



The Fife & Drum

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Don't Forget!
Annual Meeting in Pinehurst,
Saturday Evening, June 9, 2018

From the President

Compatriots, this is my last Newsletter as President. I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve the Society and I have had a lot of fun. In the last half dozen years we have accomplished a lot. Our Color Guard has been our face at over a hundred events of firing volleys and laying wreaths. Our speaker's bureau has given dozens of presentations and we have given greetings to dozens of historical events. We have marched in or led over a dozen parades.



We have finally achieved our non-profit 501(c)(3) status and we have created a Governance Manual that we can be proud of and we have cleaned up some issues with our Bylaws. We have partnered with the OVTA and given many scholarships. We added The Hinton and Polk Chapter in Raleigh. We have continued to win the Trent Trophy at each Triennial. We have been the most active of the small societies; however we have now been promoted to a medium society as we are now over 100 members.

I am looking forward to being promoted to President Emeritus and being able to sit back and kibitz.

This upcoming Annual Meeting is also our Election of Officers and Directors. All Officers are up for Election and there are three Director Seats open. The President and Vice President are Elected for two year terms while the rest of the Officers are elected for one year terms. The three Directors are elected for three year terms. There are nine Directors and three are elected each year in order to provide continuity.

Members of the Board meet before each Membership meeting and conduct the business of the Society. The commitment does take some time and a requirement to attend the meetings regularly.

Please consider serving your Society. There are also several SRNC Committees that need volunteers.

Upcoming Events

2018 Annual Meeting **The Holly Inn, Pinehurst, NC**

Our Annual Meeting is coming up fast. Make your reservations now to ensure a seat at the table. The Holly Inn has a limit on how many people it will hold for dinner.

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Our Board Meeting will be at 4:00 pm and the Social hour will be from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm when we will be piped to dinner.



Our program will be provided by Steve Lundeen, Historian and Senior Instructor at the Applesseed Project.



Steve Lundeen

His presentation is on *“Why they fought – 1775: the common Man and Words from our founders”*. This is one of the most moving presentations that I have listened to in many years.

Project Applesseed 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 still much to be learned from our forefathers’ examples of perseverance, commitment, and civic virtue. With a full calendar of shooting clinics and events, Project Applesseed is here to make sure these timeless principles live on for generations to come.

Don’t miss this inspiring presentation and this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and brotherhood. The meeting is open to guests and family. The Board meeting is also open.

The Board is considering sponsoring GSSR Grave Markers as a fund raising project.

Accommodations for the SRNC Annual Meeting

Pinehurst, NC - June 9, 2018

There are two options for accommodations while attending the 2018 SRNC Annual Meeting.

Option #1 is to stay at The Holly Inn, the location where the Annual Meeting will be held. You may make a reservation by calling (888) 974.9793 and choose option 1. Make sure to inquire about the “special” SR rate.

Option #2 is to stay at The Homewood Suites by Hilton at Olmstead Village. You may make a reservation by calling (910) 255.0300. There is no special rate; however, the rates will be competitive if not slightly less at The Homewood Suites.

Option #3 is to check with all the hotels in the town of Pinehurst. The least expensive is the Super 8 and Quality Inn which are less than \$60 plus tax.

Remembrance: “The American Soldier Through the Ages”

Compatriots, we need your help on Memorial Day weekend. Each year on the Memorial Day weekend, the Bennett Place NC State Historical Site holds a Memorial Remembrance to honor

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the American Soldier through the ages. And each year the SRNC hosts a Sons of the Revolution recruiting booth at the entrance to the event. It's also in the shade and out of the rain, but that's beside the point. The event draws over a thousand visitors from all over.



The display draws the crowd and if they have small children we offer the parents a Tootsie Roll Pop to give to their children. This gets them to stay longer and be friendly. While we are discussing the display, we ask if they had a relative in the Revolutionary War. If they say yes we ask for their contact information and try to follow up to get them to join. If they are from out of state, we get the information to the correct state society.



The event features a parade of all the reenactors in the order of the time period they represent. Our Color Guard always leads the parade since we represent the first of the US military forces. The event has period correct reenactors for each of the major military time periods of the United States including Rev War, War of 1812, Mexican

War, Civil War, Spanish American War, WW I, WW II, Korean war, Viet Nam and the middle Eastern wars. The parade also fires a volley with the arms of all the time periods. We make the most noise and smoke.



The parade ends up at the unity Monument where we lay a wreath for the soldiers lost in the Revolutionary War.

We also give short seminars on the soldiers of the Revolution which includes firing a volley. This is a fun two day event and helps to raise awareness of the Sons of the Revolution. Our booth got a lot of attention and our seminars drew a large crowd.

Please plan to attend May 26 and 27 and join the fun. You do not have to be in a period dress. A blue blazer with patch is a great SRNC uniform. The event is from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday. We need volunteers to man the booth so that we can take shifts to work and give seminars.

Past Events

George Washington Luncheon

Saturday, the Tenth of February, 2018

Our annual George Washington Luncheon was held at the State Club on the University of North Carolina South Campus. This is a beautiful venue and we had a great crowd. Our Board of

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Director's meeting was held just before the Luncheon.



Our program was by Steven Campbell, Historian, who presented "Washington at War".



He made a clear case that 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 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.



Scott Kennedy and Gary Hall

Our Color Guard Commander, Dr Scott Kennedy Presented Compatriot Gary Hall with the SRNC Color Guard Liberty Tree Medallion for his consistent support of the SRNC Color Guard. Our Color Guard continues to be the face of the SRNC and our best publicity project. Please consider joining this distinguished organization. Give Scott or Dan a call.



We had a great time with networking and delicious food.

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Moore's Creek Bridge

The Moore's Creek Bridge Battle Anniversary was held near Wilmington on February 24th. Besides the Color Guard, we had a number of SRNC members attending. We marched in the parade and laid our wreath. This was a great time of seeing old friends and fellowship.



After the Ceremony, we adjourned to the famous eating establishment on the Northeast Cape Fear River. This is the Lanes Ferry Dock and Grill. The best food in the area. And not just because it belongs to our own Allen James.



Halifax Resolves

April 12th is such an important date that it is on our North Carolina flag. Our Color Guard participated in this event which is sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR.



The Crew



Giving Greetings from the SRNC



Leading the Colors

We fired a volley, led the Colors in the parade and laid a wreath. At this event, our own Color Guard Commander was awarded the Bronze

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and the Silver Color Guard Medals by the NCSAR. We are very proud of Scott.



This was about the prettiest day so far this year and we had a large crowd attending of SR, SAR, DAR, CAR and local school children. .

After the ceremony we visited the grave of Revolutionary War Colonel, Joseph Montfort and White Hart Masonic Lodge #6.

SRNC Speaker's Bureau

The SRNC Speaker's Bureau Has been quite busy with presentations to various patriotic organizations. We have done four presentations since the last newsletter.

Presentation to the Marquise de Lafayette Chapter SAR in Fayetteville on March 8th

This topic was on the Battle of Kings Mountain and the Overmountain Trail.



Presentation to a group of NC firearms and history experts

The topic was, "*Weapons of the Revolutionary War*".



Presentation to the Samuel Johnston Chapter of the DAR on April 11th

This topic was "*The Life of the Revolutionary War Soldier*".



Presentation to the Alamance Chapter of the SAR in Burlington, NC

The topic was "*The soldier in the Revolution*".



These presentations were popular enough that we are now booked for one in June two in the fall and even two next spring.

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Here is a sample title and abstract for our upcoming June presentation.

Title: "Soldiers and Weapons of the American Revolution"

Abstract: A perspective on the life of the soldier of the American Revolution. The American Colonies had just turned into a brand new country which was ill prepared for an eight year war. The new country had no money to support an army. It had no supplies, ammo, uniforms or any of the necessities of a military force. It was taking on the best trained, best equipped army in the world. We will discuss how this "Rabble in Arms", against all odds, actually managed to win. We will examine the life of the state militias and continental soldiers and how their role evolved during the conflict. This was an incredibly difficult time and it called for men of incredible resolve.

Please consider joining the Speakers Bureau helping make the SRNC visible and assist in educating the public.

Chapter News

Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter

Patriotic Social

The Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter, SRNC, hosted a **Patriotic Social** in commemoration of the events that took place at Lexington & Concord, Massachusetts, April 19, 1775, at McCormick & Schmick Restaurant, South Park, Charlotte, NC. The 3-6 p.m. social brought together members, spouses and friends of the chapter with members, spouses and friends of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence DAR Chapter, the Mecklenburg SAR Chapter and The May 20th Society. Prospective members for those respective societies were invited cordially to attend.

GWLD Chapter Web Site

Under the leadership of SRNC member, Jay Joyce, the **chapter web site** is becoming more and more dynamic. Information about the

chapter, its officers, SR membership, and current events of the chapter is now available at www.generaldavidson.org.

Professor Hugh Dussek, CPCC

Looking ahead, chapter officers, members and friends are planning to be in attendance in Pinehurst for the State Society's June 9 Annual Meeting at The Holly Inn. Chapter friend and CPCC (Central Piedmont Community College) Professor of History and Behavioral Sciences, **Hugh Dussek**, will be attending. He will present a vignette of the Battle of Charlotte. Prof. Dussek's presentation will precede the evening speaker, Mr. Steve Lundeen. Under the guidance of Prof. Dussek, the chapter's essay prize has been made known to interested students at CPCC and seniors in local high schools. Copies of the brochure will be made available at the Annual Meeting. In the fall, Prof. Dussek will be the featured speaker at the annual SRNC Yorktown Luncheon in Raleigh.

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

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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

- 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

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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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