

*The Sons of the American Revolution* is a **PATRIOTIC** organization formed in 1889 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1906, with more than 25,000 living members from all 50 states and 23 foreign countries. Throughout its 119-year history, the SAR has admitted more than 155,000 members. Among them are 16 **PRESDENTS** of the **UNITED STATES**, including George W. Bush and his father George H. W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman and Theodore Roosevelt. The SAR also has had among its members Sir Winston Churchill and King Juan Carlos I of Spain, both of whom trace their ancestry to **REVOLUTIONARY WAR** patriots. Membership requires proof of descent from a person who aided in the **PATRIOT** cause. Some of the activities in which we engage are:

- \* commemoration of Patriot graves and monuments
- \* educational programs in the schools and elsewhere on the ideals of our Patriot ancestors and the American Revolution
- \* recognition of outstanding law enforcement officers and JROTC cadets
- \* sponsorship of Boy Scout troops

### **SAR Pledge**

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”



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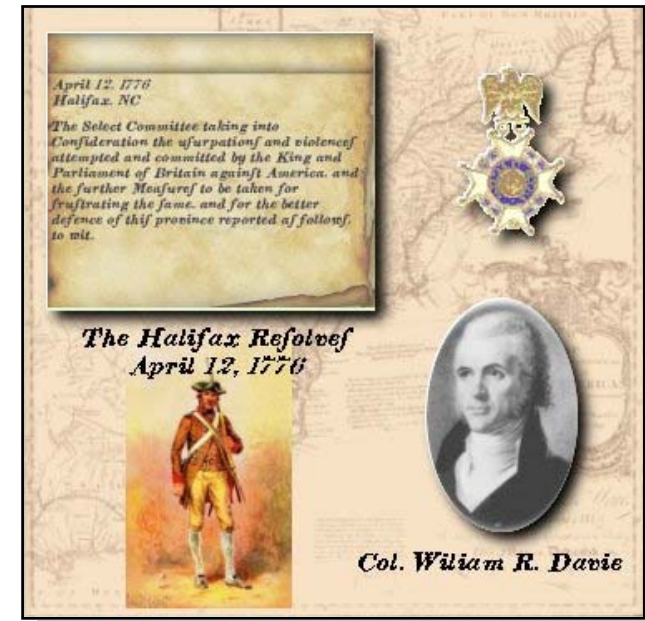
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## **The Halifax Dispatch**

**March, 2009**



**The Halifax Resolves Chapter  
North Carolina Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**



## From the Secretary...

The March meeting will be held on Wed., March 11, at the Halifax United Methodist Church on **152 S. King Street (Main Street) in Halifax at 6:30 pm** and the women of the church will provide the meal. The cost will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Ron, Ken, or myself if you're coming (contact info on front of newsletter).

The program will be presented by President Jones and will be about Caty Greene, wife of Gen. Nathaniel Greene. She was a very interesting person who led an interesting life, and Ron has put a lot of study into Nathanael Greene and his family, so I'm sure it will be a most interesting presentation.

The chapter currently has \$147 in the bank, so we are badly in need of additional funds to do the things we would like to do. Donations to the chapter general fund would, of course, be gratefully accepted, and we are also considering putting on another fundraiser. If you have any suggestions for a good fundraiser, please bring them up at the meeting. Last year's project selling the Rada knives was quite successful, and we are considering doing that again.

We will be marking the grave of Patriot John Hunt on Sat., Mar. 21 near Kittrell and hope to get a good turnout from the chapter. Details and directions will be provided at the meeting.

Currently it seems like Ron, Ken and myself are the most active chapter members, and we really need to get more members involved in our activities. If you would like to do more for your chapter, please let one of us know—there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved. We particularly need someone to serve as Chapter VP next year, so if you'd like to be considered for this office please let Ron, Ken or I know.

Hope to see you there—

*Steve Avent*

Secretary/Treasurer



## Recent Activities...

On Saturday, Jan. 24 Ron Jones, Ken Wilson and Steve Avent participated in a genealogy workshop sponsored by the Warren County DAR Chapter. Attendance was excellent, with about 30 people showing up, and a lot of useful information on the SAR, the DAR and genealogy research in general was passed along to the attendees. Several of the male attendees expressed interest in the SAR, and they were given membership information, so maybe it'll pay off with some new members.



(l-r) Dr. Sue Loper, Ron Jones, DAR Chapter Regent  
Connie Thacker, VP Ken Wilson, Steve Avent

On Feb. 19 President Ron Jones spoke to the Scotland Neck DAR Chapter on the SAR and our activities.



President Jones also spoke to the Scotland Neck Women's Club on Mar. 1, but I don't have a picture, though it received coverage in the local paper..

## Upcoming Patriot grave markings

John Hunt enlisted 6 Feb 1782 in the 10th NC Regiment for a period of 12 months, and is buried near Kittrell, NC. On Sat., March 21st the Halifax Resolves Chapter will be honoring his service with the placement of a SAR Patriot grave marker, with appropriate ceremony. The Warren County High School JROTC unit is expected to be there to perform color guard duties. One of his descendants is former NC Gov. Jim Hunt, and he has been invited to attend, though he has not as yet confirmed. Try to come out if you can to support your chapter and honor this Revolutionary War hero.

Colonel Whitmel Hill was born on 12 Feb 1743 in Palmyra Plantation, Halifax, NC, and died about 1797 and is buried in Scotland Neck. He was one of the leading figures from NC during the Revolution, serving as Colonel of the Martin Co. Militia, Representative at the Congresses in Hillsborough in 1775 and Halifax in 1776, a Councillor of State and a Delegate to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. As soon as our treasury permits, we are planning to mark his grave with the SAR Patriot grave marker.

## This just in...

Most of you should be receiving your copy of the SAR Magazine today (Thursday). In this issue you will find a writeup of our recent Nathaniel Macon grave marking, which might be the first time our chapter has received national attention. This is a great honor for a small chapter like ours, so congratulations to all.

## Upcoming Events

- \* Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC - 03/14/2009
- \* Grave marking ceremony for Patriot John Hunt by the Halifax Resolves Chapter, 2 pm
- \* NCSCAR Annual State Conference, Durham, NC - 03/27-29/2009
- \* NCSSAR Annual Meeting, Burlington, NC - 04/3-4/2009
- \* Halifax Day, Halifax, NC - 04/11/2009
- \* Patriot's Day, Alamance Country, NC - 05/16/2009
- \* Mecklenberg Declaration of Independence, Rural Hill, Huntersville, NC - 05/17/2009
- \* Buford's Massacre, Waxhaws, SC - 05/30/2009
- \* Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC - 06/13/2009