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Buford's Massacre *Battle of the Waxhaws*

May 27, 2017

~ Buford's Crossroads

Nine Miles East of Lancaster, SC

Saturday, May 27, 2017

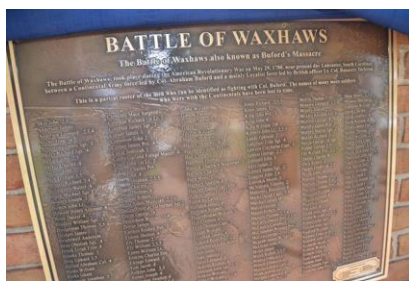
Immediate Past President Charles Swoope (Rock Hill, SC) was present and represented the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution at the annual Anniversary and Wreath Laying at the Battle of Waxhaws. Chuck reported that he and his wife, Pat, enjoyed a huge crowd and very good weather for the event. Thank you Chuck for your service.

The anniversary of the Battle of Waxhaw's this year fell on Memorial Day, May 29. The 1780 battle occurred after years of war in the Northern Colonies and the Revolutionary War was at a stalemate. The British initiated a Southern Strategy to seize control of the Carolinas.

Colonel Abraham Buford and his Virginia Continentals were returning to North Carolina after arriving too late to reinforce the American troops at Charles Town. British Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton and his Legion dragoons were giving chase. By mid-morning on May 29 Tarleton reached Rugeley's Mill, 12 miles north of Camden and learned that Buford was only twenty miles ahead. Tarleton reached Buford at the Waxhaws district near the North and South Carolina border after chasing him for 138 miles. Buford set his troops in a line and ordered them to hold their fire until the

British dragoons were within ten yards, a critical mistake when facing mounted troops. In a brutal saber attack, Tarleton charged Buford and decimated the Patriot line. Virginians who were trying to surrender were cut down. Patriot casualties totaled more than 300 while the British only had five men killed and twelve wounded.

Banastre Tarleton earned the title of "Bloody Ban" and "Ban the Butcher". While the Battle of Waxhaws resulted in a massacre of American troops, it was a turning point of the war as the ranks of the South Carolina militia grew steadily.



Calendar of Events for the SC Society Members to Attend / Participate

July, September, November

July 15-16, 2017

Battle of Huck's Defeat
Brattonsville, SC

Following the ceremony of wreath laying, the SCSR Executive Committee will be holding a Regional General Membership Meeting for the

purpose of planning our state society role in hosting the September 28-October 1, 2017 GSSR Board of Managers Meeting at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC. We encourage all members in the Up State Region to attend this critical meeting for our membership.

September 8-9, 2017

The 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Eutaw Springs Celebration
Eutaw Springs, SC

September 28-October 1, 2017

Annual General Society of the Sons of the Revolution Board of Managers Meeting
Francis Marion Hotel
Charleston, SC

November 4-5, 2017

Annual Revolutionary War Field Days
Camden, SC

Annual General Membership Meeting

SC Society of the Sons of the Revolution



State of South Carolina

Palmetto Society of Charleston Founded 1777

The Executive Committee has approved the State Society of the Sons of the Revolution becoming a member of the Palmetto Society of Charleston. Forty organizations pay an annual gift of \$175 to help celebrate Carolina Day, which they have been doing since 1777. Six larger heritage organizations pay an annual gift of \$500 and make up the Board of the Palmetto Society. The Palmetto Society of Charleston is independently incorporated in South Carolina and represent groups including the Society of the Cincinnati, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

This year Carolina Day will be held on June 28, 2017. Mayor John Techlenburg will speak under the shade of the live oaks and alongside the Sergeant Jasper statue at White Point Garden at 11:45 am on that Wednesday. Preceding the talk the Palmetto Society welcomes ALL to attend a service of thanksgiving at St. Michael's Church that begins at 10:00 am and should last approximately an hour. Then the Palmetto Society and invited

historical groups will gather at Washington Park at 11:00 and begin marching at 11:30 toward White Point Garden on the Harbor.

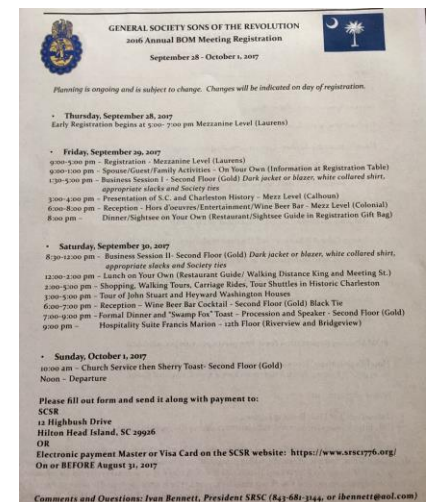
The city of Charleston has granted the Palmetto Society a permit for the traditional Carolina Day parade and patriotic talk at White Point Garden. The Palmetto Society would like to invite and encourage the public to participate in what will be the state's 240th annual Carolina Day. The Society asks all citizens to fly their Palmetto State flags-either the original Moultrie Flag with the white crescent on an indigo blue background or the current version-on June 28. Church bells will ring at 11:30 am.

The Carolina Day celebrates the great victory of the patriots during the Battle of Sullivan's Island in 1776- the first major victory of the Revolution and one that inspired many Americans to believe that they actually could defeat the mighty British who had the most powerful military force in the world at that time.

This June 28, 2017 event is an opportunity for all members and potential members of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution to join my wife and me as we represent the SCSR on this first participation of our new friendship with other Revolutionary War heritage groups in Charleston, SC. If you reside in the Coastal Region of our State Society, please join us.

Editor: Ivan Bennett

General Society of the Sons of the Revolution Board of Manager Meeting Francis Marion Hotel Charleston, SC September 28-October 1



As members of the SCSR each of you have received The Sons Drumbeat Spring Issue 2017. There is one change, Page 5 which has been replaced by the above insert. The SCSR will be responsible for Registration to the 2017 GSSR BOM. I have dedicated a separate account for all check deposits and all credit card transactions. Our webmaster, **Samuel Whatley** has set up a Pay Pal Account on www.srsc1776.org (Home and Membership Tabs) **Please support our state society in your participation.**
President: Ivan Bennett

