

Message from the President



Compatriots,

The last two months have had many highs and a very low low. That low was the resignation of VP Dave Hoaglan. We regret that Dave is not with us, but we will respect his wishes. He will be greatly missed. If anyone wishes to take on the VP responsibilities, please contact one of the officers.

The main high was having the pleasure of presenting our Knight Essay winner, Katie Marshall with her medal at Cornerstone Christian School two weeks after our meeting. While I was there, I also presented the school with the Society Flag Certificate. Cornerstone will be participating in the Americanism Poster contest that will be conducted during the latter part of March.

Many thanks are due to Compatriot Ron Jones for his efforts in organizing the Genealogy Seminar in Greenville on Saturday, March 6. Ron will be joined by Compatriot Steve Avent and I as we collaborate with the George Washington Chapter NCSSAR and the Susanna Coutanch Evans Chapter of the NCS DAR in sponsoring this event.

One of the biggest thrills you can get is to have the opportunity to speak to a group of young people. On February 16th I gave a presentation on the history, proper display, folding and retirement of the U.S. Flag to the Halifax Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. They were very attentive and asked good questions and it was a great experience for me.

There will be a Board of Managers meeting in Raleigh on March 20th. If you have never attended one, you are missing a great opportunity to learn the inner workings of the state as well as the national society.

We are also starting to get invitations to the JROTC Awards Ceremonies and to the Eagle Scout Courts of Honor where we will be presenting awards to some very deserving young people.

As always, we, the officers, are looking for volunteers to assist us in setting up and coordinating the Flag Retirement ceremony, the

Luncheon, and the Halifax Resolves ceremony on April 10th. We are also in need of a chapter photographer.

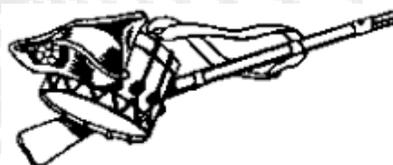
The NCSSAR Convention will be held in Charlotte April 23-24. Further information can be found on the state website (www.ncssar.com).

Fraternally,

Ken Wilson

President, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR

The March chapter meeting will be held on **Wed., March 10**, at the Halifax United Methodist Church on **152 S. King Street (Main Street) in Halifax at 6:30 pm** and the women of the church will provide the meal. The cost will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Ken Wilson will be presenting a program on the Battle of Eutaw Springs, SC, which was fought Sep. 8, 1781. We will also be inducting new member Bruce Jackson into the SAR and the Halifax Resolves Chapter. Please contact Ken Wilson or Steve Avent if you're coming (contact info on last page of newsletter)



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President Wilson read the winning essay by the winner of our outstanding JROTC award

The chapter's winner in the Knight Essay contest read her essay entitled "Our Cause is Just"

Ron Jones announced the chapter's participation in a genealogy seminar, to be held in Greenville on 3/6/2010

President Wilson reported on recent chapter activities:

We marched with the color guard of the Old North State Chapter in leading the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade

He and Dave Hoaglan served as the color guard at a ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veteran's Center

He awarded a SAR Flag Certificate

We selected winners in the JROTC outstanding cadet contest and the Knight Essay Award contest

He announced the chapter's 2009 point total of 12125 in the NCSSAR Chapter Achievement award contest

He will be serving as the color guard at a ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veteran's Center in January, 2010

He announced the speaker at the April Halifax ceremony that will be sponsored by our chapter. He also announced that the S. Nash HS JROTC unit will serve as the color guard there, and that American Legion Post 98 will co-sponsor the Flag Retirement ceremony to be held in conjunction with the main ceremony.

Sec/Treas Steve Avent reported that he will be attending the SAR commemoration at the Cowpens Battlefield on 1/16/2010. He also moved that the chapter participate in the NCSSAR poster contest and award the winner a \$50 Savings Bond. The motion was approved.

Battle of Cowpens Celebration

The 229th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Cowpens was held on the battlefield near Chesnee, SC, on Sat., 1/16/2010. This is one of the premier SAR events and is always well-attended by SAR compatriots from NC and SC. The weather for this event is usually bitterly cold, but this year's moderate temperatures brought out dozens of participants and hundreds of spectators. Re-enactors (both Patriot and British) set up camp, and there were cavalry demonstrations as well as many other activities, and a good time was had by all. The Halifax Resolves Chapter was represented by Registrar Allen Brahin (who served on the Color Guard) and Sec/Treas Steve Avent (who presented a wreath).



Clockwise from top:

*-infantry demonstration
-cavalry demonstration
-NCSSAR President Frank Horton and SE Dist. VP Dick Bishop. SE VP Gen. (and former NCSSAR President) Sam Powell is between them.
-some of the NC contingent gather in Morgan Square in Spartanburg
-Sec/Treas Steve Avent and Registrar Allen Brahin*





(left) on 2/3/2010 President Ken Wilson presented the SAR Flag Certificate to the Cornerstone Christian School



(right) on 2/28/2010 President Ken Wilson presented the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Jacob Lee Swink, of Troop 144, Tar River District

NCSSAR Ladies' Auxiliary

Message from Mrs. Jo Thornhill:

The Ladies Auxiliary, North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution is forming and beginning a membership drive! Several of us wives have faithfully supported our men as they have attended SAR functions. Attending local, state and national functions helps us know the men and enjoy the event more.

There is a supporting Auxiliary to the SAR which makes both the SAR member and their ladies more connected and comfortable when at the functions. Being a member of the SAR Auxiliary will also make your travel and expenses tax deductible as with the SAR member!

The National Auxiliary has been in existence since 2003, started by the California Society, which has had a ladies auxiliary since 1983. North Carolina SAR elected to allow a Ladies Auxiliary on October 10, 2009, and we are the 17th state with an auxiliary! We are excited to get to know other ladies of North Carolina and work with them. The Auxiliary meets only when the men meet. Dues will be \$10 annually.

We invite all ladies from all NCSSAR Chapters to join! Please contact the NCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary President, Jo Thornhill at thornhill123654@embarqmail.com for more information.

Be sure to check out the chapter's website at www.ncssar.com—click on the 'NC Chapters' link and then our chapter name on the map of NC. All of our chapter newsletters can be downloaded there, as well as the chapter bylaws. There is also a history of the chapter. The State website—www.ncssar.com—is also full of useful and interesting information, including a calendar of upcoming events and photo galleries of our events going back several years. The National SAR website—www.sar.org—is also worth a visit. Besides membership information there is a wealth of interesting Revolutionary War information as well.

Upcoming NCSSAR Events

- Free Genealogy Seminar, presented by the SAR and DAR, in Greenville, NC – 03/06/2010
- The Annual Guilford Courthouse Revolutionary War Lecture Series - 03/09 to 12/2010
- 229th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC – 03/13/2010
- NCSSAR Spring Board of Managers meeting, NC State Club, Raleigh, NC – 03/20/2010
- 234th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves Day, Halifax, NC – 04/10/2010
- NCSSAR Annual State Convention, Charlotte, NC – 04/23 – 24/2010
- South Atlantic District Meeting (held in conjunction with the NCSSAR Annual State Convention), Charlotte, NC – 04/24/2010
- 14th Patriots Day Celebration in Alamance, Alamance State Historic Site, NC – 05/15/2010
- 230th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre, Lancaster, SC – 05/29/2010
- Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC – 05/31/2010
- 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC – 06/19/2010
- 120th Annual SAR Congress, Cleveland, OH – 06/26 - 30/2010



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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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