



**Godfrey Dreher Chapter SCSSAR
January 2025**

Our next meeting is January 13, 2025

at Lizard's Thicket

4616 Augusta Road at 7:00 PM

Join us for supper at 6:00 PM

Our Speaker will be

SCSSAR member

Rick Wise

SC Battleground Trust

***Influences of Marion's Transition to Partisan
Command***

Granby Christmas Luncheon, December 7, 2024, remember Pearl Harbor.



About 60 from Granby, Godfrey Dreher and others



Deborah and Picken Pearls



Joe Long, Relic Room, USS Columbia 1941 - present

Wreaths Across America at Fort Jackson Natl Cemetery November 14,2024

What a glorious, exceptional day for laying Wreaths Across America. The sunshine won the day, and a breeze kept the large American Flag flying over the Flag Pavillion at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Granby had a large delegation of ladies, Regent Deborah Blanpied, Secretary Sheryl Gootee, Delores Rucker, Paula Coleman, past Honorary Regent, Pam Freck, Patricia Thames, and our SAR partners from Godfrey Dreher, Gary Blanpied, Justin Coleman along with prospective SAR member and Vietnam Veteran Marvin B. Gootee. Pam Freck's two sons (Kyle and Chris Holsclaw) and their wives also attended and we all discovered that they were students of French at Lexington HS under Regent Deborah Blanpied 35 years ago. Kyle recalled the time she took them to Clemson to compete in the French Declamation contest and he won an award.

We enjoyed a 1 hour program which began promptly at noon and included speakers and singers accompanied by 3 jet flyovers, a 3 helicopter salute, bagpipes, and a 21 gun salute. The vocals began with the Star Spangled Banner, Proud to Be an American, Some Gave All, and others and ended with Taps.. They allowed families to put a wreath on their loved ones and then directed the volunteers to move out to put a wreath one inch from each of the 13,394 tombstones and say the name that we see on each tombstone aloud as a token of never forgetting.

They had Jr. ROTC cadets giving out each wreath on the ends of the rows and we found a section manned by Irmo HS and Dr. B posed with 2 of his math students. It really is a small world. The people you come in contact with at this cemetery are the best including the bus drivers, military police, and all the volunteers and family. The donations to Wreaths Across America covered all that was needed and left 3000 for next year. While we were there volunteers were gathering at 2500 other cemeteries to lay millions of wreaths.





Major Huffman, Irmo HS ROTC Commander







Dr. B and 2 of his math students at Irmo, MR and JM. MR handed him his wreath.



Marvin Gootee



Deborah, Marvin and Sheryl Gootee

January 3, 2025 Excom meeting via zoom

COMMITTEE ... January 3, 2025 Zoom [Open with Google Docs](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

Sons of the American Revolution



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

LOCATION: ONLINE ZOOM

DATE/TIME: Friday, January 3, 2025, 7 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Sonny Pittman, Mike Monaham, Bill Wilson, Gordon McCay, Ted Walker

**INVITED GUESTS: David Smith, Jim Closson, Pete Widell, John Boyes, Gary Blanpied, Thomas Blackmon,
Rick Morris, Eric Barnhill, Buddy Witherspoon.**



COWPENS 2025



244th Anniversary Commemoration ›

Friday Jan 17, 2025
SAR Wreath laying
10:00 AM

The Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSSAR

Announces



244th

Anniversary Commemoration

of the

Battle of Cowpens

Friday, January 17, 2025

10am

Cowpens National Battlefield

4001 Chesnee Hwy

Gaffney, SC 29341

Followed By

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Honoring General Daniel Morgan

and the victory of the

Battle of Cowpens

2pm

Morgan Square

111 West Main Street

Spartanburg, SC 29306

**Please RSVP*

Ray Stapleton, Secretary

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Saturday, January 18, 2025

10:00 am “The Midnight Ride of Jane Black Thomas,” talk by Shelia Ingle, author of Courageous Kate, program tent.

10:15 am Guided battlefield walk. Meet behind the Visitor Center.

10:45 am Weapons firing demonstration. Firing Range, to the right of the Visitor Center.

11:00 am “Robes in Rebellion: The Troubled Times of Reverend William Martin,” first person interpretive program by Robert Ryals, Program Tent.

11:15 am Guided battlefield walk. Meet behind the Visitor Center.

11:30 am Cavalry talk. Meet at 3rd Continental Light Dragoon camp.

11.45 am Weapons firing demonstration. Firing Range, to the right of the Visitor Center.

12:00 pm “The Life and Times of General Andrew Pickens,” Talk by Rod Andrews, author of The Life and Times of General Andrew Pickens, program tent.

1:00 pm “The Miseducation of Banastre Tarleton,” Talk by Andrew Waters, author of To the End of the World: Nathanael Greene, Charles Cornwallis, and the Race to the Dan, program tent.

1:15 pm Guided battlefield walk. Meet behind the Visitor Center.

1:30 pm Cavalry demonstration, 1st stop on the Battlefield Trail.

1:45 pm Weapons firing demonstration. Firing Range, to the right of the Visitor Center.

2:00 pm “Music in the American Revolution,” talk by Manley Roberts, program tent.

2:15 pm Guided battlefield walk. Meet behind the Visitor Center.

2:45 pm Weapons firing demonstration. Firing Range, to the right of the Visitor Center.

3:15 pm Guided battlefield walk. Meet behind the Visitor Center.

3:45 pm Weapons firing demonstration. Firing Range, to the right of the Visitor Center.

4:00 pm Talk by Mark Anthony, "Flags of the American Revolution," program tent.

4:30 pm Cavalry demonstration, 1st stop on Battlefield Trail.

5:00 pm Special program in Visitor Center.

5:30 pm Lantern walks on the battlefield. Reservations required. More information to come.

January 18, 2025 BOG meeting in Columbia at Shandon United Methodist Church