



# The Fife & Drum

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**The Sons of the Revolution**

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## From the President

Augustus E. Succop III

A distinctive honor representing the SRNC is to receive compliments from the Sons of other societies when they speak with praise about the North Carolina Society. Earlier in October, Randy Sprinkle (VP), Allen James (BOD) and I served as delegates to the 2018 Triennial hosted by the Tennessee Society. While at the Triennial, I was pleased to receive compliments about our society and those who have represented us in previous years. Such compliments remind me that you and I stand on the shoulders of countless Sons who have gone before us and, in particular, our patriotic propositus, the one who has made possible our “qualification” to be a Son. Allow me to encourage you to put on your “bucket list” attending, one day, a Triennial or a Board of Managers Meeting. The location of the 2021 Triennial has yet to be finalized, but the next Board of Managers Meeting will be held in October 2019 in Williamsburg, VA.



To witness and to be part of the organizational leadership of the Sons is both informative and inspiring. Continuing the complimentary line of praise, I am pleased to report the SRNC received two awards at the Saturday evening black-tie banquet, the keynote speaker being Patrick K. O'Donnell, author of **Washington's Immortals: The Trent** (exceptional contributions)

and *The Richard Farmer Hess* (leadership excellence) Awards.



In addition to meeting other Sons from various societies, a salient highlight was the opportunity to exchange ideas and especially ideas towards future growth. One comment that was echoed frequently was the importance of the personal contact to express an invitation to join. There is no substitute for the one-on-one contact.

I want to express gratitude to Immediate Past President Dan Hopping for preparing the Annual Report and for submitting as chair the report of the Technology Committee, both of which received noted approbation. At the Saturday evening Banquet, the new General Society officers were announced and installed. Outgoing President General, R. Mitchell Bush (GA), introduced in-coming President General, Laurence “Larry” Simpson (NY). The GSSR is in

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capable, dedicated and talented hands for the next three years. The worthy if not sacrificial heritage of the SR will be held high inspiring each of us in our response as a Son! Watching the Pennsylvania Color Guard plant the bank of flags in place at the Banquet, I gave thanks, one more time, to be an American and for the cost others have undertaken so I may take my place among the Sons of the Revolution.

I look forward to greeting you in the near future at the Yorktown Commemorative Banquet (Oct. 27, Raleigh) and the GW Birthday Banquet (Feb. 23, 2019, Winston-Salem). At the Yorktown Banquet, we will receive with delight *at least* 9 New Members. Both occasions are fine opportunities to invite a prospective member, friend or spouse. Finally, I trust you will read through and glean from this issue of **The Fife & Drum** inspiration for how the SRNC is doing its part to beat the drum of freedom in North Carolina. *Huzzah!*

## 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. You can now pay by credit card on our Web page:

<http://www.nc-sor.org/shop.html>

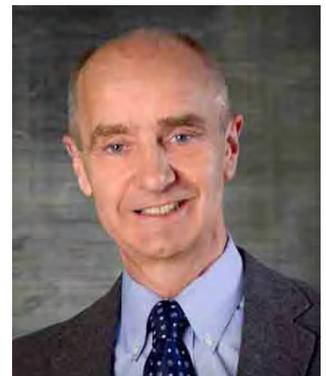
This new feature will soon allow you to pay dues also.

### **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 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 (CPC) 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

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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.

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## **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.



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## **Christmas Parade**

**Roanoke Rapids, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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.

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## **Wreaths Across America**

**Raleigh National Cemetery**

**December 15, 2018**

On December 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **George Washington Luncheon**

**2 March 2019**

Please plan on joining us in **Winston-Salem, NC** for a meeting and luncheon banquet to honor our most revered founding father, George Washington. Place and time specifics to follow but, expect a memorable and historic setting and

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speaker - to rouse us with tales and contextual points of interest relating to our first President's Southern tour of 1791.

Stay for the day or for the night (like George did!) and enjoy the history and beauty of Old Salem, Wake Forest University, Salem College, downtown Winston and the burgeoning Innovation Quarter, Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Graylyn Estate, Yadkin Valley Vineyard area (an American Viticultural Area with 36 + wineries!) and many other popular cultural and historical amenities.

Stay tuned for more info on this event.

## 2019 Annual Meeting

Our 2019 Annual Meeting will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Holly Inn in Pinehurst, NC. This will be a luncheon Meeting and details will follow as we get closer to the date.

## Past Events

### Events canceled

We had two events were cancelled by a floozy named Florence and a whippersnapper named Michael.

The Revolutionary War Days event at the Tryon Palace which was scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> was canceled by Florence when the staff was not even able to get to the Palace to assess the damage due to the floods and damage. The event will be rescheduled for the spring and the SRNC Color Guard will try to attend and participate.

The Wake County School programs were scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> but were canceled by Michael when the school busses could not run their routes due to downed trees and over 400,000 homes in North Carolina were without power.

Florence caused a great deal of damage down east. I think many of you have been to Moores Creek battlefield. Please remember the battle

monument. It's on a high point, in fact one of the highest points in the park. Please look closely at this image taken shortly after the floozy named Florence visited. Notice that the discoloration indicates that the water was higher before this photo was taken.



Now look at the same monument with the SRNC Color Guard at the monument. The blue line is the water level. Remember this is on a hill.



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Here is the road into Moores Creek Military Park.



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## **OVTA / Kings Mountain** **September 22 to October 7th**

The Overmountain Victory Trail Association (OVTA) started early in September telling the story even before the dates of the actual March to Kings Mountain. The March began on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and ended in the Kings Mountain Military Park Auditorium when the OVTA marched in at 3:00 pm, the time of the battle.

At 10:00 am on the morning of October 7<sup>th</sup>, the SAR and DAR sponsored a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the monument on top of the mountain. The SRNC Color Guard participated in the ceremony and laid a wreath to honor our SRNC ancestors.

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 4<sup>th</sup> of October and camp primitive. (Motel 6 has no elevator and the free breakfast is served on paper plates)

This year we joined the march at old Gilbertown on the 4<sup>th</sup> and participated in the ceremony at Brittain Church where more than two dozen Kings Mountain soldiers are buried. We honored the soldiers buried there. Several descendents of those soldiers participated in the ceremony.



**Firing a volley to honor the more almost two dozen Revolutionary War veterans buried at the Brittain Presbyterian Church in Rutherfordton, NC**



**Firing a volley at 'The Night Before Kings Mountain on the Cowpens Battlefield.**



**Dan Hopping and our Wreath on top of the mountain**

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The OVTA this year presented the story of Kings Mountain to over 15,000 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. This is a very important program for keeping the story of the Revolution alive with the younger generation.

## Chapter News

### Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter, Charlotte

On September 26, the Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter, SRNC, held its annual Chartering Dinner at Dressler's Restaurant, Charlotte, NC. The chapter, chartered in 2012, hosts the dinner by recognizing its Patriotic Scholarship Essay winner and by inviting a noted speaker from the Charlotte community. The 2018 Scholarship recipient is 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 Central Piedmont Community College.

The keynote speaker was The Honorable Frank D. Whitney. Judge Whitney is the Chief Federal Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. A *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate of Wake Forest University and its law school, Judge Whitney served in the Army Reserve as a military intelligence officer. His topic was the recovery effort of North Carolina's original copy of the Bill of Rights, which had been stolen from the State Capitol in 1865 by a rogue Union soldier. The Davidson Chapter's officers for 2018-2019 are: Augustus E. Succop III, President; David C. Boggs, VP; Randolph M. Lee, Secretary; and, Jay A. Joyce, Treasurer. Information about the Davidson Chapter is available at [www.generaldavidson.org](http://www.generaldavidson.org).

Looking ahead, the chapter will present a wreath for 33 Patriots buried at Centre Presbyterian Church's (Mooresville, NC) cemetery. Leadership for the grave marking is being led by the Mecklenburg SAR, David Alls, President. The chapter will gather for a Patriotic Social prior to the Christmas celebration. And, on Saturday, January 26, the chapter will participate in the annual Cowan's Ford Commemoration at the

cemetery of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, NC. The chapter's namesake, Gen. Davidson, fought and died at Cowan's Ford in February 1781.



**Patriotic Essay Scholarship Recipient, Pauline A. Vane, and keynote speaker, The Hon. Frank D. Whitney, Chief US District Judge, Western District, NC, flank the charter of the Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter.)**

### 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.



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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

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| Nov 11      | Veteran's Day Parade, Roanoke Rapids, NC           |
| Dec 2       | Christmas Parade, Roanoke Rapids, NC               |
| Dec 15      | Wreaths Across America, Raleigh, National Cemetery |
| <b>2019</b> |  |
| Jan 26      | Cowen's Ford Anniversary                           |
| Feb 16      | Crossing the Dan                                   |
| Feb 23      | George Washington Luncheon                         |
| Feb 23      | Moore's 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                                |

### 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**

**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.

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

Please send submissions to Dan L. Hopping, at [hopping@nextretailgroup.com](mailto:hopping@nextretailgroup.com)