

## Fall/Winter 2021-2022

### Message From the President



South Carolina Society  
Sons of the Revolution  
A message from the President



Gentlemen,

It is my hope and desire that each and every one experienced a happy and joyful Christmas and are looking forward to new opportunities in 2022. Each year during the holiday, I always seem to find myself researching and learning more about my patriot ancestors. When reading the testimony of Solomon Burris of Stanly County, North Carolina and realizing that he traveled from his small farm in North Carolina to Charleston and eventually to Camden all on foot, I find it amazing and evidence of what hardships the human body can endure. Recently, I read the following on a social media post that really rang true for me. The post was as follows:

“Americans willing to cross a frozen river to kill you in your sleep on Christmas! Totally not kidding. We’ve done it!”

This of course was in reference to Washington crossing the Delaware River on Christmas of 1776 in order to attack a Hessian garrison of roughly 1,400 soldiers located in and around Trenton, New Jersey. These are but only a few examples of how our ancestors sacrificed and fought to secure our freedom from Great Britain.

The South Carolina Society is growing and our growth and good works are being noticed. This past October we were awarded the Trent Award for excellence by the General Society in Boston and in December the Greenville Chapter hosted the dedication for a granite monument at the Pickens Chapel in Anderson County. This is only the third Sons of the Revolution monument to be dedicated in our state and the first outside of Charleston. In 2021 I had the opportunity to travel to Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Virginia to attend Sons of the Revolution events and along the way I have met many great men and established equally great relationships. These fellow “brothers” have provided me suggestions and guidance for insuring the greatness of our society.

It has always been my desire to create a society that will attract gentlemen and give them something different and unique that can not be found elsewhere. The motto I strive daily to live up to is “Excelsior.” This is a Latin for “higher, more elevated.” My challenge for you is to seek out those men in your communities that are looking to be a part of the South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution. We have the momentum, let’s not let it die! A monument more lasting than stone!

Your obedient servant,  
Jeff

### November General Membership Meeting November 6, 2021 - Minutes

#### Call to order

A meeting of SC the Society of the Sons of Revolution was held in Florence SC on November 11, 2021 at 11:00 am. President Jeff Murrie shared memorabilia from the Triennial with extensive display with members and visitors.

Color Guard, GSSR and SCSR Pledge with Invocation

Meeting Attendees: Ivan Bennett, Tom Weidner, William Suggs, Stephen Swoope, Jeff Murrie, Matthew Breen

#### Reports

•President Report – Jeff shared the Jay Harris Award presented to Ivan Bennett then recognized him as the newly inducted General Vice-President for the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution. In addition, the SCSR received the Trent Award and announced the next event in Philadelphia for 2024

•Treasure Report reviewed by Ivan Account-Balance \$578.10 SCSR

- o Review of 2021 Programs
  - Col. George Summers ROTC Scholarship
  - Lt. Bradley Hudson Book Program
  - Charles W Swoope Colorguard
- o 2022 Membership and Dues
  - Proposal of \$70 membership to SCSR supports GSSR fees
  - Approved by Board

•Registrar Report

- o 16 Perspective Members for 2022 presented – 3 new members processed (53)
- o Introduction of Applicant work instruction
  - Proposal of \$100 fee to cover genealogy research and administrative cost for Long Form
  - Addendum Short Form \$50 and \$25 Supplemental
  - Approved by Board

•Secretary Report

- o Crescent Moon Newsletter – December 31st Deadline
- o GSSR Orlando Board Meeting October of 2022
- o General Society [www.sr1776.org](http://www.sr1776.org) with member login instructions
- o South Carolina – 299 Followers and growing
  - <https://www.facebook.com/SRSC1776/>
  - <https://www.srsc1776.org/>
- o The 250th Semiquincentennial [www.america250.org](http://www.america250.org) and SC Liberty Trail [www.thelibertytrail.org](http://www.thelibertytrail.org)

•Greenville Chapter

- o Tom Wiedner provided update on activities
- Pickens monument dedication December 18th

#### Business

- Florence Chapter By-Laws presented
- o Proposal for February 2022 meeting to establish membership and vote
- Introduction of State Tie
- o Proposal of Design
  - Approved by Board
- 2022 Calendar for review and support by State, Regions and Chapters
- Importance of Rosette for members as representative of SOR-Identified Braded
- Charleston SCSR markers to be identified and cleaned on Alexander and Augusta
- Evacuation Day December 14th, 1782 discussed for 2022 recognition

#### Adjournment

Stephen C. Swoope  
Secretary

November 6th, 2021  
Date

## 44th GSSR Triennial Membership Meeting October 29- November 2

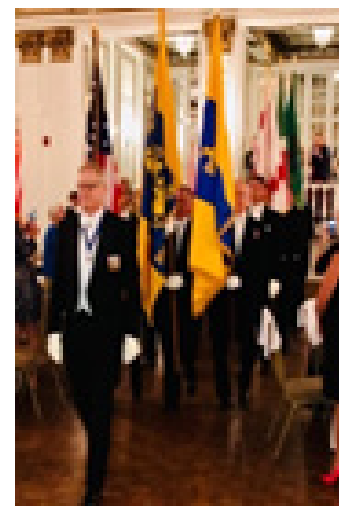
SCSR President Jeff Murrie and SCSR Treasurer Ivan Bennett attended the Triennial in Boston, Massachusetts.

During the Business Meeting, Ivan Bennett reported on the “Region 3 Accomplishments and Challenges of a Pandemic World”. Jeff Murrie presented the progress of the South Carolina Society in 2021.

In the Nomination Election Report by General President Emeritus Mitchell Bush, General Secretary Russel Rich was nominated to General President 2022-2024 and Region 3 General Vice President was nominated to General Vice President 2022-2024.

During the Banquet and Awards Evening, President Jeff Murrie accepted the Trent Award 2018-2021 for Small Societies and Ivan Bennett accepted the individual award, Jay Harris Award 2018-2021.

The South Carolina Society in the last three years has moved into the model society for the small society group.



The General Membership Meeting SCSR November 6, Florence, SC

General President Jeff Murrie called the Annual SCSR Meeting to order at the St. Luke Lutheran Church with several new and prospective members from the Florence area in attendance. Reports were given by President Murrie, Secretary Swoope, Treasurer Bennett, Registrar Suggs, Solicitor Breen, Greenville Chapter Treasurer and SCSR Historian Weidner. May 15, 2021 SCSR Minutes were approved.

The recommendation to raise 2022 Dues to \$70 was approved.

President Murrie displays included new stationery, new membership cards and new ties for the State Society. Orders will be taken via mail to the SCSR Treasurer for \$50 each. A minimum of \$900 has to be reached before the order is placed. The ties will be delivered in 2022. At the First Quarterly Meeting in 2022, the new Florence Chapter Charter will be proposed for approval, bringing the number of Society Chapters to two.

Several New Member Certificates, Rosette Pins and new SCSR ID Cards were awarded to those present.



**Jeffery Murrie**  
*President*

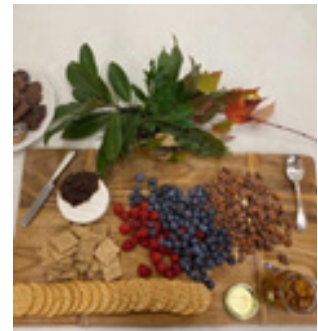
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As of this Newsletter date, the new members for 2021 has reached 15.

The meeting was adjourned after two hours with a social and snacks provided by President Murrie.



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***Newsletter Publication Schedule and Deadlines***

**Spring:** Articles are due March 15 for print April 30

**Summer:** Articles are due June 15 for print July 31

**Fall:** Articles are due Sept. 15 for print Nov. 30

**Winter:** Articles are due Jan. 15 for print Feb. 28

## South Carolina Events August through December, 2021

August 4, 2021:

Region 3 General Vice President Ivan Bennett organized the inaugural SCSR Isaac Hayne Memorial Wreath Laying held on August 4, 2021 with widespread participation. Bennett was Master of Ceremonies with assistance from SCSR Color Guard Captain and Regional VP William Suggs, SCSR Chaplain Michael Hull, MD, and SCSR Junior Members William Suggs Jr. and Jack Gatlin.

The ceremony followed the published Grave Marking Service from the GSSR Prayer Book. Joining the Sons of the Revolution for this event were representatives from the SAR, DAR, CAR, the SC 250 Revolutionary War Commission, The SC Battleground Preservation Trust, the Annual Francis Marion Symposium and Isaac Hayne descendant Charles "Chip" Warring III, publisher of the "Charleston Mercury"

The ceremony got underway with the presentation of colors and wreaths and pledges to the Stars and Stripes, the State flag of the South Carolina and the Sons of the Revolution. The gathering then heard a presentation from Dr Bragg, anesthesiologist, Air Force veteran and historian. In 2016 Chip published a book on Hayne titled, Martyr of the American Revolution : The Execution of Isaac Hayne, South Carolina. Following the speech, there was a symbolic cannon salute given by David Reuer, of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust. The benediction was given by Dr. Michael Hull.

Following the ceremony, interested parties met at the Ace Basin Fish Camp restaurant in Jacksonboro for lunch. David Reuer presented an overview of the SCBP property at the site of the Battle of Parker's Ferry on the SC Liberty Trail. There on August 30, 1781, same month and same year that Isaac Hayne was hanged in Charleston, Francis Marion and his brigade ambushed those British who arrested Isaac Hayne and held him prisoner in Charleston prison before his hanging.

Since the event on August 4, the Colleton County Park Dept. has decided to pull both the grave markers of the SAR and SR and place them at the entrance to the cemetery park on the brick columns.



Ivan Bennett - Editor



Crescent Moon Fall/Winter 2021-2022





Editor Insert:

“Isaac Hayne Presentation GSSR SCSR Event August 4  
Author CL Bragg, MD.”

## Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honor and a privilege to be with you this morning on such an auspicious occasion.

Since my book *Martyr of the American Revolution* was published in 2017, I've hoped for an opportunity such as this, to commemorate and honor Col. Isaac Hayne who was truly one of South Carolina's Revolutionary War heroes. Thank you for making it possible for me to do so.

I first became acquainted with the Isaac Hayne story while working on my biography of William Moultrie. I came across an entry in volume 2 of Moultrie's *Memoirs* in which he says, "The unfortunate Colonel Hayne was executed." He then goes on to say:

"Colonel Hayne subscribed a declaration of allegiance to the king of Great Britain, but with an express condition, that he never should be called upon to take up arms against his country: notwithstanding, he was soon called upon to take up arms and join the British, and upon refusal, he was threatened with close confinement; this induced him to consider himself as released of engagements with the British; and he took the command of a regiment of his countrymen; he was soon after taken by a party of British horse, carried into town, and in a little time, executed without a trial."

Moultrie then says, "These were horrid times for poor Carolina!"

Frankly, Moultrie summarized it pretty well, didn't he [(nd I could almost stop right here, but I won't). So, anyway, that was my first introduction to Colonel Hayne.

I was traveling back and forth between Charleston and my home in Thomasville, Georgia, while working on that book, and somehow, I don't remember exactly how, I heard about this small graveyard, and one day when I was riding by myself and wasn't in such a big hurry I detoured from U.S. 17, rode for a couple of minutes, turned down a dirt road, and here I was.

Even considering what little I knew about Colonel Hayne at the time, it was a very poignant scene with an atmosphere that somehow spoke to me.

I made it a point to stop by on my way, coming or going, whenever I wasn't too pressed for time, and it was right here at this cemetery that I was eventually inspired to write the book that earned my invitation to be here with you now.

You may not think that there is a point to my telling about how I became involved with Isaac Hayne, but there is, and that is, that actions, whether deliberate or unintentional, and whether great or small, can have ramifications far beyond our ability to predict them. This is what I mean where it regards to Isaac Hayne:

When Isaac Hayne set off from here to Charleston on a summer morning in 1780 to seek help for his family that was seriously ill with small pox, he could not have foreseen that he was setting in motion a cascade of events that would result in his own death.

When pressed by the British to sign an oath of allegiance so that he could return home to his family, he could not have imagined that in little more than a year he would go from total obscurity to international recognition.

He signed that oath, albeit with an important stipulation, not realizing that he was signing his own death warrant.

But by the time it was over, patriot and loyalist militiamen knew who Isaac Hayne was, British and Continental soldiers knew who Isaac Hayne was, both British and American officers knew who Isaac Hayne was, Generals Washington and Greene on our side, and Generals Clinton and Cornwallis on the British side, all knew who Isaac Hayne was, the delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia and the members of both houses of Parliament in London knew who Isaac Hayne was, and many of the common people on both sides of the Atlantic knew who Isaac Hayne was—it was in the newspapers.

But inasmuch as Isaac Hayne is best remembered for how he died, let's not forget how he lived. He was a gentleman who was liked and respected by his peers. He was handsome and amiable, benevolent and conciliating in his disposition, and possessed of an irreproachable character. (These are the words of his contemporaries, not mine.) He was somewhat averse to politics... (perhaps some of us should follow his example) ... and he had no particular military ambition... but once the Revolution was in motion he warmly espoused the patriot cause. He was a loving husband who was willing to do anything for his wife... and children—he was a devoted father—these are all characteristics with which we can identify, at least the gentlemen can.

But there are a few things I learned about Isaac Hayne and

his situation that you may not know, or you may know but perhaps have thought not of. Even though he became, and still is, such an icon, let us not forget his humanity and that he made decisions out of necessity would have disastrous consequences. (We do that too, sometimes, don't we?)

As you will see, it was more complicated than "... he took protection, and the British pressured him to fight, so he rejoined our side, and got captured and hanged, and that was that."

For one thing, Isaac Hayne was a rule-follower, and that characteristic nearly got him in trouble with our side as well as with the British. Let me explain:

The British occupied Charleston after the surrender on May 12, 1780. The captured militia were paroled. The country militia assumed that the terms of the capitulation applied to them, which it did. They generally went home to sit out the rest of the war quietly and peaceably—that's what Hayne did. He went to lengths to avoid getting involved with either side. It's easy to focus on the British pressure on Hayne because Hayne was endured British coercion twice: once, to sign allegiance to King George or be confined..., and again later..., to fight or be confined.

But Hayne was also under pressure from the patriot militia to rejoin the fight. Did you know that? By April 1781, Col. William Harden's men had wrested control of the Jacksonboro area from the loyalist militia and set up camp at the "Horse Shoe," a section of high land between Horseshoe Creek and Chessey Creek near the Ashepoo River, about three miles north by northwest of here. Expecting Hayne to take the field, Harden sent him a colonel's commission from Francis Marion. Hayne's young friend Paul Hamilton, who would survive the war to serve as governor of South Carolina and secretary of the U.S. Navy, delivered the commission which Hayne summarily refused. Nor would he allow Hamilton to appropriate any of his horses for use by the Americans. In fact, Hayne told Hamilton that as soon as he learned of Harden's approach he ordered his horses spirited away to avoid any appearance of his giving assistance to Harden and be perceived as violating of his allegiance.

Harden's impatience and frustration at Hayne's refusal to waver is evident in his letter to Marion on April 7th, 1781: "You will receive a letter from Col. Hayne with the commission. You will hear his reasons for not accepting it. This gentleman has kept many from joining me on his staying on too much formality." By trying to adhere to his pledge to the British, Hayne not only kept himself out of the fight, there was real concern that his example and restraint had also prevented others from rejoining. It soon became clear, however, that if he refused to bear arms with his countrymen, he would be putting himself at risk of being taken prisoner and subjected to harsh treatment by those whom he considered friends and comrades-in arms. Neutrality was out of the question. He would have to declare for one side or the other. "If for Us," wrote South Carolina Gov. John Rutledge, it was important "that he shd. shew he was in Earnest—If against Us, his Person & Property were at our Mercy, & he could not, in that Case, have expected any Favour."

Either way, Isaac Hayne just wanted to abide by the terms of his parole, stay out of trouble, and look after his family. But once he rejoined the fray, he was all-in; fully invested, and he campaigned against the British vigorously.

So, to summarize this point allow me to say that Isaac Hayne was feeling intense pressure from both sides when he finally decided to rejoin his American comrades-in-arms and fight against the British.

My second point: Hayne knew full well what he risked by taking up arms and returning to the field against the British. And at the time of his capture he had probably heard enough about the British authorities in Charleston, Lieutenant Colonel Balfour in particular, to realize that the odds were stacked against him. Notwithstanding, he still hoped that he would be treated according to the rule of law.

So, Hayne is taken to Charleston ordered to appear before a tribunal of British officers. He expects to receive a fair hearing, but instead he was denied all due process. A brief and summary "hearing" took place, the purpose of which is only to establish that Hayne had taken British protection and then taken up arms. That was it. His lawyer was not present! No witnesses were called to testify! There was no defense whatsoever!

Hayne expected the question to be whether he was to be treated as a British subject or an American citizen. If the former, he should be entitled to a fair and legal trial; if the latter, he should be given parole like other prisoners.

The sad facts are, however, that Balfour and his close associate

Lord Rawdon had made up their minds that, to quote Rawdon, "nothing was requisite in the case of Hayne, but to identify his person previous to hanging him on the next tree."

This would be fair and legal if Hayne had been a spy, which he definitely was not. So, as it was, the treatment Hayne received from his British captors was absolutely reprehensible and contrary to established precedent and law. I have to believe that Balfour and Rawdon were motivated, in part, for what had happened to their good friend Maj. John André.

So while Hayne was indeed guilty of violating the letter of the law, he had not necessarily broken the spirit of the law.

He had taken protection under duress.

The British authorities understood his stipulation. The British had repeatedly violated the terms of the capitulation of Charleston, and there was established precedent for American soldiers considering their parole null and void and returning to duty. It was not considered dishonorable. The REAL question for which no answer was attempted until after Hayne's death, was whether or not allegiances and paroles were voided when one side regained possession of captured territory, and a satisfactory answer was never agreed upon.

In any event, Balfour and Rawdon wanted to make an example out of someone and the unfortunate Isaac Hayne fell into British hands at a most inopportune time.

In the end Hayne accepted his fate with equanimity, showing great concern for his children, his sister-in-law, and his friends, many of whom had been exiled to St. Augustine by the same British authority, mainly Balfour, who so badly wanted him to die.

I would rather not close on such a somber note, so—what about Isaac Hayne's legacy?

I mentioned that after his execution, Isaac Hayne's name was known up and down the ranks of the armies and the legislative bodies of both the United States and Great Britain. When his correspondence with the British authorities and the account of his death was published in the British and American newspapers not long after his execution, which they were in Philadelphia and later in London, the general public, at least on this side of the Atlantic, was outraged.

There were numerous threats of escalating retribution that went back and forth between the officers of the two armies in South Carolina, and similar threats were made by Marion and others. Gen. Nathaniel Greene, on one hand, was issuing not-so-veiled threats to Cornwallis and Balfour while at the same time urging his subordinates to exercise restraint. Either way, British officers in captivity feared for their lives, and those not captured were terrified of becoming so. So one outcome of Isaac Hayne's death was that the outrage prevented a similar fate from happening to anybody else.

British determination to make an example of a someone who had taken up arms after signing allegiance turned out to be a huge self-inflicted wound, and had they exercised mercy and restraint, they might have come out much better. As it was, their plan backfired. Isaac Hayne's execution galvanized American's determination to resist – in my humble opinion, that was his legacy.

So, I think that if Isaac Hayne was able to ask us, across time and from the grave, if he had given his life in vain, we would definitely answer him,

"No! Definitely not!

**August 4, 2021 Presentation GSSR SCSR Isaac Hayne Memorial**

**Author: Dr CL Bragg, MD**



September 4, 2021:  
Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutawville  
A SC Sons of the America Revolution Event

President Jeff Murrie represented SCSR at the Annual Battle of Eutaw Springs.

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September 17, 2021:  
DAR Constitution Week  
UpState History Museum, Greenville

Greenville Chapter President Albert Futrell attended the Nathanael Green Chapter DAR bell ringing celebration of the signing of the Constitution.

Photo of DAR Chapter gathered around the statue of General Nathanael Green.



September 19, 2021:  
Reception for New SCSR Members from Florence, SC  
St. Luke Lutheran Church



October 9, 2021:  
Greenville Chapter Event  
Battle of Ft. Lindsey



October 23, 2021:  
Francis Marion "Swamp Fox" 19th Symposium  
Manning, SC

GSSR General Vice President Ivan Bennett attended the 19th Annual Symposium with Founder and SCSR Regional Vice President Mid State George Summers.

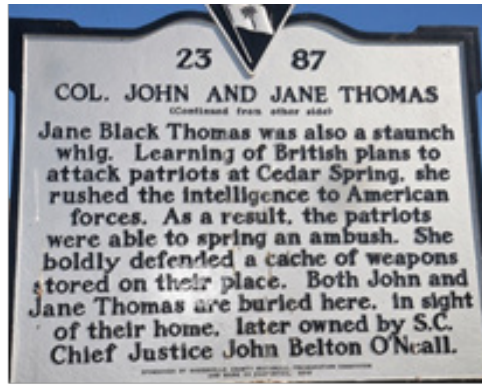


November 7, 2021:  
SAR and SR Joint Grave Marking

Greer, SC

On November 7 a second annual event occurred after the Battle of Great Canebrake hosted by the Col. Robert Anderson SAR each December. This new one also with Col. Robert Anderson SAR was a joint event that epitomizes the values we strive for on South Carolina fellowship. This event "Grave Marking for Three" was videotaped and photos by our Thomas Hanson. It was a shared event between Col. Robert Anderson SAR and SCSR Greenville Chapter. There were 100 in attendance and numerous DAR and other SAR present. Three graves were dedicated with "new" Grave markers noting a shared engraved Marking with SAR and Greenville Chapter on them. The flags posted at the ceremony were SAR and SR. The speakers and pledges were SAR and SR. It was a picture of equity and unselfish fairness. The graves were Thomas Edwards, Col. John Thomas Sr. and Jane Thomas. Many descendants of all three were present. Wreaths were laid and a cannon salute and musket salute were presented by the SCBPT David Reuwer and his Artillery.

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December 18, 2021:

Dedication of the GSSR, SCSR, Colonial Dames 17th Century Monument at Pickens Chapel Cemetery Anderson County

This GSSR Monument is the third known monument in the state of South Carolina. The other two are in Charleston and date 1905 and 1899:



Thomas Hanson Communications  
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This third monument began on January 29, 2020.

Ivan and Susan Bennett were on a vacation on Lake Keowee and began exploring the area. First there was the discovery of the Old Stone Church in Clemson where a number of Revolutionary War soldiers are buried, including General Andrew Pickens. Then they gravitated to a less known cemetery in remote Anderson County at the county line of Pickens County. A marker dated 1980 installed by the Colonial Dames 17th Century by the road described the Pickens Chapel and Cemetery where an estimated 25-30 Revolutionary War Soldiers were buried. The gravestones and markers were in much better condition than Old Stone Church and the notable marker was that of Col. Robert Pickens, cousin to General Andrew Pickens.

Photos were taken of each marker and presented in a power point at the March 14th 2020 SCSR Quarterly Meeting in Greenville at the Upcountry Museum. Guest were invited to the meeting from the Colonial Dames 17th Century, Col. John Robbins Chapter. A bond was established between our sister Society, Colonial Dames and SR. In June 2020, Albert Futrell, President of the SCSR Greenville Chapter and his wife, Jeannie, also toured the remote Pickens Chapel Cemetery. At that time a commitment and a priority was set for the Greenville Chapter and SCSR to place a monument at this cemetery to honor the Revolutionary War Soldiers.

A joint task force was formed starting with Southern Wesleyan University in Central SC who had become the custodian of the Pickens Cemetery (Caleb Southern and Ken Myers). It included SCSDAR Ann Warmuth, Judy Allen President of the SC Colonial Dames 17th Century, Ellen Zaki President of the Col. John Robbins Chapter CD17C and Margaret Thomas, Vice President of the Col. John Robbins Chapter, Ann Sheriff, Curator of the Faith Clayton Family Resource Center at Rickman Library at SWU. And the last individual communicated with was the original custodian of the cemetery, Carl Garrison who resides in Wyoming.

President Albert Futrell forged ahead contacting a stone granite monument business. The inscription and size was determined by Albert and the estimate was \$3,228. Letters were written, emails sent and phone calls made. Albert brought in donations from GSSR, SCSR, Greenville Chapter, Individuals and other Societies Colonial Dames 17th C and a DAR Chapter, Fort Prince George Chapter (Central SC) gave \$200.

The final contribution was heavily weighed to Sons of the Revolution with total donations of \$2,550 of the \$3,228 collected.

It was time for the dedication of SR Monument.

The 2021 date for Wreaths Across America was December 18th. SWU host the annual Wreaths Across America at the Pickens Cemetery at 10am. The agreement was to hold the dedication at 9am. An invite was sent out to all interested parties and area attendees from the past. The location and time was broadcast in an email invite:

“The following groups have sponsored the placement of a new Revolutionary War Veterans monument and will be publicly thanked on behalf of the university.

The South Carolina Colonial Dames 17th Century

The Sons of the Revolution

Fort Prince George Chapter National Society Daughters of the Revolution

The Program was created by President Emeritus SCSR Tom Weidner

Insert Program (Express)

The video and photos were credited to our own Tom Hanson

Insert Video Link (Tom Hanson Communications)

The entire project was sponsored by the Greenville Chapter Monument Fund

GSSR Motto:

*“A Monument More Lasting Than Bronze”*



# *Dedication of Monument*

Honoring the 25 to 30  
Patriot Soldier's Buried  
at Pickens Chapel.



December 18, 2021, 9AM

# ***Program***

**Welcome** ..... Caleb Southern  
*Southern Wesleyan University, Director of Retention*

**Invocation**..... Tom Hanson  
*Chaplain, South Carolina Society SOR*

**Pledges**.....

***Pledge of Allegiance to U.S. Flag***

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*President of Greenville Chapter SOR*

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Tom Weidner  
*President Emeritus South Carolina Society SOR*

***Preamble of the Constitution***

Ellen Zak  
*President of the Col. John Robbins Chapter Colonial  
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***American's Creed***

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**Greetings**.....

**Ivan Bennett**

*Vice President General South Carolina Society SOR*

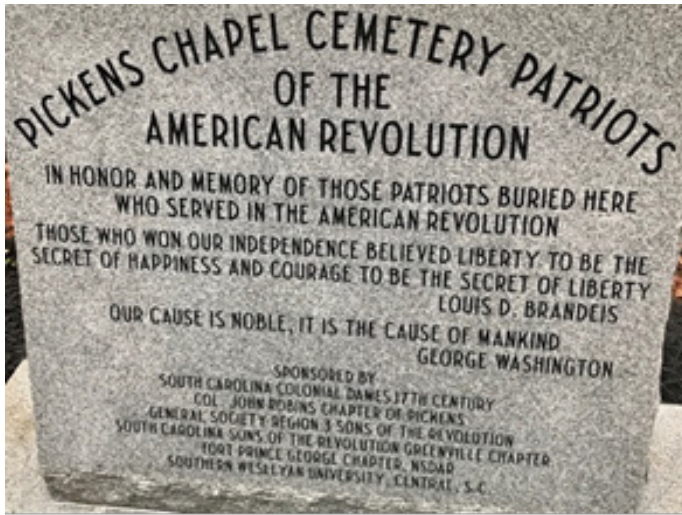
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**Jeffery Murrie**

*President South Carolina Society SOR*





South Carolina SR Pledge:

“We the Sons of the Revolution do pledge ourselves to honor the memory of our Revolutionary War ancestors , who fought to preserve the principles of life, liberty and justice for all”

- Thomas Weidner, President Emeritus SCSR

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December 19, 2021:

SCSR and Heritage Library Wreaths X America

Zion Chapel Cemetery Hilton Head Island, SC

On Sunday , December 19, 2021 in a drizzling rain, wreaths were laid at the markers of the four Revolutionary War Patriots interred and memorialized at the Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery on Hilton Head Island. Ivan Bennett, Vice President of the General National Society of the Sons of the Revolution (GSSR), performed the ceremony in conjunction with the mission of Wreaths Across America, a national organization dedicated to remembering fallen US veterans, honoring their service, and teaching children about the value of freedom.

The Zion Cemetery site contains the graves and memorials of four former residents of Hilton Head Island and members of its militia, making it the largest concentration of such markers along the coast of South Carolina outside of Charleston City, according to the graves registry of the Sons of the American Revolution for SC. The site is also adjacent to the site of the 1781 ambush murder of one of those Patriots, Charles Duvant, by a combined force of British regulars from the Savannah garrison and Daufuskie Island Royal Militia.

-Richard E Thomas

Founder and President Legacy Leadership LLC



## Sons of the Revolution In The State of South Carolina



The original Society in South Carolina was organized in 1894 and admitted to the General Society in 1895 with forty two members, largely from Charleston.

In 1899 the Society dedicated a bronze tablet at the building known as The Old Post Office, the history of which is told by the inscription on this tablet in Charleston.

In 1905 another tablet was placed in Alexander Street, Charleston marking the site of the Liberty Tree “where colonial independence was first advocated by Christopher Gadsden 1766 and where ten years later the Declaration of Independence was first heard to the applause by South Carolinians.

Today (2021) the current President of SCSR is Jeff Murrie (Florence) and the Vice President is Matthew Breen, Esq. (Charleston). The Secretary is Stephen Swoope (Rock Hill) and the Treasurer is Ivan Bennett (Hilton Head Island).

The recent history of the state society representing growth began in 2015. President Chuck Swoope and Secretary Ivan Bennett attended the 42nd Triennial in Williamsburg, VA. Fashioned after the Society of Cincinnati the annual meetings were Board of Managers and the Triennial the third year. At the time the State Society was 25 members. President Swoope vision was a society that had regional events for the members to be involved. In 2016 President Ivan Bennett launched a website, [www.srsc1776.org](http://www.srsc1776.org). The quarterly newsletter was expanded to monthly. The membership which grew to 42 became involved in their regions, Upstate, Midstate and Coastal. The Crescent Moon newsletter has returned to quarterly. Issues are 10 to 20 pages representing the events, meetings and activities of the society.

In 2017 the General Society invited SC to host an annual Board of Managers Meeting. It was held in Charleston at the Francis Marion Hotel. A success it had 50 officers and members from state societies represented.

The GSSR was founded in 1876 by John Austin Stevens (1827-1910), the son of an original founder of the Society of Cincinnati. He was ineligible to be a member of Cincinnati, therefore he formed the Sons of the Revolution inspired by the example in the Revolution “Sons of Liberty”. In 1883 the new organization was established on December 4th at the Long Room of the Fraunces Tavern in New York City. Forty guest signed the Constitution of the Sons of the Revolution.

Today (2021) the Society has 28 State Societies and DC and Europe. Its membership is 4800 similar to the Society of Cincinnati. It's website is [www.sr1776.org](http://www.sr1776.org) and it's quarterly magazine is Sons Drumbeat.

Following the Charleston BOM in 2017, the GSSR 43rd Triennial was held in Nashville, TN. At that General Membership Meeting, SCSR President Bennett was elected Regional Vice President for Region 3 (NC, SC, GA, FL, AL). It was a three year term ending in 2021. In the General Society there are six regions.

The South Carolina Society has grown to 54 members (2021). Recently the growth has evolved from the Florence area. A Florence Chapter is forming and expected in February 2022 to be approved, it will be the second chapter in the state. The first chapter in SCSR is the Greenville Chapter, approved May, 2021. The Chapter President Albert Futrell has established its identity in hosting half dozen events in the UpState. To host an event includes speaker, wreath laying, and presentation of SR streamers to other societies attending from SAR, DAR and CAR.

The Greenville Chapter in December, 2021 will dedicate a Granite Monument at the Anderson County Pickens Chapel Cemetery near Central SC. The donations raised for the Monument came from GSSR, SCSR, Greenville Chapter, Colonial Dames 17th Century. The motto of the GSSR is “A Monument More Lasting Than Bronze”. The first Monument since the 1905 Tablet in Charleston.

Each Chapter has their own identity. The Florence Chapter may bring the State Society George Washington Ball in February or it may be the first state event recognizing Evacuation Day December 14th 1783, when the British evacuated Charleston after Yorktown surrender.

In the remaining space highlights will be discussed that represent a piece of the activity in South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution. But to witness the larger picture, we ask you to visit the SCSR website, [www.srsc1776.org](http://www.srsc1776.org)

The site is updated monthly with photos of meetings and events, history of SR, newsletters, calendar and the latest addition- Merchandise. President Jeff Murrie has added hats, polo shirts, decals, stationery, note cards and the newest... ties.

Once you visit the website, click the FaceBook image and read more currently the events of South Carolina Society.

The 2020 year was very active with seven events hosted by SR. Seven additional events co hosted with SAR, DAR and CAR.

The 2021 year the SCSR increased their presence in High School JROTC presentations. The award to a cadet from a high school selected by their leaders was increased to \$300. At the General Membership Meeting on November 6th in Florence we announced the award will again be increased to \$400 in 2022.

Come and MARCH with us on June 28th of each year, when South Carolina and Georgia Sons of the Revolution join in Carolina Day in Charleston. We are easily recognized with the SR Banner and members with wives and children dress in their seersucker.

In Your Service,  
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