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The SAR — Join by heritage.
Belong through participation and service.

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Greetings Compatriot!

As a compatriot of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution you are a part of the largest male lineal society in the United States. NSSAR is dedicated to furthering understanding of the American Revolution and its significance past, present, and future. SAR is chartered by the United States Congress and signed into law by Compatriot President Teddy Roosevelt.

The mission of this manual is twofold:

- To help **new members** gain an enhanced sense of what it means to be part of SAR and to help them better understand the heritage they have inherited.
- This mission extends to **existing members**, serving as a ready reference to facilitate their ongoing participation, involvement, and contribution.

NSSAR's objectives include inspiring respect for the founding American principles and leadership; also, fostering patriotism for our great country. Hopefully, this *Compatriot Manual* supports those objectives and helps each compatriot of our chapter to be a worthy **Son of the American Revolution**.

Much of the information contained herein has been drawn and edited from NSSAR resources including *SAR New Member Manual*, *SAR New Member Orientation Workbook*.

Graphics herein have been drawn from website designer Bill Wilson's works and from the copyrighted works of Mr. Don Troiani, a traditional academic realist painter, internationally recognized for his extremely accurate historical military paintings, mostly of the Civil War and the American Revolution. Our chapter gratefully acknowledges their contributions.

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SAR Purpose

SAR honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

SAR is the largest male lineage organization in the United States and consists of 50 state-level societies with more than 500 local chapters, several international societies (including Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom), and over 33,000 members. Prominent SAR members include sixteen U.S. presidents, U.S. senators and representatives, local business, and community leaders, as well as foreign dignitaries including Sir Winston Churchill, and Kings Juan Carlos I and Felipe VI of Spain.

SAR members have also answered their country's call in every major American conflict beginning with the battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, and continuing to the present day, including Operation Desert Storm, Bosnia, and the recent actions in Afghanistan and Iraq. SAR members have received the highest awards America can bestow, including the Medal of Honor.

Being an SAR member involves you in your local community by telling the story of the Founding Fathers and the creation of the United States of America. It connects you to the history of the American Revolution by a direct means in tracing your lineage. It allows you to connect with others who also share that same type of connection.

National Level – We work with other organizations in furthering the understanding of the American Revolution such as: The Smithsonian Institution and King's College London Partnership and Georgian Papers Programme.

State and Local Levels – Our members give speeches and presentations at various SAR and/or civic events in our communities. Additionally, Patriot graves are marked by local chapters at the request of descendants.

PATRIOTIC GOALS

- We will work tirelessly to inspire the community with the principles on which our nation was founded. Many chapters and state-level societies have color guards that wear Revolutionary War uniforms and participate in civic and patriotic events and observances such as the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day, Bill of Rights Day, Yorktown Day, Constitution Day, and important battles of the Revolutionary War. Each year the SAR National Congress passes resolutions to stimulate personal and national action based on these principles.
- We strive to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. In 1994, the SAR formed a Task Force to Preserve U.S. History to help focus public attention on profound problems in some proposed national standards for teaching pre-college U.S. history.

- We will work to carry out the promises expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution.
- We shall provide recognition for public service. The state-level societies and chapters of the SAR present thousands of awards each year to law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and other citizens who exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation. This includes young men and women who are leaders in our communities: high-ranking high school students of history, Eagle Scouts, JROTC cadets, and midshipmen.
- This organization shall strive to honor, respect, and support the sacrifices of our veterans, especially those confined to residential and hospital facilities provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

HISTORIC GOALS

- We commemorate and provide memorials for the people and events of the American Revolution.
- We shall preserve records relating to the events leading up to and during the American Revolution. The SAR was a major force behind the construction of the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and the collection of historic documents therein.
- We support genealogical research and presentations (books, articles, and presentations) related to the history and people of the period from 1750 until 1800. The National SAR Magazine publishes authoritative descriptions of historical events in a quality magazine of archival value. Our Revolutionary War Graves Committee published information on some 54,000 grave sites of patriots in the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register, published in 1993. More names have been collected and the entire 140,000 names and locations have now been published. The Patriot Index Committee is publishing information on 732,000 patriots and their descendants.

EDUCATION GOALS

- We enthusiastically sponsor youth awards programs, including essay and oration contests for students, based on historical and patriotic themes.
- We distribute history curriculum and educational media resources across the country.
- We inform the community about the events and philosophical bases of the American Revolution and the Constitution. Important events and persons of the Revolutionary period are portrayed for students and the public at large.
- We help people locate and evaluate genealogical records. The SAR's state-level society and chapter registrars have excellent resources, and the SAR Genealogical Research Library is a major national repository of genealogical information.

SAR History

www.sar.org



In 1876, there were many celebrations to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776. As part of this patriotic fervor, a group of men in the San Francisco, California, area who were descendants of patriots involved in the American Revolution, formed an organization called the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. Their objective was to have a fraternal and civic society to salute those men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to the battle for independence from Great Britain. The Sons of Revolutionary Sires desired to keep alive their ancestors' story of patriotism and courage in the

belief that it would inspire and sustain succeeding generations when they would have to defend and extend our freedoms against tyranny.

In 1883, the New York Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was organized by John Austin, this could be traced as the founding of the Sons of the American Revolution. William Osborn McDowell with Josiah Pumpelly and William Stryker, all who were members of the New York Society, organized the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1889. They refused to accept being subordinate to the New York Society. After approaching other states to organize societies, the Sons of the American Revolution were organized at the Fraunces Tavern in New York on April 30, 1889, the centennial of George Washington's inauguration.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was incorporated on January 17, 1890, in Connecticut, with the first National Congress on April 30, 1890, in Louisville, Kentucky. The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress June 9, 1906. The charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was also a member of the Empire State Society, SAR. The charter authorizes the granting of charters to societies of the various states and territories and authorizes the state-level societies to charter chapters within their borders. Federal Legislation then established a federal charter for the National Society, SAR.

We have used the acronym SAR to identify ourselves for over one hundred years. The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the patriots who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence.

SAR Organization Structure

The National Society is organized into State Societies. **Membership** in the National Society Sons of the American is through a State Society—there are no National at-large memberships in SAR. State Societies are organized into Chapters which is the level through which membership is attained. State Societies receive their charters from the National Society which is chartered by an act of the United States Congress (36 U.S.C. Chap. 1533). State Societies and Chapters which are chartered by State Societies must comply with all National Society policies which are outlined in the multivolume *SAR Handbook*. State Societies are further organized by the National Society into Districts for cooperation and mutual support of the National Society's mission. All members are required to pay annual Chapter, State, and National dues to retain membership.

**National Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
NSSAR**

**South Carolina Society
Sons of the American Revolution
SCSSAR**

Godfrey Dreher Chapter

Common Terms Defined

- **Compatriot** is the official designation of a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- **Membership categories** are **Regular Member** or **Regular Life Member** the age of 18 years and older, **Junior Member** under the age of 18 years, and **Memorial Membership** for a deceased male of the same family as current members.
- **SAR** (always pronounced as letters, never as a one syllable term) is the acronym for National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- **SAR Member Badge** is worn by a compatriot at SAR functions and when representing the SAR. It is a Maltese cross of four arms and eight points with a bust of George Washington at its center and available from the SAR Store.

- **SAR Rosette** is worn by a compatriot, at his discretion, on the left lapel of his jacket, but is not worn simultaneously with the SAR Member Badge.
- **Annual Congress** sometimes simply called “Congress,” is the yearly convention of the National Society hosted by a State Society. State Societies select delegates based upon its membership, but every compatriot is welcome to attend; spouses and family members are also welcome.
- **General Officer** is the term given to the National Society officers elected at the Annual Congress to one-year terms. The **President General** is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Society, followed in descending rank by Secretary General, Treasurer General, Chancellor General, Genealogist General, Registrar General, Historian General, Librarian General, Surgeon General and Chaplain General. A Vice President General is nominated by each District (see below) and elected at Congress.
- **Trustee** is the member nominated by his State Society to serve a one-year term and is elected at the Annual Congress to serve on the Board of Trustees; General Officers, Executive Committee Members and former Presidents General are also elected to the Board of Trustees.
- **Board of Trustees** manages the business and affairs of the National Society and is the custodian of all National Society property; each State Society is represented by one Trustee.
- **State Society** is chartered by the National Society in any State or Territory, including any foreign country, in which a Society does not exist.
- **Chapter** is the local organization chartered by a State Society to promote growth in membership and interest in the objects of the National Society.
- **District** is group of State Societies served by a Vice President General to strengthen the constituent State Societies.
- **Leadership Meeting** is each fall and spring in Louisville, KY at which National committees meet to make recommendations and the Board of Trustees manages the business and affairs of the National Society.
- **SAR Education Center and Museum** is at 809 West Main, Louisville, KY. SAR is active in education and raising funds to complete the SAR Education Center and Museum.
- **SAR Color Guard** is the compatriots who attend SAR meetings and events properly uniformed as either Continental Soldiers or Militiamen or attired as Revolutionary-era clergymen.
- **Ladies’ Auxiliary** aids SAR at Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels. Membership is open to ladies who are related by marriage or blood line to SAR Members in good standing.

We award **Flag certificates** to those who fly the American Flag in a respectful way.

Eagle Scout programs recognize Scouts' performance at the highest levels.

Wreaths Across America is a program to place wreaths on veterans' graves at National Cemeteries.

Color Guard presents a great opportunity for the SAR to be visible to the public. The Color Guard marches in parades such as July 4, Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

ROTC/JROTC programs recognize students looking to service our country within the armed forces.

The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award - Focuses on American Revolution era from 1750 to 1800.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration contest, open to all students in grades 9-12, supports the Secondary School and SAR education objectives.

SAR
offers many
opportunities to
participate and serve.



Public Service medals are awarded for outstanding service in Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services.

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is for all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution.

**How can you
contribute to honor
your Patriot
Ancestor?**

Chapter Special Event Coordinators handle all aspects of commemorative and patriotic events at the local level.

Compatriots work with the **Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)** to support their activities.

SAR supports our veterans with Ancestor Search to help them discover their ancestors.

The Colonial Ball is produced biannually by your state society. Debutantes must be 17 years of age by the time of the ball for inclusion.

Chapter Websites require competent oversight to provide an online resource for compatriots and those interested in joining SAR.

Your chapter's **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar** each play a vital role in ensuring its peak performance.

Identifying Qualified and Engaging Local Meeting speakers is a year-round effort vital to your chapter's success.

Basic Protocol

- **Attire:** Each chapter varies in expected attire at meetings influenced by their meeting location and/or climate. Period attire (Continental Army, Militia, and period civilian clothing) are always acceptable, including formal events. The basic attire for State and National meetings is coat (normally navy blazer), shirt, and tie. State and National meetings often include formal banquets which should indicate Black Tie or White Tie on the schedule.
- **Insignia:** Every member when attending an SAR event/meeting or representing the SAR at a public event is entitled to wear the National Society Sons of the American Revolution insignia which can be purchased from the store on www.sar.org (registering on the member web site is required). The insignia is worn on a blazer or suit coat (never an overcoat) on the left breast suspended on the included drape. Current and Former General Officers, State Presidents, and Chapter Presidents may wear the insignia suspended from the SAR Neck Ribbon.
- **Medals and Awards:** Medals are presented by the National, District, State, or Chapter level according to criteria published in *The SAR Handbook, Volume V*. They may be worn at an SAR event/meeting or when representing the SAR at a public event. Mounting medals when the compatriot has earned three or more is recommended according to the criteria in *The SAR Handbook, Volume IV*.

Compatriot Websites and Resources

National Society

- www.sar.org - You need to create an account with your private login to access the member only information. To do this, you will need your national ID number from your certificate.
- **SAR Member Name Tags** can be ordered from the online store.
- **SAR Handbook, Volumes I-VIII**
- SAR Magazine (current and archived issues):
www.sar.org/compatriots/sar-magazine

South Carolina Society

- www.scssar.org
- Facebook: South Carolina State Society Sons of the American Revolution

Godfrey Dreher Chapter

- Website: sarlexingtonsc.org
- Facebook: Search Godfrey Dreher Chapter

Pledges, Creed, and Recessional

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon these principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

— William Tyler Page

Pledge to the Flag of South Carolina

I salute the flag of South Carolina and pledge to the Palmetto State love, loyalty, and faith.

SAR Pledge

We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

SAR Recessional

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.

Noteworthy Patriots' Quotes

Benjamin Franklin, 1759 - *They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.*

Thomas Jefferson, 1775 - *Honor, justice, and humanity, forbid us tamely to surrender that freedom which we received from our gallant ancestors, and which our innocent posterity has a right to receive from us.*

John Adams, 1775 - *A Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.*

Thomas Paine, 1776 - *These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.*

Samuel Adams, 1779 - *A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy.*

Noah Webster, 1788 - *Every child in America should be acquainted with his own country...As soon as he opens his lips, he should rehearse [its] history.*

George Washington, 1789 - *Your love of liberty — your respect for the laws — your habits of industry — and your practice of the moral and religious obligations, are the strongest claims to national and individual happiness.*

James Madison, 1798 - *The right of freely examining public characters and measures, and of free communication among the people thereon...has ever been justly deemed the only effectual guardian of every other right.*

Alexander Hamilton, 1788 - *The injury which may possibly be done by defeating a few good laws, will be amply compensated by the advantage of preventing a number of bad ones.*

U.S. Compatriot Presidential Facts

Three U.S. presidents served during the Revolutionary War.

- George Washington
- James Monroe
- Andrew Jackson

Six U.S. presidents' fathers were Revolutionary War patriots.

- John Quincy Adams
- Martin Van Buren
- William Henry Harrison
- John Tyler
- Zachary Taylor
- Franklin Pierce

Five U.S. presidents were the grandsons of Revolutionary War patriots.

- James Knox Polk
- Millard Fillmore
- Abraham Lincoln
- Chester A. Arthur
- Grover Cleveland

President James A. Garfield was the great-grandson of a Revolutionary War patriot, while President Richard M. Nixon was the great-great-grandson of a patriot.

Compatriot Presidents of the United States of America

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| • George Herbert Walker Bush | • Rutherford Birchard Hayes |
| • George Walker Bush | • Herbert Clark Hoover |
| • James Earl Carter, Jr. | • Lyndon Baines Johnson |
| • John Calvin Coolidge, Jr. | • William McKinley, Jr. |
| • Dwight David Eisenhower | • Franklin Delano Roosevelt |
| • Gerald Rudolph Ford | • Theodore Roosevelt, |
| • Warren Gamaliel Harding | • William Howard Taft |
| • Benjamin Harrison | • Harry S. Truman |

Compatriot Medal of Honor Recipients



The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. It is generally presented by the president of the United States in the name of Congress and thus is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor. There are twenty-seven known SAR members who have received the nation's highest military award. Please see www.sar.org for additional details for each citation.

1. Rufus Saxton US Civil War
2. Orlando Bolivar Willcox US Civil War
3. Byron Mac Cutcheon US Civil War
4. George Greenville Benedict US Civil War
5. Clinton Albert Cilley US Civil War
6. Horace Porter US Civil War
7. Lewis Addison Grant US Civil War
8. Edward Washburn Whitaker US Civil War
9. Philip Sidney Post US Civil War
10. David Sloane Stanley US Civil War
11. Ira Hobart Evans US Civil War
12. John Breckinridge Babcock..... Western US Indian Wars
13. Charles Heath Heyl..... Western US Indian Wars
14. Oscar Fitzalan Long Western US Indian Wars
15. Powhatan Henry Clarke..... Western US Indian Wars
16. Adolphus Washington Greely Non-Combat Gallantry
17. John Chowning Gresham..... Western US Indian Wars
18. Theodore Roosevelt Spanish American War
19. Bernard Albert Byrne Philippine Insurrection
20. Frank Friday Fletcher Occupation of Vera Cruz
21. Douglas MacArthur WWII
22. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. WWII
23. Robert Hugo Dunlap WWII
24. Hershel Woodrow Williams WWII
25. John Druse 'Bud' Hawk WWII
26. James Bond Stockdale Vietnam
27. Patrick Henry Brady Vietnam

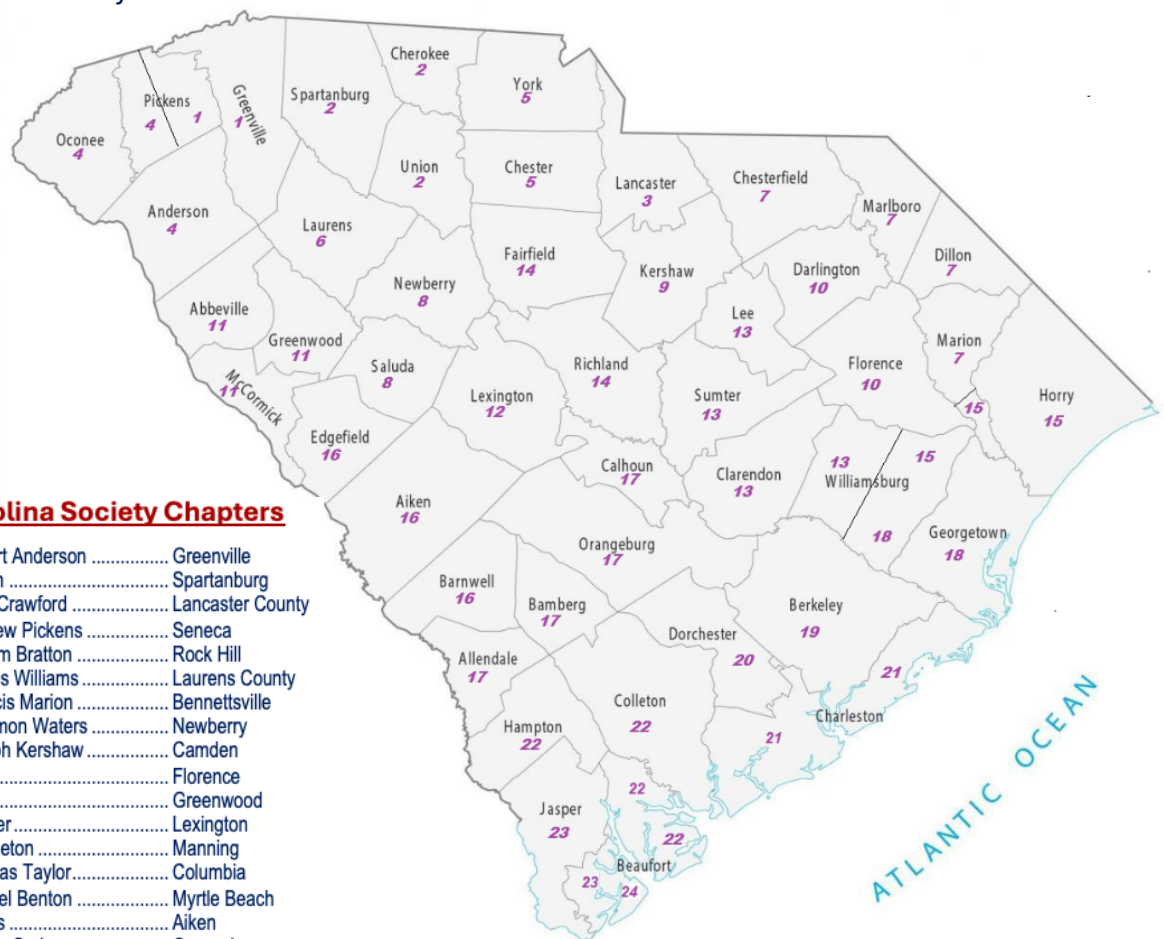
South Carolina Society



On 18 April 1889, twenty-five men met in the State House in Columbia, South Carolina, for the purpose of considering the forming of a state society dedicated to perpetuating the patriotic ideals that had led to the American Revolution and the founding of the United States of America. This meeting was called in response to an invitation from a special committee of the “Society of the Sons of the Revolution of New Jersey” to attend a meeting on 30 April 1889 (as a part of the centennial celebration of Washington’s inauguration as our first President) at the Fraunces Tavern in New York City. That day, the men decided in favor of the formation of the state society and organized by appointing officers (including delegates to attend the meeting in New York City). Governor John Peter Richardson, III, was appointed the first President of the South Carolina Society. At the New York City meeting the National Society Sons of the American Revolution was formed and the South Carolina Society was one of the eleven State Societies who had organized prior to and supported the organization of the National Society.

South Carolina Society Chapters

01. Colonel Robert Anderson Greenville
02. Daniel Morgan Spartanburg
03. Major Robert Crawford Lancaster County
04. General Andrew Pickens Seneca
05. Colonel William Bratton Rock Hill
06. General James Williams Laurens County
07. General Francis Marion Bennettsville
08. Colonel Philemon Waters Newberry
09. Colonel Joseph Kershaw Camden
10. Burch's Mill Florence
11. Cambridge Greenwood
12. Godfrey Dreher Lexington
13. Matthew Singleton Manning
14. Colonel Thomas Taylor Columbia
15. Colonel Lemuel Benton Myrtle Beach
16. Henry Laurens Aiken
17. Battle of Eutaw Springs Orangeburg
18. Thomas Lynch Georgetown
19. Colonel Hezekiah Maham Berkeley County
20. Fort Dorchester Summerville
21. MG William Moultrie Charleston
22. Governor Paul Hamilton Beaufort
23. Thomas Heyward, Jr. Bluffton
24. Doctor George Mosse Hilton Head Island



Every month of the year offers Compatriots the opportunity to celebrate the commitment, courage and sacrifice that gave birth to our United States of America. Watch for additional details throughout the year for times and location details in *The Palmetto Patriot* and on our state website, scssar.org.

January

- **Battle of Cowpens Observance / Events (See portrait above)**
 - Location: Spartanburg / Cowpens
 - Sponsor: Daniel Morgan Chapter

February

- Francis Marion Memorial Observance
 - Location: Pineville
 - Sponsor: Col Hezekiah Mahan Chapter

March

- Declaration of Independence Event
 - Location: Beaufort
 - Sponsor: SCSSAR, Dr. George Mosse Chapter

April

- Siege of Fort Watson
 - Location: Summerton
 - Sponsor: Matthew Singleton Chapter

May

- Buford's Massacre
 - Location: Lancaster
 - Sponsor: Francis Marion Chapter

June

- Siege of Ninety-six at Star Fort
 - Location: Ninety-Six
 - Sponsor: Cambridge Chapter

July

- **Battle of Huck's Defeat (See portrait above)**
 - Location: McConnells, York County
 - Sponsor: William Bratton Chapter

August

- Battle of Musgrove Mill
 - Location: Clinton
 - Sponsors: James Williams Chapter
- Battle of Camden
 - Location: Camden
 - Sponsors: Joseph Kershaw Chapter

September

- **Battle of Eutaw Springs (See portrait above)**
 - Location Eutawville
 - Sponsors: NSSAR / SCSSAR
- Siege of Augusta
 - Location: Augusta, GA
 - Sponsor: Henry Laurens Chapter, SC & Col. Wm Few Chapter, GA
- Battle of Hanging Rock
 - Location: Heath Springs
 - Sponsor: Francis Marion Chapter

October

- **Battle of King's Mountain (See portrait above)**
 - Location: Blacksburg, SC
 - Sponsor: NSSAR, SCSSAR, Daniel Morgan Chapter

November

- Battle of Blackstock's Farm
 - Location: Enoree
 - Sponsor: James Williams Chapter

December

- Battle of Cane Break
 - Location: Greenville
 - Sponsor: Col. Anderson Chapter



South Carolina State Society
Sons of the American
Revolution
Support Group



South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution

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South Carolina has a rich Revolutionary history full of significant people, major landmarks, exciting events and unforgettable stories you haven't heard yet.

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Godfrey Dreher Chapter chartered

By Redding I. "Rick" Corbett III, PhD
Vice President for New Chapter Formation
and Development

COLUMBIA — At the Oct. 10 Board of Governors meeting, a charter was granted to the South Carolina Society's newest chapter — the Godfrey Dreher Chapter.

Previously, the petition filed by 11 founding members had been approved by the executive committee of the South Carolina Society. President General Edward F. Butler Sr. presented the charter. This is the first time that a charter has been presented by the president general to a new South Carolina Society chapter.

The Godfrey Dreher Chapter was formed after it was determined that there was sufficient interest in Lexington County and that the formation of a new chapter would not injure nearby chapters, especially the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter in Columbia. The Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter was the

sponsoring chapter for the petition.

Several members of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter will maintain dual membership with the Col. Thomas Taylor Chapter, and the presidents of each of these chapters have promised to work together for mutual benefit. It is hoped that this pledge of cooperation and its ultimate results will be a model for other chapters. Ten additional applications are in process, and a number of possible applicants have been identified.

Godfrey Dreher was one of South Carolina's many little known patriots. He was a member of the first Provincial Congress Committee, when the Battle of Lexington was fought. He was a grand juror, and also when the Revolution reached the Back Country, he built a fort on his property. The fort site is below the current Lake Murray Dam beside Zion Lutheran Church.

This chapter has a special interest in and duty to promote the Revolutionary War history of Godfrey Dreher and Lexington County.



CHARTER PRESENTATION AND OFFICER OATH

SCSSAR Godfrey Dreher Chapter Charter Presentation on 10 Oct 2009. Standing from left: NSSAR President-General Edward F. Butler, Sr.; Godfrey Dreher Chapter members President Hampton Fuller, Treasurer J. B. Hensley, Wayne Roberts, Secretary Jim McGill.

The Godfrey Dreher Chapter

Our Chapter's Namesake

Gottfried Dreher, Sr., a Wheelwright by Trade, born 6 May 1720, Erpfinden (now Sonnenbuehl), Baden Wuerttemberg, Germany, died unknown in South Carolina. Gottfried was the son of Andreas Dreher, born 21 Dec 1683, died 1727 in Meidelstetten, and wife Anna Maria Siger, born unknown, died 1723. Gottfried was the paternal grandson of Johannes Dreher, born 1626, died 28 Aug 1699, and wife Agatha Munz born, 1642, in Meidelstetten, died in Erpfinden on 1 Nov 1685. Agatha Munz was the daughter of Jacob Munz and wife Barbara

_____, of Meidelstetten. Gottfried arrived in South Carolina in 1744 (believed to have arrived on the ship St Andrew 1743/4) with wife Maria Barbara _____, and one child.

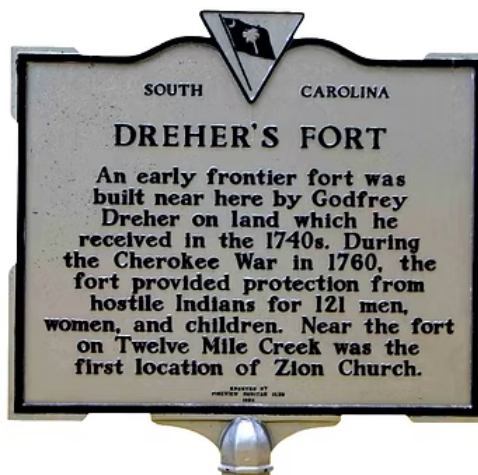
He was granted 150 acres 13 March 1745, plat in name of Trayer, grant 6 June 1747, in name of Trayer. His grant was in the Saxe-Gotha Township area of present day Lexington County, South Carolina. Name of wife and child not revealed in the historical records at time of arrival.

Gottfried Dreher, Sr., erected and operated a grist mill on Twelve Mile Creek (Lexington Co, SC), a short distance from the Saluda River. Later on, he erected and operated a grist mill on the Saluda River (Lexington Co, SC) a few miles upstream from the confluence of Twelve Mile Creek with the Saluda River. The Saluda River Mill was at Dreher Shoals which is now mostly covered by the Lake Murray Dam.



Central South Carolina was experiencing the Ravages of the Cherokee War of 1757 - 1761. During the years 1759 and 1760, the people in Saxe Gotha suffered the ravages of the Cherokee War. About 1759, Gottfried Dreher, Sr., erected a fort near Twelve Mile Creek to provide refuge for local citizenry during the Cherokee Indian hostilities.

Gottfried Dreher, Sr., a miller, gave patriotic service during the American Revolution. Although not a member of the American Militia, he gave patriotic service by providing provisions (flour, corn, beef, pork and other items) to the Patriot Forces per Audited Accounts for Revolutionary War Service, No. 348. (By John T. Nichols)



Our Chapter's Charter Members

Hampton Fuller

Jim McGill

Jon Hensley

Wayne Roberts

Christopher Rauch

Robert Rauch

Christopher Bowers

Eli Bowers

Fritz Gladfelter

Farroll Gunter

Horace Harmon

Buford Mabry

Jacob Gilliam

Joshua Clayborn

Matthew Schultz

Ronald F. Dorgay

Dr. Redding I. Corbett

Charles M. Ayers

Joseph Norcross

Chapter Leadership & Compatriot Directory

For current chapter officers and our ***Compatriot Directory***, please see our website sarlexingtonsc.org.

Annual Dues

For our chapter members to remain in good standing with chapter, state and national, these rules are in place.

- The State President sets the state dues which are \$20. The national dues are \$50. The chapter dues are \$35 for a total of \$105. Note: These are subject to change.
- The Chapter President sends all members the date for dues payment to the Treasurer and his address. Please submit dues prior to November 1st.
- Database with members complete information - address, telephone, email address, state, and national number, and amount due - to be maintained by chapter. The Chapter Treasurer will make payment to State and National after receipt of payment by member. Life Members and Qualified Members for certain exemptions are included.
- Please submit checks made payable to the **Godfrey Dreher Chapter** and mail to Treasurer. All checks are copied for safety before being deposited.

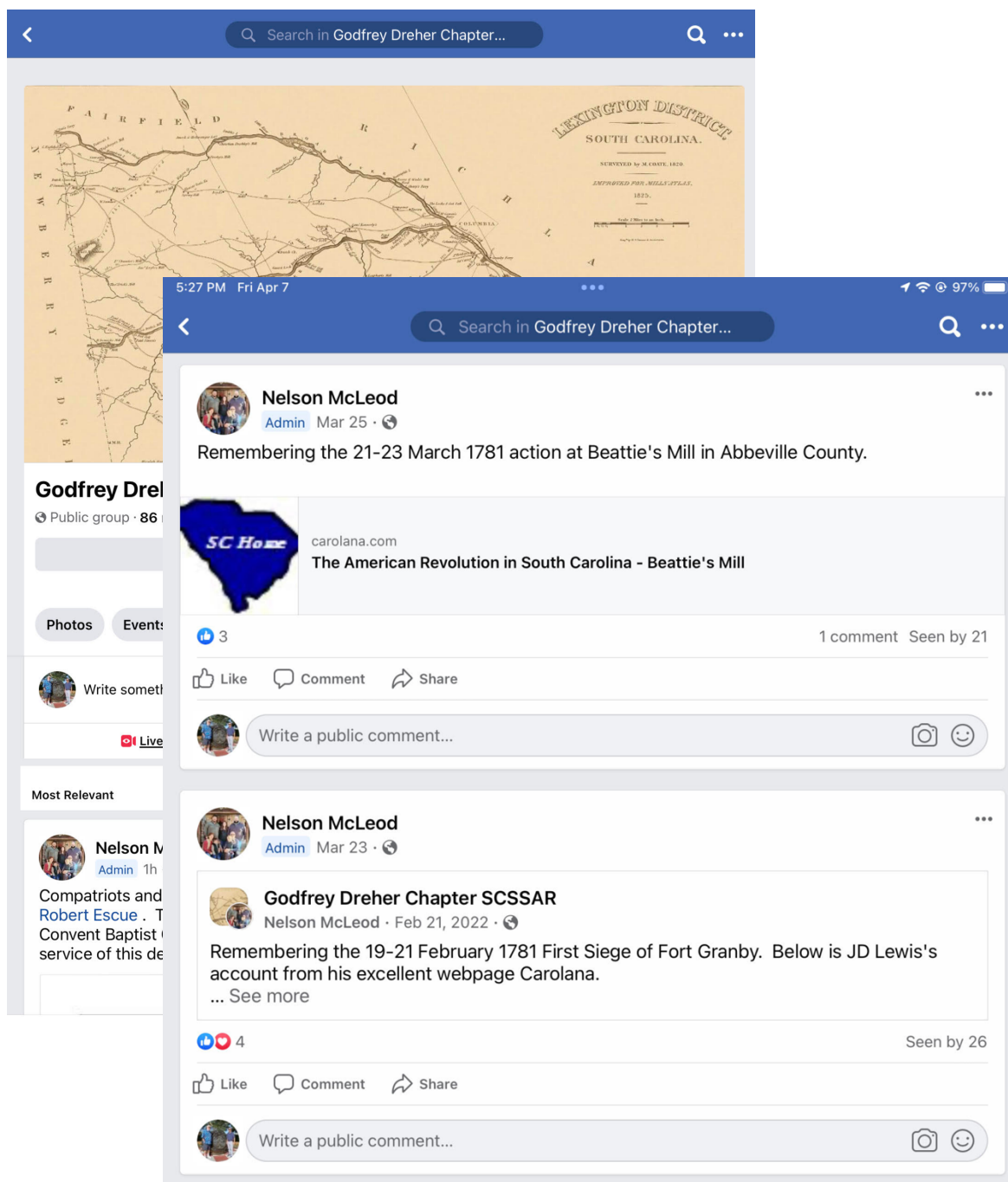
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GDC Officers	2010	2011	2012	2013
President	Hampton Fuller	Hampton Fuller	Hampton Fuller	Wayne Roberts
Vice President	Wayne Roberts	Wayne Roberts	Wayne Roberts	Don Simmons
Registrar	Don Simmons	Don Simmons	Don Simmons	Don Simmons
Secretary	Jim McGill	Jim McGill	Jim McGill	Jim McGill
Treasurer	J. B. Hensley	J. B. Hensley	Horace Harmon	Horace Harmon
Chaplain			Randy Hallman	Randy Hallman
Color Guard				David & Gary Areheart
GDC Officers	2014	2015	2016	2017
President	Wayne Roberts	Wayne Roberts	Don Simmons	Don Simmons
Vice President	Don Simmons	Don Simmons	vacant	vacant
Registrar	Don Simmons	Don Simmons	Don Simmons	Don Simmons
Secretary	Don Jones	Don Jones	Don Jones	Don Jones
Treasurer	Horace Harmon	Horace Harmon	Horace Harmon	Harold Maxwell
Chaplain	Randy Hallman	Randy Hallman	Randy Hallman	Hugh Ham
Color Guard	David & Gary Areheart	David & Gary Areheart	David & Gary Areheart	David & Gary Areheart
GDC Officers	2018	2019	2020/21	2021/22
President	Don Simmons	Woody Carothers	Bill Wilson	Bill Wilson
Vice President	Woody Carothers	Bill Wilson	Nelson McLeod	Nelson McLeod
VP Prog/Speakers	New Position	New Position	Keith Maddox	Keith Maddox
VP Tech & Webmaster	New Position	Bill Wilson	Bill Wilson	Bill Wilson
Registrar	Don Simmons	Bill Wilson	Woody Carothers	Woody Carothers
Secretary	Don Jones	Don Jones	Gary Blanpied	Gary Blanpied
Treasurer	Harold Maxwell	Harold Maxwell	Fritz Gladfelter	Fritz Gladfelter
Chaplain	Hugh Ham	Hugh Ham	Hugh Ham	Hugh Ham
Color Guard	David & Gary Areheart	David & Gary Areheart	David & Gary Areheart	David & Gary Areheart
Historian	New Position	Nelson McLeod	Buck Shuler	Buck Shuler
Genealogist	New Position	Robert Escue	Robert Escue	Robert Escue
GDC Officers	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
President	Gary Blanpied	Gary Blanpied	Nelson McLeod	
VP Events & Development	Nelson McLeod	Nelson McLeod	Harold Crawford	
VP Programs	Don Simmons	Don Simmons	Gary Blanpied /	
VP Tech & Webmaster	vacant	Jim Herritage ^{Webmaster}	Jim Herritage	
Registrar	Woody Carothers	Mike Gillis	Mike Gillis	
Secretary	Jim Herritage	Jim Herritage	Carl Epps	
Treasurer	Fritz Gladfelter	Fritz Gladfelter	Norman Smith	
Chaplain	Hugh Ham	Hugh Ham	Hugh Ham	
Color Guard	David & Gary Areheart	David & Gary Areheart	Sam Padgett	
Historian	Buck Shuler	Buck Shuler	Buck Shuler	
Genealogist	Bruce Covey	Bruce Covey		

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Facebook Page

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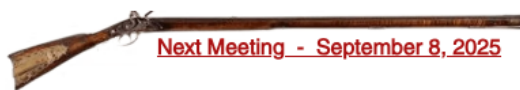




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The Godfrey Dreher Chronicles

While our chapter was named for **Godfrey Dreher, Sr.**, his son **Godfrey Dreher, Jr.** could certainly have qualified as our namesake. Indeed, both Patriots made contributions to the founding of our country. And his grandson, **Godfrey Walter Dreher III** certainly made notable contributions to the life of the Lexington area in later years though his Lutheran ministry that introduced services in English.

Below is information we have discovered that discusses each and their contributions. This information will be under perpetual maintenance and updated as more information is discovered.