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## Message from the President



Compatriots,

We have reached the mid-year point and I am happy with the progress we have made in our outreach to the public and our increase in membership. The support from the membership at various events I have attended is much appreciated.

I have several important announcements to make concerning the chapter. First, effective with our July meeting, we have a new meeting place. We will return to the Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax for the foreseeable future. This month's program will be presented by NC SAR District 1 VP Chris Grimes and is entitled "Revolutionary Sickness: Agues, Fluxes and Poxes Encountered by Soldiers of the Revolution". Remember to RSVP to me or Steve Avent NLT noon on Monday, July 11th.

Our September meeting will host NCSCAR President Mary Lee Howell. President Howell will be our guest speaker. I also hope to induct at least two new members at this meeting.

Our Annual Meeting will be held in November. NC SAR President Gary Green will be in attendance. This will be a coat and tie meeting.

We will be trying something new with the 2017 Halifax Resolves Commemoration ceremony. Instead of holding the ceremony on the preceding Saturday, we will conduct it on Wednesday, April 12th, at 10:00 with a luncheon to follow at 12:00. As we did this year, there will be a pre-event reception on Tuesday evening at a location to be determined. An invitation has been extended to incoming President-General J. Michael Tomme

to attend and be the keynote speaker. We should know something by our September meeting as to his intentions. We also have invited him to join us for this year's Christmas Parade in Roanoke Rapids. The parade will be December 4th, the day after the Battle of Great Bridge ceremony in Chesapeake, VA.

Now we need to address an issue that cannot wait if we wish to proceed with some of our programs. As of now we only have the funds to sponsor one youth contest this year. I am working on getting some funds via grants but we probably won't receive any money (if approved) until late December, two months after our chapter contests close out date. I have already been notified that we have entrants working on the Eagle Scout and American History Teacher contests. The odds are we will also have entries for the Knight Essay and Enhanced JROTC contests. Beginning January 1st, we are supposed to start the Americanism Poster and Brochure contests. Each contest requires \$150.00 in expenditures by the chapter. This means a total cost of \$900.00. We currently have \$215.00 in the Youth Fund. It would be a shame to shutdown the programs after sending four of our five chapter winners to the National contests. I have been attempting to find funds locally, but that has not and probably will not happen with the state of the local economy. What is the will of the chapter? We need to answer this at the meeting, it cannot be put off until later without shutting down the programs.

Fraternally,

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The July meeting will be **Wed., July 13**, at the **Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**, 150 S. King St. in Halifax at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: District 1 VP Chris Grimes will deliver a presentation entitled "Revolutionary Sickness: Agues, Fluxes and Poxes Encountered by Soldiers of the Revolution". The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Ken or Steve by email or telephone (252-537-5406) on or before Mon., 7/11 if you're coming. Guests are always cordially invited.



## *Chapter Activities*

(l-r) Halifax Chapter participants in the Roanoke Rapids Memorial Day ceremony. (l-r) Rives "Judge" Manning, EC Bobbitt, Rev. Duncan Jones, Ken Wilson, Donald Oakes; Chapter members with BSA Troop 144, at the 6/11 Joint Flag Retirement Ceremony held in Roanoke Rapids. Members participating were Rives "Judge" Manning, VP RJ Myrick, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, Ken Wilson, Geoff Pittard; Participants at the 6/12 marking of the grave of Mrs. Inez Pittard Woodruff, who was a member of the Elizabeth Montfort-Ashe DAR Chapter and also instrumental in forming the Halifax Resolves Chapter;



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