

Fall 2020

Message From the President



My term of office as your President is coming to an end. It has been an eventful term. We accomplished a lot in these two years. Some of our accomplishments include: supplemental applications for our members who would like to honor additional Revolutionary War ancestors; ROTC award and scholarship program for high school cadets; three new South Carolina Society events — Fort Lindley, Fort Gramby and Hayes Station. We have organized the first chapter formed in the state, the Greenville Chapter. Initiated by our Society and the Colonial Dames, 17th Century, we have begun a monument project honoring Revolutionary War soldiers who are buried at Pickens Chapel. Vice-President Al Futrell is heading up the monument project and doing a great job.

2020 has been a rough year for us all. However, our society is weathering the storm. We conducted our 3rd Annual Ft. Thickitty event in July with masks and social distancing. This goes to prove that it can be done. We also held our summer quarterly B.O.M. meeting in Gaffney, South Carolina. Also, our monument project has made tremendous success in 2020. Dedication of the monument (if all goes well) should be by the end of the year or early 2021. I want to end by thanking my staff and the members of our Board of Managers for their support and encouragement these past two years. My best wishes and support go out to President-elect Jeff Murrie and his staff. "Exegi Monumentum Aere Perennius"

Yours in their service,
Tom Weidner

**Agenda
SC Society**

**Annual Board Meeting
November 14th in Camden, SC**

- I. Pledges:
United States Flag...William Suggs Color Guard
S.C. State...Chuck Swoope Registrar
S.R. Pledge...Tom Weidner State Soc President
- II. Invocation: Tom Hanson, SC Society Chaplain
- III. Reports
President...Tom Weidner
Vice President ...AL Futrell
Pickens Chapel Update
Secretary ...Stephen Swoope
Registrar ...Charles Swoope
Treasurer...Ivan Bennett
Regional Reports
Upstate ...Al Futrell – Greenville Chapter
Midlands ...
Coastal ... VP Jeff Murrie
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Installation of New Officers

The 2020 SCSR **Annual Membership Election Meeting** is November 14th in Camden, SC. The Camden Archives address is 1314 Broad Street. The meeting begins at 1:00 pm. All members attending wear your uniform blue blazer, SR tie and khaki slacks. Tom Hanson will be taking individual photos for the 1st Edition SCSR Handbook.

Nomination Election Slate for 2021

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| President | Jeff Murrie | African American Recruitment* |
| Vice President | Matthew Breen, Esq. | Tom Weidner |
| President Emeritus..... | Tom Weidner | Regional VP Upstate..... |
| Secretary | Steve Swoope | Gary King** |
| Treasurer | Ivan Bennett | Regional VP Mid-State |
| Registrar | Charles Swoope | George Summers |
| Chaplain | Tom Hanson | Regional VP Coastal..... |
| Solicitor..... | Matthew Breen, Esq. | William Suggs |
| Historian..... | Tom Weidner | Webmaster |
| Color Guard..... | William Suggs | Samuel Whatley |
| | | Newsletter Editors |
| | | Ivan Bennett (Coastal) |
| | | Tom Weidner (Upstate) |
| | | Facebook..... |
| | | Tom Hanson |



* A New Committee 2021 Chair, Tom Weidner
** Pending GSSR Application Approval

Pickens Chapel Cemetery in Seneca, SC

Few cemeteries in the upstate South Carolina hold the remains of so many veterans of the War for Independence. This small cemetery, located in northern Anderson County contains at least twenty-eight graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers. The graveyard situated near the water of Three and Twenty Creek in a secluded area behind the Pickens Chapel Church.

The South Carolina Colonial Dames 17th Century, Colonel John Robbins Chapter, Southern Wesleyan University and the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution are working together to place a memorial monument to these Revolutionary War Soldiers buried there. This is a large project that will require a fund raising efforts and time.

Wreaths Across America is scheduled for December the 19th this year in the cemetery. This will be an outstanding chance to visit this normally closed historic cemetery.

Ellen Zaki (Colonial Dames 17th Century), Tom Weidner (SCSR President), Albert Futrell (SCSR Vice President-SCSR Greenville Chapter President) pose during a visit to Alexander Granite and Marble.



The representative of the monument business was very helpful and will prepare an estimate for our review. The estimate will be using local granite and the final engraving will be submitted by SCSR for approval. Because Colonial Dames rules require their medallion to be the only marker, the option will be for societies to erect a stand alone pole marker in front of the marker.

To date half of the \$3000 estimate cost has been collected from donors. Half is required to begin engraving on the monument.

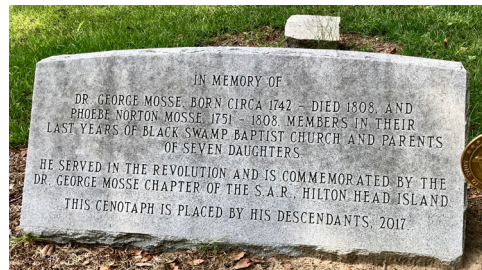


Last years SCSR GSSR Wreaths Across America in 2019 took place on Hilton Head Island. In 2020 it will take place at Pickens Chapel. Saturday, Dec 19

Robertville

SCSR President Emeritus Ivan Bennett pays tribute to a Revolution War Soldier and Medical Doctor Monument in Robertville, SC at the cemetery of Robertville Baptist Church.

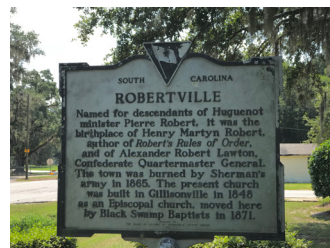
The monument of Dr George Mosse captured during the 1781 Charleston Battle won by the British was held captive in the prisoner ships.



The GSSR Pole Medallion was placed by Ivan during a private ceremony with his wife Susan present and the church minister and his wife.



This type of GSSR medallion or grave marker is an example of that planned for the Pickens Chapel referenced in another article.



Regional VP Jeff Murrie visits Battle of Eutaw Springs:

Today (September 5) I represented the SCSR at Eutaw Springs. This is the site of the last major battle of the Revolution in South Carolina which took place on September 8, 1781. when the armies of General Nathanael Greene and Lt. Colonel Alexander Stewart met near these limestone springs. Technically a British victory, the American forces decimated the British ranks forcing them to retreat once again to Charleston. One month later Lord Charles Cornwallis, commander of the British forces in America, surrendered at Yorktown, VA. The springs are under the waters of Lake Marion today, but most of the battleground is still above water. Part of the site is maintained as a park by the Santee Cooper Authority. Major John Majoribanks, British hero of the battle, is buried on the park grounds.



We recognize our Second Honorary Member

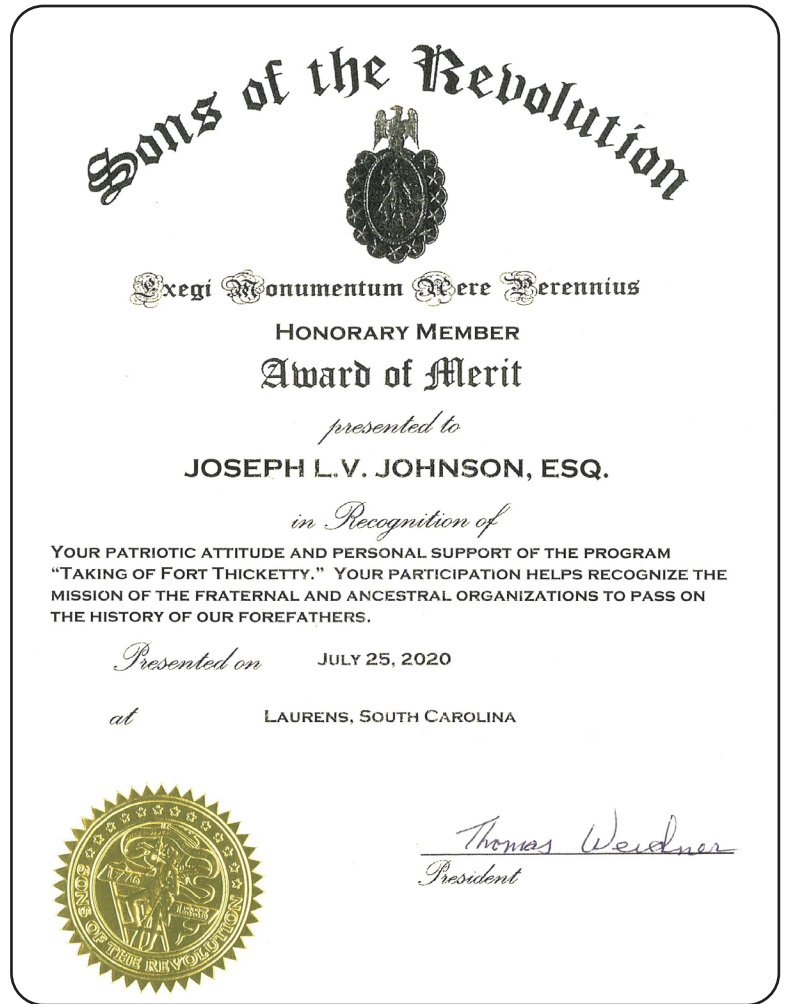
Joseph L.V. Johnson, Esq. was made a Honorary SCSR Member at the July 25 Board Meeting. Joe has coordinated and organized the Ft. Thicketty events. His position in Gaffney is as a past Board Member of CHAPs, the organization that owns and maintains Ft. Thicketty. He is pictured wearing the SCSR hat which was presented to him at the Taking of Ft Thicketty III. He is holding his son, Burcham Connelly Johnson. (He goes by Burch.)



Joe was sent a SCSR Award of Merit by Registrar Swoope. Joe will be framing it and proudly hanging it in his law office: Saint - Amand Thompson and Mathis, LLC Attorneys at Law in Gaffney.

Joe is our second Honorary SCSR Member this year (1st was John Slaughter Group Superintendent of the

Southern Campaign of the American Revolution Parks).



Zoom Board of Managers Meeting

The scheduled September 26 Zoom Board of Managers Meeting originated from GSSR Headquarters in Williamsburg, VA was interrupted. The Executive Committee of General President Simpson, Assistant to the President CL Sigmon, General Secretary Rich, General Treasurer Carmichael and General VP Region 3 Bennett were on site to facilitate the zoom conference. (*A point to make, this large of a participating group had not been tested.*) The meeting was interrupted when 15 members successfully signed in and the remaining 15-20 were unsuccessful because of the inadequate broad band internet capability.

The BOM will be continued soon with members to report and approve Budget 2021 and approve the New State Societies of Ohio and Washington. The date to be announced.

After the Zoom was canceled the Exec Committee continued to meet at the headquarters until 2:30 that afternoon exploring many questions and discussions.



The photos represent a moment of that Saturday afternoon as well as social moments with each other and their spouses.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Bennett
General VP Region 3





Fort Lindley Memorial Event

The picture is of the October 17th Fort Lindley Memorial event attended by members of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution, the Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution, The Snow Campaign Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and many other guests. President Weidner is seen delivering an inspirational message on the need to honor those who fought there and why it is so important to remember their valor in defending our

liberty. Thomas Hanson is behind the Camera and Guest speaker Durant Ashmore is to the left of President Weidner. There was a good crowd of around twenty people in attendance. Notice our South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution, our Greenville Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution and the Snow Campaign Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Ashmore gave an interesting talk about the fort, the local area and people of that time. He later gave a guided tour of the fort site.

Greenville Chapter Meetings

The Greenville Chapter S. R. will be meeting every second Tuesday in downtown Simpsonville at Unterhausen restaurant located on the corner of N.E. Main Street and E. Curtis Street. Dinner meetings start at 6pm. Notice will be sent out to all members as soon as we decide when it is safe to meet. We have set up an account with First Citizens Bank. The Greenville Chapter will host the following S. R. events: Ft. Thickitty, Ft. Lindley, and Hayes Station. Ft. Gramby will continue to be hosted by our South Carolina Society.

We now offer SCSR insignia decals.

New merchandise produced by SCSR Vice President Coastal Region Jeff Murrie. These SCSR insignia decals are selling for \$5. They will be available at the 2020 SCSR General Membership Election Meeting in Camden referenced in this publication.



We offer Sons of the Revolution hats and shirts.

The hat price is \$20.

The shirt price is \$35.

For ordering, contact: Jeff Murrie,
Cell 1.843.615.6899 jmurrie@fsd1.org



George Washington's Farewell Address announced that he would not seek a third term as president. Originally published in David C. Claypoole's American Daily Advertiser on September 19, 1796, Washington devoted much of the address to domestic issues of the time, warning against the rise of political parties and sectionalism as a threat to national unity. In the area of foreign affairs, Washington called for America "to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world." Although the ideas expressed were Washington's, Alexander Hamilton wrote a large part of the address. James Madison drafted an earlier version of the address in 1792

Washington's Farewell Address

"Friends and fellow citizens:

The period for a new election of a citizen to administer the executive government of the United States being not far distant, and the time actually arrived when your thoughts must be employed in designating the person who is to be clothed with that important trust, it appears to me proper, especially as it may conduce to a more distinct expression of the public voice, that I should now apprise you of the resolution I have formed, to decline being considered among the number of those out of whom a choice is to be made.

I beg you, at the same time, to do me justice to be assured that this resolution has not been taken without a strict regard to all the considerations appertaining to the relation which binds a dutiful citizen to his country; and that in withdrawing the tender of service, which silence in my situation might imply, I am influenced by no diminution of zeal for your future interest, no deficiency of grateful respect for your past kindness, but am supported by a full conviction that the step is compatible with both.

The acceptance of, and continuance hitherto in, the office to which your suffrages have twice called me have been a uniform sacrifice of inclination to the opinion of duty and to a deference for what appeared to be your desire. I constantly hoped that it would have been much earlier in my power, consistently with motives which I was not at liberty to disregard, to return to that retirement from which I had been reluctantly drawn. The strength of my inclination to do this, previous to the last election, had even led to the preparation of an address to declare it to you; but mature reflection on the then perplexed and critical posture of our affairs with foreign nations, and the unanimous advice of persons entitled to my confidence, impelled me to abandon the idea. *(skipping to last few paragraphs)*

Though, in reviewing the incidents of my administration, I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my deficiencies not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. Whatever they may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence; and that after forty-five years of my life dedicated to its service with an upright zeal, the faults of incompetent abilities will be consigned to oblivion as myself must soon be to the mansions of rest. Relying on its kindness in this as in other things, and actuated by that fervent love towards it, which is so natural a progenitor for several generations, I anticipate with pleasing expectation that retreat in which I promise myself to realize, without alloy, the sweet enjoyment of partaking, in the midst of my fellow citizens, the benign influence of good laws under a free government, the ever-favorite object of my heart, and the happy reward as I trust, of our mutual cares, labors, and dangers."

United States

19 September 1796

Geo. Washington

