



**GODFREY DREHER CHAPTER**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



**"PATRIOTS IN OUR BLOOD..PATRIOTISM IN OUR HEARTS"**  
**LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

## **Compatriot Manual**

**March 2, 2024**

**Your Patriot Ancestor's service entitled you to join.**  
**Dues are your cost of membership.**  
**Participation and service are your price of truly belonging.**





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## Greetings Compatriot!

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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.

This manual is perpetually maintained and revised by our chapter as NSSAR and SCSSAR update their materials and new information becomes available. Please submit corrections and suggestions to:

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## **SAR Purpose**

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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](http://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

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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

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- **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 county within the armed forces.

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

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

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

**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.

**SAR**  
offers many  
opportunities to  
participate and serve.



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

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

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

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

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



## Basic Protocol

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- **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](http://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

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### National Society

- [www.sar.org](http://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](http://www.sar.org/compatriots/sar-magazine)

### South Carolina Society

- [www.scssar.org](http://www.scssar.org)
- Facebook: South Carolina State Society Sons of the American Revolution

### Godfrey Dreher Chapter

- [www.herritage.com/gdc](http://www.herritage.com/gdc)
- Facebook: Search Godfrey Dreher Chapter

## **Pledges, Creed, and Recessional**

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### **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**

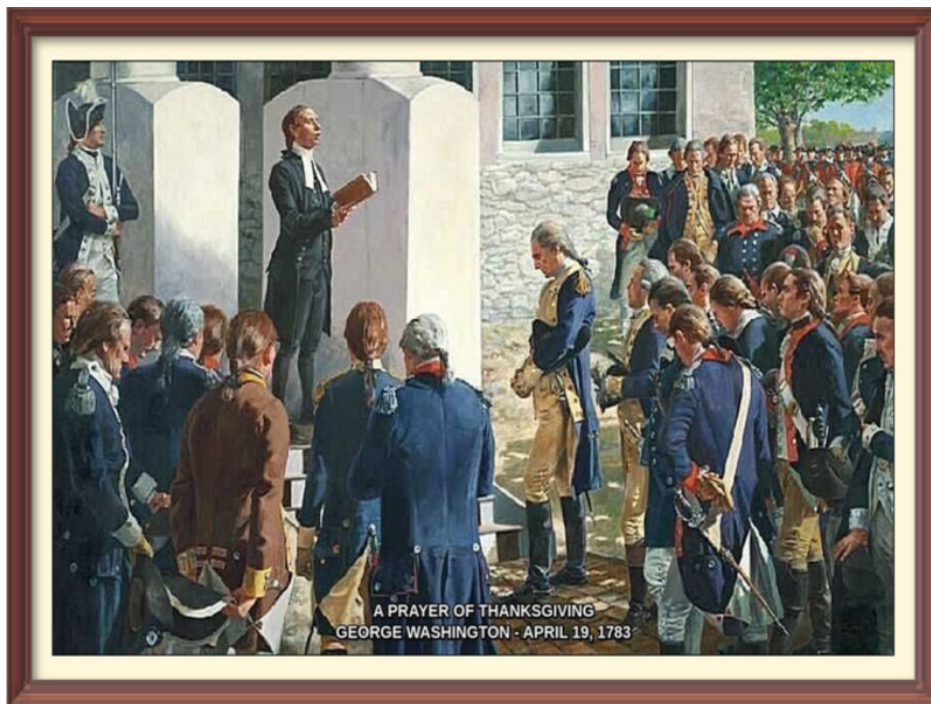
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Three U.S. presidents served during the Revolutionary War.

- 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. Truma            |

## Compatriot Medal of Honor Recipients

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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](http://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

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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

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1. Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter .....Orangeburg
2. Burch’s Mill .....Florence
3. Cambridge Chapter .....Greenwood
4. Colonel Hezekiah Maham Chapter .....Berkeley County
5. Colonel Joseph Kershaw Chapter .....Camden
6. Colonel Lemuel Benton Chapter .....Myrtle Beach
7. Colonel Philemon Waters Chapter .....Newberry
8. Colonel Robert Anderson Chapter .....Greenville
9. Colonel Thomas Taylor Chapter .....Columbia
10. Colonel William Bratton Chapter .....Rock Hill
11. Daniel Morgan Chapter .....Spartanburg
12. Doctor George Mosse Chapter .....Hilton Head Island
13. Fort Dorchester .....Summerville
14. General Andrew Pickens Chapter .....Seneca
15. General Francis Marion Chapter .....Bennettsville
16. General James Williams Chapter .....Laurens County
17. Godfrey Dreher Chapter .....Lexington
18. Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter .....Beaufort
19. Henry Laurens Chapter .....Aiken
20. Joe Kershaw Chapter .....Camden
21. Major General William Moultrie Chapter .....Charleston
22. Major Robert Crawford Chapter .....Lancaster County
23. Matthew Singleton Chapter .....Manning
24. Thomas Heyward, Jr .....Bluffton

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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

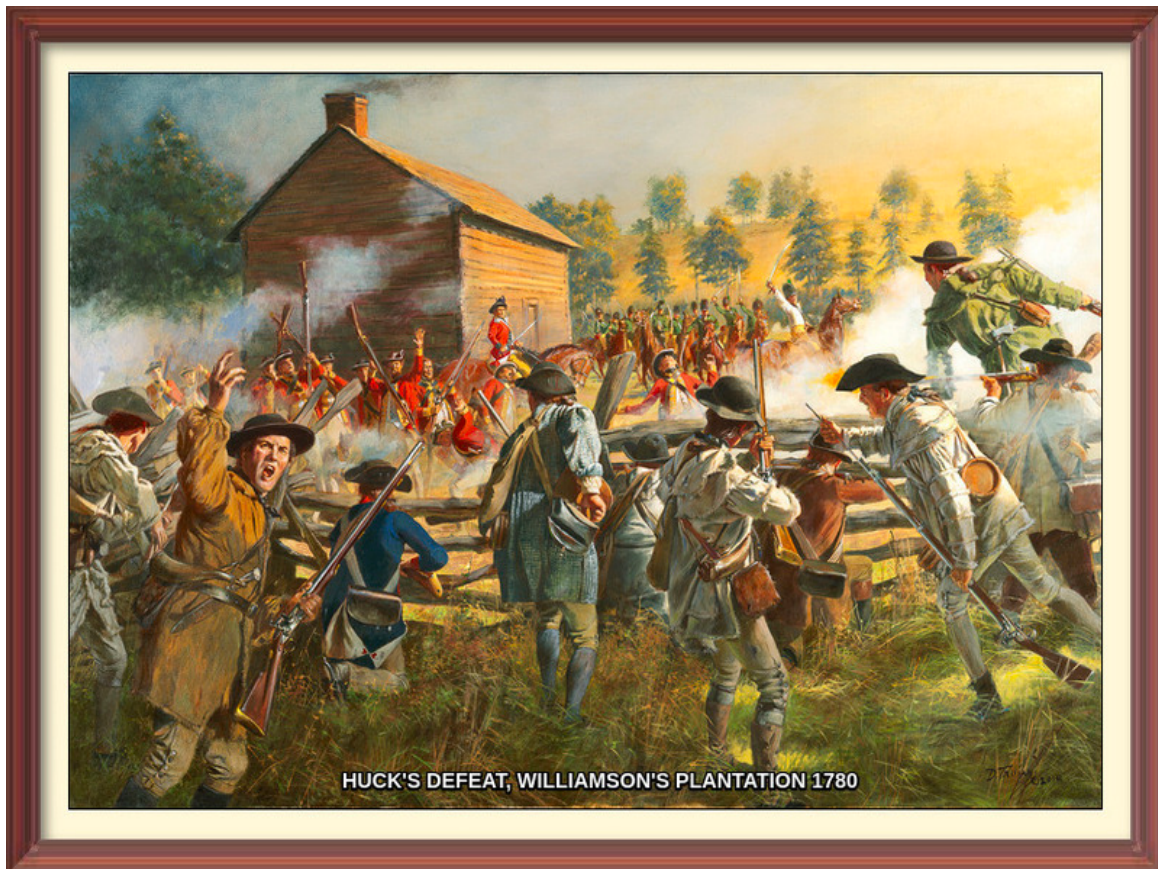
- Siege of Fort Watson
  - Location Summerton
  - Sponsor: Matthew Singleton Chapter

## May

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

## June

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



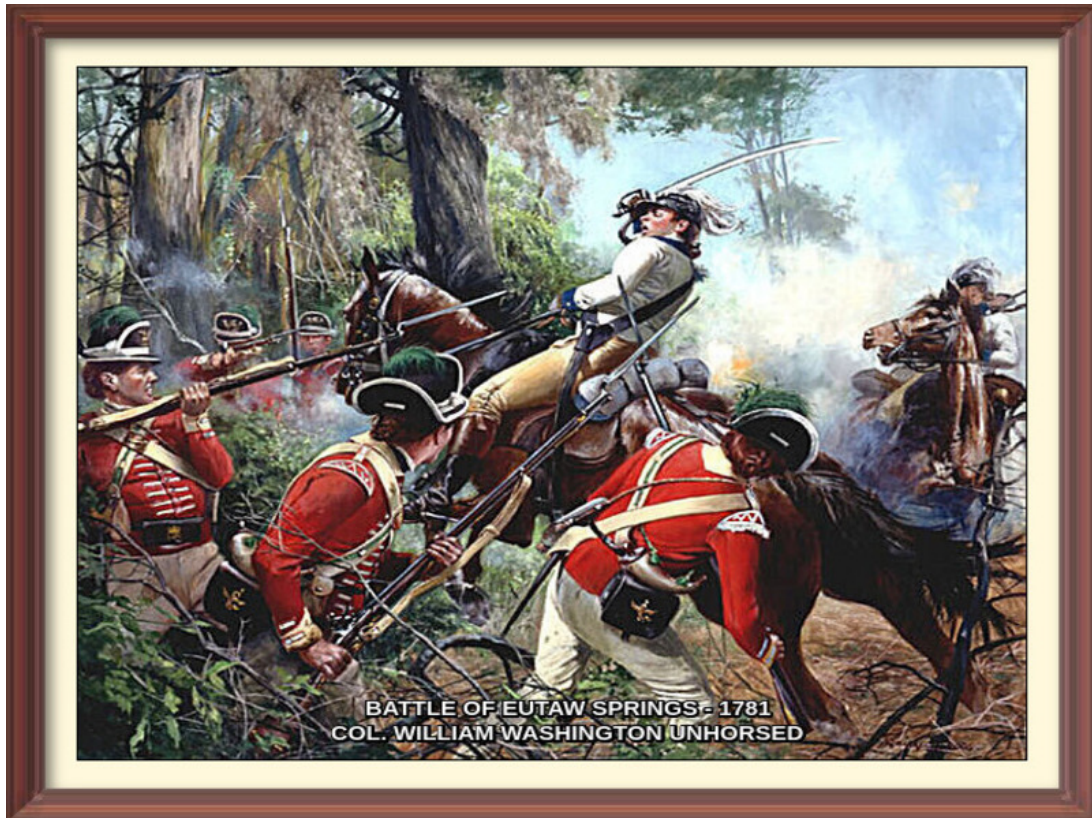
## July

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



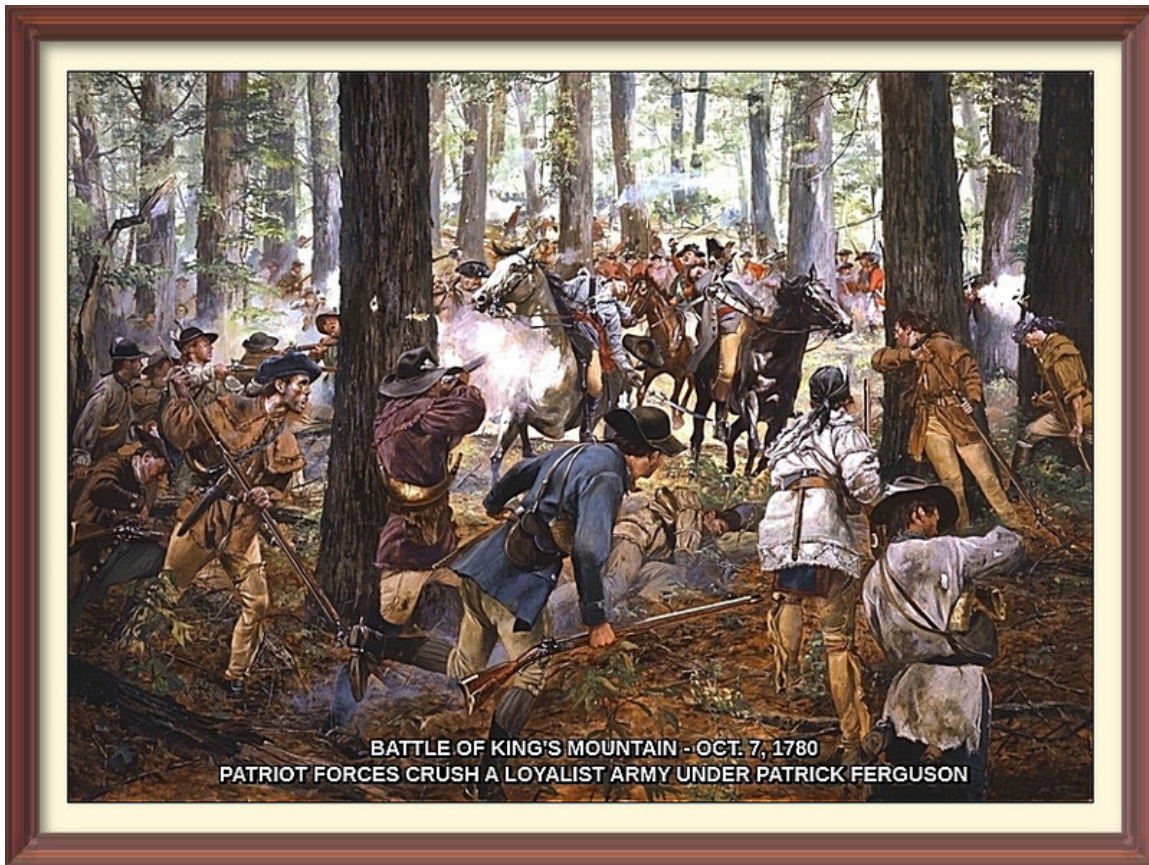
## August

- 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 Society

## Facebook Page



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Sons of the American  
Revolution  
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Sons of the American Revolution



# 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

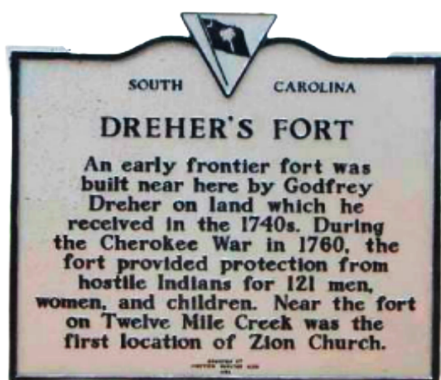
SCSSAR Godfrey Dreher Chapter Charter Presentation on 10 Oct 2009. Standing from left: NSSAR President-General Edward F. Butler, Sr.; Godfrey Dreher Chapter members President Hampton Fuller, Treasurer J. B. Hensley, Wayne Roberts, Secretary Jim McGill.



## The Godfrey Dreher Chapter

### Our Chapter's Namesake

Our chapter's namesake **Godfrey Dreher** (1720-1790) was an early German settler in what is now the Corley Mill Road area of Lexington County where he erected an early frontier fort. He provided supplies to the Patriot army and his family repulsed a force of British soldiers dispatched to destroy their home and grist mill in 1781.



- Elder son Godfrey Dreher, Junior (1760-1815) was a teenager when he enlisted and rose to the rank of captain in Colonel Richard Hampton's Regiment of Light Dragoons. He was home on furlough at the time of the attack and led in its defense.
- Godfrey Dreher Senior's younger son John (1765-1847) also participated in the defense of the Dreher homestead.
- Godfrey Dreher Senior's sons-in-law Johannes Kinsler and Gabriel Friday both served

as captains in the South Carolina Militia.

Godfrey Dreher and his family personified the courage and spirit of independence that gave birth to America.

### Godfrey Dreher Descendants Family Reunion in 1987



Members of the Dreher family met for a family reunion photo at the Dreher Shoals Dam sign at Lake Murray on Saturday July 25th. Lunch was served afterwards at St. Michael's Lutheran Church on River Road with plenty of stories and remembrances.  
First Row Kneeling from Left to Right (8th Generation of Godfrey Dreher, Sr.) Perry Dreher, Leslie Lindeman, Carrie

Lindeman, Caroline Campbell, Avery Campbell  
Second Row Seated from Left To Right: (6th Generation of Godfrey Dreher, Sr.) John T. Nichols, Gail Dreher Nichols, George Dreher, Libby Dreher Corley Gibson, John Dreher, Mary Alice Dreher Amburn, Ann Dreher Bowman, Elizabeth Cromer Carswell, Rebecca Cromer Campbell, Anne Dreher Propst (5th Generation of John George

Dreher), Bill Rauch, Howard Rauch 3rd Row Standing from Left to Right (7th Generation of Godfrey Dreher, Sr.) Larry Corley, Linda Corley Anderson, Anne Dreher Adams, William Stubbs, Pinky Amburn Hipp, Russell Bowman, Bo Dreher, Cathy Dreher Trzcinski, Margaret Dreher Taylor, Gretchen Lindeman 6th Generation of John George Dreher) Mary Russell Long, Butch Russell, Patricia Rauch.

## Our Chapter's Charter Members

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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

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For current chapter officers and our **Compatriot Directory**, please see our website [www.herritage.com/gdc](http://www.herritage.com/gdc).

## Annual Dues

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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 \$25 for a total of \$95. 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.

**Godfrey Dreher Chapter • Leadership Service Record • Compiled by Woody Carothers**

<b>GDC Officers</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
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
<b>GDC Officers</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
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
<b>GDC Officers</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
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
<b>GDC Officers</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>
President	Gary Blanpied	Gary Blanpied		
VP Events & Development	Nelson McLeod	Nelson McLeod		
VP Programs	Don Simmons	Don Simmons		
VP Tech & Webmaster	vacant	Jim Herritage		
Registrar	Woody Carothers	Mike Gillis		
Secretary	Jim Herritage	Jim Herritage		
Treasurer	Fritz Gladfelter	Fritz Gladfelter		
Chaplain	Hugh Ham	Hugh Ham		
Color Guard	David & Gary Areheart	David & Gary Areheart		
Historian	Buck Shuler	Buck Shuler		
Genealogist	Bruce Covey	Bruce Covey		

Your Patriot Ancestor's service entitled you to join. Dues are your cost of membership. Participation and service are your price of truly belonging.

As our chapter's newest Compatriot, please consider your talents and skillset. How can you help us honor our patriots?

# Godfrey Dreher Chapter

## Facebook Page

You will want to ensure you are receiving updated information weekly, if not daily on our Godfrey Dreher Facebook page.

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from Nelson McLeod, Admin, dated March 25. The post text reads: "Remembering the 21-23 March 1781 action at Beattie's Mill in Abbeville County." The post features a historical map of the Lexington District in South Carolina, titled "LEXINGTON DISTRICT SOUTH CAROLINA. SERVEYED AS A COUNTY, 1820. ENTERED FOR MILES' ATLAS, 1825." Below the map is a link to a Carolana.com article titled "The American Revolution in South Carolina - Beattie's Mill". The post has 3 likes and 1 comment, and is seen by 21 people. Below this post is another post from Nelson McLeod, Admin, dated March 23. The post text reads: "Remembering the 19-21 February 1781 First Siege of Fort Granby. Below is JD Lewis's account from his excellent webpage Carolana. ... See more". This post has 4 likes and is seen by 26 people.




# Godfrey Dreher Chapter

Website: [heritage.com/gdc](http://heritage.com/gdc)



## Godfrey Dreher Chapter

Lexington, South Carolina, USA




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




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Your Patriot Ancestor's service entitles you to join.  
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# Godfrey Dreher Chapter Bylaws

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12 September 2023

## ARTICLE I

### PREAMBLE

The membership of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter (hereinafter referred to as the “Chapter”), as members of the South Carolina Society (hereinafter referred to as SCSSAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (hereinafter referred to as NSSAR), hereby agrees to the following approved Chapter Bylaws. The Chapter member shall, for the purposes of these Bylaws, be hereinafter referred to as Compatriot(s).

The Bylaws serve the purposes of memorializing procedures for business, operation, and governance of Chapter affairs. Upon adoption of the Bylaws, by the Chapter Compatriots, the Chapter shall conduct all business, operations, and governance in accordance with these Bylaws.

The official address of the Chapter shall be the address of the current Chapter President, during his term of office.

These Bylaws, as may be amended from time to time, supersede all prior Chapter Bylaws.

1. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at, or in direct voice communication with, a meeting attended or represented by a quorum of its membership, provided that a copy of any proposed change or amendment shall be provided in advance to all members at least two weeks before the meeting at which the proposal is to be considered.
2. All amendments to these Bylaws shall be patterned after the Bylaws of the SCSSAR and NSSAR, and shall not be in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the SCSSAR.
3. Any amendment adopted by the SCSSAR or NSSAR affecting the work of this Chapter shall immediately become a law of the Chapter without prior notice of amendment.
4. Bylaw amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee or any member of the Chapter.
5. Bylaw amendments proposed by a member shall be presented to the Executive Committee for review to ensure the proposed Bylaw is consistent with the provisions herein and above.

## CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Chapter are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational.

The Chapter shall include those objectives intended or designed to:

1. Perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifice during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
2. Unite and promote fellowship among their descendants, to inspire them, and the community at large, with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
3. Encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
4. Acquire and preserve the records, documents, relics and landmarks of individual services of the Patriots of the war, as well as, services of deserving Chapter Compatriots.
5. Mark the scenes of the Revolution, as well as, graves of Patriots and Compatriots, with appropriate memorials;
6. Celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the American Revolution War;
7. Foster true patriotism, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.
8. Engage and instill in our community youth a knowledge of, and reverence for, the sacrifices that our American Revolution patriots gave in the birth of our nation.
9. Recognize those Compatriots that make a dedicated effort to promote the Chapter and further the objectives noted above.

## ARTICLE II

### MEMBERSHIP

1. Compatriots of the Chapter shall be direct bloodline descendants of patriots who participated in establishing American Independence, as determined by the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SCSSAR) and National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR).
2. Membership in the Chapter shall continue as long as all annual dues (NSSAR, SCSSAR, and Chapter) are paid in full.
3. The privileges of holding office and voting shall belong to all Chapter Compatriots in "good standing". "Good Standing", for the purposes of the

Bylaws, shall mean that the Compatriot has fulfilled all requirements of dues payment.

4. Each Compatriot shall be entitled to one vote, and only one vote, in all matters affecting the entirety of the Chapter. The Compatriots' vote must be exercised, in person, by the Compatriot. There shall be no proxy voting.
5. Membership application forms and procedures, evidence of membership and designation of a member shall be as set forth in the NSSAR Bylaw No. 1, "Membership" Sections 1 through 5.
6. Applications for membership, and all supporting documentation, shall be submitted to, and approved by, the Chapter Registrar, the State Registrar and the National Society Registrar.
7. A request for transfer, to or from the Chapter, shall be made in writing, by the transferring Compatriot, to the Chapter Secretary. The Chapter Secretary shall coordinate all correspondence, relating to the transfer, with the South Carolina Society and the originating chapter of the Compatriot.
8. The admission fees for membership must accompany the application and shall be as currently declared by the NSSAR, SCSSAR, and Chapter.

### ARTICLE III

#### OFFICERS

Chapter Officers shall be elected and shall be:

- President,
- Vice President of Chapter Events and Development,
- Vice President of Programs,
- Vice-President of Technology,
- Secretary,
- Treasurer,
- Registrar,
- Genealogist,
- Chaplain,
- Historian,
- Commander of Militia,
- Commander(s) of the Colors,
- and such other officers as the Chapter may choose to have elected.

The Chapter officers shall be elected from the Chapter membership, by a majority percentage of the votes cast for each officer position, and shall serve for two years, in a general election in a second quarter business meeting. In the event that a business meeting, held for the purpose of conducting an election process, is prohibited from being held by an act of God or governmental action, the election process may be

conducted through any technology methodology acceptable to the Executive Committee identified in Article IV. The selected election methodology must protect and guarantee the anonymity of each Compatriot members' vote and the officer candidates' election validity in counting of votes.

1. Officers' terms shall begin at the first regular business meeting following the summer recess or the next business meeting following their election. Officers may be re-elected.
2. In case of a "during term" vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President of Chapter Development shall become President for the remaining term of the "position vacated" President. In the event that the Vice President of Chapter Development declines the appointment, or is unable to serve, the Executive Committee shall vote and appoint an "interim term" President.
3. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled by an appointee selected by the Executive Committee. Such appointments shall be reported to the general membership and extend for the remaining term of office.
4. The Executive Committee shall be as set forth in Article IV.
5. No officer or Compatriot shall officially represent or obligate the Chapter financially, or otherwise, without advance approval of the Executive Committee.
6. The Chapter may, by a two-thirds vote of the Compatriots present, or in direct voice communication, at a meeting attended by a quorum of its voting membership, for cause and after impartial hearing, declare a vacancy in any office, and fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term of such office; provided, however, that in the case of vacancy in office of President, the Vice President of Chapter Events and Development shall be designated to fill such vacancy.
7. The President shall, with approval of the Executive Committee and mutual agreement with an officer, be able expand or limit the duties of an officer, appoint a compatriot to assist an officer with specific duties, or accept the resignation of the officer if an agreement cannot be reached.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and Executive Committee and shall have a casting vote. He shall recommend strategic and tactical activities that will be undertaken by the Chapter during his term of office and shall appoint all general and special committees necessary to carry out the work and programs of the Chapter during his term, subject to the review and consent of the Executive Committee. The President shall represent the Chapter at all external meetings and the Vice-President of Development shall be the alternate delegate either to attend with the President, or in the event the President cannot be present. (ex. the SCSSAR Board of Governors meetings).

The VICE PRESIDENT OF CHAPTER EVENTS AND DEVELOPMENT takes the place of the President in the absence of the President.

He coordinates and organizes chapter events beyond the chapter. Specifically, the Vice President Chapter Events and Development is responsible for grave markings and encouraging participation in SCSSAR events and activities.

He attends the Board of Governors meetings or appoints a chapter voting representative who agrees to represent the chapter in his place and report to the chapter at the next business meeting.

He assists the President with his duties and projects where possible when requested.

The VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS shall be responsible for assisting the President in identifying and obtaining speakers and/or programs for the chapter meetings. He shall assist the President in coordinating presentations and other aspects of the meeting.

He may volunteer to assist the president with duties necessary to conduct the meeting including hosting speakers and guest during the meeting.

He will furnish information to the Chapter Secretary or others concerning the speakers, topics, and events that are part of the chapter meeting. This may include information for Quarterly Reports, News article information, or information for chapter records.

He coordinates with the Chaplain and the Commander of the Color Guard in their duties with the chapter meeting.

The VICE PRESIDENT of Technology shall be the Chapter Presidents' principal officer responsible for leading and achieving all Chapter technology centric goals and objectives. Possible goals and objectives the Vice President might elect to pursue, but not limited too, are the following:

1. Assess and recommend technologies, operations dynamics and documentation standards that improve Chapter meeting content, presentation, participation, and infra-structure.
2. Assess and recommend technologies that improve communications, relationships, and interactions with the community.
3. Assess and recommend technologies that improve Chapter Compatriot interest and participation in the activities of the Chapter.
4. Provide the President with an independent critical assessment of Chapter general areas of performance and participation strength and weakness.
5. Provide administrative leadership to all existing technology Chapter functions to include Directors of the Website, Face Book, Newsletter, Voting System, and meeting presentation methodology.
6. Other goals and objectives as assigned by the President.

The SECRETARY shall take and maintain an attendance report for all meetings. He shall prepare and maintain minutes for all regular meetings. He shall furnish a copy of meeting attendance and minutes to the webmaster by e-mail at least a week before the next scheduled meeting. He shall have charge of the Bylaws and records of the Chapter and record any approved changes and furnish a copy of any approved changes to the webmaster. He will serve as a member of the Executive Committee and record the minutes of the same.

The TREASURER shall collect and maintain all operating funds of the Chapter. All funds shall be deposited in a banking institution approved by the Executive Committee and shall be placed to the credit of the Godfrey Dreher Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Treasurer shall expend funds of the Chapter only as budgeted. He shall keep a true account of receipts and disbursements and render a report of the same to the Chapter at the Chapter meetings. He shall also make such other reports as may be requested by the SCSSAR for tax purposes. The fiscal year of the Chapter, for tax purposes shall be the calendar year.

The REGISTRAR shall assist new applicants and examine all applications and supporting documentation for membership in the NSSAR and report to the Chapter the status of applications at all regular meetings. He shall examine supplemental applications in a similar manner.

The GENEALOGIST shall assist the Registrar by conducting genealogy research on assigned potential candidates and, if qualified, may serve the Registrar in application reviews.

The HISTORIAN shall assist the Vice President Programs and Events in securing program speakers on topics pertaining to our American heritage and history. He shall coordinate chapter grave markings for patriots and compatriots. He shall also arrange and coordinate for the chapter to be represented at one or more commemorative events per year.

The CHAPLAIN shall lead an Invocation and Benediction at the beginning and close of each Chapter meeting. The Chaplain may be assigned such other duties by the President, like assisting with chapter events and grave markings.

The COMMANDER OF THE COLOR GUARD shall be responsible for the display, storage and maintenance of the Chapter flags, flag poles and flag stands. The Commander must be trained and aware of proper etiquette, rules and guidelines for displaying and respecting of the Chapter flags.

The COMMANDER OF MILITIA shall be responsible for the leadership of “period uniformed” Compatriots that desire to participate in performing the function of a uniformed color guard to the Chapter flags at grave markings, parades and meetings. The Commander may, if desired, initiate classes in drilling of Compatriots with muskets.

## ARTICLE IV

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be vested with the powers of the Chapter when the Chapter is not in session. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President of Events and Development, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Technology, Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, and all dues paying past Presidents. Any other chapter officer or chapter member serving as an SCSSAR officer may serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Two-thirds of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Executive Committee shall meet upon call of the President.

Limitations on the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

1. No action of the Executive Committee shall conflict with action taken by the Chapter.
2. The Executive committee shall not alter the bylaws or dues without a vote of the general membership.

## ARTICLE V

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

1. The Chapter shall meet at least quarterly at a time, day, and place approved by the Executive Committee, with written notice to all members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Chapter currently meets monthly, September through May, on the second Monday of the month.
2. A regular meeting is defined as a meeting which has been duly called with at least seven (7) days advance notice and is a meeting for the purposes of reporting and transacting the regular business matters and membership functions of the Chapter.
3. At all meetings of the membership, twenty-five percent (25%) of the registered members age 18 or older of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum for all purposes, two (2) of whom must be Executive Committee members.
4. Chapter business shall be conducted under **Roberts' Rules of Order**, if so requested by a majority of those present.
5. Meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the President, or in response to the written request of five (5) members, and with written notice of time and place sent to members in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to such special meeting.

6. At any and all meetings, a summary of proceedings shall be taken and thereafter maintained by the Chapter Secretary, or, if he is absent or unable to function, then by a temporary Secretary appointed by the Chapter President or by the Presiding Officer at the meeting.
7. Speakers and programs at meetings and sponsored events are expected to avoid partisan political issues or political candidates. However, Constitutional officers of the state and of the United States are welcomed as speakers as long as their address avoids campaigning or partisan politics.

## ARTICLE VI

### COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Committee is identified in these Bylaws in Article IV.
2. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and may consist of any Chapter member or officer. Only the current President is excluded from membership on the Nominating Committee.
  - a. The Nominating Committee shall provide a nomination for each office required by these bylaws and any office as requested by the President.
  - b. Agreement to serve must be obtained prior to placing the person in nomination.
  - c. Any officers may be reelected for additional terms as determined by the Chapter.
3. The Honors and Awards Committee is automatically composed of past SAR Godfrey Dreher Chapter Presidents. The Committee Chairman may approve, for Committee membership, any past President of a “brother” SAR Chapter, that has transferred his membership to the Godfrey Dreher Chapter. The Committee is a semi-autonomous Committee that is responsible for reviewing and selecting potential Chapter Compatriots for recognition of performance and service to the Chapter. The Committee does not receive directives from to the President. Instead, the Committee accepts recommendations from all Compatriots with substance relating to honoring and recognizing Compatriot Chapter performance and service.
4. The Ladies Auxiliary Committee is composed of Ladies that have elected to participate in, and support the Chapter, in the achievement of the Chapters’ goals and objectives. It is intended that the Committee will also support the Chapters’ common goals and objectives within our “sister” DAR Chapter, The Granby Chapter.
5. The Youth Programs Committee is responsible for all SAR youth programs actively supported by the Chapter. Currently, the Chapter is actively supporting the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout and Merit Badge Programs.



6. The Military Awards Committee is responsible for all SAR award presentations to community R.O.T.C. and Junior R.O.T.C. programs.
7. Other Committees maybe appointed at any time by the President who shall define their purpose and objectives. Special committees may be appointed to assist in the work and proceedings of this Chapter.

ARTICLE VII

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ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

**Gary Blanpied, President**

**11 September 2023**