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*The Newsletter of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC Society
Sons of the American Revolution*

2010 winner – Honorable Mention—Carl F. Bessent Newsletter Award

Message from the President



Compatriots:

Happy New Year to all! We are starting a new, and hopefully, a productive year. To start things off on a positive note two new members, Geoff Pittard and R. J. Myrick, will be inducted at this month's meeting.

The chapter has received donations from Halifax Tourism for \$50 and the Wal-Mart Foundation for \$1500. Both donations are designated for the Youth Programs. This makes a total of \$2050 donated to offset the cost of our youth contests this year. This relieves a burden from the chapter's treasury.

In addition, our Americanism and PG Streamer point totals are higher than last year. There are two sets of points to be considered. The National and the North Carolina set. Our state society has an addition page added to the national form covering items unique to our society. The breakdown is as follows:

National

Americanism - 6296	2011 - 4624
PG's Streamer - 2780	2011 - 356

North Carolina

Americanism - 10,246	2011 - 6899
PG's Streamer - 2780	2011 - 356

We have improved since last year and I hope we will take one of the awards at the National Congress this year.

As in past newsletter comments I must remind the membership that we must fill our VP slot soon in order to train him to take over in November. Going into the President's office without any training can be enough to drive a member away, depending on the level of activity they want to maintain in the

local community and the state society. These contacts in the local community need to be maintained. If they are neglected, we may never get them back.

I have been reminded that I have to slow down more than I have activity wise. Even though I thought I had reduced my activities by half I really hadn't. Now I must do it. As a result, I probably will not attend Crossing of the Dan & the Guilford Courthouse/Board of Managers meeting.

Contacts are being made for the Americanism Poster contest. Halifax Academy is considering participating this year. Hopefully 4 schools will be involved.

The Halifax Resolves Celebration will be held on April 6th this year and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Scott Kennedy, Color Guard Commander of the Raleigh Chapter NCSSAR.

Fraternally,

The January meeting will be held on **Wed., January 9**, 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 .

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There was no program presented at the November meeting as it was our annual awards ceremony. First off, new member Randy Vester was inducted into the SAR and welcomed to the Halifax Resolves Chapter. Next, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Chapter members Rev. Duncan Jones, Allen Brahin and Steve Avent by President Wilson. Compatriot Brahin was also presented with the SAR Meritorious Service Medal. Mrs. Helen Holdford and Ms. Betsy Hudgins were presented with SAR Certificates of Appreciation for the delicious meals they provide at the chapter meetings, and the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Ms. Suetta Scarbrough for her participation in the community.

Halifax County Sheriff's Detective John Richard "Rich" Somogyi was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by President Wilson. This award is presented to an individual who is serving with distinction and devotion and recognizes exceptional service and accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Also present were Halifax County Sheriff Jeff Frazier, Chief Wes Tripp, and Major Bruce Temple. The Fire Safety Commendation Medal was awarded to Karl Wiltsie, who was unable to be present for the ceremony. President Wilson also announced that the Chapter's winner in the Knight Essay contest was Judia Watson, and the winner of the Chapter's enhanced JROTC competition was Branson Isley, and both of those awards will be presented November 20.



Detective Rich Somogyi



(l-r) Ken Wilson, Steve Avent, Rev. Duncan Jones, R. Allen Brahin.



R. Allen Brahin



Ms Suetta Scarbrough



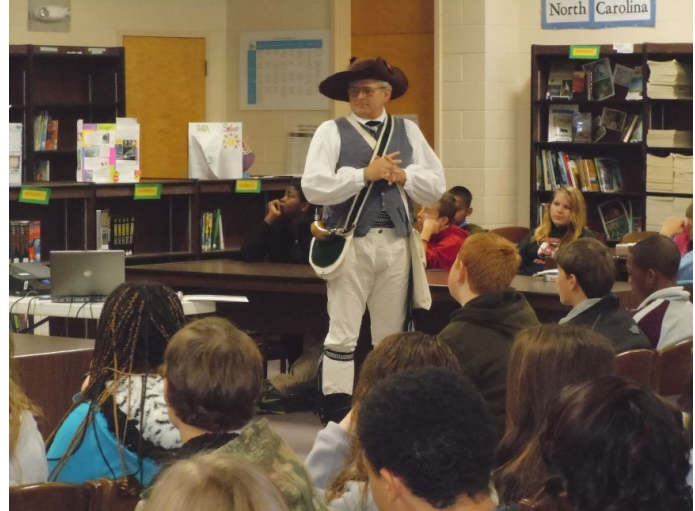
Randy Vester



Ms. Betsy Hudgins and Mrs. Helen Holdford



On 1 Dec Chaloner Middle School was presented with the SAR Flag Certificate. The award was accepted by Asst. Principal Jeff White



Ken Wilson presenting a program to 8th grade students at S. Nash Middle School



On 1 Dec the William R. Davie Middle School was presented with the SAR Flag Certificate. The certificate was accepted on behalf of the school by students Kayla Jones and Jaidyn Ramsey, and Asst. Principals Stephanie Tillery & Teicher Patterson.



The NCSSAR Combined Color Guard leading the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade.


Upcoming NCSSAR Events

- * January 18-19, 2013 - Battle of Cowpens Commemoration
- * January 26, 2013 - Battle of Cowan's Ford & Wreath Laying



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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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