


Summer 2020

Message From the President



As summer is just beginning, it brings to mind the 4th of July, the Declaration of Independence. In the Declaration of Independence, Liberty became a birthright that every person could claim, no matter what any government said. In the great leap forward, the United States of America became more than a country; it became an idea, a heritage open to

people of every race and creed. Liberty is as relevant to modern America as it was to the men and women of 1776. We live in a world webbed and sustained by the liberties they won at a terrific cost in an agonizing eight year ordeal. The freedom to speak our minds, to worship in the churches of our faith, to vote for the political leaders of our choice, to pursue our careers, to manage our individual lives in a hundred different ways depends on American liberty as it was enunciated and defined in the crisis years of the Revolution. Liberty remains the driving force of the American nation today. It is the core idea around which equal opportunity and the pursuit of happiness revolve. Without liberty, equal opportunity becomes a mirage and happiness cannot be achieved. Deepening Liberty's meaning and extending its reach will remain at the center of our national mission. Liberty will continue to make America a nation that can welcome people of every race and religion. Greater than any tribal bond or national gene pool, American liberty is both an idea and an ideal in which everyone can participate, whether their ancestors came here three months or three hundred years ago. John Adam said it better than anyone: "the Nation blessed with the greatest portion of liberty must in proportion to its numbers be the most powerful nation of Earth".



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Yours in their service,
Tom Weidner

**Call for 2021 Nominations
for Election of New State Society SR Officers**

Anyone who is interested in being an officer for the South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution, please contact one of the members of our nominating committee. The members of the committee are; Ivan Bennett, Chuck Swoope and Tom Weidner. The election and installation of officers will take place at our annual meeting in November. (Location and Date to be announced)

**Agenda
SC Society
Quarterly Board Meeting
July 25th in Gaffney, SC**

- Intro Guests
- Invocation
- President's Report
- Vice President's Report
 - Pickens Family Cemetery Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Regional Vice President's Reports
- Topics to be Discussed
 - a. Nominating Committee
 - b. Dues Form
 - c. Membership
 - d. ROTC Scholarship
 - e. Merchandise
- Old Business
- New Business
 - November meeting location
- Benediction

**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 Oct. 31

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

Memorial Day at Eutaw Springs

Memorial Day May 25 was celebrated by the Battle of Eutaw Springs SAR Chapter, Orangeburg and the State Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Representing SCSR was Color Guard William Suggs.



A flag ceremony was held at the battlefield monument site in the Eutaw Springs Community.

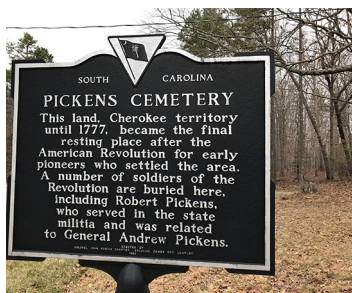
Photo taken by his son, Benjamin Suggs.

Pickens Chapel Cemetery in Seneca, SC

The Pickens Cemetery was owned by Rev. Carl Garrison who has fond memories of clearing the property with his father every Saturday. There are large number of Revolutionary War veterans interred on the property, including Capt. Robert Pickens of the South Carolina militia. He fought alongside his cousin, General Andrew Pickens. Southern Wesleyan University acquired the property in 2018. The property reflects over 300 years of national and regional events and their effects on the South Carolina Upstate. Knowledge about the property is recorded oral history, and some clever, careful, and creative historical inquiry is needed to tell these stories as they connect with the surrounding community, state, and nation.

Al and Genie Futrell visited the Pickens Chapel Cemetery in early June. Although the cemetery was closed and both entrances were locked, they were told that it was OK to step over the single strand of barbed wire.

The cemetery jumps out and makes you feel the history of those who served our country during the revolution and the war between the states. The families and veterans there paid a price with their service that we today can only read about in books yet as you walk among these honored dead you can almost hear their voices saying “we did this for you and future generations” Remember us !



Ft. Thicketty Event

The Third Annual “Taking of Ft. Thicketty” will be held on Saturday July 25th at 10:00am. This will be our first public event since the Covid-19 virus. This event will also mark the 240th anniversary of the Taking of Ft. Thicketty.

Greenville Chapter Officers

The slate of officers for the Greenville Chapter Sons of the Revolution are as follows:

President: Al Futrell

Vice President: Chuck Swoope

Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Weidner

Historian: Wayne Roberts

Chaplain: Tom Hanson

Quarterly Meeting of the South Carolina Sons of the Revolution

The Board of Managers meeting will be held July 25th in Gaffney, SC at the Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery. The address is 210 West Frederick Street. Lunch is at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:00pm.



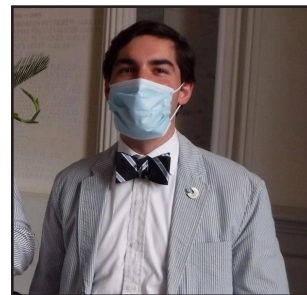
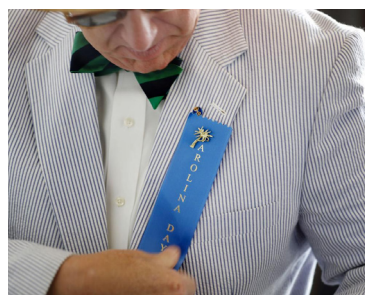
New member George Summers with Member Certificate.

Congratulations Cadets

We congratulate Cadet Torrance Mayfield from JL Mann High School and Cadet Marcus Nash from Goose Creek High School for achieving the high goals of the ROTC program. Each cadet received a certificate and fifty dollar scholarship check from the South Carolina Society.

Carolina Day 2020

Jeff Murrie and Matthew Breen attended the Carolina Day Church Service in Charleston on Saturday, June 27th. This photo on the left was published in the Post and Courier.



18th FRANCIS MARION SYMPOSIUM

*The Southern Campaign, Revolutionary War &
General Francis Marion*



Revolutionary War Conference: “Times of Francis Marion, 1732–1795”

October 23–24, 2020

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Starts with Friday sign-in about 2 PM. Presentations start at 2:30 PM.

Contact: h. 803-478-2645; c. 803-460-9626; or 803-460-7416

Francis Marion Symposium
PO Box 667
Manning, SC 29102

We are now able to 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



Liberation Day at Fort Thicketty

Hosted by South Carolina Sons of the Revolution & City of Gaffney, SC & CHAPS
240th Anniversary of the Taking of Fort Thicketty

July 25, 2020 10:00- 11:30

Lunch at Gaffney Visitor Center 210 W. Frederick St. with OVTA & SCSR 12:00-1:00

Annual membership Meeting to follow



Welcome & Introduction of Guests.....Ivan Bennett, General Vice President GSSR
Invocation.....Compatriot Thomas Hanson, SC Society Chaplain
Presentation of Colors.....Overmountain Men (OVTA David Doan)
Pledge of Allegiance.....William Suggs, SC Color Guard
Salute to the South Carolina Flag
Sons of the Revolution Pledge
Presentation of Wreaths: Albert Futrell, SC Society Vice President
(One SCSR Streamer per DAR, SAR, CAR, SR, OVTA)
Greetings.....Tom Weidner, SC Society President
Greeting.....Gaffney Mayor Jolly
Keynote Speaker.....Durant Ashmore, Historian
Closing Remarks.....Joseph L.V. Johnson, Esq. Restoration Cherokee County & CHAPS
Presentation SCSR Marker to City of Gaffney and CHAPS
Benediction.....Compatriot Thomas Hanson, SC Society Chaplain
Lower British Flag and Raise American Flag
Retirement of Colors.....Overmountain Men

