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Sons of the American Revolution*

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Message from the President



Compatriots,

I hope each and every one of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As always our calendar is already starting to fill up with events. In addition to the monthly Veteran's ceremony, we also have an Eagle Scout Court of Honor scheduled for the 22nd of January. The Spring Board of Managers meeting is scheduled for February 4th in Salisbury. This meeting would be a great opportunity for every member to get a little insight into how the Society operates.

Plans are currently being made for the Halifax Resolves Celebration on April 7th. As yet the keynote speaker has not been named. In lieu of a flag retirement ceremony on the morning of the 7th, the Elizabeth Montfort-Ashes Chapter, NCS DAR is planning a grave marking ceremony for Mrs. Inez Green Pittard Woodruff, a prominent member of the DAR and other hereditary organizations and the mother of NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 am the morning of the 7th at the Hawkins Chapel United Methodist Church. President Pittard has asked for an SAR Color Guard to participate.

It is my hope to be able to participate in the ceremonies being held at South Boston, VA for the Crossing of the Dan on February 18th and The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge on February 25th. This will mean an extremely busy month in February.

Our NCSSAR convention will be held at Carolina Beach this year March 30-31. I hope some of you will join me for this gathering.

The Americanism Poster contest for the 4th & 5th grade students is currently in progress. The subject this year is the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Judging will take place at the March meeting.

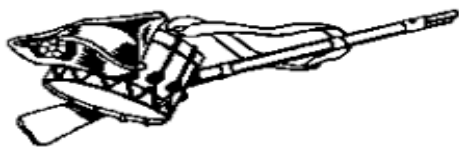
Ken Wilson



The January chapter meeting will be held on **Wed., January 11**, at the Halifax United Methodist Church on **152 S. King Street (Main Street) in Halifax at 6:30 pm**. The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required**. Please contact Ken Wilson or Steve Avent if you're coming. The guest speaker will be Carl Peoples of Halifax.

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President Wilson reported on the following chapter activities since our July 2011 meeting:

- He presented a program on the SAR Enhanced JROTC contest and the Knight Essay contest to the S. Nash High School AFJROTC.
- He attended the Board of Managers meeting in Burlington.
- He presented a program on US Flag history and etiquette to the “Helping Hearts” 4H Club in Scotland Neck.
- The Chapter held a flag retirement ceremony with VFW Post 3702—192 US Flags were retired. Total flags retired YTD is 594.
- The Chapter conducted a grave marking ceremony for Patriot Burwell Davis and SAR Compatriot David Koontz,
- The Chapter participated in the Eagle Scout, Enhanced JROTC and Knight Essay contests. Winners will receive their awards before December 15.
- He awarded an Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Kevin Moore of Troop 146 in Roanoke Rapids. We are awaiting notification of two more Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.
- He participated in two Veteran’s ceremonies at Calvary Baptist Church on November 6.
- He reported that under the new Chapter Achievement award criteria the chapter point total is no 6215.

Under upcoming events, President Wilson reported the following:

- He will be participating in a Veteran’s ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veteran’s Center tomorrow.
- The Chapter Color Guard will be marching with members of the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard in the Roanoke Rapids Veteran’s Day parade on Sunday.
- The commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge in Norfolk, VA, will be held on 12/3.
- The Chapter Color Guard will be marching with members of the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard in the Roanoke Rapids Christmas parade on 12/4.
- We will be awarding the Enhanced JROTC award to Cadet Simmons of S. Nash High School, and the Knight Essay award to JROTC Cadet James Elliott of J.F. Webb High School in Oxford.

NCSSAR President Steve Pittard was in attendance and he presented a few brief remarks. He then inducted new member Bill Peele into the SAR, and Compatriot Peele’s niece spoke on his Patriot ancestor. Chapter Officers were elected and then installed by NCSSAR President Pittard.

Chapter Activities

On November 19 at 2:00 pm the Halifax Resolves Chapter marked the grave of Patriot Nathan Boddie, at his home and burial place Rose Hill Plantation, located near Nashville, NC. The event was very well attended, with approximately 20 Boddie family members in attendance. SAR participants included NCSSAR President Steve Pittard, Past NCSSAR President Sam Powell, Ken Wilson, Steve Avent and Duncan Jones of the Halifax Resolves Chapter. The keynote talk was given by Mayo Boddie, a direct descendant of the Patriot.



(left) Members of the Boddie family at the grave of Patriot Nathan Boddie.

On November 11 Ken participated in a veteran's recognition ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Adult Daycare in Weldon.



(left) (seated) Veterans Joe Shelton, Carlton Belfield & John Williams.

(standing) Past Department President NC AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Pat Pulliam, AMVETS Post 101 Commander David Beam and Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson



On December 10 Ken presented the Society Flag Certificate to AMVETS Post 320 of Roanoke Rapids. Mr. James Tuck, 2nd Vice Commander of AMVETS Post 320, accepted the award on behalf of the post.



On November 25 Ken recognized the winner of the chapter's Knight Essay contest, Cadet James Dylan Elliott, a senior at J.F. Webb High School in Oxford. Dylan is the chapter's first two time winner for his essay entitled "The Battle of Guilford Court House".



On December 6, for the third consecutive year, the SAR led the Roanoke Rapids Christmas parade. Participants were: (l-r) Ken Wilson, Lee Harford of the M. de Lafayette Chapter, Past NCSSAR President Sam Powell, NCSSAR President Steve Pittard, Past NCSSAR President John Thornhill, Steve Avent and Ron Jones.



On November 25 Ken recognized Cadet Kayla Simmons of the Southern Nash AFJROTC as the winner of the chapter's Enhanced JROTC Contest.

Upcoming NCSSAR Events

- Jan. 14 - Battle of Cowpens - Gaffney, SC
- Jan. 28 - Battle of Cowen's Ford - Huntersville, NC
- Feb. 11-12 - Battle of Kettle Creek - Washington, GA
- Feb. 18 - Crossing of the Dan - South Boston, VA
- Feb. 25 - Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, Currie, NC
- Mar. 17 - Battle of Guilford Courthouse - Greensboro, NC
- Mar. 30-31 - NCSSAR Convention - Carolina Beach, NC
- Apr. 7 - Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves

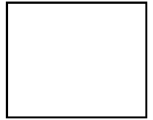


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- * commemoration of Patriot graves and monuments
- * educational programs in the schools and elsewhere on the ideals of our Patriot ancestors and the American Revolution
- * recognition of outstanding law enforcement officers and JROTC cadets
- *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

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