



The Fife & Drum

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Don't Forget!
George Washington Luncheon
February 10, 2018
Raleigh, North Carolina

From the President

Compatriots, we continue to be one of the most active societies in the GSSR and the Color Guard, led by our fearless Commander Scott Kennedy, has been our face and visibility.

We need your support at our upcoming events. Please register for the George Washington Luncheon on February 10th. Also mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Meeting at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst, North Carolina on Saturday, June 9th.



The Annual Meeting will be a formal event in the evening and we already have an outstanding program. This meeting will include our election of officers. I ask you to consider volunteering to serve the society. We will need members to serve on our committees and well as members to serve as Directors and officers.

I want to thank the officers and directors of our society. You and our members have been doing a great job of honoring our ancestors who sacrificed everything that we can live free.

George Washington Luncheon

Saturday, the Tenth of February, 2018

Our annual George Washington Luncheon will again be at the State Club on the University of North Carolina South Campus.



THE STATE CLUB
2450 ALUMNI DRIVE
RALEIGH, NC 27606

10:30 AM BOARD MEETING
11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP WITH CASH BAR
12:15 PM BUFFET LUNCH
PROGRAM AND
SHORT MEETING

**DRESS: SUIT AND TIE, BLAZER OR
UNIFORM WITH DECORATIONS**

Please get your reservations in early we will need a count for the Luncheon.

Guest Speaker:
Steven Campbell, Historian
“George Washington at War”

George Washington was one of the most remarkable men of the eighteenth century. His military career began as a Major in the militia of the British Province of Virginia in 1753 during the

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French and Indian War and spanned three decades until he retired in 1783.

George Washington led our new nation to victory against the most powerful military in the world, establishing the United States as an independent sovereign nation. This amazing new country was unique on this planet at the time. We owe a great debt of gratitude to many of our founding fathers but most of all to George Washington.

Steven Campbell is a gifted speaker and historian who has focused on the life of George Washington. He covers Washington's military career, political career and private life.



Steven currently serves as one of North Carolina's Ambassadors for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute. His U.S. Army stint included service in Southeast Asia and across the nation. In 2000 he concluded a three-decade career with the High Point Police Department, retiring as its senior Captain. Later, he would serve as a criminal justice consultant in North Carolina and Virginia. He is a member of numerous historical groups and travels throughout the Carolinas and Virginia presenting his history lecture series, "The Battlefield and Beyond: A Series of People, Places and Events of the Past"

Christmas Parade Roanoke Rapids, NC

By Dan Hopping

The Sons of the Revolution in North Carolina Color Guard was honored to lead the Christmas Parade in Roanoke Rapids on Sunday, December 3rd. We were working with the SAR Halifax Resolves chapter. This was a long parade that took 45 minutes to pass. Our Color Guard Commander, Scott Kennedy called the cadence and we were in front of the colors which were carried by the SAR Halifax Color Guard.

Scott Kennedy, Gary Hall, John Ledbetter and I marched in the parade.



We formed up in the staging area where the parade was lining up. There were a large number of bands and floats. Scott did a great job of pacing the parade and every photo of the front of the parade has us in perfect step.

Did you know that in the last nine years your color guard has performed in 125 events from grave markings to local, state and national events. Scott has been our color Guard Commander for 102 of the events over the last six years. Sometimes we forget the long term dedication of some of our members while we focus on the day to day stuff. Congratulate Scott when you see him.



237th Anniversary of the Battle at Cowan's Ford

We just got back from the 237th Anniversary of the Battle at Cowan's Ford. The SRNC had good representation at the event. The weather was mild and the rain held off. Our own Reverend Doctor, Gus Succop opened and closed the ceremonies with blessings. We are

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very proud of him. The SRNC was highly visible throughout the event.



The day started with a truly outstanding and uplifting presentation by Mr. Steve Lundeen, a Senior Instructor at Project Appleseed.



His presentation was on *“Why they fought – 1775: the common Man and Words from our founders”*. This was one of the most moving presentations that I have listened to in many years. Mr. Lundeen has consented to be our speaker at our Annual Meeting in Pinehurst on June 9th at the Holly Inn.

Project Appleseed is a non-partisan volunteer group of men and women (known as the Revolutionary War Veterans Association) who are committed to upholding the values and principles of America’s founding fathers. They bring our nation’s history to life and to show that

many of the values that our forefathers relied on to win our independence are still very much in demand today. They promote civic responsibility through the teaching of colonial history and the American tradition of rifle marksmanship. Even after all of these years, there is much to be learned from our forefathers’ examples of perseverance, commitment, and civic virtue. With a full calendar of shooting clinics and events, Project Appleseed is here to make sure these timeless principles live on for generations to come.



The program moved outside for the Wreath Laying ceremonies. Dan Hopping gave greetings from the SRNC and laid a wreath for the SRNC. Our Vice President, Gus Succop laid a wreath for the General Davidson Chapter of the SRNC.



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The Mecklenburg Militia fired three volleys to close the Day.



The SRNC team retired to the North Harbor Club for a great lunch and fellowship.

This was a good outing I wish more of you could have attended.

Wreaths Across America



The Sons of the Revolution in North Carolina again co-ordinated and sponsored the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Raleigh National Cemetery on December 16th. The Cleveland High School Junior ROTC was the host organization. We had almost 300 volunteers laying out over 5,600 wreaths. Every grave had a wreath. The cemetery was beautiful and the weather was perfect.



The volunteers ready to receive the wreaths from the truck

We had a large crowd and all of the nearly 5,700 wreaths were placed on the graves in a little less than an hour. This ceremony takes place at all

National Cemeteries with US veterans at the same time on December 16th.

This is an amazing patriotic program. There were 1,422 participating locations throughout the United States.

There were 1,565,000 veterans' wreaths placed on graves throughout the country. This is an immeasurable show of love and respect to our active duty military, veterans, and their families. The Mission of the Wreaths Across America is to **Remember, Honor, and Teach.**



Dan Hopping at Present Arms after laying the Wreath

The ceremony started at noon with a moment of silence. LTC Carol Redfield was the Master of Ceremonies and Rear Admiral Benny Suggs was the speaker.

Our own Paul Conway gave the Invocation and Benediction. The photos were taken by Bill Jarrett.

Wreaths were laid for veterans of the Revolutionary War, Civil war, Masons, and then each of the US Services in the order that they were created starting with the Army which was created in 1775. Dan Hopping laid the wreath for all soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

Five members of the Sons of the Revolution (SRNC) State Color Guard fired a volley at the

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end of the Ceremony and performed Morn Arms as Taps were played.



The Color Guard



The SRNC State Color Guard firing a volley

Color Guard Commander, Scott Kennedy, Albert Hopping, Dan Hopping, John Ledbetter, and Hollis Posey fired the volley with period correct firelocks.

The color guard is dressed as North Carolina Militia of 1776 in the rifle frock with powder horn and flintlock rifle and musket.

This day was a very moving ceremony.

A Very Special Feature

The Pig and the Paw Paw

by Hollis Posey

When I was a young teenager my dad had a fishing camp of sorts on Black Lake in Louisiana. Most weekends during the good weather months would find us there chasing bass, white perch, and bream. “Us” would mostly be my dad, myself, and my younger brother whom we shall address here as “bro” so as to obscure future potential for embarrassment.

Our camp was at the edge of several cobbled together structures outfitted for the bare comforts of outdoorsy menfolk – better than sleeping under the stars and making coffee over an open fire, but not so nice as to be attractive to womenfolk. The “camp houses” (ranging from a converted step van to the lower limit of what might be taken as a cabin) rested on a high bank some ten to twenty feet above the lake level. The property belonged to an active farmer who lived across a gravel road from the campground. The camp area had a rail fence between the housing and the lake for confining the farmer’s livestock which he allowed to roam the area. Most nice weekends would find the place buzzing with as many as a dozen inhabitants – mostly there for the fishing, but with one or two just looking to get away and drink beer. The lake edge was generally dotted with outboard powered Jon boats.

We had a Jon boat – fourteen foot aluminum Polar Kraft with a six horsepower Oliver outboard. Our routine was to arrive at the camp the evening before fishing day, have a meal of canned stew over rice, sleep poorly amidst mosquitoes and sweltering humidity before arising at four AM for an assault on the ever elusive bass. First breakfast was generally a Moon Pie and a glass of milk or RC Cola – made your teeth feel about an inch thick and fortified your limbs for any fight a large mouth bass might pick. Off to the lake - my dad would sit in the

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front of the boat to paddle and get first shot at the bass, bro would sit in the middle, and I in back to run the motor and untangle bro's bait when he got hung up – a fairly frequent occurrence as he was five years younger and elementary school age. We generally fished from sunrise until the sun was well up – around nine AM – and then head back in for real breakfast and fish cleaning on lucky days.

This particular day was typical for a midsummer outing – hot, glaring sun and fish not biting, so we headed in early. I had gotten quite adept at running the Oliver, knowing just how fast to approach the landing and when to shut the engine off for a gentle coast up onto the bank – at which point my dad would step off the front and tie the boat to the nearest root or branch. Thence the three of us would trudge up to the camp for breakfast dodging the livestock and their offal on the way. This day there were no fish to clean, so my dad immediately set about cooking his breakfast specialty – bacon, fried eggs, pan fried toast, milk and coffee.

About the time the skillet got hot, Mr. Burley from the next camp over came running up shouting “Hollis, Hollis (meaning my dad). A hog's got your fishing rod and is dragging it around the landing.”

My dad said “What?” and dashed out the front door. Sure enough there was about a three hundred pound red hog shuffling around the boats dragging my dad's rod behind him. Turns out my dad had left his fishing rod sticking over the front of the boat with the last bait he was using – a top water silver flash Paw Paw with three treble hooks – dangling loose. The hog had been snuffling around the boats looking for grubs and mussels and had gotten snagged between the shoulders by the Paw Paw – of which he was blissfully unaware.

My dad looked at me in a way I had learned to dread and said, “Hollis Phillip (meaning me), go get my rod away from that pig.”

I said, “What!?”

He said, “Yes, go get my rod away from that pig.”

Now I had never played a pig on a spinning reel before, and was not really looking forward to such an exercise – so I quickly settled on a strategy of working the bait free as I would if it were one of bro's bush hangs so as not to have to get too close to the beast. (I likely weighed around seventy-five pounds; the pig, three hundred and stood waist high or better on me.) My technique would call for my taking up the slack line and then whipping the bait sharply back - which action quite often would pull it free.

Not wanting to alert or alarm the pig (he was still doing piggy eating things unaware of his entanglement), I headed nonchalantly-like directly down to the water's edge, then turned onto the pig's six-o'clock before he recognized anything was up. Stealthily I stepped up to the rod butt, reached down, grasped the handle and – THE PIG BOLTED!

Now I had a three hundred pound pig at the end of a twenty pound test line on a spinning reel – I needed at least heavy duty salt water gear for this. But, hey, I knew how to play a bass – how much different could this be? Turns out a lot – there were twigs and grass for the line to hang on. The ground was rough and slick – not to mention all that uphill and down. The pig stripped line. I hauled on the reel keeping the line taut, dodging the brush. The pig ran uphill. I ran uphill. The pig ran downhill. I ran downhill. The pig ran around a bush. I ran around the bush.

My dad, Mr. Burley and bro were enjoying this immensely.

Mr. Burley shouted everyone else in the camp out, “Hey, Jerry, W.E., Luther, L.M., Doc, Forrest – you guys all need to get out here and see this.”

Shortly everyone in the camp besides myself was leaning on the top rail of the fence urging me and/or the pig on. I don't know if any bets were placed as to which of us was going to win, but I would not be surprised to learn such. The pig was tiring. So was I. And I think I would probably still be chasing the thing if it had not lunged against the fence and stopped panting - right where Mr. Burley was standing. If he had money on the fight, Mr. Burley had it on me, because he reached down and snatched the Paw Paw out of the hair between the pig's

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shoulders and ended the exhibition. The crowd broke up laughing, having had all the entertainment they needed for that day. I put my dad's fishing rod back in the boat WITH THE PAW PAW SECURELY INSIDE and dragged up to the camp for breakfast and a nap. The pig went back to snuffling around the boats.

I have since gone pig hunting, but never again pig fishing - and I can't really recommend it.

Chapter Reports

The Colonels John Hinton and William Polk Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution met on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Chow Pizza and Wings in Raleigh at 7 PM.

The chapter discussed member's findings on Revolutionary graves in the local area. Colonel Polk's grave has been located in Raleigh's City Cemetery with Colonel Hinton's grave thought to be in Oakwood Cemetery. We are still searching for a 13 Colony marker which used to be located on Hillsborough Street.

A motion was made and passed without objection to urge the state society to produce a SRNC grave marker. With several members present on the board of managers, they will take it to the next meeting on November 18 at the Yorktown luncheon.

We discussed upcoming events for 2018 and are making plans to attend as many as possible. Many chapter members attended the Yorktown luncheon and enjoyed a good time of fellowship with members from across the state.

Chapter member Bill Jarrett presented a program on the development and history of Veterans Day in the United States. Bill traced the origins from right after the close of the War Between the States to present day.



The chapter is seeking

assistance with programs for future meetings. Please, contact any chapter officer if you have a program or know of someone locally, who can speak to the chapter on a relevant topic.

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at Chow at 7 PM.

Upcoming events

Feb 10	George Washington Luncheon
Feb 24	Moore's Creek Bridge Battle Anniversary
Mar 8	SRNC will give a presentation in Fayetteville on the Kings Mountain battle
Mar 10	George Washington Dinner
Mar 17	Guildford Court House Battle Anniversary
April 12	Halifax Resolves
May 19	Patriots Day, Alamance
May 26,27	Bennett Place Memorial weekend
Jun 9	SRNC Annual Meeting, Pinehurst
Jul 21	Colson's Mill Battle Anniversary
Aug 4	House in the Horseshoe
Oct 4-7	GSSR Triennial, Nashville, TN
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

Colonels Hinton & Polk Chapter

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, Allen James.

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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Line spacing	1.0
Columns	one
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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