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## *Message from the President*



Compatriots,

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday with family and friends. It seems the holidays come around quicker each year.

We did pretty well last year with the events we sponsored and others that we attended. My plans right now are to attend the Crossing of the Dan, the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and the

Battle of Guilford Courthouse in the next few months. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the Battle of Cowan's Ford and the Winter Board of Managers. Compatriot David Gammon will be representing the chapter at both events and has my proxy to vote on agenda items presented at the meeting.

In addition, we are working on one grave marking in Nash County for Captain William Battle. We received word that a Patriot's cemetery has been discovered along Fishing Creek near NC Highway 48 in Halifax County. As soon as hunting season ends and we can get into the woods safely, Compatriot Manning and I will investigate this finding. Until then, we will start the planning for Capt. Battle's ceremony.

As most of you know, the Americanism Brochure and Poster contest kick off this month. I have already started contacting various schools and teachers about participating this year. In conjunction with these, I am attempting to set up speaking engagements to coincide with the topics. If anyone has the desire to get involved with this program, please let me know.

We also need to conduct a Flag Retirement cere-

mony ASAP. Over Christmas I received enough flags to fill all four of my containers plus one that was donated. Most of these are 4' x 6' or larger. Roanoke Rapids HS wants to do one, but that will be after 1 February. Until then, the flags are continuing to pile up. In a way, this is a nice problem to have.

Our guest speaker this month will be Historic Halifax Site Manager Bob Bemis. Bob will be updating us on what's been going on at the site and future events being held there. I hope all of you can attend the meeting, it should be a great one.

Fraternally,

*Ken*

C. Kenith Wilson

The January meeting will be Wed., January 11, at Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: Historic Halifax Site Manager Bob Bemis will be updating us on what's been going on at the site and future events being held there. The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Ken by email or telephone (252-537-5406) if you're coming.

The November, 2016 meeting of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR, was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President Ken Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. An invocation was given by Compatriot Carlton Garner, and then all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag. President Wilson led the members in the SAR Pledge. Special guests NCSSAR President Gary Green and SAR Foundation President Dr. Sam Powell were introduced to the group.

President Green reminded everyone of his goals for the year: (1) retention. (2) communication, and (3) recognition of veterans within the SAR.

Dr. Powell gave an update on the building of the SAR Museum in Louisville.

In the absence of Secretary/Treasurer Steve Avent, President Wilson briefly discussed the minutes from the previous meeting, which were approved. The Treasurer's report indicated a total balance of \$2099.41, of which the subcategories include the Youth Fund with a balance of \$1670.00 and the General Fund with a balance of \$429.41. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's report was approved.

There was no unfinished business on the agenda.

Under new business, President Wilson discussed the status of our Chapter Color Guard. It has been decided to disband the Color Guard because we only have four members, of which only two are readily available. He also reminded members of the upcoming need to purchase replacement flags and a banner.

President Wilson next presented a number of awards from our chapter:

Certificate of Appreciation to Linda Bailey representing the ladies of the Halifax United Methodist Church

Certificates of Appreciation to R.J. Myrick, Allen Brahin, and Geoff Pittard

Certificates of Patriotism and the Military Service Medal to Ernest Bobbitt, Don Malcolm, Rives Manning, and Arlie Manning, all proud veterans.

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to David Gammon

Bronze Good Citizenship Award to R.J. Myrick

President Wilson also outlined a number of upcoming events, and President Green discussed the importance of the Commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, stressing that without the victory in the battle, the Halifax Resolves would not have occurred.

President Wilson then led the members in the SAR Recessional, Compatriot Carlton Garner gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

*Recent Chapter Activities*



(top—bottom, l—r): 11/7/16: Ken Wilson and Alamance Battleground Past President Sam Powell participate in a Veteran's Day ceremony at Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids; 11/12/16; Halifax Resolves Chapter members attended the Roanoke Rapids Veterans Day Ceremony sponsored by AMVETS Post 101. (l-r) Compatriot J. Rives Manning, HRC Past President Geoff Pittard, HRC President Ken Wilson, Compatriot E.C. Bobbitt, and Compatriot Wes Tripp.



(top—bottom, l—r): 11/13/16: Ken Wilson (2nd from left) participated in the color guard at a grave marking sponsored by the Micajah Pettaway Chapter NC DAR; 12/5/16: R. Allen Brahin was presented with the SAR Baron Von Steuben Medal “for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels.” (l-r) NCSSAR President Gary Green, R. Allen Brahin, Dr. Sam Powell; 12/4/16: members of the Chapter participated with the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard at the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade. Ken Wilson 4th from left, Steve Avent 2nd from right; 12/5/16: the Chapter honored 4 of its members for their service to the nation—each received their Veteran’s Corps certificates and the SAR Military Service Medal. The recipients were Compatriots Donald Malcolm, E.C. Bobbitt, J. Rives Manning and Arlie Manning. Pictured are (l-r) Ken Wilson (standing in for Arlie Manning), Donald Malcolm, EC Bobbitt, J. Rives Manning and NCSSAR President Gary Green. 12/7/16: Ken presented the SAR Eagle Scout Award to Eagle Scout Brandon S. Lawrence, of Troop 605, Henderson, NC; 12/7/16: Ken and Dr. Sam Powell (dual chapter member) participated in the SAR commemorative ceremony at the battlefield of Great ridge, Norfolk, VA. Ken—3rd from right and Dr. Powell 4th from right.



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## **Upcoming Activities**

1/14/2017: 236th Anniversary Ceremony, Battle of the Cowpens, on the battlefield near Gaffney, SC

1/28/2017: 236th Anniversary Ceremony, Battle of Cowan's Ford, Huntersville, NC; Winter NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting, Huntersville, NC

2/25/2017: Battle of Moore's Creek ceremony, Currie, NC

3/18/2017: 236th Anniversary Ceremony, Battle of Guilford CH, Greensboro, NC

4/12/2017: 241st Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC

4/21-22/2017: Annual NCSSAR Convention, Hilton Greenville, Greenville, NC

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