



Message from the President



Compatriots,

The summer season is over quicker this year than the last or so it seems. SAR wise it has been a little slow but the pace will be picking up shortly.

I attended the Summer Board of Managers meeting in Raleigh along with Compatriots Steve Avent and David Gammon. NC SAR President Gary Green presented awards to the chapters and individuals that were recognized at the National Congress. The chapter received a streamer with two stars for the Patriot Biographies that had been submitted by our members. We also received our Partners in Patriotism certificate for co-sponsoring events with veteran's organizations, and the Carl Bessent Award for the most outstanding single sheet newsletter nationally. Compatriot Steve Avent received two more oak leaf clusters for his Liberty medal. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

Shortly after our last meeting we received an early Christmas present in a check from the Walmart Foundation for \$1000.00 for our Youth Fund. This will help carry us over through next year, but we will still need to receive the monies pledged by the membership.

For the first time in eight years we will not be participating in the Veterans Parade. The parade has been called off due to the excessive paperwork now required by North Carolina to obtain a permit. The Christmas Parade is still scheduled for Sunday, December 4th. We will be leading the parade again as we have in the past. There is a slight possibility the President-General

will attend since he is scheduled to be at the Battle of Great Bridge on Saturday the 3rd. He was invited when he attended the Halifax Ceremony in April.

Our guest speaker for our September meeting will be NC CAR President Mary Lee Howell. She will be explaining her state project for this year. I was privileged to hear her speak at the Board of Managers and her project is worthy of our attention.

There are numerous events scheduled the rest of this calendar year and I hope we can more participation supporting the chapter. There are several grave markings including ours on October 29th and a NE District 1 meeting will follow the one on November 5th.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on November 9th. NC SAR President Gary Green will be in attendance. Gentlemen, this is a "coat and tie" meeting.

I encourage you to attend as many of the scheduled events as you can. There will be a list elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Ken

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The September meeting will be Wed., September 14, at Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: NC CAR President Mary Lee Howell will be explaining her state project for this year.

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 NC SAR met at 6:30 pm Wednesday, July 13, 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. Dist. 1 VP Chris Grimes was recognized along with new member Don Malcolm and wife Becky, and prospective member Wes Tripp.

Following the meal, the reports were read by President Wilson. The Secretary's report was approved by the members on motion from Rev. Jones and a 2nd by Rives Manning. The Treasurers report was approved on motion from Geoff Pittard and 2nd by R.J. Myrick.

President Wilson then inducted new member Donald Malcolm. Following the induction, the subject of the Youth Contests was presented to the chapter. Pres. Wilson asked the chapter for guidance as to whether or not to continue sponsoring these youth programs. As reported in the Treasurer's report, only \$215.00 remained in the fund and it required between \$139.00 and \$158.00 to sponsor just one program. Information concerning the contest had to be sent out during the first week or two of August to each school to give teachers and students time to prepare. The cut-off for four of the contests is October 31st. It was also presented that the grant from WalMart would probably not come through until December. After some discussion, several members pledged money to allow these vital programs to continue.

Next the chapter was advised about Patriot Levi Browning's grave that was discovered by Compatriot Carlton Garner. The grave is overgrown with poison oak/ivy and also has some old tires piled around it. It was decided to wait until the season changes before attempting to clear the area. Additionally, the chapter was made aware of a Patriot grave and 3 Compatriot graves at the Old Trinity Cemetery in Scotland that Compatriot David Gammon was working on and that we could possibly mark these in either late September or late October.

District VP Chris Grimes presented as excellent presentation on "Revolutionary Sickness: Agues, Fluxes and Poxes Encountered by Soldiers"

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

- 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 3rd 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 OLC's for Liberty Medal and the Carl Bessent Newsletter Award
- Sent out forms and packets for the youth contest to several schools
 - Posted Constitution Days display in Scotland Neck with HRC DAR Chapter
 - Attended 9-11 ceremony

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- Welcome to our new members, Compatriots Don Malcolm, who was inducted at our July meeting, and Wes Tripp, whose application was approved 9/1/2016. The date for his induction ceremony has not yet been set. This brings our membership to 23 primary members.
- Current bank account balance is \$2,161.41. Of that, \$1670 is the Youth Fund, and \$491.41 is the General Fund



(top—bottom, l—r): July 21: Ken presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the Roanoke Rapids Fire Dep't "C" Shift in recognition of their support of the last three flag retirement ceremonies conducted by the Chapter; same day, presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the Roanoke Rapids Walmart, in recognition of Walmart's generous support of the Chapter's Youth Fund. Accepting the award is Mr. Kevin Hotovy, store manager; August 20 Board of Managers meeting: Ken accepting the Patriot Biography streamer and Partners in Patriotism certificates from National on behalf of the Chapter, and Steve Avent accepting the Carl Bessent Newsletter Award; August 25: Ken visiting Cub Scout Pack 238, Den 7, where he gave a presentation on the history of the US Flag and discussed flag etiquette and how to properly fold the flag.



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Upcoming Activities

10/7: 236th Anniversary commemoration of
Battle of Kings MT, Kings MT, NC

10/8: 236th Anniversary commemoration of
Battle of Shallow Ford

10/15: Albemarle Chapter grave marking in
Elizabeth City, NC

10/22: Battle of Kings MT Chapter grave
marking in Kings MT, NC

Gen. George Washington Chapter grave mark-
ing in Washington, NC

10/29: Halifax Resolves Chapter grave mark-
ing for 3 compatriots

11/5: NE District 1 meeting

11/9: Halifax Resolves Chapter Annual meet-
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