

Message from the President



To my Compatriots and friends,

The other afternoon, I was eating dinner at a local restaurant. While trying to enjoy my meal, there was the constant droning of an irate child from a nearby table. Now, most of us have had young children in our lives in one form or another and a child crying or whining when they don't get their way is fairly normal. This is not about that child.

Instead it's about the parents of the child who would not lift themselves from their worlds long enough to either calm or discipline him. We see this every day in our society. We shake our heads and think what bad examples of parents that couple must be. We might even be right in that assumption. However, our country as a whole is sliding away from its founding principles. Is it any wonder that the start is in the children we see around us? Or a lack of effective parenting?

So what do we do? Do we continue to shake our heads but do nothing to show younger generations a different path? No. We should instead throw ourselves into our society's work of educating those around us from child to elder. Show them the values we ascribe to: Continue to give out awards to cadets, continue to attend events and grave markings, continue to post about all we should continue to talk to those around us about American History.

Examples of the values which are the ideal of our country are present all throughout our history, not just during the time of the Revolution. I encourage each of you to share your life experiences with the children, in addition to your knowledge of history. Our children learn from their video games and their entertainment much more than they do from the elders in their lives. This should change. I will tell you true, my son's interest in American History is shaped more from the game Assassin's Creed than by me, although I am trying my best to show him the difference between fact and fiction.

Be the voice that cries out. Do not let our history, our traditions, our values, be forgotten. Help our chapter and society by getting plugged in to chapter and society activities.

Faternally,

Geoff Pittard

The May meeting will be held on **Wed., May 13**, at the Halifax Baptist Church on **131 Prussia Street in Halifax at 6:30 pm.**

On the agenda: another spellbinding and enlightening evening is guaranteed, as well as a delicious dinner and good fellowship.

The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Geoff Pittard or Steve Avent if you're coming.

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The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR met Wednesday, March 11th 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 NCSSAR Dist. 1 VP George Strunk and new member Andy Warner.

Following a meal provided by the ladies of Halifax Baptist Church, the Secretary's report was presented by NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson who was filling in for Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent. The report was unanimously approved on motion from Steve Pittard and seconded by Arthur Brown. The Treasurer's Report was given by President Wilson. It was approved unanimously on motion from Ernest Bobbitt and seconded by Steve Pittard. Pres. Pittard then gave his report.

President Pittard reported on upcoming events and then turned over the meeting to Pres. Wilson. Pres. Wilson, by request of Chapter VP R.J. Myrick, passed out information on the results of the NCSSAR Americanism competition. The chapter is still the most active small chapter in the state society.

A tentative date for a flag retirement was set for June 13th in Scotland Neck, possibly with the Halifax Resolves Chapter DAR Chapter.

President Wilson then inducted Andy Warner into the society and presented him with his new member's packet and rosette. Judging for the Americanism Poster & Brochure contest was then held. Since only one brochure was submitted, it was decided to send it forward to the state level competition. The winner was Colton Copeland from Halifax Academy who will be awarded a check for \$100.00 and his teacher, Tracey Lynch will receive a check for \$50.00. There were five finalists for the Poster contest. A poster depicting the battle of Lexington and Concord, drawn by Ella King from Cornerstone Christian School was selected the winner. She will be awarded a check for \$100.00 and her teacher, Renee Walker will receive a check for \$50.00.

The SAR Recessional was led by Pres. Pittard and the Benediction given by Steve Pittard. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Highlights of Recent Chapter Activities



Above (l-r): (3/25) Ken Wilson with Ella King of Cornerstone Christian School on , winner of the chapter's Americanism Poster Contest; (3/31) VP RJ Myrick awarding the SAR Flag Certificate to Bill Owens of the Lake Gaston Ace Hardware; (0409) Ken presenting the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Detective Jeffery K. Davis of the Roanoke Rapids Police Department "in recognition of outstanding achievement and dedication to the maintenance of law and order."



Above (l-r, from top): (4/09) Ken Wilson presenting the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Detective Joseph Sealey (center) of the Halifax County Sheriff's Dep't. Halifax Co. Sheriff Wes Tripp (l). (4/09) VP RJ Myrick presented the Flag Certificate to the Roanoke-Wildwood VFD, Butch Garrett accepting; (5/03) Ken presenting the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award to Cadet Delassio McKinnon, of the Northern Nash HS AFJROTC; Nash Central HS NJROTC Cadet Lorenzo Lopez, recipient of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award; Eagle Scout Thomas Edward Turner, BSA Troop 146, receiving the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate from Ken Wilson; Chapter members at the NCSSAR Annual Meeting, held 4/26 in Burlington; Participants in the Halifax Resolves Celebration, sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter and held 4/11; Ken and SE District Vice President General Mark Anthony presenting the Annual Meeting's keynote speaker, Capt. William A. "Bill" Robinson, the longest-held POW of the Vietnam War, with the SAR Wounded Warrior Challenge Coin and certificate before awarding him the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his service to the nation.

Upcoming SAR Activities

May 2015

May 16, 2015: The Alamance Battleground Chapter will sponsor the 19th Annual Patriots' Day ceremonies at 2:00pm at Alamance Battleground State Park near Burlington

May 20, 2015 The Mecklenburg Chapter will observe the Signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at 11:00am in Charlotte


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



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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

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