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2012

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

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2<sup>nd</sup> Place Digital Scrapbook – April 20, 2013

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President



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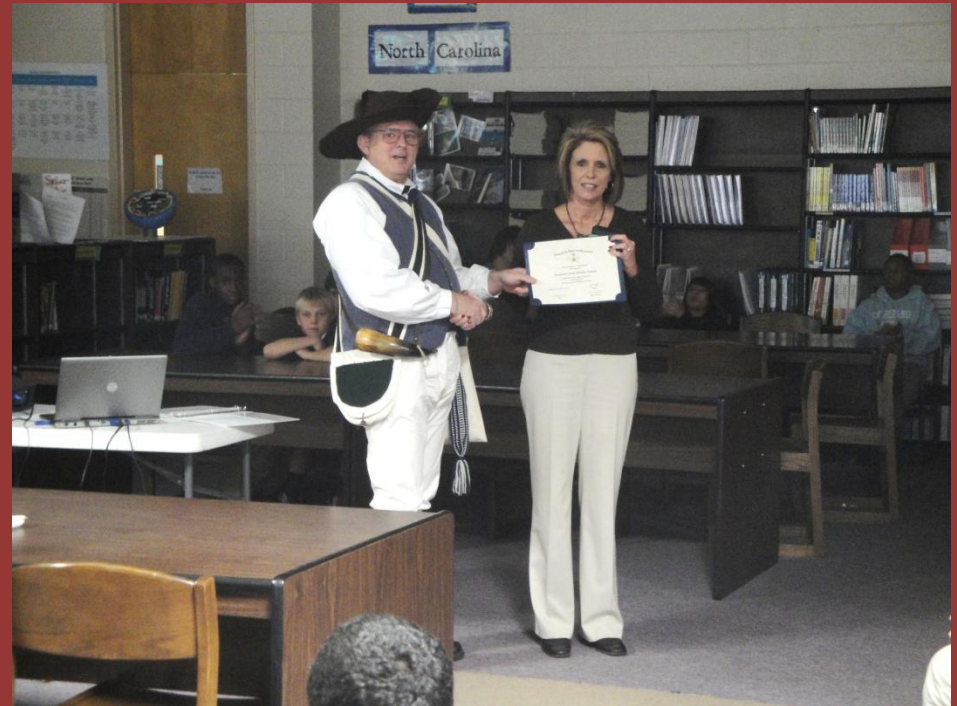
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David & Grace Bobbitt



J.F. Webb High School



Southern Nash Middle School

Chaloner Middle School



William R. Davie Middle School



# Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates



Kyle Acree & HRC Pres. Ken Wilson



Jacob Hackenburg  
& HRC Pres. Ken Wilson



Asst. Scout Master Curtis Wynn,  
Eagle Scout Justin Wynn, Scout  
Ryan Wynn, HRC Pres. Ken Wilson



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson &  
Jonathan Scott Hayes



Eagle Scout Lucien Hairston

&

HRC Pres. Ken Wilson

# January 2012 Chapter Meeting



Mr. Carl Peoples presented a program on the role of the blacksmith in Colonial life



Some Items made by Mr. Peoples that would have been used in Colonial Halifax

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

# THE SAR COLORGUARDSMAN

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NSSAR and Virginia Society Color Guards Honor Patriots at Great Bridge



The North Carolina Society had the honor of participating in multiple Veterans Day parades in Raleigh, Fayetteville and Roanoke Rapids. Among the Colorguardsmen who participated were Color Guard Commander Dick Bishop, Dr Samuel Powell, Rev Clark Wiser, Steve Pittard, Steve Avent, Ken Wilson, Chuck Yard, Dan Hopping, Scott Kennedy, Adam Bridges, Mike Taylor, Paul Conway, and John France.

The Color Guard was also honored to be the lead unit in the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade on 4 December.

- Dick Bishop, Commander

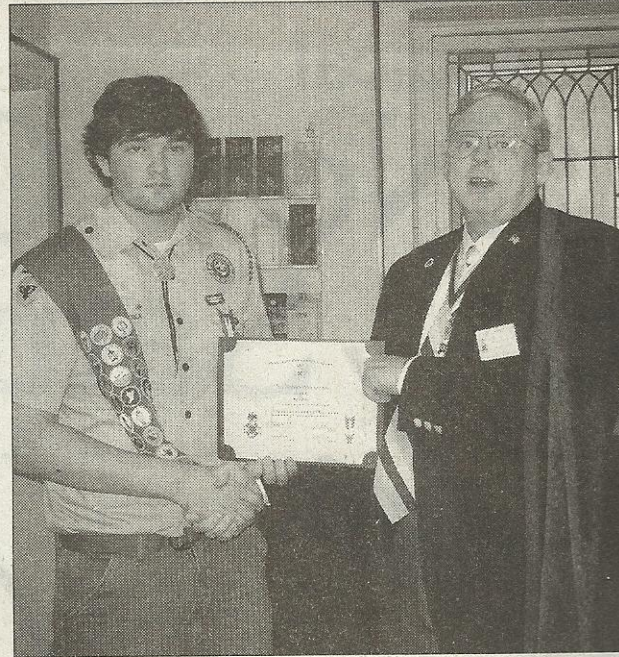




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## Achieving Eagle Scout

The Halifax Resolves NCSSAR Chapter President Ken Wilson recognizes Jacob Hackenburg, of Troop 411, for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.



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## Scout gets Eagle status

The Halifax Resolves NCSSAR Chapter President Ken Wilson presents Kyle Acree, of Troop 144, for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

## Wynn attains Eagle Scout, receives recognition from NCSSAR

Justin Curtis Wynn, of BSA Troop 411 in Roanoke Rapids, attained the rank of Eagle Scout in a recent Court of Honor.

Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR, presented Wynn with the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate 'For outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.'

Pictured are Troop 411 Assistant Scout Master Curtis Wynn, Justin Wynn, Ryan Wynn and Wilson.

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# January 2012 Veteran of the Month Ceremony Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum



Chapter President Ken Wilson helps raise the Colors



# 231<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens



Chapter Registrar & Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin (far left) represented the chapter at the ceremony

# Spring 2012 Board of Managers Meeting



President Wilson presents a proposal for the NCSSAR to sponsor a wayside sign at the Owens House in Halifax



February 2012  
Veteran of the Month  
Ceremony  
Roanoke Valley Veterans  
Museum

President Wilson fills in as Master of Ceremonies

# 231<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan



President Wilson presents the Chapter wreath

Chapter President Ken Wilson, Registrar/Color Guard  
Commander R. Allen Brahin & Compatriot Lee Scuten



## HALIFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER

VFW Post 3702 and the Halifax Resolves Chapter conducted a flag retirement ceremony on Oct. 15, 2011. VFW Post Commander David Cook welcomed the spectators, followed by the invocation given by Halifax Resolves Secretary-Treasurer 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," which was followed by the reading of "The Meaning of the Flag" by Cook. Ken Wilson and Avent, assuming the duties of burn master, performed the Preparation of the Flame, in which a piece each of redwood, oak, walnut and cedar are added to the fire in a symbolic purification of the flame. Each piece of wood has 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, contact Ken Wilson at (252) 537-5406 or [boxcar27870@embarqmail.com](mailto:boxcar27870@embarqmail.com).



## Patriot Burwell Davis and Compatriot David R. Koontz Honored

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR sponsored a dual grave-marking ceremony Oct. 22, 2011, 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, and SAR and DAR members. Colors were posted by the combined NCSSAR Color Guard. NCSSAR Executive Board Member Dr. Samuel C. Powell, a Burwell Davis descendent and close friend of Koontz, was the keynote speaker. Wilson, assisted by Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan H. Jones, dedicated the marker on the grave of Burwell Davis. NCSSAR Senior Vice President Glenn Sappie, assisted by Jones, dedicated Koontz's marker. Following the playing of "Taps," a wreath-laying ceremony was held with wreaths being presented by Powell, NCSSAR Senior Vice President Glenn Sappie, Alamance Battleground Chapter Past President Kenneth B. Ingraham, Halifax Resolves Chapter Past President Dr. Cleveland M. Hawkins and Raleigh Chapter Immediate Past President H. Edward Phillips. The NCSDAR was represented by Karen Powell, past regent of the Battle of Alamance Chapter. Approximately 15 descendants of Davis were on hand, as well as the family of Koontz. Koontz's widow, Sarah, also is a Burwell Davis descendent.



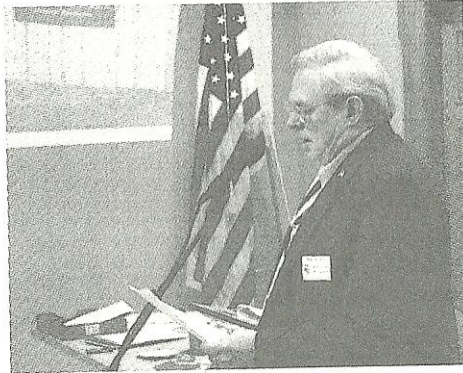
Participants in the dual grave-marking ceremony included descendants of Davis and Koontz; photo courtesy of Luci Weldon



# THE OLD NORTH STATE

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NEWSLETTER of the NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY of the SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION



*Compatriot Ken Wilson discusses the proposal to donate money for an historic marker at the Halifax State Historic Site.*

Compatriot Wilson reported Halifax Resolves Chapter has been contacted by the Historical Society of Halifax for the NCSSAR to sponsor a new Wayside sign for the Owens House in the historical area of Halifax. The cost of the sign would be \$1,000.00 and it would contain the SAR logo as the sponsoring organization. Compatriot Wilson showed the group a sample of the sign that would be placed in front of the Owens House. The dedication of the sign would be April 7 during the Halifax Resolves Ceremony. Compatriot Wilson made a motion for the society to make a contribution of \$1,000 to sponsor the sign. The motion was seconded by compatriot Dick Bishop. After discussion the motion passed.

## CHAPTERS' AMERICANISM SCORES

The Americanism Committee urges all Chapters to provide information for the State's entry into the Americanism Program at National.

Chapter	Americanism Score	Presidential Streamer	NC Inputs
Halifax Resolves	6899	356	2275
Marquis de Lafayette	3770	755	500
Lower Cape Fear	3170	2297	540
Salisbury	1270	876	50
Blue Ridge	1205	530	450
Gen George Washington	380	439	0
Mecklenburg	6110	1014	425
Alamance Battleground	1985	4202	0

## 231st Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan



*Left to right: Jim Wood, Dick Bishop, Glenn Sappie, Steve Pittard, Sam Powell, Ken Wilson, Allen Brabin and R.E. Lee Scouten of the North Carolina Society participated.*

Compatriots assembled on February 18th, 2012 for a Wreath Laying in the Prizery in South Boston, Virginia, commemorating Nathanael Greene's Crossing of the Dan. Guest Speaker Peter Greenwalt spoke on Otho Williams and the 1st Maryland Continentals. We marched to the river for remarks at the Boyd's Ferry site, where later in the day a reenactment took place. The North Carolina Society was represented well.



*Compatriots march down to the river Memorial Site in a display of remembrance of the event that took place there.*

## Halifax Resolves

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR recently recognized Kyle Acree at his Court of Honor for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.



Chapter President Ken Wilson (right) presented the certificate to Kyle Acree.

Justin Curtis Wynn of BSA Troop 411 in Roanoke Rapids attained the rank of Eagle Scout in a recent Court of Honor. Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR presented Justin with the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate "For outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout."



Assistant Scout Master Curtis Wynn, Eagle Scout Justin Wynn, Ryan Wynn and Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.



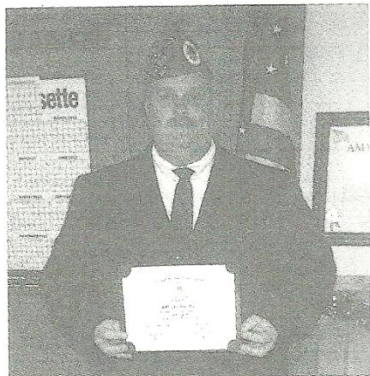
Eagle Scout Jacob Hackenburg & Chapter President Ken Wilson

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The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR recently recognized Jacob Hackenburg at his Court of Honor for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. Chapter President Ken Wilson presented the certificate to Hackenburg.

### AMVETS Post 320 Receives Award

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution has presented the Society Flag Certificate to AMVETS Post 320 of Roanoke Rapids. Mr. James Tuck, 2nd Vice Commander of AMVETS Post 320, 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.



Mr. James Tuck, 2nd Vice Commander, AMVETS Post 320



## HISTORIC SITES

# Battle of Cowpens Remembered



North Carolina Society Compatriots (left to right) Allen Brabin, Dick Bishop, Mike Tomme, Ronnie Lail, Sam Porwell, Frank Horton, Chuck Yard, Clark Wisser, Jim Wood and Tim Berly at the Park Monument in front of Visitors Center.

We were at the Cowpens. Yes there was a large gathering of Compatriots and the parking lot was full again with visitors. The ceremony took place in the morning of January 14, 2012. The initial ceremony was held at the visitor's center. After the wreaths were honored by the respective representatives of the SAR, DAR, Cincinnati, SR and families to include descendants of General Daniel Morgan and Colonel William Washington, the Color Guard and attendees marched to the William Washington memorial for a short presentation.





March 2012 Veteran of the Month  
Ceremony Roanoke Valley  
Veterans Museum

Chapter President Wilson assists in raising the Colors

# March 2012 Chapter Meeting

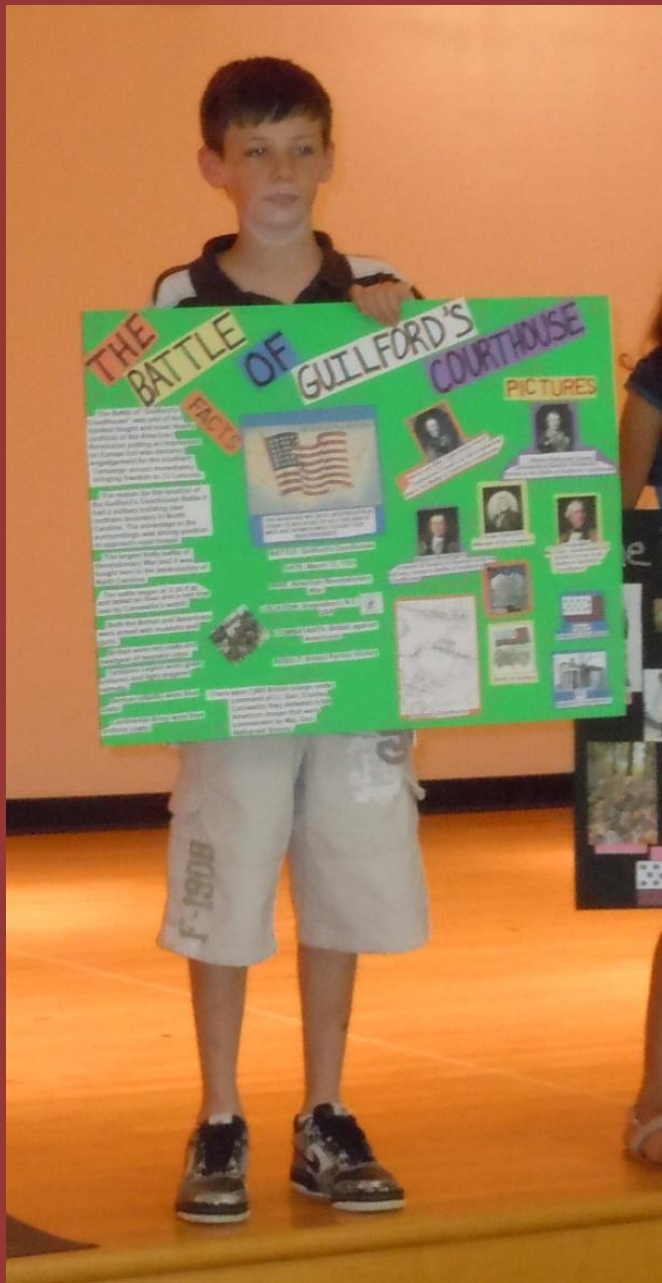


Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent presents a program on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse

# 231<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse



NSSAR Group Photo of participants – Chapter represented by Pres. Wilson & Sec.-Treas. Avent



Belmont Elementary School – March 21<sup>st</sup> -  
Poster Contest Winner Gage Tinkham (L)

Belmont teachers Donna Hardy, Adrienne Powell & Stephanie Powell were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts





**Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, left, is pictured with chapter winner Gage Tinkham and Honorable Mention student Ayah Qasem.**

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## SAR poster contest winner announced

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Gage Tinkham, a fifth grade student at Belmont Elementary, won this year's Americanism Poster Contest for fourth and fifth grade students conducted by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

This year's subject was the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Students constructed their posters to most accu-

rately describe the battle and the key individuals involved; 28 students from Belmont Elementary, Cornerstone Christian and Manning Elementary schools participated.

Tinkham received a Chapter Level Winner's certificate and \$50.

His entry will be sent to the state contest, where the state winner will be determined at the Alamance Bat-

tleground May 19.

Should Tinkham win at the state level, he would receive a winner's certificate and a \$750 scholarship. His parents are Lee Sills and Maranda Gilliam, of Roanoke Rapids.

Students receiving Honorable Mention certificates were Alexis Lee and Ayah Qasem from Belmont Elementary; Peyton Pepper and Catherine Cox from Cornerstone Chris-

tian and Madisyn Davis from Manning Elementary.

Teachers who participated in the contest received SAR Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts: Adrienne Powell, Donna Hardy and Stephanie Taylor, of Belmont Elementary; Shelley Dixon and Renee Walker, of Cornerstone Christian; and Chris Chambers, of Manning Elementary.

# Halifax Resolves celebration April 7

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD

HALIFAX — History and celebration will come together April 7 as the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR will host three events and participate in a fourth event in Halifax.

A joint Flag Retirement ceremony will be conducted at 10 a.m. on the site of the Colonial Courthouse on Market Street. The ceremony will be conducted by the Halifax Resolves Chap-

ter NCSSAR, The Warren Chapter DAR & the Edwin Haynes Gregory American Legion Post 98 of Halifax. Ashes from the ceremony will be buried in the Colonial Cemetery.

At 11 a.m., a ceremony will be conducted by Historic Halifax at the Owens House dedicating the wayside sign at that location sponsored by the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

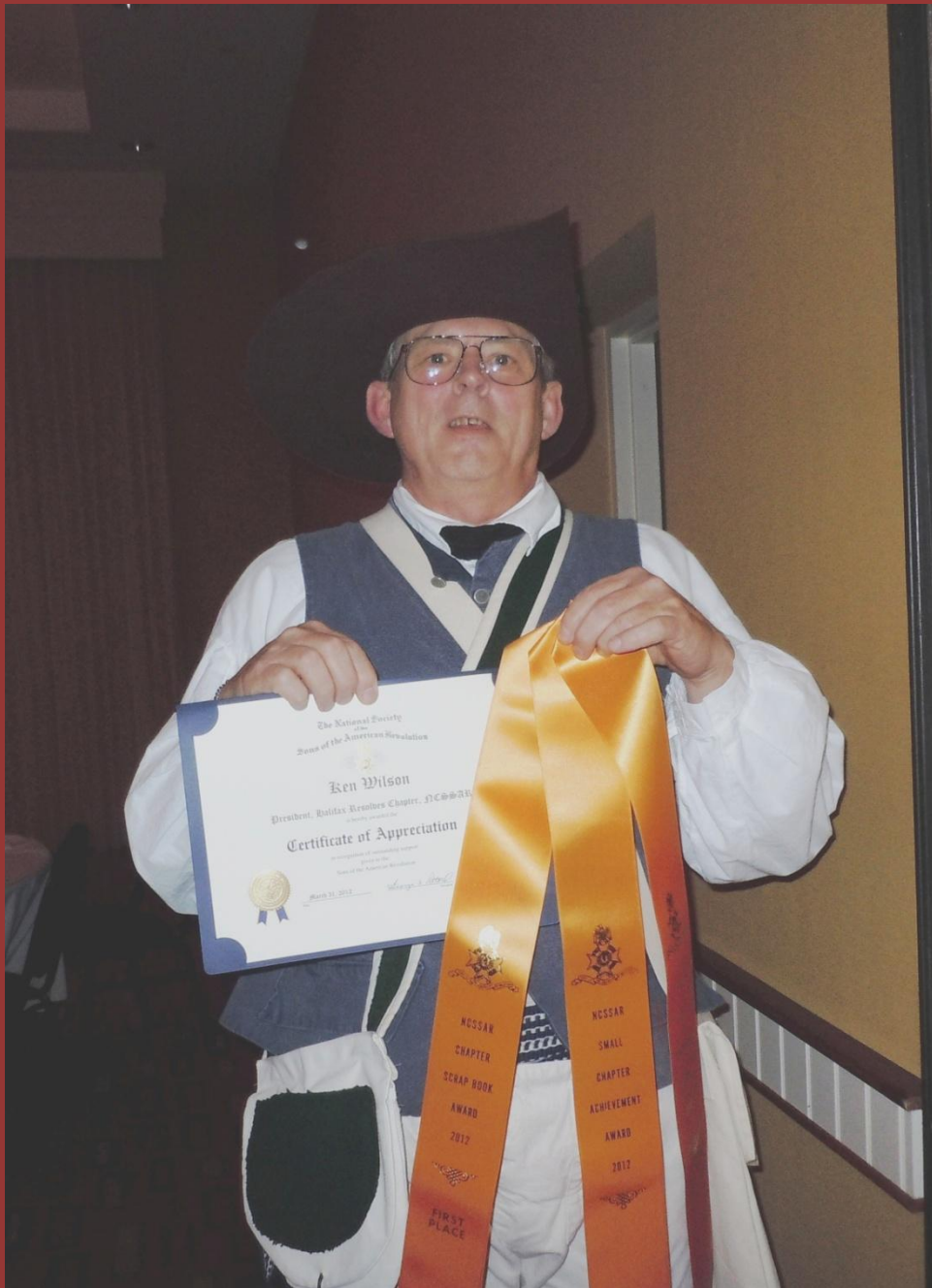
An RSVP only luncheon will be held at noon at the Halifax United Methodist Church, 152 S. King St. in Halifax. The cost of the meal is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made before Sunday by contacting Steve Avent at 252-459-9427 or [savent917@gmail.com](mailto:savent917@gmail.com).

The 236th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves will be held at 2 p.m. at the Colonial Courthouse. The Central Nash High

School JROTC Color Guard will present the colors assisted by the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard.

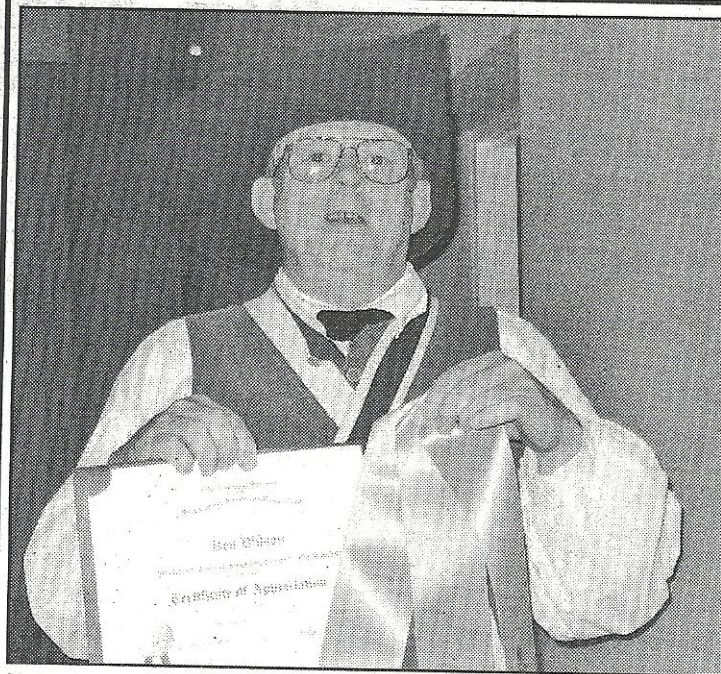
Gary Hackenburg will be the keynote speaker and will present a program on Thomas Jefferson. A wreath laying ceremony will follow the program honoring all Patriots of the American Revolution. Organizations wishing to participate should contact Avent by April 5.

## 2012 NCSSAR Convention



President Wilson displays streamers won by the chapters for 2011 activities. Streamers were for 1<sup>st</sup> place Small Chapter Activities, 1<sup>st</sup> place Scrapbook, and the Flag Streamer for awarding 10 or more Flag Certificates. Pres. Wilson was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by outgoing NCSSAR

Pres. Steve Pittard



## Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR Receives Awards

The North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recently held their annual convention at Carolina Beach at which the Halifax Resolves Chapter received several awards. Streamers were awarded for the following: The Chapter Achievement Streamer for being the most active small chapter in North Carolina. Their scrapbook, the Halifax Town Crier, was selected as the best in the state. The chapter was also the only chapter in the state to award ten or more Society Flag Certificates to individuals/companies who properly display the U.S. Flag for patriotic purposes only.

Chapter President Ken Wilson received a Certificate of Appreciation from outgoing NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard for his service to the Society during 2011.



# April 2012 Veteran of the Month Ceremony Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum



Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent raises the Colors as Pres. Wilson salutes



Pres. Wilson, Vet of the Month William Robinson & Sec Treas. Steve Avent. Robinson holds the distinction of being the longest held Enlisted POW in U.S. history – 2737 days – and the first enlisted man to be awarded the Air Force Cross

# Joint Flag Retirement Ceremony – April 7<sup>th</sup>- Halifax, NC



Members of the SAR, American Legion and DAR performed the ceremony



BSA Troop 146 Assist. Scout Master James Tuck was the Burn Master



The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard marches to the Owens House

# The Owens House

April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Halifax, NC

Chapter Pres. Wilson assists NCSSAR Pres. Glenn Sappie in unveiling the new wayside sign for the Owens House. The sign was sponsored by the NCSSAR.



# 236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves



The Processional enters the Field of Honor led by the Nash  
Central HS JROTC Color Guard



The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard enters  
the field



NSSAR SE District VPG elect G. Steven Pittard presents the Halifax  
Resolves



Mr. Gary Hackenburg as Thomas Jefferson was the keynote speaker



NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie was the first of 25 representatives presenting wreathes



(L-R) HRC Registrar R. Allen Brahin, Stephanie Ann Brahin & HRC Pres. Ken Wilson. Stephanie Ann was presented the Martha Washington Medal following the ceremony.



## Certificates of Appreciation



Ms. Gloria Goode – National Anthem



Mr. Gary Hackenburg – Keynote Speaker



The Nash Central HS JROTC Color Guard



Participants in the 236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax  
Resolves

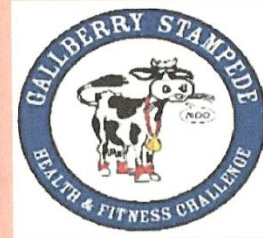
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## NCSSR Holds 236th Celebration of Halifax Resolves



# Halifax Resolves Celebration

By John Sessoms

Halifax, NC – On April 12, 1776 the Halifax Resolves were passed by the Fourth Provincial Congress of North Carolina that met in Halifax County. The Resolves were the very first instructions by any colony authorizing delegates to the Continental Congress to vote for independence from Great Britain. A total of 83 members voted unanimously

to authorize North Carolina's delegates to vote for independence. The Halifax Resolves did not authorize the three North Carolina delegates, William Hooper, Joseph Hewes and John Penn, to introduce a resolution to the Congress calling for independence. It only authorized them to vote for independence if such a resolution was made.

With the adoption of the

Resolves, North Carolina became the first colony to support independence from the crown, nearly three months before the Continental Congress announced the Declaration of Independence in July 1776.

It has been 236 years since the resolves were passed. This year the NCSSAR (North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution) celebrated the Halifax Resolves and honored



At Left Northern Nash ROTC Color Guard. Above Ben Franklin Below The reading of the Halifax Resolves



those who had given their lives for our freedoms by placing wreaths at the site of the old colonial court house in historic Halifax.

The April 7th event was well attended with many NCSSAR groups present. The ceremony was started with the presenting of the colors by the Nash Central High school ROTC. Glenn Sappie, the State President of the NCSSAR, welcomed everyone and expressed that "it was not an easy thing to sign and stand behind the commitment made by our forefathers for the freedoms of our United States."

The Halifax Resolves, as always traditionally done, were read this year by G. Steven Pittard. The key-note speaker was Gary Hackenburg, from Roanoke Rapids with his historical portrayal of Benjamin Franklin. Hackenburg, an accomplished actor, was dressed as Franklin, as many of the participants for the day's event were in period garb.

A salute to those who gave their lives for the freedoms we have today ended the official celebratory event. The Martha Washington Medal was presented to Stephanie Ann Brahin. The medal is awarded to ladies in recognition of outstanding service to the SAR.

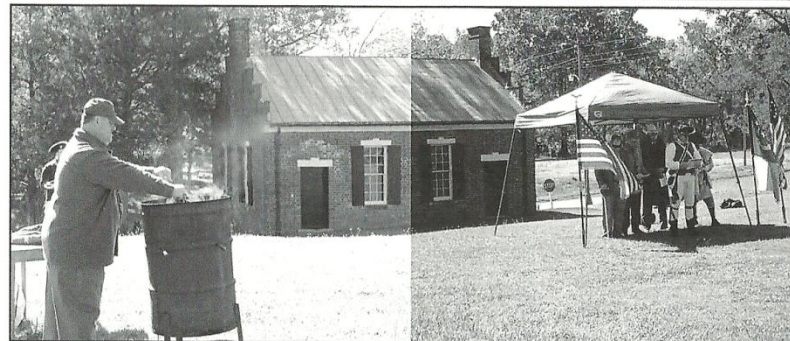
Other certificates of appreciation were awarded to the groups that participated and made the day's event successful.

## Joint Flag Retirement Held

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR in conjunction with the Edwin Haynes Gregory American Legion Post 38 and the Warren Chapter NCSDAR held a joint Flag Retirement ceremony on the Colonial Courthouse site in Halifax.

Halifax Resolves Chapter President Mr. Ken Wilson welcomed approximately 50 participants and guests followed by the Invocation given by Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan

Jones. The Colors were presented by the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard and Mrs. Constance Thacker, Regent of the Warren Chapter NCSDAR, led the gathering in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Wilson read "Remember Our Colors?" followed by Mrs. Thacker presenting "A Toast to the Flag". Mr. J. Rives Manning, Adjutant of American Legion Post 38, read the "Meaning of the Flag" followed by the "Preparation of



the Flame" presented by Halifax Resolves Chapter Sec.-Treas. Mr. Steve Avent and Burn Master Mr. James Tuck, Asst. Scout Master of BSA

Troop 146. After the first flag was committed to the flames by the Burn Master, "Taps" was played by Halifax Resolves Color Guard Commander Mr. R. Allen Brahin. The Colors was then retired by the Color Guard and the Benediction given by Rev. Jones.

Burn Master James Tuck assisted by Scout Master Mr. Gary Hackenburg of BSA Troop 411 retired 68 U.S. Flags with honor and buried the ashes in an unmarked grave in the Colonial Cemetery in Halifax.

## Owens House Wayside Sign Dedicated



Approximately 50 people were on hand April 7th for the dedication of the wayside sign at the George Owens house, which was built in 1760 and is the oldest home in Historic Halifax. This wayside sign, explaining the history of the building, was sponsored by the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution (NCSSAR) as part of their public outreach and support of Historic Halifax. On hand for the dedication was Mr. Carl Burke of Historic Halifax, NCSSAR President Mr. Glenn Sappie, the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard under the command of Maj. Richard D. Bishop, USA (Ret.) and Mr. Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR.



The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution held a ceremony recently to celebrate the 236th anniversary of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. Pictured are participants of the anniversary celebration. (Graphic photo by Amanda Clark)

## Halifax Resolves celebrates 236 years

On Saturday, April 7th, the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution held a ceremony on the site of the Colonial Courthouse in Halifax celebrating the 236th Anniversary of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. This document was adopted by the Provincial Congress on April 12th, 1776 and was sent the North Carolina representative to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia for their consideration. The document was adopted by this body after a hearty second by the Virginia Colony. Within two months the Declaration of Independence was written declaring our independence from Great Britain.

Saturday's ceremony was opened by Halifax Resolves Chapter president Ken Wilson and the Invocation was

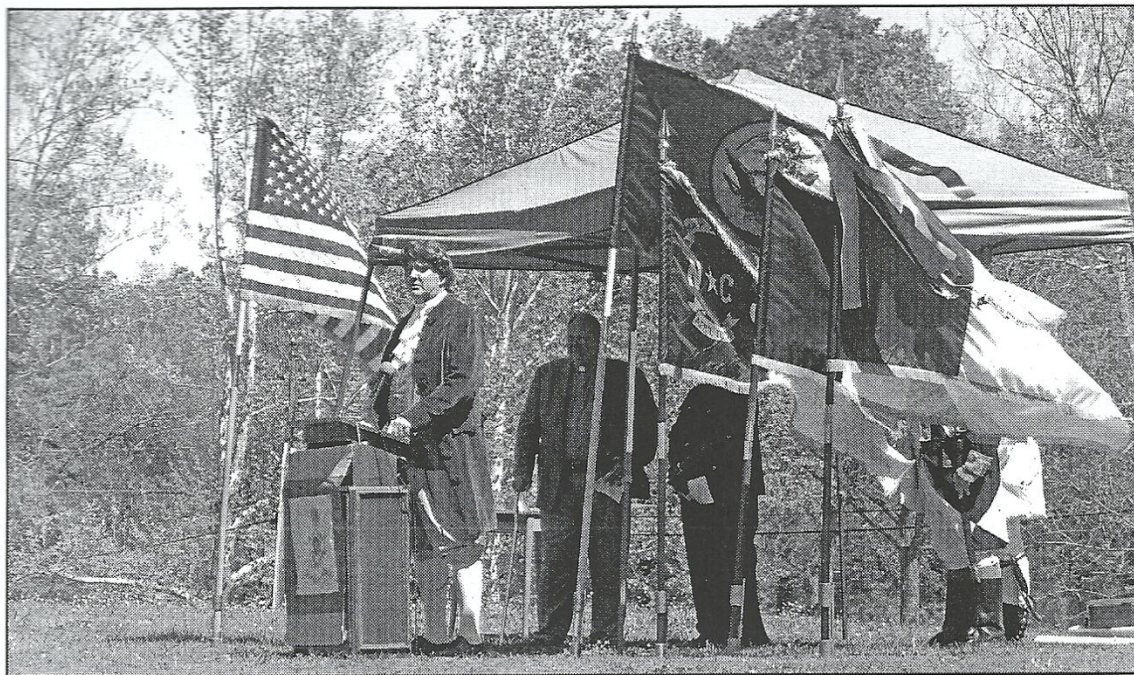
given by Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones. The Nash Central High School JROTC presented the Colors assisted by the Combined NCS-SAR Color Guard. Ms. Gloria Goode sang the National Anthem followed by Chapter Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin leading the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Steve Avent, Halifax Resolves Sec.-Treas. led the SAR members in the SAR Pledge. NCS-SAR President Glenn Sappie brought greetings from the North Carolina Society. President Wilson introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Gary Hackenburg, who was portraying Thomas Jefferson. Following the keynote speech, a wreath laying ceremony was conducted honoring all our patriot ancestors who fought for our freedom. There were three NCS-SAR officers,

and nine SAR chapters presenting wreaths. Wreaths were also presented by five NCS-SAR chapters and two NCS-CAR societies. Four veterans' organizations and one Boy Scout Troop also participated.

In recognition of her outstanding service to and support of not only the Halifax Resolves Chapter, but also the North Carolina and Virginia Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mrs. Stephanie Ann Brahin was awarded the prestigious SAR Martha Washington Medal.

Certificates of Appreciation were also given to the Nash Central High School JROTC, Ms. Gloria Goode and Mr. Gary Hackenburg.

Following the SAR Re-cessional by President Wilson and the Retirement of the Colors by the Nash Central HS Color Guard, Rev. Jones offered the Benediction.



Keynote speaker Gary Hackenburg portrays Thomas Jefferson while addressing the gathering.

## Halifax Resolves revered at anniversary event

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Ken Wilson, and the invocation was given by chapter chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones. The Nash Central High School JROTC presented the colors, assisted by the combined NCSSAR color guard. Gloria Goode sang the National Anthem, followed by chapter color guard commander R. Allen Brahin leading the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Avent, Halifax Resolves secretary-treasurer, led the Sons of the American Revolution members in the SAR pledge. North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution president Glenn Sappie brought greetings from the North Carolina Society. Wilson then introduced the keynote speaker, Gary Hackenburg, who portrayed Thomas Jefferson.

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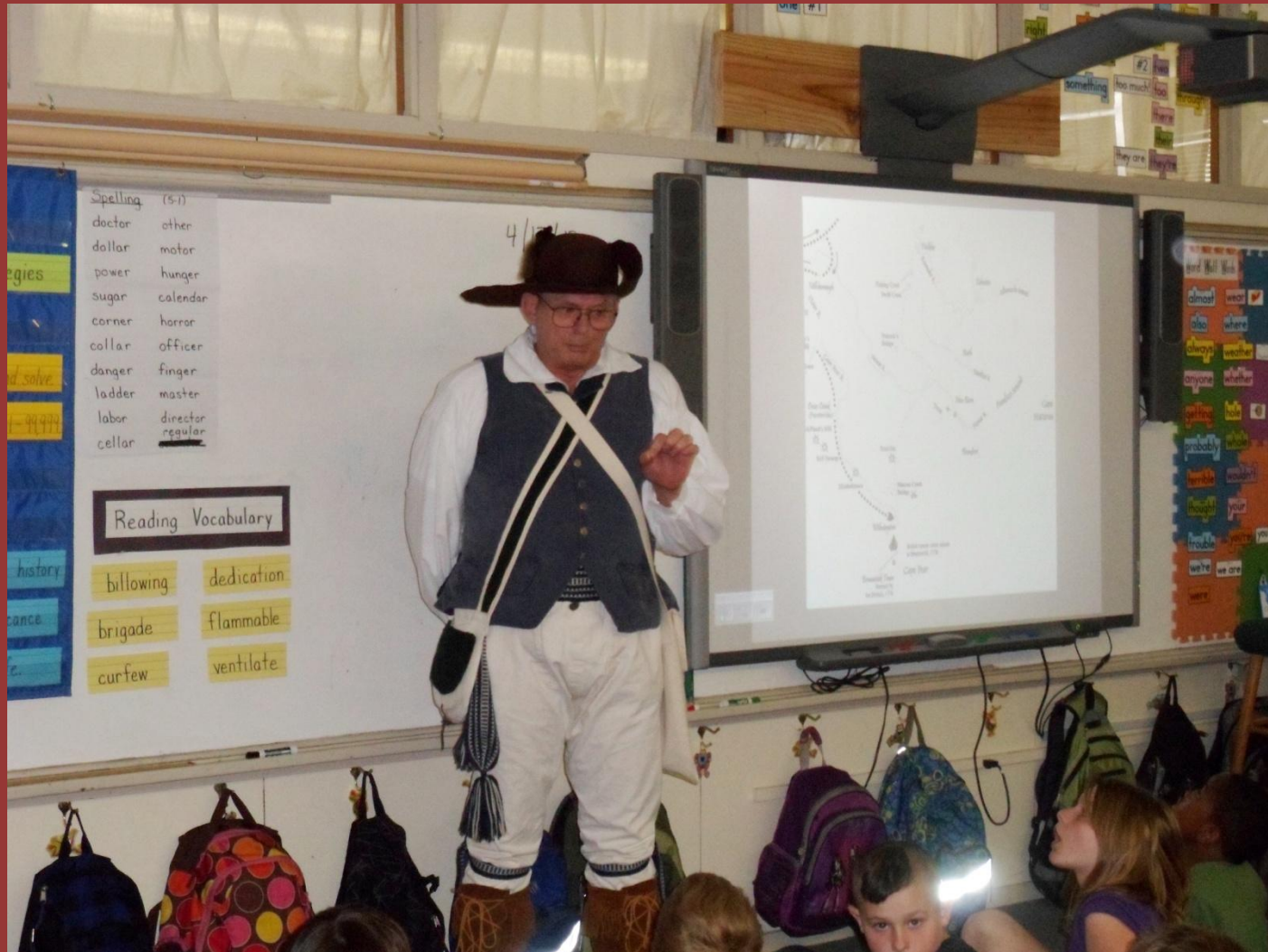
J. R. Morton Monument Dedication  
Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport  
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NCSSAR Color Guard members Ken Wilson, Steve Avent & Dr. Sam Powell fold the Colors for presentation to the family

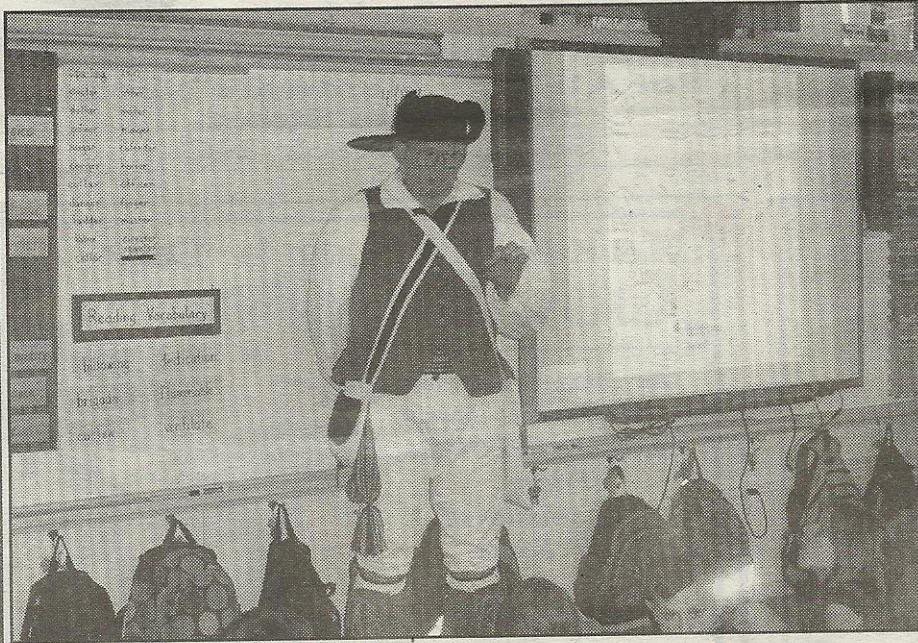


# Manning Elementary School – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012



HRC President Ken Wilson speaks to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students about the dates on the North Carolina flag

## History Comes Alive for Manning 4th Grade



Fourth grade students at Manning Elementary School recently had their North Carolina history come alive when Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the SAR, spoke to them while dressed in Colonial attire. The students learned the meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag and the role of Halifax before and during the Revolutionary War. Some time was also spent on the American Flag history and traditions.

"The teachers do a great job teaching the students," stated Wilson "but seeing the history first hand is a great re-enforcement tool. We will gladly come and talk with the students about the Revolutionary War and the role of Halifax County in seeking our independence whenever the teachers request our presence."



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## Wilson visits Manning

Fourth grade students at Manning Elementary School recently had their North Carolina history come alive when Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the SAR, spoke in colonial attire about the meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag and the role of Halifax before and during the Revolutionary War. Some time was also spent on the American flag history and traditions.

May 2012  
Chapter Meeting



Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones presents a program entitled “Is it one Nation under God?”

# Outstanding JROTC Cadet Awards



Cadet Marcell Gorham & Chaplain Rev.  
Duncan Jones – Weldon HS



Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones &  
Cadet Austin Fennell – Southern  
Nash HS



Pres. Ken Wilson & Cadet Patrese  
Sanders – Nash Central HS



Pres. Wilson & Cadet James Dylan  
Elliott – J.F. Webb HS



Pres. Wilson & Cadet Manual Para – North Edgecombe  
HS



The Wreath Garden

Patriot's Day  
Alamance Battleground  
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The NCSSAR Contingent

# Jeremy Staat Wall to Wall Bicycle Tour

May 20, 2012



Pres. Wilson talks with Jeremy Staat, who had just completed a 90 mile leg of his bicycle tour to raise awareness of continuing problems veterans are encountering. Staat, currently serving with the USMC, is a former NFL player and was close friend of Pat Tillman



Co-rider Wesley Barrientos rode with Jeremy for over 2700 miles hand pedaling before injuring his shoulder

# Rolling Thunder Flame of Honor Ceremony

May 23, 2012



Pres. Wilson & Chaplain Jones represented the Chapter at this event



# Memorial Day Ceremony – Cedarwood Cemetery

Roanoke Rapids, NC – May 28, 2012



Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones & Pres. Ken Wilson visit  
before the ceremony



Pres. Wilson renders honors after presenting the chapter  
wreath

# Private Wreath Laying - Monticello, VA

June 22, 2012



NSSAR President-General Larry Magerkurth presents  
the National Wreath at the Grave of President  
Thomas Jefferson



Chapter Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin  
represented the North Carolina Society in the NSSAR Color Guard for  
the President-General

Fincastle Presbyterian Church, Fincastle, Botetourt Co., VA

Commemoration & Plaque Dedication for 36 Revolutionary War Patriots and 19 Veterans of the War  
of 1812 – June 30, 2012



Chapter Registrar/ Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin presented the chapter wreath and participated in the Color  
Guard

## Eagle Scout Recognized By SAR ~~~~~



*Jonathan Scott Hayes, Troop 146, Tri-County District, East Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America was recently elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout. During his Court of Honor, Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson presented Hayes with the SAR Certificate of Recognition for his attainment of the Eagle Scout rank.*

## Poster goes to nationals

### Belmont's Gage Tinkham tops state-level competition

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The theme for this year's contest was the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Gage's entry advances to the national contest, which is scheduled during the July SAR national convention in Phoenix.

Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, representing



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**Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson stands with Gage Tinkham, who won the state level Sons of the American Revolution Americanism Poster contest.**

the state SAR society, presented Gage with a check for \$750 for his winning entry.

Gage is the son of Lee Sills and Maranda Gilliam, of Roanoke Rapids.

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#### HALIFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR held a grave-marking ceremony Nov. 19, 2011, at Rose Hill Farms in Nash County, just north of

Nashville, honoring Patriot Nathan Boddie.

Boddie was born Feb. 22, 1732, in Isle of Wight County, Va., eventually settling in Edgecombe (present-day Nash) County, N.C. He became a dominant figure in local and state affairs, representing Edgecombe County in the Fourth Provincial Congress that assembled in Halifax, N.C., on April 4, 1776, and adopted the Halifax Resolves. As a member of the First General Assembly of North Carolina in 1777, Boddie sponsored the legislation that created Nash County from a part of Edgecombe. In

addition, he was one of five justices charged with finding a location in Johnston, Wake or Chatham counties for the capital of North Carolina. At his death in 1797, Boddie was accorded many accolades, including the title "Father of Nash County."

Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson welcomed family, friends and presenters followed by the invocation by the chapter chaplain,

the Rev. Duncan Jones. NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard brought greetings. Wilson and Jones dedicated the marker after Mayo Boddie, a direct descendant of Nathan, and spoke to the gathering about his illustrious ancestor. "Taps" was played by Steve Avent. Wreaths were presented by the NCSSAR, the Alamance Battleground Chapter NCSSAR, the Albemarle Chapter, the Halifax Resolves Chapter, the NCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, the Battle of Alamance Chapter NCSDAR, the John Penn Chapter NCSDAR and the Roanoke Valley Veterans Center & Museum.



SAR members and descendants of Nathan Boddie gather.

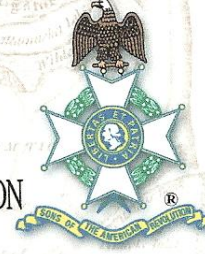
#### House of Flags Museum Opens

The only House of Flags Museum in the United States held its grand opening in its new location on Veterans Day 2011. For the past 10 years the museum had a temporary home in Polk County. Now located at 33 Gibson Street in



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## Halifax Resolves Chapter

### 236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Halifax Resolves

On Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution held a ceremony on the site of the Colonial Courthouse in Halifax celebrating the 236<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. This document was adopted by the Provincial Congress on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1776 and was sent the North Carolina representative to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia for their consideration. The document was adopted by this body after a hearty second by the Virginia Colony. Within two months the Declaration of Independence was written declaring our independence from Great Britain.



Halifax Resolves Registrar R. Allan Brahin, Stephanie Ann Brahin, recipient of the SAR Martha Washington Medal and Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson

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In recognition of her outstanding service to and support of not only the Halifax Resolves Chapter, but also the North Carolina and Virginia Societies of the American Revolution, Mrs. Stephanie Ann Brahin was awarded the prestigious SAR Martha Washington Medal.

Certificates of Appreciation were also given to the Nash Central High School JROTC, Ms. Gloria Goode and Mr. Gary Hackenburg.

Following the SAR Recessional by President Wilson and the Retirement of the Colors by the Nash Central HS Color Guard, Rev. Jones offered the Benediction.

## Owens House Wayside Sign Dedicated



NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie and Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson unveiling the Owen's House Wayside Sign Sponsored by NCSSAR

Approximately 50 people were on hand April 7<sup>th</sup> for the dedication of the wayside sign at the George Owens house, which was built in 1760 and is the oldest home in Historic Halifax. This wayside sign, explaining the history of the building, was sponsored by the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution (NCSSAR) as part of their public outreach and support of Historic Halifax. On hand for the dedication was Mr. Carl Burke of Historic Halifax, NCSSAR President Mr. Glenn Sappie, the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard under the command of Maj. Richard D. Bishop, USA (Ret.) and Mr. Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR.

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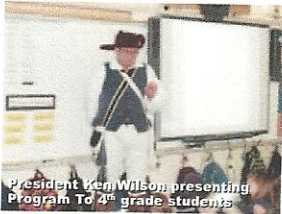
Gage Tinkham wins Poster Contest Receives \$750

## History Comes Alive for Manning 4th Grade

Fourth grade students at Manning Elementary School recently had their North Carolina history come alive when Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the SAR, spoke to them while dressed in Colonial attire. The students learned the meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag and the role of Halifax before and during the Revolutionary War. Some time was also spent on the American Flag history and traditions.

"The teachers do a great job teaching the students," stated Wilson "but seeing the history first hand is a great re-enforcement tool. We will gladly come and talk with the students about the Revolutionary War and the role of Halifax County in seeking our independence whenever the teachers request our presence."

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President Ken Wilson presenting Program To 4<sup>th</sup> grade students

## HALIFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER



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## Certificate presented to Halifax Library



The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented the Society Flag Certificate to the Halifax County Library in Halifax for correctly flying the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. Pictured is chapter president Ken Wilson presenting the certificate to Ginny Orvedahl, director of the Halifax County Library.

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## Certificate presented to Iluka Resources

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented the Society Flag Certificate to Iluka Resources, of Roanoke Rapids, for correctly flying the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. Pictured are, front row, Peter Morse with certificate, second row, Troy Williams, Chuck Rech, back row, Joe Mullins and Linda Nyborg.



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### *North Carolina Society*

The Halifax Resolves and Alamance Battleground Color Guards joined forces and assisted the Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport Authority and the Halifax Squadron Civil Air Patrol in the dedication of a monument honoring Julian Rudolph "Rudy" Morton, Jr.

Rudy Morton was a well known individual in the area. He and his family were active in their church where Rudy held various offices and helped when and where needed. Rudy's passion was teaching, especially new pilots. Many of the local private pilots had been his students. He combined these passions by serving in the Civil Air Patrol. Rudy died suddenly in 2010 at the age of 63.

The SAR Color Guard members, Dr. Samuel C. Powell Past President of the Alamance Battleground Chapter along with Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent raised the National Colors to open the ceremony. At the end of the program, they lowered and folded the flag for presentation to the family. Compatriot Steve Avent played "Taps" after the presentation to the family.

By: Ken Wilson, President, Halifax Resolves Chapter



Pictured (l-r): Ken Wilson, Steve Avent and Sam Powell fold to the American Flag

Photo provided by Ken Wilson

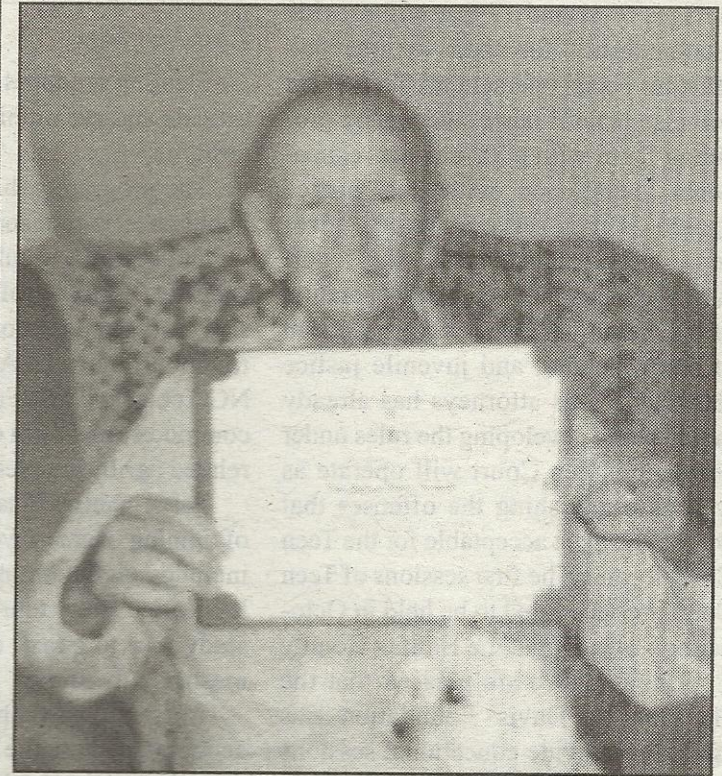


Ken Wilson also submitted this photograph of the North Carolina Society Color Guard marching from a flag retirement ceremony to the Owen's House as part of the Halifax Days event in April. At the Owen's House, a new wayside sign was dedicated by the North Carolina Society.



## Flag Ceremony to be Held

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held at Veteran's Park, 701 Roanoke Ave., in Roanoke Rapids on Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 am. The ceremony is being held to honor the memory of the victims of 9-11-2001 and is being sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR, AMVETS Post 101, Boy Scout Troop 411, and the Halifax Squadron Civil Air Patrol. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring any old flags that need to be retired. For further information please contact Ken Wilson at (252) 537-5406 or [boxcar27870@embarqmail.com](mailto:boxcar27870@embarqmail.com).



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Pictured is Mr. Rufus S. Rose

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President General's Cup (recognizes top chapter in nation based on overall program)

Chapters with 1-80 members: Sons of Liberty (GA)—388.51; Halifax Resolves (NC)—287.22; Colonel Robert Anderson (SC)—221.84; Simon Kenton (KY)—216.52; Gov. Isaac Shelby (KY)—204.21.

Chapters with 81-plus members: Piedmont (GA)—160.44; Plano (TX)—131.06; San Antonio (TX)—86.42; Norfolk (VA)—74.45; Cincinnati (OH)—62.36.

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#### OWENS HOUSE WAYSIDE SIGN DEDICATED

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Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson and NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie unveil the new wayside sign at the Owens House in Historic Halifax, N.C.

Independence was written, declaring our independence from Great Britain.

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# July 2012 Chapter Meeting



Pres. Wilson presented a program on the origins of the 21 Gun Salute



Pres. Wilson assists in raising  
the Colors

September 2012 Veteran of the  
Month Ceremony  
Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum

Joint Flag Retirement Ceremony  
Veterans Park  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
September 8, 2012



402 U.S. Flags were retired



Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones & Sec.-  
Treas. Steve Avent review the  
ceremony and inspect some of the flags

RRFD Engine 2 provided support for the  
event, staying on station for the 5 hours  
it took to retire all the flags



Over 75 people attended the ceremony



Pres. Wilson welcome all participants  
& guest to the ceremony as Chaplain  
Rev. Jones and Sec.-Treas. Avent  
look on



The Pledge of Allegiance was led by  
Will Taylor, Sr. Patrol Leader of BSA  
Troop 411

C/SrA Nathan Davis reads “The  
Meaning of the Flag”







Cadet Courtney Pearson reads “ I Am Your Flag”



HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent reads “A Toast to the Flag”



Troop 411 reads “The Preparation of the Flame” from the BSA Handbook of 1917

Burn Master Ken Wilson commits a flag to the flames





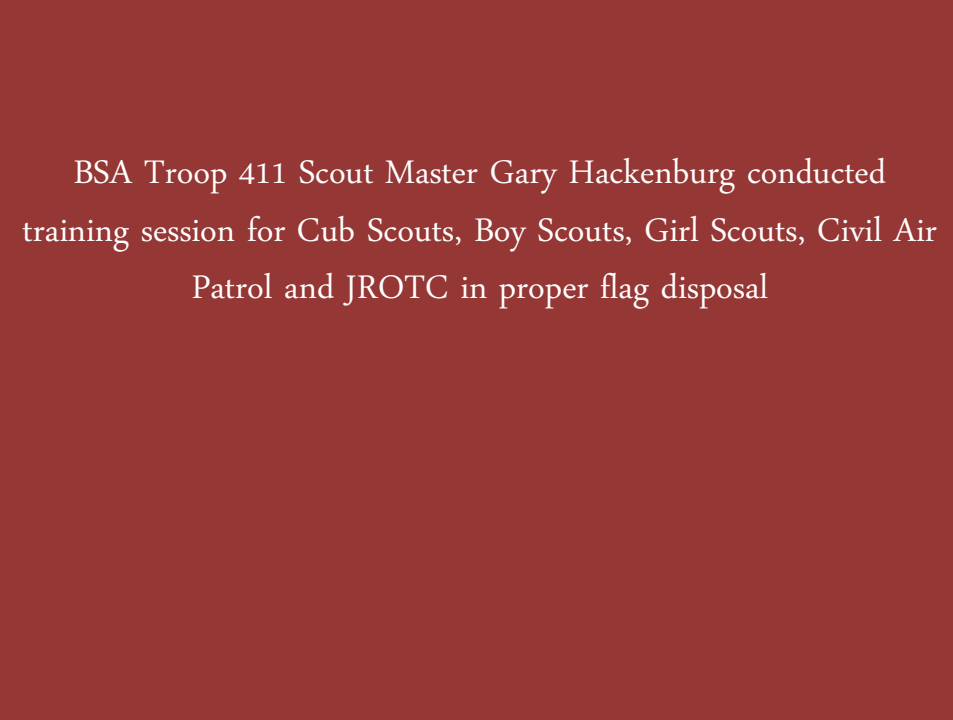
Burn Master Wilson & Chaplain Jones render honors as Compatriot Steve Avent plays "Taps"

Chaplain Jones offers the Benediction





Cub Scout parents present Pres. Wilson with flags to be retired



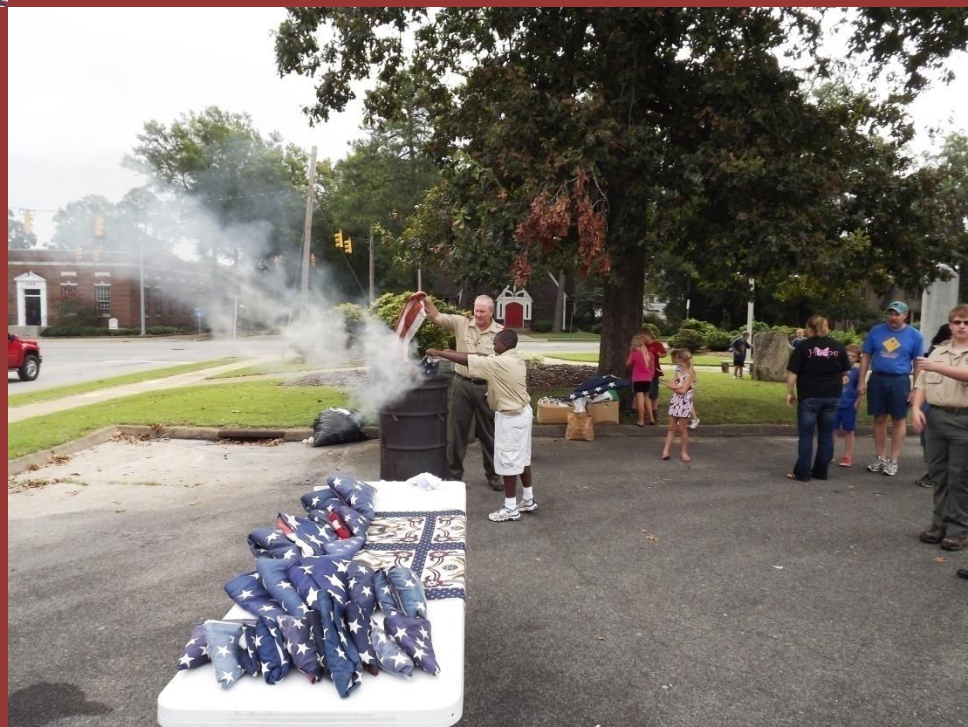
BSA Troop 411 Scout Master Gary Hackenburg conducted training session for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Civil Air Patrol and JROTC in proper flag disposal





AMVETS Dept. of NC Commander David Beam & AMVETS Post 320 Commander Randy Ferguson observe Gary Hackenburg conduct training

As Hackenburg conducts the training note the green trash bag and the boxes in the background that are filled with flags to be retired



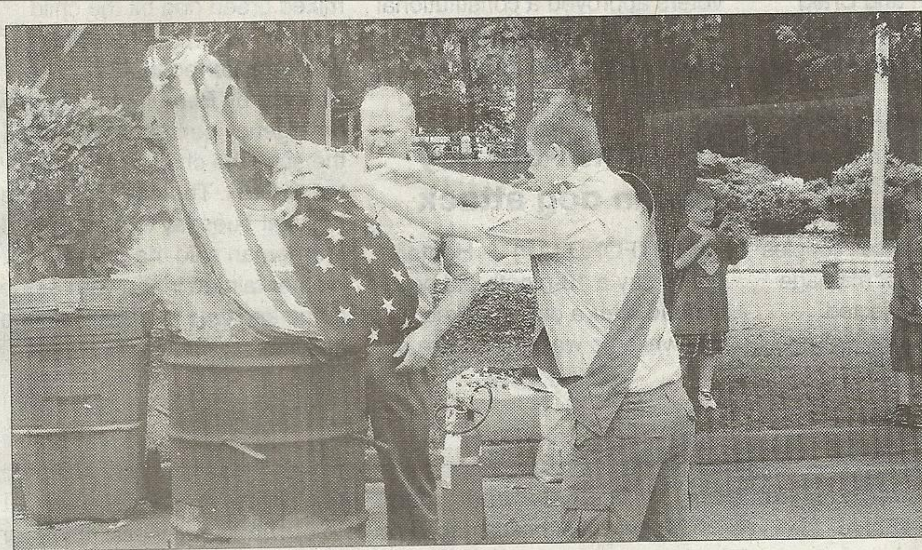
# In Honor of 9-11 Victims ~~~~~



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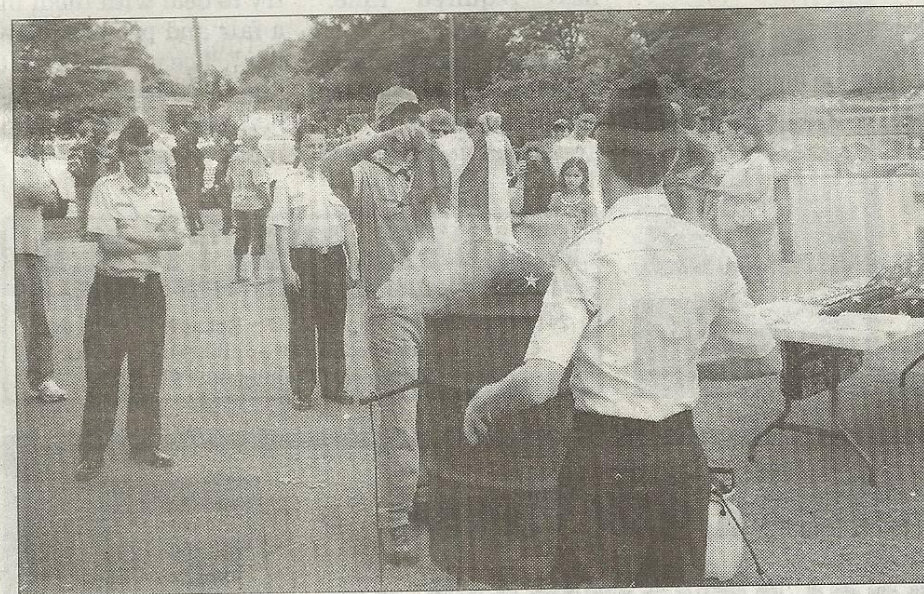
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Jim Hyatt | Contributed to The Daily Herald

## Flag retirement

Scout Master Gary Hackenburg conducts training Saturday on flag disposal.



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Scouts from Troop 411 and Halifax Squadron C.A.P. Cadets retire a flag Saturday.



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## Roanoke Rapids firefighters receive award

Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR President Ken Wilson awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation to the B shift of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department for their participation and assistance in a recent flag retirement ceremony. Their help was key to a safe and successful event.



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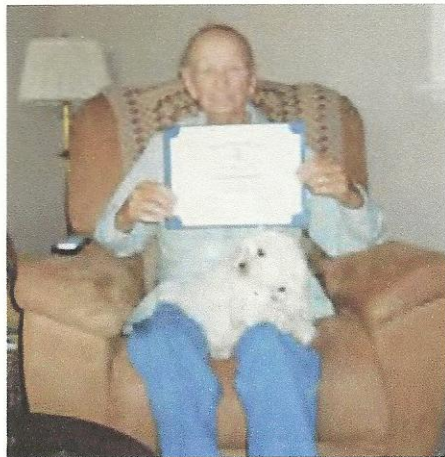
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## CHAPTER NEWS

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*Mr. Rufus S. Rose*

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### Iluka Resources, Inc. Receives Award



*Front: Peter Morse with certificate  
Second Row: Troy Williams and Chuck Rech  
Back: Joe Mullins and Linda Nyborg*

We presented the Society Flag Certificate to Iluka Resources, Inc. of Roanoke Rapids. We also presented the Society's Flag Certificate to the Halifax Library in Halifax, NC. Chapter President Ken Wilson presented the certificate to Ms.

Ginny Orvedahl, Director of the Halifax County Library. *(below)*





## September 2012 Chapter Meeting



NSSAR SE VPG Mr. G. Steven Pittard  
brings greetings from the National  
Society



Pres. Wilson presented a program on the Richard Powell  
family of New Jersey who had 17 sons & the father  
simultaneously serving in the Revolutionary War

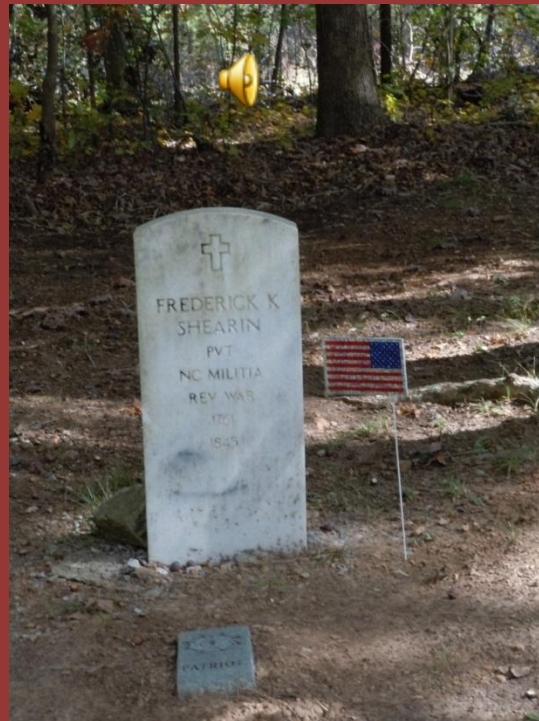
# POW/MIA Ceremony American Legion Post 425

Littleton, NC – September 15, 2012



President Wilson brought greetings from the Society to the gathering

Grave Marking Ceremony  
for Frederick K. Shearin  
Shearin-Harris Cemetery  
Littleton, NC  
October 20, 2012





The Wreath Garden

NCSSAR President Glenn  
Sappie and Past NCSSAR  
President Dr. Samuel C. Powell  
converse before the ceremony



Pres. Wilson welcomes the participants,  
family and guests to the ceremony



NCSSAR Pres. Glenn Sappie brings greetings from  
the State Society



NCSDAR Historian Mrs. Karen Powell brings greetings from the State Society

Shearin descendant Wayne Haithcock presented a short program about his ancestor Frederick K. Shearin



Pres. Wilson & Chaplain Rev. Jones  
dedicate the SAR Marker



Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin  
sounds "Taps"



Wreathes were presented by the SAR, the DAR & AMVETS







The Halifax Resolves Contingent



The SAR Contingent



Group photo of Shearin family with SAR, DAR & AMVETS participants



Jamica C. Ashley/LGG-O

Halifax Resolves Chapter president Ken Wilson salutes the grave of Private Frederick K. Shearin, who fought in the Revolutionary War.

## Revolutionary War veteran receives Patriot Grave Marker

By JAMICA C. ASHLEY  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution dedicated a Patriot Grave Marker in honor of Private Frederick K. Shearin for his service during the American Revolution.

Shearin's grave is located outside of Littleton in the Shearin-Harris Cemetery off Shaw Springs Road in Warren County. There, members of the Halifax Resolves Chapter and others gathered to recognize Shearin and his sacrifice.

"We're in the process of marking the graves of those who fought in the American Revolution," said Glen Sappie, president of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution. "About 140,000 graves have been marked. There were 250,000 who fought in the war, maybe up to 300,000 who supported the cause of American freedom. We're about halfway done."

Wayne Haithcock, a descendent of Shearin, said that oftentimes the sacrifices of those who fought in the American Revolution are overlooked.

"Think of all the wars we've had over the years," said Haithcock. "When did we get our freedom and where from? The

Revolutionary War is a forgotten war. This is how we got our independence.

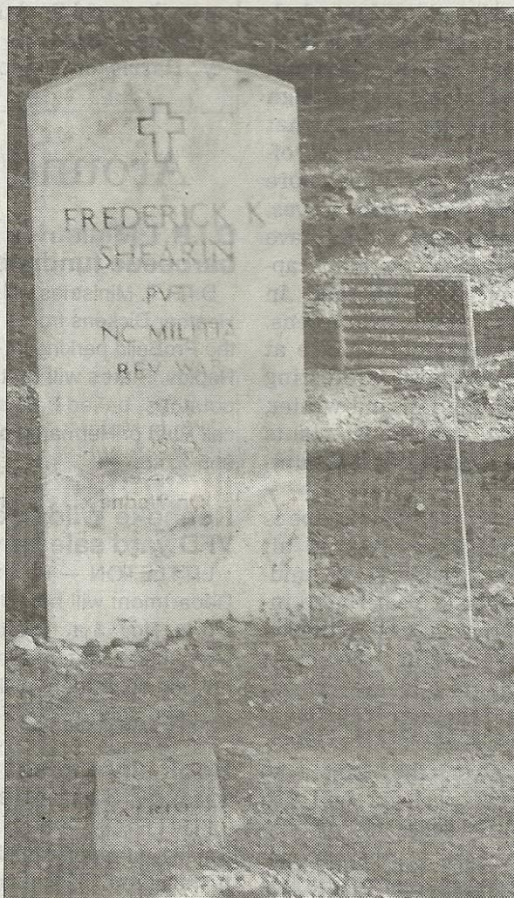
"We had people who stood up for the cause. When they started this war it was against great odds. They were up against a world power, but with persistence and good leadership, we won that war and our freedom."

Shearin was a native of Bute County, N.C. and was drafted in 1780. Under the leadership of Col. Benjamin Seawell and Gen. Ned Sumner, Shearin marched from North Carolina to South Carolina and then back to North Carolina before he became ill. He was discharged prior to recovery when his four-month term expired.

Shearin was drafted again in 1781 for a three-month tour and marched to Harrisburg. He fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and was severely wounded. With his term nearly out, Shearin was sent home.

Shearin never fully recovered from his wound and later died in Warren County in 1845.

Among those on hand for Saturday's ceremony were North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution historian Karen Powell, Halifax Resolves Chapter president Ken Wilson and chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and Warren Chapter regent Constance Thacker.



## Colonial soldier honored

Revolutionary War soldier Frederick K. Shearin was honored in Littleton Saturday. The Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, dedicated a Patriot marker at Shearin's grave, located in the Shearin-Harris Cemetery behind the Patchwork Pallet, 267 Shaw Springs Road in Littleton. Born in 1761, Shearin was a private in the Bute County militia. He served two enlistments in the Bute County militia — the second in 1781 when he fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and was severely wounded. Frederick died in Warren County, in 1845.

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## Society Flag Certificate

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR awarded the Society Flag Certificate to the Towne Center in Littleton for its correct display of the United States flag for patriotic purposes. E. Carroll Mann, pictured, owner, accepted the certificate on behalf of the center.

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### NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

#### Halifax Resolves Chapter

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## Society Flag Certificate awarded

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution presented William R. Davie Middle School with the Society Flag Certificate. This certificate is awarded for the proper display of the flag of the United States. The certificate was accepted on behalf of the school by Kayla Jones and Jaidyn Ramsey, two students who have been tasked with raising and lowering the flag daily at the school. Pictured are Jones and Ramsey with Assistant Principals Teicher Patterson and Stephanie Tillery.



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## Chaloner Middle awarded Flag Certificate

Chaloner Middle School was awarded a Flag Certificate by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The certificate is awarded to individuals, companies and organizations that correctly fly the United States flag for patriotic reasons. Assistant Principal Jeff White, pictured, accepted the certificate on behalf of the school.



November 2012 Veteran of the  
Month Ceremony Roanoke  
Valley Veterans Museum

HRC Pres. Ken Wilson & AMVETS Dept. of NC Commander David Beam raise  
the Colors

Veterans Day Ceremony  
Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson & American Legion Post 425 Past Commander Al Burtchell raise the Colors



# Veterans Day Parade “March of Patriots”



The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard led the parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Front row l-r: NCSSAR Color Guard Comm. Dick Bishop, HRC Pres, Ken Wilson, Past NCSSAR Pres. Dr. Sam Powell, MLC VP Lee Harford, Past NCSSAR Pres. John Thornhill, NSSAR Sec.-Gen. Joe Dooley, NCSSAR Pres. Glenn Sappie. Back row l-r: NSSAR SE VPG G. Steven Pittard, Raleigh Chapter Color Guard Comm. Scott Kennedy, MLC Pres. Chuck Yard

# Fire Safety Commendation Medal



November 11, 2012 – Roanoke Rapids Fire Dept. – (l-r) Roanoke Rapids Mayor Emory Doughtie, recipient Karl Wiltsie, HRC Pres. Ken Wilson, Roanoke Rapids City Council Member Suetta Scarborough

# November 2012 Chapter Meeting



Randy Dale Vester (c) was inducted into the SAR by President Wilson  
assisted by Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent



Pres. Wilson awards the SAR Law Enforcement  
Commendation Medal to Halifax County Sheriff  
Detective John Richard “Rich” Somogyi

Roanoke Rapids City Council Member Suetta  
Scarborough was awarded the SAR Bronze Good  
Citizenship Medal by Pres. Wilson



Chapter Registrar/Color Guard Comm. R. Allen  
Brahin was awarded the SAR Meritorious Service  
Medal



Pres. Wilson awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Betsy  
Hudgins & her mother Helen Holdford for their work in  
preparing the meals for the chapter meetings



Chapter officers Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones & Registrar/Color Guard Comm. R. Allen Brahin were awarded Certificates of Appreciation by Pres. Wilson

Halifax Co. Sheriff Jeff Frazier thanked the Society for supporting his department by recognizing Det. Somorgyi. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> member of his department to be recognized





NSSAR SE VPG G. Steven Pittard congratulates the recipients

J.F. Webb HS  
November 20, 2012



Chapter Knight Essay winner  
Judea Watson



Chapter Enhanced JROTC winner  
Jacob Branson Isley



# Southern Nash Middle School

November 21, 2012



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents a program on the meaning of the dates on the NC flag to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Over 350 students heard the program in one of 4 sessions

# Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade

December 2, 2012



For the 4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive year the SAR led the parade.

Shown above are the members of the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard: Compatriot Geoff Pittard, Halifax Resolves, Ken Wilson, Halifax Resolves, Dr. Sam Powell, Alamance Battleground, NSSAR SE VPG Steve Pittard, John Thornhill, Lower Cape Fear, Steve Avent, Halifax Resolves



# Wreaths Across America

REMEMBER—HONOR—TEACH

December 15, 2012

## Welcome

**Invocation**.....Pastor Randy Martin, Calvary Baptist Church

**Post of Colors** .....Halifax Resolve Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

**Opening Remarks** .....Chief Master Sgt. Steve Madison, CAP

**Civil Air Patrol** .....Maj. Bob Johnston, Halifax Squadron Civil Air Patrol

## Sullivan Bailou Letter

**Guest Speaker**.....Rev. Will McLawhorn. Father of Sgt. Willie McLawhorn, Jr.

**Laying of Wreaths**... CAP Cadets

## Taps

## Closing Remarks

**Benediction**....Pastor Randy Martin

## Retiring of Colors

TAKE A MOMENT TO HONOR EACH VETERAN LAYING BEFORE YOU WHO REPRESENT  
ALL OUR VETERANS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR  
FREEDOMS, MORE IMPORTANTLY OUR POW/MIA'S--WE SHALL  
NEVER FORGET.



2012 WAA DEDICATED TO:

SERGEANT WILLIE "CLAW" MCLAWHORN, JR

2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION, 502<sup>ND</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT

2<sup>ND</sup> BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT)

PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM

AFGHANISTAN DECEMBER 12, 2010

Chapter Pres. Ken  
Wilson & General  
George Washington  
Chapter President  
George Strunk  
represented the SAR as  
the color guard

## Council Member Honored



*Ms. Suetta Scarbrough, Roanoke Rapids City Council member and Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson*

Ms. Suetta S. Scarbrough, a member of the Roanoke Rapids City Council, has been awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution. This award recognizes Ms. Scarbrough's tireless service to the citizens of Roanoke Rapids and her support of many local organizations, especially area veterans.

The award was presented by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson at the chapter's annual meeting.

## RRFD Fireman Receives Award



*L-R: Mayor Emory Doughtie, Karl Wiltsie, Ken Wilson, and Suetta Scarbrough*

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution has awarded the Society's Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Roanoke Rapids Fireman Karl Wiltsie. This award is presented to an individual only once and recognizes a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement with a single goal in mind – to protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. Karl was nominated for the award by RRFD Chief Stacy Coggins.

Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, presented the medal to Wiltsie as Mayor Emory Doughtie, Roanoke Rapids City Council member Suetta Scarbrough, Chief Stacy Coggins and fellow firemen observed.

## HC Sheriff's Detective Honored

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*Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson and Detective Rich Somogyi.*

Halifax County Sheriff's Detective John Richard "Rich" Somogyi has been awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution. This award is presented to an individual who is serving with distinction and devotion and recognizes exceptional service and accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. An individual may only receive this award once.

The award was presented at the chapter's annual meeting by Chapter President Ken Wilson. Halifax County Sheriff Jeff Frazier, Chief Wes Tripp, and Major Bruce Temple were in attendance at the meeting.



Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of NCSSAR, spoke to students at Southern Nash Middle School about the importance of the North Carolina Flag. After the presentation, Wilson (pictured at left) presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Principal Carina Bryant. (Contributed photo)

# History comes alive at Southern Nash Middle

At the request of Southern Nash Middle School Teacher Charles Vester, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presented a program to the eighth grade students about the significance and meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag. Some additional information was given on the history of the American flag. The presentation was given to four separate groups of students in the school's Media Center with Wilson dressed as a member of the Colonial militia.

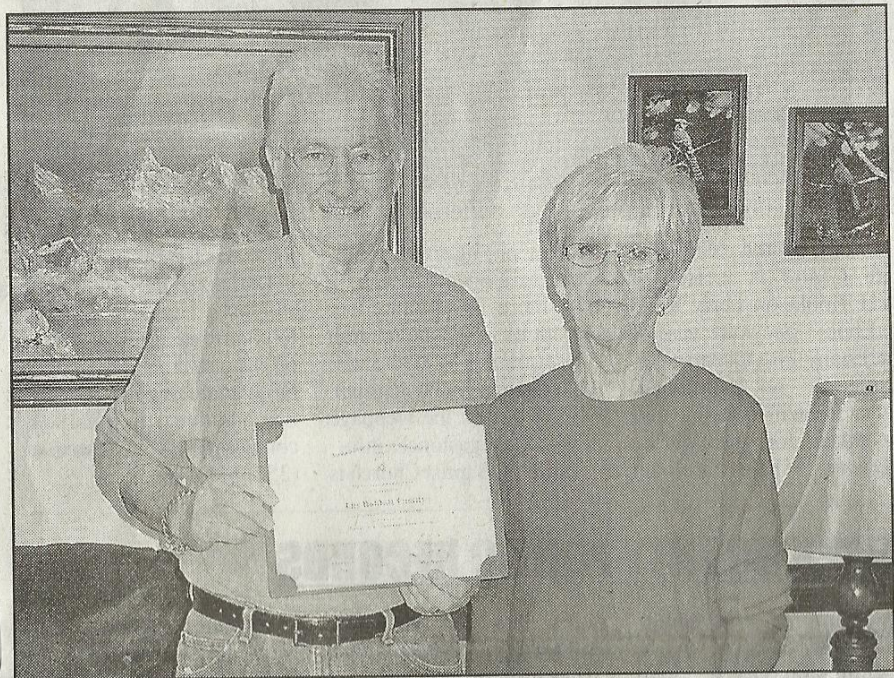
The program came about after Mr. Vester attended a chapter meeting where his father was be-

ing inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution. He noticed while looking at the chapter's scrapbook that members went to speak at different schools and civic organizations and inquired about having someone speak to his students, who at that time, were studying the Colonial Era of American History. Chapter President Wilson volunteered to speak about the North Carolina flag dates that celebrated the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the Halifax Resolves. The Halifax Resolves was the first document adopted by the Continental Congress in May of 1776 that

called for independence from England, making North Carolina "First in Freedom".

Wilson explained that one of the goals of the SAR is expanding the individual's knowledge and appreciation of the Founding Fathers and the principles on which the nation was founded. Along with speaking to various groups, the Society also sponsors various contests pertaining to the

Southern Nash Middle School Principal Carina Bryant was also presented with an SAR Flag Certificate in recognition of the school properly flying the American flag.



The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution has awarded the Society Flag Certificate to several entities in Littleton recently. The certificate is awarded to individuals, businesses, groups and organizations who correctly display the U.S. flag for patriotic purpose. Above, E. Carroll Mann, owner of the Towne Center in Littleton, accepted the certificate on behalf of the center. At left are David and Grace Bobbitt, of Littleton.