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## *President's Report*



**Broughton Goodson and Ron Bonham at Carter Gravemarking**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, a Compatriot Gravemarking was held in Harlowe, NC for Compatriot Charles Carter. Charles was the brother of our former member Ed Carter, founding President of the Patriot Isaac Carter Chapter.

I was in Pennsylvania for a family reunion on 7 March and am gratified that our Chapter was represented at Charles's Gravemarking. I know that it meant a lot to Ed. Needless to say, our Chapter meetings are on hold for now. I did get an email from a friend that offered to do a program for one of our meetings in the future and I asked him to look into doing a power point via zoom or another webex platform. If he can work that out, we may be able to meet virtually next month. I'll keep you posted. In the meantime:

### **Special Process for the Election of the 2020-2021 NC SAR State Officers and Trustees**

**Background:** Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, many national, state, and local activities and functions have been dramatically curtailed and "social distancing" measures enforced. For the SAR, many of our meetings and commemorations have been cancelled or postponed to an unknown date. The NC SAR Annual Convention is one of those meetings which has been postponed and the likelihood of having a face-to-face Annual Convention of the general membership in the foreseeable future is questionable as we continue to monitor the spread of this virus. Most importantly, our general membership's average age is 70 years old making us a high-risk group for this deadly virus. Therefore, assemblies of groups of 10, 25, or 50 people would be of concern to our aging membership.

**Issue Resolution:** Due to these unforeseen extraordinary circumstances, the Executive Committee (as discussed in the attached April 2020 President's Piece) has developed special steps for this year to elect our next slate of State Officers and Trustees via email in order to affect an orderly transition, build contingency plans for continuing the necessary business of the Society including future events/meetings, and prepare for the National Congress in July, if it is not postponed or cancelled. Additionally, the slate of State Officers and Trustees candidates has historically been uncontested and has typically been elected by acclamation or open voice vote.

**Process:** The special process for the election of State Officers and Trustees will proceed as follows:

(1) Please review the attached slate of State Officers and Trustees for 2020-2021 from the Nominating Committee. Please note that the slate is again uncontested.

(2) Chapter Presidents please contact members of their respective chapters who do not have the ability to receive email messages to discuss this slate with them.

(3) There is a provision in our Bylaws to allow nominations from the floor at a regular Annual Convention AND the nominee(s) must agree to serve if elected. A version of that provision has been created for this special process. For the next 14 days starting April 1st, any NC SAR Compatriot in good standing can submit via email to the State Secretary at [ncssarsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ncssarsecretary@gmail.com) the name of a NC SAR Compatriot in good standing for any of these positions with the proviso that the nominee must agree to serve if elected. If you do not have email capability for this proviso, then you can call the State Secretary Jay DeLoach at 703-501-7205 to provide the name of your nominee...be prepared to give your National Number.

(4) If there are no nominees from the general membership by April 15th and there are no objections to the slate, then the slate of the uncontested candidates for State Officers and Trustees will be considered elected/approved by acclamation. **Simply put, no email response means your approval of the slate of uncontested candidates.**

(5) If there are one or more nominees for any positions, then another email with a Google Doc link will be sent out to the general membership after April 15th to vote on the contested position(s) only. This Google Doc link will connect you to a ballot to cast your vote by email on the contested positions only. The winner of the contested position(s) will be by majority vote. The remaining uncontested positions will be approved by acclamation.

(6) When the election of State Officers and Trustees is complete per Step (4) or Step (5), then two actions will occur: (1) an email will be sent regarding the election results; and (2) a separate teleconference will be arranged for a General Officer to install our newly elected State Officers. The Trustees will be installed during National Congress.

As National Trustee for NC, I was contacted by the SAR Executive Director that the Trustees are asked to approve a one time exception to Bylaws, that the Executive Committee be allowed to determine the feasibility of holding the SAR Annual Congress as planned. Here is some history: Has the Board of Trustees ever delegated this type of authority to the Executive Committee? Yes. While our experience with emergency situations fortunately has been limited, the National Society did cancel the 1945 Annual Congress (although the 1918 Congress did not contain a quorum and no business was conducted). In preparing this letter, research indicated that at the May 18, 1944 Board of Trustees meeting held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the Board of Trustees approved the identical motion worded above, delegating to the Executive Committee the authority to determine whether a Congress would be advisable during the remaining years of World War II. During its February 17, 1945 meeting in Washington, D.C., the Executive Committee, utilizing the authority previously provided by the Board of Trustees, unanimously approved the following resolution: "RESOLVED, that because of travel conditions and the ruling of the Office of Defense Transportation, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will not hold its Annual Congress in May, 1945." President General Smith L. Multer, wrote that "no Congress could have convened that would have met the requirements laid down by the Office of Defense Transportation. There is no provision in the Constitution of our National Society that would permit the limiting of the number of delegates and members entitled to attend a Congress so as to come within the requirements of the ODT." The Sons of the American Revolution Magazine, Vol. XXXIX, No. 4 at p. 200 (April 1945). While not identical, the travel restrictions that lead to the cancellation of the 1945 Annual Congress are similar in nature to the current limitations on group size and social distancing found in some state governors' emergency declarations.

While I was really looking forward to the National Congress in Richmond, our health and well being is more important. I was on a local (Wayne County) Pandemic Task Force in 2005 and I would not be surprised to see our new normal continue through the summer in varying degrees and we must all brace for a possible recurrence in the fall. In the mean-time, follow the guidelines, stay safe and healthy.

Ron has reinvigorated our old web site: <https://www.ncssargeorgewashington.org>

*S.M. Sgt. George Strunk, USAF Ret.*

*Next Meeting*

Our next meeting will be on the third Thursday, at 7 PM, at Cypress Glen (Aerobics Room), 100 Hickory St., Greenville, North Carolina 27834, as soon as conditions allow.

# Upcoming SAR events that might be of interest

## *Pending resumption of public gatherings – post Corona Virus*

- May 16 Patriots Day in Alamance County  
May 20 245<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration  
**May 21 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**  
May 25 Memorial Day  
**Jun 18 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**  
Jun 20 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill  
Raleigh Chapter Tara Farm Picnic – 11:30-2:30 – Raleigh, NC  
Jul 4 Raleigh Naturalization Ceremony  
Ringing of the North Carolina Liberty Bell Replica  
Jul 11-15 130<sup>th</sup> Annual SAR Congress – Richmond, VA  
**Jul 16 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**  
Jul 18 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Colson's Mill  
Aug 1 239<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of House in the Horseshoe  
Aug 15 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tryon Resolves  
**Aug 20 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**  
Aug 22 NC BOM  
**Sep 17 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**  
Sep 24-26 NSSAR Leadership  
Oct 6 South Atlantic District Meeting  
Oct 7 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain  
Oct 10 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Shallow Ford  
**Oct 15 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**  
**Nov 19 General George Washington Annual Meeting**  
Dec 19 Wreaths Across America  
Jan South Atlantic District Meeting - 4PM - Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Drive, Spartanburg, SC  
Jan 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens – 10AM – 4001 Chesnee Hwy, Gaffney, SC  
**Jan 21 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**  
Feb 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford – 10AM – 10500 Beatties Ford Rd, Huntersville, NC  
NC SAR 2021 Winter Board of Managers Meeting – 11:30 – church gym  
Feb 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan- 10AM – 700 Bruce St., South Boston, VA  
Skirmish at James Plantation historical marker dedication - 10AM – 2200 Prince Anne Rd., VA Beach, VA  
Raleigh Chapter Lunch Meeting – 12PM – Red Hot and Blue, 6647 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC  
Feb 18 **General George Washington Chapter Meeting – 7PM – Cypress Glen**  
Feb 2456<sup>h</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek – 10AM – 200 Moores Creek Dr., Currie, NC  
SAR/DAR George Washington Birthday Dinner – 5PM – New Bern Golf and Country Club, New Bern  
Feb NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY  
Mar 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse – 10AM – Greensboro, NC  
**Mar 18 General George Washington Chapter Meeting, Greenville, NC**  
Mar Raleigh Chapter Lunch Meeting, Raleigh, NC  
Apr NC Annual Meeting, Winston Salem, NC  
**Apr 15 General George Washington Chapter Meeting**