



## Message from the President



Compatriots,

I would like to thank the chapter for the opportunity to serve the last six years as a chapter officer, two years as VP and four years as President. The chapter has come a long way by the coordinated efforts of all the chapter officers. We have been able to participate in numerous NCSSAR and local events as well as events in

South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. When I began my term as VP, we had about 6 streamers on our chapter flag, we now have 37. That takes a coordinated effort and a lot of dedication by the entire officer corps. As with a lot of chapters, we've had some growing pains.

For a while we lost members for various reasons, but we are now growing. We started this year with 16 members and are now at 20 members. I also believe we will have some more joining in the near future.

Our activities over the last six years with area youth participating in the Knight Essay, JROTC Scholarship and Recognition, Eagle Scout Recognition and the Americanism Poster contests has made us known in the area. I hope we will continue to participate in these programs and possibly expand them.

The chapter's highest visibility, in my opinion, comes from very successful Halifax Resolves ceremonies, the flag retirements, grave markings and the Veterans Day and Christmas parades we have led for the past five years. The support we have received from our dual members and other NCSSAR compatriots at these events has been greatly appreciated.

The crowning achievement for the chapter was winning the 2012-2013 President-General's Cup at the last National Congress. We have come a long ways since the chapter was chartered in 2003 and I hope we will continue to move forward.

To all my compatriots, I say "Thank you" for the opportunity to serve the chapter as VP & President. It is time for me to step aside and let new officers lead us to even greater successes. I will continue to advise and assist the chapter as past president and District VP.

Fraternally,

The November meeting will be held on **Wed., November 13**, at the Halifax United Methodist Church on **152 S. King Street (Main Street) in Halifax at 6:30 pm**. This will be a business meeting in which we will induct the new chapter officers, and present chapter awards

The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Ken Wilson or Steve Avent if you're coming.

### **Slate of officers for 2013-2014:**

**President:** Geoff Pittard

**VP:** RJ Myrick

**Sec/Treas:** Steve Avent

**Chaplain:** Rev. Duncan Jones

**Registrar/Color Guard Commander:** Allen Brahin

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The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR met at the Halifax United Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm.

The slate of officers listed on the first page of this newsletter was elected, and other chapter business was discussed. President Wilson discussed the state of chapter finances, the many activities the chapter has planned and the finances necessary to carry out those activities, and it was decided to encourage the chapter membership to make donations to the chapter rather than raise chapter dues.

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*Dues Reminder*

Compatriots:

2014 dues are now payable, and must be in by 12/31/2013. For primary members of the Chapter the amount due is **\$65.00** (\$20.00 Chapter dues, \$15.00 State dues, \$30.00 National dues), and for dual members it is \$20.00 for the Chapter dues. Please make all checks payable to “Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR” and mail to your Secretary/Treasurer at:

Steve Avent, Secretary/Treasurer  
202 Olde Colony Dr.  
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*Chapter Activities*

(l-r) Flag Retirement ceremony, co-sponsored by the chapter on 9/15; Ken Wilson giving a presentation at S. Nash HS on 10/8 and to the Red Oak Middle School on 10/26.





Right, top: the SAR contingent gathered after the 10/19 marking of Patriot Benjamin May's grave, sponsored by the Gen. George Washington chapter; below: participants gather after the 10/20 marking of Patriot John Whitaker on 10/20, sponsored by the Halifax Resolves chapter



Below: Flag Certificates were presented to various local individuals and organizations for following the proper protocol in displaying the American Flag: (l-r), the Davie Volunteer fire department; S. Nash HS, Nash Central HS, local residents Janice and Buddy Strickland, Roanoke Valley Veteran's Center.



*Upcoming SAR Activities*

**November 10, 2013:** March of Patriots Veterans Day Parade, Roanoke Rapids. 2:00 pm.

**November 11, 2013** - Flag Retirement Ceremony sponsored by the Mecklenburg chapter. 7:00pm at St. Luke Catholic Church, 13700 Lawyers Road, Mint Hill, NC 28227.

**December 2013**

**December 7, 2013** - [Pearl Harbor Day] The Marquis de Lafayette chapter (Fayetteville) is sponsoring a Compatriot grave marking for Herbert Lutterloh (1859-1913), 10 a.m., Cross Creek Cemetery Number One, Cool Spring Street, Fayetteville, NC.

**December 8, 2013** - Annual Christmas Parade, Roanoke Rapids. 2:00 pm.

**January, 2014**

**January 18, 2014** - The 233rd Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, SC.

**January 25, 2014** - The Albemarle Chapter will mark the graves of Colonel Selby Harney and his brother, Jonathan Harney, at the Museum of the Albemarle, 501 S Water Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. 2:00 pm.

**February, 2014**

**February 1, 2014** - The Mecklenburg chapter is sponsoring the 233rd Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford beginning at 10:00am at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

**February 1, 2014** - The NCSSAR Winter Board of Managers meeting will be held immediately following the Cowan's Ford ceremony at Hopewell Presbyterian Church beginning approximately 11:30am.



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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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