

New Fully Searchable CD Version of *Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution* Available

John Robertson has agreed, in cooperation with *SCAR*, to produce a fully searchable, composite compact disk (CD) of all issues of *SCAR*.

Features/advantages of the *SCAR* magazine on Compact Disk (CD):

1. Each release of the *SCAR* on CD will include full versions of all previous *SCAR* newsletter up to and including the most recent at the time the CDs are mailed out. There is no need to keep more than the last version of the CD received.
2. A menu is provided on the *SCAR* on CD that allows one to jump immediately to any issue of particular interest.
3. Each issue of the magazine comes up on your computer displaying its first page, with a bar on the left showing "bookmarks" which function as table of contents; one click allows you to jump directly to any magazine feature or article, and also provides a link back to the main menu. This "table of contents" can easily be turned on and off from any page in any issue.
4. For those unable to download the magazine from the Internet, or who have difficulty doing so, *SCAR* on CD will provide you with the same versions (plus some additional and powerful features) for your computer you obtain with a download. The Adobe Acrobat Reader program is free for your computer.
5. For some who have the capability of viewing the Adobe versions of the magazine on your computer, but have no way of downloading them from the Internet on your computer, the *SCAR* on CD will provide an alternative to receiving the expensive to copy and mail printed versions. The Adobe files show all images and maps in color, unlike the printed versions that are in black and white.
6. For those would like to have printed color versions, it is possible to print (or to have your local Kinko's, OfficeMax, UPS Store, etc., do it for you) the color Adobe versions from the *SCAR* on CD just the same as it is possible to do with a downloaded version on your home computer's printer.
7. Each *SCAR* on CD will contain a consolidated Adobe index, including all matter in all issues up to and including the most recent on the CD:
 - a. This differs from the index one finds at the end of most printed books in that it works directly with the search feature in Adobe Acrobat Reader, and can only be used with the Search feature.
 - b. When a search is made from any page in any issue on the *SCAR* CD, and a search is made by clicking on the binocular button in Adobe Acrobat Reader, the page will already be configured to access the index of the entire CD in the search.
 - c. These searches are much faster than the typical "find" which can be done issue by issue, because the data must only be found in the index rather than searching through all the text in all of the issues.
 - d. The user will be presented with a listing, by issue number, showing all instances in which the search term was found (somewhat similar to those obtained with Google or Yahoo searches). For example, if one searched for "sumter sumpter" and selected "match any of the words", you would be informed that it may be found in all of the current 15 issues for a total of 803 times. Other search words could be added to narrow the search.
 - e. If you prefer to use the Find method, you may bypass the use of the index, and only "find" within the newsletter issue currently loaded.

8. For those who have previously obtained only printed versions of the magazines and who can now read them on their computer using Adobe Reader, there are some additional useful features:

- a. It is a simple matter in Adobe Reader to change the print size to one more comfortable to read (Control++ makes it bigger, Control-- makes it smaller).
- b. For those who have more than normal difficulty reading, it is possible to have recent versions of Adobe Reader literally "read out loud" the magazine's text to you. One clicks on View, Read Aloud, and then selects a single page (recommended) or the remainder of the issue. This feature is quite good but not perfect. It should be of real assistance to the visually impaired.

9. Since all issues to date will be included on each *SCAR* on CD, this will require no hard drive space on your computer. When a new issue of the *SCAR* on CD is obtained, the old one may be discarded, donated to your local library, or given to a friend.

10. New issues of the *SCAR* on CD will be made with the next magazine release following 20 orders for the CD, or no less frequent than quarterly.

11. Those desiring to receive the next issue of the *SCAR* on CD should send a check for \$20.00 (addressed to, and made out to) John Robertson, 500 Woodside Drive, Shelby NC 28150.

- a. Purchasing a CD will provide you the same magazine with some powerful new functionality, but will also contribute directly to offset expenses of producing the magazine.
- b. Proceeds from the CD's, after meeting expenses, will help defray the cost of distribution of the *SCAR* magazine.
- c. "SCAR CD" should appear on the check and on the outside of the envelope.
- d. Your check will not be deposited until your CD is in the mail (meaning that your check could be simply held for up to 3 months. Your check provides the only bookkeeping system. When the *SCAR* CD is issued, one CD will be mailed for each check held.
- e. In the event it were decided not to issue additional CD's (or to postpone doing so indefinitely), your check would be returned to you (or, if so instructed, destroyed).
- f. Each order for a CD must express clearly the address to which the CD should be mailed.
- g. Each issue of the CD must be purchased separately (i.e, there are no subscriptions offered).

12. Purchase of the *SCAR* on CDs is completely optional. If you have downloaded the individual issues of the magazines and have no particular desire to use the contents "bookmarks", the consolidated index, or search features, you may still continue to do so just as they have done before. Those who have found it necessary or desirable to obtain the printed black & white version may continue to do so under their current arrangement.

To use these CDs, you will need a computer with a CD reader. Purchase of the *SCAR* on CD will help support the *SCAR* magazine financially, and will cut down on printing and mailing expenses. ★

