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Message from the President



Compatriots,

Events kept me very busy until the last couple of weeks. I am enjoying a little relief from a very hectic schedule that some would say is self induced while others would say it's part of the job.

For those who were not in attendance at our last meeting, I covered some items that will determine the direction the chapter takes over the foreseeable future and requested guidance on what the membership desired. Unfortunately, I did not receive any guidance at all so I will bring these up again at this meeting in hopes of getting some input. What were the items?

First, I asked for guidance as to whether or not the chapter wanted to continue the Youth Contests. If we do, we need to start now searching for grants/donors to fund the various contests after the 2018 Poster & Brochure contests. We have enough money to fund the contests in the event the six we participate in have entries. The other part of this question is who is willing to help send out information packets to the schools/scouts, promote them in person at the schools/ scout troops and judge the entries. Most of these contest entries can be sent via email to various members to judge. These would be the Knight Essay, Enhanced JROTC, Eagle Scout Scholarship and American History Teacher. The work gets a lot heavier with the posters & brochures.

Please note:

***** Location change for the July meeting *****

The July meeting will be held Wed. July 12th at the Halifax Baptist Church, located at 131 W. Prussia St. in Halifax.

For the poster & brochure competitions you have a very compressed schedule. Visits to the schools need to be schedule NLT January 10th. The topics and the rules need to be explained in depth in some cases. In order for the teachers and students to complete their projects, the cutoff needs to be the first week of March. Now the posters/brochures need to be collected and a preliminary judging conducted before the chapter does the final judging the second Wednesday night in March. In 2017 we had 49 posters from 5 schools in 2 counties. Two more schools have expressed interest for 2018. We only had 1 school

participate in the brochure contest this year instead of the 2-3 who normally enter. That school had 61 entries, the only school in North Carolina to participate! Two new schools have expressed interest in this con-

test for 2018.

Secondly, we need to talk about event participation and planning. Does the chapter wish to continue being part of the local Memorial Day, Veterans Day events/ parade and the Christmas Parade? Signing up in a timely manner, posting the event on the state calendar and pre/post event meals need to be coordinated well ahead of time.

Last, but not least, Halifax Day. Planning for this National SAR event started during the last event. It is desired to have the President-General to be the keynote speaker. Should the PG not be available, then his designated representative will be the keynote speaker and that representative will be accorded the same courtesies as the PG.

There is a lot of protocol and expense when you host a National event. Over the last few years we have had “sponsors” who have absorbed the majority of the costs. North Carolina has 5 National events and co-hosts a 6th.

Please think over what you would like to do before the next meeting so we can have an informed discussion and make a decision.

One final note, our guest speaker will be Region 1 VP Chris Grimes whose topic will be “the 5th NC Regiment”.

Fraternally, *Ken*

Recent Chapter Activities



(top—bottom, l—r): 5/20: Ken at the Flag Retirement, sponsored jointly with the Alamance Battleground Chapter and held at the Patriots Day Ceremony at the Alamance Battleground; the group photo from Patriot's Day; on 5/23, Ken presented three SAR JROTC awards on behalf of the Chapter to cadets (l-r) Caleb Evans, Warren Co. HS, David Lynn, S. Nash HS and Kristin Cronkhite, Nash Central HS;




(top—bottom, l—r): 5/23: Ken with poster contest winner (l) Elliott Sass and (r) brochure contest winner Sierra Lynn Gibbs; 5/28: Teacher Seth Warren of RRHS receiving the Silver Good Citizenship Medal; 5/30: the Chapter at the Memorial Day ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery (l-r) Wes Tripp, Rev. Duncan Jones, EC Bobbitt, Ken, J. Rives Manning; Brochure contest winner Sierra Lynn Gibbs with (l-r) James Rook, teacher, Ken, Jeffery White, Chaloner Middle School Principal; Elliott Sass, poster contest winner with teacher Jessica Small; with Eagle Scout Kyler Rogerson of BSA Troop 238, RR; 6/8: Ken speaking to 5th grade students (l) and teaching them proper folding of the flag (r) at Belmont Elem, RR; 6/12: Ken spoke to Halifax Co. Genealogical Soc. on the Battle of Kings MT; with Eagle Scout Michael Ketoff of Troop 146, RR, and parents; 5/28: Cadet Jacob Ngo of SW Edgecombe HS AFJROTC;



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Upcoming Activities

7/22/2017: 11:00 am—12:00 pm: 237th Anniversary Celebration of Battle of Colson's Mill, Norwood, NC

8/5/2017: 10:00 am—12:00 pm: Celebration of the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe, Sanford, NC

8/19/2017: 11:00 am—3:00 pm: NCSSAR Summer Board of Managers meeting, Winston-Salem, NC

The July meeting will be Wed., July 12 at the Halifax Baptist Church, 131 W. Prussia St. in Halifax, at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: Region 1 District VP Chris Grimes will speak on the 5th NC Regiment.

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.

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