

Halifax Resolves Chapter – 2012

The January chapter meeting was held Wednesday the 12th in Halifax. NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard was in attendance along with Mr. Carl Peoples and his wife Nora. Mr. Peoples presented a program on blacksmithing which included samples of some of his work and a short film on Colonial blacksmiths.



Mr. Carl Peoples presents program on blacksmithing and how they repaired/produced items for their customers

Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin represented the chapter at the Battle of Cowpens ceremony on January 14th.



The NCSSAR Contingent at the Battle of Cowpens

President Wilson attended two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor on January 22. The first recognized Kyle Acree of Troop 144 and the second recognized

Jacob Hackenburg of Troop 411. Both received SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates.



Kyle Acree receives the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate from Chapter President Ken Wilson



Jacob Hackenburg receives the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate from Chapter President Ken Wilson

President Wilson started the month of February off with an Eagle Scout Recognition Ceremony for Justin Wynn of Troop 411 on February 2nd, followed by the Board of Managers meeting in Salisbury on February 4th and then filled in as the Master of Ceremonies for the February 6th Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum's Veteran of the Month Ceremony.



Troop 411 Assistant Scout Master Curtis Wynn, Eagle Scout Justin Wynn, Ryan Wynn and Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.

Registrar R. Allen Brahin represented the chapter at the George Washington Birthday Celebration in Raleigh on February 11th.



Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin, Compatriot Lee Scouten, & Chapter President Ken Wilson at the Crossing of the Dan ceremony.

On February 18th, Chapter President Ken Wilson, Registrar R. Allen Brahin and Compatriot Lee Scouten attended the Crossing of the Dan ceremony in South Boston, VA. President Wilson presented a wreath on behalf of the chapter and along with Registrar Brahin participated in the Color Guard. Following the ceremony and lunch, a reenactment of the Crossing of the Dan was demonstrated by various reenactment groups, one of which was the 2nd North Carolina Regiment.

Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent presented an informative program on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse at the March Chapter meeting. Later the same week, Compatriot Avent was joined by Chapter President Ken Wilson at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse ceremony in Greensboro as members of the NCSSAR Color Guard. President Wilson also presented the chapter wreath.



SAR Contingent at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse
March 17, 2012

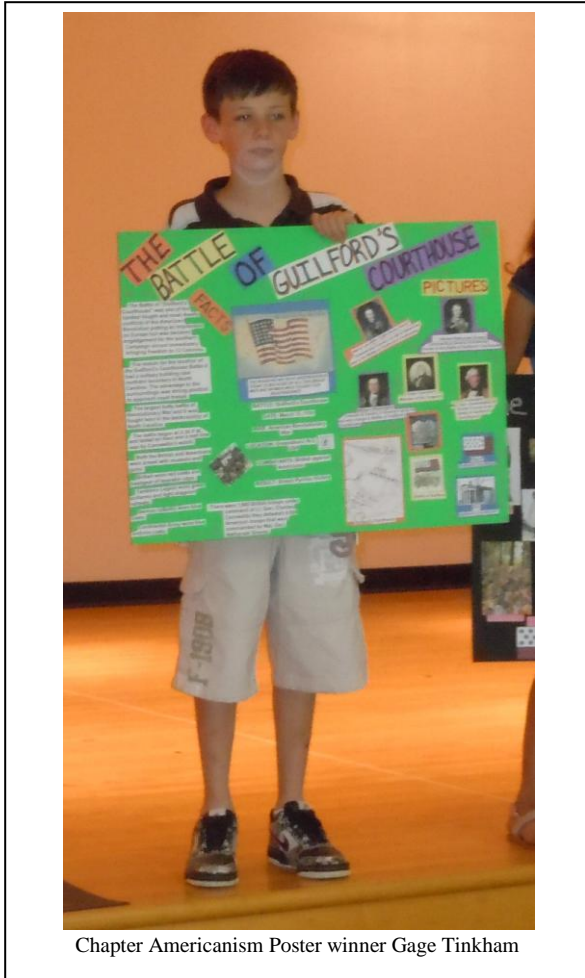
Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones attended the Weldon HS JROTC Awards Ceremony on March 16th and presented the SAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet medal to Cadet Captain Marcell Gorham.



Cadet Captain Marcell Gorham and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones

During the month of March the chapter held its annual Americanism Poster Contest. This year there were contestants from 3 local elementary schools, Cornerstone Christian School, Manning Elementary and Belmont Elementary schools. There were a total of 28 entries. President Wilson and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones selected seven posters

that were then judged by the chapter at the March meeting. The winning entry was from Belmont Elementary student Gage Tinkham. Gage was presented with a certificate and a check for \$50.00 by President Wilson at a special assembly of 5th grade students.

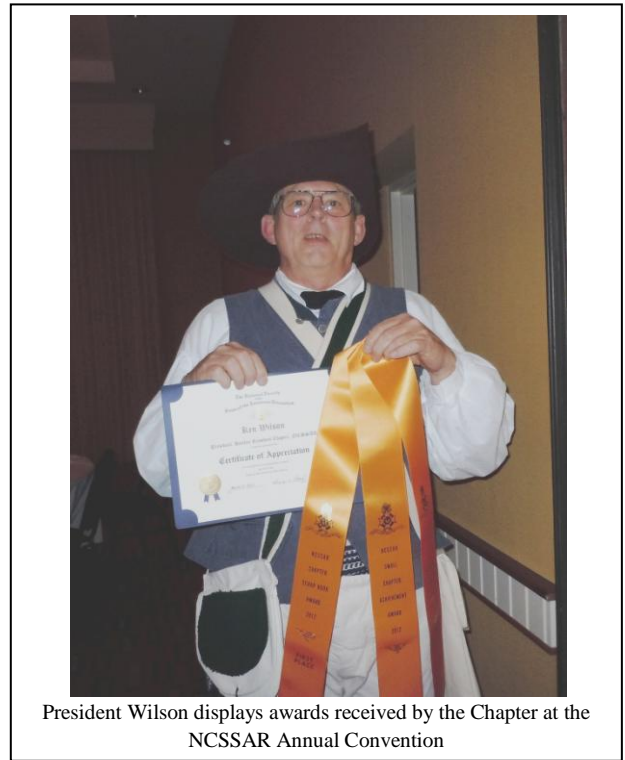


Chapter Americanism Poster winner Gage Tinkham

Runners up certificates were presented to Madison Davis of Manning Elementary School; Catherine Cox and Peyton Pepper of Cornerstone Christian School; and Ayah Qasem and Alexis Lee of Belmont Elementary School. Teachers receiving Certificates of Appreciation were Chris Chambers of Manning Elementary; Shelley Dixon and Renee Walker of Cornerstone Christian School; and Donna Hardy, Adrienne Powell and Stephanie Taylor of Belmont Elementary School.

President Wilson attended the NCSSAR State Convention in Wilmington, NC on March 30th and 31st and participated in the Color Guard at the Youth Awards Luncheon and the Annual Awards Banquet. The chapter received streamers for 1st place

in the Scrapbook competition, 1st place Chapter Achievement (Small Chapter) and Flag Certificates. President Wilson also received a Certificate of Appreciation from outgoing NCSSAR President Steve Pittard.



President Wilson displays awards received by the Chapter at the NCSSAR Annual Convention

President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent had the honor of being the Color Guard for the April Roanoke Valley Veterans' Museum ceremony honoring former POW William "Bill" Robinson. Bill was shot down over North Viet Nam while on a rescue mission and spent 2737 days as a POW at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton". He is the longest held enlisted prisoner of war in U.S. history. When he was shot down, he was a Sergeant, when he was medically retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1984 as a result of his injuries in Viet Nam, he was a Captain.



Chapter President Ken Wilson, former POW Bill Robinson, Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent

The Halifax Day Celebration this year was extremely busy. A Joint Flag Retirement Ceremony was held at the Colonial Courthouse site with American Legion Post 98 and the Warren Chapter DAR. BSA Troop 146 Assistant Scout Master James Tuck was the Burn Master assisted by Troop 411 Scout Master Gary Hackenburg. A total of 68 flags were retired and the ashes buried in the Colonial Cemetery.



Assistant Scout Master James Tuck commits a flag to the flames

Following the Flag Retirement ceremony, the chapter assisted NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie dedicate the wayside sign at the Owens House in Historic Halifax sponsored by the North Carolina Society.



Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson assists NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie unveil the Owens House wayside sign

A luncheon was held for the attendees at the Halifax United Methodist. Over 40 guests attended.

The Halifax Resolves Commemoration Ceremony began with a processional led by drummer Compatriot Allen Brahin. The Colors were presented by the Nash Central High School Navy JROTC Color Guard assisted by the NCSSAR Color Guard. The Guest speaker was Mr. Gary Hackenburg in the persona of Thomas Jefferson.



Mr. Gary Hackenburg as Thomas Jefferson

Following the presentation of wreaths, President Wilson presented the Nash Central HS JROTC with a Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance with the Color Guard. Another certificate was presented to Gary Hackenburg for his portrayal of Thomas Jefferson.



Cadet Commander Amber Rushton accepts the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Nash Central HS JROTC

Mrs. Stephanie Ann Brahin, wife of Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin, was awarded the SAR Martha Washington medal by President Wilson for her service to the society.



Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin, Stephanie Ann Brahin, Chapter President Ken Wilson

The Chapter was requested to provide a Color Guard for the J.R. “Rudy” Morton Memorial dedication on April 14th at the Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport. Dual member and Past NCSSAR President, Dr. Samuel C. Powell, joined Chapter President Ken Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent as the members of the Color Guard.



(L-R) Compatriots Ken Wilson, Steve Avent and Dr. Sam Powell fold the Colors at the J.R. Morton Memorial Dedication.

On April 17th, Manning Elementary School invited Pres. Wilson to speak to two groups of 4th grade students about the meaning of the dates on the NC flag and the role of Halifax Co. during the Revolutionary War.

President Wilson traveled to Nash Central HS on April 25th to present the Society’s Outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal to Cadet Patrese Sanders.

The May Chapter meeting was held on the 9th and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones presented a program entitled “Is it one nation under God?”

The evening of May 17th was very busy for two of the Chapter officers. Chaplain Rev. Duncan

Jones traveled to Southern Nash High School to award the Society’s Outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal to Cadet Major Austin Fennell. At the same time Chapter President Ken Wilson was at J.F. Webb HS awarding the same medal to Cadet James Dylan Elliott.



Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and Cadet Major Austin Fennell – Southern Nash HS - May 17, 2012

President Wilson participated in the Patriot’s Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground on May 19th presenting the chapter wreath and marching with the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard.



Participants at the Patriot’s Day Ceremony at Alamance Battleground - May 19th, 2012.

President Wilson and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones attended the Jeremy Staat Wall to Wall Bicycle Tour rally at Veteran” Park in Roanoke Rapids on May 20. Staat was bicycling across America to raise

awareness for the plight of veterans returning from combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

May 23rd was an eventful day for the chapter. President Wilson travel to North Edgecombe HS to present the Society outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal to Cadet Captain Manual Para. Upon returning to Roanoke Rapids, he was joined by Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones representing the chapter at the Rolling Thunder Flame of Freedom ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans' Museum.

The Memorial Day Ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids on May 28th was attended by Pres. Wilson and Chaplain Jones. Pres. Wilson also presented the chapter wreath.



Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones & Pres. Ken Wilson await the start of the Memorial Day Ceremony – May 28, 2012.

The Chapter Americanism Poster contest winner was selected as the NCSSAR winner at the May 19th ceremony at Alamance Battleground. Pres. Wilson, representing the State Society, awarded Gage Tinkham a check for \$750.00 at Belmont Elementary School on June 1st.



Pres. Wilson awards a check for \$750.00 to NCSSAR Americanism Poster winner Gage Tinkham

President Wilson traveled to Jackson, NC on June 9th to address a Boy Scout Leader Roundtable about the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates and the Eagle Scout Scholarship program.

Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin represented the NCSSAR and the chapter at the Private Wreath Laying for Thomas Jefferson held June 22nd at Monticello. NSSAR President-General Larry Magerkurth was in attendance.



NSSAR President-General Larry Magerkurth (c) and Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin (r)

Registrar Brahin also represented the NCSSAR and the chapter at a Commemoration and Plaque Dedication ceremony for Revolutionary and War of 1812 soldiers held at the Fincastle Presbyterian Church, Fincastle, Botetourt Co., VA on June 30th. Compatriot Brahin participated as a member of the Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath.

The July meeting was held on the 9th at Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President Wilson presented a program on the origins of the 21 gun salute.

On July 24th, President Wilson awarded the Society Flag Certificate to the Halifax Library and Iluka Resources, Inc. The Rufus Rose family received a Flag Certificate on July 30th.



Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson presents the Society Flag Certificate to Halifax County Library Director Ginny Orvedahl

Hockaday Funeral Services of Roanoke Rapids was awarded a Flag Certificate on August 1st by President Wilson.

The chapter was represented by President Wilson at the funeral of Roanoke Valley Veteran's Museum President and CEO George H. Willis on August 26th. A USN retiree, Willis worked hand in hand with the chapter in its events and the chapter supported the museum in their events.

President Wilson presented a program about the SAR to the Franklin Rifles SCV Camp in Louisburg on August 30th.

The September Veteran of the Month ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veteran's Museum was held on September 3rd. President Wilson took part as a member of the Color Guard.

The chapter co-sponsored a Flag Retirement on September 8th with AMVETS Post 101, Boy Scout Troop 411, the Halifax Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol and the Roanoke Rapids HS JROTS. 402 U.S. flags were retired with an additional 23 NC, military service and POW/MIA flags. Gary Hackenburg Scout Master of Troop 411, conducted flag disposable training for his scouts, Cub Scouts from Pack 238 and some of the C.A.P. cadets.

President Wilson laid the chapter wreath during the 9-11 Memorial Ceremony on and later that day awarded an Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Lucien Maxwell Hairtson.



President Wilson renders honors at the 9-11 ceremony

The Chapter held its September meeting in Halifax on the 12th. NSSAR VPG G. Steven Pittard was in attendance and spoke on his priorities as VPG emphasizing our youth programs. President Wilson spoke on the Powell Family of New Jersey who had 17 sons fighting in the revolution at the same time.

President Wilson participated in the 26th Annual POW/MIA ceremony at American Legion Post 425 in Littleton on September 15th.

The Fall 2012 Board of Managers was held October 13th in Raleigh and was attended by President Wilson.



Frederick K. Shearin Grave Marking – October 20th, 2012

A grave marking ceremony was held for Patriot Frederick K. Shearin on October 20th at the Shearin-Harris Cemetery north of Littleton, NC. Shearin was twice drafted into the Bute Co. militia and during the second tour was severely wounded at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. President Wilson was the Master of Ceremony and was assisted by Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, and Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin. Mr. Wayne Haithcock was the keynote speaker. In attendance were NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie, Past NCSSAR President Dr. Samuel C. Powell, Raleigh Color Guard Commander Scott Kennedy, NCSDAR Historian Karen Powell, Elizabeth Montfort-Ashe Regent Carol Guidry, John Penn Chapter Regent Emily Champion, Warren Chapter Regent Connie Thacker, AMVETS Dept. of NC Commander David Beam, Dept. of NC Ladies Aux. Past President Pat Pulliam, AMVETS Post 320 Ladies Aux. member Karen Schoonover and Jr. member Destiny Scarboro.

The chapter also received its Partners in Patriotism Certificate from NCSSAR President at the grave marking ceremony.

Society Flag certificates were awarded to David & Grace Bobbitt along with The Towne Center owner Carroll Mann of Littleton.



Mr. Carroll Mann of the Towne Center accepts Flag Certificate

President Wilson participated in the November Veterans Ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum on November 5th.

A Veterans Day Ceremony was held on November 10th at the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum. President Wilson participated as a member of the color guard.



The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard led the "March of Patriots" Veterans Day Parade on November 11th.

On November 11th the chapter hosted the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard for the "March of Patriots" Veterans Day Parade. NCSSAR Sec. Gen. Joe Dooley joined the Color Guard for the event. A Pre-event luncheon was held at Logan's Roadhouse. Members participating in the event were: NCSSAR Color Guard Commander Richard D. Bishop, Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, NCSSAR Past President Dr. Samuel C. Powell, la Marquis de Lafayette VP Lee Harford, NCSSAR Past President, John Thornhill, NCSSAR Sec.-Gen. Joseph Dooley, NCSSAR President Glenn Sappie, NCSSAR SE VPG G. Steven Pittard, Raleigh Chapter Color Guard Commander Scott Kennedy, and la Marquis de Lafayette Chapter President Chuck Yard.

The Chapter presented a Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Roanoke Rapids fireman Karl Wiltsie. President Wilson presented the medal at the fire department in the presence of Roanoke Rapids Mayor Emory Doughtie, Roanoke Rapids Council member Suetta Scarbrough, RRFD Chief Stacy Coggins and members of "B" shift.

The November Chapter meeting was held at the Halifax United Methodist Church on the 12th. Guests from the Halifax County Sheriff's Department were present along with family members of new member Randy Vester.



Roanoke Rapids Mayor Emory Doughtie, RRFD Fireman Karl Wiltsie, Chapter President Ken Wilson, and Roanoke Rapids Council Member Suetta Scarbrough



Roanoke Rapids City Council Member Ms. Suetta Scarbrough receives the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from Pres. Wilson

Compatriot Vester was inducted by Chapter President Ken Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent.

Detective John Richard “Rich” Somogyi was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his service to the citizens of Halifax County as a member of the Sheriff’s Department.

Roanoke Rapids City Council Member Ms. Suetta Scarbrough received a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for her service to the citizens of Roanoke Rapids and for her support of many area organizations, especially veteran’s groups.

Compatriot R. Allen Brahin, Chapter Registrar/Color Guard Commander was awarded the Society’s Meritorious Service Medal for his service not only to the Society, but also to other hereditary organizations.



Compatriot R. Allen Brahin receives his Meritorious Service Medal from Pres. Wilson



Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, Compatriot Randy Vester & Pres. Ken Wilson

President Wilson also awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, Registrar R. Allen Brahin and Chaplain Rev. Duncan H. Jones for their assistance during the previous year. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to Mrs. Helen Holdford and Ms. Betsy H. Hudgins for the meals they have served to the chapter at their meetings and during Halifax Days.

The Knight Essay Chapter winner and the Enhanced JROTC winner were both from the J.F. Rose High School JROTC. The Knight Essay winner was Judia Watson and the JROTC winner was Branson Isley. Both received their medals, certificates and checks for \$100.00 each. Senior Military Science Instructor Lt. Col. Joe Gibbs accepted an SAR Flag Certificate on behalf of the school.



Pres. Wilson & Det. Rich Somogyi



Knight Essay winner Judia Watson and Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson



Enhanced JROTC winner Branson Isley and Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson



Chap. Pres. Wilson & Lt. Col. Joe Gibbs

On November 21 President Wilson travelled to Southern Nash Middle School to present programs on the significance of the dates on the NC flag and the role of Halifax in the Revolutionary War. In addition, some history of the U.S. flag was also

presented. There 4 sessions that encompassed 14 8th grade classes totaling over 350 students. Pres. Wilson presented SNMS Principal Ms. Carina Bryant with an SAR Flag Certificate for the school.



President Wilson presents program to Southern Nash Middle School 8th graders.

SAR Flag certificates were awarded to Chaloner Middle School and William R. Davie Middle School on November 30, 2012 bringing the total for the year to 10.

For the 4th consecutive year, the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard led the Roanoke Rapids Christmas parade on December 2nd.



(L-R) Geoff Pittard, Steve Avent, Ken Wilson, Sam Powell, Steve Pittard, and John Thornhill.

Chapter President Ken Wilson and General George Washington Chapter President George Strunk participated as the Color Guard for the Wreathes Across America ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids on December 15th.