

The Halifax Town Crier 2014

*A pictorial and editorial record of the
Halifax Resolves Chapter
NCSSAR*

Charter 2003

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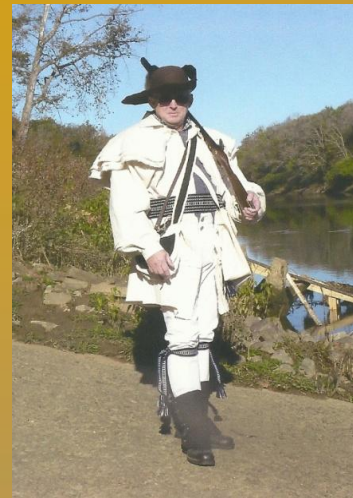
Geoff Pittard



Steve Avent



Ken Wilson



Eagle Scout Recognition



**L-R Chad & Tracy Dahlem, Doss Dahlem,
Halifax Resolves VP R.J. Myrick, Triston
Arwood, Tammy & Will Arwood**



**L- Ryan O'Neal
Daughtry, R- Dist. 1 VP
Ken Wilson**



(L) Terry Stafford, (R) HRC VP R. J. Myrick



L-James Taylor, R- Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson

Flag Certificates



Bill Lenz – Lake Gaston



**Calvary United Methodist
Church of Littleton – Trustee
Tom Winebremer & HRC VP
R.J. Myrick**



**Camp Willow Run – Lake
Gaston
Mrs. Linda Harris & HRC VP
R.J. Myrick**



**Dominion Power – Roanoke Rapids
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Lake Gaston



Tom Powers
Lake Gaston



VFW Post 4096 of Norlina
Post Commander Bobby Jones

Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum

January 6, 2014



RVVM volunteer Shorty Fowler and NCSSAR Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson raise the colors to open the ceremony

Chapter Meeting – January 8, 2014



NCSSAR Pres. Jim Wood was in attendance



Janet Wilson receives the Martha Washington Medal from Steve Avent for her support of the chapter and her husband, Past President Ken Wilson



Past Chapter President Ken Wilson receives the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal from Steve Avent



Guest speaker, Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes, presented a program on 18th century medicine

Nash Co. 4H Tigers

January 13, 2014



Compatriot Ken Wilson teaches the Tiger Cubs how to properly fold the U.S. flag



Compatriot Wilson with the 4H Tigers



Compatriot Wilson presented Tiger Cub leader Lisa Bass (left photo) and Tiger leader Molly LeHaye along with Tiger Teen leader Denise Childers (right photo) with the SAR Keyhole to History and the SAR American Flag Handbook



Chaloner Middle School

January 15, 2014



Compatriot Ken Wilson conducted 4 presentations to a total of 238 8th grade students on the significance of the dates on the NC flag



Chaloner Social Studies teachers Paige Lamberson, Peggy Jo Braswell and James Rook received SAR Keyhole to History CD's and SAR American Flag History books



LIVING HISTORY - Ms. Debbie Viverette, a Social Studies teacher at Rocky Mount Academy, recently invited Ken Wilson of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) to present a program about the meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag to the eighth grade civics classes. The presentation covered the writing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the Halifax Resolves. Background information was also given concerning the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and its effect on the colony. An overview of Cornwallis's march to Yorktown from Wilmington after his defeat at Guilford Courthouse was also presented. In addition, Ms. Viverette was presented with an SAR Keyhole to History CD and an American Flag History and Etiquette handbook for use in her classroom. Pictured above (L-R) is Ms. Viverette and Ken Wilson. (Contributed photo)

The Nashville Graphic
Nashville, NC
January 1, 2014



ESSAY CONTEST WINNER - Corey Reynolds (at left), a sophomore at Southern Nash High School, won the chapter level George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay contest sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The award was presented by chapter Knight Essay Chairman Ken Wilson (at right). Reynolds received an Olympic style medal, a certificate and a check for \$100. His essay entitled "The Southern Campaign of the American Revolution" will now be forwarded to the state level competition for consideration. (Contributed photo)

The Nashville Graphic
Nashville, NC
January 1, 2014



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Eagle Scout recognized

At a recent Court of Honor, Eagle Scout James Wilson Taylor, left, was recognized by the Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship as evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. The certificate was presented by NCCSAR Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson, right.

*The Daily Herald
Roanoke Rapids, NC
January 26, 2014*

Halifax Resolves Chapter presents awards

During the January meeting of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCCSAR, two individuals received awards recognizing their service to the chapter. Janet Wilson, wife of NE NC District 1 VP Ken Wilson, was awarded the SAR Martha Washington medal for her support and assistance to the Chapter during her husband's tenure as chapter president by Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Steve Avent. VP Wilson was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service medal recognizing his accomplishments during his tenure as chapter president by Avent. Chapter President Geoff Pittard presented Wilson with a President's Certificate of Appreciation, and the SAR Vietnam Veterans Corp. Certificate recognizing his military service. Left, Janet Wilson receives the Martha Washington Medal. Right, Ken Wilson receives the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.

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Roanoke Rapids, NC
February 2, 2014*

Cowpens

January 18, 2014



Chapter Registrar/Color Guard
Commander R. Allen Brahin represented
the chapter at the Cowpens event

Harney Grave Marking

January 25, 2014



HRC Pres. Geoff renders honors for Patriots Col. Shelby
Harney & his brother Lt. Jonathan Harney

Cowan's Ford

February 1, 2014



HRC VP R.J. Myrick renders honors at the grave of Gen. William Lee Davidson



The SAR contingent at Cowan's Ford

Halifax Resolves Chapter

The Halifax Resolves Chapter dedicated an SAR Patriot Marker at the grave of Col. John Whitaker in the Whitaker's Chapel Cemetery east of Enfield, N.C. The marker recognizes



Whitaker's service during the Revolutionary War.

Whitaker was born May 2, 1747. In February 1776 Whitaker, along with Capt. Pope, were dispatched from Halifax with their company of militia to assist patriot forces

at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. When they arrived, the battle was over, so they then assisted other patriot forces in capturing the retreating Tory forces.

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

He died July 20, 1816.



Whitaker ceremony participants.

Geo. Washington Birthday Parade

February 17, 2014



PG Joe Dooley and HRC
Registrar R. Allen Brahin at the
George Washington Birthday
Parade

Crossing of the Dan

February 22, 2014



HRC Registrar R. Allen Brahin (center)
represented the chapter at the Crossing of the
Dan ceremony

Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge

February 22, 2014



The SAR Contingent

SONS OF THE REVOLUTION GIVE RECOGNITION



Contributed

Camp Willow Run, on Lake Gaston, is awarded the SAR Flag Certificate by Halifax Resolves Chapter VP R.J. Myrick, right. This award is given to individual, businesses and other organizations "In recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America". Linda Harris, Camp Director, accepted the award on behalf of Camp Willow Run.



Contributed

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution recently awarded the Calvary United Methodist Church of Littleton. Chapter VP R.J. Myrick, right, presented the certificate to Mr. Tom Winebremer, Chairman of the Trustees. The certificate is awarded to individuals, businesses and other organizations who correctly display the American flag for patriotic purposes.

The Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer

February 19, 2014

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Camp Willow Run recognized

Camp Willow Run on Lake Gaston has been awarded the SAR Flag Certificate by Halifax Resolves Chapter Vice President R.J. Myrick, right. Linda Harris, camp director, accepted the award, given to individuals, businesses and other organizations in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America.

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Roanoke Rapids, NC
February 27, 2014



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Calvary UMC receives award

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution recently awarded the SAR Flag Certificate to Calvary United Methodist Church of Littleton. Chapter Vice President R.J. Myrick, right, presented the certificate to Tom Winebrenner, chairman of the trustees. The certificate is awarded to individuals, businesses and other organizations who correctly display the American flag for patriotic purposes.

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March 2, 2014

Chapter Meeting

March 12, 2014



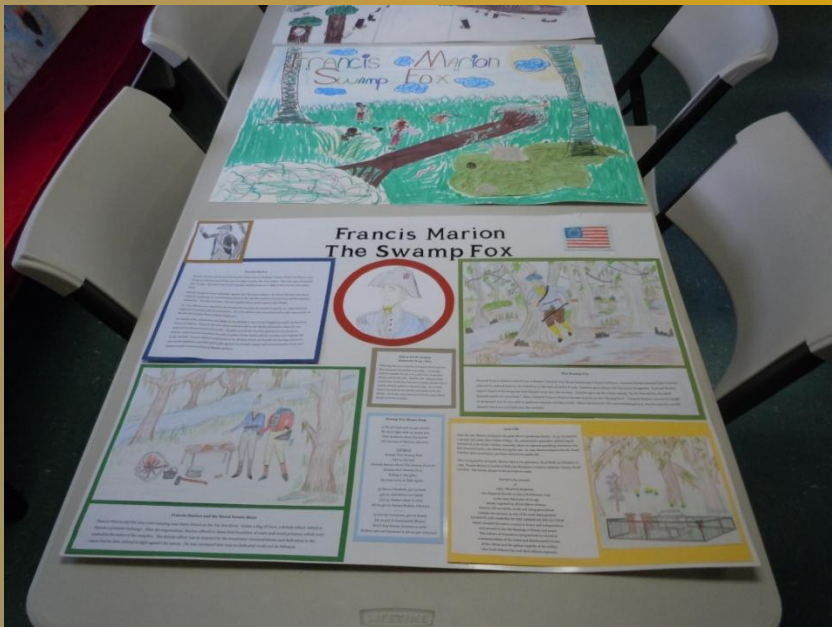
Compatriot E. C. Bobbitt (I) is inducted
by HRC President Geoff Pittard



Jan Wilson receives the Lydia Darragh award from
her husband Past Pres. Ken Wilson in recognition of
her support of him during his term as chapter
president.



Poster entries from Cornerstone Christian School and Halifax Academy were judged and a winner selected



Battle of Guilford Courthouse

March 15, 2014



HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard (r) escorted by NE NC Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson renders honors



The NCSSAR Contingent at Guilford Courthouse

The Forgotten Patriots

March 16, 2014



SAR, DAR, CAR, and descendants gathered at the North Harlow Community Center to honor 14 Black Patriots who fought in both the Northern & Southern Campaigns of the Revolution. President-General Joe Dooley presided over the ceremony.

The Cherry Point MCAS Honor Guard was present to support the event.





NCSSAR Dist. 1 VP Ken Wilson renders honors



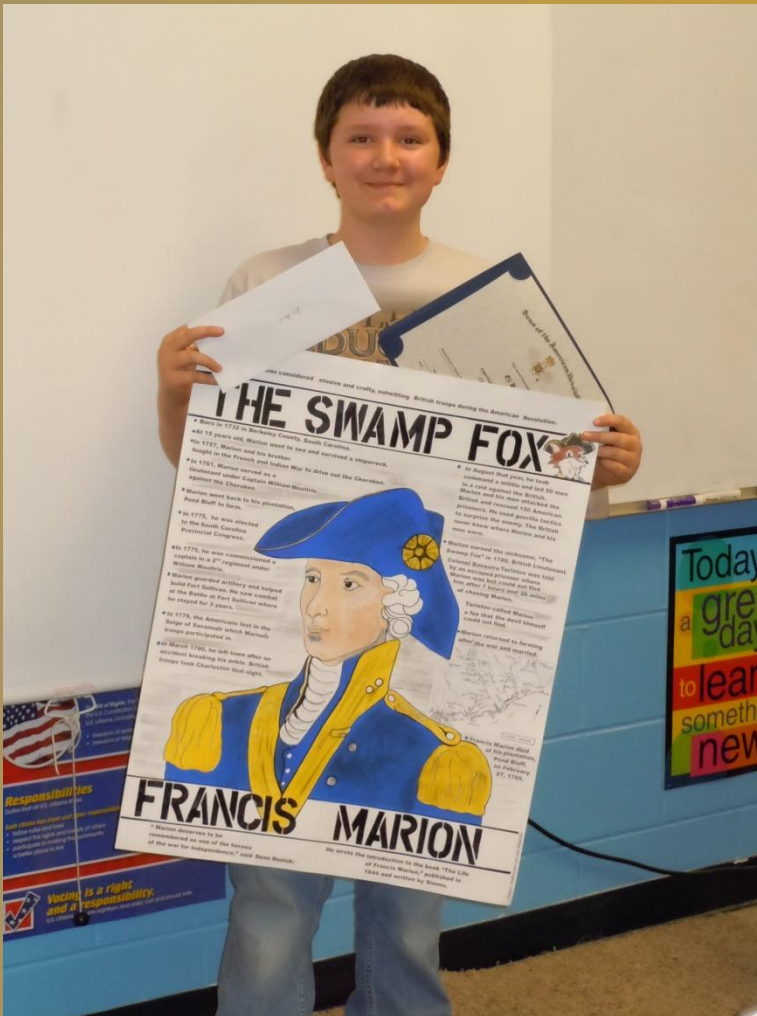
HRC VP R.J. Myrick renders honors



Descendants of the Forgotten Patriots unveil the plaque honoring their ancestors

Americanism Poster Winner

March 20, 2014

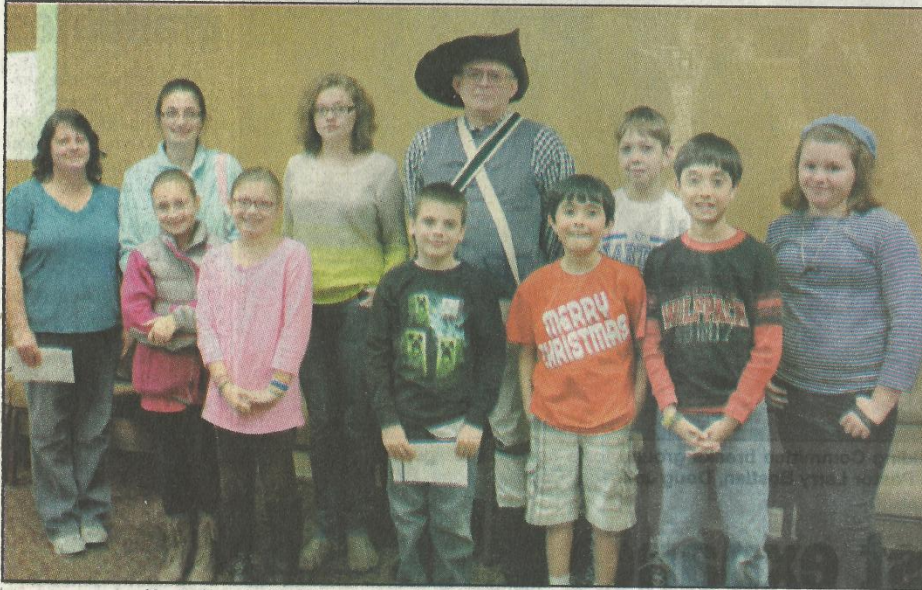


Eli Beal of Halifax Academy was the chapter winner and received a certificate and a check for \$100.00



Ms. Tracey Lynch, Eli's 5th grade teacher, received a Certificate of Appreciation from HRC Past Pres. Ken Wilson

Sons of the American Revolution visits 4-Hers



Nash County 4H Tigers pose for a photo with SAR member Ken Wilson.

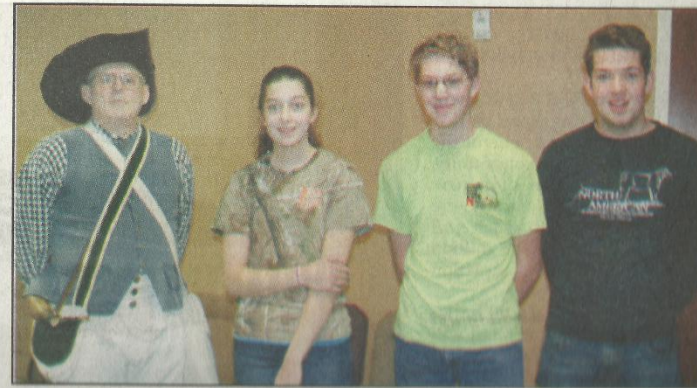
The Nash County 4H Tigers recently invited Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) member Ken Wilson to address their group about the American and the North Carolina flag. The first presentation to the Tiger Cubs (grades K-3) concerned the history of the flag and some basic flag etiquette. The students also participated in folding the flag. Each student was presented with an SAR American Flag Handbook and a pamphlet showing the proper way to fold the flag and the meaning of each fold. Their teacher, Lisa Bass, also received a handbook and pamphlet and was also presented with an SAR Keyhole to History CD.

The second group consisted of the Tigers and Tiger Teens (grades 4-12). Wilson presented a program that explained the meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag from the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence to the Halifax Resolves. Additional material covering Cornwallis's march from Wilmington to Virginia with a stopover in Halifax was also presented. Teachers Molly LaHay and Denise Childers were presented with a handbook, a pamphlet, and an SAR Keyhole to History CD.

(Contributed photos)



SAR member Ken Wilson teaches the Tiger Cubs to fold the Flag.



Nash County 4H Tigers teens Grace, Emmett and Luke LaHay are pictured with SAR member Ken Wilson.

Joint Flag Retirement

March 29, 2014

A small crowd of Patriots gathered to observe a U.S. Flag retirement ceremony sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter & American Legion Post 308



The Master of Ceremony duties were shared by Post Commander Richard Kohl & HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard





HRC VP R.J. Myrick plays “Taps” as Burn Master Ken Wilson commits a flag to the flames. The ashes of 290 flags were buried by the Burn Master in an unmarked grave.

Scotland Neck Library

April 8, 2014



Past Pres. Ken Wilson presents a program on Colonial Halifax to a group of home school students at the Scotland Neck Library

Halifax Academy

April 10, 2014



Past Pres. Ken Wilson instructs Halifax Academy 5th grade student on the proper way to fold an American flag



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Eagle Scout recognized

At a recent Court of Honor, Troop 834 Boy Scout Ryan O'Neal Daughtry, left, was recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR. Past Chapter President Ken Wilson presented Daughtry with a certificate 'For outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.'

The Daily Herald
Roanoke Rapids, NC
April 6, 2014

LAKE GASTON PATRIOT



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Tom Powers of Lake Gaston was recently awarded the SAR Flag Certificate "In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the correct display of the flag."

The Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer
Henrico, NC
April 9, 2014

The Daily Herald
Roanoke Rapids, NC
April 10, 2014



Eli Beal with his check, certificate and winning poster.

Halifax Academy 5th grade student wins poster contest

**SPECIAL TO
THE DAILY HERALD**

Eli Beal, a fifth grade student at Halifax Academy, won the Chapter Level of the Sons of the American Revolution Americanism Poster contest.

The contest was sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter and the theme was Francis Marion, "The Swamp Fox." His entry will now advance to the State Level competition in May at the Patriot's Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground.

For his efforts at the chapter level, Beal received a Chapter Level Winner's Certificate and a check for \$100. The presentation was

made by Halifax Resolves Past President Ken Wilson.

His teacher, Tracey Lynch, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts and guidance to the students. The class of 25 students participated in the contest and produced the winner and four honorable mentions.

Also participating in this year's contest were students from Cornerstone Christian School. Cornerstone had 14 entries, four of which were honorable mentions.

Teachers Linda Brown and Renee Walker also received Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts.



Past Pres. Ken Wilson presents the Outstanding JROTC medal to Roanoke Rapids HS Cadet Francis Bello



Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones presents the Outstanding JROTC Medal to Northampton HS Cadet Octavia Epps

Halifax Day Flag Retirement

April 12, 2014



The chapter joined with the Warren Chapter DAR to conduct a flag retirement ceremony. Shown above: Past So. Atl. VPG G. Steven Pittard, Warren Chapter DAR Registrar Betty Willis and HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard.



Burn Master Ken Wilson commits one of the 37 U.S. flags retired to the flames. The ashes were buried in the Colonial Cemetery.

Halifax Resolves Commemoration

April 12, 2014



The Wreath Garden



The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard posts the Colors

SAR Foundation President Dr. Samuel C. Powell brings greetings from the National Society



NCSSAR Pres. James H. Wood brings greeting on behalf of the State Society



Keynote Speaker D. Troy Kickler, Founding Director of the NC History Project, presented a program entitled “The King’s trouble Makers”

The Wreath Presentations



Dr. Samuel C. Powell – SAR
Foundation President



NCSSAR President James H. Wood



Halifax Resolves Chapter Pres. Geoff
Pittard

**A total of 18 wreaths were presented by
the SAR, DAR and the Ladies
Auxiliary**



Participants in the 238th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves

NCSSAR commemorates adoption of Halifax Resolves

HALIFAX, N.C. —The Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted two ceremonies in Halifax on the 238th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves, which was April 12, 1776.

The day of celebration began at 10 a.m. with a Joint SAR/DAR Flag Retirement ceremony at which 40 unserviceable U.S. flags and several state flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried in a local cemetery by the Burn Master.

Halifax Resolves Chapter President Mr. Geoff Pittard and Warren Chapter NCSDAR Registrar Mrs. Betty Willis presided over the ceremony.

The 2 p.m. ceremony commemorating the 238th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves opened with Halifax Resolves Chapter President Mr. Geoff Pittard as Master of Ceremonies. Following the Invocation given by chapter chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones the colors were posted by the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard. President Pittard led



Participants in the 238th Anniversary Celebration of the Halifax Resolves take a break for a photo opportunity.

Contributed

the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge was led by Chapter Sec.-Treas. Mr. Steve Avent. Dr. Samuel C. Powell, SAR Foundation President, presented the Halifax Resolves to the gathering and emphasized the impact of the document on the American Revolution. Following greetings from NCSSAR President Mr.

James H. Wood, President Pittard introduced the keynote, Dr. Troy Kickler. Dr. Kickler is a noted author, commentator, and professor of North Carolina history. At the conclusion of his presentation entitled "The King's Trouble Makers", a wreath laying ceremony was held honoring all who this nation become an independent nation. Dr.

Kickler was then awarded an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his excellent presentation by Chapter President Pittard. Steve Avent led the gathering in the SAR Recessional after which the colors were retired by the NCSSAR Color Guard. The ceremony was closed with the Benediction given by Rev. Jones.

*The Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer
Henrico, NC
April 16, 2014*

The NCSSAR Annual Meeting

April 25-26, 2014



HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard (r) accepted streamers earned by the chapter from NCSSAR Pres. Jim Wood. The streamers were for Flag Certificates, Forgotten Patriots, Small Chapter Achievement and Americanism.

Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent (r) was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his work as the Publicity Chairman.





HRC Past Pres. Ken Wilson (r) was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his work as the Knight Essay Chairman by NCSSAR Pres. Jim Wood.

HRC Past Pres. Ken Wilson (r) was also awarded the Patriot Medal for his long, faithful and outstanding service to his chapter and the state society by NCSSAR Pres. Jim Wood.





South Atlantic Dist. VPG Dr. Randy Moody congratulates Compatriot Ken Wilson after installing him as the NCSSAR President for 2014-2015

Outgoing NCSSAR President Jim Wood passes the President's flag to Incoming President Ken Wilson as S.A. VPG Dr. Randy Moody looks on.



Josiah Hendon Grave Marking

May 3, 2014



Participants and attendees at the Josiah Hendon grave marking ceremony

Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson and American Legion 308 Post Past Comm. Al Burtchel raise the flag to open the ceremony

May Chapter Meeting



HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard (1) awarded the SAR Heroism Medal to Conway VFD Fireman Jonathan Martin and Gaston VFD Chief Ed Porter for their actions saving an individual from a burning building as NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson observes.

The Daily Herald
Roanoke Rapids, NC
June 12, 2014



Local firefighters recognized

Halifax Resolves Chapter President Geoff Pittard, left, awarded the SAR Heroism Medal to Conway Volunteer Fire Department member Jonathan Martin and Gaston Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ed Porter recognizing their actions in saving an unconscious victim from a house fire earlier this year. North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution President Ken Wilson, right, assisted. This award recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform but does not exclude police, firefighters and SAR members.

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June 20, 2014

SAR and 4-H Club retire flags



The Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Huckleberry Swamp 4-H Club recently held a flag retirement ceremony in Enfield. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Geoff Pittard welcomed everyone to the ceremony followed by the Invocation given by the Rev. Duncan Jones. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 4-H Club. Pittard read 'I Am Your Flag.' Carson Keeter read the 'Toast to the Flag.' 'Colors of the Flag' was presented by NCSAR President Ken Wilson, who was then joined by Cooper and Christopher Aycock to conduct 'The Preparation of the Flame.' As the first flag was committed to the flame, 'Taps' was played by Pittard. The ceremony was closed with the benediction given by Jones. At the conclusion of the flag retirement, 98 U.S. flags, nine N.C. flags and one POW flag had been retired with honor. Ashes from the flags will be buried in an unmarked grave in a local cemetery.

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Patriot's Day – Alamance Battleground



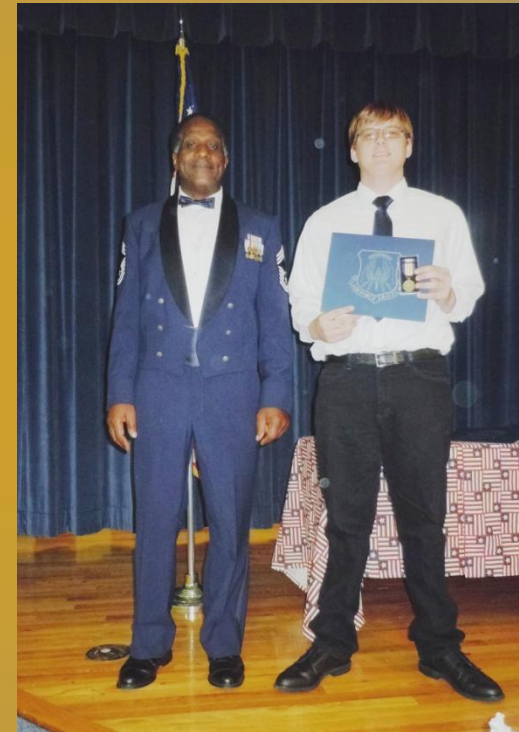
Participants in the Alamance Battleground ceremony. The Chapter was represented by NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson and Chapter Pres. Geoff Pittard.

NCSSAR Poster Winner



Chapter poster winner Eli Beal's poster was selected as the NCSSAR Americanism Poster winner. Eli was awarded a check for \$750.00 by NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson

SW Edgecombe HS JROTC



Cadet Kendall Perry (r) received the Outstanding JROTC Award for SW Edgecombe HS accompanied by CMS Williams, Aerospace Instructor

Memorial Day



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson (l) and HRC Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones (r) presented wreaths at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids



HRC Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin poses with NSSAR PG Joe Dooley following the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC

Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson renders honors as the Colors are raised to open the ceremony

Thomas Tucker Grave Marking



HRC Registrar R. Allen Brahin (middle row left kneeling) represented the chapter at the Thomas Tucker Grave Marking Ceremony

Joint Flag Retirement



The Huckleberry Swamp 4H Club and the Halifax Resolves Chapter joined together to conduct a flag retirement ceremony. Over 100 flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried by the Burn Master in a local cemetery.

William Patterson Grave Marking



Participants in the William Patterson Grave Marking. NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson represented the state and the chapter at this event

Battle of Ramsour's Mill



Participants at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill ceremony. NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson represented the state and the chapter at this event

Boys & Girls Club of Halifax County

July 3, 2014



Compatriot Ken Wilson presents a program on U.S. Flag History & Etiquette



Club members learn to properly fold an American flag

Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum

July 7, 2014



NCSSAR President Ken Wilson was the guest speaker for the July ceremony. His presentation pertained to local Revolutionary War Veterans and their families.

Chapter Meeting

July 9, 2014



Past South Atlantic VPG Steve Pittard was the guest speaker presenting a program on the life of Cornelius Harnett



Some of the members and guests present

Battle of Colson's Mill

July 12, 2014



Participants in the Battle of Colson's Mill ceremony. Halifax Resolves Chapter VP R.J. Myrick represented the chapter

NSSAR Congress

July 18-23, 2014



The NCSSAR Color Guard Contingent at the Memorial Service



NCSSAR President and chapter member Ken Wilson poses with the chapter and state poster that won 1st place in the National contest



The North Carolina Society representatives at the National Congress



Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum

August 4, 2014

NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson renders honors as the
Pledge of Allegiance is recited



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson represented the State Society and the Chapter

Gov. Benjamin Williams Wreath Laying

August 2, 2014



SAR, DAR and SR participants in the ceremony

Fall Board of Managers Meeting

August 23, 2014



HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard, second from left, accepted the chapter's Partners in Patriotism award from the National Society

NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson awards HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent a cluster for his Liberty Medal and the Carl Bessent Award and check for \$150.00 for the best newsletter under 5 pages in the National Society

Chapter Poster Winner Takes 1st Place at National



Karen Hall (mother), Eli Beal (NSSAR Poster winner), NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson and 5th grade teacher Tracey Lynch



Eagle Scout recognized

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Terry Stafford, left, of Boy Scout Troop 411 in Roanoke Rapids, was recently presented with the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate at his Court of Honor. This certificate recognizes the hard work and dedication required to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Halifax Resolves Chapter Vice President R.J. Myrick made the presentation on behalf of the SAR.

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August 14, 2014

The Daily Herald
Roanoke Rapids, NC
August 31, 2014



Eagle Scouts honored

Eagle Scouts Doss Dahlem and Triston Arwood were recently honored at their Court of Honor when Halifax Resolves Chapter Vice President R.J. Myrick presented each of them with the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate. The certificate recognizes each scout 'for their outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.' Pictured are Chad and Tracy Dahlem, left, Doss Dahlem, Myrick, Triston Arwood, Tammy and Will Arwood.

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'Swamp Fox' inspires local student

Beal wins SAR's national poster contest

BY JENNY GRAY

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Eli Beal may love World War I and II history, but the American

Revolution just paid off for him in a big way.

The Halifax Academy sixth-grade student was flab-

bergasted to learn on Wednesday his poster of Francis Marion, the American Revolution's "Swamp Fox," won the Sons of the American

Revolution's national poster contest.

"I thought it was just going to be a single (class)

project I would turn in and get 100," said the astonished student. "I never dreamed it would get that far."

Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American

Revolution, surprised Beal in the middle of his school day, in



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Eli Beal's award-winning poster during the SAR's National Congress in July in Greenville. The poster now hangs at SAR headquarters in Louisville, Ky.

front of his classmates, his mom Karen Hall and his teacher Tracey

Lynch, who was also Beal's fifth-grade teacher when he created the poster.

Wilson presented Beal with a certificate and a check for \$150.

"Oh my gosh, wow," Beal said, adding

later he would just save the money.

Hall said she'd heard of her son's win a

month ago, and she had struggled to keep the secret.

"I THOUGHT it was just going to be a single (class) project I would turn in and get 100. I never dreamed it would get that far."

Eli Beal

National poster contest winner

this?" and he said, "To listen to my mom."

"He wanted to do the poster a certain way and we fought over it," she said, then laughed when she said he had followed her advice in the end. "I asked him, 'What did you learn from this?' and he said, 'To listen to my mom.'"

SWAMP: Student wins national award

FROM PAGE A1

Topics for the annual Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest are set by a national SAR committee, Wilson said. When he went to the SAR's National Congress in Greenville, S.C., in July, he already knew Beal's



Lynch

poster had won the chapter and state competitions. "I walked in and saw posters from Virginia, California and North Carolina on the podium," Wilson said. "When they got to the awards, they called out "Third place, Virginia." My chaplain was sitting next to me and I said, 'Clark, we've got a 50/50 shot.'"

The second place went to the poster from California and thus the North Carolina poster won the top national spot for the first time ever, Wilson said.

"Because it's No. 1, it's hanging in the (SAR) hall in Louisville, Ky," Wilson said.

The poster will hang there for a year, he added.

To Wilson's knowledge, Francis Marion never came to this area of North Carolina, but he was from South Carolina and gave the British Army a hard time during the American Revolution.

"He was a great leader, and smart about

warfare," Beal said, adding Marion used guerilla tactics learned from his day warring with the Cherokee Nation. "I thought that was pretty cool."

Marion so disrupted the British they sent against him the infamous Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, who was no stranger to the Roanoke Valley, Wilson said. Tarleton pursued Marion who then escaped into a swamp, thus earning his nickname from Tarleton, according to Smithsonian.com.

The contest is open to all students in third through fifth grades (depending on which year the American Revolution is taught in their school). Cornerstone

Academy also participated this year; and there were 32 local entries in total, Wilson said.

Belmont Elementary has participated in past years, and Cub Scouts, Brownies and members of Children of the American Revolution also can be eligible. The topics for the 2014-15 contest, to begin in January, will be "George Rogers Clark" or "Lexington and Concord."

Keeping history alive is of supreme importance, Wilson said.

"Take the Declaration of Independence," he said. "If you don't know about its importance, what good is it?"

TO COMMENT on this story, visit RRDailyHerald.com.



JENNY GRAY | THE DAILY HERALD

Halifax Academy student Eli Beal, 11, has won the national Sons of the American Revolution's Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest with his poster of Francis Marion, also known as the 'Swamp Fox.' Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, surprised Beal in his class Wednesday to give him the news, a certificate and a check for \$150. His mother, Karen Hall, left, was present.

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August 28, 2014



Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum

September 1, 2014

NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson renders honors as the Pledge of Allegiance is recited

Chapter Meeting

September 10, 2014



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson presents Past Chapter President Dr. Cleveland Hawkins with the SAR Lamplighter award



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson renders honors on behalf of the State Society and the Halifax Resolves Chapter

Gen. Joseph Graham- Capt. Alexander Brevard Grave Marking

September 20, 2014



The SAR Color Guard and Family Members

Jacob Plonk Grave Marking & Plonk Family Highway Marker Dedication

September 20, 2014



Plonk descendants reveal the marker



NCSSAR Color Guard poses with the Plonk Family Cemetery Highway Marker

Joint Flag Retirement with VFW Post 3702

September 27, 2014



VFW Post Commander David Beam reads “The Colors of the Flag”



Burn Master Ken Wilson and HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard perform the “Preparation of the Flame”. 178 U.S. flags and 7 NC flags were retired with honor.

Cornerstone Christian School, Inc.

September 25, 2014



5th grade students pose with Compatriot Ken Wilson following a presentation to the 4th & 5th grade on the U.S. Flag History and Etiquette.



5th grade teacher Renee Walker and 4th grade teacher Carmen Wells were presented with SAR Keyhole to History and American Heritage CD's as well as copies of the Declaration of Independence and SAR Broadside

The Battle of Kings Mountain

October 7, 2014



The NCSSAR Contingent with PG Lindsey Brock and South Atlantic District VPG Mark Anthony



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Ken Wilson poses with the fourth and fifth grade students of Cornerstone Christian School.

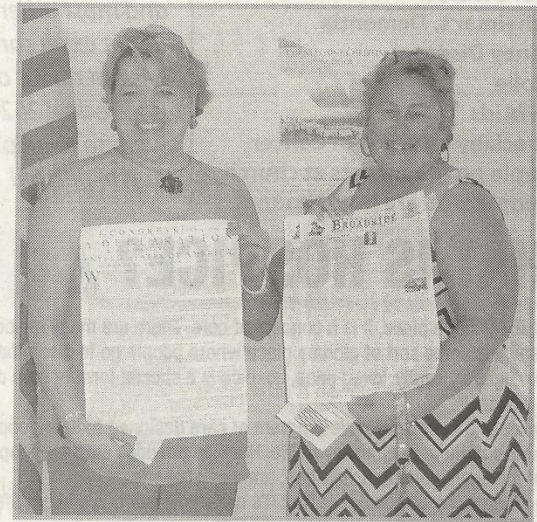
Cornerstone Christian School hosts SAR speaker

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Cornerstone Christian School recently requested Ken Wilson of the Sons of the American Revolution to present programs to the students in the fourth, fifth, eighth and 11th grades.

The fourth and fifth grades, in a combined class, heard a presentation on the U.S. Flag, its history and proper flag etiquette to include how to properly fold the flag.

In separate presentations, the eighth and 11th grade students heard a program on the significance of the dates on the North Carolina flag and a quick overview of the



Fifth grade teacher Renee Walker and fourth grade teacher Carmen Wells.

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Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War.

The teachers received SAR CDs "Keyhole to History and America's Heritage." In addition, they each received a

copy of the Declaration of Independence and two editions of the SAR's Independence Broadside containing articles about the American Revolution in a newspaper format.



Burn Master Ken Wilson, left, and Halifax Resolves President Geoff Pittard perform the Preparation of the Flame.

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Joint Flag Retirement held

**SPECIAL TO
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VFW Post 3702 and the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR recently conducted a flag retirement ceremony.

Geoff Pittard, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, welcomed all to the ceremony. The Rev. Randy Martin of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pittard, followed by the reading of "I Am Your Flag" by Halifax Resolves Chapter Vice President R.J. Myrick. "A Toast to the Flag" was read by Pat Pulliam of the VFW Post 3702 Auxiliary followed by "The Colors of the Flag" presented by VFW Post 3702 Commander David Beam.

The Preparation of the Flame was performed by Pittard and Burn Master Ken Wilson. As the first flag was committed to the flames "Taps" was played by Myrick. Martin then closed the ceremony with the Benediction. One hundred seventy eight U.S. flags and seven North Carolina flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried in an unmarked grave by the Burn Master.



VFW Post 3702 Commander David Beam reads 'The Colors of the Flag.'

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Joseph Shearin Grave Marking

October 18, 2014



Participants at the ceremony included SAR, DAR, Ladies Auxiliary and family members

The Bonner – Blount – Keasis Grave Marking

October 25, 2014



Members of the NCSSAR Color Guard pose before the ceremony



Participants in the grave marking ceremony

Sons of American Revolution honor late patriot

BY KHAI HOANG
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LITTLETON — Roanoke Rapids resident Christy King was chock-full of pride when discussing her ancestry this weekend.

Just outside of Littleton on Saturday afternoon her ancestor, Joseph Shearin II, was given a dedication by the Sons of the American Revolution.

As part of the dedication, a granite slab with the word 'patriot'

was placed near his tombstone to commemorate his service.

Although Shearin was not a soldier in the American Revolution, he helped the cause by supplying weapons to the army in Halifax, according to Ken Wilson, state president of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and one of many members attending.

From information Wilson gathered, he said Shearin served on many

juries and grand juries.

Wilson noted Shearin was too old to fight in the American Revolution and died in 1790.

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Several members of the Sons of the American Revolution line up before paying tribute to those who assisted in the Revolutionary War one-by-one during the dedication to Joseph Shearin II on Saturday afternoon in Littleton.

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PATRIOT: Man honored during ceremony

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added he feels young people today do not receive enough education about the colonial era of the United States.

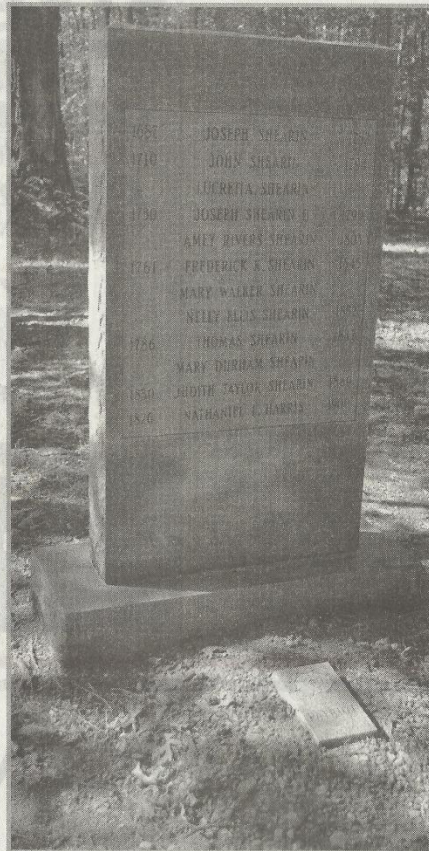
Geoffrey Pittard, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter for the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution, said while he was growing up he didn't care much for history. Now, Pittard said he sees how beautiful the United States' history is, adding he teaches his children and has reach-out programs to educate others.

"We shouldn't forget," Pittard said.

Another member at the dedication was Greenville resident Kenneth Smith, who said he joined the organization just this past summer. Smith said it's important to honor those who fought in the American Revolution.

"If you don't know the past, you're going to relive it," Smith said.

A tombstone marking the Shearin family, including Joseph Shearin II, who was honored by the Sons of the American Revolution on Saturday. Below is the new granite slab engraved with the word 'patriot' to commemorate Shearin II's service.



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General John Ashe Grave Marking

November 1, 2014



SAR, DAR and Family members pose at the grave

March of Patriots – Veterans Day Parade

November 9, 2014

Pre-Parade Luncheon – Logan's Roadhouse



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson presented Logan's Roadhouse Manager Mike Stettler with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the SAR Color Guard at the pre=parade luncheon



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson presented Stephanie Brahin, wife of HRC Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin, with the SAR Molly Pritchler Medal



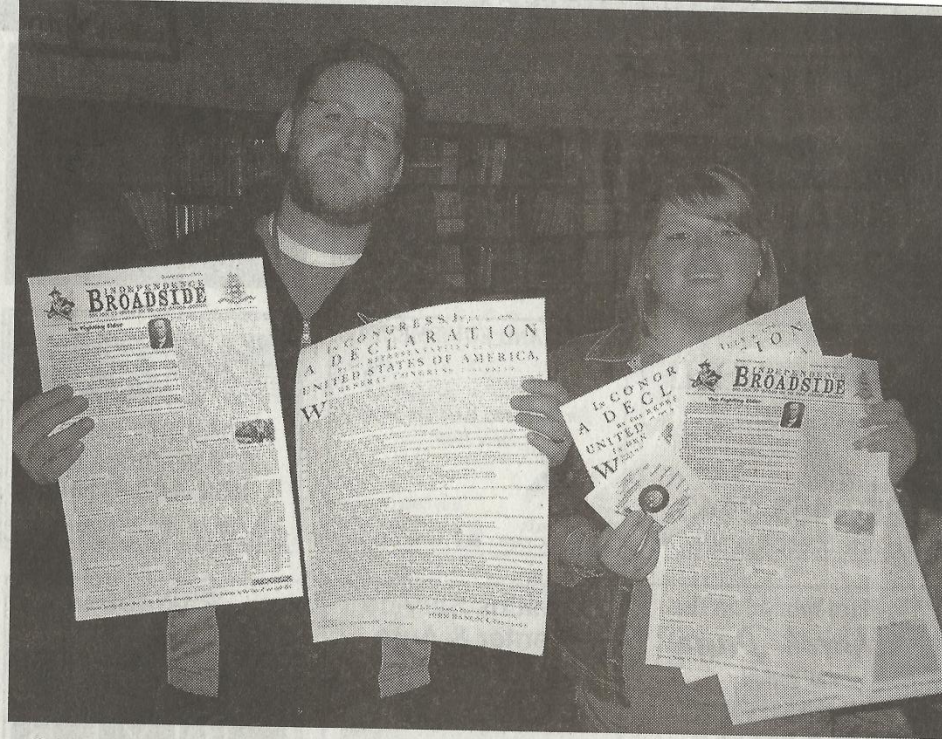
The NCSSAR Color Guard led the March of Patriots for the 6th consecutive year

The Color Guard participates in the ceremony at Veterans Park



SAR visits Southern Nash Middle

Ken Wilson, President of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution recently visited the 8th grade students at Southern Nash Middle School. He presented a program explaining the significance of the dates on the North Carolina flag and how they affected the Revolutionary War. During the four presentations he spoke to over 230 student dressed as a member of the North Carolina militia. Following the programs, Wilson



SAR VISITS SOUTHERN NASH MIDDLE SCHOOL — Pictured above, Southern Nash Middle School Social Studies teachers Mr. Charles Vester and Ms. Christine Veillette display copies of the Declaration of Independence and the SAR Independence Broadside newspaper. Not pictured is Ms. Teri Stanley. (Contributed photo)

presented the teachers with SAR American Heritage CD's; a copy of the Declaration of Independence and copies of the SAR Indepen-

dence Broadside newspaper.

If your school or organization would like more information about this program or

other programs offered by the SAR, please contact Wilson at 252-537-5406 or boxcar27870@embarqmail.com.

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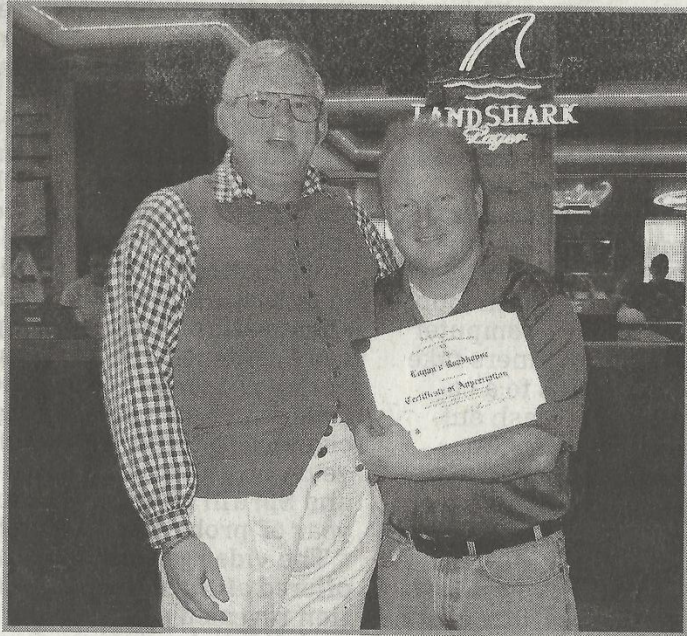
Pilots Club

November 18, 2014



Compatriot Ken Wilson presented a program on the history of the U.S. Flag and Flag Etiquette

Logan's Roadhouse receives SAR Award



Logan's Roadhouse in Roanoke Rapids was recently awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for its support of and assistance to the Halifax Resolves Chapter in hosting a pre-event luncheon for the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard. North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution President Ken Wilson presented the certificate to Logan's Roadhouse Manager Mike Stettler on behalf of the Halifax Resolves Chapter and the North Carolina Society. Logan's Roadhouse has been the rally point for the color guard for the last four years when the group comes to Roanoke Rapids to participate in the Veterans Day 'March of Patriots' and the Christmas Parade.

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SAR Award presented

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson, left, recently presented Stephanie Ann Brahin with the Sons of the American Revolution Molly Pritcher medal for her support of her husband, R. Allen Brahin, Color Guard Commander of the Halifax Resolves Chapter. To earn the Molly Pitcher Medal, a woman must participate in support of her color guardsman at least three state, district or national events in each of three years. The requisite three years do not need to be continuous; a year shall be any period of 12 consecutive months. The presentation was made at a pre-event color guard luncheon hosted by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR.

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Roanoke Rapids, NC
November 27, 2014

The Battle of Great Bridge

December 6, 2014



NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the State Society and the chapter

Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade

December 7, 2014



The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard poses before leading the Christmas Parade for the 6th consecutive year

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Wilson speaks to Pilot Club

Ken Wilson of SAR spoke to the Pilot Club of Roanoke Valley on Nov. 18. He presented a very informative program on the flag. All present enjoyed it and learned many facts about the flag. The Club meets the third Tuesday monthly at AMVETS Post 320 on Charlotte Street behind Roanoke Rapids High School. Visitors are welcome.