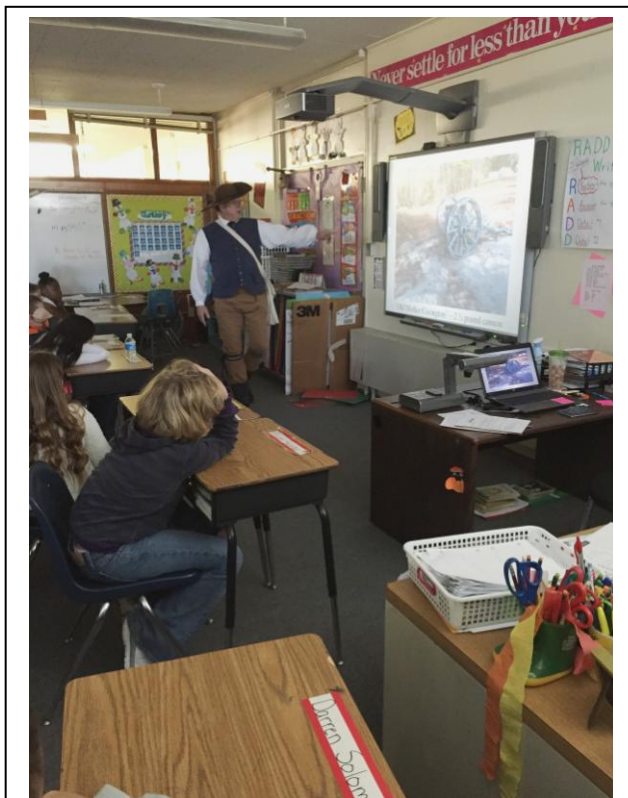


## Halifax Resolves Chapter – 2016

The 2016 year started with a flurry of classroom presentations by Chapter President Ken Wilson. On January 6<sup>th</sup> he presented a program on U.S. Flag History and Etiquette to the Roanoke Rapids HS Honors History class. On January 12<sup>th</sup> Ken presented a program on the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Belmont Elementary school in advance of the NC SAR Poster Contest. He presented the same program to five separate Fourth Grade classes at Manning Elementary School on January 13<sup>th</sup>.



Compatriot Ken Wilson presents a program on the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge to students of Manning Elementary School

Ms. Camille Edwards, NC CAR President was the guest speaker for the January chapter meeting. President Wilson presented Ms. Edwards with a Certificate of Appreciation for her support of the Halifax Resolves Chapter.

NC SAR Genealogist and chapter member David B. Gammon was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Richard Dobbs Spaight DAR chapter. His presentation was entitled "Good Girls and Bad Girls: Some Successful Women from Eastern North Carolina".



NC CAR President Camille Edwards with members of the Halifax Resolves Chapter following the January meeting

Chapter President Ken Wilson and Compatriot David Gammon attended the Battle of Cowan's Ford event and the Board of Managers meeting at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church on January 30<sup>th</sup>.



NC SAR Genealogist and chapter member David B. Gannon speaks to the Richard Dobbs Spaight DAR Chapter

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented SAR Flag certificates to Lake Gaston Baptist Church and Lakeside Lutheran Church on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Crossing of the Dan ceremony in South Boston VA was attended by Chapter President Ken Wilson. The only other representative from North Carolina was Sr. VP Gary O. Green.

President Wilson represented the chapter at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge ceremony on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

SAR Flag Certificates were presented to Rural Health Group, Sunny Acres Subdivision, Victory Baptist Church and Kapstone Kraft Paper on February 25<sup>th</sup> by Chapter VP R. J. Myrick.

Chapter President Ken Wilson inducted two new members, Arlie and J. Rives Manning at the March chapter meeting.

The Roanoke Rapids HS Honors History class and the chapter conducted two flag retirement ceremonies on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the high school. The program was written and conducted by the students with the chapter doing the actual burning of the flags. Over 700 students attended the two ceremonies and 73 flags were retired with honor, the ashes buried by the Jacket Battalion of the Roanoke Rapids HS AJRTOTC.

The chapter wreath was presented at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse Ceremony on March 12<sup>th</sup> by Chapter President Ken Wilson.



The SAR Contingent  
The Battle of Guilford Courthouse  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Chapter conducted its Americanism Poster and Brochure contest and the winner were selected at the March chapter meeting. There were a total of 36 posters entered and 33 brochures. The poster winner was 5<sup>th</sup> grader Madelyn Wommack from Halifax Academy who received a check for \$100.00 and her teacher, Ms. Lindsey Rogerson received a check for \$50.00. The brochure winner was Riley Mills an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Chaloner Middle School who received a check for \$100.00. His teacher, Ms. Peggy Braswell, received a check for \$50.00.

Chapter VP R. J. Myrick presented an SAR Flag certificate to the Roanoke Rapids Public Works Department on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Additional certificates were awarded by Compatriot Myrick on March 25<sup>th</sup>. These certificates were awarded to Nash Community College, Mr. Michael Brisson and AgCarolina Farm Credit.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter President Ken Wilson went before the Halifax County Board of Commissioners requesting a proclamation supporting the April 9<sup>th</sup> SAR ceremony celebrating the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. The board unanimously approved the proclamation.



Poster winner Madelyn Wommack, HRC Pres. Ken Wilson and teacher Ms. Lindsey Rogerson



8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies teacher Ms. Peggy Braswell, Honorable Mention Courtney Rogerson, HRC Pres. Ken Wilson, Brochure Winner Riley Mills and Asst. Principal Ms. Angela Mallory.



Mr. Michael Brisson accepts an SAR Flag Certificate from HRC VP R. J. Myrick

The chapter hosted the Halifax Resolves Celebration on April 9<sup>th</sup>. NSSAR Secretary-General J. Michael Tomme was the guest speaker, accompanied by his wife Cilla and Past PG Lindsey Brock and his wife Billie. Also in attendance were NSSAR South Atlantic VPG Dr. Ed Rigel, Jr., NSSAR Genealogist General, NSSAR Color Guard Adjutant Mark Anthony, NC SAR President Timothy Berly, NC DAR Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Sandy Sperry and NC CAR President Ms. Camille Edwards accompanied by NC CAR Sr. President Mrs. Carolyn Coordes. Local dignitaries included Halifax County Manager Tony Brown and County Board of Commissioner Chairman Vernon Bryant who presented a Proclamation in Support of the SAR Observance of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves. Halifax County Commissioner J. Rives Manning and Halifax County Sheriff Wes Tripp were also in attendance. Participants enjoyed a meal at the Halifax United Methodist Church following the event. A pre-event reception was held on the evening of April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn followed by a meal at Ralph's Barbecue.



NSSAR Sec.-Gen. J. Michael Tomme addresses the gathering.

During the ceremony, Sec.-Gen. Tomme presented the SAR Molly Pritcher Medal to Janet Wilson, wife of Chapter President Ken Wilson.

President Wilson presented the Outstanding JROTC Medal to Cadet Aaron Campbell of SW Edgecombe HS on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The NC SAR Annual Meeting was held April 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte, NC. The chapter had three entries win at the Youth Awards Banquet. They were Knight Essay winner Ellen Dautre` Burgess (Roanoke Rapids HS), Outstanding JROTC Cadet

Commander Adam M. Moore (Nash Central HS NJROTC), and American History Teacher of the Year Mr. Renny Taylor (Nash Central HS).



Youth Award winners Adam M. Moore, Ellen Dautre` Burgess, Mr. Renny Taylor and HRC Pres. Ken Wilson

During the Annual Awards Banquet Chapter First Lady Janet Wilson received an oak leaf cluster for her Lydia Darragh Medal. Chapter member David B. Gammon received a Silver Roger Sherman medal for his work as the NC SAR Education Chairman. Pres. Wilson received an oak leaf cluster for his Silver Roger Sherman medal. The chapter was awarded six streamers including the Thomas N. "Nat" Clark Outstanding Small Chapter in the NC SAR for 2015. Chapter VP R.J. Myrick received a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts as the Veteran's Committee chairman.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, President Wilson awarded Halifax Co. Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Eric D. Johnson with the law enforcement Commendation Medal. Another Law enforcement Medal was awarded to Roanoke Rapids Police Patrolman Jamie Lee Hardy on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Roanoke Rapids City Council meeting.

Also on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pres. Wilson presented the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition certificate to Dalton Mark Smiley of Troop 146 in Roanoke Rapids.

Cadet Dajah Jones of the Nash Central NJROTC was presented with the outstanding JROTC medal at the unit's awards ceremony by Pres. Wilson.

Cadet Gilberto Arguelles of the Southern Nash HS AFJROTC was awarded the SAT Outstanding Cadet Medal by Pres. Wilson on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the units annual awards banquet.

The chapter co-sponsored a Flag Retirement ceremony with the Alamance Battleground Chapter, the General George Washington Chapter and Boy Scout Troop 11 on the morning of May 14<sup>th</sup>, preceding the Patriot's Day Ceremony at Alamance Battleground. Pres. Wilson was the Burn Master. A total of 51 flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried in an unmarked grave.

Pres. Wilson participated in the Patriot's Day Ceremony on May 14<sup>th</sup> presenting the chapter wreath and participating in the color guard. Following the ceremony the NC SAR Americanism Poster and Brochure contests were held. The chapter entry for the Brochure contest produced by Chaloner MS student Riley W. Mills was awarded First Place. Halifax Academy 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Madelyn Wommack, who represented the chapter in the Poster Contest, placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

President Wilson was the keynote speaker for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids on May 30<sup>th</sup> and also presented the chapter wreath. Chapter members also in attendance were J. Rives Manning, E.C. Bobbitt, Reverend Duncan Jones and Donald Oakes.



Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson address the Memorial Day gathering at Cedarwood Cemetery

Northampton HS AJROTC Cadet Colin O'Melia was received the SAR Outstanding Cadet Medal from Pres. Wilson during the awards ceremony on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

President Wilson presented Eagle Scout Steven Wray Moore of Troop 146 with the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate at his Court of Honor on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

BSA Troop 144 co-sponsored a Flag Retirement with the chapter on June 11<sup>th</sup> to honor Flag Day. The ceremony was held at Veterans Park in Roanoke Rapids. Burn Master Ken Wilson retired 139 flag and buried the ashes in an unmarked grave.

The chapter hosted members of the NC SAR Color Guard who participated in the marking of the grave of Margaret Inez Green Woodruff by the Elizabeth Monfort Ashe DAR Chapter on June 12<sup>th</sup>.



The Combined NC SAR Color Guard at the Inez Woodruff grave marking

Compatriot Donald Malcolm was inducted into the Society by HRC President Ken Wilson at the July 13<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting

Roanoke Rapids Fire Dept. "C" shift received a Certificate of Appreciation on July 21<sup>st</sup> for their support of the Flag Day Flag Retirement.

Walmart Store #1502 was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their kind donation of \$1000 to the Chapter Youth Fund. Store manager Kevin Hotovy accepted the certificate on behalf of Walmart.

The chapter was represented by Pres. Wilson at the Gov. Benjamin Williams Grave Marking held at the House in the Horseshoe on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

NC SAR and Chapter Brochure winner placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the NSSAR National Congress. He received a certificate, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon and a check for \$150.00.

Attending the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers meeting in Raleigh was Chapter President Ken

Wilson, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and David Gammon. The chapter received a Patriot Biographies streamer with two stars that the chapter received at the National Congress along with a Partners in Patriotism Certificate. Sec. Treas. Steve Avent received the Carl Bissent award for the best 2 sheet newsletter and two oak leaf clusters for his Liberty Medal.

Cub Scout Pack 238, Den 7 invited pres. Wilson to talk with them about U.S. Flag Etiquette and how to properly fold the flag. The presentation was made on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9-11 attack was attended by chapter members Wes Tripp, J. Rives Manning, Rev. Duncan Jones and Chapter President Ken Wilson.

The September chapter meeting, held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted NC CAR President Miss Mary Lee Howell who spoke to the chapter about her state project. Compatriot Wes Tripp was also inducted into the Society.



The chapter partnered with the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter in Scotland Neck to set up a display recognizing Constitution Day. The Scotland Neck Library was the location of the display for two weeks.

President Wilson was the guest speaker for the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Scotland Neck Library. He spoke to them about “Halifax and the Revolution”.

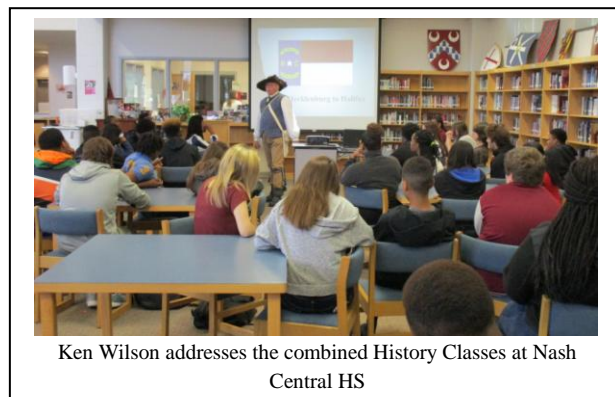
The U.S. History Class of Mr. Brent Donomyer at Roanoke Rapids HS invited Pres. Wilson to present his program, entitled “From Mecklenburg to Halifax” on September 23. In addition, Wilson returned on September 30<sup>th</sup> to address a group of over 200 students at the school on

U.S. Flag History, Etiquette, and proper folding as a prelude to the joint chapter-Social Studies Flag Retirement to be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the chapter co-sponsored a Flag Retirement with the Huckleberry Swamp 4H Club at the Rural 4H Center in Halifax, NC. Burn Master Ken Wilson retired 96 flags with honor and buried the ashes in an unmarked grave.

At the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Flag Retirement, the Roanoke Rapids HS Social Studies students performed the ceremony accompanied by the school’s JROTC Color Guard and bugler. Pres. Ken Wilson performed the duties of the Burn Master retiring 56 flags with honor and burying the ashes in an unmarked grave.

Nash Central HS AP History teacher Renny Taylor requested Ken Wilson come and present his program “From Mecklenburg to Halifax” to his AP class, then make a second presentation to two combined History classes. A total of approximately 100 students attended the two sessions.



Chapter Past President Geoff Pittard represented the chapter at the Major Reading Blount Grave Marking on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, participating in the Color Guard and presenting the chapter wreath.

Nash Central HS NJROTC invited President Wilson to attend the unit’s Annual Inspection and Formal Parade on October 28<sup>th</sup>. During the ceremony, Cadet Commander Adam M. Moore, NC SAR 2016 Outstanding JROTC Cadet, accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. He was the first cadet in North Carolina in 2016 to accept an appointment to any of the service academies.

The chapter conducted a Compatriot Grave Marking on October 29<sup>th</sup> for Compatriots Rev. Charles Blanding DuRant, Dr. Claiborne Thweatt

Smith, Sr. and Stuart Hall Hill. The ceremony was conducted at the Historic Trinity Church Cemetery in Scotland Neck, NC with NC SAR President Gary O. Green in attendance.



Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and HRC Pres. Ken Wilson dedicate the marker of Compatriot Rev. Charles Blanding DuRant

At the request of Halifax County Librarian Ginny Orvedahl, the chapter placed a display in the Halifax Library honoring Veterans Day.

Chapter President Ken Wilson attended the grave marking ceremony on November 5<sup>th</sup> for Patriot Nasby Mills II, Private Isaac Mills, and Private Nasby Mills III at the Black Jack Freewill Baptist Church near Greenville, NC. President Wilson commanded the Color Guard, presented the chapter wreath and represented the chapter at the NE District 1 meeting that followed the ceremony.

Calvary Baptist Church invited the SAR to conduct a Veterans Day Ceremony at the two Sunday morning services on November 6<sup>th</sup>. HRC President Ken Wilson and Alamance Battleground Past President Dr. Samuel C. Powell conducted the ceremonies.

The Micajah Pettaway Chapter NC DAR requested an SAR Color Guard for their grave marking ceremony honoring William Perry, Jr. in Franklin Co. on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Chapter President Ken Wilson accompanied by Alamance Battleground Past President Dr. Samuel C. Powell joined NC SAR Color Guard members Dan Hopping, Scott Kennedy, Gary Hall and Hollis Posey fulfilled the Color Guard. Pres. Wilson commanded the Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath.

The chapter held its Annual Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Halifax UMC Fellowship Hall. NC SAR President Gary O. Green was in attendance along with NS SAR Foundation President Dr. Samuel C. Powell. President Green assisted with the chapter

awards. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Halifax UMC Ladies who prepare the meals at chapter meetings. Mrs. Linda Pressley accepted the award on behalf of the ladies. Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to R.J. Myrick, Steven F. Avent, Duncan H. Jones, Geoff Pittard and R. Allen Brahin. Veterans Corps Certificates, along with Military Service Medals and certificates, were presented to chapter members Donald Malcolm, E.C. Bobbitt, J. Rives Manning and Arlie Manning. A Bronze Roger Sherman Medal was presented to Compatriot David B. Gammon. Chapter VP R. J. Myrick received a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to Chaplain Rev. Duncan H. Jones.

NC SAR President Gary O. Green and NSSAR Foundation President Dr. Samuel C. Powell (Past NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year) presented Compatriot R. Allen Brahin with his Baron Von Steuben Medal recognizing his service as a member of the color guard at National events.



NC SAR President Gary O. Green, Baron Von Steuben recipient R. Allen Brahin and NSSAR Foundation President Dr. Samuel C. Powell

President Wilson attended the Battle of Great Bridge ceremony in Chesapeake, VA on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. He participated in the Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath.

The chapter hosted the Combined NC SAR Color Guard and members of the NC Sons of the Revolution Color Guard at a luncheon at Ralph's BBQ on December 4<sup>th</sup> before leading the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade for the eighth consecutive year.

Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship winner Brandon S. Lawrence, Troop 605 in Henderson received his winner's medal, patch and check for \$100.00 from Chapter President Ken Wilson on December 5<sup>th</sup>. His package has been forwarded to the NC SAR Eagle Scout Chairman for consideration.



NC SAR & NC SR Color Guard members at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade



Eagle Scout Scholarship winner Brandon Lawrence and HRC President Ken Wilson