

The Sons of the American Revolution is a **PATRIOTIC** organization formed in 1889 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1906, with more than 25,000 living members from all 50 states and 23 foreign countries. Throughout its 119-year history, the SAR has admitted more than 155,000 members. Among them are 16 **PRESIDENTS** of the **UNITED STATES**, including George W. Bush and his father George H. W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman and Theodore Roosevelt. The SAR also has had among its members Sir Winston Churchill and King Juan Carlos I of Spain, both of whom trace their ancestry to **REVOLUTIONARY WAR** patriots. Membership requires proof of descent from a person who aided in the **PATRIOT** cause. Some of the activities in which we engage are:

- * commemoration of patriot graves and monuments
- * educational programs in the schools and elsewhere on the ideals of our Patriot ancestors and the American Revolution
- * recognition of outstanding law enforcement officers and JROTC cadets
- * sponsorship of Boy Scout troops

SAR Pledge

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”



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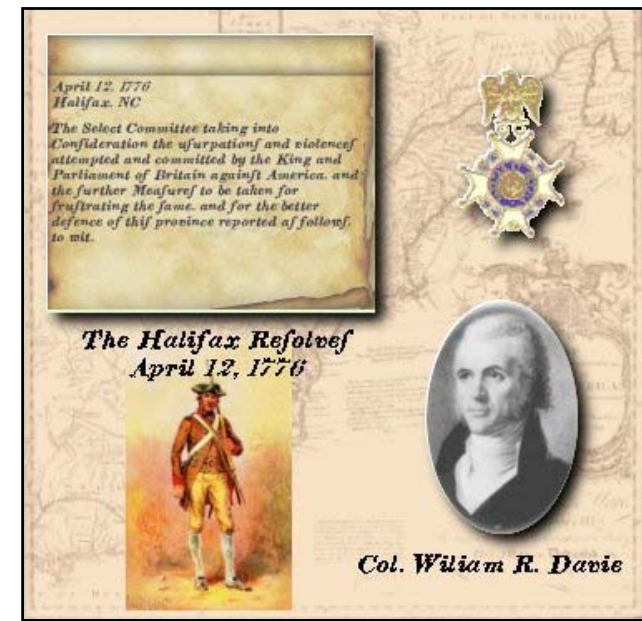
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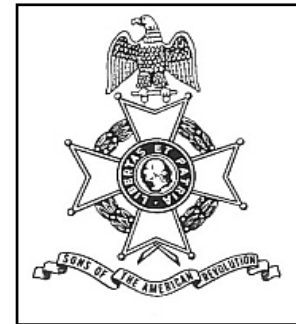
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**The Halifax Resolves Chapter
North Carolina Society
Sons of the American Revolution**



From the Secretary's Desk...

Compatriots,

The February meeting will be held on **Wed., February 13, 2008 at 6:30 pm at Ralph's BBQ**, in Weldon. The cost of the meal will be \$13, and guests are cordially invited.

On the agenda:

We will be presenting awards to the winners of the Knight Essay contest for our chapter. The Knight Essay contest is open to all students who are legal US citizens and at either the sophomore, junior or senior grade of study during the contest year. The topic of the essay must deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.

This year's winners are :

Joanna Nixon - 1st place
Zachary Battle. Runner-up

First prize will be a Knight Essay medallion, a certificate, and a \$100.00 U. S. Savings Bond. The second place prize will be a certificate and a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond. In addition, the first place essay will be submitted to the NCSSAR at the state level as our chapter's entry. The winner of the state contest will move on to the national level and the winner will be announced at the National Congress this summer.

Chapter VP Ken Wilson deserves a pat on the back from all of us for all the hard work he has put in to organize this contest in our chapter. Besides the honorees and their families, we expect that members of the local press will be there to cover the presentation. Chapter President Ron Jones also has some important matters he wants to discuss, so I hope everybody will make an effort to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there—

—*Steve Avent, Secretary/Treasurer*

Halifax Resolves Celebration

The main project of the Halifax Resolves Chapter is our sponsorship of the annual celebration of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. This year, it will be held on Sat., April 12th at 11:00 am, at the site of the old colonial courthouse in the town of Halifax.

This event has always been well attended, with participation by representatives of the SAR, DAR and the CAR, and we expect that this year will be an especially big event. This year April 12th falls on a Saturday, so our event will coincide with the Halifax Day celebration put on by the town of Halifax. Also, our keynote speaker will be Bruce Wilcox, President-General of the NCSSAR, so we expect participation from SAR chapters throughout the region. We'll need volunteers from the chapter to help with crowd control, handing out programs, announcing the names of participants, and many other functions, so if you can help out that day please let Steve Avent or Ron Jones know.



Ron Jones presents the chapter wreath at the 2007 celebration



Some of the SAR participants at the 2007 celebration

NCSSAR Calendar Fundraiser



Looking for a way to show your support for the NCSSAR? In 2011, the NCSSAR will be sponsoring the National SAR convention, to be held in Winston-Salem. This is a very big deal, and is particularly special because 2011 will be the 100th anniversary of the founding of the NCSSAR. It's going to be expensive, though, so one of the ways we're financing it is through the sale of NCSSAR calendars.

These calendars were put together by NCSSAR President (and Halifax Resolves Chapter member) Sam Powell, and all the photographs (such as the one above) were shot by NCSSAR photographers and are of NC subjects. Almost every day on the calendar has several NC-related Revolutionary War events listed, or NCSSAR events, and you will find it to contain a wealth of interesting information.

Copies of the calendar can be obtained directly from Sam:

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Suggested donation per calendar	= \$5.00
Shipping and handling (1 calendar)	= \$2.00
(2 calendars)	= \$2.50
(3 calendars)	= \$3.00

Upcoming Events

232nd Anniversary of the Battle at Moore's Creek Bridge, Currie, NC, 2/23/2008

Spring NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting, Raleigh, NC - 03/08/2008

227th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 3/15/2008

SCAR Corps of Discovery, Revolutionary War Battles of Alamance County, NC, 3/29/2008

Celebration of 232nd anniversary of adoption of Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC, 04/12/2008

NCSSAR Annual Convention, Hickory, NC, 04/18-19/2008