

# STATE REPORT

## *South Carolina*

**South Carolina News/ Examples of Fellowship with other Fraternal Organizations for the purpose of “branding” Sons of the Revolution and Recruitment of New Members.**



July 14 Battle of Huck's Defeat



July 28 Liberation Day at

Fort Thicketty

**The SONS DRUMBEAT, Volume 34, Number 4 Winter 2016-2017 General President Mitchell Bush in the President's Message challenged all State Societies on the topic of recruitment of new members.**

**“As this Society is decentralized, all power belongs at the State Society level. Recruitment, therefore, need to be a State Society and local chapter initiative”.**

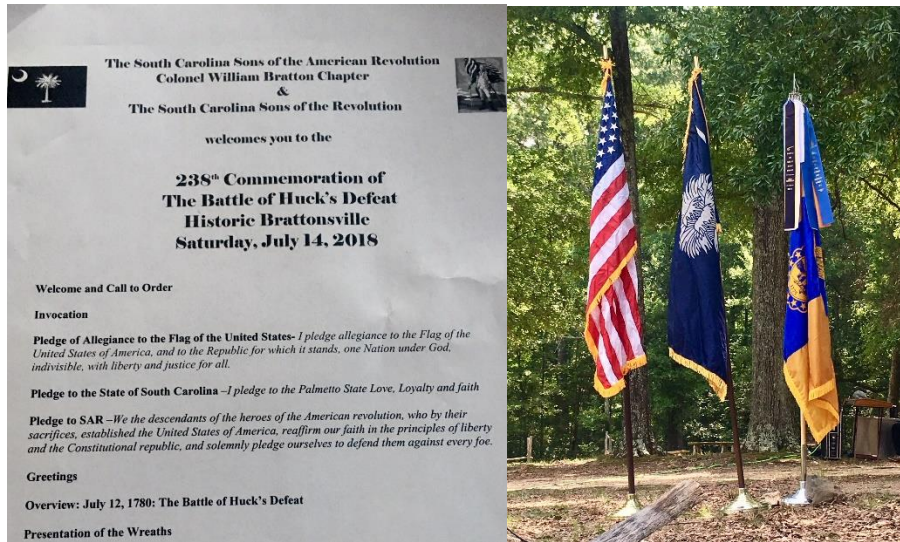
**Our State Societies need to make recruitment a priority for the sake of the Sons.**

**“... recruitment is branding. Get your State Societies name out there. Building long-term relationship with the Children of the American Revolution and the Boy Scouts is good, but not enough”. *General President Mitchell Bush***

**The South Carolina Society during the summer months have experienced examples of fellowship and comradery with compatriots simply by asking to be included and providing leadership in new venues that have not been recognized in the past. It is reported that the state of South Carolina has 200 Revolutionary War skirmishes, battles and fights during the Southern Campaign.**

**Above are photos of two July events that are an application of this philosophy. In the top photo, the question was asked of the local William Bratton SAR Chapter to co-host the 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Huck’s Defeat on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The Chapter President, Bret Reed and I planned the two hour ceremony in Historic Brattonsville, South Carolina. The event was well attended and served the purpose of the local SAR with the outcome of participation from SC State Society of CAR, 4 DAR Chapters, 2 SAR Chapters and 2 CAR Societies. The event displayed an unveiling of portraits of Col. William Bratton and Captain Christian Huck. The artwork was painted by a local artist Thomas Kelley Pauley (York, SC). The portraits were commissioned by the York County Historical and Cultural Museum and presented by CHM historian Michael Scoggins. The ceremony was a huge success and our SC Society has been invited to return for the 239<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**





Agenda for the July 14, 2018 Anniversary American Flag SC Flag SR Flag

The Second Photo, July 28<sup>th</sup> Fort Thicketty is Dan Woodruff, (NSSAR) bringing greetings at an example of the South Carolina Society SR originating an idea during the November 2017 Annual Membership Meeting . It was time to break out of our routine attending other State Societies such as SAR, DAR, CAR and sponsoring an event commemorating a battle, wreath laying and presentation. On July 28<sup>th</sup> the culmination of several months planning, at least three meetings including stakeholders, occurred.

SRSC Vice President Tom Weidner (Greenville) initiated fellowship with participants from Gaffney, SC. Those with a vested interest and commitment grew from the Town of Gaffney (Dept. Tourism and Marketing) to The Cherokee County History and Preservation Society (CHAPS) who owned the land and “block house” preserving the Ft. Thicketty Revolutionary War site, to the National Park Service (Region of Cowpens, Kings Mountain and 96 Fort), to the Overmountain Valley Trail Association and the SC Rangers of Spartanburg. This effort “took a village” with the inclusion of these stakeholders. The local Gaffney Ledger newspaper printed a story two days before the event. The SC Society CAR promoted through their 20 societies the event. Our South Carolina Society promoted the event through the 20 chapters in the

**Sons of the American Revolution and the 40 chapters in the Daughters of the American Revolution.**

**Our society has two members who provided us with valuable assistance. Both are members of SCSSAR also. Thomas Hanson, SC 307, Hanson Publishing Communications from Greenville printed 100 flash cards of the event details on one side and the agenda on the other. Tom also videotaped the ceremony and posted both his professional photos of the event and the video. Another member, Dan Woodruff (Williamstown), SC 311, A Past President, Treasurer and Secretary of SCSSAR, assisted us with Color Guard Presentation of Colors and brought greetings as the NSSAR South Atlantic District VP General.**

**Video: <https://vimeo.com/282132983>**

**Photos: <http://southcarolinaconservative.com/images/Fort%20Thicketty/album/index.html>**

**The successful inaugural event seem to cover every obvious and not so obvious detail for the two hour celebration. The SRSC is grateful to everyone who accomplished the preparation for that day. The 100 flashcards handed out showed 20 that were left for filing and archives. The seventh five to eighty history loving attendees hopefully will return next year when the South Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution will host it's second inaugural event again. Planning includes a streamer and a marker provided by SRSC.**

**We can only build on the SCSCAR, NSSAR, 5 SAR Chapters, 2 DAR Chapters and 2 CAR Societies who attended and participated.**

**Below: Program**

**Below: Woodruff, Weidner, Swoope, Bennett, and Futtrell**



**Respectfully submitted,**

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