



2019/2020 Annual Report

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina (SRNC) has a reporting period from our June Annual Meeting to the next June Annual Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 lockdown in North Carolina, our activities have been significantly curtailed and our 2020 Annual Meeting has been delayed until November hoping for the easing of the Governor's restrictions. This meeting will be in conjunction with our annual Yorktown meeting.

Membership

In the 2019/20 reporting year, the SRNC we grew by almost 5%. We are a relatively small but very active society. Our biggest challenge continues to be our geographic spread across 500 mile breadth of our state. This makes our state meetings difficult to arrange. We have members who live outside North Carolina, but they rarely participate in our society since they are dual members in other societies. We have 121 regular members plus five honorary members and six junior members. Eight of our regular members are Life members.

Chapters

We have two chapters, the General William Lee Davidson Chapter based in Charlotte and the Colonels Hinton & Polk Chapter based in Raleigh. These chapters have been active in programs for their members who might live too far away to participate in the state events. The Charlotte Chapter provides a Scholarship each year. Our Raleigh Chapter produces shirts and hats with the SR logo for our members and is undertaking projects such as cleaning a Revolutionary War Monument in partnership with the DAR.

We are investigating opening new chapters in Winston Salem and Pinehurst.

The Colonels Hinton & Polk Chapter holds its meeting in a Raleigh restaurant with a meal and a program. At the 2019 June Meeting we passed the Charter from the outgoing President to the incoming President. We also had a program from Gary Hall on US Flags from Colonial Times to the Present.

The chapter is planning a Grave Marker for Revolutionary War Colonel John Hinton who is the namesake of the chapter.



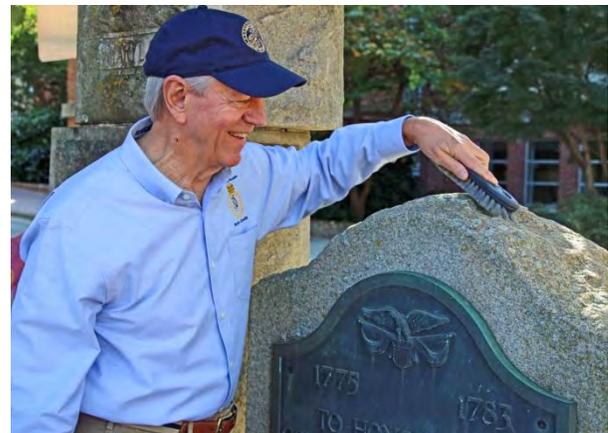
**Gary Hall providing a program on "US Flags from Colonial Times to the Present"
And the passing of the Charter to incoming President Allen James from Past President Frank Powell**



Speakers from the August and November Hinton & Polk Chapter meetings

Chapter Monument cleaning

On October 26, 2019, the Hinton and Polk Chapter together with the North Carolina Society of the DAR cleaned up a Monument in Raleigh NC.



The Hinton & Polk Chapter at the monument and Chapter President Allen James with a scrub brush

Communications and Publicity

Newsletter

Our newsletter is the '*Fife and Drum*' and is published three times a year to keep our members informed about our activities. We publish electronically and send copies by US postal service to our few members who do not have electronic access. Our newsletters are also published on our Web site.

Website

Our Website is <http://nc-sor.org/>. We have updated the Website to take payments for Grave markers, dinners and dues. This has worked very well. We plan to continue to improve the site's capabilities.

Recruiting Booths

We place recruiting booths at patriotic events such as Memorial Day weekend and the NC Museum of History events. From this effort we get new member prospects who express interest in joining our organization. We have a large living history display that draws the visitors to our booth. If they have children, we give the parents Tootsie Roll Pops to give to their kids. This keeps them long enough to talk about their ancestors and if they have Revolutionary War ancestors, we positively present the Sons of the Revolution organization and the founding of the country and ask them to join us.

Color Guard

Our color guard consists of members in Revolutionary War militia uniform certified to fire their firelocks at public events. Our color guard members are certified by the Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA), the National Park Service and our own organization. We have strict rules for our public events so that we don't embarrass the veterans in the audience. We all have authentic uniforms, period correct firelocks and accouterments. Our Color Guard Commander drills us to be accurate to the Revolutionary War period based on the drill manual created by General von Steuben at Valley Forge. When we induct a new member, we take him to a range for live accurate fire with powder and ball. After the firing we drill the new color guard member on the General Von Steuben Regulations of 1778. He is then allowed to fire volleys with us at patriotic events. The color guard performs at many events each year.

The mission of our color guard is to be the face of the SRNC. Since few people know the Sons of the Revolution exists, our best publicity is when they see us at patriotic events with banners, brochures and signs. We strive to make veterans proud when we perform. We had a full schedule of events lined up for the 2019/2020 period, but some events were delayed or canceled due to the Covid-19 virus.

The SRNC is a proud partner and sponsor of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA), which each year recreates the march of the patriots to chase down British Major Patrick Ferguson's Tories and catch them on Kings Mountain on October 7th 1780. The battle of Kings Mountain was an important turning point of the Revolution that hastened the road to Yorktown.

The OVTA recreates that march to Kings Mountain from September 22 to October 7th each year, and camps on the sites of the original march on the anniversary of the dates of the original camps. On these days the OVTA produces a living history story of the Revolution to over 18,000 4th, 5th & 8th grade children and their parents from four states surrounding the trail. The OVTA is a partner of the Nation Park Service.



SRNC President Emeritus Dan Hopping presenting to school children and laying a wreath on the mountain

On October 7th, the day of the battle, there is a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on top of Kings Mountain. The SRNC lays a wreath and participates in the OVTA firing of a volley at the close of the ceremony.

Wreaths Across America



The SRNC is the co-host and sponsor of the "Wreaths Across America" Ceremony at Raleigh National Cemetery each December. Last year on December 14th, all of the over 5,600 graves at the cemetery had wreaths.



The SRNC lays a wreath for all the men who served in the Revolution. Color Guard Commander, Dr. Scott Kennedy, led members of the SRNC Color Guard in firing a volley at the close of the ceremony. The Color Guard then performed *Morn Arms* while the ROTC bugler played Taps.

239th Commemoration of Cowan's Ford

The 239th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford, a battle waged on Feb. 1, 1781, at which Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson gave his life for the cause of independence, was held at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church on Jan. 25, 2020.

Afterwards, compatriots assembled in the cemetery for the presentation of wreaths at Gen. Davidson's grave site. In attendance were SRNC members (l-r) John Misenheimer, Ken Luckey and Russ McCullough. SRNC President Gus Succop gave the closing Benediction.

Moore's Creek – 244th Anniversary of the Battle

The SRNC is active in events at Moore's Creek. Attending the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek, Currie, NC, were SRNC President Gus Succop and President Emeritus Dan Hopping and John Misenheimer. Fought on Feb. 27, 1776, the battle was one of the first skirmishes between NC Patriots and Loyalist militia forces who were mostly Scottish Highlanders wielding broadswords.



Dan Hopping and President Gus Succop with the swivel cannon called "Mother Covington's Daughter" which was a gift to the park by the SRNC. On the right are John Misenheimer, Gus Succop and Dan Hopping.

Meetings

We have three state wide meetings each year to celebrate the Yorktown Victory, George Washington's Birthday and of course, our annual meeting with election of officers. All of our meetings include a program and are preceded by a Board of Director's meeting.

The 2019 Yorktown meeting was held on Oct. 19 at The North Ridge Country Club, Raleigh, NC, for the commemoration of the British surrender at Yorktown, VA. The keynote speaker, The Hon. Gary E. Trawick, was introduced by long-time friend, Allen James, a member of the SRNC Board of Directors. Judge Trawick's topic was the Battle of Moores Creek, which took place in what is now Pender County, NC.



Yorktown Meeting and dinner – We eat well at these meetings

The SRNC held its 2020 annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon on March 7 at The State Club, Raleigh, NC. After a Board of Directors' Meeting and a Patriotic Social, the assembled enjoyed a buffet luncheon which was followed by a presentation by keynote speaker John Braswell. Entitled "The Youngest Two Generals of the Revolutionary War," Mr. Braswell spoke of the heroic examples of Gen. Nathanael Green and Major Gen. marquis de Lafayette.



Mr. Braswell presenting "The Youngest Two Generals of the Revolutionary War" and SRNC Registrar, John Harman inducting three new members

Speakers' Bureau

Our Speakers' Bureau has had many requests again this year. We have over a dozen topics in our catalog of programs and the most popular are "The Arms of the Revolution", "The March to King's Mountain", "Life During the Revolution" and "The Battle of Moores Creek". We have received very good feedback from our presentations and had a full schedule for the 2019/2020 year before the lockdown canceled the events. We have given our first programs by ZOOM which are not as effective as in person and in uniform, but they were well received anyway. The most popular via ZOOM is on the life of the Marquis de Lafayette and his involvement in the Revolution.

Partnerships and Projects

We are a partner of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA) and our color guard participates in the annual re-enactment of the march to Kings Mountain. The battle of Kings Mountain was a turning point of the Revolution. It was a significant victory for the patriots in a dark time after several patriot defeats. While the battle took place just south into SC, almost two thirds of the participants were North Carolinians.

In 2019 the OVTA reached over 18,000 fourth, fifth and eighth grade students with the story of the Revolution during a two week long re-creation of the march to Kings Mountain with daily living history programs. The OVTA pays for the school bus driver's salary and gas for the busses to ensure the thousands of kids in the four state area of the march get to attend the living history of the Revolutionary War presented by the OVTA. The SRNC contributes funds for the event. We gave a large donation to the OVTA to help pay for the school bus fuel and driver's salaries so that the kids could attend the OVTA living history programs.

As noted above, the SRNC Color Guard participates on the march and the SRNC participates in the patriotic ceremonies on the October 7th anniversary of the battle.

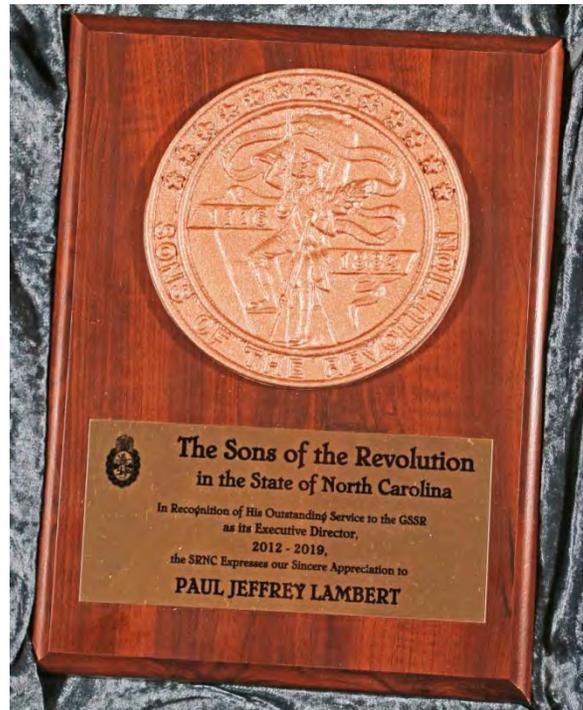
Scholarships and Donations

We provide an annual scholarship for the winning essay from one college student each from two colleges of higher education.

Grave Marker Project

At the June 2019 Board Meeting the SRNC approved a major project to produce Sons of the Revolution Grave Markers. The Grave markers are available for sale to all members and societies of the Sons of the Revolution. See our Web site for details.

The markers can be used for more than just marking graves of our members and ancestors. They can also be used for awards and recognition such as this recognition of our own President Emeritus for his long service to the GSSR as Executive Director. Jeff Lambert served the SRNC for decades and was our state president for six years before taking the role as GSSR Executive Director.

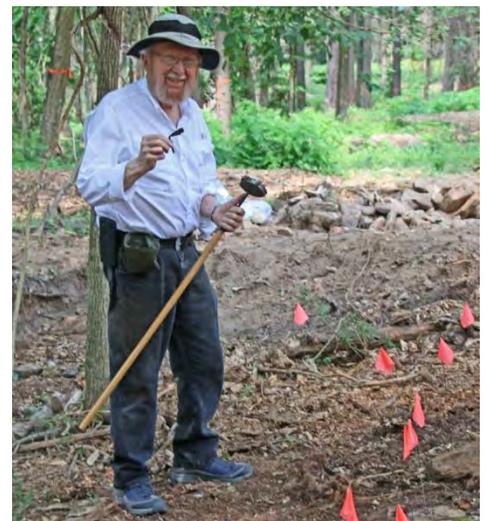


Archeology Project

The SRNC, in partnership with the Wake County Historical Society, has been participating in the archeological survey and recovery efforts on the remains of the Isaac Hunter tavern of 1762 through the very early 1800s. This tavern sat at the crossroads of two of the most important roads in Eastern NC. It is where the new members of the NC legislature often met on their way to the sessions. At this tavern they determined that the new capital of NC would be situated within ten miles of the tavern. The new capital of Raleigh was placed seven miles south of the tavern.



This is a photo from 1969 when the original building was still standing. We were able to find the building's foundation piers (footings). These were marked with flags and the size and setting of the building was recorded.



Recovering the chimney and firebox from the tavern and a wanna-be archeologist recovering a goodie

We have recovered many artifacts which are being sorted by decade of manufacture and are now being conserved.



The nail sorting process and some of the conserved handmade 1762 nails from the tavern

Summary

We had a great year in 2019/2020 even though we were significantly reduced in our activities due to the Covid-19 lock down. We are hoping to get back to normal for 2020/2021.

Respectfully submitted,
SRNC Board of Directors

Appendix

2019 - 2020 Officers, Directors and Committees

SRNC Officers

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President	*	Augustus E. Succop III
Immediate Past Pres.	*	Daniel L. Hopping
Vice President	*	Randall E. Sprinkle
Secretary	*	Hollis Posey
Treasurer	*	Charles Odom
Registrar	*	John R. Harman, Jr.
Historian		James B. Ebert, Sc.D.
Chaplain		Robert Boykin III
Chancellor	*	Carlton Mansfield, Esq.
Captain of the Color Guard		Scott W. Kennedy, Ed.D
Presidents Emeritus		P. Jeffrey Lambert
		Daniel L. Hopping
		Lt Col Franklin N. Horton, USA (Ret.)
		Robert "Doc" Sprinkle II
		James B. Ebert, Sc.D.

* = Executive Committee

Directors (with date of end of three year term)

2020	Gary Hall
2020	E. Allen James
2020	Andrew C. Smith
2021	W. Daniel Pate
2021	Joseph A. Steele
2021	Matthew T. Yates
2022	Glenn Davis, M.D.
2022	Gregory Hunter
2022	Brian Tribble

SRNC - General William Lee Davidson Chapter (Charlotte)

President	Augustus E. Succop III
Vice President	David C. Boggs, Esq.
Secretary	
Treasurer	Jay A. Joyce

SRNC – Colonels Hinton and Polk Chapter (Raleigh)

President	E. Allen James
Vice President	Hollis Posey
Secretary	John Huss
Treasurer	Harley Walker
Chaplain	Frank Powell III
Historian	Frank Powell III

Scholarship – Education Committee

Chairman	Carlton Mansfield, Esq. Augustus E. Succop III
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Membership/Marketing Committee

Chairman	Randall E. Sprinkle
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Speaker's Bureau

Chairman	Daniel Hopping Scott W. Kennedy, Ed.D.
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Webmaster

Jay A. Joyce