



The Crescent Moon



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Photo: Susan Bennett

South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution Host the 2017 GSSR Board of Managers Meeting

September 28-October 1

~ Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC

”Not enough words can express the amount of appreciation for your efforts in Hosting the BOM in Charleston. The “Wow” Factor is off the chart!”
Mitchell Bush, General President GSSR

“Thanks for all the heavy lifting you, Susan and the good folks of the South Carolina Sons of the Revolution did to make this Board of Managers such a wonderful experience.”
Jeff Lambert, Executive Director, GSSR

“...people will look back and see that in Charleston 2017 it was your steady hand on the rudder.”
David Swafford, Editor Drumbeat, GSSR

“Dear President Bennett, a thank you to you personally and to the SC Society for hosting, well done! While details matter, it is really the care that goes into the details that in the final analyses really does matter and makes the difference. It was my pleasure and honor to meet you and your members; please give them my appreciation.”
Curtis Cheyney, III, President Emeritus GSSR, West Chester, Pennsylvania

“Thanks for all of your hospitality and efforts to make the occasion a success. Inspired to choose a venue in the middle of an historic event. The presentation was suitable and excellent, in my opinion. The food was more than fine. The South Carolina stew and grits at the reception will be with me for a long time. SC is doing well under your leadership. Keep up the great work.”
Ambrose Richardson, President New York Society SOR, New York, New York

“My thanks to you, your good wife and the South Carolina Society for the efficiency and wonderful hospitality you provided at the recent General Board Meeting held at the Francis Marion Hotel. I was greatly appreciated.”
Bruce MacGunnigle President Rhode Island Society, Sons of the Revolution

“... great job with the BOM in Charleston. Let me know what other events are going on in Carolina, I would love to attend.”
Frank Hardeman, President Georgia Society of the Sons of the Revolution, Savannah, Georgia

“Many thanks for asking me to attend such a wonderful meeting. Everyone that I talked with was most kind and the speaker was great. My thanks to Susan for all of her help with name tags. I also enjoyed meeting other members of your family.”
Wayne Cousar, President Emeritus, South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Beaufort, SC.

Editor’s Note:
My deepest appreciation to my wife Susan and Pat Swoope who were so helpful throughout the BOM Meeting. In recognition to the six members from SCSR who attended the 125th Meeting of BOM and Triennials in the history of the GSSR: John FitzGerald, Chuck Swoope, Tom Weidner, Scott Swoope (Photo: Drumbeat Issue Vol. 35, No. 3 in the Color Guard at the Banquet), Col. David Overton and his son Chris Overton.

Photo: Susan Bennett



Museum of the American Revolution

SCSR First Annual
Membership Meeting

November 11, 2017

Simpsonville, South Carolina

Under the governance of the adopted January, 2017 SCSR By Laws, the first annual membership meeting was held on Veterans Day. Museum Director, Tom Weidner, did a splendid job in organizing the event. A presentation by Joe Epley entitled “First Battle of Ninety Six Fort” captivated the audience of twelve. Joe stayed after for signing his books, A Passel of Hate and A Passel of Trouble. After a light lunch provided by the Museum, the Business Meeting commenced with an agenda format as outlined in the By Laws. The By Laws and Agenda can be located on the SRSC Website, www.srsc1776.org

The minutes of the meeting have been sent to the membership prior to this newsletter issue. In summary: The treasurer report and Budget for 2018 were accepted; registrar report reflected the induction of four new members- #304 Col. David Overton, #305 Chris Overton, #306 Alan Futrell, #307 Thomas Hanson. President Bennett proposed Thomas Hanson to be approved as the Society's first Honorary Member. New member prospect AJ Gressette (St. Matthew, SC) was introduced. Membership is expected soon for AJ. Another Prospect N/A- Albert Mealer (Hilton Head Island, SC).

Chuck Swoope, Chair of the Nomination and Election Committee announced the slate for 2018: Ivan Bennett, President, Tom Weidner, Vice President, Chuck Swoope, Secretary and Registrar, John FitzGerald, Treasurer, Upstate VP Alan Futrell, Midstate VP Chris Overton, Coastal VP Mike Kelley. The Chaplain Position remains vacant for 2018. The slate was approved by acclamation. In addition to the quorum present there were 10 proxy votes received from the membership

The Dues for 2018 will remain at \$50. Notices have been mailed and emailed to the membership.

Under New Business several items were discussed: Chris Overton will create a Facebook page for SRSC. Samuel Whatley II will add an icon for Facebook into the website pages. November issue of the newsletter will highlight new member ancestors. AJ Gressette will initiate action on creating a banner for SRSC to be used at Wreath Laying events, Membership Drives and Carolina Day (June 28) in Charleston. Tom Weidner and members in the Upstate will continue efforts to form a Chapter of SRSC, cooperate with SAR Chapters in Wreath Laying events throughout the year and create his own Wreath Laying SRSC Events (e.g. Fort Thicketty, July 29, 1780). David Overton will work with Chuck Swoope, both members of the Overmountain Assoc, in starting an event near David's hometown of Rutherfordton, NC. Adjourn: 4:30

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Revolutionary War Battles Anniversaries and Wreath Laying 2017 Calendar

December 2, 2017

**Battle of Great Canebrake,
Simpsonville, SC**

**Contact: Tom Weidner
handcock1776@charter.net**

December 2 and 9, 2017

**Candlelight Tours
Historic Brattonsville
McConnells, SC**

**Contact: Chuck Swoope
cwswoope@hotmail.com**

December 16, 2017

**Wreaths Across America
Contact: National Cemetery
Offices or Local SAR/DAR
Chapters**

Editor: Ivan Bennett



Ancestor Column:

SC # 304 and #305

**David and Chris Overton
David Hall, Sr.**

Built in 1799 along the Clinch River in Anderson County, Tennessee, the historic David Hall cabin was the original home of Pvt. David Hall who fought at Kings Mountain. He served as a spy in the North Carolina Militia.

SC # 307

Thomas Hanson

The father of his patriot was John Hanson, born in Londonderry, Ireland in 1725. John was an English soldier who left the Redcoats in Ireland when assigned to aid in the execution of a fellow soldier, listened intently to his conscience, made the decision to leave Europe. But not without consultation with his young lady friend, a member of the nobility in Ireland who agreed to his decision and at the same time agreed to become his wife without benefit of getting permission from her parents, members of the Irish Landed Gentry.

Private John Hanson, enlisted in Fincastle, Virginia, in Botetourt County, in 1776, at age 16 and served until 1779. He was in the service of a unit commanded by Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne and shared in the proceeds of the loot collected during their assault on White Plains, New York.

