



Message from the President



Compatriots,

We have been very busy since the last meeting. The Color Guard has participated alongside the Old North State contingent and led the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade. In addition, the Chapter Color Guard, in their first solo appearance, participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony which was held at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids.

Our Knight Essay winner for 2009 is Miss Stephanie K. Marshall. Katie attends Cornerstone Christian School in Roanoke Rapids. Her award will be presented at the January 13th meeting.

The Outstanding JROTC Cadet winner is C1Lt Robert Taylor Stoneham, a 3rd year cadet at J. F. Webb High School in Oxford. I presented his award on January 6 at the high school.

Looking back at what we accomplished in 2009 is truly amazing. Here's a brief overview.

- Received the NSSAR Partners in Patriotism Award - First and only NC chapter to receive this award
- Hosted the Halifax Resolves Ceremony
- Awarded 15 SAR Flag Certificates
- Organized the Chapter Color Guard
- Participated with the Old North State contingent of the NCSSAR Color Guard in leading the Roanoke Rapids Veterans Parade and Christmas Parade
- Provided the color guard for the Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Roanoke Rapids
- Awarded 5 Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates
- Conducted 4 Flag Retirement Ceremonies with the DAR, AM-VETS, American Legion, Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
- Marked the Grave of Revolutionary War Colonel and State Legislator Whitmel Hill
- Established a Chapter Speakers Bureau - Immediate Past President Mr. Ron Jones was the guest speaker for various area organizations

-Submitted numerous articles to the SAR Magazine and Old North State Newsletter - Articles were printed in each issue of both publications in 2009

-A large publicity campaign was launched to promote the chapter and its activities resulting in 114 articles being published over and above meeting announcements

-A genealogy seminar was conducted in Warrenton, NC co-sponsored by the Warren Chapter, NCS DAR

-Participated in 10 ceremonies honoring veterans past and present (excluding Wreaths Across America)

I would like to thank Compatriots Mr. Ron Jones, Mr. Steve Avent, and Mr. Dave Hoaglan for their tireless support throughout 2009. Without their efforts, none of this would have been possible.

We have several upcoming events, one being the 234th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves on April 10th. Tentative plans for April 10th include a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 10:00, a possible luncheon at 12:00 and the Halifax Resolves ceremony at 2:00. There will be a great need for volunteers to assist the officers to ensure everything goes as planned. Please think about what you can do to assist.

Fraternally,

Ken Wilson

President, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR

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- NCSSAR President Frank Horton swore in the Chapter's 2010-2011 officers
- SE District Vice President General Sam Powell presented outgoing Chapter President Ron Jones with the SAR Meritorious Service Medal
- Chapter President Ken Wilson presented Ron Jones with the SAR Past President pin



(left) NCSSAR President Frank Horton swears in the new chapter officers for 2010-2011. (l-r) Chapter President Ken Wilson, NCSSAR President Horton, SE District VPG Sam Powell, Chaplain Duncan Jones, VP Dave Hoaglan, Sec/Treas Steve Avent, Registrar Allen Brahin

(center) SE District VPG Sam Powell places the Chapter President's neck ribbon on new President Ken Wilson

(right) NCSSAR President Frank Horton presents outgoing Chapter President Ron Jones with the SAR Meritorious Service Medal



(left) President Ken Wilson presents the SAR Past President pin to outgoing Chapter President Ron Jones

(right) Chapter officers for 2010-2011: (l-r) NCSSAR President Frank Horton, VPG Sam Powell, Chapter President Ken Wilson, Sec/Treas Steve Avent, Chaplain Duncan Jones, VP Dave Hoaglan, Registrar Allen Brahin



(right) Ken Wilson presents the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award to C1Lt Robert Taylor Stoneham, a 3rd year cadet at J. F. Webb High School in Oxford. The ceremony was held on January 6 at the high school.



The January chapter meeting will be held on **Wed., January 13**, at the Halifax United Methodist Church on **152 S. King Street (Main Street) in Halifax at 6:30 pm** and the women of the church will provide the meal. The cost will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Ken Wilson or Steve Avent if you're coming (contact info on last page of newsletter)



(left) the Halifax Resolves Chapter in conjunction with several veteran's groups co-sponsored a Flag Retirement ceremony in Roanoke Rapids on 11/14/2009

(center) On 11/24/2009 Ron Jones gave a presentation on the allegations that Jefferson fathered a child with one of his slaves, at the 1st Baptist Church in Wilson, to the Wilson DAR Chapter and the church Seniors Group, with 60-80 attending

(right) on 12/6/2009 the Halifax Resolves Chapter color guard marched with the NCSSAR color guard in leading the Roanoke Rapids Christmas parade



(left) on 12/7/2009 Chapter President Ken Wilson (center) participated in a Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony at the Roanoke Rapids Veteran's Center

(center) On 12/12/2009 the chapter color guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony, which honored the veterans buried at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids

(right) on 12/28/2009 Ken Wilson presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Mr. Robert M. New, of Roanoke Rapids

Upcoming NCSSAR Events

- South Atlantic District Meeting, Chesnee, SC 01/15/2010
- 229th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, Chesnee, SC 01/16/2010
- 229th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford, Charlotte, NC 01/30/2010
- 229th Anniversary of The Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, VA 02/20/2010
- 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge, Currie, NC 02/27/2009
- Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY 03/4 - 6/2010
- 229th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC 03/13/2010
- NCSSAR Spring Board of Managers meeting, NC State Club, Raleigh, NC 03/20/2010



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- * 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

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