



# The Crescent Moon



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## *Buford's Massacre Lancaster County Saturday, May 26, 2018*

The next event for our State Society to participate in is the 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wreath Laying Ceremony in Lancaster County, Buford's Massacre. Any member who can attend should contact President Bennett for details. It is not only a moment for us to show unity and remembrance but an opportunity to meet with Brett Reed, President of the Colonel William Bratton Chapter SCSSAR to plan for partnership with SCSR at the 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Huck's Defeat on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Brattonsville. This will be an inaugural joint venture for SCSSAR and SCSR.

At Buford's Massacre, the blood shed at this site in rural Lancaster County set the stage for

subsequent battles during the Revolutionary War. It was here, on May 29, 1780, that Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton earned his famous title, "Bloody Tarleton". The Patriots had suffered a major loss just two weeks earlier, when General Benjamin Lincoln surrendered to General Henry Clinton, leaving Charles Town to fall to the British. Prior to General Lincoln's surrender, around 350 soldiers from Virginia, led by Colonel Abraham Buford, had been detached to Charles Town to reinforce regiments there. Not having reached Charles Town in time, Colonel Buford received new orders to march to Camden, take what provisions and weapons he could, and retreat to North Carolina instead. British Lieutenant General Charles Lord Cornwallis got wind of Buford's plan, and on May 27<sup>th</sup> detached 270 men, led by Tarleton, to cut the Patriots off. Almost to the state line, Buford encountered Tarleton near Lancaster on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Tarleton offered a flag of truce to Buford, which Buford rejected. As the Virginians formed a line of defense in preparation for battle, Tarleton's men attacked mercilessly without giving the Patriots an opportunity to load their muskets. It is said that Buford then attempted to surrender and even waved a white flag, yet this time it was his offer that was scorned. Tarleton's men slaughtered the Virginians.

From this point in the Revolutionary War, Patriots would yell, "Remember Tarleton's quarter!" when entering battle, and animosity between the two sides increased greatly after this grisly conflict in Lancaster County. More than 100 Patriots were killed at Buford's Massacre, and 84 are buried in a mass grave on this site. An obelisk erected in 1860 marks the grave and commemorates the Battle, though the engraving on the stone is worn and much of the stone is chipped away. An unmarked grave holding the remains of 25 more soldiers who died of injuries after the battle sits about 300 yards away.

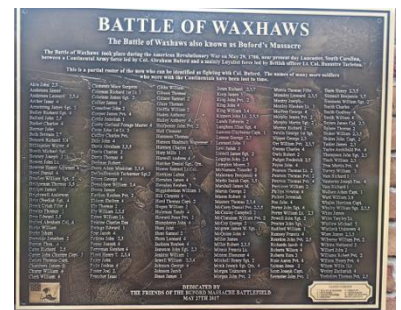


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On this plaque, SCSR Member Thomas Hanson has an ancestor that died at Buford. He was Shadrach Hanson, a Wagoner, who fought with Col. Buford.

Meet New Members:  
Father of Jeff Murrie  
Son of Albert Futrell



Photo credit: Jeff Murrie

Jeff Murrie, South Carolina Sons of the Revolution Coastal Region VP, poses with his dad Ray for a presentation of his SCSR Certificate and Rosette Pin.

Congratulations Ray!



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Albert, South Carolina Sons of the Revolution Upstate Region VP, and his wife Jeannie, were proud to assist SCSR Vice President Tom Weidner in the induction of their only son Richard into the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the Revolution with the presentation of his SCSR Certificate and Rosette Pin. They are glad to be part of this great organization.

Congratulations Rich!

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## Calendar of Events

**July 14:**  
Battle of Hucks Defeat,  
Brattonsville, SC  
*SCSR Participating in Wreath Laying*  
*SCSR Mid-Year Board of Managers Meeting*

**July 28:**  
SCSR Plans to Host a New Event, "Fort Thicketty" Gaffney, SC  
*Update: SCSR Vice President Weidner met with Leigh Ann Snuggs (Cherokee County History Center/Museum) on 4/19. The 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Taking of Fort Thicketty will begin at 10am at the Fort site. Program will include OVTA, Nat. Park Services Superintendent Slaughter, Greetings from organizations invited, Keynote speaker "History of the Fort and Preservation Efforts", Presentation of Wreaths, Musket Salute and Retirement of Colors.*

**October 6-7:**  
GSSR Triennial  
Nashville, TN  
*See Conference Registration and Hotel Reservation Information on SCSR Website Home Page*  
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