

## General Daniel Morgan, Victor at the Battle of Cowpens

On Saturday, January 16, the Virginia Society, OFPA was represented in a hybrid ceremony at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia honoring General Daniel Morgan for his victory at the Battle of Cowpens on January 17, 1781 in South Carolina. Virginia Society Governor Michael E. Weyler gave greetings and presented our society wreath during the virtual part of the ceremony.



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia SAR was the host for the ceremony, the live portion of which took place at General Morgan's grave, with virtual wreath presentations from numerous lineage societies in several states.

The Battle of Cowpens was fought on January 17, 1781 near the town of [Cowpens, South Carolina](#), between U.S. forces under Brigadier General [Daniel Morgan](#) and [British](#) forces under Lieutenant Colonel [Banastre Tarleton](#), as part of the campaign in the [Carolinas](#). The battle was a turning point in the American reconquest of South Carolina from the British.

While General Morgan is buried here in Winchester, Virginia, which was his home, South Carolina has made numerous attempts to have his body removed to South Carolina so that he could be placed near the site of his victory. Virginia's claim on Morgan includes the fact that he had raised a company of riflemen that made the Bee-Line March from Virginia to Boston to join Washington in the siege of Boston, after which he led his men in many battles throughout the early years of the war. Later a congressman from Virginia, he will remain a Virginian.



VASSAR Color Guard at the foot of General Daniel Morgan's grave