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## Message from the President



Compatriots,

As we start into the last of the chapter's calendar year I hope everyone has committed themselves to participating in as many events and activities as possible. Before we talk about that, I would

like to pass along some very good news.

Compatriot David Gammon represented us at the Summer Board of Managers meeting in Hickory and accepted several awards the chapter received at the National Congress.

We received the Small Chapter (1-49 mbrs.) Liberty Bell Award in recognition of the chapter's participation in outreach education efforts and acknowledgement of community leaders for their efforts to perpetuate the efforts of the SAR. This is the first time we have received this prestigious award for Americanism.

The next award was the President-General's Cup for Small Chapters (1-49 mbrs.). This award recognizes the chapter that best achieves the goals of both the President-General's and Americanism Awards. This is the second time we have received this award (2013) for the best overall program in the nation.

The chapter received its 9th Partners in Patriotism certificate for joining with veterans groups in sponsoring events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

The last award was a star for our Patriot Biographies Streamer.

AMVETS and the City of Roanoke Rapids will be conducting a Patriots Day (9-11) Ceremony on Monday, September 11th at Centennial Park on Roanoke Ave.

in Roanoke Rapids (corner of Roanoke Ave and 7th St.). The ceremony will start at approximately 8:45 am, the same time the first airplane hit the World Trade Center.

At our September meeting we will vote on a new slate of officers. The candidates are:  
 President - David Gammon  
 Vice President – Geoff Pittard  
 Sec.-Treas. – Steve Avent  
 Chaplain – Rev. Duncan Jones

The new officers will be installed by NC SAR President George Strunk at our Annual meeting in November.

Compatriot Gammon and I will be at the Braswell Library in Rocky Mount on September 16th from 10:30 - 12:30 to gauge the interest of the local citizens have in the SAR and to recruit new members.

A flag retirement ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th, 12:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Rapids High School. This notice has already been sent out to the membership.

Other events are in the planning stages, but one of them is near completion and that the Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives grave marking ceremony on October 14th at Elmwood Cemetery, in Enfield. Dr. Rives is a Past President of the NC SAR. I would like to see maximum chapter participation for this event.

Fraternally, *Ken*

**C. Kenith Wilson**

See the back page for details about the September meeting.

The July, 2017 meeting of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR, was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at the Halifax Baptist Church in Halifax, NC. President Ken Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. An invocation was given by Rev. Duncan Jones, and then all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag. President Wilson led the members in the SAR Pledge.

The President reported on the following:

- at the last National Congress we received the prestigious Liberty Bell Award for small chapters, given to the chapter with the highest scores in publicity, events, grave markings, etc..
- we also received the President General's Cup in the small chapter category, which recognized us as the best small chapter in the country in carrying out the PG's goals. The chapter acknowledged the hard work that Ken put into these awards with a round of applause.
- The proposed slate of chapter officers for next year was announced, and the floor was opened for nominations of alternative candidates. None were offered, so the officers to be voted on at our September meeting will be:

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- He discussed plans for the upcoming Dr. Ralph Rives grave marking, to be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Enfield on 10/14..
- Chapter participation in the SAR youth contests was next discussed. We currently participate in the following contests and activities:

Brochure contest

Poster contest

History teacher award

JROTC

Knight Essay

Eagle Scout

School presentations

The chapter then discussed future participation in the programs, given the amount of time and money they require of the chapter. David Gammon and Geoff Pittard offered to help out with the poster and brochure contests, and the consensus among the chapter was that we would continue to participate in these contests but chapter members would try to take some of the load off of Ken, who has been doing much of the work.

Chapter participation in local parades was discussed. The Roanoke Rapids Veteran's Day parade has not been held for the past couple of years and would likely not be held this year. We are planning to participate in the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade, which will be held 12/4.

Albemarle Chapter President and District VP Chris Grimes then gave a most interesting and informative presentation on Edward Buncombe, who was Col. of the 5th NC Regiment. He was a prominent landowner in Tyrrell County before the Revolution and led the 5th NC at the battles of Brandywine Creek and Germantown, where he was wounded and captured by the British, later dying of these wounds.

President Wilson then led the members in the SAR Recessional, Rev. Duncan Jones gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

It will be here before you know it, so mark your calendars now and plan to attend if you can.

**The Halifax Resolves Chapter,  
NC Sons of the American Revolution**



*Cordially invites you to participate in the  
242nd Anniversary Celebration of the*

***Adoption of the Halifax Resolves***  
***April 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in Halifax, NC***

All SAR, DAR, CAR, SR Patriotic and Historical Societies and Chapters are invited to participate in the formal wreath laying ceremony at the site of the Colonial Halifax Courthouse. *The keynote speaker will be NSSAR President General Larry T. Guzy.*

Color Guard members with weapons must be present at **10:15 a.m. for a weapons check** by park personnel.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn Roanoke Rapids, 111 Carolina Crossroads Pkwy., Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870 (Exit 171 I-95). The telephone number is: 252-519-2333. The rooms are \$89.00 + tax. You must specify when the reservation is made that you are a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Check-in: 11 April, Check-out 12 April. **Reservation must be made by 5 April. Reservations after that time will be on a space available status.** Point of contact for lodging questions is Ken Wilson at 252-537-5406 or [boxcar27870@embarqmail.com](mailto:boxcar27870@embarqmail.com).

A Reception is being planned for 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 11th at the hotel followed by a Dutch Treat dinner at Ralph's Barbecue, 1400 Julian Allsbrook Highway, Weldon, NC at 6:00 pm.

A luncheon will be held following the ceremony at the Halifax United Methodist Church, 150 South King St. in Halifax, NC. The price of the luncheon will be \$12.00 per person. ***All RSVPs must be received by April 9<sup>th</sup> for the meals and to be listed on the program.***



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### **September Meeting**

The September meeting will be Wed., September 13 at Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: We will be electing the slate of chapter officers for 2018.

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.



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