



The Fife & Drum

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From the President

Augustus E. Succop III

Fellow Sons of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina, I am grateful to be a Son and humbled to serve as the President for the next two years. We have a rich and favored heritage. *That* heritage is what binds us together and what we have agreed to perpetuate. I am asked often what we Sons “do.” When I am asked, my response never varies: *We seek to make known, to honor and to perpetuate the sacred sacrifice that birthed our nation.* Is there any greater task before us? I don’t think so. Such a task is both burden and blessing, a task that each of us accepted with humility and a full measure of gratitude the day we became a Son.



In the months that follow, diligent planning will be underway for the October 27 **Yorktown Luncheon** at The State Club. You should have received a “Save-the-Date” notice, by now. Our sights are also set on February’s **Washington’s Birthday** commemoration which will be followed by the **Annual Meeting** in Pinehurst. I encourage your attendance at the latter two events, and I encourage no less that you extend an invitation to family member and

friend to accompany you. Furthermore, be aware of the two state chapters, **Cols. Hinton & Polk** in Raleigh and the **Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson** in Charlotte.

One of my goals is to develop SR participation beyond our developed site of Pinehurst. My hope is to investigate holding one of our events in Winston-Salem and/or Charlotte. Unlike some SR Societies that are centered in one particular city, the SRNC is fluid among and between, for now, three cities, but that is not a shortcoming. If anything, all three cities exemplify the rich representation of North Carolina’s Revolutionary heritage.

Another goal is perennial: growth. The matter is not *if* we are going to grow, but *how* and *where*. The *how* is answered by having available for distribution a SRNC brochure, which is soon to be in the making.

The *where* is answered in where you live. There is no NC city, village or town that does not boast of a family whose ancestor(s) share in our Revolutionary heritage. Don’t allow the diligence of the “paperwork” to discourage someone from joining. Our Registrar, John Harman, has the skills to shepherd the process along with very little “blood, sweat, and tears.”

Finally, I invite you to a common read for the remainder of 2018. If you have not read

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David McCullough's book, **1776**, I encourage you to do so. McCullough has written about the amazing if not miraculous year that proved to be a cross-roads for the Patriots. Reading that book will kindle both your appreciation for being an American and also for perpetuating the heritage, purpose and goals of the SR, in general, and the SRNC, in particular.

The Annual Yorktown Banquet, commemorating the surrender of the British at Yorktown, VA, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 at The State Club in Raleigh (2450 Alumni Drive, 27606). The Board of Directors will convene their meeting at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Patriotic Social at 11:30 a.m. We will be called to lunch at 12:15 p.m.

After a buffet luncheon, Prof. Hugh Dussek, Professor of History, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, will present, "Revolution in the Backcountry: *The Road to Yorktown*." Prof. Dussek, born and educated in England, gave a vignette on the 1780 Battle of Charlotte at the Annual Meeting in Pinehurst. Detailed registration information is available in this issue of **The Fife & Drum**.

May your appreciation for being a Son only increase as you read through the pages of this issue of **The Fife & Drum**. Huzzah!

Praise from the editor of the GSSR Drumbeat

Dear Gus & Dan,

My sincerest congrats to Dan for a job very well done, despite the obstacles, and just as hearty a congrats to brother Gus Succop for assuming the President's Chair. Having assumed a leadership position myself in the Missouri Society, I know the challenges of operating a Society on a shoe string and I want to validate the difference that two persons as personally involved and committed as the two of you can make. The Society would not have come so far, so fast, without good men like you.

David W. Swafford
Editor, Drumbeat

Upcoming Events

YORKTOWN LUNCHEON SATURDAY, THE TWENTY- SEVENTH OF OCTOBER, 2018

LOCATION:

The State Club
2450 Alumni Drive
Raleigh, NC 27606



Compatriots, it is once again time to sign up for the Yorktown Luncheon to be held at the State Club on the NC State campus. This is a beautiful venue for our meeting and a great opportunity to meet with your compatriots for some social time and a very interesting program by Professor Dussek. Bring your family and friends.

You should have received the invitation by now so fill it in and mail it with your check or e-mail our Treasurer, Glenn Davis to let him know you are coming. You can pay at the door if you register beforehand.

Program By:

Hugh Dussek, Ph.D.

History Professor,
Behavioral & Social Sciences Division
Central Piedmont Community College

In the final stages of the American Revolutionary War, Patriots and Loyalists struggled over the backcountry of the Carolinas. The war in the backcountry during 1780 and 1781 played a key role between the campaigns in the north and Lord Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown. The presentation examines the issues and influences in the revolutionary backcountry, the

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participants, and the succession of skirmishes and battles that led Cornwallis to Yorktown.

Originally from London, England, Hugh Dussek holds an undergraduate degree from The University of the State of New York; a master's degree in the Humanities from California State University, Dominguez Hills; and a doctoral degree in History from Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Hugh teaches history for the Behavioral & Social Sciences Division at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) in Charlotte, North Carolina. Hugh teaches courses on world civilizations and American history.

Hugh currently serves on the Board of Trustees for The Charlotte Museum of History and the Board of Directors for the Historic Mapping Congress.

Hugh gives presentations on American and British history, and has made presentations on the American colonies, the American Revolution, and local history for CPCC's "Trail of History" television series and for "American History TV" on C-Span 3.

Revolutionary War Weekend

Tryon Palace, New Bern
September 22, 2018



Compatriots, our color Guard will be performing at the upcoming [Revolutionary War Weekend](#) at Tryon Palace in New Bern. The event will be both Saturday and Sunday but we will only be there on Saturday. Our plan is to arrive by 8:30 am. We will be at Tryon Palace from 9-5.

At 11am and 2pm the fife and drum corps will lead the men firing the volley through the front gate as we lead the guests to the south lawn. The order of firing will be the 1st NC – SRNC - 2nd NC.



The 1st NC at Tryon Palace

The SRNC will present "*The March to Kings Mountain*" under the marquis tent twice during the day. We will be prepared to have a table display if weather and resources allow. We would like to have more of our members there to operate the table display as a recruiting booth while we fire the volleys and present.

OVTA / King's Mountain

September to October 7th

The OVTA will be telling the storey of the March to Kings Mountain from the middle of September to October the 7th when they march into the Kings Mountain Arena at 3pm.

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On the morning of October 7th, the SAR and DAR are sponsoring a Wreath laying Ceremony at the monument on top of the mountain. The SRNC Color Guard will lay a wreath to honor our ancestors.

If you can make it to Cowpens on the 6th of October for the "Day Before Kings Mountain" events you will be rewarded with a moving experience. 600 school kids attend this living history immersion.



Hinton/Polk Chapter Vice President Hollis Posey drills almost a hundred young troops with wooden muskets



Dan Hopping presents the March to Kings Mountain

The Kings Mountain Ceremonies are one of the highlights of the year for the Color Guard and we need all the help we can get. Several of us join the OVTA march on the 4th of October and camp primitive. (Motel 6 has no elevator and the free breakfast is served on paper plates) This year we will join the march at Gilberttown on the 4th and participate in the ceremony at Brittain Church where a number of Kings Mountain soldiers are buried.

The OVTA last year presented the story of Kings Mountain to over 15,000 4th and 5th graders and their parents. This is a very important program

for keeping the story of the Revolution alive with the younger generation.

Veteran's Day Parade

Roanoke Rapids, November 11

Our Color Guard will again participate in the Veteran's Day Parade and ceremony in Roanoke Rapids, NC in support of the Halifax Chapter of the SAR. Please consider joining us.



Christmas Parade

Roanoke Rapids, December 2nd

The Color Guard will participate in the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade in Roanoke Rapids, NC.



These parades are fun events and keep our visibility high.

Wreaths Across America

**Raleigh National Cemetery
December 15, 2018**

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On December 15th we will again cosponsor the Wreaths Across America event at the Raleigh National Cemetery. There are over 1,500 graves at the cemetery and for the last two years we have been able to lay a wreath on each grave. There are hundreds of volunteers who come out and distribute the wreaths when they are delivered at 10 am. By noon all is ready for the ceremony. This ceremony takes place at all the Veteran's Cemeteries at the same time on the same day. A wreath is laid for each of the military services starting with the Revolutionary war, which we represent. After the ceremony, the SRNC Color Guard fires a volley and the taps play while we go the Morn Arms.



Please sponsor a wreath to support Wreaths Across America.

2019 Annual Meeting

Our 2019 Annual Meeting will be held on June 15th. This will be a luncheon Meeting and details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Past Events

Annual Meeting 2018

The Sons of the Revolution in North Carolina (SRNC) held its Annual Meeting on June 9th in Pinehurst, NC at the historic Holly Inn. The

SRNC was formed in 1894 in Pinehurst when the Holly Inn was being designed and built.



Formal dinner in the famous Evergreen Music Room

Preceded by a Board of Directors' Meeting and a Patriotic Social, the formal dinner meeting included three informative presentations as well as elections of officers and directors. Mr. Angel Garcia, the UNC-Pembroke SRNC Scholarship recipient, gave an overview of his paper, "*Liberty Point Resolve: The Story of Fayetteville Going into the American Revolution.*" Mr. Garcia was followed by Hugh Dussek, Ph.D., Professor of History, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, who provided an historical vignette of the September 1780 Battle of Charlotte. Professor Dussek will be the society's speaker at its October Yorktown Luncheon.



Historian Steve Lundeen, Keynote Speaker

The keynote speaker, Mr. Steve Lundeen, Historian and "Project Appleseed" Senior Instructor, addressed the society on the role of the common soldier in the Battles of Lexington & Concord. His topic, "*Why They Fought – 1775: The Common Man & Words From our Founders*". He included from memory the

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entirety of Patrick Henry's "give me liberty or give me death" oration given at St. John's Church, Richmond, VA in March 1775. A standing ovation greeted Mr. Lundeen's presentation.

Prior to the election of new Officers and Directors, the society received into membership new members, who were presented with certificates and rosettes. President Hopping called for the Nominating Committee report. Elections were held, and the newly elected leaders were installed. We are proud to announce that the Rev. Dr. Augustus E. Succop III will serve as President for the next two years. The SRNC's October meeting will be held in Raleigh to commemorate the Battle of Yorktown.



Hollis Posey and Color Guard Commander Scott Kennedy at the booth



Incoming President, Rev. Dr. Gus Succop and outgoing President Dan Hopping



President Emeritus Dan Hopping and Hinton/Polk Chapter Vice President Hollis Posey at present arms laying a wreath at the Unity Monument

Color Guard

Memorial Weekend at Bennett Place NC Historic Site

The society recently honored the fallen patriots of the Revolutionary War with an informative booth and laid a wreath at the NC State Historical Site, Bennett Place's *Annual Memorial Day Remembrance: The American Soldier Through the Ages*. The NC Society represented the country's first army.



Flintlocks making fire and smoke in the volley, that modern stuff will never catch on with no smoke

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This two day event had over a thousand visitors and provided us with almost a dozen new prospective members.

The event has living historians for each of the American wars and we represented the Revolutionary War Soldiers. We also gave short seminars on the weapons of the Revolutionary War and fired the long rifles.

House in the Horseshoe

On August 4th the SRNC Color Guard and members attended the 237th Anniversary of the Battle in the Horseshoe. This famous skirmish occurred on August of 1781 when the Evil Tory, David Fanning, attacked the house.



Carlton Mansfield, Dan Hopping, Hollis Posey, John Ledbetter and Color Guard Commander Scott Kennedy



Cool Hollis seemed not to notice the shots fired at him

The house still has a number of bullet holes from the battle. It is interesting to tour the house and imagine how exposed you were in a battle when the rifle balls could go completely through the house. The children were put up the chimney which was the only place the bullets could not go. The story of this battle is fascinating and should be a read for all of us.



We were concerned to find our Chancellor riding with Fanning

There was a wreath laying in the morning and a battle reenactment at 2:00 pm. Several sutlers were on hand and there were several displays of living history.

The event drew a large crowd of visitors



The troops

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A fun time was had visiting and eating cheeseburgers and ice cream.



Blacksmiths at work

The photos were taken by our incredibly talented Cay Posey.

Chapter News

Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter, Charlotte

The Davidson Chapter will hold its Annual Chartering Dinner on Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 p.m., at Dressler's Restaurant, Metro (1100 Metropolitan Ave., #125, Charlotte, NC 28204).

The evening will feature Chief Federal Judge Frank Whitney, who will speak on the return of NC's copy of the Declaration of Independence, and the chapter will award its scholarship award to Ms. Pauline A. Vane for her essay, "Small Battles, Large Outcomes: The Impact of Small Engagements in North Carolina in the American Revolutionary War." Pauline is a student at CPCC.

Please contact Gus Succop (gus@qhpc.org) for registration **details**.

Colonels Hinton & Polk Chapter

Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

We will be meeting at 7:00 PM at Chow Pizza & Wings, 8311 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC

The meeting room is in the back, and we will be ordering off the menu. You can view their menu at: www.chowraleigh.com

Our own Gary Hall will present our program on Light Horse Harry Lee. Also, Bill has included some of his research on the old Raleigh City Cemetery and a SR shirt order form.

I hope to see many, if not all, of you on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 PM and dress is casual!

The Colonels Hinton and Polk Chapter is making Sons of the Revolution Shirts available to the SRNC membership. The order form is included with this Newsletter.

Once you fill out the order, send it to Bill Jarrett at the address on the form with your check. You can pick up the shirts at the next meeting. There will be a small shipping charge if you want it sent to you.



The shirts are high quality Port Authority polo and oxford shirts than can be ordered in several colors and sizes. The order form will accompany this newsletter.



Consider a Bequest to the Sons of the Revolution in North Carolina

A bequest is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to make a gift to the SRNC. Gifts of any size made through a bequest help ensure that the society receives valuable ongoing support that will benefit future generations far into the future.

The SRNC is a 501(c)(3) Corporation and all donations and bequests are tax deductible.



Donors can make a bequest by simply including a provision for the Society in their wills or trusts. Donors can choose to give the society a specific dollar amount, specific property, or a percentage of their estates. Your bequest is a gift to the future of the society and to the preservation of the story of our ancestors who fought to create this nation as well as to your own posterity.

For more information about bequests, please contact our Treasurer, Glenn Davis or Dan Hopping..

Upcoming events

- Sep 22 Rev War Weekend, Tryon Palace
- Oct 4-7 GSSR Triennial, Nashville, TN
- Sep 26 Chartering Dinner, Charlotte
- Sep 20-31 OVTA 2018 March
- Oct 1-7 OVTA 2018 March (cont)
- Oct 7 Kings Mountain Anniversary

- Nov 11 Veteran's Day Parade, Roanoke Rapids, NC
- Dec 2 Christmas Parade, Roanoke Rapids, NC
- Dec 15 Wreaths Across America, Raleigh, National Cemetery
- 2019**
- Jan Cowen's Ford Anniversary
- Feb George Washington Luncheon
Crossing the Dan
Moore's Creek Anniversary
- Mar Guildford Courthouse
- Apr Halifax Resolves
- May Memorial Weekend at Bennett Place NC Historic Site
- Jun 15 2019 Annual Meeting

Preamble from our By-Laws

The Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina, Inc. has been chartered and organized to perpetuate the memory of the men who, in military, naval, or civil service, by their act or counsel, achieved American Independence.

Objectives of our Society are:

- To keep alive the spirit of patriotism
- To foster devotion toward the institutions of our country
- To encourage historical research in relation to the Revolution
- To preserve documents, relics and individual records of the Revolutionary period
- To promote the celebration of patriotic anniversaries
- To impress the importance of these subjects upon the rising generation



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Article submission Guidelines

Font	Arial
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Space before paragraph	None
Space after paragraph	None
Line spacing	1.0
Columns	one
Alignment	left
Images	prefer .jpg
Title	Bold 12 point center
Author	10 point center

Please do not use a low resolution phone for the images.

We will resize the images to fit the format.

Please send the photos separate from the text rather than in-line with the text. Attach them to the note. I can rarely do anything with an imbedded image.

Please send the article with "SRNC Newsletter" in the subject line.

Articles are due by the Friday evening after the monthly board meeting.

Please send submissions to Dan L. Hopping, at hopping@nextretailgroup.com