



# The Hornet's Nest Buzz

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## Welcome, Capt. George Dickey!

The North Carolina Society's 23rd Chapter, Capt. George Dickey, held their official induction ceremony on August 10, 2010 in Forest City, NC.

The new chapter was sponsored by the Mecklenburg Chapter, led by Jim Wood, Paul Callanan, Tim Berly and Ray Maxson.

The Capt. George Dickey chapter had 14 new members join with nine taking their oath during the evening's ceremony, including new chapter president James E. Brewer, who is

the 5th generation great grandson of the chapter's namesake.

The new chapter is named after Revolutionary War



(Above, Jim Wood oversees the signing of the new chapter's membership peti-

tion as new chapter president James Brewer affixes his signature.)

Capt. George Dickey, who served in Georgia building battlements. He returned to his native North Carolina where he was killed on May 2, 1780, in western NC.

"Our first major goals as a new chapter here in Rutherford County are to spread awareness of the SAR and the Revolutionary War and to help locate Revolutionary War era graves," said chapter president James Brewer.

## Mecklenburg Chapter Tops 86 Members

As of September 15, 2010, our Chapter has a total of 86 active members. There are approximately 25+ prospective member prospects that are being assembled or processed at various stages! (Left to right in photo: New members Tony Zeiss, Chris Hall, and Michael Maxson take their member-

ship oaths during our August 14 social!)





**Mecklenburg  
Chapter President  
Tim Berly.**

## 2011 Chapter

### Meetings

February 17

May 19

September 15

November 17

## Our President's Corner

**Tim Berly**

Our activity will pick up with the commemoration of the Battle of King's Mountain in October, and several battle commemorations in neighboring States. Our Color Guard will be presenting the Colors for the Carolina Panthers game on October 24 and participating in the Charlotte Veteran's Day Parade on November 6.

**We need to grow our Color Guard.** This is one of the more visible SAR

activities and all of our Color Guardsmen will tell you how much we truly enjoy participating in events. Please see any officer for details on joining our Chapter Guard. We have seen tremendous growth in membership this year. As I noted when I took office as president, I would like to see more Compatriots participate in our events, increase our youth and patriotic programs, and to look for opportunities

to share our passion for history by presenting Revolutionary War programs in schools and to civic organizations. We have the membership to do this and may soon be calling on you to assist in these efforts. Compatriots, let's keep up the momentum and show our community the significant role Charlotte and Mecklenburg played in our struggle for independence!

## Calendar of Events 2010

**Jay Joyce**

**Oct. 7** 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

**Oct. 19** 229th Anniversary of the British Surrender, Yorktown Day, Yorktown, VA.

**Oct. 23** Fall Board of Manager's Meeting (BOM), NCSSAR, Durham, NC.

**Nov. 6** Charlotte Veteran's Day Parade.

**Thursday, November 18** Chapter Meeting at Hilton Executive Hotel, 6:00pm.

**January 15, 2011** 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens (Chesnee, SC)

**January 29, 2011** 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford (Huntersville).

## In the Words of Our New Members...

"I have a passion for American History and wish to help preserve it for future generations of Americans. The SAR is the quintessential organization for fulfilling this purpose."  
Tony Zeiss,  
New Member

"As a history major and former high school history teacher, I have long possessed a passion for genealogy and taken pride in my ancestors' contributions to the history of our great nation."  
Chris Hall,  
New Member

"I have been a resident of Kings Mountain since 1972 but only recently learned that my Patriot ancestors were part of the over-the-mountain men at Kings Mountain."  
Doyle Campbell,  
New Member

# 100th Boy Scout Jamboree Anniversary

Jim Wood

I was privileged to attend the 2010 Jamboree as part of the SAR team, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This trip was especially meaningful to me since I was present at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jamboree in 1960 as a young scout. This Jamboree had many new activities for the scouts when compared to 1960, yet

many of the same fun things to do. Patch trading was in full swing as was the opportunity to work on individual merit badges. We met scouts from across America and presented them information about the SAR Eagle Scout scholarship program.

*(In photo, Jim Wood meets with 2009 NCSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Recipient, Sam Caine.)*



# Waiting for the Return of Historical Markers

Tom Phlegar

Two historical markers signifying the Battle of Charlotte on September 26, 1780, and General Nathanael Greene assuming command of the Southern army here in Charlotte on December 3, 1780, were removed from their location on East Trade Street due to construction of the new Time Warner Arena.

These markers are soon

scheduled to be reinstalled in a more appropriate place:

The Battle of Charlotte on South Tryon Street, where the British cavalry actually charged the Americans under Col. William C. Davie, and the General Greene marker on North Tryon Street near the square of Trade and Tryon, where the assumption of command

actually took place.

It will be a significant event when the SAR and DAR, along with city officials, rededicate these markers with a ceremony, especially since our own Jay Joyce is a direct descendant of General Greene.



# January 29 - Chapter Social at Cowan's Ford

We will have a Chapter Social on Saturday, January 29 for lunch immediately following the ceremony at Cowan's Ford.

The lunch will be held at Mimi's Café across from Northlake Mall.

Mecklenburg is hosting the Cowan's Ford ceremony so we really would like to see a lot of you attend!

**To RSVP, please call Jay Joyce at 704-526-9548 or email [jay@mecklenburgsar.org](mailto:jay@mecklenburgsar.org)**





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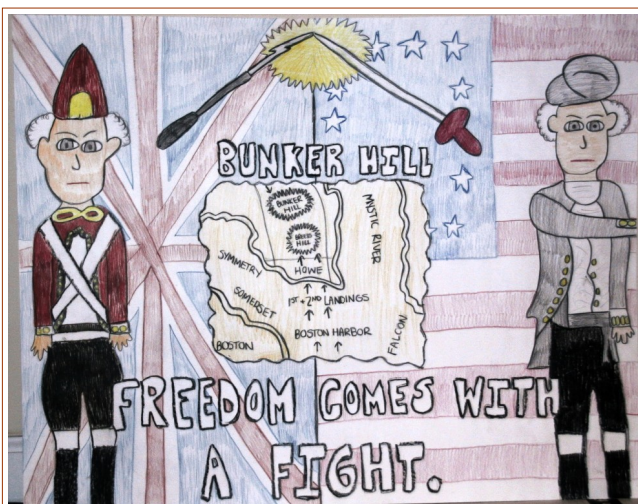
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The 2009-2010 Mecklenburg Chapter and NCSSAR Americanism Poster winner (above) was illustrated by a 5th grade student from St. Matthew Catholic School in Charlotte, NC. The theme was Bunker Hill. The theme for the 2010-2011 contest is the Battle of Cowpens. Jim Wood chairs our Chapter contest.

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## Camp New Providence: *In My Own Words* by Tim Berly

I recently discovered that a new NC Highway Historical marker will soon be dedicated to commemorate "Camp New Providence" just outside my subdivision, Providence Crossing in southeast Charlotte. In fact, the actual site of the camp started exactly where my home is located, just above Six Mile Creek. After the Battle of King's Mountain, from October – December, 1780, as many as 2,600 Continental line and militia forces were encamped for the winter. Most of the major leaders of the Southern Campaign were here including Generals Horatio Gates

and Daniel Morgan, and Cols. John Eager Howard, Otho Williams, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, William Lee Davidson and William Washington, among others. On November 25, 1780, Gen. Nathanael Greene came to the camp from his headquarters in Charlotte, and strategic plans were drawn up to divide the American army to meet the threat of Cornwallis' impending invasion of North Carolina. The first direct action of this plan resulted in American victory at Cowpens in January, 1781. William Washington is my 5<sup>th</sup> Great Uncle. It gives me

tremendous pride to know that the land I actually live on played an important role during the American Revolution and that one of my ancestors, and perhaps others from the SC militia, actually spent some time here. We are waiting for the NC Dept. of Archives & History to set a dedication date for the marker, and they are in turn waiting for completion of the Providence Road widening project. Our Color Guard will participate in the dedication ceremony once it is set. We will let you know as soon as we know!