



Message from the President



Compatriots,

It has been a busy summer even with a curtailed schedule but it has also been a rewarding summer. I accepted the President General's Cup certificate and the chapter Partners in Patriotism certificate from NCSSAR President James H. Wood at the Northeast District 1 workshop in Greenville on July 27th. I also had the privilege to accept, on behalf of Steve Avent, an Honorable Mention certificate and check for the Carl Bissent Newsletter award. Our newsletter placed 2nd in the nation. Congratulations Steve!

The District 1 workshop in Greenville was a success. There were a total of eleven compatriots on hand from three chapters in addition to President Wood, SAR Foundation President Dr. Sam Powell and Compatriot Steve Pittard and wife Judy. Compatriots Geoff Pittard and R. J. Myrick represented our chapter.

Our meeting this month will be strictly a business meeting. We have a lot to discuss and a new slate of officers to elect who will then be inducted at our November meeting.

Next, we need to discuss a new meeting place. Following our November meeting, we will no longer be meeting at Halifax United Methodist. This is an amicable parting and we wish Mrs. Holdford the best and thank her and Betsy Hudgins for their support over the last six years. It is much appreciated by all of us. We have the option of another meeting place in Halifax that must be discussed and voted upon at this meeting.

The next items to discuss will be the September 14th Flag Retirement program in Roanoke Rapids along with the Colonel John Whitaker Grave marking at Whitaker's Chapel outside of Enfield. Plans are still in progress for both events and it is hoped we will have more participation from the chapter at both events.

There has been a new youth contest added by the Na-

tional Society for students in middle school. It is a brochure contest similar to the poster contest. This contest will be discussed and voted on at the Spring BOM. I would like for the chapter to participate in the program, if approved, as we have a gap in our outreach in the middle school area.

Fraternally,

The September meeting will be held on **Wed., September 11**, 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 elect and install new officers, and other important business as well.

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

Proposed 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, July 10th at 6:30 pm.

Pres. Wilson then presented a report on his activities since the last meeting, including: numerous JROTC medal presentations, the Patriot's Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground accompanied by Compatriot Geoff Pittard, the Memorial Day ceremony of Roanoke Rapids accompanied by Chaplain Jones, the John Hardee grave marking and the award of the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation medal to Roanoke Rapids Police Det. Sgt. Jeffery W. Baggett.

Pres. Wilson also read an email sent from NCSSAR Pres. Jim Wood announcing that the NC Society had won the President General's Cup at the state level, the Mecklenburg Chapter had won the President General's Cup for chapters with 81+ members and the Halifax Resolves Chapter had also won the Cup for chapters with 1-80 members.

Compatriot Steve Pittard, who had attended the Congress and received the Minute Man award, gave an overview of some of the awards presented. He announced that the chapter newsletter came in 2nd in the newsletter completion with the Le Marquis de Lafayette chapter taking 1st place.

Unfinished business concerned the John Whitaker grave marking. Pres Wilson & Chaplain Jones reported that numerous phone calls to various parties in an attempt to obtain permission to do the ceremony had gone unanswered. After some discussion, the event has been tentatively scheduled for mid-September and will now be moved to mid October.

New member Charles Vester was inducted by Pres. Wilson and the rosette was presented by Charles's father Compatriot Randy Vester.

Compatriot R. J. Myrick was awarded the SAR War Service medal by Pres. Wilson for his service in Viet Nam.

Pres. Wilson announced a meeting of NE Dist. 1 chapter officers/members July 27th in Greenville to conduct training covering SAR activities and reporting. He also reminded members of the Board of Managers meeting in Raleigh on August 24th.

A Flag Retirement is being considered for September 14th with American Legion Post 98 of Halifax.

Members were reminded of the 9-11 ceremony, the Veterans Day Parade, and Christmas parade already scheduled.

Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes presented an enlightening program on the Llewellyn Conspiracy, an attempted overthrow of the Whig government in Halifax.

Chapter Activities



Some pics from the July meeting:

(l) New member Charles Vester was inducted into the chapter.

(l—below) RJ Myrick received the SAR War Service Medal

(r—below) Chris Grimes, President of the Albemarle Chapter, was awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



(l-r) Roanoke Rapids Police Detective Sergeant Jeffery W. Baggett receiving the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, (July 17) Eagle Scout Austin Blake Warren of BSA Troop 144 in Roanoke Rapids, NC receiving the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate (July 28), Scott Joyner, Scout Master of Troop 144 receiving the Society Certificate of Appreciation (July 28).



(l-r) Rightmeyer Machine Rentals of Roanoke Rapids receiving the SAR Flag Certificate (August 30), the Horace Palmer, Jr. American Legion Post 308 in Littleton, NC receiving the Flag Certificate and NCSSAR President Jim Wood presenting to Ken a certificate for the chapter's winning the President General's Cup award.





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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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