwin)
- ✓ David Milton Bamford (Patriot: David Alderman)
- ✓ James Dixon (Patriot: Christopher Olinger)
- ✓ Thomas Joseph Davis (Patriot: Richard Kidder Meade)
- ✓ William H. W. Anderson III (Patriot: Henry Hart)
- ✓ John Arthur Childress (Patriot: Gideon Bosley)
- ✓ Russell Arden Chafin (Patriot: Marcus Likens)
- ✓ H. D. "Mike" Frieda, Jr. (Patriot: Christopher Lierly)
- ✓ Michael Lee Durley (Patriot: William Simpson)
- ✓ Thomas North Howard (Patriot: John North)

Supplemental Applications Approved

- ✓ David Erwin Bell (Patriot: John Armstrong)
- ✓ Richard Anthony Peña (Patriot: Manuel Menchaca)

NCSSAR News

State Election Results - We are happy to report the completion of our special process for the election of State Officers and Trustees. There were no additional candidates put forward by the general membership nor were there any issues brought forth with the slate of candidates. Therefore, the uncontested slate of candidates has been approved by acclamation.

Congratulations to the 2020 State Officers and Trustees listed below. These candidates were inducted via teleconference by the South Atlantic District Vice President General Allen Greenly.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Fred Learned
Senior VP	Jay DeLoach
NE Region 1 VP	Bob Sigmon
SE Region 2 VP	Michael Aycock
Piedmont Region 3 VP	Steve Van Pelt
Foothills Region 4 VP	Tony Zeiss
Mountain Region 5 VP	John Boyd
Secretary	Jack Bowman
Treasurer	Sam Powell
Registrar	Bobby Ervin
Genealogist	Ron Bonham
Historian	Joe Sam Queen
Web Master	Jay Joyce
Chaplain	Michael Aycock
Trustee	George Strunk
Alternate Trustee	Fred Learned

Patriot Ancestors - With the COVID-19 outbreak and associated Stay-at-Home directives, now is a good time to work on researching, crafting, and submitting your Patriot Ancestor biography to the Patriot Research System (PRS) or completing a Supplemental application for another Patriot Ancestor. Under Jim Wood's and Gary Green's leadership, North Carolina has been leading the way in uploading records and Patriot Ancestor biographies into the PRS. Kudos to those volunteers who have produced results in this last month - Ed Mc Bride (Gen Francis Nash), Ted Zajac (Mecklenburg), John Thornhill (Lower Cape Fear), Keith Black (Catawba Valley), Michael Snow (Raleigh), John Cline (Catawba Valley), and Jim Campbell (Mecklenburg). North Carolina is sitting at 100% connecting members to their Patriots and 99% in completing lineage data. We always need new volunteers so email Gary Green at garyogreen@gmail.com to volunteer. Let's continue to lead the way for the SAR!

First-Time Revolutionary War Outfit Reimbursements

- On February 1, 2020, the NC SAR Board of Managers approved a \$100 financial incentive to help rebuild the Color Guard of the NC Society by encouraging Compatriots to acquire and wear a Revolutionary War outfit at events. The form is now available to obtain a \$100 reimbursement

from the State. Reach out to the Raleigh Chapter leadership. To do so, (1) a Compatriot acquires a complete Revolutionary War era uniform or outfit for the first time; (2) participates in a Color Guard function or other SAR-related activity (i.e., giving an award, giving a presentation, manning a recruiting table, etc.) wearing the RW era outfit, (3) has the form verified with a signature from your Chapter President, Vice President, or Chapter Color Guard Commander; and (4) sends form to our State Treasurer Sam Powell for reimbursement. Reimbursements are retroactive to September 1, 2019 ❖

Raleigh Chapter News

Raleigh Chapter Looking to Support the Veterans Life Center - Bob Sigmon

The Raleigh Chapter is considering providing support to the new Veterans Life Center North Carolina (VLC) in Butner, NC. The VLC is a planned residential facility for 21st century veterans experiencing problems reintegrating to civilian life and is designed to help prevent them from falling into crisis – chronic homelessness, incarceration, suicide, or premature death.

Construction of the VLC's SECU Veterans Residence Building is nearing completion and is expected to open once coronavirus restrictions are lifted. At full capacity, it will house approximately 100 male and female veterans and it will coordinate a battery of services including mental, behavioral and physical health therapy, life skills training, spiritual and family counseling, and vocational education.

Chapter leadership received a briefing from Founder John Turner and VLC Executive Director, Brigadier General (Ret) Thomas A. Gorry at their offices in North Raleigh and we have invited Brigadier Gen. Gorry to speak at our next lunch meeting when we have a firm date. We are contemplating sponsoring an office or a bedroom in the facility and possible providing operating funds going forward. We are also accepting pledges from members for matching funds. All donations are 100% tax deductible. **For more information please visit <https://vlcnc.org/>** ❖

Chapter Kudos

The Raleigh Chapter of the NCSSAR extends a warm and sincere thank you to Jim Becker for his 2019 tenure as NCSSAR State President. Thank you Jim for all you have done for the Raleigh Chapter and the NC State Society.

Also, the Raleigh Chapter would like to recognize Ron C. Hill for his tenure as Raleigh Chapter VP. The chapter extends a much warm-hearted thank you to Ron for all he has done for the chapter and our membership. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2020

239th Anniversary of the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe

Date/Time:

August 01, 2020 / 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

URL:

<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/house-horseshoe>

Location:

House in the Horseshoe Sanford NC
101-499 Alston House Rd, Sanford, NC 27330, USA

245th Anniversary of the Signing of the Tryon Resolves

Date/Time:

August 15, 2020 / 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Organized by:

North Carolina SAR

Location:

Tryonota Volunteer Fire Department
2577 Tryon Courthouse Rd, Bessemer City, NC 28016, USA



"Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages."

– George Washington



"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

– Thomas Jefferson

EASY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE.

IT'S NEWS ALL ABOUT YOU!

The Raleigh Chapter invites members to submit their Bio or their Patriot's Bio for the newsletter. Also, we would like to hear from members about their ideas/article submission for the newsletter.

RALEIGH CHAPTER 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's not too late to pay your 2020 membership renewal! Look for the form attachment from the Jan. 8th, 2020 email from Bob Sigmon, Raleigh Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. Feel free to reach out to Bob directly if you have questions.