

Halifax Resolves Chapter – 2015

Past President Ken Wilson participated in the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum Veteran of the Month ceremony accompanied by Chapter VP R.J. Myrick.

The January chapter meeting was held on the 14th at the Halifax Baptist Church. Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes presented a program on Michael Quinn “the Benedict Arnold of NC”.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson and Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin attended the 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens on January 17th. PG Lindsey Brock was in attendance.



The NCSSAR Contingent at Cowpens – January 17, 2015

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick Presented NSSAR Flag Certificates to Clyde Strickland of Littleton and Ray Dyer of Lake Gaston on January 23rd.

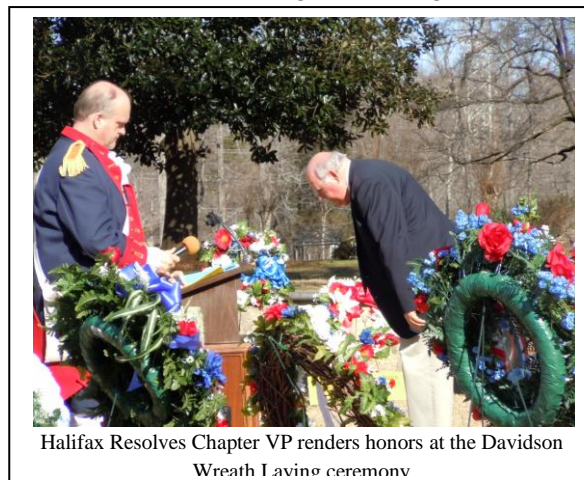


Ray Dyer of Lake Gaston accepts the Society Flag Certificate from Chanter VP R.J. Mvrick

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the state society and the chapter at the grave marking of Lt. David Williams in Wallace, NC on January 24th.

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent represented the chapter at the Battle of

Cowan’s Ford/William Davidson Wreath Laying and the Winter Board of Managers meeting.



Halifax Resolves Chapter VP renders honors at the Davidson Wreath Laying ceremony

On February 7th, Chapter Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin represented the chapter at the grave marking of Col. William Davidson and Rev. Spence Grayson in Woodbridge, VA.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the state society and the chapter at the 234th anniversary celebration of the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, VA on February 14th.



The NCSSAR Contingent at the Crossing of the Dan. February 14, 2015

Chapter President Geoff Pittard represented the chapter at the Commemoration of the Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge in Currie, NC on February 21st.

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented NSSAR Flag Certificates to the Halifax EMS on February 13, the Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce on March 11th and the Lake Gaston Lions Club, also on March 11th.

The March Chapter meeting was held on March 11th at the Halifax Baptist. NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson inducted new member Anthony Warner.

Following the induction, the chapter members selected the Americanism Poster and Brochure winners. The poster contest winner was Ella King of Cornerstone Christian School and the brochure winner was Colton Copeland of Halifax Academy.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the state society and the chapter at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse ceremony on March 14th. PG Lindsey Brock was in attendance.

On March 25th NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presented poster winner Ella King of Cornerstone Christian School with a chapter level winners certificate and a check for \$100.00. Her teacher, Mrs. Renee Walker, received a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$50.00. Pres. Wilson then traveled to Halifax Academy and presented brochure winner Colton Copeland with a chapter level winners certificate and a check for \$100.00. His teacher, Mrs. Tracey Lynch, also received a check for \$50.00 and a Certificate of Appreciation.



NCSSAR President Ken Wilson and HRC Poster winner Ella King



Brochure Winner Colton Copeland, Mrs. Tracey Lynch and NCSSAR President Ken Wilson

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented three NSSAR Flag Certificates on March 25th. The recipients were Sheetz of Roanoke Rapids, Ace Hardware-Lake Gaston and the Roanoke-Wildwood Fire Department.

Chapter President Geoff Pittard and NCSSAR President Ken Wilson attended a joint military ball hosted by JROTC units from Roanoke Rapids HS, Weldon HS and Northampton HS. Outstanding JROTC Medals were presented to Cadets Tyree Hawkins, Kimberly Hines and Tyron Fields.

Law Enforcement Commendation medals were presented by Pres. Wilson to Halifax County Sheriff's Department Detective Joseph Sealey on April 5th and Roanoke Rapids Police Department Detective Jeffery K. Davis on April 6th.



Halifax County Sheriff Wes Tripp, Detective Joseph Sealey and NCSSAR President Ken Wilson



NCSSAR President Ken Wilson and Roanoke Rapids Police Department Detective Jeffery K. Davis

A joint flag retirement ceremony was held on April 11th at 10:00 with American Legion Post 98 to begin the Halifax Day celebration. A total of 62 U.S. Flags were retired and the ashes buried in an unmarked grave.

Following a luncheon at the Royal Heart Masonic Lodge, the 239th Anniversary Commemoration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves was held on the site of the Colonial Courthouse. The keynote speaker was Dr. Samuel C. Powell, President of the SAR Foundation. A total of 18 wreathes were presented by members of the SAR, DAR, CAR and the American Legion.



Participants in the 239th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves

The NCSSAR Annual Meeting was held April 17th -18th in Burlington. NSSAR South Atlantic VPG Mark Anthony was in attendance and held a district meeting. Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent was reelected as NCSSAR Registrar and received a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts during Pres. Wilson's term of office. Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones filled in for NCSSAR Chaplain Rev. Dr. A. Clark Wisner and was also presented a Certificate of Appreciation. First Lady Janet Wilson received the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal for her assistance to and support of husband during his term as NCSSAR President. The chapter received streamers for Flag Certificates, 2nd Place Scrapbook (paper), 1st Place Scrapbook (electronic), 1st Place Americanism (small chapter) 2nd Place President's Streamer (small chapter) and 1st Place Thomas N. "Nat" Clark Outstanding Small Chapter. Former Roanoke Rapids resident and Ex-POW Captain William A. "Bill" Robinson USAF (ret.) was the keynote speaker at the Awards & Installation Banquet.



NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presents First Lady Janet Wilson with the SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal



Halifax Resolves Chapter members attending the Annual Meeting. L-R (front row) Dr. Samuel C. Powell, VP R.J. Myrick, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and Steve Pittard. Back row: Pres. Geoff Pittard and Ken Wilson

HRC Past President Ken Wilson presented the following Outstanding JRTOTC Medals. Cadet Delassio McKinnon, Northern Nash HS on April 27th and Cadet Lorenzo Lopez, Nash Central HS April 29th.

Past President Wilson participated in the Veteran of the Month ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum on May 4th.

The JROTC awards continued with Compatriot Wilson presenting the Outstanding JROTC Medal to Cadet Corey Reynolds of Southern Nash HS on May 7th and Cadet Steven Long of J.F. Webb HS on May 8th.

The chapter partnered with the Alamance Battleground Chapter, the General George Washington Chapter, BSA Troop 11 and BSA Troop/Pack 142 for a joint flag retirement ceremony that preceded the Patriots Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground ceremony on May 16th. Flags retired consisted of 74 U.S., 3 NC and 1 POW flags. The ashes were buried in an unmarked grave by the Burn Master.

Chapter President Geoff Pittard presented the chapter wreath at the Patriots Day ceremony and Past President Ken Wilson participated as a member of the color guard.

At the conclusion of the ceremony judging for the Americanism Poster and Brochure Contests was held. The chapter's poster entry placed 2nd and the brochure won 1st place.

Also on the 16th, Chapter Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin attended a mass

grave marking ceremony in Fredericksburg, VA for 20 patriots and presented the chapter wreath.

HRC Past President Ken Wilson presented the NCSSAR Americanism Poster contest 2nd place Recipient Ella King with her check for \$150.00 and her teacher Ms. Renee Walker with a check for \$100.00 on May 19th at Cornerstone School.

To cap off a busy day, past President Wilson traveled to Northern Vance HS to present Cadet Jalen Burwell an Outstanding JROTC Medal.

On May 20th Wilson traveled to Halifax Academy and awarded Colton Copeland a check for \$250.00 for his NCSSAR winning brochure entry. His teacher, Ms. Tracey Lynch, received a check for \$150.00



May 19th – Cornerstone Christian School
Teacher Ms. Renee Walker, Ella King and Ken Wilson



May 20th – Halifax Academy
Parent Angie Copeland, Colton Copeland, teacher Ms. Tracey Lynch and Past President Ken Wilson

Past President Wilson attended a military ball hosted by the AFJROTC of Southeast Halifax HS on May 22nd and presented Cadet Jasmine Barnes with the SAR Outstanding JROTC Medal.

The May 25th Memorial Day Ceremony held in Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids was attended by Past President Wilson and Compatriot E.C. Bobbitt. The chapter wreath was presented by Wilson who also sounded “Taps” to close the ceremony.



HRC Past President Ken Wilson presents the chapter wreath at the Memorial Day ceremony

Also on Memorial Day, Chapter Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin participated in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.

Past President Ken Wilson participated in the June Veteran of the Month ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum.

In honor of Flag Day the chapter co-sponsored a flag retirement ceremony with the Horace Palmer American Legion Post 308, the Warren DAR chapter and the Halifax Resolves DAR chapter. The ceremony was held at The Corner Lot in Henrico, NC. A total of 298 U.S. flags and 24 state, military service and emergency responder flags were retired and the ashes buried by the Burn Master.

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented Flag Certificates to The Enfield Fire Department and the Lake Gaston Ice House which completed the goal of ten minimum certificates awarded for 2015.

Chapter Past President Ken Wilson presented a program on Colonial Halifax to the Progressive Senior Citizens Club on June 23rd.

The July chapter meeting was held on the 8th at the Halifax Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

The Fall Board of Managers meeting on August 22nd was attended by Pres. Geoff Pittard and Past President Ken Wilson. Past President Wilson was awarded the South Atlantic District Meritorious Service Medal by Past VPG Mark Anthony. Chapter President Geoff Pittard received the NSSAR Partners in Patriotism Certificate from NC SAR President Tim Berly.



Past South Atlantic District VPG Mark Anthony presents the Meritorious Service to Past NC SAR President Ken Wilson



Chapter president Geoff Pittard (3rd from left) with the chapter Partners in Patriotism Certificate

The September 9th chapter meeting was held at the Halifax Baptist Church in Halifax. Past NC SAR President Ken Wilson inducted new member Charles DuRant into the SAR. Halifax Resolves DAR Regent Mrs. Roberta Josey was also in attendance.

The Patriot's Day ceremony on September 11th in Roanoke Rapids was attended by Compatriots E.C. Bobbitt, Ken Wilson and Rev. Duncan Jones.

Compatriot Wilson attended the charter ceremony on September 12th for the new Alexander Irwin Chapter in Morganton and assisted NC SAR President in the ceremony.

Compatriot Charles DuRant presented a program entitled "Music of the Colonial Period" to the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC DAR on September 16th. The meeting was also attended by Compatriot David Gammon along with Past President Ken Wilson and wife Janet.



Halifax Resolves Chapter DAR Regent and Compatriot Charles DuRant

At the request of the Scotland Neck Library the chapter, along with the Halifax Resolves Chapter DAR, placed a Constitution Day display on September 14th.

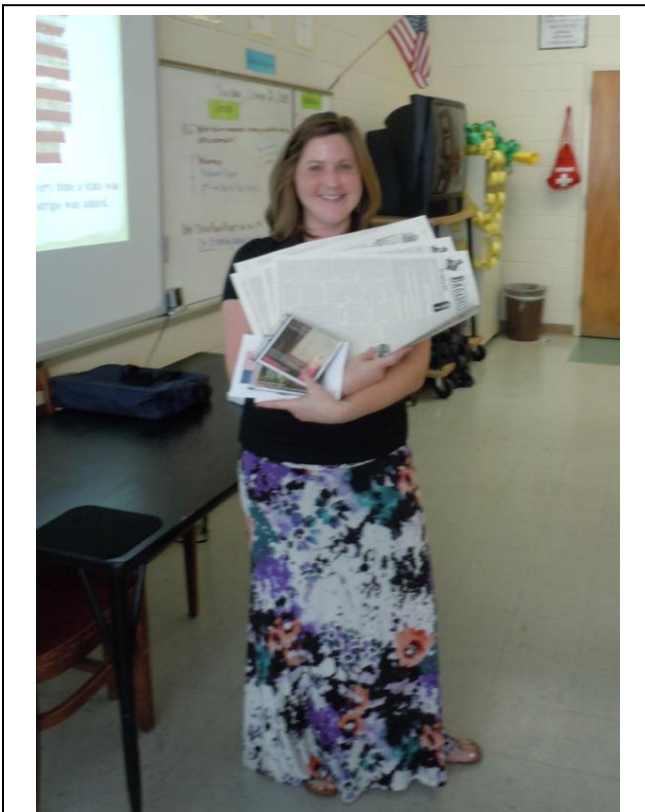
The chapter was an event sponsor of the Halifax Muster Days held September 26th and 27th in Historic Halifax.

Past President Ken Wilson represented the chapter at the South Atlantic District meeting in Gaffney, SC on October 6th and at the Battle of Kings Mountain Celebration on October 7th.

On October 9th Compatriot Wilson presented a program on the Meaning of the Dates on the NC flag to the Nash Central HS AP History class.

This was followed by presentations to two JROTC classes and the AP History class at Northern Nash on October 22nd. The JROTC 1st year students were presented with a program on U.S. Flag History

and Etiquette. The 2nd year class learned about the Meaning of the Dates on the NC flag. Both JROTC Classes learned the proper way to fold a U.S. flag. The AP History class was given an in depth program on the Meaning of Dates on the NC flag.



Mrs. Cheri Barwick, Northern Nash HS AP History teacher, with SAR CD's/DVD's, *Independence Broadside* newspapers and a block print copy of the Declaration of Independence.

A Joint Flag Retirement ceremony was held on October 24th at Old Trinity Church in Scotland Neck. The chapter was joined by the General George Washington Chapter Color Guard, The Halifax Resolves Chapter NC DAR and American Legion Post 34 of Scotland. In total, 141 U.S. flags and 12 NC flags were retired with honor. For the year of 2015 the chapter has retired 575 U.S. flags and 39 state/military/first responder flags.

On October 28th, Compatriot Wilson presented a U.S. Flag History and Flag Etiquette to the 5th grade class of Mrs. Lindy Rogerson at Halifax Academy. While on site, Wilson conducted two additional programs on the Meaning of the Dates on the NC flag to the 8th grade classes of Mrs. Tracey Lynch and Mrs. Ashley Shelburne.

Compatriot Ken Wilson represented the chapter at the NE NC District 1 meeting in Greenville, NC on October 31st.

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on November 1st at the New Testament Christian Church in Roanoke Rapids. Randy Garrett Williams of Troop 144 was recognized by Past President Ken Wilson on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

At the request of Ms. Ginny Orvedahl, Halifax County Librarian, the chapter set up a bulletin board in the Halifax County Library on November 2nd honoring Veterans Day.



Compatriot Ken Wilson inspects the Veterans Day display at the Halifax County Library

Compatriot Ken Wilson was invited by the Roanoke Rapids HS Honors History Class to present a program on the Meaning of the Dates on the NC Flag on November 6th. Honors teacher Mr. Seth Warren received four SAR CD's/DVD's along with a block print of the Declaration of Independence and two copies of *The Independence Broadside*.

The chapter participated in four events on Sunday, November 8th. First, the chapter hosted the Combined NC SAR Color Guard in posting the colors at the Freedom Freewill Baptist Church in association with AMVETS Post 101's Veterans Day service. A luncheon was hosted by the chapter at Ralph's BBQ for the color guard. Following lunch the color guard, with a contingent of the Sons of the Revolution Color Guard, led the March of Patriots Veterans Day Parade. The color guard then participated in the Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Park.



The Combined NC SAR Color Guard with AMVETS 101 and Roanoke Rapids HS AJROTC.



The Combined NC SAR Color Guard with members of the NC Sons of the Revolution. Chapter President Geoff Pittard's children led the group in the March of Patriots.

The annual chapter meeting was held on Wednesday, November 11th in Halifax, NC. NC SAR President Tim Berly was in attendance to install the new slate of officers. Outgoing Chapter President Geoff Pittard made several awards to the chapter members and their wives. Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service medal and the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal. Chapter VP R. J. Myrick was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal. Receiving Certificates of Appreciation were: Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin and wife Stephanie, VP R. J. Myrick and wife Brenda, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and wife Frances and Past Pres. Ken Wilson and his wife Janet. Following the installation of new officers, incoming President Ken Wilson presented outgoing President Geoff with his Past Presidents pin and certificate. NC SAR President Tim Berly then presented Compatriot R. Allen Brahin with his Grave Marking medal.