



# The Crescent Moon



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Photo: Thomas C. Hanson

## South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

April 21-22, 2017

~ Hosted by the Gov. Paul Hamilton SAR Chapter  
Beaufort, South Carolina

Friday, April 21, 2017

The South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for the first time ventured outside of Columbia, SC to hold the annual state conference in Beaufort. The venue was the Hilton Garden Inn where members of the twenty one state chapters met. The 40 delegates present comprised of a quorum as President Wayne Cousar called the Friday Business Meeting/SAR Awards to order. During the SAR Awards President Cousar presented me with the *Silver Medal of Appreciation* "in grateful recognition of their outstanding service to the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution". I had just completed my first of two years as the SCSCAR SAR/DAR/SR Liaison to the Children of the American Revolution. It was a pleasant surprise that I will cherish for many years. As well as the irony that this photo represents the SC President of SAR in a handshake with the

SC President of SR. Wayne is a dear friend and throughout this year has been welcoming and encouraging to members of SRSC at many events and celebrations. Wayne and I are members of the Gov. Paul Hamilton Beaufort SAR. Thank you for your support and inclusion.



## Museum of the American Revolution

Member Preview Weekend

April 15-16, 2017

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My wife, Susan, and I journeyed to Philadelphia for the preview of the Grand Opening of the Museum of the American Revolution (MOAR) on Easter Sunday. That day was a good choice whereas we were able to park in an open area for \$15 a day just a half block on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from the MOAR at the intersection of Chesnut and Third. We had the museum to our selves with several other members (Annual Pass is \$100 Donation). This building unlike the ARMY Museum at Yorktown, is not horizontal but is a vertical three story building in the middle of historic Philadelphia. The first stop was the Patriots Gallery with catered food from the Cross Key Café. At our appointment time we were ushered into the Lenfest Myer Theater (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) for the 15 minute orientation film. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Liberty Hall we listened to the Curator of the Museum give a history

of the Foundation and timeline of funding - building the MOAR. I was surprised to hear him select one organization, the PA SOR as a prime benefactor of the museum. Sure enough they are listed on the granite inside the entrance as a key benefactor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor is the Exhibition Galleries beginning at one entrance through the time lines of Becoming Revolutionaries, the Darkest Hour, the Revolutionary War (The War in the South 1778-1780), A New Nation. After exiting the main gallery, we were ushered into another theatre to view the story following General George Washington's remarkable journey and hear the emotional story of how his belongings and possessions following the war were maintained from Mount Vernon to other caretakers, such as the Rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge (N.B. Nathanael Greene Monument erected by GSSR and noted State Societies in 2014) W. Herbert Burk, Founder of the Chapel (1903-1933). Rector Burk, a collector and enthusiast for the American Revolution War first desired the Museum to be built on property joining his Chapel in Valley Forge. In that plan he purchased the Revolutionary War Headquarter Tent from General Robert E. Lee's widow' family. As we were spell bound by this story suddenly the curtains opened in the theatre and revealed this captivating moment in the photo below... (Photo: Ivan Bennett)





## *Library and Museum of the Revolutionary War*

[www.revwarmuseum.weebly.com](http://www.revwarmuseum.weebly.com)

Tom Weidner, Director of the Museum and Library at 110 Academy Street, Simpsonville, SC has just announced his events for May and June, 2017.

In his Second Quarter newsletter, The Dispatch, Vol. 4, No. 2 the evening classes are scheduled on May 12 at 7pm: Mr. Randy Hawkins, Dacey Langston and on June 16 at 7pm: Ms. Gail Johnson, Daniel Boone.

I sincerely hope that members of the SRS, especially in the Up State Region, will contact the museum at 263-3074 and support our Regional VP Up State in his museum and library.

In the same newsletter, Tom reported that March marked the four year anniversary of opening the Revolutionary War Museum. The attendance over that period has exceeded 3,000! His goes on to make a claim that they are the only museum dedicated to telling the story of the Revolutionary War in the state of South Carolina.

As President of SRSC I believe that evidence worthy of inviting Tom and his colleagues to be present at the Registration on September 28-29 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston. The

delegates and their spouses as well as other guests would be interested and grateful to Tom Weidner at the General Society of Sons of the Revolution Board of Managers Meeting.

## *Revolutionary War Battles Anniversaries and Wreath Laying Upper State Region*

Two events in May and July are being advertised and require SRSC attention and participation. Both of these are in the Upper State in the area of Rock Hill (South of Charlotte, NC). I am making arrangements to attend both and I sincerely hope other members especially in the Upper State will follow.

### **Buford's Massacre Battle of the Waxhaws Saturday, May 27, 2017 Buford's Crossroad, SC (9 miles east of Lancaster)**

SAR, DAR, CAR and SR Societies and Chapters are invited to participate in a formal wreath laying ceremony at the Park's US Monument beginning at 10:30. Participants desiring to present wreaths much deliver them to the Park no later than 10:00 am to label and arrange them.

All compatriots are "encouraged" to wear period dress (Continental or Militia). The form to participate is due by May 22.

I expect SRSC will present a wreath and bring our State Society Flag for this event. Please respond to me via email of your interest to attend and participate.

### **Battle of Huck's Defeat Brattonville, SC July 15-16, 2017**

The second event is on the west side of I 77 south of Rock Hill. Please join Immediate Past President, Chuck Swoope and I this July weekend for the reenactments and demonstrations commemorating the patriot victory of July 1780 at Brattonville.

Chuck and I will also be meeting with members of SRSC who are interested in learning about state society role and responsibility during the September 28-October 1, 2017 GSSR BOM Meeting in Charleston (Francis Marion Hotel). The first four pages of the Spring Issue of *Drumbeat* will be delivered to you shortly and the information on registration and the agenda are included. This is the first installment of six months of planning from the SRSC Society in its hosting this premier Annual Event.

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