

Chapter Achievements 2009

2009 began with six Flag Certificates awarded before the Annual Convention April 3rd & 4th in Burlington, NC.

At the convention, Past Chapter President Dr. Cleveland Hawkins was elected NE District 1 VP and Steve Avent was elected NCSSAR Historian.

For the first time, the Chapter co-sponsored a Genealogy Workshop at the Warren Co. Library with the Warren Chapter NCSDAR.



(L-R) Dr. Sue Loper, Warren County Librarian, Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ron Jones, Warren DAR Chapter Regent Connie Thacker, VP Ken Wilson, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent

A Flag Retirement Ceremony was performed prior to the Halifax Resolves Celebration where approximately 50 U.S. Flags were retired. The retirement ceremony was co-sponsored with The Warren Chapter NCSDAR, The Elizabeth Monfort-Ashe Chapter NCSDAR, and The Edwin Haynes Gregory American Legion Post 98 of Halifax.

At the request of the Roanoke Valley Veterans Center, a collection box for U.S. Flags was placed at the entrance to the center. VP Ken Wilson joined the Center's Veterans' Honor Guard, on behalf of the Society, to assist in monthly ceremonies honoring a deceased veteran. During the July ceremony, he acted as the Master of Ceremonies.

In observance of Flag Day, a Flag Retirement Ceremony was held in Littleton, NC co-sponsored with the Horace Palmer, Jr. American Legion Post 308. At this ceremony approximately 150 U.S. Flags were retired. By the end of December the Chapter had awarded a total of 15 Flag Certificates.

Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates were awarded to Joshua Ryan Gardner on July 12th, Trevor

Brennan on July 26th, Chris Martin July 28th, Chris Jack July 30th and Khai Hoang August 2nd.



Chapter VP Ken Wilson presents the chapter's first Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Josh Gardner as parents Shawn & Carla Gardner observe

Chapter President Ron Jones was the guest speaker for the August meeting of the Halifax County Genealogy Society.

At the September Chapter meeting, NCSSAR President Franklin N. Horton, Lt. Col., USA (Ret.) inducted David R. Hoaglan into the Society. Compatriot Hoaglan was also awarded a War Service as was Compatriot Dr. Rhoderick Williams. President Horton also presented NCSSAR Historian Steve Avent with a bronze oak leaf cluster for his Liberty Medal. The Chapter was presented the Partners in Patriotism Certificate by President Horton. This was the first of these ever presented to a North Carolina chapter.



NCSSAR President Frank Horton (l) presents the first Partners in Patriotism Certificate ever awarded to a North Carolina chapter to Chapter President Ron Jones and VP Ken Wilson, September 9, 2009

AMVETS Post 101 in Roanoke Rapids invited the chapter to participate in the Patriot Day

Ceremony on September 11. VP Wilson took part in the wreath laying ceremony.

David Gammon, noted NC author and genealogist and 5g-grandson of Whitmel Hill, was the keynote speaker for the Whitmel Hill Grave Marking Ceremony held at the Old Trinity Church in Scotland Neck, NC. A large number of descendants were in attendance as well as several SAR and DAR chapters. For the first time the AMVETS participated in the wreath laying ceremony.



Halifax Resolves Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and Chapter President Ron Jones dedicate a marker at the grave of Patriot Whitmel Hill, September 12, 2009, Old Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, NC

VP Ken Wilson held a Flag History and Etiquette class for Lake Gaston Lodges Cub Scout Pack 134 on September 19th. The program included practicing the proper way to fold the Flag and demonstrated a Flag Retirement in which four U.S. Flags were retired.

On November 8th, an NCSSAR Color Guard led the Roanoke Rapids Veterans Day Parade. The group consisted of members of the Old North State contingent and Halifax Resolves Chapter members.

Chapter President Ron Jones was the guest speaker for the Williamston DAR Chapter on November 10th.

November 11th was an eventful day for the Chapter as VP Ken Wilson and Compatriot Dave Hoaglan participated in the Veterans' Day ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center in Roanoke Rapids as the color guard. From there they traveled to Rocky Mount, NC to participate in a veterans' ceremony at the Sterling House Assisted Living facility. The day ended with the Chapter meeting in Halifax where a new slate of officers were elected and installed. NSSAR South Atlantic VPG Dr.

Samuel C. Powell was in attendance and assisted NCSSAR President Franklin N. Horton with the installation. Outgoing President Ron Jones was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal by President Horton and was also awarded a Past President's pin and certificate by newly elected Chapter President Ken Wilson. Also in attendance was NCSSAR Secretary Mr. G. Steven Pittard.

The Chapter co-sponsored a Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 14th with the AMVETS Post 101, AMVETS Post 320, and Boy Scout Troop 146 in Roanoke Rapids. Approximately 150 flags were retired. This means the chapter has retired approximately 350 U.S. Flags in 2009. AMVETS Post 101 turned over the key to their flag collection box in Veteran's Park to the Chapter. As of November 14th, 2009 the Halifax Resolves Chapter will be the primary organization in the Roanoke Valley for flag retirements.

Compatriot Ron Jones was the guest speaker for a joint meeting of the Thomas Hadley Chapter NCSDAR and the Wilson First Baptist Church Seniors group December 5th.

On December 6th, the newly formed Chapter Color Guard joined the Old North State contingent of the NCSSAR Color Guard as the lead unit of the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade.



The Old North State contingent of the NCSSAR Color Guard led the Christmas Parade in Roanoke Rapids, NC December 6, 2009

On December 12, the Chapter Color Guard, in their first solo event, presented the Colors at the Wreathes-Across-America ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids.

The Chapter submitted their annual Chapter Achievement Award Report to state with a total 12,125 points, possibly the highest total ever submitted to the state society by a small chapter.