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## Patriots Rout British at Cowpens, South Carolina

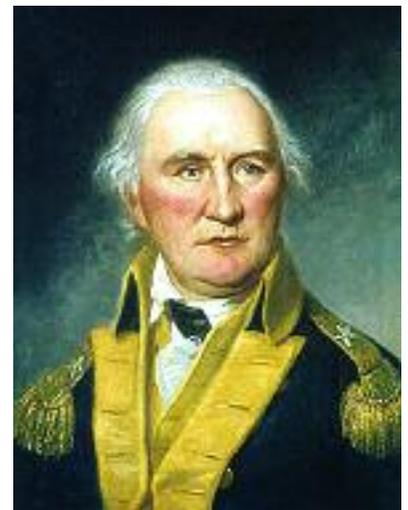
Relying upon strategic creativity, Brigadier General Daniel Morgan and a mixed Patriot force rout British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton and a group of Redcoats and Loyalists at the Battle of Cowpens on January 17, 1781.

Commander in chief of the Southern Army, Major General Nathaniel Greene had decided to divide Patriot forces in the Carolinas in order to force the larger British contingent under General Charles Cornwallis to fight them on multiple fronts—and because smaller groups of men were easier for the beleaguered Patriots to feed. Daniel Morgan took 300 Continental riflemen and 740 militiamen with the intention of attacking the British backcountry fort, Ninety-Six.

In response, Cornwallis dispatched Tarleton with 1,100 Redcoats and Loyalists to catch Morgan, whom he feared might instigate a broad-based backcountry Patriot uprising. Morgan prepared for the encounter with Tarleton by backing his men up to a river at Cowpens, north of Ninety-Six.

As Tarleton's men attacked, Morgan instructed the militia to skirmish with them, but to leave the front line after firing two rounds. The British mistook the repositioning of the Americans as a rout and ran into an unexpected volley of concentrated rifle fire coupled with a cavalry charge and followed by the return of the militia. Tarleton escaped, but Morgan's troops decimated his army.

American rifles, scorned by Britain's professional soldiers, proved devastatingly effective in this engagement. The British lost 110 men and more than 200 more were wounded, while an additional 500 were captured. The American losses totaled only 12 killed and 60 wounded in the first Patriot victory to demonstrate that the American forces could outfight a similar British force without any other factors—such as surprise or geography—to assist them.



*Brigadier General Daniel Morgan*

Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina. (2007). The History Channel website.  
<http://www.history.com/tdih.do?action=tdihArticleCategory&cid=156>.

### OUR NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007

The location is the PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 11810 Dale Mabry Highway North, Tampa, Florida (telephone 963-1660) in their private room at 11:30 AM. This gives us time for camaraderie. Wives and guests are always welcome at our meetings. Members and guests will be responsible for their own meal and gratuity.

# Minutes of the December 16, 2006 Meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

President Bolen called the meeting to order at 12:00. Luke Lloyd offered the invocation. Roger Quackenbush led the pledge to the flag and the president led the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Jack Bolen, John Skillman, Ken Skillman, Ed Neugaard, Alan Bell, Marty Miller, Don Weir, Cy Gamber, Barry Marler, Roger Quackenbush, Robert Yarnell, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: John Sessums a prospective member, Kathy Quackenbush, June Bolen, Kumi Skillman, Charlene Herreid, Kelly Herreid, Chrissy Herreid, Elizabeth Walker, Pamela Bagenski, Jen Bagenski, Valerie Bagenski, and Mimi Leroy-Marler.

The president introduced the guests.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

The secretary reminded the membership that dues are now payable for 2007. Twenty-three members have renewed thus far. Two notes that members had included with their dues were read. One requested that the chapter consider a non-Saturday meeting at some point during the year.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,633.68. He noted that \$810 is dues that will be sent to the state and National.

The registrar, Luke Lloyd, gave an update on the status of those applying for membership. He recapped the year which included 6 new members, 1 supplemental, 1 transfer from Alabama. There are 18 gentlemen currently at some point in the application process.

Allen Bell gave a brief update on the color guard. He and president Bolen attended the meeting in their new colonial uniforms. Other members are working on acquiring their uniforms as well. The President showed the color

guard's new "Betsy Ross" flag. Our old SAR flag was able to be used and mounted on a new pole. Both poles are telescoping. Harnesses were also purchased so that the flags may be used in parades and similar activities.

The meeting recessed for lunch.

President Bolen reconvened the meeting and introduced Bob Yarnell who presented the Fort Brooks CAR chapter. Kelly Herreid current Florida CAR President presented the program on the "Wild, Wild East: Florida's Frontier Heritage." The CAR chooses a state program each year. This year's program is to study Florida's frontier heritage. In particular they hope to raise funds for a new brochure for the Florida Cracker Cattle Association. The brochure will inform the public about the Cracker Cattle breeding program and to encourage cattle-raising families to continue to expand their involvement in the breeding program.

Kelly presented a project pin to President Bolen and then introduced Charlene Herreid who spoke on the Fort Brooks chapter efforts to put together a book giving stories of frontier ancestors. She invited the members to contribute a story should they have an ancestor that lived in Florida in the nineteenth century.

Robert Yarnell concluded the program with a reminder of why the study of history is important and thanked the CAR for their program and work.

President Bolen presented a certificate of appreciation to Debbie Hladych our server of many years at the Piccadilly Restaurant.

Ed won the 50/50 drawing. The treasury was thus enriched by \$11.00.

President Bolen led the recessional. The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Yarnell  
Chapter Secretary



*"Each man must for himself alone decide what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic and which isn't. You cannot shirk this and be a man. To decide against your conviction is to be an unqualified and inexcusable traitor, both to yourself and to your country, let men label you as they may."*

*- Mark Twain*



## A Message from Our President

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Chapter President for the past two years. It truly was an honor. There are many members who helped me and I would like to recognize some of them.

Thanks to Luke Lloyd for doing an outstanding job as Registrar. I am especially pleased with our growth in membership. We are currently processing a number of applications, which indicates that our growth will continue. Growth is the lifeblood of all organizations.

Thanks to **Alan Bell** for assuming the leadership role as Colonel of the Hillsborough River Camp of the Sons of Liberty, our Color Guard. The Color Guard will aid in growth.

Thanks to **Ken Skillman** for not only putting out the best Newsletter in Florida but for paying for much of the cost himself.

Thanks to **Kevin Yarnell** for continuing to do an outstanding dual job as Secretary and Treasurer. Kevin has also been a great source of advise for me advising me as to rules, regulations, etc.

Thanks to **Bob Yarnell** for arranging the CAR December meetings and always being ready to fill in with a program if needed at a moments notice.

Thanks to our Vice President, **Ed Neugaard**, for arranging many of the programs we have enjoyed during the past two years.

Finally, thanks to the “**Old Guard.**” Those are our past Presidents that continue to show up faithfully for our meetings.

I pledge to Ed that I will make a strong effort to attend all our meetings. I hope all of you will make that same pledge. Let's give Ed and Alan our full support in 2007!

Jack C. Bolen  
*President*



*Top: On January 12, 2007, Jack Bolen, Ed Neugaard and Luke Lloyd traveled to the Port Richey VFW in order to present Mr. Willard W. Hawn's SAR Certificate and Badge to him. Mr. Hawn is 88 years old, and his daughter, Darlene Schoepski, asked us to undertake this adventure. Jack Bolen administered the SAR Oath and informed the audience of the symbolism connected with the SAR Badge.*

*Center: Jack Bolen and Ed Neugaard present a Certificate of Appreciation to Debbie Hladych, our server of many years at the Piccadilly Restaurant.*

*Bottom: CAR members pose in front of the “Wild, Wild East: Florida's Frontier Heritage” display. Pictured from left to right: Barry Marler - Tampa SAR member and NSCAR 2nd Vice President, Elizabeth Walker - guest, Kelly Herreid - FSCAR President, Valerie Bagenski - FSCAR 2nd Vice President, Chrissy Herreid - State Registrar, Jen Bagenski - Fort Brooke Vice President.*

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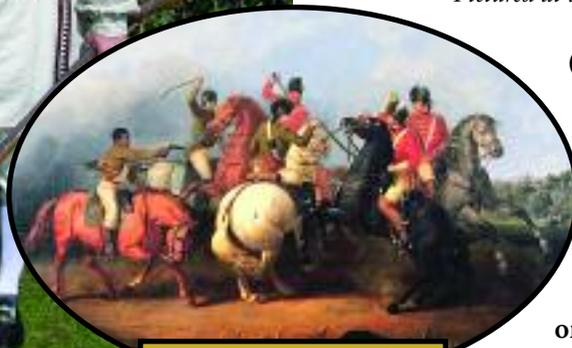
## JANUARY SAR NEWS INSIDE!



### Support Your Local Color Guard...

The Tampa Chapter now has a color guard—the Sons of Liberty Camp. If you are interested in participating in this fun group activity, please contact Camp Commander Alan Bell at (813) 968-9014 or any chapter officer.

*Pictured at left: Jack Bolen and Alan Bell*



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### Chapter Notes

Please visit the Tampa Chapter Website at: [www.patriot-web.com](http://www.patriot-web.com) and the National SAR Website at: [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)

Our next two meetings will be held on January 20, 2007 and February 17, 2007 – please mark your calendars.