



President's Report

The Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill is our next Chapter, State and National event, and as everyone should know by now, due to the COVID 19 restrictions, The Catawba Valley Chapter of SAR will conduct this event Virtually. The Commemoration will be Held on 20 June 2020 at 11:00 am and to participate, download the free "ZOOM" program, all Lineage Societies will be on "ZOOM" and we will stream FaceBook Live for Public Participation. We had hoped to be able to record some of the speakers, but with the logistics of editing and sequencing, the idea of multiple videos became impossible. Everyone who will attend needs to register at the RSVP if they are attending, in the Color Guard or Presenting a Wreath. This event may accrue points just as any National event, the difference being, participants MUST register online BEFORE 15 June 2020 to accrue those points. Those who intend to present a Wreath or those who are participating in Color Guard MUST register at, Color Guard & Wreath RSVP <https://forms.gle/Zni6sr9dMaq3FoHX8> Attendees can visit <https://us02web.zoon.us/j/84962575295> or, dial 1-253-215-8782 with meeting ID #849 6257 5295 to hear the audio portion of the program.

As a result of the COVID 19 restrictions several events have been canceled. Some of those are; The Independence Day Parade in Faith NC has been canceled and the Celebration of the 240th anniversary of the Overmountain Men crossing of the Catawba River at Greenlee Ford in Morganton NC in route to Kings Mountain the last weekend of September has been canceled.

I can understand the frustration of being restrained by government for our own good. I can give several examples of where this concept has gone terribly wrong, but as my son would say, 'It is what it is'. I neither condemn or condone, I simply say *لن تقدم* and continue on.

This newsletter has become a labor of love, and there is only one way to be able to create this in print and that is by the generosity of our advertisers. These wonderful local businesspeople are Dylan at Blue Moon Tavern, John at Southern Homes of the Carolians, Dr Eric at Conover Chiropractic Center and Dr Kim at Family Healthcare Practice. Thank you so very much.

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Patriot Biographies

Hopefully, most of you are familiar with the Patriot Research System. For those of you who need a refresher course, first off you need to go to the National SAR Website, sar.org, and log in. Under the GENEALOGY heading will be the Patriot Research System. Click on this and it will take you to a new page, click again on the Patriot Research System block in the middle of the new page to go to sar patriots.sar.org.

On the PRS page, I would suggest looking first for the Patriot who is your Ancestor. You can either click on the Patriot Search or the Member Search header to start. In the member search just put in your name and it will bring up your Patriot. You can look at the information on your application which will have the last three or four generations omitted. If your application information is not there, just let me know.

Click on the Patriot's Name to bring up all information that is in the system. One of the headers is the Biography. Each of the members of the Catawba Valley Chapter should have a biography associated with their Patriot, but I am sure some have been missed and this is your job to write a proper Biography for your Ancestor. You need to give what information you have on the birth, death, and marriage dates and places as well as what Patriotic Service they performed. All information should have bibliography sources. If you know any personal information or family history, you can include this but be sure to note it is from "family lore".

You might have more than one Patriot attached to your membership. Check each one to make sure the information is there and accurate. If you have additional information that is not included in the SAR biography just write a new biography. Include information or even copy information from Pension Records. Bring your Patriot Ancestor back to life with what you write.

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NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

Catawba Valley Chapter

Compatriot Mike Gentry of the Catawba Valley Chapter received his 40-year membership award on Jan. 11 from outgoing President Jack Bowman. The presentation was overdue, as Mike has been a member for 42 years.

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The chapter held North Carolina's first sestercentennial event, above, the anniversary of New York City's Golden Hill Riot on Jan. 19, 1770.

It was cold and windy on Feb. 29, the day of the commemoration, in downtown Newton, N.C. Still, everyone had a great time celebrating in the Frank and Sue Jones Memorial Amphitheater.

Catawba Valley Chapter NC SSAR appeared in the Spring edition of SAR Magazine Page 32. Andrea T. Benfield, Regent of John Hoyle Chapter of DAR addresses the crowd at the Sestercentennial Celebration of the Golden Hill Riots. It was a very cold morning and the crowd was sparse, but in this group of people our Chapter gained a transfer, and two new application have been submitted.

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Flag Day is Sunday June 14th, 2020 and there is at least one event this year. The Marine Corps League of Catawba County will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 3:00 pm at VFW Post 1957, 1615 12th St. Dr. NW Hickory. Please bring any old & tired flags for a proper retirement.

Upcoming SAR events

Pending resumption of public gatherings

Jun 20 Virtual 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill

Jul 11-15 130th Annual SAR Congress –Richmond, VA

Jul 18 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Colson's Mill

Aug 1 239th Anniversary of the Battle of House in the Horseshoe

Aug 15 Old Soldiers Reunion, Newton NC
250th Anniversary of the Tryon Resolves

Aug 22 NC BOM

Sep 24-26 NSSAR Leadership

Oct 6 South Atlantic District Meeting

Oct 7 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain

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Chapter Meetings have been postponed until clearance to resume is given
We are looking into some type of ZOOM meeting
Stay safe

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