

# Annual Commemorations and Events

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*Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina*, current edition, identifies the location of more than 580 actions that took place in our state. Every Chapter is asked to host or co-host at least one annual commemoration associated with one of these actions.

Commemorations are ranked as a "National Event" (top priority), "State Event" (secondary priority) or "Chapter Event" (third priority). The State and Chapters may not schedule events in conflict with National events, and Chapters may not host events in conflict with a State event. Chapters within the same region are discouraged from hosting events that conflict with each other. The interest is in having all compatriots free to attend every event. If there is a conflict in dates, the State President or his representative and the State Color Guard attend events based on their priority (1st National, 2nd State, 3rd Chapter).

Note that the Historic Sites Committee has oversight and authority over all National events that take place in South Carolina, according to State Bylaws. Host Chapters are under the cognizance of this State Committee regarding how these events are commemorated.

## National Events

### Battle of Cowpens

Hosted by SC SAR delegated to the Daniel Morgan Chapter.  
 Battle date: 17 January 1781.  
 Commemoration date: 17 January.  
 Location: Cowpens National Battlefield, Cherokee, County or Jolly Park, Gaffney.

### Battle of Buford's Massacre (Battle of the Waxhaws)

Hosted by: SC SAR delegated to the Gen. Francis Marion Chapter.  
 Battle date: 29 May 1780.  
 Location: Buford Massacre Battlefield, Lancaster County.  
 Notes: Supported by the Friends of Buford's Massacre Battlefield organization.

### Battle of Eutaw Springs

Hosted by Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter.  
 Battle date: 8 September 1781.  
 Location: Battle of Eutaw Springs Marker, Eutawville.  
 Notes: Normally a two-day event (Friday and Saturday).

### Battle of Kings Mountain

Hosted by Daniel Morgan Chapter and NCSSAR Battle of Kings Mountain Chapter.  
 Battle date: 7 October 1780.  
 Commemoration date: 7 October.  
 Location: Kings Mountain National Military Park, Cherokee County.  
 Notes:  
 1. Event hosting and expenses alternated each year between NCSSAR and SCSSAR.  
 2. Commemoration date is always 7 October. The event is controlled by the National Park Service when at the National Park.

3. The South Atlantic District meeting is normally held on 6 October. The meeting expense is alternated annually between the NCSSAR and the SCSSAR.

## State Events

### Battle of Blackstock's Plantation

Hosted by: Gen. James Williams Chapter.  
 Battle date: 20 November 1780.  
 Commemoration date: Saturday closest to 20 November.  
 Location: Battle of Blackstock's Plantation battlefield, Union County.  
 Notes: Commemoration date set by the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site managing Ranger. Saturday closest to the battle date.

### First Siege of Ninety-Six or Ninety-Six Crossroads

Hosted by: Cambridge Chapter.  
 Battle date: May – June 1780  
 Commemoration date: Day of the battle.  
 Location: Ninety-Six National Historic Site, Greenwood County.

### Battle of Sullivan's Island (Fort Sullivan) or Carolina Day

Hosted by: Maj. Gen. William Moultrie Chapter.  
 Battle date: 28 June 1776.  
 Location: Charleston, Charleston County.

### Huck's Defeat or Battle of Williamson's Plantation

Hosted by: Col. William Bratton Chapter.  
 Battle date: 12 July 1780.  
 Location: Historic Brattonsville, York County.

### Battle of Musgrove Mill

Hosted by: Gen. James Williams Chapter.  
 Battle date: 19 August 1780.  
 Commemoration date: Saturday closest to 19 August.  
 Location: Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, Laurens County.  
 Notes: Commemoration date set by the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site managing Ranger. Saturday closest to the battle date.

### Battle of Great Cane Break

Hosted by: Col. Robert Anderson Chapter.  
 Battle date: 22 December 1775.  
 Commemoration date: Saturday closest to 22 December (but not 24 or 25 December)  
 Location: Hopkins Farm, Greenville County.  
 Notes: Hopkins Farm owners invite SCSSAR to use their facility & visit the site.

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CHAPTER	EVENT / BATTLE	MONTH	LOCATION
Andrew Pickens			
Cambridge	1 <sup>st</sup> . Siege of Ninety-Six	June	Ninety-Six Nat'l Battlefield
Daniel Morgan	Kings Mountain	October	Kings Mountain Nat'l Battlefield
	Cowpens	January	Cowpens Nat'l Battlefield
Eutaw Springs	Eutaw Springs	September	Eutawville
Francis Marion	Buford's Massacre	May	near Buford
George Moss			
Godfrey Dreher			
Henry Laurens			
Hezekiah Maham			
James Williams	Musgrove Mill	August	Musgrove Mill State Historic Site
	Blackstock's Farm	November	Blackstock Battlefield
Lemuel Benton			
Matthew Singleton	Fort Watson	April	Summertown (Fort Watson)
	Gen. Sumter Cemetery	August	Thomas Sumter Memorial Cemetery
Paul Hamilton			
Philemon Waters			
Robert Anderson	Great Cane Break	December	Simpsonville (Hopkins Farm)
Robert Crawford			
Thomas Lynch			
Thomas Taylor			
William Bratton	Huck's Defeat	July	Brattonsville
William Moultrie	Sullivan's Island	June	Charleston

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MONTH	EVENT
January	Cowpens
February	
March	
April	Fort Watson
May	Buford's Massacre
June	1 <sup>st</sup> Ninety-Six
July	Huck's Defeat
August	Gen. Thomas Sumter
August	Musgrove Mill
September	Eutaw Springs
October	Kings Mountain
November	Blackstock's Farm
December	Great Cane Break