



Message from the President



Compatriots,

This has been a very fast paced two months. Compatriots Steve Avent and Allen Brahin joined with me at the Guilford Courthouse ceremony where we marched with the Combined NSSAR Color Guard. Steve and I also participated in the Wreath Laying ceremony. The Chapter was well represented at the Spring Board of Managers meeting where Compatriot Ron Jones joined Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and I. The judging of the Americanism Poster Contest was held just before Easter, but due to the Easter break, the award was not made until two weeks later. Our winner was Taylor Redwine of the Cornerstone Christian School. Her entry has already been forwarded to State for the state completion following the Alamance Battleground Celebration on May 15th. Numerous JROTC ceremonies have been held and medals awarded.

The Halifax Resolves ceremonies and luncheon were a big success. Although attendance was down somewhat due to the DAR State Convention overlapping us, we made up for it in enthusiasm. We were fortunate to have MGySgt. Mike Pulley participate as our Burn Master for the Flag Retirement Ceremony. He did a fantastic job. There was a great program given by Dr. William S. Price during the Halifax Resolves ceremony. For the first time we had the Southern Nash HS AFJROTC handle to duties of Color Guard with great results. The AMVETS, American Legion, and Dallas Jones Veterans' Center participated in the Wreath Laying ceremony along with the newly formed NCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

The Chapter was extremely fortunate at the NCSSAR Convention. We were awarded the Chapter Achievement (small chapter) streamer, the Scrap Book streamer, the Flag Certificate streamer, and a Certificate of Appreciation from the State Society. Individual awards were given to three chapter members. Compatriot Cleveland Hawkins received a George Washington Fellow pin and certificate and a Certificate of Appreciation from outgoing NCSSAR President Frank Horton. Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent was awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and I was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from President Horton.

The only real downside to the last couple of months has been the lack of participation by the majority of the Chapter members. Our chapter has been recognized as the most active small chapter in the state. If 3 or 4 members can accomplish that, what would happen if we had 10-12 members actively involved? Please consider ways you can help the officers in our efforts to reach more people and grow the chapter.

Fraternally,

Ken Wilson

President, Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR

The May chapter meeting will be held on **Wed., May 12**, 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.** Please contact Ken Wilson or Steve Avent if you're coming (contact info on last page of newsletter). On the agenda: Mrs. Francis Jones will present a program on John Paul Jones and his relationship with Willie Jones of Halifax.



In this Issue...

- 1 **Remarks from President Ken Wilson**
- 2 **Highlights of March, 2010 meeting**
- 3 **Recent Chapter Activities**
Upcoming NCSSAR Events

- Chapter President Ken Wilson inducted new member Bruce Jackson into the SAR and the Halifax Resolves Chapter.
- President Wilson announced that 20—25 students at the Cornerstone Christian School in Roanoke Rapids will be participating in the Americanism Poster Contest sponsored by the Chapter.
- The upcoming ceremony commemorating the adoption of the Halifax Resolves, to be held Sat., April 10, was discussed, as well as the Flag Retirement ceremony the chapter will co-sponsor the morning of the event. So far, we have over 300 flags to be retired. Another Flag Retirement ceremony has been tentatively scheduled for June 12.
- President Wilson then gave a most interesting presentation on the battle of Eutaw Springs, SC, fought September 8, 1781.

(right) President Ken Wilson inducts new member Bruce Jackson into the SAR and the Halifax Resolves Chapter.



Battle of Guilford Courthouse Celebration

The 229th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse was held on the battlefield near Greensboro, NC, on Sat., 3/13/2010. This is one of the premier NCSSAR events and is always well-attended by SAR compatriots from NC, SC and VA. It turned out to be a beautiful spring day, and attendance was excellent. The Halifax Resolves Chapter was represented by President Ken Wilson (who presented a wreath), Registrar Allen Brahin (who served on the Color Guard) and Sec/Treas Steve Avent .



*(above) Ken Wilson presents the Chapter wreath, with Steve Avent as flagbearer.
(photo courtesy of Mrs. Stephanie Brahin)*

*(below) President Ken Wilson, Sec/Treas Steve Avent and Registrar Allen Brahin.
(photo courtesy of Mrs. Stephanie Brahin)*



*(above) The NCSSAR contingent
(photo courtesy of Bob Yankle)*

The NCSSAR Annual Convention

Each year the NCSSAR holds its annual convention, in which all members are welcome to vote on various important matters and enjoy the good fellowship of NCSSAR members from around the state. This year's convention was held in Charlotte on April 23-24, and it turned out to be a banner event for the Halifax Resolves Chapter. As President Wilson stated in his remarks on page 1:

“The Chapter was extremely fortunate at the NCSSAR Convention. We were awarded the Chapter Achievement (small chapter) streamer, the Scrap Book streamer, the Flag Certificate streamer, and a Certificate of Appreciation from the State Society. Individual awards were given to three chapter members. Compatriot Cleveland Hawkins received a George Washington Fellow pin and certificate and a Certificate of Appreciation from outgoing NCSSAR President Frank Horton. Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent was awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and I was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from President Horton.” President Wilson also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Registrar Allen Brahin for all of his hard work for the chapter.



(left) Outgoing NCSSAR President Frank Horton presents the Chapter Achievement Award streamer to Ken Wilson (photo courtesy of Bob Yankle)

(below) Ken, Steve Avent and Allen Brahin (photo courtesy of Stephanie Brahin)

(right) Ken presents the Certificate of Appreciation to Allen Brahin (photo courtesy of Stephanie Brahin)



At the NCSSAR convention Past Chapter President and NE District VP Cleveland Hawkins was made a George Washington Fellow, which is an award given when a member donates \$1000 or more to the NSSAR George Washington Foundation. (The GW foundation is a fund used to fund NSSAR projects that do not otherwise have their own sources of funding.) Cleveland recently experienced some serious health issues which forced him to miss the convention, but since he is now back at home and recovering nicely, on April 27th Past NCSSAR State President (and current NSSAR SE District VP) Sam Powell, Ken Wilson and Steve Avent visited Cleveland and his wife Doris at their home, where Sam Powell presented Cleveland with the GW Fellow award and certificate.



Upcoming NCSSAR Events

- 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



The Halifax Dispatch

The Newsletter of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR

Steve Avent, Editor

P.O. Box 221, Red Oak, NC 27868



The Halifax Dispatch

A publication of the

Halifax Resolves Chapter

of the

NC Sons of the American Revolution

Volume 8—Number 2

March, 2010

Steve Avent, Editor

P.O. Box 221

Red Oak, NC 27868

(252) 459-9427

savent917@gmail.com



The Sons of the American Revolution is a **PATRIOTIC** organization formed in 1889 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1906, with more than 25,000 living members from all 50 states and 23 foreign countries. Throughout its 120-year history, the SAR has admitted more than 155,000 members. Among them are 16 **PRESDENTS** of the **UNITED STATES**, including George W. Bush and his father George H. W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman and Theodore Roosevelt. The SAR also has had among its members Sir Winston Churchill and King Juan Carlos I of Spain, both of whom trace their ancestry to **REVOLUTIONARY WAR** patriots. Membership requires proof of descent from a person who aided in the **PATRIOT** cause. Some of the activities in which we engage are:

- * 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

Chapter Officers

President: Ken Wilson

121 Northside Dr., Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870
(252) 537-5406, boxcar27870@embarqmail.com

Vice President: office vacant

Secretary/Treasurer: Steve Avent

P.O. Box 221, Red Oak, NC 27868
(252) 459-9427, savent917@gmail.com

Registrar: R. Allen Brahin, Waynesboro, VA
starline@ntelos.net

Chaplain: Rev. Duncan Jones

our website:

Go to: www.ncssar.com, "NC Chapters"
Click on our chapter name on the NC map.