



The Crescent Moon



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Message From the President

Thomas Paine wrote “These are the times that try men’s souls” in his pamphlet called “Common Sense” in 1776. Are we not in such a time today? A world gone seemingly mad, a pestilence disease sweeping over us as if a plague from the middle ages.

An economy ground down with people hoarding, fighting over rolls of this paper, stock markets crashing, and unemployment rising. But we also have common endeavor, common work, common pulling together, common sense. In that we are united.

Go out in your backyard on a nice spring evening and look up at the stars; think about the vastness of the universe, its creator, our life on this planet, our front line health providers. Think about how lucky and blessed we are. Say some prayers, in whatever form you like.

It is indeed a time which tries men’s souls. We’ll get through this. No doubt about that. We’re Americans, that’s what we do.

Yours in their service,
Tom Weidner

Greenville Chapter SCSR

At the Quarterly SCSR Meeting the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution was approved. The Founding Members are Albert Futrell, Tom Weidner, Chuck Swoope, Steve Swoope, Ivan Bennett

Photo: SCSR Vice President Albert Futrell signing his “John Hancock” to the Chapter By Laws provided SCSR Solicitor Matthew Breen, Esq.



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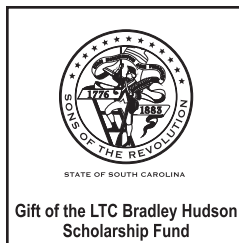
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- Spring: Articles are due March 15 for print April 30
- Summer: Articles are due June 15 for print July 31
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- Winter: Articles are due Jan. 15 for print Feb. 28

LT Colonel Bradley Hudson Scholarship Fund

The genesis of a scholarship fund in the South Carolina Sons of the Revolution began when LTC Bradley Hudson, member since 2008, contributed a little extra donation with his annual dues. Bradley's request was to set the money aside in a scholarship fund. Once the concept was discussed and approved with members of the SCSR Board of Directors at the Quarterly Membership Meeting in Greenville on March 14, the concept picked up momentum and members contributed their own donations. Each member will elect to choose an elementary school book (example Scholastic Publishers) a story on the Revolutionary War and with approval of their local school librarian and will present the book at a ceremony. Each book will carry a label in the front cover indicating a gift from SCSR in the name of LTC Bradley Hudson. At the time of this article for the SCSR Newsletter, the fund has collected approximately \$500. Any member choosing to be involved in this unique and novel activity may request reimbursement from the SCSR Treasurer, Ivan Bennett. We are dedicated to creating separate identity for our organization.



Lt. Colonel Bradley Hudson represents both the Military and Educational values behind this SCSR Program:

Bradley is married to Jennifer Hudson and has three children. He has lived, as US Army officers do, in many areas of our globe. Currently he resides in Woodbridge, Virginia. His current position is as a Nuclear Research Officer/ Manager at Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Having lived in many countries he is multi lingual.



Bradley joined the Society of the Revolution in 2008.

His hometown is Ridgeville, South Carolina. He attended Mims Academy. He received his BS degree from Presbyterian College (SC) in Biology. He attended University of Florida receiving his graduate certificate in Forensic Toxicology. He attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania majoring in Science of Disaster Preparedness receiving his MS degree. He also attended Capella University majoring in Public Safety/ Energy Management.

It is with this wide range education and military experience, the South Carolina Sons of the Revolution proudly introduce the LTC Bradley Hudson Scholarship Fund. It is our hope the fund will continue to grow beyond the donations of Revolutionary War books to elementary school libraries TO our first scholarship to a worthy high school graduate into the military and educational pursuits.

Author: Ivan Bennett, M.Ed.

Introducing Our Newest Member

I'm George Summers, "a new guy," invited by Ivan Bennett to introduce my patriot and myself. Please meet Patriot Jacob Kreager who was born in 1753 in Lebanon Twp., Hunterdon Co., New Jersey and died in 1844 Muskingum Co., Ohio. Jacob Kreager's pension records are enlightening as he served many months in NJ in 1777 with action at Sommerset Court House. In 1778, he served under Captains Jones, Carhart, Anderson, Jennings, Haver, Stilwell, Bryan and Colonel Taylor with action at the Battle of Mommouth. I'm proud to have carried on his military tradition.

I earned a BS at Duke University and an MS from Troy University. I retired from the US Air Force at Shaw Air Force Base after 30 years of service at 15 bases in the US and five foreign countries with over 4100 hours flying time in F-4 and F-16 fighter aircraft. I took an active part in Vietnam and Desert Storm.

After retiring in 1993, my wife Carole and I moved to Clarendon County, SC. Recognizing a general lack of knowledge about Francis Marion and the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution we expanded our own knowledge of this history. We are charter members and founders of the Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society. In addition to promoting Francis Marion and the American Revolution through the use of large exterior murals, the Murals Society conducts the Francis Marion Symposium yearly in October (this year on October 23-24 www.francismarionsymposium.com).

I am pleased to be accepted for membership into the Sons of the Revolution.

Pickens Chapel and Cemetery Anderson County Vice President Futrell Report

Albert Futrell is organizing a Summer 2020 Event in cooperation with the SC Colonial Dames 17th Century, SC Sons of the Revolution & GSSR Region 3 to recognize with a monument of the 25 SC Militia Revolutionary War Soldiers buried at Pickens Chapel.



GSSR Region 3 Report - Spring 2020 Drumbeat

The month of February was a very busy time for Ivan Bennett, General Vice President Reg 3.

On February 1 a Joint Event with Sons of the Revolution in South Carolina and Georgia and the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution of the Lowcountry came together in Beaufort, South Carolina. The Battle of Port Royal Island aka Battle of Grays Hill was celebrated marking the February 3, 1779 American Victory.

Forty patriots and their spouses met at noon at the Gilliam's Seafood Restaurant on Boundary Road or US 21, Beaufort.

The GSSR Region 3 invited speaker, David Paul Reuwer, Esq. from Camden, SC and Vice President S.C. Battleground Preservation Trust, to do a program on the 1779 Battle of Beaufort which occurred up US 21 across from the present day Marine Air Base (MCAS).

After a wonderful seafood lunch, David took us through the battle event and tied it into his organization's plan of the site being added to the SC Liberty Trail.

Members of Sons of the Revolution represented by Ivan Bennett (SC) and Steve Westgate, President (GA) Frank Hardeman (GA) with Dr. George Mosse SAR Chapter (HHI), Gov. Paul Hamilton SAR Chapter (Beaufort) Captain William Hilton DAR (HHI), Thomas Heyward DAR (Beaufort) were treated to an excellent program then followed by a tour of the battle site by David Reuwer.

Appreciation was bestowed to the speaker from both SAR Chapters and an etched glass with the seals of SR, SAR, DAR and CAR was gifted to David from SR. David in return gave his SC Battleground Preservation Trust Liberty Trail hat to Ivan.

First 2020 SCSR Event : Hayes Station Massacre at Fort Hayes (Block House)

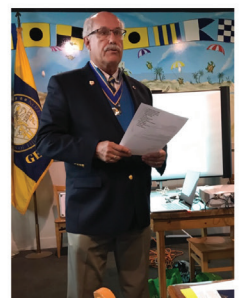
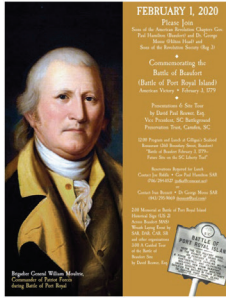
On March 7, 2020 a Memorial Commemorative Event of the Hayes Station Massacre where Col. Joseph Hayes and his Patriot Militia of less than 20 surrendered to a Loyalist force of 300 commanded by Major William "Bloody" Bill Cunningham who hanged and dismembered most of the captive Patriot after they surrendered leaving body parts scattered on the ground.

President Weidner reported 21 attendees. Two SAR Chapters and two DAR Chapters attended. SCSR streamers were presented to those who attended.

Submitted by Albert Futrell, SCSR Vice President

Frank Hardeman, Steve Westgate, Ivan Bennett.

Ivan Bennett



David Reuwer



Ivan Bennett.



Ivan, Steve, Frank



Gov. Paul Hamilton SAR.



Thomas Heyward SAR.



Group of SR, SAR and DAR with David Reuwer

We are now able to offer Sons of the Revolution shirts. The price is \$35.

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The 2020 Spring Quarterly Membership Meeting was held March 14 in Greenville at the UpCountry History Museum

The agenda set by President Weidner and business of the South Carolina Society was captured by SR Member Tomas Hanson (Thomas Hanson Communications Greenville, SC). The video and photo gallery are available for viewing on Facebook SRSC 1776.

Protocol was presided by President Weidner. Invocation and Benediction was provided by Chaplain Thomas Hanson.

After Executive Committee reports were presented and approved, the business of the state society was engaged.

- Membership for 2020 is thirty nine members. One new member will be added by the end of March. Two prospects referred through the SCSR website.
- Four SCSR Events are scheduled in 2020: Ft. Hayes (Hayes Station Massacre), Ft. Lindley (2nd), Ft. Gramby (inaugural in Midstate Region) and Ft. Thickety (3rd)
- Five SCSR Streamers will be presented at each event (SAR, DAR, CAR, Colonial Dames and SR)
- SCSR ROTC Award Certificate (inaugural) will be presented at Goose Creek High School on April 22 at 11:00
- SCSR Merchandising Polo Shirts will get company with the introduction of baseball caps. Regional VP Bennett will present Ga SOR and Ky SOR shirts during his travels
- SCSR Newsletters have changed to a quarterly from monthly publication. The Crescent Moon will reach a milestone of forty issues with this Summer
- SCSR Facebook has 140 followers and growing
- The Greenville Chapter By Laws was approved and seven founding members endorsed the document to form our new chapter founded March 14
- The guests attending our quarterly membership meeting March 14 were Ellen Zaki, President Col. John Robbins Chapter Colonial Dames 17th Century and Margaret Thomas, Vice President . This summer SCSR and Colonial Dames 17th Century will plan a joint ceremony at the Perkins Family Chapel in Anderson County. In the month of December, at Wreaths Across America date, the SCSR and Colonial Dames 17th Century will join to lay wreaths on the 23 grave sites of Revolutionary War SC soldiers (General Andrew Pickens Regiment) at the Pickens Chapel Cemetery.
- SCSR has initiated a new program of donating children's books on the Revolutionary War to elementary school libraries. The program is in honor of LTC Bradley Hudson, a member of SCSR, who provided seed money for a scholarship fund. Each member in each region of the state will select books and contact the elementary school to set up the opportunity to present books to the school libraries.

The South Carolina Sons of the Revolution maintains an active and current website and Facebook.

www.facebook.com/srsc1776 www.srsc1776.org



Ivan Bennett, Chuck Swoope, Margaret Thomas and Ellen Zaki (Colonial Dames 17th Century),
Jeff Murrie, Albert Futrell, Tom Weidner Photo Credit Tom Hanson