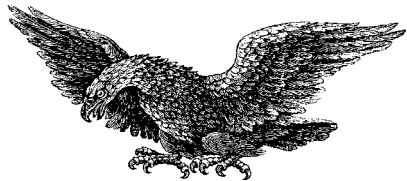


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- * commemoration of Patriot graves and monuments
- * educational programs in the schools and elsewhere on the ideals of our Patriot ancestors and the American Revolution
- * recognition of outstanding law enforcement officers and JROTC cadets
- *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



Upcoming Events

- * Halifax Chapter meeting: Wed., May 13 at 6:30 pm at Halifax UM Church. Reservations required.
- * Patriot's Day, Alamance Country, NC - 05/16/2009
- * Mecklenberg Declaration, Huntersville, NC - 05/17/2009
- * Buford's Massacre, Waxhaws, SC - 05/30/2009
- * Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC - 06/13/2009
- * NSSAR National Congress, Atlanta, GA - 07/4 - 8/2009
- * Battle of Colson's Mill, Norwood, NC - 07/18/2009
- * Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC - 10/17/2009
- * NCSSAR Board of Managers, TBD, - 10/10/2009
- * Yorktown Victory, Yorktown, VA - 10/19/2009

SAR Pledge

"We, the 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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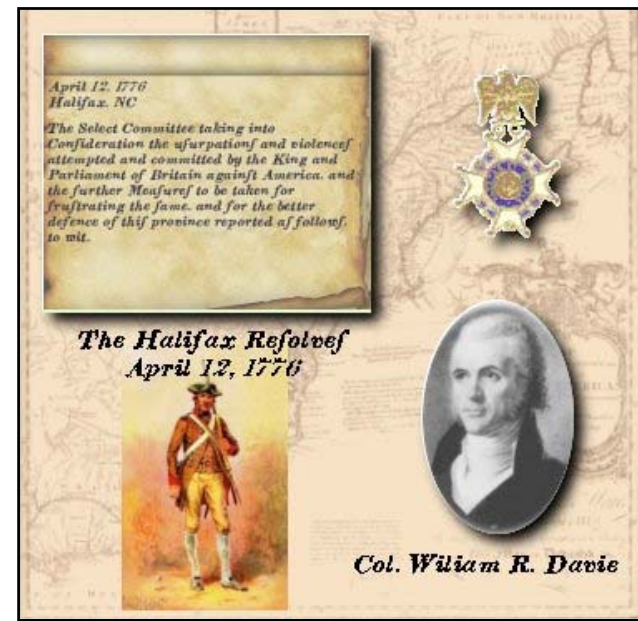
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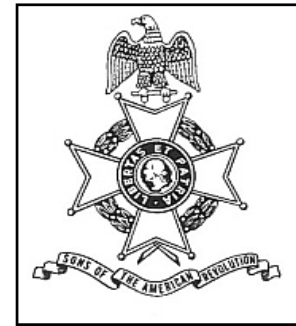
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The Halifax Dispatch

May, 2009



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



The May meeting will be held **Wed., May 13**, at the Halifax United Methodist Church on 152 S. King Street (Main Street) in Halifax at **6:30 pm**. The cost will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Ron, Ken, or Steve Avent if you're coming (contact info on front of newsletter). The speaker will be Mrs. Margaret Phillips, of the Halifax Restoration Association, who will speak on the architecture of colonial Halifax.

From the President...



Hello Compatriots,

We had a successful day at our ceremonies on April 11 and this was Easter weekend and the crowd was smaller than usual but good considering the circumstances. We had two ceremonies, the flag retirement at 10:00 AM and the Halifax Resolves anniversary ceremony at 2:00 PM. The Chapter officers believe the flag retirement ceremony was such a success that we should continue it on a regular basis.

Between the ceremonies we had a meal provided by the Methodist Church Women and was attended by 36 people. Our problem with using the honor system still persists. We had some people attend that did not RSVP and even worst we had two people eat a meal but did not pay. I don't believe this is because people are dishonest but simply inadvertently forget to RSVP or pay. If someone invites a guest they should pay for their guest's meal or inform their guest that they need to pay. If anyone knows of a better system for handling meals please let us know at the next meeting.

Based on demand we plan to have several flag retirement ceremonies each year and the next one scheduled will probably be around June 13th. We have a temporary deposit box for flags at the Veterans location at the mall in Roanoke Rapids. We are hoping someone will provide us with a permanent deposit box or some ideas about how we can come up with one. There are opportunities for someone to help with these ceremonies so if you are interested in volunteering please let an officer know.

Ron Jones, President

Recent Activities...

Chapter VP Ken Wilson has been busy awarding Flag Certificates to local individuals and businesses. This is a great way to recognize those who properly fly the Flag for patriotic purposes, and also to increase the Chapter's presence in the local community. Pictured below: (l-r) Tom & Libby Myrick, 3/9, Mrs. Margaret F. Merritt, 3/12, Ed & Cheryl Dixon, 3/13, William & Esther Edwards, 3/25, Old Farm Self Storage, 3/26 and Mayflower Restaurant, 3/26. The Halifax Resolves Chapter has presented more flag certificates in 2009 than any other chapter in NC.



The NCSSAR Annual Convention was held in Burlington 4/3-4, and the Chapter received much recognition at the event. Chapter President **Ron Jones** was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by outgoing NCSSAR President Dr. Samuel C. Powell. President Powell also awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Chapter VP **Ken Wilson**, and Secretary-Treasurer **Steve Avent** was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Meritorious Service Medal. In addition, three Chapter members were elected to State Office. **LTC Frank N. Horton, USA, (Ret)** (a charter member of the Chapter) was elected President of the NC Society. Past Chapter President **Dr. Cleveland Hawkins** was elected NE District Vice President and Chapter Secretary-Treasurer **Steve Avent** was elected to the office of NCSSAR Historian. Ken Wilson also agreed to continue serving as State Chairman of the Knight Essay Contest Committee.

The 228th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Guilford CH was held in Greensboro on 3/14. The day was rainy but it was a great ceremony, and Chapter members Steve Avent and Allen Brahin were present. Allen Brahin is second from right and Steve Avent is in the center.



Halifax Resolves Ceremony

The 233rd Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves was held on Sat., 4/11. Participation was excellent, with seven NCSSAR State Officers, four SAR Chapters, a chapter of the Children of the American Revolution and a chapter of the Daughters of 1812 participating. The keynote speaker was author Richard Folsom, with MC duties admirably carried out by President Ron Jones, and Chaplain duties performed impressively by Chaplain Duncan Jones.

Earlier that day, the Chapter co-sponsored a Flag Retirement ceremony in which old and worn Flags were destroyed with appropriate ceremony and reverence. Chapter VP Ken Wilson performed MC duties and prospective member Dave Hoaglan was the Burnmaster. Following the ceremony, the ashes of the flags were buried in the old colonial cemetery across from the courthouse site.

