

The Halifax Town Crier 2013

10th Anniversary Edition

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

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Flag Certificates



Trudy & Andy McDermott
January 5, 2013



Halifax Academy Color Guard
with HRC Pres. Wilson and Head
Master Mr. Glenn Wiggs
February 1, 2013



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April 29, 2013



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August 30, 2013



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Commander Richard Kohl
September 7, 2013



Compatriot R. J. Myrick,
Janice & Buddy
Strickland
Lake Gaston, NC
September 9, 2013



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson &
Davie VFD member Ron
Jones
September 10, 2013

HRC Pres. Ken Wilson &
Southern Nash HS Senior
JROTC Advisor LTC. John
Coulter, USAF (Ret.)
September 17, 2013





Sgt. Major Leonidas Nieves
USMC (Ret.) & LCDR
Cather Jorgenson, USN
(Ret.)

Nash Central HS JROTC
September 17, 2013

HRC Pres. Ken Wilson & Red
Oak Middle School Principal
Margaret Sharpe
October 25, 2013





Buddy Kelly of the FernCliff Homeowners Assoc. & Compatriot
R. J. Myrick
November 13, 2013

Eagle Scouts



Eagle Scout Austin David Taylor, HRC Pres. Ken Wilson & Eagle Scout
Lonnie Wood
Troop 146 Court of Honor
March 10, 2013

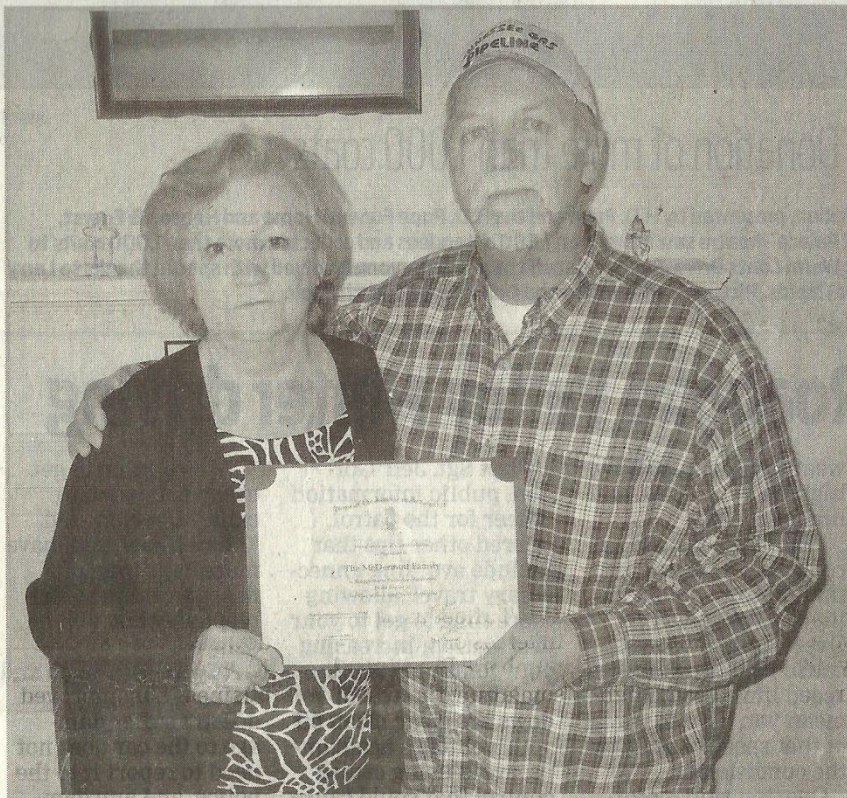


Matthew Owen
Troop 411
June 6, 2013



Austin Blake Warren
Troop 144
July 28, 2013

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NC
January 20, 2013



Flag certificate awarded

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North Carolina Society



By: Ken Wilson
President, Halifax Resolves Chapter

For the fourth consecutive year members of the Combined NCSSAR led the December 2nd Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade. Participating were Halifax Resolves Chapter members Compatriot Geoff Pittard & Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent who carried the Chapter banner. Chapter President Ken Wilson was the Color Guard Commander and rifleman. Past NSSAR SE VPG Dr. Samuel C. Powell carried the National colon, NSSAR VPG G. Steven Pittard carried the NC flag, and Past NCSSAR Pres. John Thornhill carried the SAR flag.

Photo provided by Ken Wilson

CHAPTER NEWS

Halifax Resolves

Bobbitt's Receives Award

David and Grace Bobbitt of Littleton have been awarded an SAR Society Flag Certificate in recognition of exemplary patriotism by correctly displaying the Flag of the United States of America. The certificate was awarded by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson on November 2, 2012.



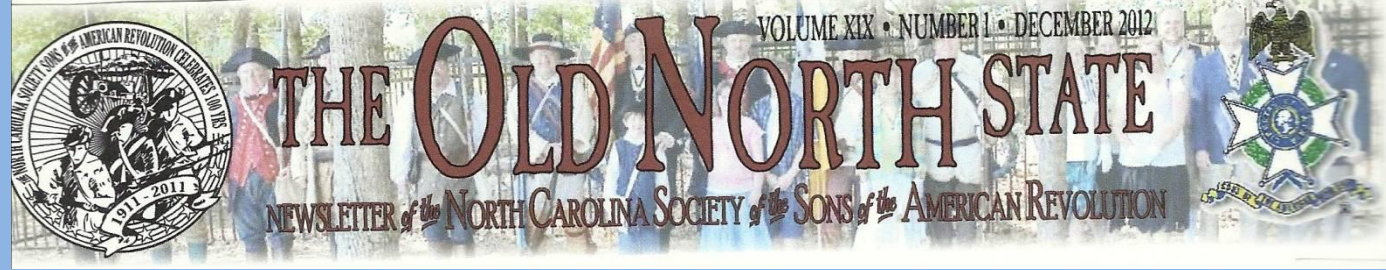
David and Grace Bobbitt with Certificate.

Flag Certificate Awarded

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution has 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. Asst. Principals Stephanie Tillery & Teicher Patterson were also present.



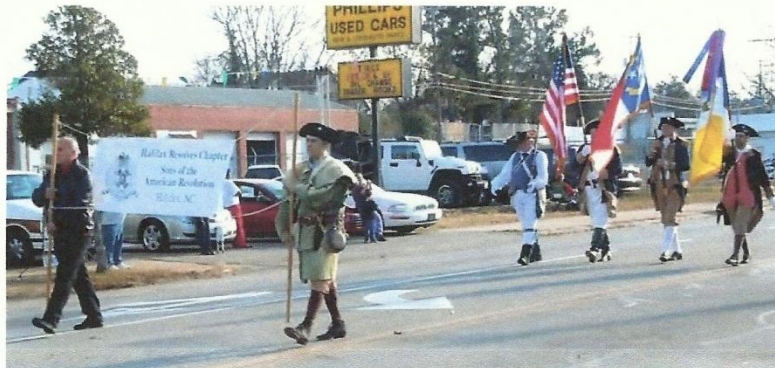
Kayla Jones and Jaidyn Ramsey display certificate, along with Asst. Principals Patterson and Tillery of William R. Davie Middle School.



NCSSAR Leads Christmas Parade

December 2nd, 2012 - The North Carolina Society Color Guard supported the Halifax Resolves Chapter as they led-off during the Roanoke Rapids City Christmas Parade. A huge crowd clapped as the National Colors passed.

Left to right are "brand new" Compatriot Geoffrey Pittard and Steve Avent carrying the Chapter's banner, followed by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, Sam Powell of the Alamance Battleground Chapter, Steve Pittard of the le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, and John Thornhill of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter.



HISTORIC SITES AND CELEBRATIONS NCSSAR Leads the March of Patriots



Leading the color guard (but not pictured here) is new Compatriot Geoffrey Pittard with his two children, Marcus and Eblana, who carried the chapter banner. Pictured here front row (L-R): NCSSAR Color Guard Commander Richard D. Bishop, Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, NCSSAR Past President Dr. Samuel C. Powell, le Marquis de Lafayette VP Lee Harford, NCSSAR Past President, John Thornhill, NSSAR Sec.-Gen. Joseph Dooley, NCSSAR President Glenn Shappie. Back row (L-R): NSSAR SAD VPG Steve Pittard, Raleigh Chapter Color Guard Commander Scott Kennedy, le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter President Chuck Yard.

The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard was joined by NSSAR Secretary General Joseph Dooley on March 11th to lead the Roanoke Rapids, NC "March of Patriots" Veterans Day Parade. This is the fourth consecutive year the NCSSAR has led the parade. They were joined by numerous veteran's organizations as well as Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops. A ceremony honoring all veterans past and present was held at Veterans' Park following the parade where veterans groups take note of the sacrifices and contributions of our armed forces, recognizing each branch and playing their branch songs.

Secretary General Dooley joined our group at this event as he has been unable to participate in any other meeting scheduled in North Carolina. He said, "Thank you for hosting this event in honor of our veterans. It was terrific! I had a good time chatting with you and the other compatriots of the North Carolina Society -- one of the most active and dynamic state societies I have had the pleasure of visiting."

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SAR Speaks to Chaloner Middle School



By Ken Wilson.

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Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution. Wilson, who was dressed as a member of the militia, presented the program at the request of eighth grade Social Studies teacher Danny Hinnant. Approximately 240 students were in attendance.

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currently available including such topics as: An Overview of the SAR, U.S. Flag History & Etiquette, the biographies of Nathaniel Macon & Whitmel Hill, 2009 Revolutionary War History Survey Results, and the battles of Eutaw Springs, Cowpens and Guilford Courthouse. Interested parties should contact Ken Wilson at (252) 537-5406 or boxcar27870@embarqmail.com.

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Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum Roanoke Rapids, NC



Chapter President Ken Wilson (l) represented the chapter at seven Veteran of the Month ceremonies honoring local veterans during 2013

January 13, 2013 Chapter Meeting



Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson inducts
Compatriot R.J. Myrick into the Society

March 13, 2013 Chapter Meeting



New member Geoff Pittard receives the SAR rosette from his father, NSSAR SE VPG Steve Pittard after the induction by Pres. Wilson



Gaston, NC Fire Department firemen Lt. Eddie Porter III, Fireman Pete King, Fireman Dylan Clark were awarded the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal for their actions rescuing a family from a house fire.

Halifax Academy February 1, 2013



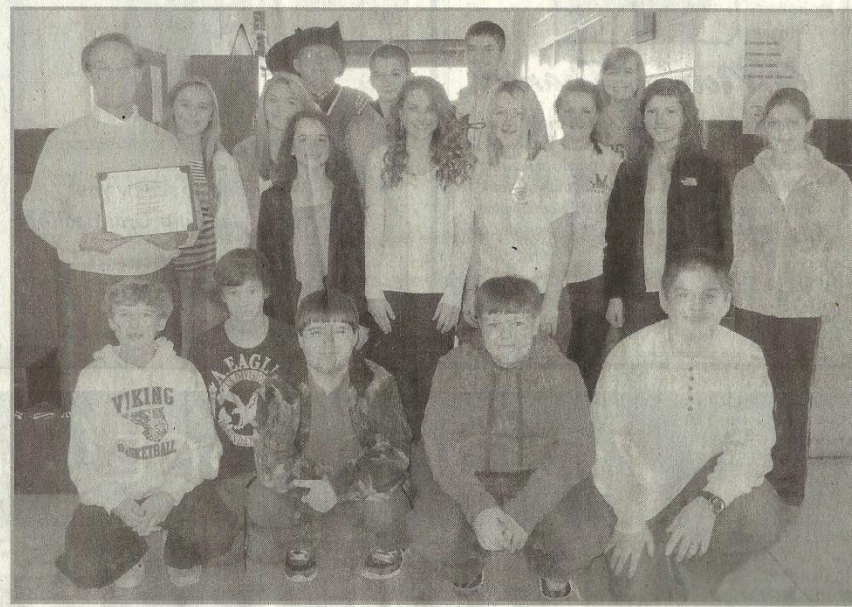
Ken Wilson speaks to one of two eighth grade classes and a fourth grade class about the events leading up to the Halifax Resolves, the adoption of the Halifax Resolves and Cornwallis's march through Halifax

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Roanoke Rapids, NC
February 17, 2013

Halifax Academy
awarded certificate

Halifax Academy has been awarded an SAR Flag Certificate for correctly flying the U.S. flag for patriotic reasons. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson presented the certificate to Headmaster Glenn Wiggs. Also present was the school color guard, made up of students responsible for raising and lowering the flag.

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Ken Wilson talks to students at Chaloner Middle School.

Chaloner students enjoy presentation

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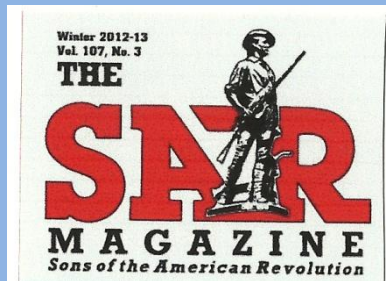
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NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

Halifax Resolves Chapter

Southern Nash Middle School eighth-grade students attended a presentation on the significance of the dates on the North Carolina flag and the role of Halifax in the Revolutionary War. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson spoke to more than 350 students from 14 classes in four sessions. Charles Vester, social

studies teacher at the school and son of newest chapter member Randy Vester, invited Wilson to speak after seeing photos of a previous presentation in the chapter's scrapbook. The school also received an SAR Flag Certificate at the beginning of the last session.

The Halifax Resolves Chapter dedicated a patriot marker at the grave of Pvt. Frederick K. Shearin, Bute (now Warren) County Militia, who was born in 1761. Shearin served two enlistments in the

Bute County Militia. The first enlistment, in early 1780, was under the command of Capt. Edward Clauter, Col. Benjamin Seawell and Gen. Ned Sumner for three months. He was marched south to Camden, S.C., and arrived shortly after the defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates. Upon his unit's return to North Carolina, he was taken ill. He was discharged before his recovery.

Shearin was again drafted for a three-month tour in early 1781. This time he was under the command of Capt. Jordan Harris, Col. Herbert Haines and Gen. Thomas Eaton. They marched to Harrisburg (now Oxford) in Granville County, then to Hillsborough and finally to Guilford Courthouse. Shearin fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and was severely wounded. The American army was disbanded after the battle, and he was placed on the public wagons for the trip back home. He never fully recovered from the wound and died in Warren County, N.C., in 1845.

Chapter President Ken Wilson was the master of ceremonies. The colors were posted by the Combined North Carolina Color Guard, under the command of Chapter Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin. Wilson led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Processional. Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones gave the invocation. Greetings were brought by Glenn Sappie, president of the NCSSAR, and Karen Powell, historian of the North Carolina DAR.

Wayne Haithcock, a descendant of Frederick Shearin, gave a short presentation about his ancestor. The marker was then unveiled and dedicated by Wilson and Rev. Jones, followed by "Taps," played by Brahin. Wreaths were presented by Sappie, Wilson,

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Group photo of SAR, DAR and AMVETS participants and family members.

Alamance Battleground Chapter Past President Dr. Samuel C. Powell and Raleigh Chapter Color Guard Commander Scott Kennedy. Additional wreaths were presented by NCSSAR Historian Karen Powell, Elizabeth Montfort-Ashe, DAR Chapter Regent Carol Guidry, John Penn Chapter DAR Regent Emily Champion and Warren Chapter DAR Regent Constance Thacker. Wreaths were also presented by AMVETS Department of North Carolina Commander David Beam, AMVETS Department of North Carolina Ladies Auxiliary Past President Pat Pulliam, AMVETS Post 320 Ladies Auxiliary member Karen Schoonover and Junior member Destiny Scarboro. The SAR Recessional was led by Wilson. Following the retirement of the colors by the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard, Rev. Jones gave the benediction.



FLAG CERTIFICATE



Halifax Academy has been awarded an Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate for correctly displaying the U.S. flag for patriotic reasons. Halifax Resolves Sons of the American Revolution chapter president Ken Wilson presented the certificate to Halifax Academy headmaster Glen Wiggs, who accepted on behalf of the academy. Also present was the school color guard (pictured), which is made up of students who are responsible for raising and lowering the flag. During the same visit, Wilson spoke to two eighth-grade classes and one fourth-grade class about the North Carolina flag, the significance of the dates on the flag and several events that happened in Halifax County near the end of the Revolutionary War.

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Scotland Neck, NC
March 13, 2013

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Roanoke Rapids, NC
March 14, 2013



Life savers

Lt. Eddie Porter III, Firefighter Pete King and Firefighter Dylan Clark received the Society Fire Safety Commendation Medal Wednesday from the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution 'in recognition of their outstanding contributions to protect human life and property caused by fire' because of their life-saving efforts in a Jan. 31 Roanoke Rapids fire.

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Eagle Scouts Receive Award



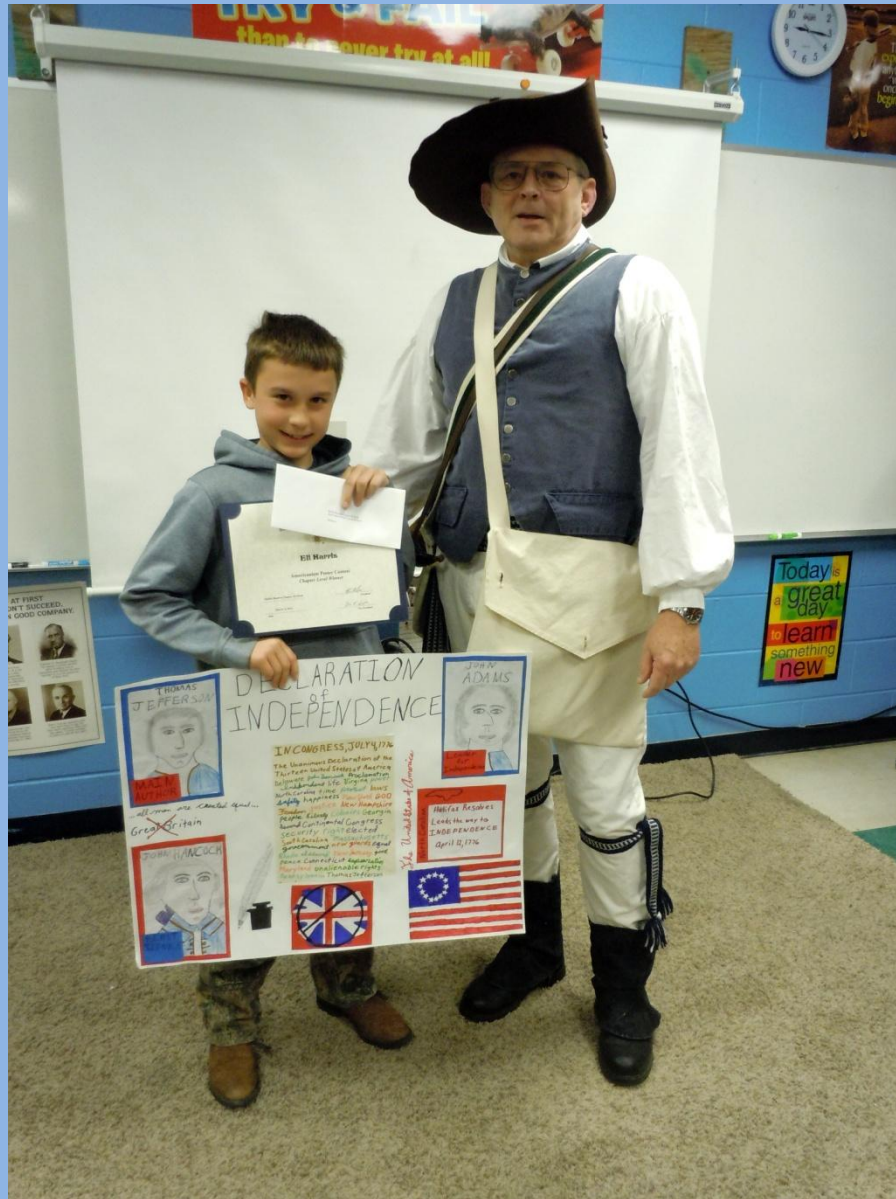
Austin Taylor, Ken Wilson, Lonnie Wood

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Battle of Guilford Courthouse March 15, 2013



Chapter Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin (front row, second from left) represented the chapter at the event



Americanism Poster Contest

The Chapter had 50 entries from 3 schools.

Eli Harris (left with Pres. Wilson) was the chapter winner and received a check for \$100.00 and a certificate.

Eli placed 2nd in the NCSSAR Contest

SAR Americanism Poster Contest

Contributed

The Halifax Resolves Chapter North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recently conducted their annual Americanism Poster Contest for elementary school students. The theme of this year's contest was "The Declaration of Independence." Students were asked to draw a poster that would reflect the topic in an original and historical manner that illustrated their research and creativity.

Three local schools, Belmont Elementary School, Cornerstone Christian School, Inc., and Halifax Academy submitted a total of 50 posters. A preliminary judging resulted in 10 finalists. The winning entry was selected by the chapter and their guests at their March meeting. After four rounds of voting, an entry submitted by Eli Harris, a 5th grade student at Halifax Academy, was selected as the winner. Eli is the son of Kristie and Robbie Harris. As the Chapter Level Winner, Eli received a certificate and a check for \$100.00. His entry will now advance to the state level contest that will be held at the Patriot's Day Celebration, May 18th at Alamance Battleground following the SAR ceremony. The state level winner will receive a check for \$750.00. The winner of this competition will advance to the national level to be conducted in July at the SAR National Congress in Kansas City, MO.



Students who received an Honorable Mention certificate were: Chloe Alston, Lizabeth Dickens and Tyler Tudor of Halifax Academy; Kelsey Bierbauer and Cassidy Dickens of Belmont Elementary School; Tyler Haith, Stacy Mumford, Joanna Duhadaway and Hana Brown of Cornerstone Christian School, Inc.

Teachers receiving Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts were: Ms. Tracy Lynch of Halifax Academy; Ms. Donna Hardy, Ms. Amanda Carter and Ms. Adrienne Powell of Belmont Elementary School; Ms. Renee Walker and Ms. Linda Brown of Cornerstone Christian School, Inc.

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Halifax Resolves celebration

Flag Retirement Ceremony
part of April 6 plans

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by contacting Steve Avent at 252-955-2103 or savent917@gmail.com.

Checks, made payable to the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR, should be sent to Avent at P.O. Box 517, Edenton NC 27932.

The 2 p.m. April 6 ceremony celebrating the 237th anniversary of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves will be held on the site of the Colonial Courthouse.

Masonic Grand Master Dewey Preslar will be in attendance and will bring greetings from the Masonic Order. The Roanoke Rapids High School JROTC will present the colors, assisted by the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard.

Dr. Scott Kennedy, of the Raleigh Chapter of the SAR, will be the keynote speaker. The topic of the presentation will be "Halifax and the Revolution."

Numerous SAR and DAR chapters will be represented, along with various veterans groups and other patriotic organizations. Anyone interested in participating in the wreath laying ceremony should contact Avent.

The public is invited.

HALIFAX — The 237th anniversary of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves will be celebrated April 6 on the site of the Colonial Courthouse on North King Street in Halifax.

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution will help start the celebration at 10 a.m. with a Flag Retirement Ceremony sponsored by the chapter, the Edwin Haynes Gregory American Legion Post 98 and the Elizabeth Montfort Ashe Chapter NCSAR.

Anyone with a flag in need of retiring is encouraged to bring it to the ceremony. Ashes of the flags will be interred in a local cemetery.

The chapter will host a luncheon at noon at Halifax United Methodist Church. This is an RSVP-only event and pre-payment is required.

The cost is \$10 per person. Reservations must be made by Saturday, and are non-refundable after Monday. Reservations can be made

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Celebrate the Halifax Resolves

By Ken Wilson

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Resolves

Anyone having a flag they need to have retired is encouraged to bring them to the ceremony. Ashes of the flags will be interred in a local cemetery following the ceremony.

The chapter will host a luncheon at 12:00 at the Halifax United Methodist Church. This is an RSVP only event and pre-payment is required. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations must be made NLT March 30th and is non-refundable after April 1st. Reservations can be made by contacting Steve Avent at (252) 955-2103 or savent917@gmail.com. Checks, made payable to the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR, should be sent to Mr. Avent at P.O. Box 517, Edenton, NC 27932.

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Firefighters Recognized for Their Actions



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Flag Retirement Ceremony

April 6, 2013
Halifax, NC



The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard Presents the Colors

HRC Chaplain The Rev. Duncan Jones offers the Invocation





Chapter Registrar/Color Guard
Commander R. Allen Brahin
presents “The Meaning of the
Flag”

Burn Master Ken Wilson
prepares the flame





Burn Master Ken Wilson,
NCSSAR Pres. Glenn
Sappie & Compatriot Ron
Jones render honors as HRC
CG Commander R. Allen
Brahin plays “Taps”

Burn Master Ken Wilson
retired a total of 79 flags.
The ashes were buried in the
Colonial Cemetery by HRC
CG Commander R. Allen
Brahin



The 237th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves



The Wreath Garden



The Colors were
presented by a Combined
NCSSAR and JROTC
Color Guard

Chapter President Ken
Wilson welcomes all to
the ceremony





Dr. Samuel C. Powell,
President of the SAR
Foundation, presents
the Halifax Resolves

NCSSAR President Glenn
Sappie brings greetings
from the State Society



Salisbury Chapter President
Grady Hall introduces new
SAR member Grand Master
of Masons of NC Dewey
Preslar



Grand Master Dewey Preslar
brings greetings from the Grand
Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. &
A. M.





Raleigh Chapter Color Guard Commander Dr. Scott Kennedy presented a program entitled “Halifax and the Revolution”

The Presentation of the Wreathes



Dr. Samuel C. Powell, President of the SAR Foundation and NCSSAR President Mr. Glenn Sappie were the first of 18 presenters from the SAR, DAR, CAR, and JROTC.



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents
Cadet Kelvin Claypoole with a
Certificate of Appreciation for
the support provided by the
JROTC

HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents
a Certificate of Appreciation to
Dr. Scott Kennedy for his
excellent presentation





HRC Color Guard Commander
R. Allen Brahin (c) assisted by
NCSSAR Color Guard
Commander Maj. Richard D.
Bishop, USA (Ret.) (r) present
HRC Pres. Wilson with his
SAR Bronze Color Guard
Medal

The Combined
NCSSAR/JROTC Color
Guard retire the Colors





The NCSSAR Contingent – Halifax, NC – April 6, 2013



Participants in the 237th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves – April 6, 2013

Halifax Resolves importance celebrated

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HALIFAX — Historical groups from across North Carolina and Virginia converged Saturday at the Colonial Courthouse in Halifax for the annual celebration of adoption of the Halifax Resolves.

The event was hosted by the Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and included retiring approximately 80 U.S. flags with full honors before burying the ashes in the Colonial Cemetery.

The flag retirement ceremony was sponsored by the chapter and the Elizabeth Montfort Ashe Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Following a luncheon at the Royal Hart Masonic Lodge, the 237th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves continued at the Colonial Courthouse site. The colors were presented by the Roanoke Rapids High School JROTC and the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard.

Dr. Samuel C. Powell,

president of the SAR Foundation, presented the Halifax Resolves to all present in the same manner it was originally presented. North Carolina Society President Glenn Sappie brought greetings from the State Society.

Dr. Scott M. Kennedy, Color Guard commander, and past treasurer of the Raleigh Chapter NCSSAR, was the keynote speaker, shedding light on the events that led up to the creation and adoption of the Halifax Resolves. Kennedy's family has its oldest ties to the Albemarle Sound since 1629. Through the generations of his family there have been architects, country doctors and officers of the American Revolution and Civil War.

A wreath laying ceremony was held to honor all who served to gain our independence. A wreath was laid at the cornerstone of the Colonial Courthouse by Powell.

Wreathes presented by the North Carolina Society began with Glenn Sappie, NCSSAR president; Compatriot Bennie M. Saunders, Alamance Battleground Chapter; Steven F. Avent, Albe-

marle Chapter secretary; SMSgt. George Strunk, USAF (Ret.), Gen. George Washington Chapter president; Ken Wilson, Halifax Resolves Chapter president; Dr. Lee Harford, le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter president; John Thornhill, Lower Cape Fear Chapter past president; the Rev. Clark Wisner, NCSSAR Chaplain; and Grady Hall, Salisbury Chapter president.

The Virginia Society, the North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Children of the American Revolution, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M. and NCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary were represented by numerous attendees.

Cadet Kelvin Claypoole, of the Roanoke Rapids High School JROTC, also made a presentation.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Kennedy and the Roanoke Rapids JROTC for efforts in making the program a success.

In a surprise presentation, Halifax Resolve Chapter President Ken Wilson was awarded the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal for his efforts as a member of

the chapter and state color guard units over the past three years.

The presentation was made by Chapter Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin and NCSAR Color Guard Commander Maj. Richard D. Bishop, USA (Ret.).



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The Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer

Henrico, NC

April 10, 2013



Members of the Roanoke Rapids High School JROTC Color Guard participated in presenting and retiring the colors during Saturday's celebration of the 237th anniversary of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves.

Jamica C.
Ashley/LGG-O

Local SAR chapter celebrates Halifax Resolves

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the N.C. Society Sons of the American Revolution gathered in Historic Halifax Saturday afternoon to commemorate the 237th anniversary of the adoption of its namesake document. Among those on hand for the commemoration were members from various SAR chapters in North Carolina and Virginia, including the Gen. George Washington Chapter, the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, the Salisbury Chapter, the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter and the Le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.

Dr. Sam Powell, president of the SAR Foundation, read from the Halifax

Resolves, and Dr. Scott Kennedy, of the Raleigh Chapter, delivered the keynote address.

A wreath laying ceremony preceded Kennedy's address with representatives from each of the represented chapters and other patriotic organizations offering salutes.

The other patriotic organizations on hand were the Grand Lodge of North Carolina A.F. & A.M., represented by Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr.; the NCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary, represented by past state president Jo Thornhill; and the Roanoke Rapids High School Army

JROTC, represented by Cadet Kelvin Claypoole.

Along with the combined NCSSAR Color Guard, the Roanoke Rapids High School Army JROTC Color Guard presented and retired the colors.

Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR, was presented with the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Color Guard Medal during the commemoration.

For more information on the NCSSAR Halifax Resolves Chapter, Wilson can be reached via email at boxcar27870@embarqmail.com.



President Wilson presented a program on the dates displayed on the North Carolina flag to the 5th grade class of Cornerstone Christian School, Inc. - April 8th, 2013

NCSSAR Convention
Asheville, NC
April 19th-20th 2013



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson receives his Silver Color Guard medal from South Atlantic VPG Steve Pittard as NCSSAR Pres. Glenn Sappie and Sr. VP Jim Wood observe



NCSSAR Chapter Presidents receive Certificates of Appreciation from NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie

Induction of 2013-2014 NCSSAR Officers



South Atlantic VPG Steve Pittard administers the oath of office to the new slate of NCSSAR officers. Pres. Wilson was inducted as NE NC District 1 VP



President Wilson displays the awards gathered by the chapter at the Awards Banquet. The chapter received streamers for:

- 1st Place Small Chapter Achievement
- Award of 10 or more Flag Certificates
- 2nd Place Scrapbook
- 2nd Place Electronic Scrapbook

Halifax Resolves SAR Chapter Receives Awards



Chapter President Ken Wilson with Awards

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The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the

North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution received numerous awards at the NCSSAR Annual Convention held in Asheville, April 19th & 20th. The chapter received flag streamers for 1st place in Small Chapter Achievement (chapter activities), a Flag Certificate streamer for the award of 10 or more SAR Flag Certificates in 2012, 2nd place for the Chapter Scrapbook (hard copy) and 2nd place for the Digital Scrapbook. Chapter president Ken Wilson was elected VP of the Northeastern NC District 1. In addition, he received his SAR Silver Color Guard Medal for service at national events and as a member of the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the North Carolina Society for his efforts in the chapter's Americanism activities.

The Commonwealth-Progress
Scotland Neck, NC
April 24, 2013

The Daily Herald
Roanoke Rapids, NC
May 9, 2013

Northampton courthouse receives award

Jeff Futrell accepts the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate, presented to the Northampton County Courthouse for flying the United States flag for patriotic purposes.

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Chapter Meeting – May 8, 2013



Some of the members in attendance were: compatriot Cleveland Hawkins, NCSSAR Sr. VP Chuck Yard, NSSAR South Atlantic VPG Steve Pittard, Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson and Compatriot R.J. Myrick

Outstanding JROTC Awards



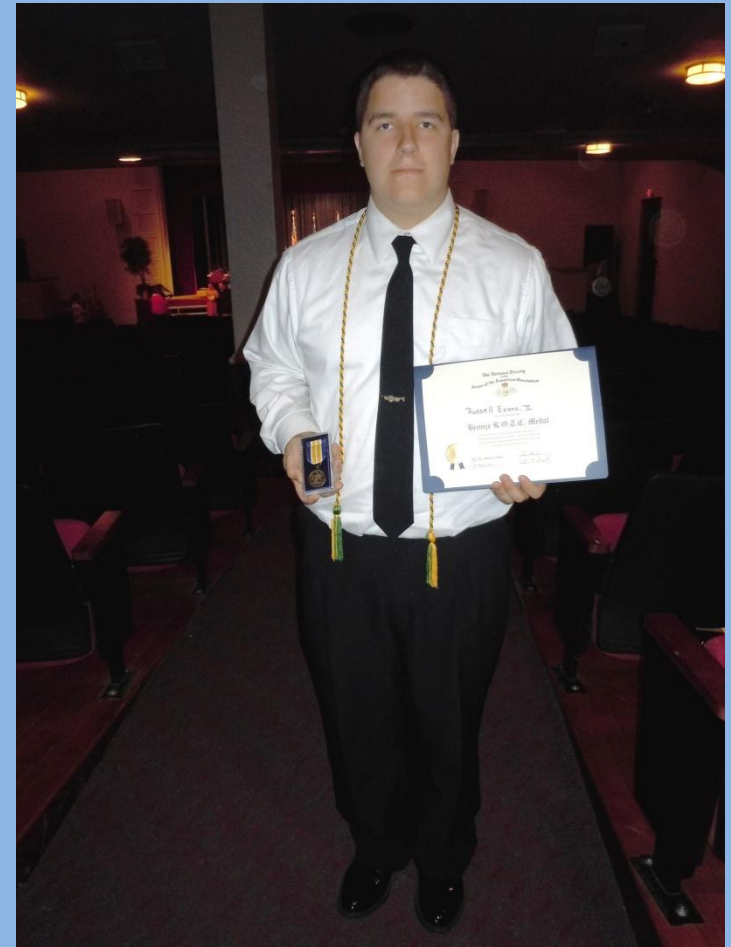
HRC Pres. Wilson and Cadet A1C
Matthew Andrews
Northern Nash HS
April 30, 2013



Cadet Lieutenant Eric Oliveras
Nash Central HS
May 1, 2013



Cadet SMSgt. Eric Wall & HRC
Chaplain The Rev. Duncan Jones
Southern Nash HS
May 17, 2013



Cadet Russell Evans, II
Roanoke Rapids HS
May 24, 2013

Patriot's Day Alamance Battleground May 18, 2013



NE NC Dist. 1 VP Ken
Wilson renders honors



HRC Compatriot Geoff
Pittard renders honors



NCSSAR Color Guard Contingent
Alamance Battleground
May 18, 2013



Participants in Patriots Day Ceremony
Alamance Battleground
May 18, 2013

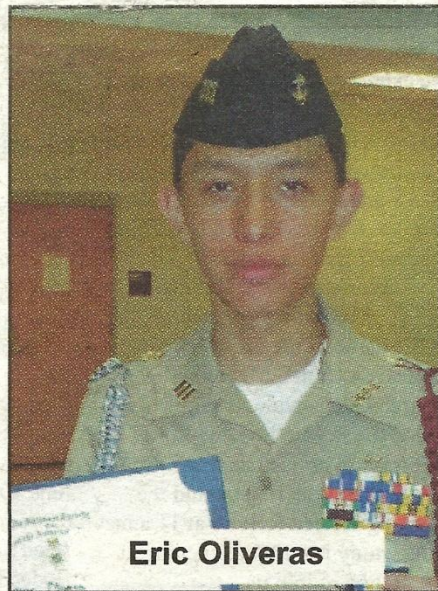
JROTC Cadets Honored



Matthew Andrews

By Ken Wilson

Nash County, NC - The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society recently honored Central Nash HS Navy JROTC Cadet Lieutenant Eric Oliveras and Northern Nash HS AFJROTC Cadet A1C Matthew Andrews with the award of the Society's Bronze Outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal. The medal endeavors to foster the principle of the "citizen soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen. Recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC unit for a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence.



Eric Oliveras

The medals were presented by Chapter President Ken Wilson. (Top left)

The Commonwealth-Progress
Scotland Neck, NC
May 22, 2013



Memorial Day Ceremony

Cedarwood Cemetery

Roanoke Rapids, NC

May 27, 2013



NE NC Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson & HRC Chaplain The Rev. Duncan Jones present wreathes

National Memorial Day Parade Washington, DC May 27, 2013



HRC Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin &
Mecklenburg Chapter member Ray Maxson represented NCSSAR



**Col. John Hardee Grave
Marking
Greenville, NC
June 15, 2013**

Sponsored by the Gen. George
Washington Chapter NCSSAR



NE NC Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson & NCSSAR Sr. VP Chuck Yard stand vigil at the grave during the ceremony



The SAR Contingent
Col. John Hardee Grave Marking
June 15, 2013



HRC Chaplain The Rev. Duncan Jones and Chapter Pres.
Ken Wilson present Roanoke Rapids Police Dept. Det.
Sgt. Jeffery Baggett with the Society Law Enforcement
Commendation Medal
July 17, 2013



Det. Sgt. Jeff Baggett, left, receives the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from Halifax Resolves Chapter North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution President Ken Wilson Wednesday at Roanoke Rapids City Hall.

Once in lifetime honor for RRPD Det Sgt Baggett

BY ROGER BELL
THE DAILY HERALD

A Roanoke Rapids criminal investigator has received a once-in-a-lifetime honor.

Det. Sgt. Jeff Baggett received the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Wednesday at City Hall, an honor Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson said can only be given once in any recipient's lifetime.

"When we approached Police Chief Tommy Hathaway and (Investigations Captain) Andy Jackson about who they thought might deserve this medal, they instantly knew who they wanted to receive it," Wilson said. "We are honored today to be able to give this honor to Det. Sgt. Baggett."

Jackson said Baggett is more than deserving to receive the award, saying Baggett sacrifices time away from family and friends in order to meticulously investigate all the cases assigned to him and he "always puts the victim first."

Jackson also said Baggett has a very high rate of solving his assigned cases, adding in the years since Baggett joined the department, he has investigated or assisted with 11 homicides resulting in 11 arrests.

"Det. Baggett is what I call a true hard worker who loves putting pieces of the puzzle together," Jackson said. "He is the backbone of the detective division."

Baggett said receiving the award was an honor and he shared it with his fellow officers.

"I can't think of a better group of officers I would rather spend my career with," Baggett said. "It's a great honor."

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Roanoke Rapids, NC
July 18, 2013

Chapter Meeting – July 17, 2013



Pres. Wilson Inducts
Charles Vester into the
Society



Charles' father, Compatriot
Randy Vester, presents the
rosette



Compatriot R. J. Myrick received the Society War Service medal for his military service in Vietnam



Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes presented a great program on the Llewellyn Conspiracy



President Wilson awarded President Grimes a Certificate of Appreciation for a presenting a very informative program

NE NC District 1 Workshop
Greenville, NC
July 27, 2013



NCSSAR Pres. Jim Wood presents HRC Pres. Ken Wilson with the 2012-2013
NSSAR Small Chapter President-General's Cup Award



NCSSAR President Jim Wood presents HRC Pres. Ken Wilson with the chapter's Partners in Patriotism Certificate



NCSSAR President Jim Wood presents HRC Pres. Ken Wilson with the Carl F. Bissent Chapter Newsletter Honorable Mention Award for 2012. Wilson accepted on behalf of Newsletter Editor Steve Avent

The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution®



Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR

has been awarded

The President General's Cup

for presenting evidence of the most complete
program of activities.

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123rd Congress
Kansas City, Missouri
July 6 - 10, 2013

Date

Stephen A. Leishman
President General

The Daily Herald Roanoke Rapids, NC August 4, 2013



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North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution President James H. Wood presents Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson with the President-General Cup certificate.

President-General's Cup awarded to local society

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THE DAILY HERALD

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution was honored at the Society's National Congress in Kansas City.

The local chapter was awarded the President-General's Cup, one of two awarded in the nation and the highest award a chapter can earn. The award is based on the chapter's overall activities in support of the ideals of the SAR and its size (1-80 members).

Chapter President Ken Wilson also recently accepted the Partners-in-Patriotism Award for the chapter's work with local veterans organizations.

Chapter Newsletter Editor Steve Avent received a second place award in the Carl Bisent national newsletter competition.

The second President-General's Cup Award went to the Mecklenburg Chapter (81+ members) in Charlotte, and the North Carolina Society was awarded the President-General's State Society award for the most active state society.

Top honors for the chapters and state society were swept by the North Carolina Society in only its second year in the competition.

Anyone desiring more information about the group, should contact Wilson at 252-537-5406 or boxcar27870@embarqmail.com.



Eagle Scout honor

Scout Austin Blake Warren displays the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate from the Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 'In recognition of his outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.'

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Joyner recognized

Scott Joyner, right, former scoutmaster of Troop 144, is presented the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his support. He is pictured with Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.

Lewis Barge Grave Marking Cross Creek Cemetery #1 Fayetteville, NC August 17, 2013



NE NC Dist. 1 VP Ken
Wilson (above) and Halifax
Resolves Compatriot Geoff
Pittard (right) render honors





Lewis Barge Grave Marking Ceremony
Participants
August 17, 2013

HALIFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER

The Halifax Resolves Chapter held its annual celebration of adoption of the Halifax Resolves April 6 at the site of the Colonial Courthouse in Halifax. The day began with a flag-retirement ceremony sponsored by the chapter and the Elizabeth Montfort Ashe Chapter of the North Carolina Society, DAR. They were assisted by the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard and retired approximately 80 U.S. flags with full honors before burying the ashes in the Colonial Cemetery.

Following a luncheon at the Royal Hart Masonic Lodge, the 237th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves continued at the Colonial Courthouse site. The colors were presented by the Roanoke Rapids High School JROTC and the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard. Following the Invocation by Halifax Resolves Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, and Chapter President Ken Wilson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. Dr. Samuel C. Powell, president of the SAR Foundation, presented the Halifax Resolves in the same manner it was presented originally.

NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie brought greetings and thanked all the participants and the public for attending. Compatriot Grady Hall, president of the Salisbury Chapter, introduced

Dewey R. Preslar, grand master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A.F. & A.M., who brought greetings from the Masons.

Dr. Scott M. Kennedy, color guard commander and past treasurer of the Raleigh Chapter NCSSAR, was the keynote speaker and discussed the events that led to the creation and adoption of the Halifax Resolves.



THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S CUP—To the chapter, based upon size, that presents evidence of the most complete program of activities. Chapters: 10–80 members, winner: Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR; 81 or more members, winner, Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR; honorable mention, Piedmont Chapter, GASSAR

THE CARL F. BESSENT AWARD—To the editor of the most outstanding chapter newsletter. Single sheet winner (cash award): *Bulletin du Marquis* (N.C.), G. Steven Pittard, editor; runner-up (cash award): *The Halifax Dispatch* (N.C.), Steve Avent, editor. Multiple sheet winner (cash award): *Western Reserve Circular* (Ohio), J. Atlee Horner III, editor; runner-up (cash award): *Gainesville Broadside* (Fla.), David W. Cromer, editor.





Roanoke Rapids City Council members Suetta Scarborough, and Ernest Bobbitt with Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson visit before the 9-11 Ceremony



Davie VFD receives award

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution has awarded the Society Flag Certificate to the Davie Volunteer Fire Department for correctly flying the U.S. flag. This award is presented to individuals, companies and organizations who correctly fly the flag for patriotic purposes only. Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson recently presented the certificate to Ronald Jones of Davie VFD.

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August 4, 2013



BSA Troop 411 provided the color guard

American Legion Post 98 Adjutant J. Rives Manning (l) was Master of Ceremonies. Chaplain duties conducted by Halifax Resolves Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones (r).

Joint Flag Retirement

Veterans Park
Roanoke Rapids, NC
September 14, 2013



Halifax Resolves VP-elect
R.J. Myrick reads “Colors of
the Flag”



Halifax Resolves Pres. – elect
Geoff Pittard reads “A Toast to the
Flag”





BSA Scout Master Gary Hackenburg reads “The Preparation of the Flame” from the 1917 BSA Handbook

Burn Master Ken Wilson commits the first flag to the flames





Honors are rendered as HRC Pres.-elect Geoff Pittard plays “Taps”



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents
BSA Troop 411 Scout Master with a
Certificate of Appreciation



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents RRFD
Battalion Chief Richard Cook with a
Certificate of Appreciation



Burn Master Ken Wilson commits more flags to the flames

Scouts & Scout Masters from Troop 411 with HRC Pres. Ken Wilson



Local groups pay respect, honor America's worn banners



DELLA ROSE | THE DAILY HERALD

Ken Wilson, president of Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, retires the first flag of the day at Saturday's ceremony.



DELLA ROSE | THE DAILY HERALD

Geoff Pittard with his son Marcus and daughter Ehlana at Saturday's flag retirement ceremony. Roanoke Rapids councilwoman Suetta Scarbrough is in the background.

The Daily Herald
Roanoke Rapids,
NC
September 15, 2013

Proper retirement crucial for nation's flag



Collin Harris, 13, brings Ken Wilson, president of Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, a faded flag that had touched the ground at the flag retirement ceremony Saturday at Veterans Park in Roanoke Rapids.

BY DELLA ROSE
THE DAILY HERALD

It was a time to observe the retirement of more than 300 flags — a ceremony to pay respect and to honor flown flags worn from duty representing the United States.

The community, along with the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and local boy scouts, gathered Saturday at Veterans Park in Roanoke Rapids for the occasion.

Ken Wilson, Chapter president, arrived early to prepare the way for the ceremony.

He said flags should be retired when they are tattered, torn and faded.

Collin Harris, of Boy

PROPER: Drop boxes for flags in Valley

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Scout Troop 411, got to the Park before the ceremony, and presented a neatly folded American flag to Wilson. Harris said the flag needed to be retired because it was old and had touched the ground.

Of the ceremony, he said, "It's awesome. It's respectful." While at least 20 people attended, Wilson said he wishes more people would show up to observe the ceremony.

"The kids need to learn it," he said. "They're not taught it in school. We've got to teach (it)."

Nearby, Geoff Pittard held his daughter Ehlana Marie and son Marcus close as prayers were said and allegiances were sworn.

Later, as incoming president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of SAR, Pittard read John J. Daily's "A Toast to the Flag:"

"Here's to the whole of it, stars, stripes and pole of it,

Body and soul of it, oh and the role of it, sun shining through.

Hearts in accord for it, swear by the sword for it thanking the Lord for it.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE," he read.

Pittard explained to Ehlana earlier the flag

can't just be thrown away — its too important, it's meaning is too strong to ever allow that.

"You have to respect the flag and our country," he told her. "A lot of people died for it and our freedom."

Pittard commented how it's not until we are older do we realize how great our nation is.

"Without that (knowledge) we end up losing our moral structure that we're fighting for in the first place," he said. "If we don't participate, we're making a mistake."

The colors were presented by Boy Scout Troop 411. The troop also observed the preparation of the flame, to purify it for the flags, according to the Boy Scout Handbook.

Scouts took turns feeding the flames with:

Redwood — "for the red-blooded Americans who fought and died to build our nation under this flag."

Oak — "for the rugged strength that carried the flag across this nation and today reaches for the stars."

Cedar — "to protect us from pestilence and corruption and preserve our American way of life."

Walnut — "to remind us of the rich soil, the beautiful countryside

and the fruitful brotherhood founded by our ancestors."

Wilson said this ceremony followed traditions set forth from the American Legion and Boy Scouts, but there are other traditions. He said it's the SAR tradition to bury the ashes in an unmarked grave in a local cemetery.

He said the ceremony is about the respect shown for an American flag that represents the greatest country in the world.

Drop boxes for flags to be retired are at Veterans Park and at the Roanoke Valley Veteran's Museum in Becker Village Mall.

Members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 411 present the colors for the flag retirement ceremony Saturday morning.

DELLA ROSE | THE DAILY HERALD

MOST COMMON MISHANDLINGS OF FLAG

- Flying the flag at night with no light.
- Flying a torn, frayed or faded flag.
- Failing to salute the flag when it's leading a parade.

Ken Wilson

Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution president



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Roanoke
Rapids, NC
September
15, 2013



Southern Nash HS
September 17, 2013
HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents a
program on the NC flag to the AP History
class

Fritz Johnston, CEO of the Roanoke
Valley Veterans Museum, accepts a
Certificate of Appreciation from HRC
Pres. Ken Wilson for their support of the
SAR



Southern Nash Middle School

October 8, 2013



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presented a program on the Meaning of the Dates on the NC Flag to over 300 8th grade students in 4 sessions

Benjamin May Grave Marking

Farmville, NC

October 12, 2013



The SAR Contingent

Colonel John Whitaker Grave Marking Enfield, NC October 19, 2013



The SAR Contingent

NASH HIGH SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED

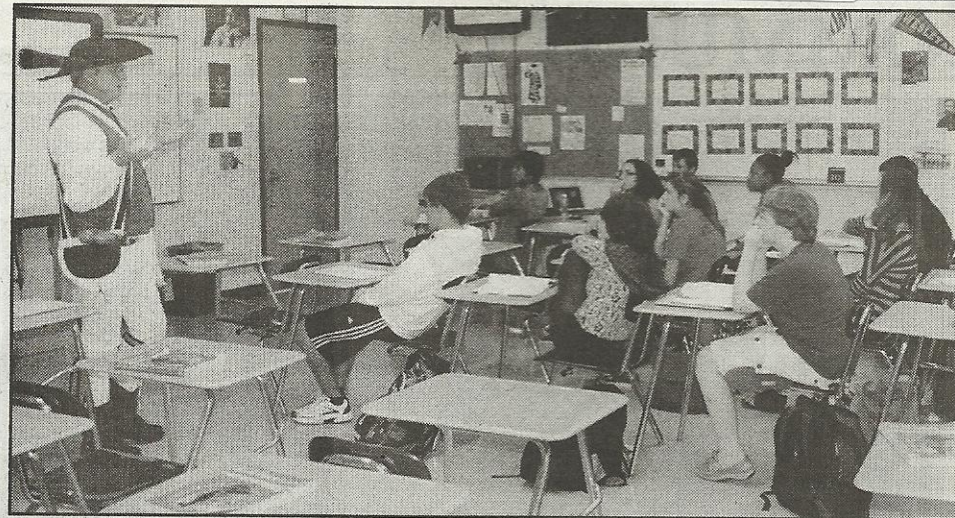


The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution has awarded the Society Flag Certificate to Nash Central High School for correctly flying the U.S. flag. This award may be presented to individuals, organizations and companies who adhere to proper flag etiquette. The award was accepted by: (L-R) Sgt. Maj. Leonides Nieves, Jr. USMC (Ret) and LCDR Carther Jorgenson, USN (Ret) of the school's JROTC unit. (Contributed photo)



The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution has awarded the Society Flag Certificate to Southern Nash High School for properly flying and maintaining their U.S. flag. The SAR awards this certificate to individuals, organizations and companies that correctly follow flag etiquette when flying the flag. Accepting the certificate on behalf of Southern Nash HS was LTC John Coulter (at right), USAF (Ret) Senior Aerospace Science Instructor of the JROTC unit. Presenting the certificate is Ken Wilson (at left), Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson. (Contributed photo)

The Nashville Graphic
Nashville, NC
September 25, 2013



Southern Nash HS AP History teacher Scott Hendricks recently invited Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution to address his students about the meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag. Wilson, dressed in Colonial attire, explained the events leading up to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the Halifax Resolves and the march of Lord Cornwallis across North Carolina from Wilmington to Yorktown, Virginia and ultimate defeat. Students had prepared questions before hand that led to vigorous discussions after the presentation. The SAR provides speakers to schools for historical presentations as a way of stimulating student interest in the history of our nation during the Revolutionary War. Teachers interested in having an SAR member come to their school should contact Ken Wilson at (252) 537-5406 or email boxcar27870@embarqmail.com. (Contributed photo)



SUBMITTED

Stricklands receive flag certificate

Halifax Resolves member R.J. Myrick presents Janice and Buddy Strickland, of Lake Gaston, the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution Society Flag Certificate for correctly flying the flag of the United States. This award is presented to individuals, organizations and companies who correctly display the national colors for patriotic purposes.

The Daily Herald
Roanoke Rapids, NC
September 24, 2013



SUBMITTED

Roanoke Valley Veteran's Museum recognized

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution awarded the Society Certificate of Appreciation to the Roanoke Valley Veteran's Museum at Becker Village Mall in Roanoke Rapids for their support of the SAR. The Museum has supplied material and manpower support that has contributed to the success of many SAR events. The certificate was presented to Museum Chief Operating Officer Fritz Johnston, left, with Resolves President Ken Wilson.

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Left, participants in the SAR Patriot Marker ceremony at the grave of Col. John Whitaker. Above, the marker.

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SAR dedicates patriot grave marker in Whitakers

**SPECIAL TO
THE DAILY HERALD**

WHITAKERS — The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution dedicated a SAR Patriot Marker at the grave of Col. John Whitaker located in the cemetery of Whitaker's Chapel, east of Enfield. The marker was dedicated recognizing Col. Whitaker's service during the Revolutionary War.

John Whitaker was born May 2, 1747, to Richard Whitaker and Elizabeth Cary. He married Christian Benton, daughter of Absalom Benton of Edgecombe County on Aug. 6, 1770. To this union was born 10 children.

In February 1776, Captain John Whitaker, along with Captain Pope, were dispatched

from Halifax with their company of militia to assist Patriot forces at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. Unfortunately, when they arrived the battle was over. They then assisted other Patriot forces in capturing the retreating Tory forces.

He was promoted to Major and Lt. Colonel and served as a collector of customs. On Feb. 2, 1779 the N.C. General Assembly commissioned him as Colonel in command of the 200 Light Horse Calvary of Halifax County. He remained in command until resigning his commission in February 1780. Col. Whitaker also served as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1778, 1779 and 1785 representing Halifax County.

Col. Whitaker died July 20, 1816, at the age of 69.

Ken Wilson, Halifax Re-

solves Chapter President, served as the master of ceremonies. The Colors were posted by the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard under the command of R. Allen Brahin. The Invocation was given by NCSSAR Chaplain Rev. Clark Wiser. Geoff Pittard, president-elect of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the SAR Pledge led by R.J. Myrick, VP-elect of HRC. Greetings were brought by SAR Foundation President Dr. Samuel C. Powell, NCSSAR Sr. VP Chuck Yard, NCSDAR Historian Karen Powell and NCSDAR Elizabeth Montfort Ashe Chapter Regent Carol Guidry. Wilson and Chaplain the Rev. Duncan Jones dedicated the marker as General George Washington Chapter member Guy Higgins and HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent

stood vigil at the gravesite. "Taps" was played by R. Allen Brahin. Wreathes were then presented by Powell, Yard, Wilson, NCSSAR SE Dist. 2 VP Gary Green, Halifax Resolves Chapter VP - elect R.J. Myrick, General George Washington Chapter President George Strunk, le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Past President Steve Pittard, and Mecklenburg Chapter Past President Paul Callanan. Wreathes were also presented by Powell, Guidry, NCSDAR Micajah Pettaway Chapter Regent Frances Powell escorted by Martha Strange, a Whitaker descendent, and NCSSAR President Miss Audria Vickers. The SAR Recessional was led by Geoff Pittard. The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard retired the Colors followed by the Benediction given by Rev. Jones.

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Roanoke
Rapids, NC
October 29,
2013



Red Oak Middle School Red Oak, NC October 25, 2013

Above, Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson addresses some of the 320 students who attended one of four presentations on the Meaning of the Dates on the NC Flag.

Right, Pres. Wilson presents 8th grade teachers Jennifer Harris, Kevin Pittman & Chris Mizelle with the SAR “Keyhole to History” CD’s and the SAR American Flag Handbook



Burgess House Wayside Sign Dedication Halifax, NC October 26, 2013



Ceremony participants from the Town of Halifax,
Historic Halifax Preservation Society, NCSDAR & NCSSAR

Halifax County Genealogical Society

Halifax, NC

November 9, 2013



HCGS Pres. Ray Sasser with HRC Pres. Ken Wilson following Ken's presentation on the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge



Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson addresses students. (Contributed photos)

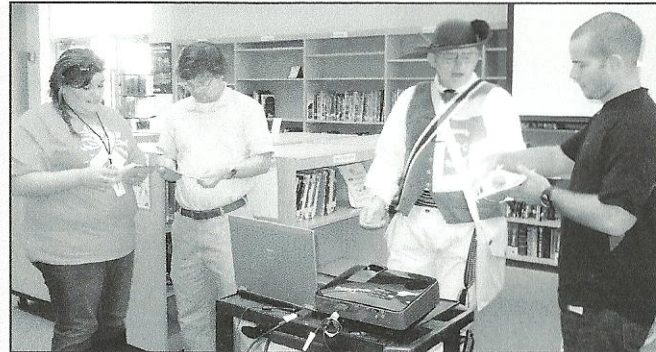
History comes alive at Southern Nash Middle



Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson

Southern Nash Middle School Social Studies teacher Charles Vester invited Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson to talk with the eighth grade students about the Revolutionary War in North Carolina and the meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag. The program covered the writing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, and the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. In addition, an overview of the Southern Campaign was presented with emphasis on the march of Lord Cornwallis from Wilmington to Yorktown and the stopover to pillage Halifax. Over 300 students attended one of the four presentations.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presents a variety of presentations free of charge. If your school or organization would like to have a member of the SAR present a program, please contact Ken Wilson at 252-537-5406 or boxcar27870@embarqmail.com.



Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution presents American Flag Etiquette handbooks to Jennifer Harris, Kevin Pittman, Ken Wilson and Chris Mizelle, teachers at Red Oak Middle. (Contributed photo)

SAR presents program to Red Oak Middle

Dressed as a member of the Colonial militia, Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution presented a program to Red Oak Middle School 8th grade students pertaining to the dates on the North Carolina flag. The program covered events leading up to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. An overview of the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War was presented concluding with the march of Lord Cornwallis from Wilmington to Yorktown emphasizing his capture of Halifax and the resulting pillage of the town. Over 320 students attended one of the four presentations in the school's media center.



Wilson presents a flag certificate to Ms. Margaret Sharpe at Red Oak Middle School. (Contributed photo)

The school was presented with an SAR Flag Certificate "In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of The Flag of the United States of America." The certificate was accepted by Red Oak Middle School Principal Ms.

Margaret Sharpe. Social Studies teachers, Ms. Jennifer Harris, Mr. Kevin Pittman and Mr. Chris Mizelle were presented SAR "Keyhole to History" CD's and an SAR "American Flag Etiquette Handbook."

The Nashville Graphic
Nashville, NC
November 6, 2013

“March of Patriots” Veterans Day Parade Roanoke Rapids, NC November, 10, 2013



The Chapter hosted the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard who led the parade for the fifth consecutive year

Chapter Meeting Halifax, NC November 13, 2013



New chapter officers were installed by NCSSAR Sr. VP Chuck Yard assisted by NSSAR South Atlantic Past VPG Steve Pittard. (L-R) Chapter Pres. Geoff Pittard, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, VP R.J. Myrick, Registrar R. Allen Brahin & Immediate Past Pres. Ken Wilson

Roanoke Valley Adult Daycare Veterans Ceremony

Roanoke Rapids, NC

November 27, 2013



RVAD clients John Williams, Joe, Shelton, & Marvin Garner were honored for their service by Halifax Resolves Chapter VP R.J. Myrick, Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum CEO Fritz Johnston & NSSAR Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson

Southern Nash HS
Bailey, NC
December 3, 2013



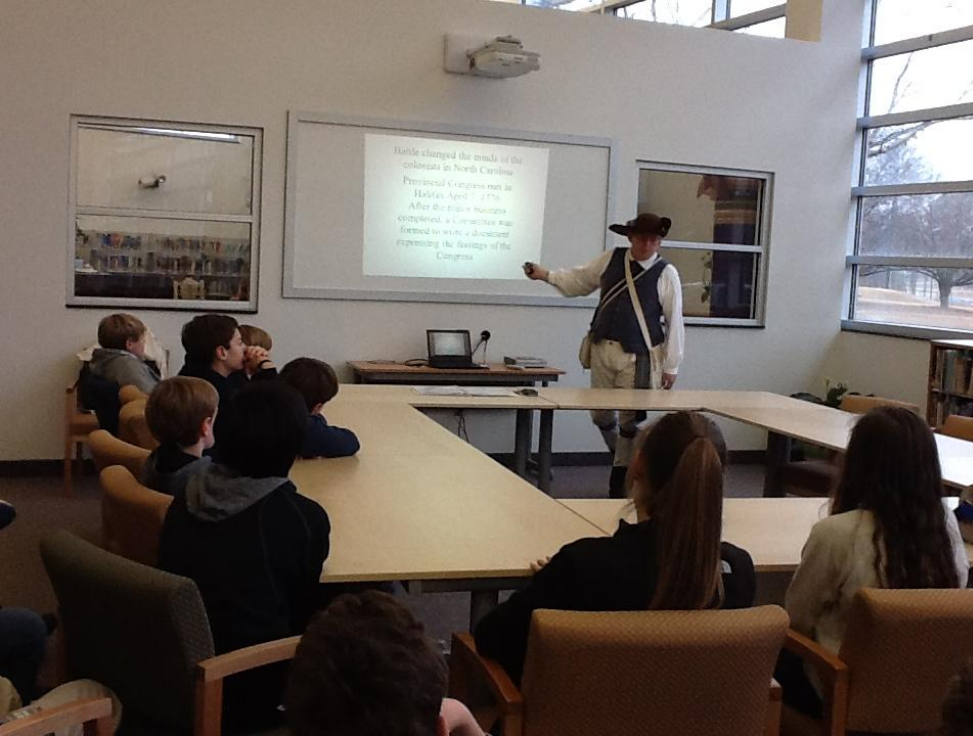
Corey Reynolds, a sophomore at Southern Nash HS was the Chapter Knight Essay winner for 2013. The certificate, medal and check were presented by Chapter Knight Essay Chairman Ken Wilson

Christmas Parade Roanoke Rapids, NC December 8, 2013



Front row: Marcus & Ehlana Pittard

Back Row: Geoff Pittard, Chuck Yard, Steve Pittard, John Thornhill, Gary Green, Ken
Wilson



Rocky Mount Academy Rocky Mount , NC December 10, 2013

Above: Compatriot Ken Wilson presents a program on the meaning of the Dates on the NC flag to over 30 8th grade students

Right: Mrs. Debbie Bissette, 8th grade Social Studies teacher, receives an SAR Keyhole to History CD and an SAR American Flag History Booklet from Ken



Christmas Parade Halifax, NC December 14, 2014



NCSSAR Combined Color Guard members (l-r) NCSSAR Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson, NSSAR South Atlantic Past VPG Steve Pittard, SAR Foundation President Sam Powell and NCSSAR Sr. VP Chuck