

Message from the President



To my Compatriots and friends,

"I saw behind me those who had gone, and before me those who are to come. I looked back and saw my father, and his father, and all our fathers, and in front to see my son, and his son, and the sons upon sons beyond.

And their eyes were my eyes."

--Richard Llewellyn

This quote sums up the work we do every day in our society. At its heart, the Sons of the American Revolution is about heritage. We work to help this current generation, as well as future generations, to learn of the history of our nation and grow to appreciate the rich culture around us. We should never forget the revolutionary zeal which started our great nation, for it is this zeal which continues to drive us today and helps us to act when we recognize that which would destroy our culture.

The sacrifices of those who came before in many battles and wars are the stuff of legend. Many times we sit and share meals discussing jovially our history, sharing tales of the courageous deeds and tactics used during the American Revolution. However, if we but look over the past, of our nation's over 200 years, we can find conflict after conflict in which our patriot ancestors have fought, died, and written

the history of America in blood and honor.

While this is true and we should honor these patriots, the truth is that between conflicts and behind the scenes there are unsung heroes. Someone must guard the heritage, keep the memories fresh, help our children to learn from the past so they can insure our future. As we look back, we see ourselves. We see the events and people and ideals that led to where we are today. Let our actions these days reflect positively for those who come after us. No matter what actions we take, nor what position we hold in American society, we are an integral part of the future.

A couple hundred years from now there will be no one alive who holds our memory in their heads. Let us hope someone holds it in their hearts, as we do the memories of those who came before us.

Geoff Pittard

The March meeting will be held on **Wed., March 11**, at the Halifax Baptist Church on **131 Prussia Street in Halifax at 6:30 pm.**

On the agenda: We will be inducting new member Andy Warner into the Chapter and the SAR, and will also judge the entries in the poster and brochure contests.

The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required.**

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The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR Met Wednesday, January 14th 2015 at the Halifax Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Geoff Pittard. The Invocation was given by Compatriot Steve Pittard. The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge was led by Pres. Pittard. Pres. Pittard then introduced and welcomed the guest speaker Compatriot Grimes, President of the Albemarle Chapter.

Following a meal provided by the ladies of Halifax Baptist Church, the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's Report were given by NCSSAR President Ken Wilson who was filling in for Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent. Pres. Pittard then gave his report. All reports were approved as read.

There was no unfinished Business and the new business consisted of the announcements for the Cowen's Ford event that was to be held prior to the BOM. VP R.J. Myrick would represent the chapter. It was also reported that Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin would represent the chapter at the Cowpens event. No plans were made for representation at the Crossing of the Dan or Moore's Creek events.

Compatriot Grimes presented an excellent program about Michael Quinn, Considered by some to be the "Benedict Arnold of NC". When captured, he was imprisoned in Halifax where he was killed "trying to escape". A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Pittard with a second by R.J. Myrick and unanimously approved. The SAR Recessional was led by Pres. Pittard and the Benediction by Steve Pittard. The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Highlights of Recent Chapter Activities



Above (l-r): The SAR contingent at the 1/17/15 commemoration of the battle of the Cowpens, held on the battlefield near Chesnee, SC. In left hand pic Ken Wilson is standing just left of the monument and Allen Brahin is kneeling in front row.



Above (clockwise from top left): VP RJ Myrick presenting a wreath at the 1/31/15 Cowan's Ford ceremony; Color Guard Commander Allen Brahin at the Williams grave marking held in Woodbridge, VA on 2/7/15; RJ Myrick presenting a Flag Certificate to Clyde Strickland; RJ Myrick presenting a Flag Certificate to Ray Dyer, both on 2/17; Participants in the 1/31/15 Board of Managers meeting, held following the Cowan's Ford ceremony in Huntersville, NC.

Upcoming SAR Activities

March 2015

March 14, 2015: The 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse is presented by the NCSSAR and begins at 10:00am at the Visitor's Center at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse National Battleground Park.

March 28, 2015: The Mecklenburg chapter and the Mecklenburg Historical Society are co-sponsoring a historical marker unveiling and wreath laying ceremony for General William R. Davie beginning at 10:00am at William R. Davie Park, Charlotte, NC

April 2015

April 11, 2015 - The Halifax Resolves chapter is sponsoring the 239th Annual Commemoration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves with the ceremony beginning at 2:00pm.

April 17-18, 2015 - The NCSSAR 87th Annual Meeting and South Atlantic District Meeting will be held in Burlington, NC.

May 2015

May 16, 2015 - (S) State Color Guard Event - The Alamance Battleground Chapter is sponsoring the annual Patriot's Day ceremonies to be held at Alamance Battleground Park.

May 20, 2015 - The Mecklenburg Chapter invites you to participate in the annual observance of the Signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence beginning at 11:00am on Trade & Tryon Streets in Uptown Charlotte.


(see the NCSSAR website at www.ncssar.org for details and many more events)



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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 **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

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