



Message from the President



To my Compatriots and friends,

July 4th is the day that our nation celebrates its independence, yet many of us do not recall exactly what we were fighting against.

Our Colonies were under the rule of various capricious local and colonial authorities who embodied the phrase "absolute power corrupts absolutely". The corruption was root deep since those in power were appointed by a government who did not care about the people in the colonies. The people did not pick their leaders and those leaders were able to, and did, regularly abuse their power.

Requests for redress by the colonies to Parliament fell on deaf ears because the government controlled the trade in the Colonies and therefore the money. As long as the money continued to flow, and it did... ,the rulers did not truly care about the colonists. Their livelihoods were threatened. They were being told what to believe by pushing the Anglican religion. Many abuses were ongoing.

As terrible as these were... What was the final straw? At what point did the fire start? We know intellectually.. And

when the end started it burned fast and destroyed an old society. From those ashes a new one was born.

America— The Brave, The Free. God Bless our nation this day.

Fraternally,

Geoff Pittard



The July meeting will be held on **Wed., July 8**, at the Halifax Baptist Church on **131 Prussia Street in Halifax at 6:30 pm.**

On the agenda: Ken Wilson will be presenting a program on colonial Halifax, 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, May 13th 2015 at the Halifax Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Geoff Pittard. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones. The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge was led by Pres. Pittard.

The Secretary/Treasurer's report was next given and approved. President Pittard then delivered his report:

- on 5/16 at the Alamance Battleground Patriot's Day celebration we are participating in a flag retirement ceremony at 11:00am followed by a wreath laying at 2:00pm.
- on May 25 we are co-sponsoring a Memorial Day Observance at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke rapids
- on 5/30 Past President Ken Wilson will be participating in a "Fly-in" ceremony at the Halifax County airport
- on 6/13 we will be sponsoring a flag retirement ceremony at Henrico, NC
- on 11/8 we will be leading the Roanoke Rapids Veteran's Day parade
- on 11/11 we are expecting a visit from NCSSAR President Tim Berly
- the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade is tentatively scheduled for 12/16
- the annual observance of the Battle of Great Bridge is scheduled for 12/6, and this is a National SAR event

Chapter VP RJ Myrick reported on his activities, including several Flag Certificate presentations. Past President Ken Wilson reported that the Halifax Museum is sponsoring the "Halifax Muster" and urged that the chapter make a donation, and after a vote it was decided to donate \$100.

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 : participants in the 5/16 Patriot's Day ceremony at the Alamance Battleground.



Above (l-r, from top): (4/09) Ken Wilson presenting a wreath at the 5/25 Memorial Day ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke rapids; Chapter color guard commander Allen Brahin participating in the National Memorial Day parade in Washington, DC, carrying the NC Flag; Ken Wilson at the 5/30 "Fly In" ceremony at the Halifax County airport; Ken Wilson and Geoff Pittard at the 6/13 flag retirement ceremony at Henrico, NC; Ken Presenting the award to the winner of the chapter's Americanism Poster contest, Ms. Ella King of the cornerstone Christian School on 5/19; Ken presenting the award to the winner of the chapter's brochure contest, Colton Copeland of Halifax Academy on 5/21; VP RJ Myrick presenting the Flag Certificate to Mr. Grover Adkins of the Enfield Fire department on 6/14;



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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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