



## Message from the President



Compatriots,

Another year is coming to an end and we continue to be one of the leading chapters in the North Carolina SAR. I would like to thank the membership for their support of our activities and events. It is my hope that we will continue to grow and become even more active next year.

As most of you know, October 31st is the cutoff date for youth contest entries to our chapter. Last year we had entries in three contests. Unfortunately, this year we have none. This is the first time I can recall in the last eight or nine years this has happened. This was not due to inactivity on our part; it was a lack of interest or time on the part of the schools this year. A large part of the problem was Hurricane Matthew. It caused a lot of lost days for most of the schools in our area.

I would like to remind the members who pledged funds to the Youth account and have not sent them, to please do so as soon as possible.

The chapter has fallen behind this year as opposed to last year in Americanism by approximately 1000 points. The opportunities to recoup the points are very few and without maximum participation very unlikely to occur. It would probably take all chapter members to be present at all events in period clothing to even get close.

We only have three events scheduled following our meeting: they will be a DAR grave marking in Franklinton on November 13th, The Battle of Great Bridge on December 3rd and the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade on December 4th. We won't know until probably December 3rd if PG Tomme will be marching with us on the 4th.

I encourage all our members to be present for this upcoming meeting. NC SAR President Gary O. Green will be in attendance and will be assisting with our awards as we recognize the achievements of some of the membership. Please remember this is a coat and tie meeting.

Fraternally,

*Ken*

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The November meeting will be Wed., November 9, at Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: This will be our annual awards and recognition meeting, as well as discussing our agenda for 2017. NCSSAR President Gary Green is expected to attend and it is requested that members wear a jacket and tie.

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 Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR met at 6:30 pm Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Halifax, NC. President Wilson opened the meeting and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge were led by President Wilson.

Following the meal, officer reports were given. President Wilson reported on his activities since the last chapter meeting:

- Participated in the Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath at the Gov. / Col Benjamin Williams grave marking at the Horse in the Horseshoe.
- Also attended the NE Dist. 2 meeting as the Americanism Chairman
- Presented Chapter Brochure winner Riley Mills with 3<sup>rd</sup> place award from National Contest
- Attended the Summer Board of Managers Meeting with Compatriots Steve Avent and David Gammon.
- Accepted Patriot Biography streamer and Partners in Patriotism certificates from National.
- Compatriot Avent awarded two Oak Leaf Clusters for Liberty Medal
- Sent out forms and packets for the youth contest to several schools
- Posted Constitution Days display in Scotland Neck with the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter
- Attended 9-11 ceremony

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Sec/Treas and approved, and the Treasurer's Report was given, reporting that the Chapter's bank account contained \$2161.41, with \$1670 in the Youth Fund and \$491.41 in the General Fund.

President Wilson then inducted new member Wes Tripp into the SAR. He then introduced NCSCAR (Children of the American Revolution) President Mary Lee Howell who explained her state project for this year and asked for our support.

Upcoming events were presented after which President Wilson led the SAR Recessional. The Benediction was given by Chaplin Rev. Duncan Jones and the meeting adjourned at 8:30.

### **President's Report**

- Set up the Constitution Day display at the Scotland Neck Library with the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter.
- Guest Speaker at the September Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter meeting.
- Gave a history presentation to the Roanoke Rapids HS Honors History class.
- Gave a U.S. flag history, etiquette and folding to the students of Roanoke Rapids HS .
- Conducted a Joint Flag Retirement Ceremony with the Huckleberry Swamp 4-H Club.
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- Gave two presentations to students at Nash Central HS.
- Compatriot Geoff Pittard represented the chapter at the Major Reading Blount Grave Marking
- Attended the Annual Inspection and Parade of the Nash Central HS NJROTC. Cadet
- Commander Adam Moore (our Outstanding JROTC cadet last year) officially accepted a nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 2021. He is the first cadet this year in NC to 0accept an academy nomination.
- Conducted a grave marking for three of our Compatriots at Trinity Church Cemetery in Scotland Neck.
- Set up the Veterans Day display at the Halifax Library.

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

- Welcome to our newest member, Compatriot Wes Tripp, who was inducted at our September meeting. This brings our membership to 24 primary members.
- Current bank account balance is \$2,099.41. Of that, \$1670 is the Youth Fund, and \$429.41 is the General Fund



(top—bottom, l—r): 9/14: President Wilson inducts new member Wes Tripp into the SAR; 9/26: Halifax Resolves SAR & DAR Chapters celebrate Constitution Day at Scotland Neck Library; 9/26: Ken speaks to Honors History class at RRHS; 10/13: The HR Chapter and Huckleberry Swamp 4-H Club sponsor a joint Flag Retirement ceremony in Halifax; 10/13: the HR Chapter co-sponsors a Flag Retirement ceremony with the RRHS Honors History class; 10/14: Ken speaks to AP History class at Nash Central HS; 10/30: the HR Chapter marks three compatriots' graves at Trinity Church in Scotland Neck; 11/2: the HR Chapter designed a bulletin board honoring local veterans at the RR Library;



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## **Upcoming Activities**

11/5: Fayetteville Veteran's Day Parade, Charlotte Veteran's Day Parade; Mills Grave Marking, Greenville, NC

11/9: Halifax Resolves Chapter meeting

11/13: DAR Grave Marking, Franklinton, NC

12/3: Battle of Great Bridge, Norfolk, VA

12/4: Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade

1/28/2017: 236th Anniversary Ceremony, Battle of Cowan's Ford, Huntersville, NC; Winter NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting, Huntersville, NC

2/25/2017: Battle of Moore's Creek ceremony, Currie, NC

3/18/2017: 236th Anniversary Ceremony, Battle of Guilford CH, Greensboro, NC

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