

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 118-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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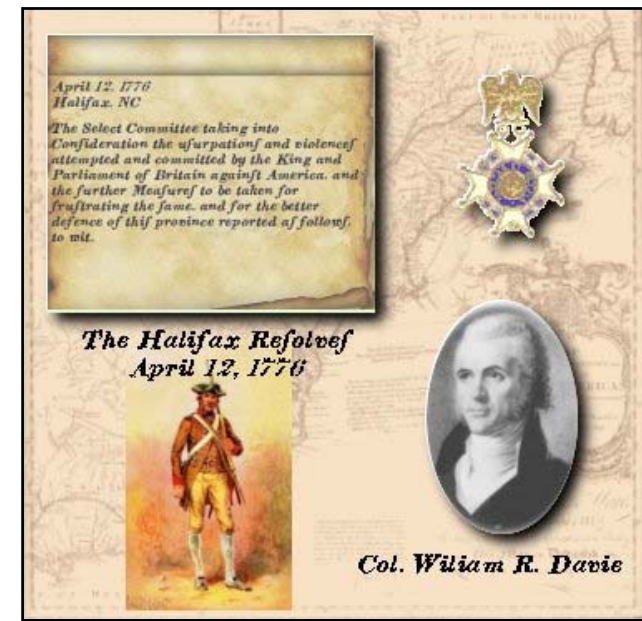
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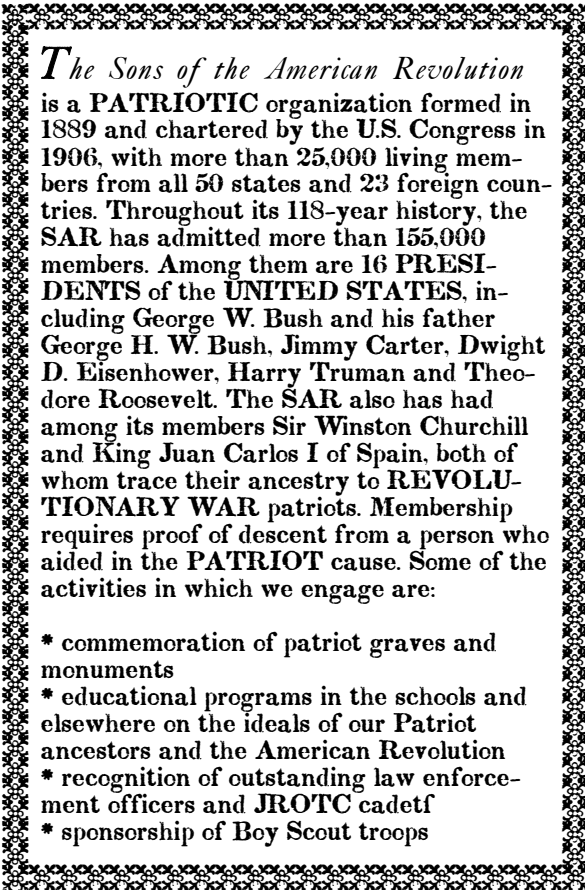


The Halifax Dispatch

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



From the Secretary's Desk...

Compatriots,

The May meeting will be held on **Wed., May 30, 2007 at 6:30 pm at Ralph's BBQ**, in Weldon. The cost of the meal will be \$12, as usual, and guests are cordially invited.

On the agenda: the featured speaker will be newly-elected **NCSSAR President Sam Powell**, who will be speaking on his plans and goals for his administration. Sam is coming all the way from Burlington to speak to us, so I'd really like to see a good turnout for this event. This is a great opportunity to talk face to face with the man who will be leading the NCSSAR for the next two years.

I think I mentioned in the previous issue that we have a new member, Ken Wilson. If we receive his membership certificate in time we'll be inducting him into the SAR during this meeting. Ken is a veteran of the war in Vietnam, so we will also be presenting him with the SAR War Service Medal and Certificate, if we receive them in time for the meeting.

Thanks to all who have generously contributed to the chapter flagpole fund. For those who did not receive my email solicitation a few weeks ago, the chapter is still using flagpoles that I jury-rigged from some drapery poles back when the chapter was first chartered in 2003, and it was clear during the Halifax Resolves event of 4/14 that we needed some proper flagpoles, especially for public events. Each flagpole costs around \$40, and we need three of them. We have collected \$105 so far, so we're almost there. What I forgot about when I made my request for funds was that we need flagpole stands also, and they run about as much as the poles—about \$35, so we could still use some donations.

As always, wives, children and any interested parties are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you there—

Steve Avent, Secretary/Treasurer

Guilford Courthouse, NC, 3/17/2007



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"The weather may have been unusually cold and windy, but the mood was bouyant and reflective, all at the same time. And no wonder when you assemble this many Patriotic Americans at a single Revolutionary War Battle Site, you'd expect this kind of behavior. The Participants came from 9 different states to celebrate the memory of the brave men who fought so hard to deny the British government the right to rule in America. When Nathanael Greene safely extracted his Army from the battlefield, the British Army had been greatly diminished. Not so the American spirit!"

Patriot's Day, Alamance, NC, 5/19/2007



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"Members of the SAR, DAR, and CAR gathered on a bright, sunny day to honor their ancestors, renew their friendships, and to rededicate themselves to the causes of Freedom and Democracy. They honored the heroes who'd fought at Pyle's Defeat, Clapp's Mill, and Lindley's Mill, and of that earlier quest for freedom: the Regulator War at the Battle of Alamance" Pictured above: NCSSAR President Sam Powell delivers some opening remarks.

Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC, 4/14/2007



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"Representatives of the SAR, DAR and CAR gathered in Halifax, NC, on April 14th, 2007 to commemorate the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves, which took place April 12th, 1776. The weather threatened rain but it turned out to be a beautiful spring day. Wreaths were placed at the site of the old colonial courthouse, where the Resolves were adopted, and a SAR Patriot grave marker was placed at the grave of Abraham Hodge, printer to Washington's army." **Pictured above: Chapter VP Ron Jones places the chapter wreath as Rod Williams announces the participant's names.**

Upcoming Events

227th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnnton, NC, 6/9/2007

6th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony, Fayetteville, NC, 6/16/2007

2007 National Congress, Williamsburg, VA, 7/6-11/2007

The Marking of 7 Revolutionary War Patriot's Graves, Bethania, NC, 7/7/2007

Fall 2007 National Meeting for Trustees, Committees, and Officers, Louisville, KY, 09/28-29/2007

SCAR Revolutionary War Cavalry Conference, Wolford College, Spartanburg, SC, 11/9-10/2007

Carolina Mountains Literary Festival/SCAR - Revolutionary War Literature, Burnsville, NC, 9/14-15/2007