

Highlights of the Meeting of July 2, 2009

Attendance: 74 members and 6 guests.

Stan Duncan gave the invocation, and **John Fields** made the following guest introductions: **Dana Doan**, **Jennifer Boone's** husband; and former member **Joe Himden**, guest of **Marv Larson**. **Secretary Susanne Best** introduced **Bill Vanorsdol**, a visiting Kiwanian from Palo Alto, CA.

President Steve Edwards announced that tickets and the signup book for volunteers for the Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on September 4 will be available next week. Finally, President Steve announced with pride that the special guest at this year's breakfast will be Elvis Presley. (See page 1).

In the absence of a report from the Caring and Concern Committee, **Paul Alexander** reported that **Tom Boys** underwent gastrointestinal surgery on July 1 at Asheville's Mission Hospitals-St. Joseph's Campus and is doing well. We also learned that **Bill Waggoner** fell at his home Friday night and had surgery over the weekend.

Vice-President Jennifer Boone thanked **Corum Smith** for arranging today's presentation by two local authorities on the American Revolution.

Edward Harrelson is a North Carolina native with his law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is an attorney in Hendersonville and concentrates in real estate, estate planning and small business and corporate law.

Edward Harrelson



Daniel Murphy holds a BFA from Stephen F. Austin University, in Texas, and is a lighting director for theater productions and television. He is a student of both the American Revolution and the Civil War and has published articles on both wars.

Daniel Murphy



Dressed in uniforms typical of those worn by both British and Continental troops, both speakers limited their presentation to the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War, which took place largely in the Carolinas.

Edward explained the component parts of his Continental uniform and the reproductions of two horse saddles of the period that were on display. The primary point Edward made in his presentation was that, while the British had great success in capturing northern cities, such as Boston, Philadelphia and New York, what they really needed for ultimate victory was to control the southern agricultural production of rice, tobacco and indigo.



Daniel Murphy and Edward Harrelson

In describing his British uniform Daniel made reference to the reason the British decided to invade the inland South in 1780. By that time Savannah had fallen to the British, and the war had turned toward Charleston. In order to deprive the Charleston defenders of support coming by way of the Santee River, the British Legion began to engage the Colonials further inland. In a surprise move, the decisive turning point occurred at Cowpens, in South Carolina, when the Continentals, under the command of Daniel Morgan, routed the British regulars commanded by the merciless Banastre Tarleton. Daniel described this battle in detail and encouraged us to visit this important historic site in our own backyard and only about an hour's drive south of Hendersonville.

When not at their usual day jobs, Edward and Daniel can often be found portraying the Third Continental Light Dragoons at living-history events. Occasionally, they also portray elements of Banastre Tarleton's British Legion. For more information, schedule of events and photographs, be sure to check out their regiment's website at: <http://www.schistory.net/3CLD/index.html>.