



HICKORY CHORAL SOCIETY

2026 Spring Concert

Sunday, April 19 • 3:00 pm
First Baptist Church | Hickory, NC

Pre-Concert Talk with
Artistic Director Dr. Ryan Luhrs • 2:00 pm

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MAKING HISTORY



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The Overmountain Men perform a firearm demonstration in 2011 at the McDowell House in Marion. The event commemorated the march through western North Carolina to the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Five events in North Carolina that changed the course of the American Revolution

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North Carolina played a significant role in the American Revolution. From being the first to call for freedom to being the site of pivotal battles that shifted the trajectory

of the war, North Carolina was influential before, during and after America's call for independence.

Check out these five key events below to learn more about North Carolina's revolutionary past.

First Provincial Congress

This meeting, held in 1774, was the first independent assembly of North Carolinians not approved by royal authority and

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COMMENTARY

Remembering our patriots who made it possible



America at 250: The story still unfolding

This story is part of an ongoing series exploring the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026. Visit our website to read other stories in the series and share your own.



CAMI HEPLER

I became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution ("DAR") in 2007. Truth be told, my interest stemmed from having seen a relative's membership certificate proudly displayed in her home and I thought to myself, "I've got to get me one of those."

My grandparents had researched

my family's genealogy years prior, so I knew we had a Revolutionary War "patriot" in the family. For purposes of DAR, a patriot is defined as someone who provided direct, documented service to achieve American independence.

My patriot is Christopher Friederich Hepler, who was born in Germany and,

as an infant, set sail with his family aboard a ship called Patience, departing from Rotterdam in 1748 for the New World.

I find it particularly interesting that, as part of the ship's records, a document was drawn up in which each

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