

## Message from the President



Compatriots,

It has been an eventful two months since our last meeting. I have participated in several events that I will report on later at the meeting and our VP R. J. Myrick has completed our ten flag certificates for 2016.

The Halifax Resolves celebration this year was very successful. Attendance was higher than I've seen in several years. There are several things that I believe contributed to such success. First, we pushed for National officer participation. Getting this participation along with reserving a block of rooms at the Hilton, hosting a reception and changing our start time back to 10:00 am was what helped the most. I also took the time to email most of the DAR regents in eastern NC and had responses from most in the affirmative. Some had to decline due to the short notice. I have to admit we have done a poor job overall communicating with the DAR chapters and I hope to improve this in the coming year, along with the CAR officers and societies.

I would like everyone to know that Secretary-General J. Michael Tomme, Jr., South Atlantic VPG Dr. Ed Rigel and Past PG Lindsey Brock made several comments about how well things went and the overall program. Sec.-Gen. Tomme was asked to attend next year as PG but had to decline due to a previous commitment to the California Society. PG Brock and VPG Rigel are planning to attend next year. National Vice Commander of the Color Guard Mark Anthony, who also was a first

time attendee and is the Historic Sites and Celebrations Chairman at National echo the positive comments and is looking forward to next year.

Our meeting next week will be all business with reports on events past and future as well as a report on actions taken at the NC SAR Annual meeting held last week in Charlotte. Some important things were discussed and we now have a new handbook. Changes made could have a future effect on the chapter. I want to thank our Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and Compatriot David Gammon for attending the Annual Meeting and supporting the chapter. David was elected to the office of NC SAR Genealogist and I was appointed to be a member of the Executive Committee. All three of our youth contest winner won at the state level. Cadet Commander Adam M. Moore from the Nash Central HS NJROTC was the JROTC Outstanding Cadet, Ellen F. Doutré Burgess from Roanoke Rapids HS was the Knight Essay winner, and Mr. Renny Taylor, AP History Teacher from Nash Central HS won the American History Teacher competition.

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The May meeting will be **Wed., May 11**, at the Halifax Baptist Church on **131 Prussia Street in Halifax at 6:30 pm**.

On the agenda: This will be a business meeting with reports on the recent Halifax Resolves ceremony, the NCSSAR Annual Meeting and other important items of interest.

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.

The following individuals received awards:


- Sophie Avent** – Martha Washington Medal
- Jan Wilson** – Lydia Darragh Medal OLC
- Steve Avent** – Silver Roger Sherman Medal OLC
- Ken Wilson** – Silver Roger Sherman Medal OLC
- David Gammon** – Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
- R.J. Myrick** – Certificate of Appreciation

The chapter received streamers for the following:

- 95% or higher retention 2015
- 10 or more Flag Certificates
- 1st Place Hard Copy Scrapbook
- Honorable Mention Electronic Scrapbook
- 1st Place Small Chapter Americanism
- Thomas N. “Nat” Clark Outstanding Small Chapter

As a reminder for everyone, we are co-sponsoring a flag retirement ceremony with the Alamance Battleground on Saturday, May 14th.

Fraternally,



VP RJ Myrick presented the SAR Flag Certificate to the following (top to bottom, l-r): AgCarolina Farm Credit in Halifax, accepted by Ms Deborah S. Bryant; Mr. Michael Brisson of Halifax; Roanoke Rapids Public Works Dep’t, accepted by Mr. John Motley, Supv. of Bldg Maintenance; Kapstone Kraft Paper corp. Of Roanoke Rapids, accepted by Mr. Bill Kessinger, Mill Manager.



In no particular order: (top—bottom, l—r): Ken at the Annual Meeting; Jan Wilson being presented with the Molly Pitcher Medal by Nat'l Sec'y General Mike Tomme at the 4/9 Halifax Resolves ceremony; NCSSAR President Tim Berly at the Halifax Resolves ceremony; the Brochure Contest winners from Chaloner Middle School; Collin M. Harris of Troop 144, recipient of the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate; Eagle Scout award winner Braxton Smiley of Troop 146; Cadet Dajah Smith of Nash Central HS, winner of the Outstanding Cadet Award; Ken presenting the Law Enforcement Commendation Award to LT Eric D. Johnson of the Halifax Co. Sheriff's Dep't in recognition of his more than 20 years of faithful service; the Flag Retirement ceremony held at Roanoke Rapids HS on 4/10; Chapter member (and new State Genealogist) David Gammon giving the keynote talk at the Halifax Resolves ceremony; Participants and spectators at the ceremony.



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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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