

Message from the President

Compatriots,

While we are fast approaching another year since the founding of our great nation, we should strive to remember just why we continue to do all that our chapter and society does to support our heritage and its memory. You would not be compatriots if you did not value the principles that our country was founded upon. However, if we do not reach out to the community at large then the memory and our status as keepers of it will die when we have passed.

All too many of our children and those who come after from generation to generation are forgetting the amazing history and culture in which they were born or reside. Unless we want to see this continue we need to find ways to influence the society we live in and reach out and educate those around us bringing knowledge and understanding of the American Revolution, our nation's founding, the founding fathers, our form and structure of government and ultimately engender respect, honor and pride in our country.

It is in this area in particular that I would like to see our society grow. I am in discussions with several teachers in the area and plans are in the works to do presentations to classes, of different education levels, upon the constitution and on the principles of why we should honor our flag and its proper display and care. I would like to see an American Flag on more streets in our community and I would love to have them displayed properly with respect and honor. Please be on the lookout for any flags in your areas, or in passing, that are being flown properly and with adequate illumination so that we may consider them for a certificate from our chapter in acknowledgment.

This past couple months has seen several events pass which our chapter has been represented in. Not the least of these was the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade and Halifax Christmas Parade, in which several compatriots from across the state participated as a color guard. I want to thank everyone who is a member of our chapter for your support. If you cannot be present at every event or meeting, your support in spirit and shared purpose are still very much appreciated.

If you would like to participate physically and represent our chapter at any event which is upcoming please let me or one of the officers know. We always love to see our fellows out and would like to see you.

There are many statewide NCSSAR events coming soon and I would like to invite you to attend any of these (see calendar inside newsletter). I am still getting my feet under me, but am looking forward to this upcoming meeting on the 8th of January. We will be having as our guest Jim Woods, President of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution. We will also enjoy Mr. Chris Grimes presenting to us about 18th Century medicine. By now I have already heard from some of you that you will or will not be attending. While I understand completely if you cannot attend, I do always enjoy when you can make it.

And with that I pray your holidays went well and am looking forward to a good year with you, my fellow compatriots.

Fraternally,

Geoff

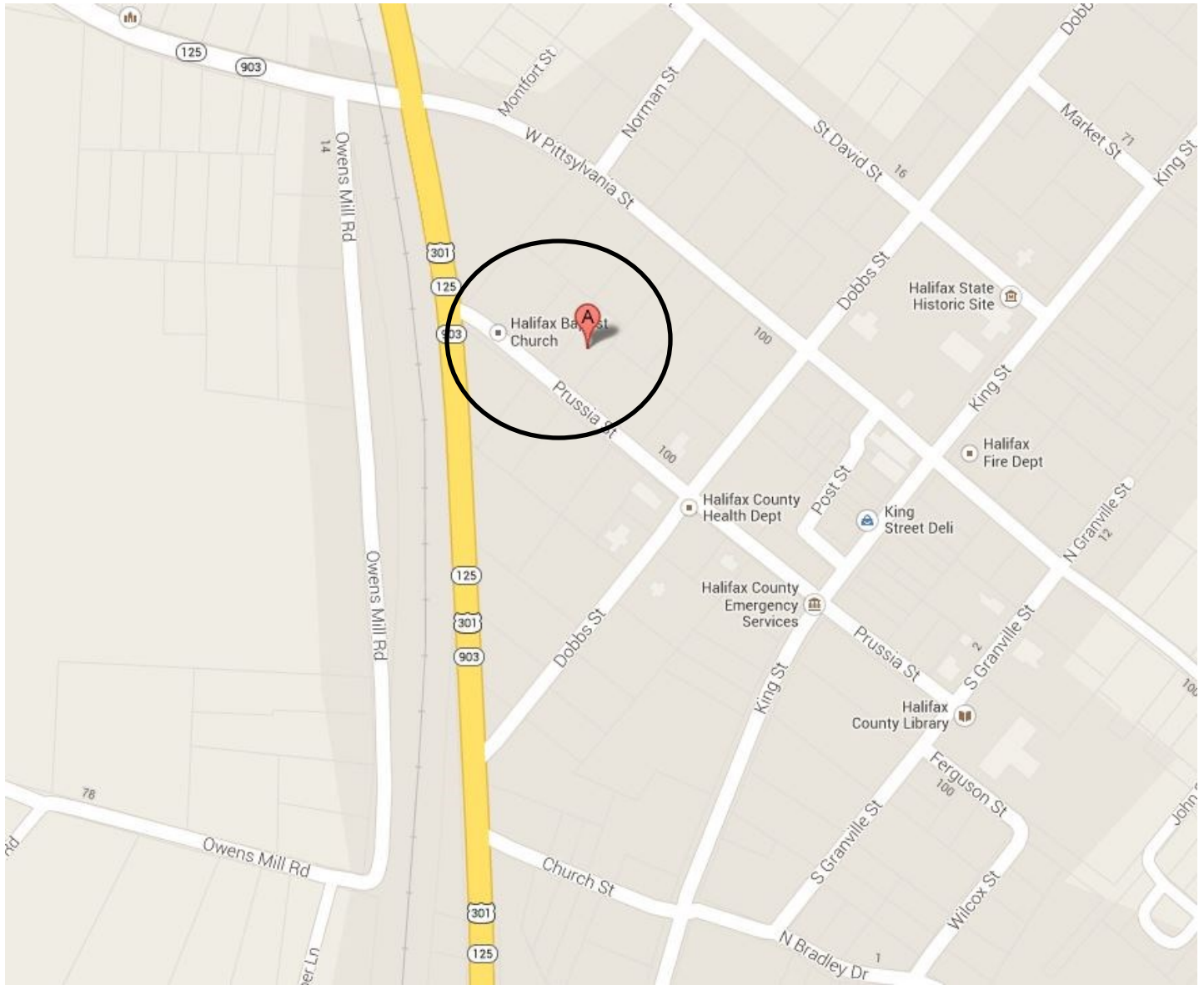
The January meeting will be held on **Wed., January 8**, at the Halifax Baptist Church on **131 Prussia Street in Halifax at 6:30 pm.**

**** Note the new meeting place! A map is inside this newsletter. ****

Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes will speak on 18th century medicine, and we will also welcome NCSSAR state President Jim Wood, who is coming all the way from Charlotte.

The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Geoff Pittard or Steve Avent if you're coming.

Map to New Meeting Place—Halifax Baptist Church



Chapter Activities





Previous page, l-r: Duncan Jones, Steve Avent and Allen Brahin receive awards; new chapter officers are inducted.

Above: Ken gives talk 12/12 at Rocky Mount Academy; right: compatriots turn out to lead Roanoke Rapids Christmas parade on a cold and rainy day: (l-r) Geoff Pittard, Chuck Yard, Steve Pittard, John Thornhill, Gary Green, Ken Wilson; in front: Marcus & Ehlana Pittard.

Upcoming SAR Activities

January, 2014

January 18, 2014 - The 233rd Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, SC.

January 25, 2014 - The Albemarle Chapter will mark the graves of Colonel Selby Harney and his brother, Jonathan Harney, at the Museum of the Albemarle, 501 S Water Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. 2:00 pm.

February, 2014

February 1, 2014 - The Mecklenburg chapter is sponsoring the 233rd Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford beginning at 10:00am at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

February 1, 2014 - The NCSSAR Winter Board of Managers meeting will be held immediately following the Cowan's Ford ceremony at Hopewell Presbyterian Church beginning approximately 11:30am.

February 7-9, 2014 - The 2014 Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek, Washington, Georgia, presented by the Georgia Society, SAR.

February 20, 2014 - The Mecklenburg chapter invites you to attend their annual President's Day Community Dinner, 6:00pm at the Executive Park Hilton in Charlotte. Professional historical actor Kevin Grantz will portray George Washington. Tickets are \$26 per person. Details are available at NCSSAR.org.

February 22, 2014 - The 238th commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in Currie, NC, 10:00am.

March, 2014

March 15, 2014 - The annual commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse will be held in Greensboro, NC

March 16, 2014 - Beginning at 2:00 PM, the North Carolina State Society will sponsor a ceremony honoring the 14 free Blacks of the Harlowe Community that fought for Liberty in the American Revolution. Harlowe - Havelock Senior Center, 125 Old Godette School Road, Havelock, NC.

April, 2014

April 12, 2014 - The 238th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves, 2:00p.m., Halifax, NC


April 25-26, 2014 - The NCSSAR Annual Meeting, Fayetteville, NC



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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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