



# The Patriot Journal

Newsletter of the Raleigh Chapter  
North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution

**Fall 2021**

## President's Corner

Richard A. Peña, President



I hope everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends over the summer months. The third quarter of the year is typically deliberate and quiet during July and August. We still created some excitement, like on the Fourth of July, with the Raleigh Chapter's Color Guard at the North Carolina State Capitol and hosting the NC SAR State Board of Management Meeting at the North Carolina State University Club. The NC SAR State Board of Management Meeting was informative and successful.

My goals for the Raleigh Chapter are achievable, but I cannot do them alone, and I need your help. Take a little time from your busy schedules to support the chapter's activities. Together we can show our values, shared history, and our place in the community.

- Build better relationships with the Raleigh DAR Community.
- Increase and retain members - making the Raleigh Chapter a family affair.
- Empower members to participate in a meaningful way.

I am proud of the men who have stepped up as officers, committee chairs, and the individual members who have demonstrated devotion to the principles of freedom we hold dear by their participation in our esteemed chapter.

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## Registrar's Report, October 18

Bob Whitehead, Registrar

Since the last Registrar's Report on June 22, 2021, six New Member Applications and three Supplemental Applications have been approved by NSSAR. They are listed below on the next page.

There are currently six New Member Applications and seven Supplemental Applications under review at the National Society.

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## President's Corner from Page 1

The Raleigh Chapter has made progress over the last months, but the year is not over. There is still time for every member to participate in events, presentations, and gift-giving. Please find a list of activities below that you can be part of before we close out 2021. Better yet, also think about your involvement next year in 2022.

### **Committee Chairs that need volunteers or contributors:**

- **American History Award – Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award- Glenn Sappie**
- **Eagle Scout - Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest - Stephen Morris**
- **Elementary School Poster Contest - **Position Vacant****
- **Flag Certificate - Bob Sigmon**
- **Knight Essay -George and Stella Knight Essay - Stephen Morris**
- **Middle School Brochure Contest - Karl Feld**
- **Raleigh SAR DNA Project - Jeremy Hodges**
- **Oration Contest - Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest - Jeremy Hodges**
- **ROTC/JROTC – Awards Program - Karl Feld**

### **Gift-giving Options - Share because you care**

It is never too late to share, you can give at any time throughout the year.

- Raleigh Chapter Fund
- Veterans Life Center (VLC) Capital Fund
- George Washington Endowment Fund - NSSAR Special Projects
- CAAH Fund - Center for Advancing America's Heritage, NSSAR Museum

I want to thank Compatriot David Bamford for his extraordinary efforts with the newsletter and all the newsletter contributors for their inspirational articles. I wish all the members of the Raleigh Chapter a safe, healthy, joyful season with their family and friends.

## Registrar's Report from Page 1

Since January 1, 2021, twenty one New Member Applications and four Supplemental Application have been approved by NSSAR

### New Member Applications Approved

Henry Gerald Atkinson, Patriot: Blake Barfield  
Richard Carlton Dyer, Patriot: William Murphy  
Paul Eugene Miller, Patriot: Samuel Stewart  
James Jackson Parrish, Patriot: Charles Gwatkin  
Camden Alexander Parrish, Patriot: Charles Gwatkin  
William Thomas McCracken, Patriot: John Strong, Jr.

### Supplemental Applications Approved

Richard Anthony Pena, Patriot: Joaquin Cordova  
Richard Anthony Pena, Patriot: Ysidro de Luna  
Richard Anthony Pena, Patriot: Juan Cristoval Vigil

## **Patriots are the foundation...**

Each member is very important to the Raleigh Chapter, North Carolina Society and also the SAR National Society. Thank you for your continued membership during this time. Please visit the [NC SAR web-sites](https://www.ncsar.org) to keep informed, and thank you for keeping your 2022 membership renewal up to date.



## NEW MEMBERS' BIOS

### Richard (Rich) Carlton Dyer

Compatriot Dyer was born in Raleigh, NC, and raised in Cary, NC, except for ages 3 – 8 when he lived in Clemson, SC. Richard graduated from UNC with a Master of Accounting degree and NCSU with a BA in Accounting. Richard was an Army ROTC graduate, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Reserves and served as a Captain in the NC Army National Guard.

Richard is currently employed at Merz Aesthetics as a Global Director, R&D FP&A. He enjoys volunteer work and currently serves on the Board of Director of Alpha Sigma Phi, Global Board member of Merz Cares, Chairman of the Lake Royale Protect Our Lake Committee, and a Life Member of AMVETS Post 201.

Richard is married to Mariam (Mim) Sapp Dyer of Chapel Hill, NC. They have 4 children ranging in age from 25 to 33, have 2 daughters-in-law and 3 grandsons ranging in age from 1 to 3. They love spending time with family and friends. Rich and Mim particularly like it when their grandchildren visit them at the lake and they are able to combine two passions – family and lake life.

Compatriot Dyer's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Ensign William Murphy. William Murphy served several different tours during the Revolution from July 1776 to July 1781 in various capacities, from Private, to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant, to Ensign, and served for both Virginia and North Carolina.



## Upcoming 2021 SAR Events

Event Description	Dates - 2021	Calendar URL
Yorktown Victory Day (CG)	Tuesday, October 19, 2021	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Veterans' Day at the Veterans' Life Center	Thursday, November 11, 2021	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Patriot Abner Nash Grave Marking (CG) - New Bern	Saturday, November 20, 2021	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
246th Battle of Great Bridge, VA (CG)	Saturday, December 4, 2021	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

## Next Chapter Meeting

**Saturday, November 20**

**(Email announcement on location to be sent out)**





## SAR Flag Certificates Presented

Compatriot Bob Sigmon, NC Society Secretary and Raleigh Chapter Treasurer, presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Signalscape CEO Jhan Vannatta on October 11, 2021. Signalscape is especially proud of this flag since it was a gift to the employees of Signalscape from the Guns of 4-227<sup>th</sup> Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. This flag was flown in combat for over 5 hours over Baghdad, Iraq on December 29, 2006, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The flag is proudly displayed in the company's main lobby.



Compatriot Karl Feld presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Jon and Jeannie Christiano on September 30, 2021, for their consistent and correct display of the United States flag in front of their home in Clayton, NC.

For years the Christianos have proudly displayed a US flag and demonstrated their respect for it by carefully following the requirements of US Code Title 4 Chapter 1. They have made particular efforts to assure it is an all-weather flag lit when displayed at night, as required by the code.

Raleigh Chapter member Karl Feld also awarded the Christianos the SAR Taunton Flag challenge coin in recognition of their commitment and challenged them to continue flying their flag as long as they live at their current residence.



## Reclaiming Old Glory

By Karl G. Feld

Compatriots. As you likely know, today's media recounts stories and images of people who use the US flag to protest against the country it represents. Respect for our flag is no longer promoted in some classrooms. In some cases it is ignored altogether. These behaviors reinforce disrespect or, even worse, indifference.

Choosing to respectfully fly the flag in front of your home has become an act of resistance, rather than a commonplace symbol of everyday America. I challenge each of you to count the houses on your street displaying US flags with respect and care. I believe you will find they are a minority in your neighborhood as they are in mine.

And yet they are there: those around us who resist through the simple act of flying their flags. They are unrecognized, unsung, and ignored while the media covers those who use Old Glory against itself.

We can change that. By the accident of our ancestry and the energy of our involvement we are empowered to make a difference. Through the SAR Flag Certificate program you and I are given the tools to publicly recognize and award those few on our hometown streets who still fly our flag.

It seems a small thing to hand a neighbor a signed piece of paper and perhaps a challenge coin with a few words of encouragement. I can tell you it is not. To see a neighbor's excitement that comes from simply recognizing their unsung commitment to flying our flag is a reward in itself. To publicly recognize their act of respect and patriotism creates much wider ripples. I have seen other households on my street give their flags more attention after they've heard of a neighbor's award. This is what we are all about. You can create this kind of change.

Compatriots, reach out to one of your neighbors who flies their flag because they believe it is the right thing to do. Recognize them with a handshake and words

of encouragement. Use the Flag Certificate as an excuse to start the dialogue and leave it with them as a reminder. It is one way we can use our inheritance to reclaim Old Glory.

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## Compatriot Funeral Honors Committee

By Sgt. Gary Spencer

The Sons of the American Revolution has meant a great deal to those that have embraced its ideals, goals and the memory of their patriot ancestor. For some, membership in this organization has been an integral part of their lives. Year after year, the members pay dues, and often donate to causes championed by the chapter, state society and National. In many cases, the families of our members may not even know just how important this organization has been to that individual, and there are those whose families do know the pride of being a Sons of the American Revolution Compatriot.

It is never easy when a loved one passes from this earth to "that house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens." It is a sad day when we learn of the passing of a compatriot, as well. Sometimes months after the fact. Regardless of timing, It has been proposed that a certificate of mourning that acknowledges that the men of this chapter recognize and honor the service and passing of a brother in arms. This certificate would be presented to the family of the departed, a small token of our appreciation and respect for his life.

This certificate is the very least we can do for a Compatriot and his family. It is hoped that the family will appreciate this last honor, and perhaps even spark a curiosity into their own patriot ancestors.

Chapter President Richard Pena has asked that a committee be formed to meet this end. The name suggested is the "Compatriot Funeral Honors Committee." Chaplain Van Jones would be essential to this committee, but it is hoped that other compatriots would be willing to -

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## Continued—Compatriot Funeral Honors Committee

join this committee, help establish procedures, and explore other potential ideas related to the passing of our compatriot brothers.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Gary Spencer via email at [gspencer1861@hotmail.com](mailto:gspencer1861@hotmail.com). In the meantime, please take a look at the proposed certificate, and offer up any suggestions and recommendations you may have. The proposed certificate is merely a draft. Once it is finalized, we will reach out to National to have it professionally made, with the seal and ribbon of the Society affixed. If this meets with understanding and support, this could potentially become a State Society practice, or perhaps even a National one.



Painting by Archibald Willard

Sons of the American Revolution



National Number: 101010

**Raleigh Chapter, North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution  
Mourns the Passing of Compatriot**

**John William Doe**

HIS BROTHERS IN ARMS, HONOR AND WILL FOREVER HOLD HIM IN SACRED REMEMBRANCE FOR PRESERVING THE TRADITIONS  
OF HIS ANCESTOR, A FAITHFUL PATRIOT IN THE WAR THAT SECURED OUR INDEPENDENCE AND FORGED A NEW NATION  
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Affix small seal  
with ribbon here

*Chapter President* \_\_\_\_\_

*Chapter Chaplain* \_\_\_\_\_

## Chaplain's Prayer

Van Jones, Chaplain



Painting By Arnold Friberg

God, who made us

We are thankful for the beautiful clouds in the sky

The rain that falls

The rays of your sun

Thank you for our ancestors, that fought so bravely

For the freedoms that we now have

For their courage

For those who helped and did not fight

But because of both we have our land

In the hard days to come let us remember

The past and what it took

The present and what it will take

The future and what it will be for those who see it

But to your glory may it all be.

## Get your children and grandchildren involved !

Your children or grandchildren qualify for membership in the **National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)** if they are ages 0 to 21. This is an excellent youth program for them to gain valuable life skills and leadership experiences. They also learn American heritage, history, and patriotism. Many C.A.R. members have moved on to become leaders in the S.A.R. and D.A.R. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. Encourage them to join today. More information can be found at this link: [N.C.S.C.A.R. – North Carolina Society of the Children of the American Revolution](http://www.ncsca.org) .



## Don't Forget Your 2022 SAR Dues Are Due Now !

For most members, your renewal is \$75

Exceptions:

- You are a Life Member (National and/or Society)
- You are a Junior Member (Under 18 years of age)
- Your SAR membership application was approved at National between September 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021 (You pay no dues until October 2022)



**What flag are you flying at home?**

Send your flag photo submissions to the editor ([Click here](#)) if you want it in the next newsletter!

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*"Real men despise battle, but will never run from it."* - George Washington

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## Raleigh Chapter News

On Saturday, August 21, nine Raleigh Chapter members joined other compatriots around the state at the NC SAR Summer Board of Management (BOM) Meeting at the NC State University Wolf Pack Club. This was a hybrid in-person / virtual Zoom meeting. NC SAR Goals were discussed which included membership growth, enhanced partnerships with the DAR, and preparation for the 250th Anniversary of the 1776 Declaration of Independence in 2026. Many awards were presented- at the national, state, and individual levels. Other business reports and items were presented and discussed.



On Saturday, September 18, the Raleigh Chapter held its monthly meeting at MoonRunner's Saloon in Garner with about 17 in-person and 4 remote Zoom attendees. Chapter Registrar Bob Whitehead received several Oak Leaf Clusters in recognition of his hard work recruiting and processing new member and supplemental applications. Seven new members were also inducted. Lizzy Thier, Regent, Micajah Bullock Chapter, Raleigh, NC, NCSAR, was our guest speaker.





## The Veteran Smiles Foundation

The Veteran Smiles Foundation (VSF) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Wake Forest, NC, which provides educational and financial support to at-risk veterans to improve their dental and oral healthcare. Most of these veterans do not qualify for free care at VA hospitals and clinics and cannot afford dental care on their own. VSF founder David E. McCracken, Colonel, U.S. Army, Ret., became aware of the gap in veterans' services through his work with the Veterans Affairs Council and created a solution with VSF.

VSF's year-round Vet Smiles initiative is in partnership with the East Carolina University (ECU) School of Dental Medicine, NC Serves, and county Veteran Services Offices throughout the state. ECU's School of Dental Medicine has eight satellite dental clinics located around the state in rural and under-served areas including Brunswick, Robeson, and Davidson Counties, and also in the communities of Elizabeth City, Ahoskie, Lillington, Spruce Pine, and Sylva.

After a veteran is determined eligible for services, the program begins with an oral exam and X-rays to outline a dental plan specific to their oral health needs. Dental plans include routine checkups, annual cleanings, and minor and major dental work. VSF provides financial support when the veteran enrolls in the program. The level of assistance is subject to funds available under VSF financial policies and agreements.

For the current fiscal year, the VSF has spent about \$10,700 for 21 veterans. The VSF's funding and day-to-day operations are dependent on grants, donations, individual dentists volunteering their services, and the ECU School of Dental Medicine.

How can you help? The VSF needs partners for funding and donations to expand the "Vet Smiles" program to help more veterans with gaps in their oral healthcare throughout North Carolina.

For more information on how to volunteer or to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Ret.

Colonel David E McCracken at [davide@vetsmiles.org](mailto:davide@vetsmiles.org) or at 984.233.3350, or go to the VSF website at <https://vetsmiles.org>

**Editor's note:** Ret. Colonel David E McCracken is a member of the Raleigh Chapter, North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution.

The two veterans pictured below, one an Iraq War Veteran and the other a Vietnam War Veteran, received needed dental services through the VSF "Vet Smiles" Program.



## Patriot Lemuel Cook

by Bob Whitehead

One of the Raleigh Chapter's newer members, Bradley Donald Cook, has the distinction of having as his patriot ancestor one of the longest-lived soldiers of the American Revolution. Lemuel Cook died May 20, 1866, at the age of 106, and he lived to see the start and the end of the American Civil War. He was buried with full military and Masonic honors. At the time of his death, only three other Revolutionary veterans were still alive.



**Lemuel Cook (Photo: FindaGrave)**  
2nd Continental Light Dragoons  
Battle of Brandywine Siege of Yorktown

The following is an article written in 1864 regarding Cook.

### **“LAST SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION”**

by ELIAS BREWSTER HILLARD 1864

#### **Interview With Lemuel Cook Surviving Dragoon**

Of all the men who had marched with Washington, and Arnold, with Gates and Greene and Mad Anthony Wayne, only seven were still alive. All were past 100 years, the eldest, Lemuel Cook was 105 years of age.

Lemuel Cook is the oldest survivor of the Revolution.

He lives in the town of Clarendon, Orleans County, New York. His age is 105 years. Mr. Cook was born in Northbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut September 10th 1759 the son of Henry Cook and a grandson of the first settler of the town also named Henry Cook. He enlisted at Watertown when only sixteen years old. He was mustered in at Northampton in the Bay State 2nd Regiment of Light Dragoons in the command of Colonel Elisha Sheldon in the Company of Captain William Stanton. He served throughout the war and was discharged at Danbury, Conn. June 12, 1783. The circumstances of his service he relates as follows.

"When I applied to enlist, Captain Hallibud told me I was so small he could not take me unless I would enlist for the war. The first time I smelt gun powder was at Valentine's Hill (Westchester, N.Y. Oct 1776). A troop of British horse were coming, 'Mount your horses in a minute', cried the Colonel. I was on mine as quick as a squirrel. There were two fires-crash! Up came Parrow, good old soul, and said, 'Lem, what do you think of gunpowder? Smell good to you?'"

The first time I was ordered on sentry was at Dobb's Ferry. A man came out of a barn and leveled his piece and fired. I felt the wind of the ball. A soldier near me said, 'Lem, they mean you, go on the other side of the road.' So I went over, and pretty soon another man came out of the barn and aimed and fired. He didn't come near me. Soon another came out and fired. His ball lodged in my hat. By this time the firing had aroused the camp and a company of our troops came on one side, and a party of the French on the other and they took the men in the barn prisoner and brought them in. They were cow boys. This was the first time I saw the French in action. They stepped as though on edge. They were a dreadful proud nation. When they brought the men in, one of them had the impudence to ask, 'Is the man here we fired at just now?' 'Yes,' said Major Tallmadge, 'There he is, that boy.' Then he told how they had each laid out a crown and agreed that the one that brought me down should have the three.

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## Continued—Patriot Lemuel Cook

When he got through with his story, I stepped to my holster and took out my pistol, and walked up to him and said, 'If I've been a mark to you for money, I'll take my turn now. So, deliver your money or your life!' He handed over four crowns and I got three more from the other two."

Mr. Cook was at the **Battle of Bradywine** (September 11, 1777) and at Cornwallis' Surrender (October 19, 1781). Of the latter he gives the following account :

"It was reported that Washington was going to storm New York. We made a by-law in our regiment that every man should stick with his horse, if his horse went he should go with him. I was waiter for the quartermaster, and so had a chance to keep my horse in good condition. Baron Steuben was mustermaster. He had us called out to select men and horses fit for service. When he came to me he said, 'Young man, how old are you?' I told him. 'Be on the ground tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock' said he. My colonel didn't like to have me go. 'You'll see,' said he 'they'll call for him tomorrow morning.' But they said if we had a by-law we had to abide by it. Next morning old Steuben had got my name, there were eighteen out of the regiment, 'Be on the ground' said he 'tomorrow morning with two days provisions.' 'You're a fool,' said the rest, 'they're going to storm New York.' No more idea of it than going to Flanders. My horse was a bay, and pretty. Next day I was the second on parade. We marched off towards White Plains. The 'left wheel' and struck right north. Got to King's Ferry, below Terrytown, there were boats, scows, etc. We went right across into the Jerseys. That night I slept with my back to a tree. Then we went to Head of Elk. There the French were. It was dusty, 'Peered to me I should have chocked to death. One of 'em handed me his canteen, 'Lem,' said he, 'take a good horn, we're going to march all night.' I didn't know what it was, so I took a full drink. It liked to have strangled me. Then we were in Virginia. There

wasn't much fighting. Cornwallis tried to force his way north to New York, but fell into the arms of LaFayette, and he drove him back. Old Rochambeau told 'em, 'I'll land five hundred from the fleet against your eight hundred.' But he darnst. We were on kind of a side hill. We had plenty little to eat and nothing under heaven to drink. We hove up some brush to keep the flies off. Washington ordered that there should be no laughing at the British, said it was bad enough to have to surrender without being insulted. The army came out with guns clubbed to their backs. They were paraded on a great smooth lot, and there they stacked their arms. Then came the devil-old women, and all (camp followers). One said, 'I wonder if the damned yankees will give me any bread.' The horses were starved out. Washington turned out with his horses and helped them up the hill. When they see the artillery, they said, 'There, them's the very artillery that belonged to Burgoyne.' Greene came across from the southward, the awfulest sight you ever see; Some I should presume had a pint of lice on 'em. No boots nor shoes."

The old man's talk is very fragmentary. He recalls the past slowly, and with difficulty, but when he has his mind fixed upon it, all seems to come up clear. His articulation also, is very imperfect, so that it is with difficulty that his story can be made out. Much of his experiences in the war seem gone from him, and in conversation with him he has to be left to the course of his own thoughts, inquiries and suggestions appearing to confuse him. At the close of the war he married Hannah Curtis of Cheshire, Conn. and lived a while in that vicinity, after which he removed to Utica, New York. There he had frequent encounters with the Indians who still lived in the area. One with whom he had had some difficulty over cattle assailed him at a public house, as he was on his way home, coming at him with great fury, with a drawn knife. Mr. Cook was unarmed, but catching up a chair he presented it as a shield against the Indians thrusts until help appeared. He says he never knew what fear was, and always declared that no man would take him prisoner alive.

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### Continued—Patriot Lemuel Cook

His frame is large and his presence commanding, and in his prime must have possessed prodigious strength. He has evidently been a man of most resolute spirit, the old determination still manifesting itself in his look and words. His voice, the full power of which he still retains, is marvelous for its strength and volume.

Speaking of the present war, he said, in his strong tones, at the same time bringing down his cane with force upon the floor, 'It is terrible, but terrible as it is the rebellion must be put down'. He still walks comfortably with the use of a cane, and with the aid of glasses he reads his book, as he calls his Bible. He is fond of company, loves a joke and is good natured in a rough sort of way. He likes to relate his experiences in the army and among the Indians. He has voted Democratic since the organization of the government, supposing that it still represents the same party it did in Jefferson's time. His pension, before it increased, was one hundred dollars. It has now increased to two hundred dollars. The old man's health is comfortably good and he enjoys life as much as could be expected at his great age. His home at present is with a son whose wife especially seems to take kind and tender care of him. Altogether he is a noble old man, and long may it yet be before his name shall be missed from the rolls of his country's deliverers. -Elias Brewster Hillard.

This piece has been published several times in various forms. The original author's manuscript is at the New York State Library at Albany, which also included two pictures of Lemuel.



### American Battlefield Trust Videos

[What were Hessian Soldiers \(Click\)](#)

[Richmond in the Revolution \(click\)](#)

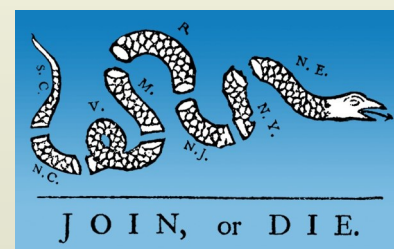
[Gunpowder in the Revolution \(Click\)](#)

[Yorktown 1781 \(Click\)](#)

### “American Revolution Podcast”

Each Sunday Michael Troy posts a new episode, approximately 30 minutes in length, that covers a specific topic on the American Revolution. These free audio shows are available at this link for both IOS and Android. Or you can play the episodes directly from your computer by clicking this link: [American Revolution Podcast \(amrevpodcast.com\)](http://amrevpodcast.com) .

Episode 221– [American Revolution Podcast: ARP221 Collier-Mathew Raids \(amrevpodcast.com\)](#)





## Raleigh SAR Chapter Supports Veterans Life Center (VLC)



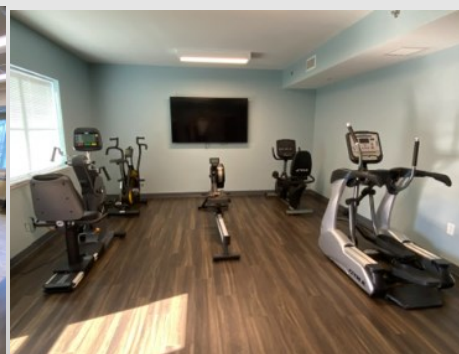
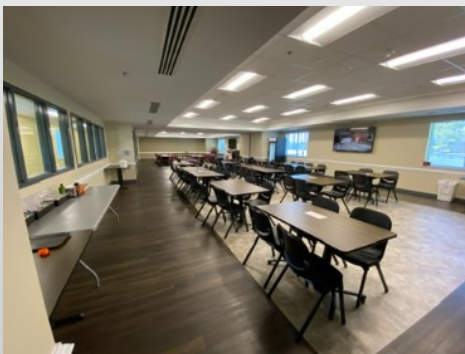
On Monday, March 8, 2021, Raleigh Chapter Representatives Richard Peña, Bob Sigmon, and David Bamford toured the Veterans Life Center (VLC) in Butner, NC, with its Founder and Director, John Turner. Pictures taken of the facility are below along with a link to a video slideshow.

The Raleigh Chapter started conversations with the VLC last year about potentially being a contributing partner to the organization. The facility was still under construction at the time. After several presentations and a tour, the Executive Committee of the Raleigh Chapter is authorizing a Capital Campaign to raise sustainment funds for the VLC. The facility opened in the summer of 2020.

Please consider making a contribution (contact Bob Sigmon). The Raleigh Chapter will be sponsoring an office in the facility with a donation of \$7500. We will also be donating several US/NC flag sets for use within the facility.

All Raleigh Chapter Members were sent a private link by email to watch the recorded Special Meeting on March 10, 2021, where this was discussed in detail and where John gave a presentation with updates on the facility's needs and operations.

Please watch the video slide show—[Click Here](#)





## Raleigh Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

to benefit the

### VETERANS LIFE CENTER of NORTH CAROLINA

Yes, I wish to support the Veterans Life Center with the following donation:

\$25	\$50	\$100	\$500	\$1000	\$2000	OTHER

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The Raleigh Chapter is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and your contribution may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax adviser for details. EIN: 56-6075402.

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Please make your check out to Raleigh Chapter NC SAR and mail your check to Raleigh Chapter Treasurer:

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Raleigh, NC 27615

Or, you can pay via PayPal. Send to:

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Please use "friends and family" option to avoid fees.

**THANK YOU from the**

**Raleigh Chapter SAR and the VETERANS LIFE CENTER!**





**Patriot David Cashion (Cashion)** was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia, on February 13, 1758.

When he was 18 years old in late 1775, David enlisted for 12 months in a company of minutemen in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He explains in his 1829 Revolutionary War Soldier's Pension application (R1782) that the minutemen were separated from the militia, and that he was bound for that time (12 months) to always be ready upon a moment's notice to go into service. Every 4 weeks they had to rendezvous and meet at a designated place with their arms and provisions for 3 days of training and discipline. The company was under the command of Captain Frank Goode and Lieutenant George Markham. This company was called out for service about 3 to 4 months during this time. They marched from Chesterfield through Williamsburg, to Yorktown, and on to Portsmouth where they remained until their tour had expired. David was discharged a few days before Christmas 1776. He explains that after the term of their enlistment, everyone returned back to their militia companies. The colonel who commanded these minutemen was a Continental officer.

In early 1779, David, still living in Chesterfield County, was called out with 25 other men for militia duty. They were assigned to guard the British prisoners captured out west at the Siege of Fort Vincennes (in modern day Indiana and Illinois) that took place February 23-25, 1779. This fort was built by the British to guard the frontier ceded to them after the French and Indian War. The patriots were concerned about this growing threat out west and launched a surprise winter attack. Patriot Lieutenant Colonel George Rogers Clark led about 170 American and French militiamen on this raid. About 50 British prisoners captured at Fort Vincennes were held under guard at the Chesterfield Courthouse for 3 weeks until they were moved to Williamsburg by Continental soldiers. The officer in command of this company of guards was Robert Elam. David mentions in his pension application that around this time, he also was engaged in the guarding of a powder magazine that was located 6 miles from the Chesterfield Courthouse.

In January 1781, David was drafted for militia service for one month in the company of Captain Creed Haskins. The British had burned parts of Richmond between January 5 -7. The Chesterfield County Militia, under the command of Colonel John Bott, rendezvoused opposite Richmond near the James River. After a few days, they marched down the river to a place in Surry County called Cabin Point where they camped for about 5 days and then continued on with their march. When the British detected large numbers of patriot forces moving against them, they quickly boarded their ships and sailed out of the area which was called the Capes. David was discharged below Cabin Point and recalls Lt. Colonel George Robertson and Major Robert Goode were all out in the field at this time with every man capable of bearing arms on this occasion.

In April 1781, David was again drafted out of the Chesterfield Militia for no specific set time period to go against the British who had taken Petersburg at the Battle of Blandford on April 25, 1781. He served again in Captain Haskins' company with Colonels Robertson and Botts in command of the militia. David remembers that the Continentals attached to this group were under Majors William Boyce and Alexander Dick. The entire patriot force was under General Lafayette. The patriots marched to Petersburg and then on to Richmond. After 11 weeks from the first call to service, the militia was discharged south of Richmond in June.

David was drafted one final time in August 1781 where he served 3 months. He was in the Company of Captain George Markham and Lieutenant James Moodie. The Chesterfield County Militia marched through Petersburg and crossed the James River just north of Old James Town. From there they proceeded to Williamsburg and

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then on to Yorktown. David was present where, in his words, "Cornwallis was taken."

British General Charles Cornwallis occupied Yorktown in the fall of 1781 with about 9,000 troops, and this became his base of operations and resupply against the patriots. It was here that General Washington and his French ally Lt. General Comte de Rochambeau, with a combined Continental and French force of around 19,000, decided to attack Cornwallis with the support of the French Navy. Both sides dug in and prepared for siege warfare with the British surrounded and on the defense. The siege began on September 29. American and French forces began relentlessly pounding the British position with artillery fire. On October 14 American and French infantry assaults captured British Redoubts #10 and #9 respectively. With British counter-attacks unsuccessful and artillery now pounding their position at close range from the captured redoubts, Cornwallis was forced to capitulate on October 19.

The Chesterfield County Militia was discharged from Yorktown to return home around October 29, 1781. At Richmond David received from the Commissary General of the Military Store a receipt for 3 mess kits, 3 cartridge boxes, and 1 bayonet.

Patriot David Cashon continued to live in Virginia about 13 years after the close of the Revolutionary War. He married Sarah Harvill around 1788. It appears from the pension file application that David and Sarah had about 13 children. David and his family moved to Cabarrus County, NC, where he lived 1 year. They then lived in Ire-dell County for 5 years. After this they moved to Tennessee in 1807 and settled in Montgomery County for 6 years and then Sumner County until 1825. David's final home was Weakley County where he died on June 24, 1835. Sarah lived until October 18, 1851. David Cashon is identified as Patriot #: P-130090 in the SAR Patriot Research System where his service is noted. He is buried in Good Springs Cemetery in Weakley County, Tennessee.

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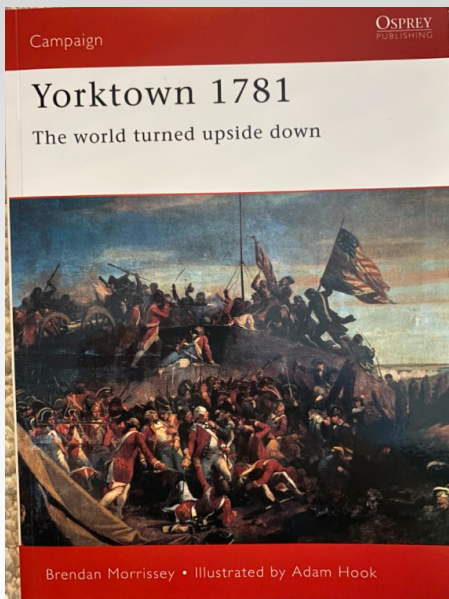
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## Book Review - by David Bamford

### ***Yorktown 1781- The World Turned Upside Down* – Brendan Morrissey – Illustrations by Adam Hook, Osprey Publishing**



If you haven't heard of [Osprey Publishing](https://www.ospreypublishing.com), they are a niche company that publish books on all periods of military history, sometimes delving into the obscure. For example, they have books entitled *Elizabethan Sea Dogs 1560–1605* and *The Samurai Invasion of Korea 1592-1598*. Huh? Their books are generally limited to 100 pages or less and are more of a 30,000-foot overview of the topic. I have a modest collection of their books on medieval Europe and conflicts including several on the Wars of the Roses (Towton 1461, Bosworth 1485 and Tewkesbury 1471).

They have quite a few books on the American Revolution devoted to various battles, weapons, and troops (click [here](#)). Their books are unique from others in that they are loaded with custom artwork, computer generated 3-D topographic models, 2-D maps, and photographs of the battlefields by the authors.

I picked up *Yorktown 1781- The World Turned Upside Down* at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor's Center when I was there in 2019. I really didn't know much about this battle and quickly learned it was actually a siege. There is a difference. The book starts out with a brief summary of the events leading up to the siege covering the highlights. It also nicely summarizes the troop movements and battles in Virginia in 1781 prior to Yorktown.

After this the book examines the roles of the opposing commanders during the Yorktown Campaign. For the British, short bios are given for Lt. General Sir Henry Clinton, Lt. General Charles Cornwallis, Vice Admiral Marriot Arbuthnot, and Rear Admiral Thomas Graves. For the Americans, bios are provided for General George Washington, Major General Marquis de Lafayette, Major General Benjamin Lincoln, and Major General Baron von Steuben. For the French allies, bios are provided for Lt. General de Rochambeau, Major General Marquis de Chastellux, and Lt. General de Grasse-Tilly.

Next the book examines the opposing armies at Yorktown with brief overviews on their organization. On the British side, there are the Regulars (the main army), the German mercenaries (aka the Hessians), and the Loyalists or Provincials. For the Americans, the book describes the Continental Army and the Virginia Militia. The French Army is also covered.

The orders of battle are provided for several engagements in Virginia leading up to and including the Yorktown campaign. For the naval engagements, ship names are listed including their number of guns or cannons. For land engagements, a listing of troops is provided by commanding officer, unit name, and strength by number of men. The following orders of battles are provided: Green Spring Farm July 6, 1781; Cape Henry March 16, 1781; The Capes September 5, 1781; and forces at Yorktown September 1781. The book briefly covers these early spring and summer engagements mentioned above. The siege begins on page 61. By page 77 Cornwallis surrenders. While the summary is short, it covers Gloucester Point, the digging of the parallels, and the attack and capture of Redoubts 9 and 10.

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The main narrative concludes with the aftermath and covers how the news of Cornwallis' defeat finally reached British Secretary of State George Germain by November 25 leading him to proclaim "Oh God! It is all over!" The summer of 1782 negotiations are described briefly which finally led to the peace treaty in September 1783.

But the book is not quite over....yet. The author concludes with a few pages on the battlefield today with pictures of the earthen fortifications, farm buildings, the Grace Church, the Digges House, the Custom House, the Victory Monument, and Gloucester Point. It was in this section of the book that I received the unwelcome news that many of the mounds, earthworks, and earthen berms and fortifications, that we had seen and photographed at our visit to the Yorktown battlefield a few days prior, are reconstructed and restored. General Washington had ordered many of the works to be leveled and destroyed to prevent their re-use by the British. And whatever was left was damaged by erosion over the years. However, their reconstruction and preservation today does show what things probably looked like at the time in September and October 1781.

In conclusion, this book is not intended to be an in-depth analysis of the siege. I don't think there is a single thesis in the book. It presents the facts and best functions as a reference book with the maps, pictures, and order of battle by unit. It's a quick read and gives a good overview of what happened at Yorktown in September and October 1781.

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## October through December in Revolutionary War History

**December 25, 1776:** General Washington begins a daring Christmas night crossing of the Delaware River.

**December 26 , 1776:** General Washington defeats the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey.

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**October 17, 1777:** British General John Burgoyne surrenders his army to General Horatio Gates.

**December 19, 1777:** Continental Army enters winter encampment at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

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**December 29, 1778:** British Lt. Colonel Archibald Campbell British captures Savannah, Georgia.

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**December 2, 1780:** General Nathanael Greene assumes command of the southern army.

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**September-October 1781:** Allied siege of Yorktown begins against British General Charles Cornwallis.

**October 19, 1781:** General Charles Cornwallis surrenders his 8,000 troops, marking the beginning of the end for the British.

## Road Trip-Yorktown 1781 - by David Bamford

The last issue of the newsletter, Summer 2021, covered our trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, in the summer of 2019. We visited the Yorktown battlefield while we were there too as it was only about 10 miles away. With this being our first time here, we really didn't know our way around, and I assumed we would get on Interstate 64 and zip on down. We somehow ended up on the scenic Colonial Parkway which took us straight to Yorktown bypassing all the traffic on this somewhat deserted road through the woods. I believe sections of this road are bricked with a cobblestone look. Had the bricks been yellow in color, I might have mistaken this scene for another famous adventure.

Entering the Yorktown battlefield from the west on the Colonial Parkway, you are greeted with dense woods and open fields. This is in sharp contrast to the 1862 Fredericksburg battlefield where the center of action, the stone wall and Marye's Heights, is smack-dab in the middle of town with encroaching development all around. In contrast Yorktown has that unique look and feel to time-warped you back to 1781. Much of the area is preserved and protected from development.

I will share a few pictures from the visitor's center which is located on the grounds where British General Cornwallis was pummeled into submission by the American and French artillery. This was the inner British defensive line. Two of the field photos on the next page are facing southeast towards Redoubts 9 and 10. The capture of these British redoubts was the "final nail in the coffin" you might say. On the night of October 14, French forces attacked and captured Redoubt 9 while the Americans captured Redoubt 10. This allowed the Allies to construct their second siege line moving their artillery closer to the British position. Three days later, Cornwallis proposed a ceasefire.

If you visit Yorktown, I suggest going to the Visitor's Center first and pick up a driving tour map of the battlefield (shown below), which I estimate to be about 9 square miles in area. While we drove around some, there were many places I later regretted not visiting. This year is the 240th Anniversary of the Yorktown siege and surrender of Cornwallis which ended major British military operations in the colonies. Even though there were no more large pitched battles, there continued to be minor skirmishes and engagements between the loyalists and patriots until 1783. Let us remember.





## Road Trip– Yorktown Continued





## Getting involved!

There are many ways you can get involved in SAR activities and projects. Here are just a few.

### Monthly Meeting Programs

Chapter meeting programs are always welcome by members and guests. If you or someone you know would like to speak on a historical battle or figure or other topic of interest, please contact **Richard Peña**, at [richardapena@hotmail.com](mailto:richardapena@hotmail.com) so we can schedule this for an upcoming meeting.

### Newsletter Submissions

We invite members to submit write-ups or articles for the chapter newsletter. These can be on patriot ancestors, a historical battle or research topic, or anything else that would be of interest to the chapter. Perhaps you are knowledgeable on a particular subject. Please send your submissions to **Karl Feld** at [karlfeld@hotmail.com](mailto:karlfeld@hotmail.com).

### SAR Patriot Research System (PRS) Volunteer

Join hundreds of other compatriots across the country working together on this project by becoming a PRS volunteer. You will receive a special password log-in access to the PRS dashboard on the national SAR web-site. Using your computer, you will transcribe lineage data from approved membership application records into the PRS as well as updating and verifying patriot service and burial info using a variety of on-line tools like "Find A Grave." This PRS database, linking members to their patriots, is searchable on-line for members and the public, and is a great resource for prospective SAR members. Contact PRS Chairman **Gary Green** to assist in this worthwhile effort at [garyogreen@gmail.com](mailto:garyogreen@gmail.com) and visit <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/> for more info.



## Getting involved!

### Chapter Color Guard

The chapter color guard serves an important ceremonial role at SAR events including patriot grave markings, annual celebrations and memorials, and Revolutionary War battle remembrances. If representing the chapter at these events in period dress interests you, please contact **Bob Sigmon** at [rob-ert\\_sigmon@yahoo.com](mailto:rob-ert_sigmon@yahoo.com). Additional resources: **National Color Guard Manual**—[Click here](#), **Society Color Guard Manual**—[Click here](#).

State and chapter funds are available to help offset the cost of purchasing an outfit. First-Time Revolutionary War Outfit Reimbursements - On February 1, 2020, the NC SAR Board of Managers approved a \$100 financial incentive to help re-



build the Color Guard of the NC Society by encouraging Compatriots to acquire and wear a Revolutionary War outfit at events. The form is now available to obtain a \$100 reimbursement from the State. Reach out to the Raleigh Chapter leadership. To do so, (1) a Compatriot acquires a complete Revolutionary War era uniform or outfit for the first time; (2) participates in a Color Guard function or other SAR related activity (i.e.,

giving an award, giving a presentation, manning a recruiting table, etc.) wearing the Revolutionary War era outfit, (3) has the form verified with a signature from your Chapter President, Vice President, or Chapter Color Guard Commander; and (4) sends form to our State Treasurer Sam Powell for reimbursement. Reimbursements are retroactive to September 1, 2019.



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*"We fight, get beat, rise and fight again."* —**General Nathanael Greene**

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## UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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October 03	Jones, Rev Van Michael	December 11	Jasper, Nathan Powers
October 05	Hustis, William Bruce	December 11	Oliver, Charles Keith
October 06	Mathews, Christopher Rand Lee	December 13	Currin, Samuel Thomas
October 09	Trower, George Willard Jr.	December 20	Strickland, Jeremy Morris
October 11	Anderson, William Hinton Wilder Jr.	December 21	Ledbetter, John Foy Jr.
October 11	Anderson, William H. W. III	December 22	Moore, Chaz Michael
October 12	Rhodes, Samuel Thomas Jr.	December 23	Cook, Bradley Donald
October 12	Trower, Jeffrey Scott	December 23	Steele, John Robotham
October 13	Chandler, William Carlton PhD	December 27	Roseman, Glenn Allan
October 13	Isley, Van Dexter	December 30	Battle, Robert Lee
October 15	McCracken, William Thomas		
October 20	Roberts, Lee Harriss		
October 22	Pena, Richard Anthony		
October 23	Wills, Arthur Everett		
October 26	Bacon, Robert Winfield		
October 27	Hockman, Dennis Lloyd		
October 29	Crumpler, Kevin Troy		
October 29	Horne, Gary Steven		
October 30	Lucey, Joshua Philip		
October 31	Swaringen, Kenneth Porter		
November 01	Hockman, John Pavao		
November 07	Stephenson, Alan Clements		
November 08	Weschler, Matthew William		
November 08	Wolff, Robert A		
November 12	Lucey, John David		
November 15	Whitehead, Robert August		
November 27	Hill, James Dallas		
November 28	Kapp, Michael Keith		
November 28	Lucey, David Scott		
December 01	Osegueda, Francisco Lino III		

