

# ***The Halifax Town Crier***

*A Pictorial & Editorial Record of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR*



## **2011 in Review**



# Flag Certificates





**The Hampton Inn**



**Mr. & Mrs. Noah Joyner**



**First Citizens Bank**



**AMVETS Post 101**



**Halifax-Northampton Co. Regional Airport**





**American Legion Post 38**

**Roanoke Rapids High School**



**Julian Shearin**



**Lori Simmons**



**AMVETS Post 320**



# Battle of Cowpens

January 15, 2011



**Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin & Sec.-  
Treas. Steve Avent**



**(L-R) NCSSAR Sr. VP G. Steven Pittard, HRC  
Registrar Allen Brahin, HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve  
Avent, and NCSSAR Color Guard Commander  
Richard D. Bishop**



**The NCSSAR Contingent at Cowpens  
January 15, 2011**





**Halifax Resolves Chapter Color  
Guard Posts the Colors at the  
MOAA Banquet  
January 21, 2011**



### Flag Retirement Ceremony

ROANOKE RAPIDS - A U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 22, co-sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR.

Place: Cornerstone Christian School, Inc. 90 Wood Store Rd. Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

The 11th and 12th grade civics classes will be planning, writing, and performing the ceremony with limited assistance provided by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR. Halifax will provide a Color Guard, Burn Master, ceremonial drum, and procedural guidance as requested by the students.

This event is a learning experience for these students who have never seen a

retirement ceremony. Let's turn out and show support for these students!

For more info., contact Ken Wilson, President, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR, at (252) 537-5406 or [boxcar27870@embarq-mail.com](mailto:boxcar27870@embarq-mail.com).

## Eagle Scout Williams recognized



*Contributed Photo*

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR recognized Eagle Scout Parker Williams of Troop 834, Northampton County, at his Court of Honor held at the Pendleton Baptist Church Jan. 15. The Certificate of Recognition was presented by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson. Parker is the son of Phil and Georgia Williams of Pendleton. From left, Eagle Scout Williams accepts the award from Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.

# **Cornerstone Christian School**

# **Flag Retirement**

## **January 22, 2011**

**Ceremony was written & performed by  
the students. Chapter supported with  
Color Guard, Burn Master, & Bugler**





**The HRC Color Guard Post the Colors**

**Parents and students observe the ceremony**







**Welcome by the Students**

**Student Choir prepares to sing the National Anthem**







**Parents, Students, and the public observe the ceremony**

**The Burn Master commits the first flag to the flames**





**“Taps” is played**

**79 U.S. Flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried in an unmarked grave by the Burn Master**





## Young patriots brave the cold

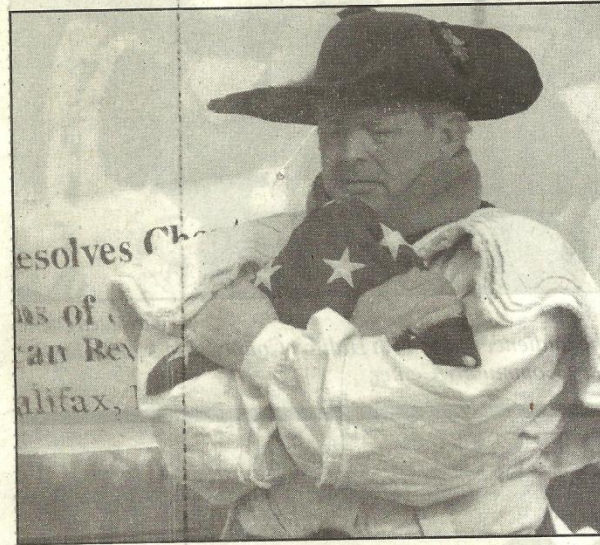
The students of Cornerstone Christian School along the administrators, teachers and parents, and the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR braved the cold temperatures to perform a flag retirement program Saturday, January 22nd. This ceremony was written and performed by the students as part of a civics project on the American Flag. Civics teacher, Mrs. Sharon Gregory had the idea to do the project after attending another ceremony, sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR. No persuasion was needed for the chapter to lend any and all assistance to the project.

The gathering was welcomed by School Administrator Mrs. Charlene Norris. The Invocation was given by Rev. Rick Gaskins, the school Bible teacher followed by the

posting of the Colors by the SAR Color Guard. The students then led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance, the American Creed, the Preparation of the Flame, and the meaning of the Flag. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, acting as burn master, committed the flags to the flames. Taps were played past Chapter President Ron Jones. The gathering was treated to a great rendition of "It's a Grand Old Flag" performed by the K-12 students. After the SAR Color Guard retired the Colors, the Benediction was given by Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones.

Chapter President Ken Wilson stated "It was a pleasure and an honor to be part of this project. These students want to learn about our history and traditions. This is what the SAR is all about, this is what we do."

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# Eagle Scout



## Recognition Certificates



**Parker Williams – Troop 834**



**Michael Dietrich – Troop 182**



**Kevin Moore -Troop 146**

# Crossing of the Dan

February 19, 2011



**HRC Pres. Ken Wilson, Registrar Allen Brahin, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent**



## Hampton Inn receives award from SAR



The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR awarded the Hampton Inn, of Roanoke Rapids, the SAR Flag Certificate for properly flying the American Flag for patriotic reasons. Pictured are Henry Handsome, maintenance supervisor, and Percilla West, hotel manager, who accepted the certificate on behalf of the Hampton Inn.

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# **Americanism Poster Contest**

**Subject: The Battle of Cowpens**



# Battle of Cowpens

**U.S. Colonies**

American Regiments:  
William Washington's Virginia  
Marlene Continental  
Deane's Continental  
Virginia Militia  
North Carolina Militia  
Georgia Militia

**Great Britain**

British Regiments:  
7th Light Dragoons  
To protect the Royal Artillery, now the Royal Regiment of Artillery  
A detachment of 7th Dragoon's Highlanders (detached after the war)  
Royal Artillery with two 3 pound guns  
70th militia

**Battle of Cowpens**

The Battle of Cowpens (January 17, 1781) was a decisive victory by American Revolutionary forces under Brigadier General Daniel Morgan, in the Southern Campaign of the American Revolutionary War. It was a turning point in the reconquest of South Carolina from the British.

**The Battle of Cowpens 1781**  
 War: American Revolutionary War  
 Date: 17th January 1781  
 Place: South Carolina on the border with North Carolina, United States of America  
 Combatants: Americans against the British and Hessian Americans  
 Leaders: Colonel Daniel Morgan against Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton

**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 1781  
**Weather:** -50 to 60 °F, winds 10 knots  
**Location:** Cowpens, South Carolina

Belligerents-Commanders	Great Britain Banastre Tarleton	The US Colonies United States Daniel Morgan
Casualties	Force: 1,500 Killed: 100 Wounded: 200 Captured: 712	Force: 1,100 Killed: 25 Wounded: 54 Captured: 0

**The Winner:**

The militia of each side wore what they could get. The British fought with muskets and bayoneted as did the American Continental troops. Some of the militia from the back country of Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia carried rifles and in many cases the Pennsylvania small caliber long rifle these riflemen who at the beginning of the battle stood down the British.

**Size of the British:** The Americans had around 1,500 men and the British around 1,100.

**Follow-up:** The battle had an effect disproportionate to its size. As seemed to be the case throughout the war British victories achieved little in the long term while every American victory gave encouragement to the colonies.

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## Battle Of The Cowpens

1779 - 1780

General Daniel Morgan 1731 - July 27, 1781

General Banastre Tarleton August 21st, 1734 - January 18th, 1813

**January 11:**  
Morgan approached the Cowpens railroad within three days, while trying to move away from the British forces. Tarleton soon discovered Morgan's location, and planned to trap Morgan's force, or possibly start a battle with them.

**January 12:**  
Tarleton got closer to Morgan as he approached Grindal's Shoals on the Pacolet River. However, Morgan traveled north to Burr's Mill on the Thickety Creek.

**January 13:**  
Morgan approached the Cowpens railroad within three days, while trying to move away from the British forces. Tarleton soon discovered Morgan's location, and planned to trap Morgan's force, or possibly start a battle with them.

**January 16:**  
Morgan decided to make a stand against the British at Cowpens. After Morgan heard of Tarleton's approach, he commanded the militia units to meet at the Cowpens. Across the border in Wimsboro, a British force of over 3,000 troops were waiting. Morgan had with him 1,000 soldiers. He began to divide his soldiers into groups that would surround the British force. Washington was set up as a backup plan. Greene had North Carolina to protect, so he couldn't help Morgan. Cornwallis had his own things he needed to worry about, so he couldn't help Tarleton. Morgan gained control of a large fort, because Greene could not keep everything under control.

**January 17:**  
The battle began when Tarleton finally reached Cowpens, and met Morgan. Morgan had heard Tarleton's approach and at 7:00 a.m. Tarleton ordered his men to charge the American lines. The American troops charged in to surprise the British army. At 7:50 a.m. the battle was over, and the Americans won the battle over Tarleton's force.





**Cornerstone Christian School  
submitted 13 entries**





**Several entries were selected to be judged by the membership**





**Cornerstone Christian School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade student Cassie Crawley was the Chapter Americanism Poster winner. She placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the state competition**



# Fire Safety Commendation



**HRC President Ken Wilson presents the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Woodland, NC Volunteer Fireman Johnathan Matthew Collier**



Betsy Hudgins | Contributed to The Daily Herald

Pictured, from left, are Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson and Woodland Volunteer Fire Department member Johnathan Matthew Collier.

## Woodland VFD member honored by SAR

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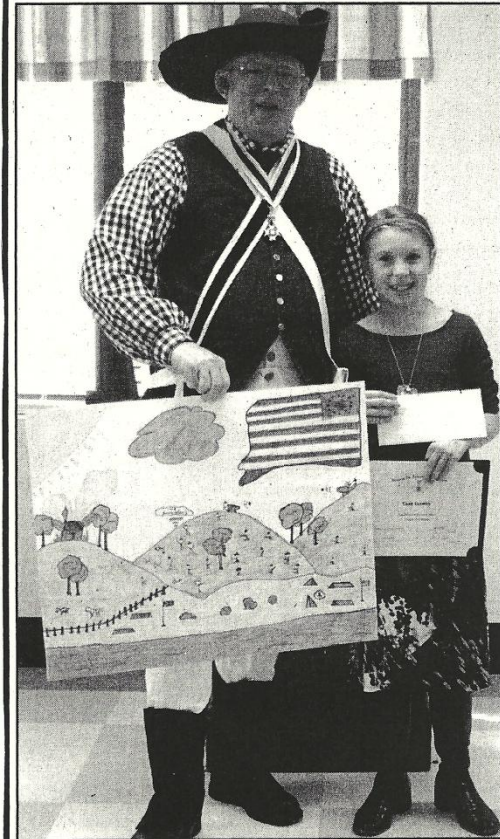
WOODLAND — The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution awarded Woodland Volunteer Fire Department member Johnathan Matthew Collier the society's Fire Safety Commendation Medal for his live-saving actions in January.

The citation read as follows: "On the morning of January 14th, 2011, Johnathan Matthew Collier was driving to work and came upon an automobile on the east side of Jackson that appeared to have overheated. He stopped to render assistance and found that the vehicle was on fire. Not seeing anyone in the vehicle, Johnathan walked back to his truck to call the 911 center. Upon returning to the disabled car, he discovered that Mr. Buck Grant was trapped in the car. The

fire had rendered the electric door locks and windows inoperable and frozen in the locked/closed position. Mr. Grant was shouting for help and attempting to kick out a window with no results. Johnathan, being unable to open any of the doors from the outside, began kicking out a window with his steel toe boots and after a short time was successful. Mr. Grant was removed from the vehicle and awaited the EMS workers in Johnathan's truck. The instinctive actions of Johnathan that morning saved the life of Mr. Grant and averted certain tragedy."

Chapter members Steve Avent and Ron Jones also received their SAR Bronze Color Guard Medals for participation over a three year period as a color guard member at chapter, state, district and national events.

## 4th Grader Receives Award



Contributed Photo

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR has selected Casie Crawley, a 4th grader at Cornerstone Christian School, as the chapter level winner of the SAR Americanism Poster contest. The subject of the poster was the Battle of Cowpens, in which the British were defeated in January of 1781. Casie (shown at right) received a certificate and a check for \$50 for her winning composition from Chapter President Ken Wilson. Her poster will be sent to the state competition where the winner will be announced on May 14. Casie is the daughter of Tabitha and Cabot Crawley of the Darlington Community.



## SAR to host three events April 9

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HALIFAX — The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution will host three events on April 9 in celebration of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves April 12, 1776.

The first will be a flag retirement ceremony co-sponsored with the Edwin Haynes Gregory American Legion Post 98 of Halifax. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the site of the Colonial Courthouse. The public is invited to attend and to bring flags in need of disposal.

The second event will be a noon luncheon at Halifax United Methodist Church, 152 King St. This is an RSVP-only event and a required pre-payment of \$10 per person. Call 252-459-9427 or e-mail [savent917@gmail.com](mailto:savent917@gmail.com) for more information.

The final event is the ceremony celebrating the 235th anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves, which will begin at 2 p.m. at the Colonial Courthouse. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jeff Broadwater, professor of history at Barton College in Wilson. The program is

titled "All Our People Here Are Up for Independence: The Making of the Halifax Resolves." Broadwater is the author of the book "George Mason, Forgotten Founder."

A wreath laying ceremony by various organizations will begin at the close of the program. Any patriotic organization wishing to participate should contact the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR.

For more information, call Ken Wilson at 252-537-5406 or e-mail [boxcar27870@embargmail.com](mailto:boxcar27870@embargmail.com).

## Fourth grade student awarded

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Her poster will be sent to the state competition, where the winner will be announced May 14 following the ceremony at the Alamance Battleground in Alamance County.

She is the daughter of Tabitha and Cabot Crawley, of the Darlington Community.



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Chapter President Ken Wilson is pictured with recipient Casie Crawley.



# **SAR Bronze Color Guard Medals**



**Ron Jones (R) receives his Bronze Color Guard Medal**



**Steve Avent (R) receives his Bronze Color Guard Medal**



# The Battle of Guilford Courthouse

March 12, 2011







**Halifax Resolves members present were Registrar Allen Brahin, Lee Scouten, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent & Pres. Ken Wilson**

## **The NCSSAR Contingent**

*Photo Courtesy NCSSAR Photographer  
LCDMR Bob Yankle, USN (Ret.)*







**All participants at the Guilford Courthouse Ceremony**

*Photo Courtesy NCSSAR Photographer LCMDR Bob Yankle, USN (Ret.)*



# Outer Banks Flag Retirement

March 19, 2011



**Members of the SAR, The Virginia Dare Chapter NCSDAR, and American Legion Post 26 sponsored the event in which 51 U.S. Flags were retired**



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The second event will be a 12:00 luncheon at the Halifax United Methodist Church, 152 King St. This is an RSVP ONLY event. There is a required prepayment of \$10.00/person. Checks should be made payable to the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR and sent to Steve Avent at the address given below by April 1, 2011 (nonrefundable after April 3). Steve Avent, P.O. Box 221, Red Oak, NC 27868, Phone: (252) 459-9427 or E-mail: savent917@gmail.com.

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## Crossing of the Dan Ceremony Observed



Photo provided by Ken Wilson

The North Carolina Contingent at the Crossing of the Dan Monument at South Boston, Virginia - From L to R are Ken Wilson, Allen Brabin, Steve Avent, Dick Bishop, John Thornbill, Steve Pittard and the Rev. Clark Wisner. All participated in the entire program as Speakers, Wreath Presenters or Color guardsmen.

## Outer Banks Chapter

We hosted a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony on March 19, 2011 in Kill Devil Hills, NC at the Veteran's Memorial located at the intersection of Veteran's Dr. and Town Hall Dr. We co-sponsored with the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR, the Virginia Dare Chapter NCSDAR and the Fort Raleigh American Legion Post #26. Our Chapter President Richard Baer was the Master of Ceremony with Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson serving as Burn Master.

Fifty-one flags were committed to the flames and the ashes buried in Halifax, NC. Sam Powell, Steve Pittard and Dick Bishop flew in as Color Guard participants. The colors were posted and retired. Sam carried the National Colors, Ken the NC State Flag and Steve the NCSSAR Flag with Streamers. Both Chapter Flags were pre-positioned. Ken Wilson provided transportation.

## Halifax Resolves Chapter Activities



Halifax Resolves Chapter Color Guard Com-patriot Alan Brabin, President Ken Wilson, Past Presidents Steve Avent and Ron Jones

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR awarded the Hampton Inn of Roanoke Rapids an SAR Flag Certificate. This certificate is awarded to individuals, and organization that properly fly the American Flag for patriotic reasons. Maintenance Supervisor Henry Handsome and Hotel Manager Percilla West accepted the certificate on behalf of the Hampton. Past Chapter President Ron Jones presented a program on Thomas Jefferson at the recent meeting.



Maintenance Supervisor Henry Handsome and Hotel Manager Percilla West

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Compatriots, Legionaires and Daughters joined together to perform a solemn and respectful flag retirement ceremony near the Wright Memorial in Kill Devil Hills, NC.

The National Society  
of the  
Sons of the American Revolution



Halifax Resolves Chapter  
North Carolina Society

has been awarded

The Partners in Patriotism Certificate

for participating in the 2010-2011 Partners in Patriotism Program by working  
hand-in-hand with a veterans group in pursuit of a common goal.



121<sup>th</sup> Congress  
Winston-Salem, NC  
July 8-13, 2011

Date

President General



# SAR to host several events Saturday in Halifax

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HALIFAX — The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution will host several events Saturday in celebration of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves April 12, 1776.

The first will be a flag retirement ceremony co-sponsored with the Edwin Haynes Gregory American Legion Post 98 of Halifax. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the site of the Colonial Courthouse. The public is invited to attend and to bring flags in need of disposal. Members of various veterans groups, the SAR, DAR and Boy Scouts will be in attendance. There will be individuals available to an-

swer questions about the ceremony and U.S. flag etiquette and history.

The second event is the ceremony celebrating the 235th anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves, which will begin at 2 p.m. at the Colonial Courthouse. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jeff Broadwater, professor of history at Barton College in Wilson. The program is titled "All Our People Here Are Up for Independence: The Making of the Halifax Resolves." Broadwater is the author of the book "George Mason, Forgotten Founder."

A wreath laying ceremony by various organizations will begin at the close of the program. Participants will include var-

ious SAR and DAR chapters, veteran's organizations and youth organizations. The public is encouraged to attend and partici-

pate in this event.

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## Bank awarded Flag Certificate

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented the Society Flag Certificate to First Citizens Bank of Roanoke Rapids. Pictured is Tracy Shelburne, assistant vice president, who accepted the award on behalf of the



Contributed to The Daily Herald bank. The Flag Certificate is presented to those that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.

# **Halifax Flag Retirement**

**April 9, 2011**

**Co-sponsored by the Halifax Resolves  
Chapter NCSSAR & The Warren  
Chapter NCSDAR**





**The Colors are presented**

**The ceremony performed**







**Asst. Scout Master James Tuck of Troop 146 commits the first flag to the flame**



**Honors are rendered as Compatriot Ron Jones plays "Taps"**





**Scouts from Troop 144 accompanied by Scout Master Scott Joyner (bottom right) assisted James Tuck in retiring the flags. Scout Master Perry conducted training on proper flag disposal to the scouts**







**Group photo of some of the participants**





**Scouts assisted HRC Pres. Ken Wilson is burying the ashes of 61 U.S. Flags in the Colonial Cemetery in Halifax, NC**





**SAR members present at the Flag Retirement ceremony were: from the Halifax Resolves Chapter (L-R) Past Pres. Ron Jones, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, Pres. Ken Wilson, & Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent; from the Albemarle Chapter VP Chris Grimes**



# The 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves

April 9, 2011



**The Wreath Garden**

*All photos courtesy NCSSAR Principal Photographer LCMDR. Bob Yankle, USN (Ret.) unless otherwise noted*



**NSSAR Chaplain General Rev. A.  
Clark Wisner gives the invocation**



**The J.F. Webb Color Guard presents the  
colors assisted by the NCSSAR Color  
Guard**





**Top – NCSSAR President John Thornhill brings greetings and NCSSAR Sr. VP G. Steven Pittard, right, in the role of town crier presents the Halifax Resolves**





**Presenters and onlookers observe the ceremony**

**The NCSSAR Color Guard observes the ceremony**







**Dr. Jeffery Broadwater of Barton College presents the keynote address entitled “ ‘All Our People Here are Ready for Independence:’ The Making of the Halifax Resolves”**

# Presenters at the Wreath Garden



**NSSAR Chaplain General Rev. A. Clark  
Wiser**

**NCSSAR President John Thornhill**





**NCSSAR Alamance Battleground past  
President Dr. Samuel C. Powell**



**NCSSAR Dist. 1 VP William Tilghman**





**NCSSAR Halifax Resolves Past President  
Ron Jones**

**NCSSAR le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter  
Past President G. Steven Pittard**





**NCSSAR Outer Banks Chapter Secretary  
Steven F. Avent**



**GASSAR Edward Telfair Chapter President  
Andy Blalock**





**VASSAR Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Kenneth Wood**

**NCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary President Jo  
Thornhill**





**NCSDAR Battle of Alamance Past Regent  
Karen Powell**



**NCSDAR Elizabeth Montfort Ashes Regent  
Betty Davis**





**NCSDAR John Penn Chapter Regent Emily Champion**

**NCSDAR Moseley-Bright Chapter member Mandy Scarborough**





**NCSDAR Warren Chapter Regent Connie Thacker**



**GASDAR Lachlan McIntosh Chapter  
Regent Betsy Blalock**





**NCSCAR President-Elect Hannah Gerding**

**Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson awards Cadet Lt. Col. Scott Irby a Certificate of Appreciation for the Color Guard's work**





# The SAR Contingent, 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves



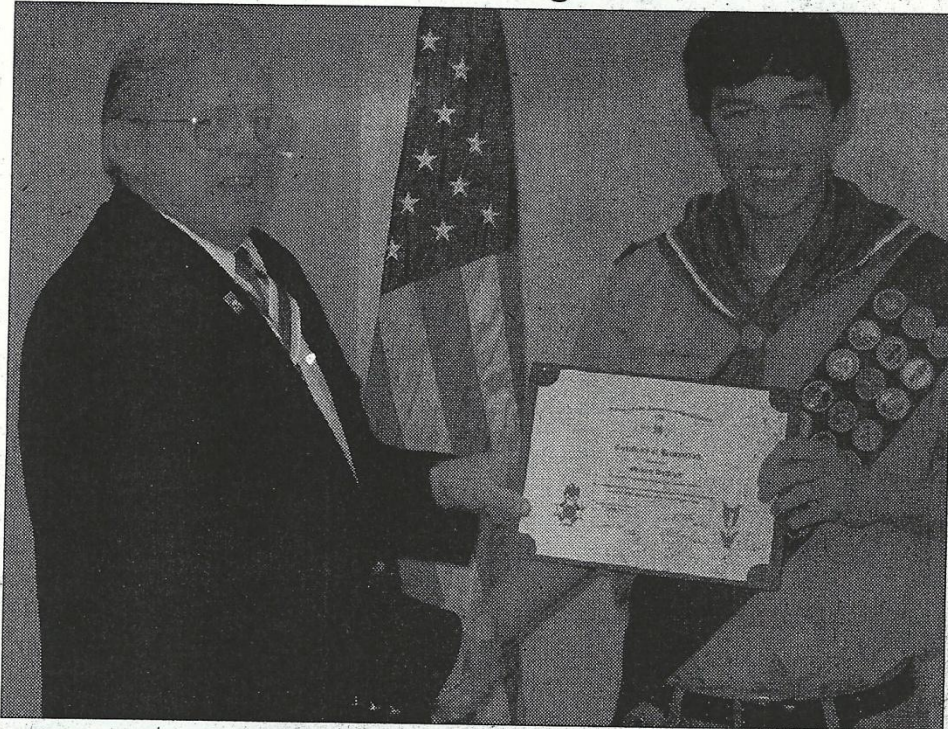


# Group Photo of All Participants in the 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves





## Deittrich receives recognition certificate



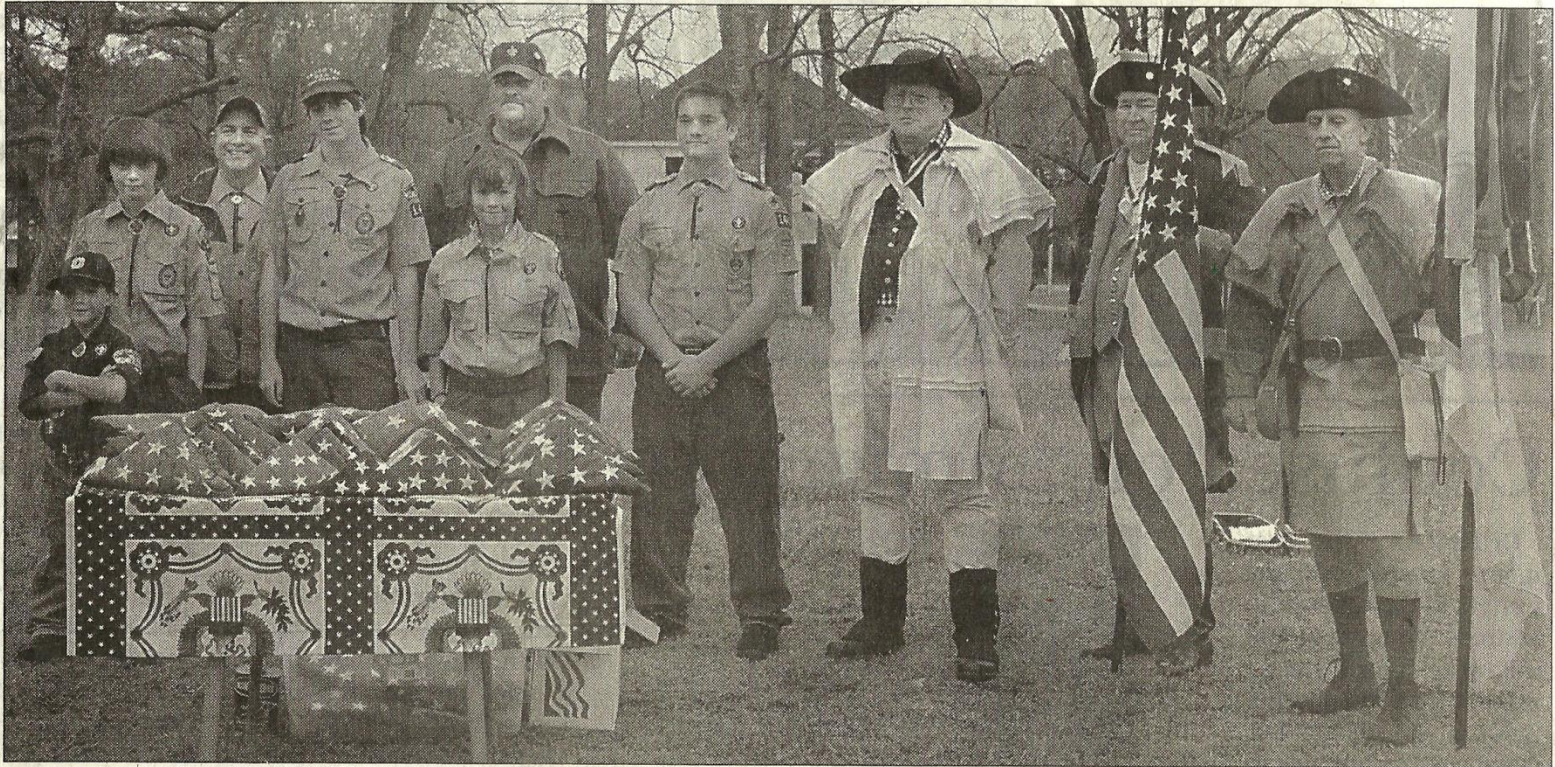
*Contributed Photo*

At a recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson awarded the Society's Eagle Scout Recognition certificate to Michael Diettrich of BSA Troop 182 in Roanoke Rapids. The Sons of the American Revolution awarded the certificate to recognize Diettrich for his "outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout."



The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution has awarded the Society's Outstanding Bronze JROTC medal to Cadet Lieutenant Jordan Reynolds of the Southern Nash High School USAF JROTC program. The award was presented by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the JROTC. Cadets are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. *Contributed photo*





Contributed to The Daily Herald

## Scouts hold Flag Retirement Ceremony

Boy Scout Troop 144 members recently helped Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution retire flags. Pictured, from left, are Braden Joyner, Pack 238 Den 4 member; Justin Snipes, Troop 144 member; Scott Joyner, Scoutmaster for Troop 144; Cole Basinger, Troop 144 member; Jarrett Snipes, Troop 144 member; James Tuck with Troop 146, Burnmaster for the ceremony; James Johnson, Troop 144 member; Halifax Resolves Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution members Ken Wilson, Ron Jones and Steve Avent.



# **NCSSAR Centennial Convention**

**Raleigh, NC**

**April 15-17, 2011**





**President Wilson carried the chapter flag with the color guard at the Awards Banquet**



**NCSSAR President John Thornhill awarded 3 streamers to the chapter for their efforts in 2010. The Chapter received the Flag Streamer, Small Chapter Achievement Streamer and honorable Mention in the Scrapbook category**





**NCSSAR President John Thornhill awarded the Society's Meritorious Service Medal and the Silver Good Citizenship medal to Chapter President Wilson**



**NCSSAR President John Thornhill awards the Silver Color Guard Medal to Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent**



# **BSA God & Country Jamboree**

## **Camp Boddie, NC**

**April 23, 2011**



**HRC President Ken Wilson, NCSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Wood & HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent presented programs on the history of the NC flag to groups of Boy Scouts**



# JROTC Awards

3 of the 15 medals  
presented



**Above Southern Nash HS Cadet Lt. Jordan Reynolds, below  
Nash Central HS Cadet Ensign Cheyenne Shearin and right  
Northern Nash HS Cadet Weaver**





# Halifax Co. Law Enforcement Association Meeting

May 3, 2011



**NCSSAR Law Enforcement Chairman Steve Avent, Halifax Co. Sheriff's Dept. Capt. Bruce Temple, Agent Anzell Harris, Agent Tim Harris, Lt. Jay Burch & HRC Pres. Ken Wilson after award of the NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medals**



# Halifax Resolves Chapter honored

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The Halifax Resolves Chapter North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution was awarded a Society Flag Certificate Streamer and placed second in the Scrapbook competition at the NC-SSAR Convention.

Individuals honored were:

- Immediate Past President Ron Jones received a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
- Secretary/Treasurer Steve Avent received a Silver Color Guard Medal
- Chapter President Ken Wilson was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and a Silver Good Citizenship Medal.



Jay Joyce | Contributed to The Daily Herald

**NCSSAR President John Thornhill presents the Society Silver Color Guard Medal to Secretary/Treasurer Steve Avent.**

# SAR Recognizes Eagle Scout

At a recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, left, awarded the Society's Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Michael Dietrich, of BSA Troop 182 in Roanoke Rapids. The Sons of the American Revolution awarded the certificate to recognize Dietrich for his outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

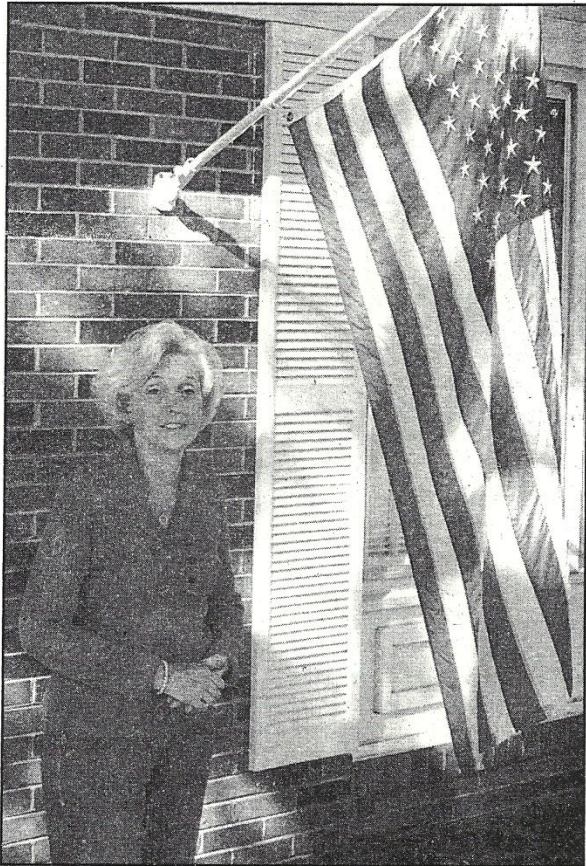


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# Certificate



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*The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution has presented the Society Flag Certificate to Ms. Susan Bolden of Roanoke Rapids. The Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. For further information about this or any other SAR program please contact Ken Wilson, President, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR at (252) 537-5406 or boxcar27870@embarq-mail.com.*



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**Pictured are, from left, Law Enforcement Chairman Steve Avent, Maj. Bruce Temple, Agent Anzell Harris, Agent Tim Harris, Capt. Jay Burch and Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.**

## Halifax deputies honored Tuesday

**SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD**

Halifax County Sheriff's Office deputies Maj. Bruce Temple, Capt. Jay Burch, Agent Anzell Harris and Agent Tim Harris were honored Tuesday by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Awarded the Society Law Enforcement Commendation medal, the men were recognized for their work in Operation Burnout—an Organized Crime and Drug Task Force targeting drug traffickers operating in Halifax and Nash counties.

A joint effort of the FBI, the Halifax County Sheriff's Office, the IRS-

Criminal Investigative Division, the Nash County Sheriff's Office, the Rocky Mount Police Department and the ATF, the investigation seized firearms, drugs, money, automobiles and other property.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joshua B. Royster, through the work of the operation, has prosecuted 37 cases and has 37 convictions.

The Law Enforcement Commendation medal is awarded to individuals in recognition of their service to the community and to recognize their exceptional service and accomplishments in the field of law enforcement.





**At the May 11 Chapter meeting, Pres. Wilson presented Past President Ron Jones with the Society Bronze Good Citizenship Medal that had been awarded at the State Convention**



# Patriots Day – Alamance Battleground

## May 14, 2011



**The NCSSAR Contingent**



# Memorial Day Ceremony



**Pres. Wilson, (l) assists the AMVETS Color Guard by folding the flag as “The Meaning of the Folds” is read to the gathering**



# Jackson Flag Retirement

June 11, 2011

Co-Sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR & BSA Troop 834





## Flag Retirement Held

Jackson - Boy Scout Troop 834 and the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held a flag retirement ceremony at the Northampton County Courthouse. Approximately 30 spectators watched as Scout Master Ed Martin welcomed them to the event. Halifax Resolves Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones gave the Invocation. The colors were presented by the Halifax Resolves color guard. Ms. Gloria Goode sang a stirring rendition of the National An-

them. Individual scouts participated by leading the Pledge of Allegiance, "I Am the Flag", and the "Meaning of the Flag". Halifax Resolves Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent presented the "Preparation of the Flame" after which Chapter President Ken Wilson committed the flags to the flame. "Taps" was then played Halifax Resolves Past President Ron Jones and the Benediction given by Rev. Duncan Jones. There were 203 U.S. flags retired and the ashes buried in a local cemetery by the SAR.



*Front row: Troop 834 members Kevin Taylor, Zack Pulliam, Will Martin, Ryan Daughtry and Josh Duncan.*

*Back Row: Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson, Past President Ron Jones, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, vocalist Ms. Gloria Goode, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, Troop 834 member Cody Umphlett and Scout Master Ed Martin.*





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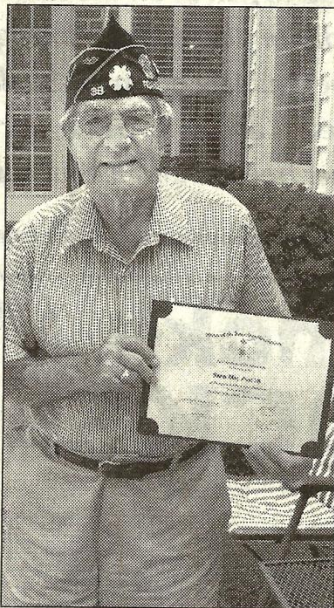
## Joyner family receives award

Above, the Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented the Society Flag Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Joyner, of Weldon.

Right, the chapter also presented the Society Flag Certificate to

American Legion Shaw-May Post 38. Post Commander Noah Joyner accepted the certificate on behalf of the post.

The Flag Certificate is presented to those who correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.



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## Regional airport receives award

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented the Society Flag Certificate to the Halifax Northampton Regional Airport. The Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, organizations, companies and government agencies that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. Halifax Northampton Regional Airport Manager Ralph Johnson, left, accepts the certificate from Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.



# Isaac Gregory Grave Marking

August 20, 2011

Camden, NC





# The Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center & Museum



**The Chapter supports the Center with color guard members at most of its ceremonies**



# 9-11 Tenth Anniversary Ceremony

## September 11, 2011

### Roanoke Rapids, NC



**(l-r) NCSSAR Color Guard Commander Dick Bishop, Past President NCSSA R Dr. Sam Powell, HRC Pres. Ken Wilson, & HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent prepare to post the colors**



# Southern Nash High School

September 29, 2011



**HRC Pres. Ken Wilson briefs a JROTC class on the Enhanced JROTC and Knight Essay contests**





## NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

Members of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution presented a wreath and honored their patriot ancestors at the Alamance County War Memorial during Memorial Day ceremonies, May 30. Pictured here is Dr. Sam Powell, past president; Holt Skinner, president; and Wade Salmon, past treasurer of the Alamance Battleground Chapter, NCSSAR. Present also (but not pictured) was compatriot Billy Swain.

Two celebrations were held at the Colonial Courthouse site in Halifax, N.C., April 9, to celebrate the adoption of the Halifax Resolves on April 12, 1776. A flag retirement ceremony co-sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter and the Warren Chapter, NCSDAR, was held to honorably remove old U.S. flags from service. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson and Warren Regent Constance Thacker performed the ceremony assisted by James Tuck, assistant Scout Master, Boy Scouts of America Troop 146, who served as burn master. Also assisting were Scouts from Troop 144, led by Scout Master Scott Joyner. The ashes from the 62 flags retired during the ceremony were buried in the Colonial Cemetery by the SAR and Troop 144.

Following a luncheon at the Halifax United Methodist Church, the Halifax Resolves Chapter hosted a ceremony celebrating the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. Wilson welcomed SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members from North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. Additional local groups from the American Legion and the

BSA were also on hand. The Rev. A. Clark Wiser, Chaplain General of the NSSAR, offered the invocation followed by the J.F. Webb High School JROTC Color Guard posting the colors, assisted by NCSSAR Combined Color Guard. Wilson led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Processional. Rev. Wiser then brought greetings from the national society and NCSSAR President John Thornhill brought greetings from the state society. Wilson introduced keynote speaker Dr. Jeffery Broadwater, professor of history at Barton College. Broadwater's speech was entitled "All Our People Here Are Up for Independence: The Making of the Halifax Resolves" that explained the events leading up to the adoption of the Halifax Resolves and the impact the resolves had on the Revolutionary War. A wreath-laying ceremony was held to honor the memory of the patriots who wrote and adopted the Halifax Resolves and all the patriots who fought for our independence.

Wilson awarded the J.F. Webb High School JROTC a Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance in making the event so successful. After leading the gathering in the SAR Recessional, Wilson called for retrieval of the colors by the J.F. Webb Color Guard and the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard. Halifax Resolves Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones gave the benediction to close the ceremony.

## HALIFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER

On Saturday, April 30, NCSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman and Mecklenburg Chapter Vice President James Wood, Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson and Secretary-Treasurer Steve Avent participated in the East Carolina Council God & Country Jamboree held at Camp Bonner North. Approximately 2,000 Boy Scouts attended and many visited the SAR tent, attracted in some cases by the colonial attire. The Scouts were taught the meaning of the two dates on the North Carolina flag and about some of North Carolina's many contributions to the American Revolution. Scout Masters were given information about the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates and the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program.

The East Carolina Council leadership was impressed with the SAR program and informed the SAR members present that they will be working on making the SAR participation a permanent part of this annual event.



Individuals and organizations participating in the April 9 ceremony celebrating the 235th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves. Photos courtesy LOMDR Bob Yankie, USN (Ret.) NCSSAR Photographer



# Board of Managers Meeting

October 8, 2011  
Burlington, NC



**HRC Pres. Ken Wilson accepts the Partners in Patriotism Certificate awarded to the chapter at the National Congress from NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard**



# Scotland Neck 4H Club

October 12, 2011  
Scotland Neck, NC



**HRC Pres. Ken Wilson poses with 4H Club members following his program on U.S. Flag History & Etiquette**





## **AMVETS Post 101 Receives Award**

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution has presented the Society Flag Certificate to AMVETS Post 101 of Roanoke Rapids. Post Commander David Beam accepted the certificate on behalf of the post. The Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, organizations, companies and government agencies that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. For further information about this or any other SAR program please contact Ken Wilson, President, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR at (252) 537-5406 or [boxcar27870@embarq-mail.com](mailto:boxcar27870@embarq-mail.com).

## **Flag Retirement Ceremony Scheduled**

A U.S. Flag Retirement ceremony will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, October 15th in Veterans' Park on Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids. The ceremony is co-sponsored by VFW Post 3702 and the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The public is encouraged to attend and bring any flags in need of retirement. Flags may be dropped off at the VFW Post on Zoo Rd., the Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center & Museum and at the collection box in Veterans' park. For further information please contact VFW Post Commander David Cook at 252-535-4883, or Halifax Resolves Chapter Ken Wilson at 252-537-5406.



# Roanoke Rapids Flag Retirement

October 15, 2011



**VFW Post Commander David N. Cook, HRC Pres.  
Ken Wilson & HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent**

**Co-sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR & VFW Post 3702**



## Almost 200 flags retired in ceremony

**Posted: Sunday, October 16, 2011 8:24 am**

More than 190 U.S. flags were retired as well as several North Carolina, military service and first responder flags during a flag retirement ceremony Saturday in Roanoke Rapids.

Ashes from the flags were buried in an unmarked grave in a local cemetery, organizers said.

VFW Post 3702 and the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution conducted the ceremony at Veterans' Park on Roanoke Avenue.

VFW Post Commander David Cook welcomed spectators followed by the Invocation given by Halifax Resolves Sec. Treas. Steve Avent.

The SAR Color Guard posted the Colors after which Cook led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson read "I Am Your Flag."

This was followed by the reading of "The Meaning of the Flag" by Cook.

Wilson and Avent, assuming the duties of Burn Master, performed the "Preparation of the Flame" in which a piece of redwood, oak, walnut and cedar are added to the fire in a symbolic purification of the flame.

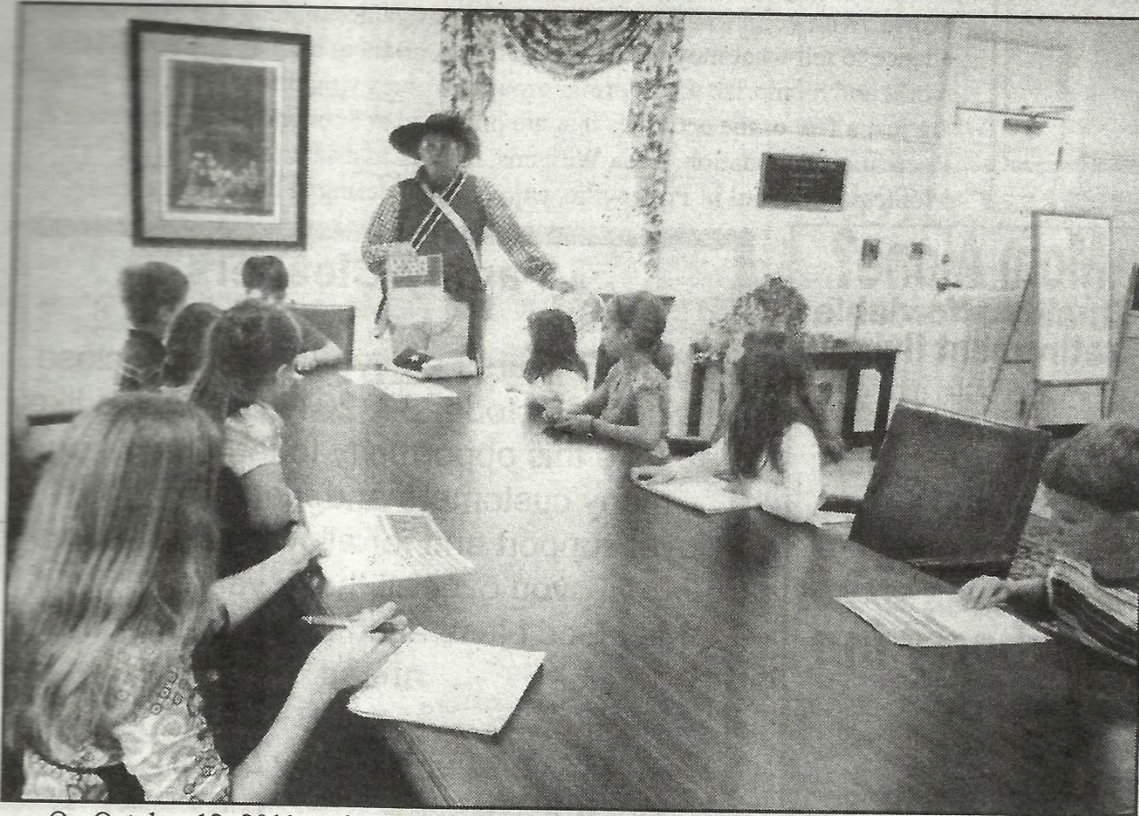
Each piece of wood had a specific meaning, which was read to the gathering as the piece was dropped into the fire. As Avent committed the first flag to the flame, Wilson played "Taps."

Avent then offered the Benediction, closing the ceremony.

For more information about Sons of the American Revolution and its programs, contact Wilson at 252-537-5406 or [boxcar27870@embarqmail.com](mailto:boxcar27870@embarqmail.com).



## "Helpful Hearts" 4 H Club



On October 12, 2011 at the Scotland Neck Memorial Library the "Helpful Hearts" 4 H club held their monthly meeting.

The "Helpful Hearts" 4 H Club invited Ken Wilson of Halifax Resolves Chapter North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution to give a presentation on "Flag Etiquette" for the American Flag. Mr. Wilson shared with the children the history of the flag and the proper way to show respect for our American Flag. The children were also given the opportunity to learn the correct way to fold the flag. Both children and adults attending learned facts about our American Flag that we had not known before. As I spoke with the children and adults after the program the comments were very positive. They felt the presentation was both informative and enjoyable.



# **Burwell Davis/ David R. Koontz Grave Marking Ceremony**



**Shady Grove United Methodist Church  
Inez Community, Warren Co., NC  
October 22, 2011**

*Photos courtesy Luci Weldon of the Warren Record*





**The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard presents the Colors**





**Dr. Samuel C. Powell, a Burwell Davis descendent and friend of Compatriot David Koontz addresses the gathering**





**Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson and Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones dedicate the Burwell Davis marker**





**Halifax Resolves Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and NCSSAR Sr. VP Mr. Glenn Sappie dedicate the David Koontz marker**





**NCSSAR Sr. VP Mr. Glenn Sappie renders honors**





**Alamance Battleground member Mr. David Day escorted by Past Chapter Mr. President Kenneth Ingraham render honors**





**Halifax Resolves Past President Dr. Cleveland M. Hawkins Renders honors**





**Raleigh Chapter Immediate Past President Mr. H. Edward Phillips renders honors**





**NCSDAR Battle of Alamance Past Regent Mrs. Karen Powell and chapter member Mrs. Sarah Koontz, a Burwell Davis descendent depart the field of honor**





**The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard retires the Colors**









**The Burwell Davis descendants and the SAR contingent**









**The David Koontz Family with SAR members**





**The SAR Contingent at the Burwell Davis / David Koontz Grave Marking**



## Flag Retirement Held in Veterans' Park



(L-R) VFW Post 3702 Commander David Cook, Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson, Halifax Resolves Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent

VFW Post 3702 and the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution conducted a flag retirement ceremony on October 15th. VFW Post Commander David Cook welcomed the spectators followed by the Invocation given by Halifax Resolves Sec. Treas. Steve Avent. The SAR Color Guard posted the Colors after which Cook led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson read "I Am Your Flag". This was followed by the reading of "The Meaning of the Flag" by David Cook. Ken Wilson and Steve Avent, assuming the duties of Burn Master, performed the "Preparation of the Flame" in which a piece of redwood, oak, walnut and cedar are added to the fire in a symbolic purification of the flame. Each piece of wood had a specific meaning which was read to the gathering as the piece was dropped into the fire. As Avent committed the first flag to the flame Wilson played "Taps". Avent then offered the Benediction, closing the ceremony. A total of 192 U.S. flags were retired as well as several North Carolina, military service and first responder flags. Ashes were buried in an unmarked grave in a local cemetery.

For more information about the SAR and its many programs, please contact Ken Wilson at (252) 537-5406 or boxcar27870@embarqmail.com.

## Revolutionary soldier, historian to be honored

INEZ — Patriot and Revolutionary militia soldier Burwell Davis and Compatriot David R. Koontz will be honored Saturday as part of a dedication ceremony of markers.

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will conduct the ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Shady Grove United Methodist Church, Hwy. 58 in the Inez Community of Warren County.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Samuel C. Powell, past President of the Alamance Battleground Chapter of the NCSSAR and past president of the North Carolina Society SAR. Powell is a direct descendant of Burwell Davis.

Burwell Davis was born Aug. 14, 1756, in Granville (now Warren) County, the son of Peter and Amy Davis. In the fall of 1778, Burwell was drafted to serve in the militia under the command of Capt. Barton Harris assigned to a regiment of militia commanded by Col. Thomas Eaton and Gen. John Ashe.

After marching from North Carolina to South Carolina and Georgia, he participated in the Battle of Briar Creek on March 3rd, 1779. He was discharged shortly afterwards.

Burwell was again drafted in March of 1781 before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. This time he was under the command of Col. Thomas Alston, the Marquis Francis de Malmedy and Col. Charles Eaton. He was marched to the area of the Guilford Courthouse battle, but did not participate.

After marching to Ramsey's Mill and then to South Carolina, he was again discharged, this time just prior to the Battle of Hobkirks Hill:

He married Martha "Patsy" Hawkins about 1783 in Warren County. They had seven children.

Davis died on Aug. 11, 1846, just 4 days short of his 90th birthday.

David Reynolds Koontz served as a past president and chaplain of the Alamance Battleground Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), a past historian and Genealogist Emeritus of the North Carolina Society SAR, and a member of the Genealogical Society of Davidson County. He was a member of Wake County Historical Society and a trustee of Cherry Hill Founda-

tion, Inez.

Koontz was an avid genealogist of Davidson and Warren County families.

He was instrumental in locating and obtaining the early German records of Friedens Lutheran Church. Koontz published "Johannes Kuntz Family" in Davidson County and transcribed and edited "Early Pilgrim German Records" for Leonard's Church.

Koontz died Feb. 20, 2008, in Burlington and is buried at Shady Grove United Methodist Church. Sarah Davis Koontz, his wife, is also a direct descent of Burwell Davis.



# Patriots remembered

## Ceremony

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Participating in a grave marking ceremony at Shady Grove United Methodist Church Saturday to honor Private Burwell Davis, patriot, and Compatriot David Reynolds Koontz are, from the left: Dr. Samuel C. Powell, past president of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution (NCSSAR) and member National Society SAR, national executive committee; Kenneth B. Ingraham, past president, Alamance Battleground Chapter NCSSAR; Steven F. Avent, secretary/treasurer, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR; David L. Day, member, Alamance Battleground Chapter NCSSAR; the Rev. Duncan H. Jones, chaplain, and Ken Wilson, president, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR; H. Edward Phillips, past president, Raleigh Chapter NCSSAR, and Glenn Sappie, senior vice president, NCSSAR.

## SAR ceremony honors men with strong Warren Co. ties

By LUCI WELDON  
Assistant Editor

Bright autumn foliage provided the backdrop Saturday as the Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NCSSAR) honored Private Burwell Davis, patriot, and Compatriot David R. Koontz during a grave marking ceremony at Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Inez.

The event took on an atmosphere of a family gathering as local residents joined a number of Davis and Koontz descendants for the afternoon ceremony. Making the day even more special was the

close connection between the two families that was formed through the marriage of the former Sarah Davis, a direct descendent of Burwell Davis, to David R. Koontz.

As the ceremony began, Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR, welcomed those attending and expressed appreciation to the NCSSAR and North Carolina Society Daughters of the American Revolution representatives who were present.

Dr. Samuel C. Powell, member, National Executive Committee, National Society SAR, past president NCSSAR and Burwell Davis descen-

dant, urged those present to remember those who served in the American Revolution as people who fought for their country.

"We honor those who fought and died," he said. "They are also veterans. They served the United States."

Powell outlined the life of Burwell Davis, who was born Aug. 14, 1756 in what was then known as Granville County (now Warren County).

At the age of 22, he was drafted to serve in the North Carolina Militia under the command of Captain Barton

Harris, and was assigned to a regiment of the militia commanded by Colonel Thomas Eaton and General John Ashe.

Powell encouraged those attending to imagine Davis marching from Warrenton on a route that would take him and the rest of the regiment to South Carolina and Georgia.

Davis participated in the Battle of Briar Creek before being discharged, but was again drafted in March 1781 before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. He was under the command of Colonel Thomas Alston, the Marquis Francis de Malmedy and Colonel Charles Eaton.

Davis marched to the area of Guilford Courthouse, but did not participate in

battle. After marching to Ramsey's Mill and South Carolina, he was discharged again.

Davis married Martha "Patsy" Hawkins in Warren County in about 1783. They had seven children.

Davis died on Aug. 11, 1846, four days short of his 90th birthday. A marker celebrating his life was erected in the church cemetery at Shady Grove.

Not far from the marker honoring Davis is the grave of David Reynolds Koontz, who was born Oct. 26, 1929 in Lexington.

He served as a past president and chaplain of the Alamance Battleground Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and was a past historian and genealogist emeritus of the

NCSSAR.

Koontz was a member of the Wake County Historical Society and a trustee of the Cherry Hill Foundation in Inez.

His genealogical research primarily focused on Warren and Davidson county families, and he was instrumental in locating and obtaining the early German records of Friedens Lutheran Church. Koontz published "Johannes Kuntz Family" in Davidson County, and transcribed and edited "Early Pilgrim German Records" for Leonard's Church.

Koontz died Feb. 20, 2008 in Burlington.

Powell described Koontz as the one who invited him to join the SAR and helped him with the genealogical

research needed to complete the application.

"He inspired my love of genealogy," Powell said. "He found (family) history back to the American Revolution and before, but much more, he was a good friend."

Powell fondly remembered traveling with Koontz a number of times on SAR business.

"We miss him very much," Powell said.

He remembered Koontz as a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a Mason for 55 years.

Powell described the placement of the markers at Davis and Koontz' graves as a way to honor their lives.

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## ***Patriot Burwell Davis and Compatriot David R. Koontz honored by duel grave marking ceremony***

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR sponsored a dual grave marking ceremony Oct. 22, at the Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Warren County in honor of Patriot Burwell Davis and Compatriot David R. Koontz. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson welcomed the families, guests, SAR and DAR members. Colors were posted by the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard. NSSAR executive board member Samuel C. Powell, a Burwell Davis descendent and close friend of Compatriot Koontz was the keynote speaker. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson assisted by Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan H. Jones dedicated the marker on the grave of Burwell Davis. NCSAR Senior vice president Glenn Sappie assisted by Rev. Jones dedicated Compatriot Koontz's marker.

Following the playing of "Taps" a wreath lay-



SAR contingent with Burwell Davis descendants.

ing ceremony was held with wreaths being presented by NSSAR Powell, Glenn Sappie, Alamance Battleground Chapter Past

President Kenneth B. Ingraham, Halifax Resolves Chapter Past President Cleveland M. Hawkins, Raleigh Chapter Immedi-

ate Past President H. Edward Phillips.

The NCSDAR was represented by Karen Powell, past regent of the Battle

of Alamance chapter. Approximately 15 descendants of Burwell Davis were on hand as well as the family of Compa-

triot Koontz. Compatriot Koontz's wife, Sarah, is also a Burwell Davis descendant.

*Lucl Weldon/The Warren Record*



# Chapter Officer Installation

November 9, 2011



L-R: Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, Pres. Ken Wilson  
NCSSAR Pres. G. Steven Pittard





**New member William Roger “Bill” Peele is inducted into the Society by  
NCSSAR Pres. G. Steven Pittard**





Roanoke Valley Adult Daycare, Weldon, NC - November 11, 2011  
Front Row (L-R) Veterans Joe Shelton, Carlton Belfield, John Williams  
Back Row (L-R) Past Department President NC AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Pat Pulliam, AMVETS Post 101 Commander David Beam, Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson



# Valley veterans receive thank you



Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, demonstrates while AMVETS Post 101 Commander David Beam Sr., right, explains the 13 folds of the American flag.

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on March  
of Patriots

**DELLA ROSE**  
THE DAILY HERALD STAFF WRITER  
WELDON — Today, Nov. 11, is the national day to remember veterans across the country, and the Roanoke Valley Adult Day Center took a few moments to celebrate its members who served in the armed forces Thursday.

Joe Shelton, Carlton Belfield and John Williams were placed front and center for a celebration ceremony by AMVETS Post 101 and the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the N.C. Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Post Commander David Beam Sr. and past department president of the N.C. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Pat Pulliam hosted the ceremony honoring Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action.

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mony, complete with the Missing Man to honor Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action.

Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, provided a ceremonial demonstration of the 13 folds of the flag. Center participants said the Pledge of Al-

legiance and sang "God Bless America," and clapped along with the Service Hymns of the Armed Forces.

"We enjoy freedoms every day because of gentlemen like this that put their lives on the line for us," said center Director Roger Ed-

wards. Pulliam thanked not only the veterans, but also the families of veterans whom she said gave great sacrifice along with their military family member.

"Military families serve with their counterparts. It is important

to honor them, too," she said. "They are one of the reasons why people fight for freedom."

After the celebration, Pulliam handed out small American flags to each participant.

Katherine Kee stopped Pulliam.

"My husband served in the Armed Forces," she said. "God brought him back, but he died later."

There was a note of sadness in the elders' voice as she shared her memories with Pulliam.



AMVETS Post 101 Commander David Beam Sr. and past department president of the N.C. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Pat Pulliam delivered the service honoring Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action.



# VETERANS DAY SALUTE



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Left, back to front, Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution President Ken Wilson, AMVETS Post 101 Commander David Beam Sr., and past department president of the N.C. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Pat Pulliam shake hands with veterans Joe Shelton, Carlton Belfield and John Williams, and thanked them for their service to their country at the Roanoke Valley Adult Day Center Veterans Day celebration.



# **“March of Patriots” Veterans’ Day Parade**

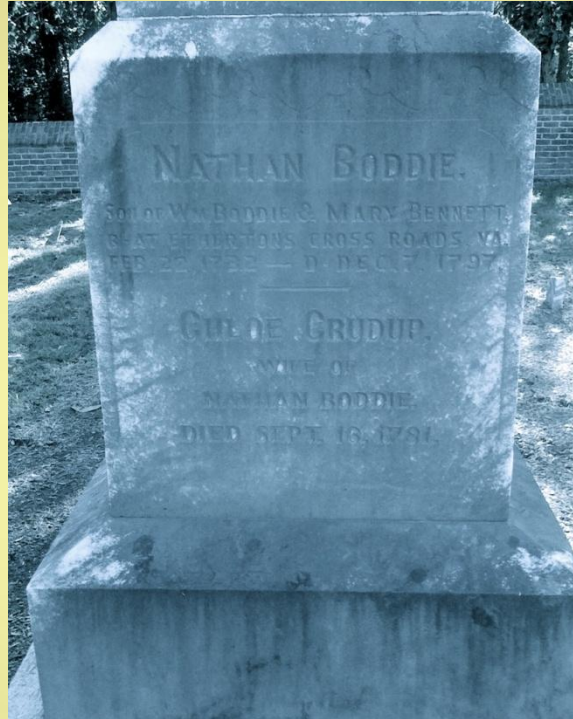
## **November 13, 2011**



**The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard lead the Roanoke Rapids Veterans’ Day parade**



# Nathan Boddie Grave Marking Ceremony



**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 2:00 PM**  
**Boddie Cemetery, Rose Hill Farm**  
**Nashville, NC**

*Photos courtesy Ms. Betsy Hudgins & Mr. Dallas Champion*





The Wreath Garden





Chapter President Ken Wilson welcomes all to the gathering as Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones observes





Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones gives the Invocation





Past NCSSAR President Dr. Sam Powell and Halifax Resolves Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent posts the colors





NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard brings greetings from the State Society





Family members observe the ceremony





Mr. Mayo Boddie, patriarch of the Boddie family tells the gathering about his Patriot ancestor, Nathan Boddie





Mr. Boddie presents Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson a book on the Boddie family history recognizing the Chapter's efforts in getting Nathan Boddie's grave marked





President Wilson & Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones dedicate the marker





Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent plays “Taps”





NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard  
renders honors





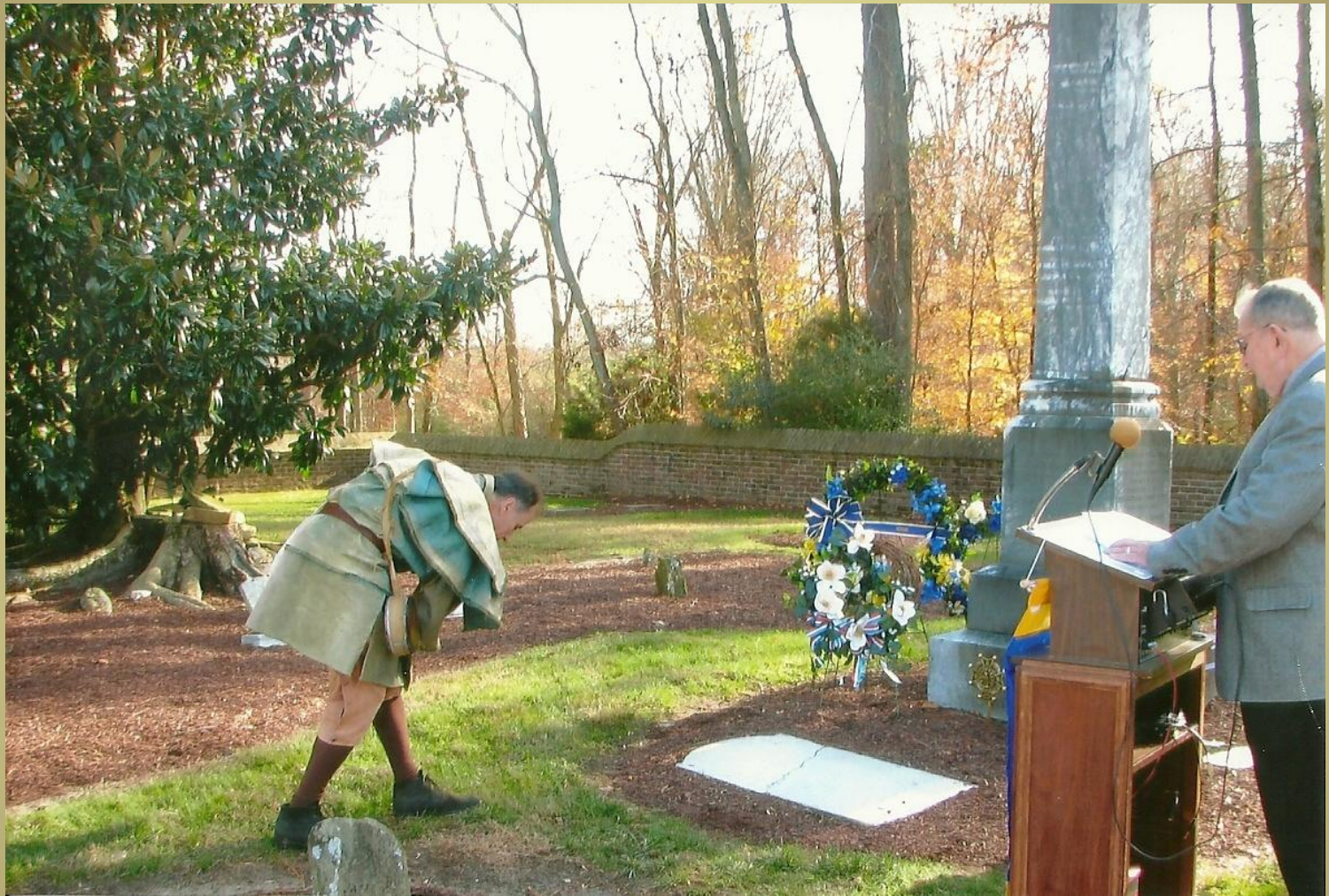
Dr. Sam Powell, representing the Alamance Battleground Chapter NCSSAR renders a salute





Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson  
renders honors





Mr. Steve Avent renders honors on behalf of the Albemarle Chapter NCSSAR





Ms. Karen Powell, Past Regent of the Battle of Alamance Chapter NCSDAR renders honors





Ms. Emily Champion, Regent, John Penn Chapter NCSDAR enters the field of honor





NCSSAR President Mr. G. Steven Pittard inducts new member Mr. Tim Rackley into the Society





NCSSAR President Mr. G. Steven Pittard presents Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones with the SAR War Service medal and the Bronze Good Citizenship medal





The Boddie family with SAR members





Group photo of ceremony participants





The SAR Contingent at the Nathan Boddie grave marking



## BODDIE

homestead in the family cemetery at Rose Hill plantation. Upon his death, Boddie was given the title the "Father of Nash County."

On Saturday, G. Steven Pittard, President of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution said it was interesting to research the Boddie family and find all he had contributed to Nash County.

"It's been very interesting to read about it," Pittard said.

Mayo Boddie, a descendant of Nathan Boddie, also provided remarks at Saturday's ceremony.

Mayo said Boddie was

a prominent citizen in this area in his day.

"He was definitely a man of the time," he said. "We are certainly proud to be a lifelong by product of Nathan Boddie."

A new grave marker for Boddie was dedicated during the special ceremony. Following the dedication, a memorial wreath was placed in honor of Boddie.

## Southern Nash High cadet named winner of NCSSAR essay contest

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution (NCSSAR) has selected Cadet Kayla Simmons of the Southern Nash AFJROTC as the winner of the chapter's Enhanced JROTC Contest.

Cadet Simmons received an Olympic style medal with ribbon bar, a chapter level winner's certificate and a check for \$50.00. Her entry will now be forwarded to the state level competition for consideration.

The Enhanced JROTC Contest requires an original essay by the cadet of 500 to 600 words on "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States."

For a cadet to enter the competition they must: complete the essay. Other requirements include that the cadet be in their third year of a four year program or second year of a two year program; have a recommendation by the Senior JROTC Instructor, with comments about the cadet's leadership potential; a recom-



Southern Nash AFJROTC Cadet Kayla Simmons was selected as the winner of the Halifax Resolves NCSSAR Enhanced JROTC Contest. Pictured is Simmons (in front) with Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves NCSSAR. (Contributed photo)

mendation by the Principal, with verification of GPA.

The competition is sponsored by the SAR each fall across the nation in an effort to recognize the outstanding students

in JROTC.

For further information about this or any other SAR program, please contact Ken Wilson at (252) 537-5406 or [boxcar27870@embarq-mail.com](mailto:boxcar27870@embarq-mail.com).



**FOUNDING FATHER** - Pictured above, Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of NCSSAR (at left) and Reverend Duncan Jones, Chaplain of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of NCSSAR (at right) take a moment of silence after unveiling the grave marker of Nathan Boddie on Saturday at Rose Hill. Below, Wilson stands attention after a wreath laying ceremony. (Graphic photos by Amanda Clark.)

## Father of Nash County honored at ceremony

### Grave marker dedicated for Nathan Boddie

By Amanda Clark  
Graphic Staff Writer

A Revolutionary War Soldier and the founder of Nash County was honored on Saturday afternoon by the Sons of the American Revolution.

Descendants of Nathan Boddie joined members of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution for a grave marking and wreath laying ceremony at Rose Hill, just outside of Nashville.

Boddie was born on February 22, 1732 in Virginia but his family moved to North Carolina when he was two years old. As an adult, Boddie, who married Chloe Crudup, lived on Peachtree Creek in western Edgecombe County, which would later become part of Nash County in 1777. Boddie, was the leading force in efforts to petition for the division of Edgecombe County into two counties. The petition, which contained around 254 signatures, was granted by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1777, just two months before Brigadier General Francis Nash was killed during the American



Revolution. Nash County was named after Francis Nash.

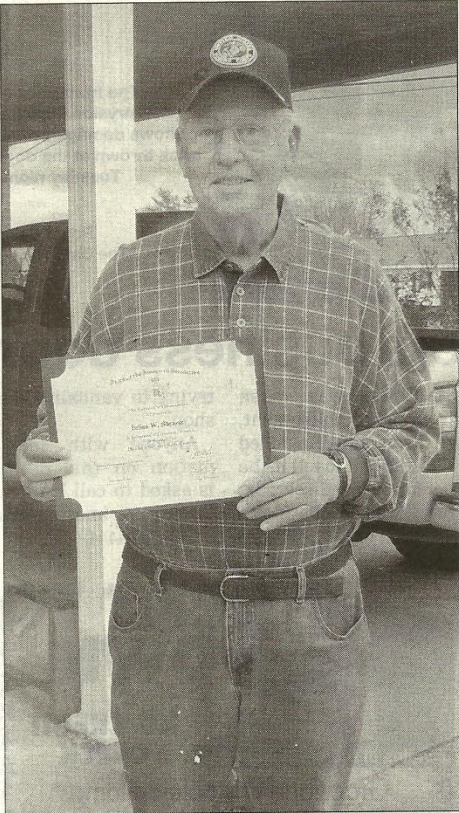
Boddie was a prominent public servant, serving as a representative of the North Carolina Provincial Congress as well as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, justice of the peace for Nash County and a member of the North Carolina Senate.

Boddie passed away on December 7, 1797 and was buried at his

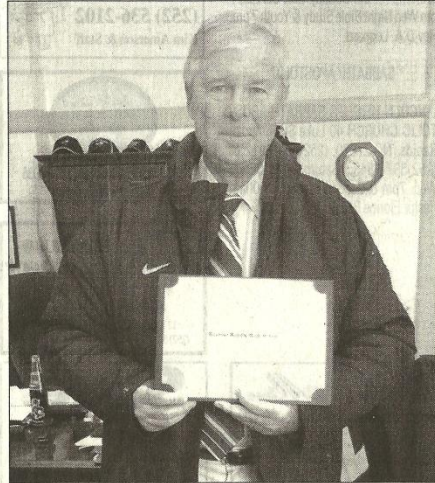
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# Halifax Resolves awards Flag Certificates



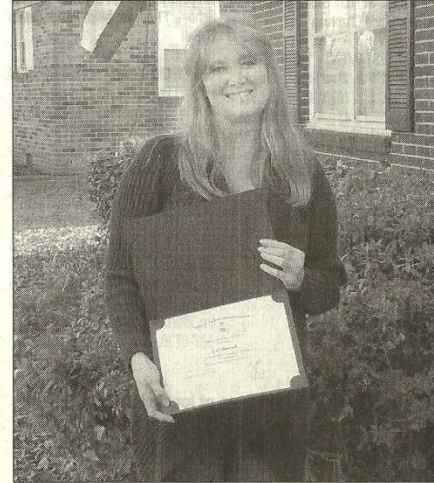
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## Roanoke Rapids High

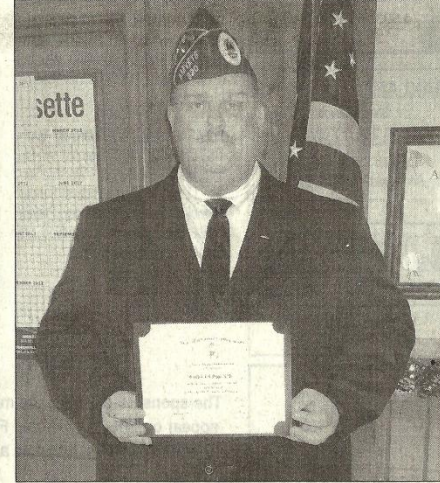
The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded the Society's Flag Certificate to the Roanoke Rapids High School. Principal Robert Hurley accepted the award on behalf of the school. This certificate is presented to those that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.



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## Lori Simmons

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented the Society Flag Certificate to Lori Simmons, of Roanoke Rapids. The Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, companies, organizations and government agencies that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.



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## AMVETS Post 320

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented the Society Flag Certificate to AMVETS Post 320, of Roanoke Rapids. James Tuck, 2nd Vice Commander, accepted the award on behalf of the post. The Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, companies, organizations and government agencies that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.

## Flag Certificate awarded

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented the Society Flag Certificate to Julian W. Shearin, of Roanoke Rapids. The Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.





**The NCSSAR Contingent - The Battle of Great Bridge, Norfolk, VA - December 3, 2011**



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**The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard leads the Roanoke Rapids, NC Christmas Parade for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year – December 4, 2011**





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NEWSLETTER of the NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION



## Annual Congress is a North Carolina Success

by Franklin N. Horton, Editor

## Vigil Held in Honor of General George Washington

Constitution Day, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2011, the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution held a noon to midnight candlelight vigil to honor General George Washington at his tomb located at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Color guard members from ten states and guests gathered early Saturday morning in preparation for the event in a field just north of Washington's home. After orders of the day were read, shift captains posted the first two state color guardsmen as hundreds of guests to Mount Vernon visited Washington's tomb that day.

National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme sanctioned the vigil as a national color guard event for the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

**Representing the North Carolina Society was Color Guard participant Allen Brabin, of the Halifax Resolves Chapter.**

What a high honor it was to guard his tomb, for no one else was in admittance on the estate in the evenings. Special permission was obtained from the Ladies of Mount Vernon for this vigil. We were sure our patriot ancestors were smiling. Guardsman will be ever respectful of the accomplishments of this great man and proud to have had the opportunity to honor him on Constitution Day.

In saying farewell to the new nation he helped create, Washington stated that "... the name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism..."

To the great statesman and leader of his country...no tribute to this day could be more fitting.



Compatriot Ken Wilson (left) receives the Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the Halifax Resolves Chapter.

### Halifax Resolves

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NC-SSAR presented the Society Flag Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Joyner of Weldon.



Halifax Resolves Chapter presents a Flag Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Joyner of Weldon, NC.

### Flag Retirement in Veterans' Park

VFW Post 3702 and the Halifax Resolves Chapter conducted a flag retirement ceremony on October 15th. The Invocation was given by Halifax Resolves Sec. Treas. Steve Avent. The SAR Color Guard posted the Colors. Chapter President Ken Wilson read "I Am Your Flag". This was followed by the reading of "The Meaning of the Flag" by VFW Post Commander David Cook. Ken



(L-R) VFW Post 3702 Commander David Cook, Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson, Halifax Resolves Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent

Wilson and Steve Avent, assuming the duties of Burn Master, performed the "Preparation of the Flame" in which a piece of redwood, oak, walnut and cedar are added to the fire in a symbolic purification of the flame. As Avent committed the first flag to the flame Wilson played "Taps". Avent then offered the Benediction, closing the ceremony. A total of 192 U.S. flags were retired as well as several North Carolina, military service and first responder flags. Ashes were buried in an unmarked grave in a local cemetery.



Guardsman Allen Brabin