

# STATE REPORT

## *South Carolina*

SCSR Hosting the 2017 GSSR Board of Managers Meeting, Charleston, SC



March 1, 2017 South Carolina Society Initial Meeting with General Society President and Planning Committee for Board of Managers/ Triennials at the Francis Marion Hotel Charleston, South Carolina.

L-R Mitchell Bush (GA), David Rutherford (TN), John FitzGerald (SC), Terry Davenport (TN), Ivan Bennett (SC)



September 1, 2017 South Carolina Society Final Meeting with General Society President Mitchell Bush.

L-R Tom Weidner (SC), Chuck Swoope (SC), Mitchell Bush (GA) President GSSR, Ivan Bennett (SC)



On September 8-9, 2017 President Ivan Bennett attended the South Carolina Society of the American Revolution Hosting the 236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutawville, South Carolina. This annual event has grown substantially to display a wide representation of area chapters in DAR, CAR and SAR. The last two years, organizer and Vice President of the local chapter, Doug Doster, has invited the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Last year on the heels of Hurricane Hermes, the Friday night Dinner Presentation was not well attended but the Saturday Church Service and Commemoration at the Battle of Eutaw Springs was well attended with representatives of all relevant state organization and several children from CAR.

At that time I was the Secretary of the SCSR and brought greetings during the Saturday Church Service and laid our Wreath at the Commemoration. This year my wife and I attended the Friday night Dinner Presentation at the Clarks Inn and Restaurant in Santee, SC. The attendance this year was effected by another Hurricane Irma. The speaker for Friday night was Charles Baxley, Editor “The Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution”. Charles has received the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Palmetto from the State of South Carolina. He is currently editing the *Papers of General Francis Marion* and working with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust to map 20 Revolutionary War battlefield in the Carolinas.



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On Saturday a Patriotic Service was held at the Historic Church of the Epiphany in Eutawville, South Carolina. I was honored this year to participate in the program leading the Salute to the SC State Flag to the forty attendees from several organizations.

The speaker was Douglas Bostick, Executive Director of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust. Doug is the author of 26 books on nonfiction history. He joined the staff of the Trust in 2011 as executive director and CEO. Under his leadership, the Trust has doubled its number of protected sites in the last two years.

He spoke of the recent acquisition by the Trust of several acres at the Battle of Eutaw Springs and unveiled the plans of the Trust in preserving the site beginning with a visitor center at the former restaurant near the park. It is his hope that this tradition of commemorating the annual anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs (September 8, 1781) will be staged in the new Visitors Center. An exciting announcement to everyone.



After the Patriotic Service, the attendees moved to the Eutaw Springs Battle Monument Park at the intersection of Old Highway 6 (original River Road of Battle) and Hwy 45. There the Wreath Laying Ceremony was held, retiring of the Colors and Musket Volley by the South Carolina Society SAR Color Guard.



The Annual Membership Meeting of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution will be held in Upstate SC at the Simpsonville Museum of the American Revolution. The Director is Tom Weidner, SCSR Regional VP Upstate. Tom is planning a full day on Saturday November 11, 2017 with a guest speaker and dinner following the membership meeting. Immediate Past President SCSR Chuck Swoope is forming a Nominations Committee according to our By Laws and will present a slate of officers for 2018. Positions to be announced will be President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary, Registrar, Historian, Color Guard Captain and Regional VP in the Upstate, Mid State and Coastal. A schedule of dues and initial letters mail to members will be announced.

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