



The Fife & Drum

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From the President: *Flesh & Blood Patriots*

Reading any chapter of the American Revolution is to realize the “flesh and blood” toll that was assumed by the soldiers who fought for our independence.

The contrast in uniform and dress between the British and the American armies, especially at Yorktown, is a contrast of “haves” and “have-nots.” The British soldier had a polished, professional look while the American soldier, especially the militia, was characterized by what was available. Of course, officers and soldiers of the Continental Line carried a distinguished appearance.



However, the backbone of the army was the militia, so often untrained, undisciplined, under-fed and under-clothed. Accounts of the American army by the time of Yorktown are notable by the number of soldiers who wore rags for shoes. And yet, such a cost, such a physically inconvenient cost was paid by our ancestors so you and I might have and might enjoy conveniences we know today, for which we must never lose our gratitude.

Another “flesh and blood” dimension of the Revolution is found in those who emerged after independence was won and signified in 1783. The governance of a country like the United States requires leaders who are willing to serve, and to serve in the sacrificial spirit of a “George Washington.”

Public service becomes tarnished when public servants betray the public’s confidence and goodwill. Nonetheless, there are those who come to mind when it comes to selfless leadership. One such

leader is Theodore Roosevelt. I recommend for your summer reading David McCullough’s book, **Mornings on Horseback**. The book tells of Roosevelt’s childhood and early years, the years prior to his Presidency. The Davidson Chapter will have opportunity to welcome and to hear President Roosevelt’s great-grandson at its September 25 annual Chartering Dinner in Charlotte (see details under “Chapters News”). **Tweed Roosevelt** will speak on his family’s role in the American Revolution. His presentation is aptly entitled, *Rebel Roosevelts in the American Revolution*. It will be notable to see and hear from the President’s descendent, to realize that Tweed is “flesh and blood” of a President, a President who shaped and molded our nation, especially the national park system, and did so for our benefit.

Foremost in being a Son is being reminded not infrequently of what has been accomplished for us by a patriot ancestor. When it comes to our life, our liberty and the pursuit of our happiness (or contentment), we know whom, in part, to thank. We can cite at least one individual who risked, who gave and who even died for the cause of a democratic form of government. It doesn’t get more “flesh and blood” than that. Thus, it is a worthy if not a humbling effort to pass along the invitation to someone to become a Son.

I hope you will take on that effort with a renewed spirit of bold gratitude. To wake up each morning in the United States is reason enough to give thanks to God for a miracle that will in 7 years’ time turn 250. The occasional *Huzzah!* may not be enough. *Alleluia!* comes far closer to the heart of the matter, to the “flesh and blood” heart of the matter.

With every good hope in the patriotic spirit that we share,

Augustus E. Succop III, President, SRNC

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Remembrance The American Soldier Through the Ages May 25-26, 2019

Each year on the Memorial Day weekend, the Bennett Place NC State Historical Site holds a Memorial Day Remembrance to honor the American Soldier from April 19, 1775, to the present.

Following the American Civil War, a "Decoration Day" began in communities across America to remember soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Senator John A. Logan, a former Union officer and Senator from Illinois, was instrumental in making the day a formal National day to honor fallen soldiers. That day eventually became Memorial Day. We join with military living historians representing the American soldier of all time American periods. The program is Saturday, 10 am-4 pm and Sunday 10 am-3 pm.

Each year the SRNC hosts a Sons of the Revolution recruiting booth at the entrance to the event. We are in the shade and out of the rain, but that's beside the point. The event draws over a thousand visitors.



Our display attracts the crowd. If they have small children, we offer the parents a "Tootsie Roll Pop" to give to their children. That gets them to linger longer and to learn about the Sons. We ask them if they have a Revolutionary War ancestor. If they say yes, we ask for their contact information and follow up with an invitation to join. If they are from out of state, we get the information to the appropriate state society.

Also, we give short seminars on the soldiers of the Revolution which includes firing a volley. The

weekend is a fun two-day event, and it helps to raise awareness of the SRNC. Our booth gets a lot of attention as do our seminars!

Plan to attend the May 25 & 26 Remembrance. You do not have to be in a period dress. We need volunteers to supply the booth so we can take shifts to work and give the seminars.

**Sign up
2019 Annual Meeting
June 15
The Holly Inn, Pinehurst, NC**

The June 15 Annual Meeting is coming up fast! Make your reservation now to ensure your seat at the table. The Holly Inn has a limit on how many people it may accommodate for dinner. The Holly Inn was the first hotel built in Pinehurst, NC, and it was built the same year the SRNC was organized, and organized in Pinehurst. We have a strong connection with the hotel, and we have enjoyed its hospitality the last two years for the Annual Meeting.



The Board Meeting will convene at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Patriotic Social from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. when we will open our annual meeting with a delicious lunch.

**Guest Speaker:
Steven Campbell, Historian
*Delivery on the Delaware***

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.

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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. Our amazing new country was unique on the planet at the time. We owe a great debt of gratitude to many of our Founding Fathers, but especially to George Washington.



Christmas of 1776 was one of the coldest decades of the little Ice Age. If you look closely, you will notice that the men in the boat in Emanuel Leutze's famous painting are breaking and pushing away large blocks of ice as they cross the river. That crossing was one of the most daring and risky campaigns Washington undertook.

Come hear the rest of the story about that crossing and how it changed the War.

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 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"

Past Events

George Washington's Birthday Celebration Saturday, March 2 "The Graylyn Estate"

The George Washington Birthday Luncheon was held on March 2 at the well-appointed conference center, *The Graylyn Estate*, Winston-Salem, NC.



At the morning Board of Directors' Meeting, we were honored to have GSSR General President Dr. Laurence Simpson and GSSR Region 3 Vice President Ivan Bennett in attendance. They provided updates on happenings at the GSSR and the upcoming GSSR Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA.



Our Registrar, John Harman, presented seven gentlemen for membership, and the Board approved them, unanimously.

The Board has made progress on two fronts: the production and availability of SR grave markers and challenge coins. Both will be made available to the State Societies.



The attendees enjoyed a time of patriotic fellowship prior to a delicious Graylyn luncheon.



publications, including *Ceramics in America*, *The Journal of Early Southern Decorative Arts*, *The Magazine Antiques*, and others, she works also with the collections at the *Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts* (MESDA).

Ms. Brown took us on a “walk” through Gen. Washington’s 1791 Southern tour that commenced on April 9, 1791, a tour that saw Washington visiting three states he had never visited: North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. After those stops, the General returned to NC and, specifically, to Salem, where he was met by Gov. Alexander Martin. Together, they visited the battlefield at Guilford Courthouse before the General made his return to Mt. Vernon.

Following a most informative presentation, Ms. Brown received a well-deserved expression of gratitude from her audience.



The keynote speaker was Johanna Metzgar Brown, the Curator of Moravian Decorative Arts at Old Salem Museums & Gardens. Her topic was President Washington’s 1791 Southern tour and, in particular, his visit to Salem (today’s Winston-Salem). Johanna is the Curator of Moravian Decorative Arts at Old Salem Museums & Gardens, Winston-Salem, NC. She has a BA in American Studies and Anthropology from Salem College and an MA in History Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program, Cooperstown, NY. Writing for a variety of



After President Gus Succop recognized and expressed a SRNC welcome to Dr. Simpson, Ivan Bennett and other distinguished guests, he recognized Dan Hopping, Randall Sprinkle, Glenn Davis, John Harman and others for their leadership in making the luncheon a fine SR event.

Presentation in Raleigh

On March 19, the SRNC Speaker's Bureau gave a presentation to the SWGC in Raleigh, NC on the topic of the Revolutionary War in North Carolina. Dan Hopping and Allen James presented. (Photos by Allen James.)



We discussed the war's impact on the Old North State from Halifax to Moores Creek to Kings Mountain and Guilford Courthouse. The audience consisted of about one hundred people from the Raleigh area who are interested in the history of the arms and tactics of the wars of the United States.

Presentation to the NCDAR State Conference

By Compatriot Cay Posey, DAR

For the Friday after-dinner program at The Daughter's of the American Revolution, State Conference, a contingent of the Sons of the Revolution in North Carolina provided a stirring account of the courage and sacrifice of a little-known detachment of patriots, the Overmountain Men, and their three-week, 330-mile march from the mountains of North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia through western North Carolina, culminating in their victory over Loyalist troops at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.



Dan Hopping, President Emeritus of the Sons of the Revolution in North Carolina and a board member of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association, presented the program.



Dan was assisted by SR members Gary Hall, John Ledbetter, and Hollis Posey, who carried long guns and wore authentic reproduction clothing of the citizen army of farmers, frontiersmen, shopkeepers, and tradesmen that they represented.

The Battle of Kings Mountain was an important turning point for the American patriots. The victory brought hope to the countryside and renewed the spirit of the Patriot cause, leading to a succeeding string of victories that ended with Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown just twelve months and twelve days after the Kings Mountain victory.

Beginning in 1899, the Kings Mountain Chapter of the (SC) DAR launched a campaign to acquire the battlefield and surrounding land and to obtain national recognition for the site. The 83-foot US Monument was erected in 1909.

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"Kings Mountain was the joyful annunciation of that turn of the tide of success which terminated the Revolutionary War with the seal of our independence."

Thomas Jefferson

Editor's note:

The SRNC Color Guard and Speaker's Bureau were treated very well and even fed a fantastic dinner!



We had a booth where the Daughter's could see artifacts and ask questions.



Since the Daughter's were accompanied by their spouses, we had significant interest in membership for the Sons of the Revolution.



Past State Regents, Peggy Troxell and Elizabeth Graham, with Dan Hopping and the long guns

Photos are by Compatriots Cay Posey and Allen James.

Halifax Resolves 243rd Anniversary

The SRNC Color Guard presented a wreath and gave greetings at this event which is sponsored by the NCSSAR and NCSDAR. We had beautiful weather.



The Halifax Resolves was a name later given to the resolution adopted by North Carolina on April 12,

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1776. The adoption of the resolution was the first official action in the American Colonies calling for independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution. The Halifax Resolves are so important that the date is on the NC State Flag.



The SRNC Color Guard Presenting the Wreath



Dan Hopping giving greetings from the SRNC



The SRNC marched in the presentation of Colors

The event was a beautiful Ceremony and we were treated to a great lunch at the downtown Halifax United Methodist Church.

(Photos are by Color Guard Commander Scott Kennedy.)

Chapters News

Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter Charlotte

The Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter will hold its annual Chartering Dinner on Wednesday, September 25 at Dressler's Restaurant, Metropolitan, Charlotte, at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$60/pp.

The keynote speaker is Mr. Tweed Roosevelt, the great-grandson of the 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt is a graduate of Harvard and the Business School at Columbia University. He serves as the CEO of the **Theodore Roosevelt Association**, an organization chartered by Congress in 1920 to perpetuate the late President's memory and ideas.

Tweed's topic is entitled, *Rebel Roosevelts in the American Revolution*. In time, reservations may be made on-line at: www.nc-sor.org or www.generaldavidson.org.

Serving the Davidson Chapter as officers are: Augustus E. Succop III (Pres.), David C. Boggs, Esq. (VP), Randolph M. Lee (Sec.) and Jay A. Joyce (Treas.) Please contact Mr. Succop (gus@qhpc.org) regarding details about the dinner.

Colonels Hinton & Polk Chapter Raleigh

**May 21 meeting Cancelled
Moved to June 18**

The Colonels Hinton & Polk Chapter in Raleigh will meet on June 18 at the northern Raleigh restaurant Chow Pizza and Wings. They will have elections for chapter officers at this meeting. Please come out and participate.

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The Colonels Hinton & 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 Harley Walker at the address on the form with your check. You can pick up your order at the next meeting. There will be a small shipping charge if you want it sent to you. There are a number of summer weight Navy blue shirts that will be available at the Annual Meeting meeting.



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 way to make a gift to the SRNC. Gifts of any size

made through a bequest help to ensure that the society receives valuable ongoing support that will benefit generations far into the future.

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



You may make a bequest by including a provision for the Society in your will or trust. You may also choose to give the society a specific dollar amount, property, or a percentage of an estate. 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 our nation.

For more information, please contact our Treasurer, Charles Odom or Dan Hopping.

Recent & Upcoming events

2019

- Jan. 26 Cowen's Ford Anniversary
- Feb. 16 Crossing the Dan
- Feb. 23 George Washington Luncheon
- Feb. 23 Moores Creek Anniversary
- Mar. 16 Guildford Courthouse
- Apr. 12 Halifax Resolves
- May 25-26 Memorial Weekend at Bennett Place
NC Historic Site
- Jun. 15 2019 Annual Meeting
- Aug. 3 House in the Horseshoe
- Oct. 6-7 OVTA
- Nov. 9 Veteran's Day
- Dec. 8 Christmas Parade
- Dec. 14 Wreaths Across America

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- Cowpens
 - Cowan's Ford
 - Crossing the Dan
 - Moores Creek
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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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And receive periodical updates
Our Facebook group is at 157 members

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

Please send submissions to Editor, Dan L. Hopping (hopping@nextretailgroup.com).

Article submission Guidelines

Font	Arial
Font size	11
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.