

*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 120-year history, the SAR has admitted more than 155,000 members. Among them are 16 **PRESIDENTS** 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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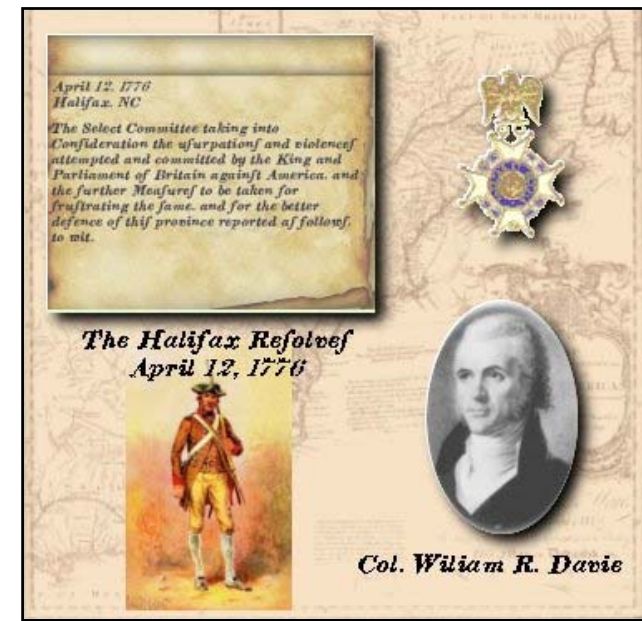
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Click on our chapter name on the NC map.



## The Halifax Dispatch

September, 2009



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



## From the Secretary...

The September meeting will be held on Wed., September 9, 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).

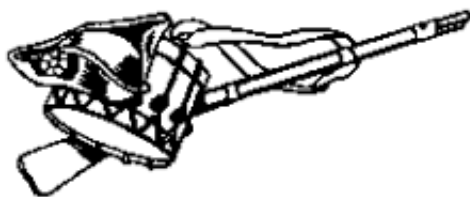
On the agenda:

- induction of new member Dave Hoaglan into the SAR
- presentation of the SAR War Service Medal to members Rod Williams and Dave Hoaglan.
- State NCSSAR President Frank Horton is planning to attend to present the Chapter with the Partners in Patriotism award, in recognition of several projects the Chapter has recently engaged in with local veteran's groups.
- nomination of Chapter officers for 2009-2010. They will be elected and installed at the November meeting.
- discussion and voting on a proposal to increase Chapter dues by \$15, which has been made necessary due to an increase in National SAR dues. If you will be unable to make the meeting but would like to express your approval or disapproval of this idea, please contact one of the Chapter officers before the meeting.
- discussion of the upcoming Col. Whitmel Hill grave marking in Scotland Neck and other upcoming Chapter events.

Hope to see you there—

*Steve Arent*

Secretary/Treasurer



## The Center for Advancing America's Heritage

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage is the main SAR project at the national level. Why is it needed? From their website (<http://www.sarfoundation.org/>):

"National surveys indicate that historical illiteracy grips the nation. Pulitzer-prize winning historian David McCullough notes that in many schools, "American History is being put on the back burner or taken off the stove altogether."

The Center ensures that the stories of our patriot ancestors' struggles against tyranny and the principles upon which our country was founded are preserved so succeeding generations will enjoy the inestimable blessings of being an American."

NCSSAR President Sam Powell has been tapped to lead the capital campaign for the CAAH, and he has this to say:

**How can we not but agree with the Institute's statement "If we fail to teach our children how American freedom was established and preserved, we cannot expect them to pass it on to future generations."**

When completed, the educational staff of the CAAH will develop programs and exhibits that teach American values and unity in one overriding American cultural identity. The history of the American Revolution and the founding of the U.S. government and how these events relate to today's society will be the focus of the lessons taught.

SAR educational programs, utilizing new mass communication techniques, will be distributed to states and chapters for their local use in meetings/events and at schools.

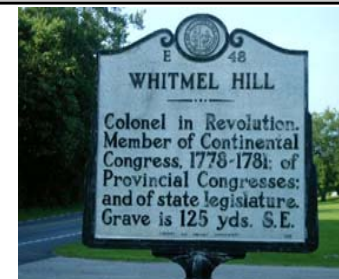
The Center will have world class exhibit areas designed to inspire visitors to value their American citizenship. Visitors, researchers and scholars will be welcomed to enjoy and study the SAR's collections, artifacts and exhibits.

In order for the CAAH to become a reality, your support is essential. For more information, or to make a donation, go to the CAAH website at

[www.sarfoundation.org/thecenter.htm](http://www.sarfoundation.org/thecenter.htm)

or give them a call at (502) 589-1776.

## Col. Whitmel Hill Grave Marking



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 Councilor of State and a Delegate to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

On Sat., 9/12 at 2:00 pm the Chapter will be dedicating a SAR Patriot grave marker at Col. Hill's grave at Old Trinity Episcopal Church in Scotland Neck. The keynote speaker will be author and genealogist David B. Gammon, who is also a direct descendant of Col. Hill. Try to come out if you can and show your support for the Chapter.

## Recent Activities

On July 22, VP Ken Wilson presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Larry Spears, of Spears Pharmacy in Roanoke Rapids.



## Upcoming Events

- Col. Whitmel Hill grave marking, Scotland Neck, NC - 09/12/2009
- NSSAR National Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY - 09/24 - 26/2009
- SAR Grave Marking Ceremony, Col. Frederick Hambricht, Grover, NC - 10/6/2009
- Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC - 10/7/2009
- NCSSAR Board of Managers, Statesville, NC, - 10/10/2009
- Yorktown Victory, Yorktown, VA - 10/19/2009