



# The Fife and Drum



## Sons of the Revolution

In The State of North Carolina

Winter 2016 Edition



## Celebrate George Washington

With the Heritage Societies  
That Revere Him

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

Cash bar at 5:30 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

### North Raleigh Hilton

3415 Wake Forest Road  
Raleigh, North Carolina

### Program:

*George Washington's Surveying Technology*  
By Mr. Dale Loberger

**Cost: \$50.00 per attendee**

Deadline for Reservations: February 10, 2016

Dress: Black tie, suit and tie, period dress  
or uniform with decorations

**Send check made payable to "NCSR" to:**

Allen James, Treasurer, SRNC  
202 Lions Gate Drive  
Cary, NC 27518

## Chapter News

### Raleigh

### Raleigh Chapter Receives Charter

The Colonels William Polk and John Hinton Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina received their charter at the Annual Yorktown Luncheon held in Raleigh on October 24, 2015 at the North Ridge Country Club. President Frank Powell accepted the charter on behalf of the chapter.



Charter members of the Cols. Polk & Hinton Chapter SRNC are shown receiving their charter at the Yorktown Luncheon held in Raleigh October 24, 2015.



Photos by Sara Powell

Cols. Polk & Hinton Chapter President Frank Powell (right) receives the chapter charter at the Yorktown Luncheon held in Raleigh October 24, 2015.

# Chapter News Charlotte



The Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter, SRNC, is making plans to offer during the Spring Term a prize for a research paper on some aspect of the American Revolution in the State of North Carolina. The prize will be presented to a political science or history major at Central Piedmont Community College. Chapter member, Chris Stonestreet, a teacher at CPCC along with Professor Hugh Dussek (L), have given leadership to the prize along with Chapter President, Gus Succop (R). The prize will be presented to the recipient at the chapter's annual Chartering Dinner on September 29 at the Charlotte Country Club. The prize is to be known as the "Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Patriotic Prize."



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in the State of North Carolina**

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**We are at 135 members**

## Gentlemen of the SRNC & Our Esteemed Friends

Please take note that an early advisory has been issued for the:

**Annual Meeting & Luncheon**  
of the  
**Sons of the Revolution**  
in the State of North Carolina  
**Saturday, June 18, 2016**  
**Pinehurst Resort, The Clubhouse**  
**80 Carolina Vista Drive, Pinehurst, NC 28374**  
**(855) 235-8507**

And, please note especially the following order of the day:

### Tentative Schedule

**Board of Directors Meeting: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Fellowship time (cash bar): 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon**  
**Membership meeting & Program: 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.**

*Nota Bene:* It is in order that the Annual Meeting includes the presentation of the SRNC Scholarship Award complete with a presentation of the winning essay by a student at UNC-Pembroke. In addition, a speaker will be procured to provide an address on a Revolutionary topic. Updated information about the Annual Meeting will be available at the February 20th George Washington banquet, Raleigh, NC.

As always, members, spouses, and friends are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting beginning with the 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time. Reservations for the Annual Meeting and its accompanying segments will commence upon confirmation of particular and pertinent details.

With every good wish, I remain,

Faithfully yours,  
Augustus E. Succop III, Secretary, SRNC  
President, Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter,  
SRNC

## Members & Friends of the SRNC and the Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter, SRNC

Both the State Society and the Gen. Davidson Chapter have been invited to contribute towards the purchase and placement of a granite marker (see below). The marker will be placed near the grave site of Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson. It will commemorate an inclusive array of patriots precious to the cause of freedom in Mecklenburg County and the Nation.

The cost of the granite marker is \$6,250 (installed). The plan is to dedicate the marker at the Saturday, January 30, 2016, 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford, 9:30 a.m., Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, NC. Your gift is tax-deductible ([www.gofundme.com/MecklenburgSAR](http://www.gofundme.com/MecklenburgSAR)). I hope you will join me in making a gift towards the marker when you ponder your year-end-giving.

With every good wish I remain, Faithfully yours,  
Augustus E. Succop III, President, Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter  
Secretary, SRNC

## Battle of Cowan's Ford Anniversary

On Saturday, January 30 at 10 a.m., the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford will be observed @ the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, NC (10500 Beatties Ford Rd., 28078). Sponsored by the Mecklenburg SAR, the morning begins with the traditional serving of "biscuits & coffee" breakfast at 9 a.m. The speaker will be North Carolina author and historian, Randell Jones, who will tell us about events and people leading up to Cowan's Ford. Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson led the American forces against the advancing British troops under the command of Gen. Cornwallis. Gen. Davidson was subsequently shot and killed, and buried under cover of night at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church cemetery. The officers of the Gen. Wm. Lee Davidson Chapter, SRNC, will present a wreath at the grave of their namesake.



**This State Bank of North Carolina note was signed by William Polk when he was President of the bank in 1813. The new Raleigh Chapter is named for William Polk. Submitted by John Huss.**

# President's Message



2015 was a very active year for the SRNC. Our Color Guard performed exceptionally well in many patriotic events which raised our visibility and let people know we exist. I wish to thank our Color Guard Commander, Dr Scott Kennedy, who managed the events in a professional manner and made us proud. There are many veterans and patriots at these events and they recognize when something is done right. We also had several recruiting booths that brought us many prospective members and much needed visibility.

Allen James and I visited the East Carolina University Library where most of our historical records are kept and worked to catalog the eleven boxes of our history. As a result of this we are building an inventory of our assets and contributing to the records of the General Society. When you visit Moores Creek Battlefield, please take note of 'Mother Covington's Daughter', the swivel cannon that is in the museum and is used in reenactments. This reproduction cannon was paid for by an SRNC donation. Many schools, libraries and museums in North Carolina have portraits provided by the SRNC. We have a long history to be proud of.

We represented our State at the GSSR Triennial in Williamsburg again winning the Kent Trophy as

one of the most active State Societies. This was a great meeting of the General Society and we were proud of our own Jeff Lambert, the General Society Executive Director.

We updated our Bylaws and created the SRNC Governance Manual to comply with IRS and Corporate guidelines for the proper operation of a Society. We are actively working on obtaining the IRS Not-for-profit status. As part of this effort we created the necessary policies for good governance.

We also updated our Speaker Program and have a number of programs available for schools and conferences.

2016 will also be a very active year with a full agenda. First off, make sure you attend the George Washington Celebration on February 20th. We have a great speaker on the technology of surveying available to George Washington. He started out as a surveyor ranging over a thousand miles of the new continent. You will get to see the equipment available to him and gain a new understanding of the challenges of map making and boundary marking in the eighteenth century. This is a joint meeting with several societies invited. Bring guests and enjoy the evening. If you are coming from out of town, there are rooms available in the hotel at a good discount. If you stay over, go see the Joel Lane House and Museums in Raleigh.

Here is a list of events that are important to the SRNC. Please put them on the calendar and Let us know if you can participate. These events raise awareness of the SRNC and are important to our growth.

## SRNC 2016 Potential Events:

- Jan. 30: Cowan's Ford Anniversary\***  
Feb. 13: Crossing the Dan\*  
Feb. 20: George Washington Celebration\*  
Feb. 27: Moores Creek Anniversary  
Apr. 26: National History Day Finals\*  
May 28-29: Memorial Day Remembrance  
May 30: Memorial Day  
June 18: SRNC Annual Meeting\*  
June 25: Ramsour's Mill  
July 9: Colson's Mill  
Aug. 6: House in the Horseshoe\*  
Aug. 20: Musgrove Mill  
**Sep. 23-Oct 7: Overmountain Victory Trail\***  
Oct. 3: Walnut Grove Plantation\*  
Oct. 7: Kings Mountain\*  
Oct. 21-28: Southeastern Primitive Rendezvous\*  
**Nov. 12: Veteran's Day\***  
**Dec. 10: Wreaths Across America\***

\* Indicates that we participated in 2015

**Bold** indicates an important event for all members

## **Sons of the Revolution in the State of North Carolina**

**Annual Meeting  
Saturday, June 18, 2016**

**Pinehurst Resort  
Pinehurst, North Carolina**

**10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

# SRNC 2015 In Review

## Color Guard

Our color Guard consists of six members in Revolutionary War Militia uniform and one also with a Continental Line uniform. We all have authentic uniforms and equipment and we drill to be accurate to the Rev War period based on the drill manual created by General Von Steuben at Valley Forge. We have three new members working on their uniforms and equipment. When we induct a new member, we take them to a range for live accurate fire and drill before they are allowed to fire volleys with us at patriotic events. The mission of our color guard is to be the face of the SRNC. Few people know we exist and our best publicity is when they see us at patriotic events with banners, brochures and signs. We strive to make veterans proud when we perform. Dan Hopping is a Black Powder Certified Instructor and has been certified by the National Park Service (NPS) to be able to fire at NPS events.

## Cowan's Ford Anniversary

The Battle of Cowan's Ford on February 1st 1781 was part of the Southern Campaign right after the battle of Cowpens. This is the battle where patriot General William Lee Davidson was killed. He is buried in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church graveyard near Huntersville, NC. The SRNC Chapter in Charlotte is named after him. The Chapter participated in the wreath laying and memorial service. SRNC President Hopping also participated.



**Grave of General Davidson**

## National History Day in North Carolina

The SRNC provides this organization with a grant each year. This national program makes history come alive for students by getting them involved in discovering the past. This is a year-long academic program for students in grades 6 through 12. They choose historical topics related to a theme; conduct extensive primary and secondary research; draw conclusions about their topics' significance in history; and present their work in original papers, websites, exhibits, performances, and documentaries. These products are entered into competitions in the spring at local, state, and national levels where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators. A national study has found that students who participate in National History Day develop skills in critical thinking, research, writing, presentation, and more. We encourage you to volunteer as a judge in this program. Let Dan Hopping know if you are able to help.

## Memorial Day Remembrance: The American Soldier Through the Ages

Each year Bennett Place NC Historic Site holds a Remembrance for all the military services of the USA. This two day event has over one thousand visitors and hosts living history stations representing ten periods of American history from the regulators through the Vietnam War. The SRNC has a recruiting booth and provides living history and firelock volleys. Each of the stations is hosted by living historians in period correct uniforms and with period correct weapons. There are always neat stuff like cavalry, canons, mechanized equipment and lots of displays and a few sutlers. You would very much enjoy attending this event. We also need people to staff the recruiting booth. There is a small parade and wreath laying ceremony at 3:00 pm on Sunday.



**Scott Kennedy, Hollis Posey,  
John Ledbetter, Dan Hopping  
and Harley Walker.**



**Scott Kennedy, John Ledbetter,  
Hollis Posey and Dan Hopping  
firing a volley.**

# SRNC 2015 In Review Continued

## SRNC Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held on June 13th in Raleigh. We held this meeting in Raleigh to encourage more people to attend. Raleigh has the largest concentration of SRNC members and is easy to travel to for most other members. Our guest speaker was living historian Steve Ricker telling the story of the two week long patriot march to track down the Loyalist forces under Major Patrick Ferguson and catch them on Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780 and completely wipe them out.



Guest Speaker Steve Ricker

## Masons in the Revolutionary War

In September the SRNC Color Guard presented one of our Speakers Programs at the Creedmoor Masonic Lodge on Masons in the Revolutionary war. All but one of the officers in the 1775 NC Militia and Continental Line regiments were Masons.

## 2015 GSSR Triennial

The 2015 Triennial was held in Williamsburg, VA. This was a grand event with much pomp and circumstance. The banquet speaker was Brian Kilmeade. Please see your latest issue of the Drumbeat for details. The SRNC once again earned the Trend Trophy as one of the most active state societies.

## House in the Horse Shoe

On August 1st, the Color Guard presented a wreath at the House in the Horse Shoe battle anniversary. This site is incredibly well preserved and there are many bullet holes still in the house. The reenactment is a fun event and there are several sutlers and booths.



## OVTA Partnership and Kings Mountain Anniversary

We are a partner of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association and our Color Guard participates in the annual recreation of the march to Kings Mountain. On October the 7th our Color Guard laid a wreath at the Kings Mountain monument and participated in the first time a volley was allowed to be fired on the mountain during the ceremony and again at the amphitheater Ceremony.



Rev. Gus Succop, Dan Hopping and Hollis Posey at the grave of Major Ferguson on Kings Mountain

# SRNC 2015 In Review Continued

## Wreaths Across America

At the 2015 Wreaths Across America (WAA) at the Raleigh National Cemetery, we had three JROTC Units, a military Band, a wreath escort of two dozen motorcycles and about 200 visitors. The SRNC was a sponsor of WAA and the cemetery received just over 2,500 wreaths. The speakers were the NC Lt Governor, Dan Forest and Colonel Peter von Jess, US Army, retired. Our own Paul Conway, Lt US Navy Retired was the Chaplain. Our Color Guard provided a volley and went to Morn Arms while taps played. Twelve wreaths were laid. One each for the Revolutionary War Veterans, the Civil War Veterans and for each branch of the Service. Dan Hopping of the SRNC laid the wreath for the Revolutionary War.



**Scott Kennedy, David Magill, Allen James, Hollis Posey and Dan Hopping at Wreaths Across America.**

## Recruiting Booths

We put a recruiting booth at patriotic events such as Memorial Day and the NC Museum of History events. From this effort in 2015 we have twenty-three new prospects who have expressed interest in joining our organization. We have a large living history display that draws the visitors to our booth. If they have children, we give the parents Tootsie Roll Pops to give to their kids. This keeps them long enough to talk about their ancestors and if they have Revolutionary War ancestors, we sell the Sons of the Revolution.



## Veteran's Day March of Patriots

On Veterans Day, the SRNC Color Guard participated with the SAR in leading the March of Patriots in Roanoke Rapids. We also participated in the memorial ceremony afterwards.

## Volunteer Efforts

The SRNC members often volunteer at historic sites. In March we helped put in a period correct garden at the Bennett Place farm. This was a day of manual labor. The SRNC also volunteered in the survey to correctly locate the site of the battle of Cain Creek which was part of the OVTA events leading up to Kings Mountain. This was many days over several months working two miles of a creek in the steep foothills of NC with a metal detector. Many artifacts were found. People drop a lot of stuff over a period of 235 years. The foothills are also alive with snakes and much flora and fauna.



## Scott Kennedy and Dan Hopping outstanding in their field

## Yorktown Dinner

On October 24 the SRNC held its annual Yorktown luncheon at the Northridge Country Club in Raleigh. Our speaker was Suzanne Adair, who has written several books on the Revolutionary War around Wilmington in 1781. At this luncheon we presented the Charter to the Hinton Polk Chapter. We are very proud of this new chapter.

## George Washington Dinner

**Saturday, February 20, 2016 - 5:30 PM  
North Raleigh Hilton**



## 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.

Other objectives of the 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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