

Message from the President



Compatriots,

I hope that each and every one of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have a busy year ahead and I hope all of you are ready to get to work.

We will be hosting NCSCAR President Camille Edwards at our January meeting. She will be our guest speaker and will talk about her project for the year. I hope you will come out and support her.

Since our last meeting I have attended the General Thomas Brown Grave Marking ceremony and the Battle of Great Bridge, presenting the chapter wreath at both events.

The Christmas Parade was well attended and the NC SAR led for the seventh consecutive year. I also presented two Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates. More details will be in my President's Report.

Over the holidays I have been sending out materials pertaining to the Americanism Poster and Brochure contests with some fairly good responses. I have been asked to speak to various 4th, 5th and 8th grade classes on the subject matter of each contest. This is a great way for us to get into the classrooms to promote the educational goals of the SAR. If you haven't tried it, you don't know what you are missing. The youth are starving for information on how and why our country was founded. When a program is presented to them, you can tell by the looks on their faces that what you are telling them is filling in the gaps in the information they are getting in the classroom.

At the March meeting we will judge the poster and brochure entries. Also, Compatriot Chris Grimes, President of the Albemarle chapter will be our guest speaker. I am told the subject has not been decided upon.

We have several important upcoming events that I hope some of you will try to attend. A South Atlantic District meeting and the Battle of Cowpens Commemoration will be held January 15th-16th in South Carolina. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend. If anyone would like to attend and represent the chapter, please contact me. The Cowan's Ford ceremony (now a National event) and the Winter Board of Managers will be held January 30th in Huntersville. I plan to attend and represent the chapter. We will probably be picking up the JROTC medals for the spring presentations. I hope to attend Moore's Creek, Crossing of the Dan and Guilford Courthouse before the presiding over the 240th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves on April 9th. The usual time table for this event will change this year. The Halifax Resolves ceremony will be held at 10:30. We will then host a luncheon at the Halifax United Methodist Church at 12:00.

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The January meeting will be **Wed., January 13**, at the Halifax Baptist Church on **131 Prussia Street in Halifax at 6:30 pm.**

On the agenda: Our guest speaker will be Ms. Camille Edwards, NCSCAR (Children of the Am Rev) President, who will speak on her project for the year.

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

There will not be a flag retirement this year due to poor attendance and the extended hours and workload placed on the chapter officers.

Currently we have tentative RSVP's from 3 National SAR Officers. As this event gets closer, I will be contacting some of you seeking assistance with some items we will need to supply. The streamers for this event have already been ordered.

Last year we co-sponsored a flag retirement the morning of the Patriots Day Ceremony at Alamance Battleground. I have already been contacted requesting that we do another one this year. The people in charge of the activities for that weekend were very impressed with the job we did last year and have asked us back. This is another time that the chapter needs to be more active outside of our local area.

Our Americanism totals will be announced at the meeting. Entries from other chapters are still coming in for inclusion in the state report.

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Highlights of the November meeting

NCSSAR President Tim Berly was present and was welcomed to the meeting by President Geoff Pittard. President Berly then gave a few brief remarks about some activities at the State and National level.

Outgoing President Pittard then spoke on his term of office, thanking the chapter for its support and expressing his willingness to help the new Chapter officers in any way possible. He then presented awards:

Allen Brahin: the SAR Grave Marking Medal

R.J. Myrick: the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

Steve Avent: the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal & Chapter Meritorious Service Medal.

Youth Medals were also presented: Ms. Ellen Burgess received the chapter Knight Essay award and Adam Moore received the JROTC Outstanding Cadet Award. Mr. Renny Taylor of Nash Central HS was declared the winner of the History teacher contest.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following: Ken and Jan Wilson, R.J. and Brenda Myrick, Duncan and Frances Jones and Allen and Stephanie Brahin.

NCSSAR President Berly then installed the Chapter officers for 2016-2017, who were:

President: Ken Wilson

VP: RJ Myrick

Secretary/Treasurer: Steve Avent

Color Guard Commander / Registrar: Allen Brahin

Chaplain: Rev. Duncan Jones

Incoming Chapter President Wilson then gave a few remarks, thanking the Chapter for electing him President and then outlining his goals and plans for his term of office.



Above (top to bottom, l-r): the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard leading the March of Patriots Veteran's Day Parade in Roanoke Rapids; the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard leading the 12/6/15 Christmas Parade in Roanoke Rapids; Participants in the Gen. Thomas Brown grave marking, Council, NC on 11/21; Ken Wilson with Ellen F. Doure Burgess, winner of the chapter's Knight Essay Contest. Honors History teacher Seth Warren is on left; 11/29 - Eagle Scout Will Martin of Troop 834 in Jackson, NC received a Certificate of Recognition on achieving the rank of Eagle; 12/1—Nash Central HS AP History Teacher Renny Taylor received a certificate and check for \$150 for being selected the chapter winner of the American History Teacher contest; Also of Nash Central HS, Cadet Commander Adam Moore was the winner of the chapter Outstanding JROTC Cadet contest; Ken and other participants in the 12/5/15 Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge, Norfolk, VA; Eagle Scout Braxton Luke Coggins of Troop 238 in Roanoke Rapid received a Certificate of Recognition on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout 12/18/15.

Upcoming Statewide Activities


January 30, 2016: The NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting, Hopewell Pres. Church, Huntersville, NC, 11:00am—3:00 pm.



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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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