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SOUTH CAROLINA'S PLACE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

8TH ANNUAL AMERICAN REVOLUTION SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

SC Department of Archives & History
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Schedule of Events

8:45 AM - Registration Opens

9:00-9:05 AM - Welcome

9:05-9:45 AM - Henry Laurens: From President of the Continental Congress to the Tower of London to Peace Commissioner
Thomas Gottshall retired from Haynsworth, Sinkler, Boyd in 2020 after practicing law for over 40 years. Previously, he served in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Humanities Council.

9:45-10:30 AM - The Charleston Tea Party
Katherine Pemberton serves as Education and Outreach Manager for the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission. She has worked as an archaeologist, city tour guide, education specialist, and preservation advocate.

10:30-10:45 AM - Break

10:45-11:45 AM - Backcountry Resistance: How South Carolina's Militia Helped Change the Course of the Revolutionary War
Carl Borick has been the Director of the Charleston Museum since 2013. He has authored three books on the Revolutionary War in South Carolina. Borick recently received the Bobby Gilmer Moss History Award from the South Carolina Society of the National Daughters of the American Revolution for his work as an educator, historian, and author.

11:45-12:30 PM - Musketry, Infantry, and Guerrilla Tactics During the Revolution
Alex Egart is a historical interpreter for the coastal heritage society in Savannah, Georgia. He possesses a detailed understanding of the mechanisms of 18th- and 19th- century warfare and conducts programs at Old Fort Jackson, Savannah History Museum, and Georgia State Railroad Museum.

12:30-1:30 PM - Lunch

1:30-2:30 PM - *Charles B. Baxley Keynote Presentation*: African Americans in the American Revolution
Meldon Hollis, Jr. holds a J.D. and M.P.A. from Harvard University and is the former Associate Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He has taught at many institutions, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island.

2:30-3:15 PM - Elizabeth & Ann Timothy: America's First Female Journalists in Colonial and Revolutionary War Times
Patricia G. McNeely, USC Professor Emerita, taught writing and reporting in the College of Journalism. She has written for *The Greenville News, The State*, and *The Columbia Record*. She has also written many books, specializing in Southern history and early American recipes.

3:15-3:30 PM - Break

3:30-4:00 PM - What Revolutionary Soldiers Ate
Kim Stacy spent 35 years in the military. He studies the British Army during the American Revolution, giving talks at museums and libraries across South Carolina. He has published 12 articles on the 84th Highland Regiment and has extensive experience as a museum curator.

4:00-4:45 PM - Shipwrecks, Cannon, and Conflict: Exploring Revolutionary War Naval Archaeology in South Carolina
Jim Spirek is the State Underwater Archaeologist at the South Carolina Institute for Archaeology and Anthropology. He holds an M.A. in Maritime History and Nautical Archaeology and is responsible for conducting archaeological research in SC waterways.

Be sure to visit the SCDAH Gift Shop, which will be open 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

Visit our current exhibit, *Foundations of a Revolution: South Carolina, 1775-1777*. The exhibit features some of the most important documents from the early years of the American Revolution: the 1775 Articles of Association for the District East of the Wateree, the South Carolina Constitution of 1776, and the 1777 Treaty of DeWitt's Corner.

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