



Message from the President



Compatriots,

A lot has transpired since our last meeting. Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and I attended the Patriot's Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground, where we participated in the Color Guard and I presented the chapter wreath. I also had the honor of participating with the AMVETS Color Guard at the Memorial Day Ceremony and I also presented the chapter wreath. The June ceremony at the Dallas Jones Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center honored Sgt. Willie McLawhorn of Northampton Co. who was killed in action earlier this year. Sec.-Treas. Avent assisted me with the color guard duties posting, retiring and folding the colors for presentation to the family. I wish to thank Sec.-Treas. Avent, Past President Ron Jones and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones for their assistance in conducting the Flag Retirement ceremony at Jackson that we co-sponsored with BSA Troop 834. Even with the hot weather, we had a good turnout from the public. There were 203 U.S. flags retired at this event bringing the YTD total to 401.

We are running short on time now for the new slate of officers. As of this writing we have not received any suggestions or nominations from the membership. I had hoped someone would step forward, there is still time if you are considering an office. The nominations will be presented at the September meeting.

The chapter will be sponsoring a dual grave marking ceremony at the Shady Grove UMC in Inez, Warren Co. on October 22 at 2:00. We will mark the grave of Patriot Burwell Davis, ancestor of our Past NCSSAR President and chapter member Dr. Samuel C. Powell. Davis's wife was the sister of our Past Chapter President Dr. Cleveland Hawkins' ancestor. The second half of the ceremony will be the marking of Compatriot David Koontz's grave. Compatriot Koontz was a member of the Alamance Battleground Chapter NCSSAR. He had served as the Chapter President of the Alamance Battleground Chapter, and NCSSAR Genealogist along with various other offices. Compatriot Koontz's wife, Sarah is also a descendant of Burwell Davis.

We are currently working on another grave marking at the Rose Hill Plantation near Nashville for Patriot Nathan Boddie. If this comes to fruition, it could be the largest event ever sponsored by the chapter.

Ken Wilson

The July chapter meeting will be held on **Wed., July 13**, 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. On the agenda: Ken will give a talk on the battle of Cowpens.

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Happy 4th of July!



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

- He attended the Guilford Courthouse ceremony where he participated in the Color Guard and laid the Chapter wreath
- He spoke to 4th & 5th grade students at Belmont Elementary School about the Revolutionary War
- He presented the Americanism Poster winner Casie Crawley with her certificate and check during an assembly at Cornerstone Christian School
- Held a joint Flag Retirement Ceremony in Kill Devil Hills with the Outer Banks Chapter and retired 51 U.S. flags
- He awarded a Flag Certificate to First Citizens Bank in Roanoke Rapids.
- He participated in the April & May Veterans' ceremonies at the Dallas Jones Veterans Center & Museum
- He was the Master of Ceremonies for the Flag Retirement ceremony and the Halifax Resolves wreath laying ceremony as well as the luncheon on April 9th. There were 69 U.S. Flags retired. He reported that Dr. Jeff Broadwater presented an excellent program on the events leading up to the Halifax Resolves
- He attended the State Convention in Raleigh. The Halifax Resolves Chapter received a 2nd place streamer for the Scrapbook competition and a Flag Certificate streamer
- He awarded an Eagle Scout Recognition certificate to Michael Diettrich of Troop 182 in Roanoke Rapids
- He attended the BSA God & Country Jamboree at Camp Bonner North with Steve Avent and Jim Wood of the Mecklenburg Chapter
- He awarded 4 Law Enforcement Commendation medals at the Halifax County Law Enforcement Association Luncheon
- He attended the Central Nash & Southern Nash HS JROTC awards ceremony
- He reported that there are 125 US flags to be retired, and YTD 199 flags have been retired.
- The Chapter Achievement Award Points total is 4850

Past Chapter President Ron Jones was presented with the SAR Good Citizenship Medal for his faithful service to the chapter, and Carl Burke, of the Historic Halifax Museum, gave a most interesting talk on the Halifax Resolves and other issues pertaining to the Historic Halifax Museum.

Chapter Activities

The Halifax Resolves chapter sponsored the commemoration of the 235th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves on April 9th. Here is a photo of the SAR participants:



(l-r) Ken and Steve are recognized at the NCSSAR convention, held 4/15-17; Ken, Jim Wood (Mecklenburg Chapter) and Steve Avent at a 4/30 Boy Scout Jamboree at Washington, NC



Ken and Steve presenting the SAR ROTC Outstanding Cadet Award. (l-r) Ken at Nash Central HS with recipient Cadet Ensign Cheyenne Shearin, Ken at S. Nash HS with Cadet LT Jordan Reynolds and Steve Avent at N. Nash HS with Cadet Weaver



(l-r) Ken and Steve presenting the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to four Halifax County lawmen, 5/3; Patriot's Day at Alamance Battleground, 6/14; Allen Brahin in the Color Guard during the July 4th celebration at Mt. Vernon;



Upcoming NCSSAR Events

- 6/23/2011 - The 231st Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Colson's Mill, Norwood, NC.
- 8/13/2011 - Battle of Musgrove's Mill, Clinton, SC
- 8/20/2011 - Locke Family Grave Markings, recognizing four members of the Locke family. Salisbury, NC
- 8/20/2011 - Grave marking ceremony for General Isaac Gregory, 2:00pm, Camden Co., NC, (about 30 minutes west of Elizabeth City, NC)
- 9/4/2011 - Battle of Eutaw Springs, Eutawville, SC
- 9/17/2011 - The 231st Anniversary of the "Gathering at Sycamore Shoals", Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area, Elizabethton, TN
- 9/30/2011 - Fall National Leadership Meeting, SAR Headquarters, Louisville, KY
- 10/7/2011 - Battle of King's Mountain, King's Mountain, SC
- 10/19/2011 - Yorktown Day, Yorktown, VA
- 10/22/2011 - The Lower Cape Fear Chapter will mark graves of the Ashe and Lillington families.
- 10/22/2011 - The Halifax Resolves Chapter will perform two grave markings at the Shady Grove UMC in Warren County. The ceremonies are in honor of Patriot Burwell Davis and Compatriot David Koontz.
- 11/5/2011 - Battle of Camden, Camden, SC.
- 11/13/2011 - "March of Patriots" Veteran's Day Parade in Roanoke Rapids, NC, presented by the Halifax Resolves Chapter.



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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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