

North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution

March 3, 2007

TO: Board of Managers (BOM), Committee Chairmen, and Liaisons

FROM: President

SUBJECT: Quarterly Progress Report and Summary, No. 8 (January through March)

A. Progress of Stated Goals:

1. Membership. 676 (as of March 2nd)
2. New Chapters. Citizens in the Elizabeth City, Elizabethtown, and Statesville areas continue consensus building to form provisional chapters and it is hopeful their petitions to charter will be presented to the BOM before the end of the year.
3. Observances. The 226th anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens (NSSAR sponsored), SC was observed on January 13th. The Battle of Cowan's Ford – a NCSSAR sponsored event – was observed on January 27th. The Crossing of the Dan, VA and the Battle of Kettle Creek (NSSAR sponsored), GA were observed on February 10th. The Battle of Moores Creek Bridge – a NCSSAR sponsored event – was observed on February 24th. All wreath-laying events were well attended.
4. Fundraising. Arrangements are being made for several fundraising projects. Proceeds from these will be used to support the society's centennial in 2011 and the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, KY.
5. Communication/Visits. The website and newsletter are providing accurate and current information to the society. Sharing of information via email is widening the society's knowledge for current and future operations.
6. National Society Activities. 8 compatriots and two wives attended the Spring Leadership Conference & Trustees Meeting in Louisville, KY. On February 24th the National Trustees approved Winston-Salem as the site for the 121st Congress. All are encouraged to experience these productive NSSAR business activities.
7. State/National Conventions. The Nathanael Greene Chapter is the hosting chapter for the next state annual convention, and is scheduled for April 20-22, 2007 in Greensboro, NC. Colonial Williamsburg, VA is the site of the 117th National Congress (Williamsburg Lodge) marking Virginia's 400th anniversary. This is scheduled for July 6-11, 2007.

B. Period Summary.

The quarter began with an alarming number of dropped members from the active roster for nonpayment of 2007 dues. Reinstatements continue to be received from chapter secretaries. Chapter leaders are encouraged to begin the dues collection process sooner in the annual cycle. Community outreach activities have been numerous during the period as reported above (Item A. 3.). Saturday, March 17th, the 226th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse will be observed. Mark your schedule for this major NSSAR sponsored event. Much work has been accomplished to organize the next state annual convention in Greensboro, NC. Members of the society attended the Spring Leadership Conference and Trustees Meeting in Louisville, KY. At that meeting your society presented another gift of \$500 for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The national trustees were informed of the selection of an executive director for HQS, NSSAR. The national trustees voted in favor of the Congress Planning Committee's recommendation that Winston-Salem, NC be the site of the 121st National Congress. Chapters continue their meetings as scheduled. The next BOM meeting is today in Statesville, NC. The first quarter of 2007 will end with less than the anticipated total of active members.