Sons of the American Revolution

North Carolina Society



Lower Cape Fear Chapter Wilmington, North Carolina January 1994

THE OBJECTS OF THIS SOCIETY ARE:

To honor and perpetuate the memory of our Revolutionary patriots; To cherish with deep devotion the nation founded by their sacrifice; To acquire and preserve the records of their individual services; To encourage historical research that the Present may learn of the Past; To foster training in the precepts and principles of good citizenship; To collect and conserve documents and relics of the Revolutionary period; To mark the scenes of conflict and triumph of our struggle for freedom; To celebrate the great events that brought American independence; To maintain and extend our institutions of liberty and learning; To conduct our own lives so that they may reflect credit upon our forefathers and be an inspiration to those who follow.



IN MEMORIAM:

Leon R. Pierce

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which provide an overview of the history of the

Lower Cape Fear Chapter from 1978 through 1993.

Thank you Charlie!

OFFICERS: President - Frank O'Brien * 1st Vice-President - Edward Metts ** John Debnam *** 2nd Vice-President - Roy A. Sandlin Horace Thompson *** Secretary - E. M. McEachern Treasurer ______ Richard Andrews Chaplain - Wayne Arnold Registrar -Historian - D. J. Black Parliamentarian - John Debnam Trustee (property) - Julian Walker Board Members - Charles H. Davies, W. K. Dorsey, George McNeir II * April, 1978, Frank O'Brien became a State Officer. ** Edward Metts replaced Frank O'Brien as Chapter President, but died during the summer of 1978. Roy A. Sandlin served as President the rest of the year. *** John Debnam served as 1st Vice-President. *** Dr. Horace Thompson served as 2nd Vice-President.

The Lower Cape Fear Chapter received a letter of thanks from James R. Warren, President of the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society for the SAR's participation in preparing and placing of the luminaries for the Old Wilmington Candlelight Tour prior to Christmas, 1977.

The Washington Birthday Celebration was held at the Cape Fear Count: Club, 24 February 1978; Dr. Arthur Davis was the Speaker. The SAR Law Enforcement Award was presented to our own Chapter member, Roy A. Sandlin, for his work in criminal justice.

Independence Day was celebrated with a buffet dinner at Ballantine's Restaurant.

State Officers from the Lower Cape Fear Chapter: State President - William M. Stanley Treasurer-Secretary & Registrar - Frank O'Brien State Chaplain - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Awards: The Chapter presented seven bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates to high school cadets in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Countles.

In Memorial: Compatriot Edward Metts.

OFFICERS: President - Roy A. Sandlin lst Vice-President - J. Harris Ligon 2nd Vice-President - Reginald Horrell Secretary - Charles H. Davies Treasurer - Clarence E. Hales Historian - D. J. Black Chaplain - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Registrar - John E. Farmer Parliamentarian - Milan Wood Trustee (property) - Julian Walker Board Members - W. K. Dorsey, George McNeir II

After several years of hard work by the Chapter's Historian, D. J. Black, a comprehensive history of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, SAR, origin and development from 1967 through 1977 was completed, printed, and available to members and the public. The purchase price was \$5.00 a copy.

Washington Birthday Celebration was held at the Cape Fear Country Club on 23 February 1979; the speaker was Rear Admiral William M.A. Greene (USN Ret.). There were 72 in attendance.

The Independence Day Celebration was held July 6, 1979 at the Cape Fear Country Club, Capt. Joseph C. Fox, USCG (Ret.) was the speaker. There were 70 in attendance.

October 27, 1979, a barbecue was held at Cape Fear Technical Institute honoring Patriot Cornelius Harnett. There was a conducted tour of the Institute.

Lower Cape Fear Chapter members serving as State SAR Officers: President - William M. Stanley Chaplain - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Secretary-Treasurer & Registrar - Frank O'Brien Area Vice-Presidents - Wayne Arnold, John H. Jones

New Member: Capt. Frank Conlon (USN Ret.)

Awards: Five bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates were presented by the Chapter to cadets of high school units in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties.

In Memorial: Compatriot Peter MacQueen, Jr., 22 February 1979.

April, 1979, the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, SAR, had 66 members.

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Washington's Birthday was celebrated at the Cape Fear Country Club 22 Fenruary 1980 with 67 Compatriots and guests present. The speaker was Dr. James J. McGivern, Professor, UNC-W.

Independence Day was celebrated with a barbecue at Cape Fear Technical Institute on 4 July 1980 honoring Revolutionary War Patriot Samual Ashe, Governor of North Carolina after the Revolutionary War.

Fifteen Compatriots, wives, and guests travelled to New Bern, N.C. for the chartering of the New Bern SAR Chapter, 2 February 1980. State President William M. Stanley, Lower Cape Fear Chapter, swore in the Officers.

Lower Cape Fear Chapter members serving as SAR State Officers: President - William M. Stanley Secretary-Treasurer & Registrar - Frank O'Brien Chaplain - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Area Vice-President - Wayne Arnold, Col. John H. Jones, Roy A. Sandlin

Awards: Eight bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates were presented to high school cadets by the Chapter in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties.

In Memorial: Compatriot Lewis P. Hinton, 5 August 1980 Compatriot Charles J. Blake, 26 November 1980

There were 62 members of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, 1 January 1980.

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Chapter Spearheads Unique SAR Memorial Park:

The park was dedicated as the Patriot's Park on the campus of the Cape Fear Technical Institute, Wilmington, N.C., November 11, 1981. This park paid tribute to early American Patriots from five County areas of southeastern North Carolina. It features markers, seating areas, a cannon, ship's mast flagpole flying a large American flag, nine Revolutionary War Era flags, the North Carolina State Flag, and the Sons of the American Revolution flag.

One of the markers, enclosed in glass, contained the names of 2,963 Revolutionary militia and minutemen from the Lower Cape Fear region.

Credit for the idea of the park is given to SAR Past Chapter President W. K. Dorsey.

Washington Birthday Celebration was held at the Cape Fear Country Club on 18 February 1981. The SAR Law Enforcement Award was presented to Sgt. James B. Stewart, North Carolina State Highway Patrol. Dr. Thomas Moseley, Professor, UNC-W, was the speaker.

The SAR State Convention was held in Wilmington, N.C., 9 May 1981. The banquet took place at the Cape Fear Country Club with the SAR President General, Arthur M. King, as principal speaker. President General King presented Mrs. Mary Hogaboom Stanley the Martha Washington Medal for her aid and support of State President William M. Stanley. Other awards presented were Meritorious Service Medals to outgoing State President Stanley and to Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Independence Day was celebrated with a barbecue at the Cape Fear Technical Institute, 3 July 1981.

Lower Cape Fear Chapter members serving as SAR State Officers: Secretary-Treasurer & Registrar - William M. Stanley Chaplain - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Area Vice Presidents - Wayne Arnold, Roy A. Sandlin

New member: Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. December 7, 1981

Awards: Nine bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates were presented to cadets of units in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties.

The Lower Cape Fear Chapter, SAR, had 61 members in 1981.

OFFICERS: President - Nathan P. Xanthos. 1st Vice-President - Reginald S. Horrell 2nd Vice-President - Leon R. Pierce Secretary - John E. Farmer Treasurer - Capt. Frank S. Conlon Chaplain - Wayne S. Arnold Registrar - Charles H. Davies Historian - W. K. Dorsey Parliamentarian - Milan Wood Trustee (property) - Julian S. Walker Board Members - Edward C. Snead, George McNeir II

The Washington Birthday Celebration was held 19 February 1982 at the Cape Fear Country Club; the principal speaker was William Reeve local historian. The SAR Law Enforcement Award was presented to William O'Shea, District Director of Customs for North Carolina. SAR Meritorious Service Medals and Certificates were awarded to: Edward C. Snead

Edward C. Snead Roy A. Sandlin George McNeir II John King W. K. Dorsey

At the State Convention, Past State SAR President William M. Stanle was awarded the SAR Patriot's Medal; the SAR's Highest Award.

The Lower Cape Fear Chapter celebrated Independence Day at a banque at the Cape Fear Club in downtown Wilmington, N.C. on 2 July 1982. Awards were made posthumously to Compatriots D. J. Black and W. B. Spivey.

A Fall fish fry was held at the Cape Fear Technical Institute, 20 October 1982.

Compatriot Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. was elected State President, SAR, having served five previous years as State Chaplain. Other Lov Cape Fear Chapter members serving as State Officers are: Secretary-Treasurer & Registrar - William M. Stanley

National Trustee - Roy A. Sandlin Area Vice-President - George McNeir II

Awards: The Chapter presented one silver and six bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates to cadets of units in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties.

New Members: Franklin K. Marshburn (transfer) Henry F. White, Jr. May 3, 1982 John Eldridge Cox February 19, 1982

In Memorial: Compatriot D. J. Black Compatriot William B. Spivey Compatriot Norwood E. Rivenbark 12 April 1982

Chapter President Nathan P. Xanthos was made the Knight Commander of the Order of St. George of the Byzantine Eastern Roman Empire.

1983

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Washington's Birthday banquet was held at the Cape Fear Country Club 18 February 1983.

The Lower Cape Fear Chapter, SAR, celebrated Independence Day with a banquet at the Cape Fear Country Club 1 July 1983; 63 members and guests were present. The speaker was former U.S. Senator Robert Morgan who gave a talk on the accomplishments of Thomas Jefferson.

The SAR State banquet was held in conjunction with the Bicentennial Celebration of Fayetteville, N.C.; in honor of General, the Marquis de Lafayette. The Count Rene de Chambrun, the great, great, grandson of Layafette and a SAR of the Paris, France Chapter was the honored guest and keynote speaker of the evening. At the business meeting, Wayne S. Arnold, of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, was awarded the Meritorious Service medal.

Lower Cape Fear Chapter members serving as State SAR Officers were: President - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Secretary-Treasurer & Registrar - William M. Stanley Chaplain - Roy A. Sandlin Area Vice-President - George McNeir II Eagle Scout Scholarsihp State Chairman - George McNeir II

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New Members: Dr. John D. Messick, Jr. (transfer) 5 July 1983 William Archibald Bland 26 August 1983 George McNeir III (transfer)

In Memorial: Compatriot Robert S. Beckham 21 November 1983 Compatriot John H. Jones 21 December 1983 Compatriot Charles I. Cavanaugh 26 December 1983

The NCSSAR raised the SAR application fee from \$35.00 to \$40.00, this includes the NSSAR's fee.

1984

OFFICERS: President - Leon R. Pierce 1st Vice-President - J. Harris Ligon 2nd Vice-President - J. Eldridge Cox Secretary - John E. Farmer Treasurer - Reginald S. Horrell Chaplain - Milan Wood Registrar - Charles H. Davies Historian - W. K. Dorsey Parliamentarian - Edward C. Snead (after his death, Roy A. Sandlin served) Board Member - Frank O'Brien

George Washington's Birthday was celebrated at the Cape Fear Country Club on 18 February 18, 1984.

Independence Day was celebrated at the Cape Fear Technical Institute 30 June 1984 with a barbecue. The program was a film, "Remember Me", pertaining to the American flag.

State SAR Officers from the Lower Cape Fear Chapter were: Secretary-Treasurer - Wayne Arnold Area Vice-President - Wayne Arnold, Leon Pierce

At the State Convention, awards of the following medals were made to members of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter: Meritorious Service - George McNeir II Silver Good Citizenship - Roy A. Sandlin

Patriot's (the highest award of the SAR) - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

The State SAR Society raised the regular membersihp application fee from \$40.00 to \$50.00, this includes the National Society fee.

Awards: One silver and six bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates were presented by the Chapter to cadets of units in New Hanover, Pender, and Brubswick Counties.

New Members: Lowell Avery - 28 February 1984 E. M. McEachern (reinstated) Edward H. Southerladn III - 20 March 1984 Lowell Avery, Jr. - 22 May 1984 Morris Poindexter Charles L. Baker

In Memorial: Compatriot John O. Marshall - 17 January 1984 Compatriot William M. Stanley - 25 January 1984 Compatriot Col. Charles W. Florance, Jr. - 22 February 1984 Compatriot Edward C. Snead - 6 March 1984 Compatriot Dr. Lee W. Porter, Sr. - 5 July 1984 Compatriot Harold Crain - October 1984

The Lower Cape Fear Chapter had 57 paid members in 1984. The State SAR Society had 400 members in nine chapters.

OFFICERS: President - Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. 1st Vice-President - J. Harris Ligon 2nd Vice-President - Charles H. Davies Secretary - Edward H. Southerland III Treasurer - Franklin D. Love * Chaplain - Frank O'Brien Registrar - Charles H. Davies Historian - W. K. Dorsey Parliamentarian - Roy Sandlin Trustee (property) - Julian Walker Board Members - Leon Pierce, George McNeir II * Resign the position in February, 1985; replaced by Reginald Horrel1.

The Washington Birthday Celebration was held at the Cape Fear Country Club 20 February 1985. The SAR Meritorious Service Medal was presented to J. Harris Ligon and the Good Citizenship Award was presented to Wayne Arnold.

The Chapter celebrated Independence Day with a buffet dinner at Balantine's Restaurant 3 July 1985. The SAR Law Enforcement Award was presented to Curtis L. Register, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (retired).

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Lower Cape Fear Chapter members serving as State SAR Officers were: Area Vice-Presidents - Wayne Arnold, Leon R. Pierce

New Members: Dr. Heyward Bellamy (reinstated) Leroy W. Shutt Nathan R. Skipper, Jr. 23 May 1985 Gilbert C. Lea

January 1, 1985, there were 59 members in the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, SAR.

OFFICERS: President - Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. 1st Vice-President - J. Harris Logon 2nd Vice-President - Charles H. Davies Secretary - Lowell Avery Treasurer - Reginald Horrell Chaplain - Roy A. Sandlin Registrar - Charles H. Davies Historian - W. K. Dorsey Parliamentarian - J. Harris Ligon Trustee (property) - Julian S. Walker Board Members - Leon R. Pierce, George McNeir II

The Chapter was host to the annual SAR State Conveniton, March 21-22, 1986 at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. Brian Nickolson won the State SAR Oratorical Contest and later won the National SAR Contest. Brian was sponsored by the Lower Cape Fear Chapter.

The Chapter presented a wreath as part of the National Cemetery Memorial Day program, Wilmington, N.C. Compatriots Walker and Davies were in Revolutionary Period uniforms for the ceremony.

The Chapter celebrated Independence Day 4 July 1986 with a dinner at the Lion's Gate Clubhouse. A Meritorious Service medal was presented to Charles H. Davies.

Chapter Members serving as State SAR Officers were: Historian - Lowell Avery Area Vice-Presidents - Wayne Arnold, Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. Oratorical State Chairman - Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr.

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New Members: Walter W. Miller-13 January 1986 James Z. Godwin II-16 January 1986 Dr. Thomas Penn May-19 February 1986 Nathan R. Skipper, Sr. Jerry T. Green Nathan R. Skipper III Frederick H. Boyles (transfer) Dr. Charles A. Lewis, Jr. (transfer)

In Memorial: Compatriot Harry F. White-7 January 1986 Compatriot James E. Holton-22 March 1986

OFFICERS: President - Charles H. Davies 1st Vice-President - Thomas A. Price 2nd Vice President - Leroy W. Shutt Secretary - Wayne S. Arnold Treasurer - Reginald S. Horrell Chaplain - Roy A. Sandlin Registrar - Charles H. Davies Historian - W. K. Dorsey Parliamentarian - J. Harris Ligon Trustee (property) - Julian S. Walker Board Members - Leon Pierce, George McNeir II, Dr. L.W. Porter. January 2, 1987 - Board of Director's Meeting: Appointed Committees: SAR Memorial Park - W. K. Dorsey Awards - Leroy Shutt Eagle Scouts - Leroy Shutt Law Enforcement - Roy A. Sandlin ROTC - C. H. Davies School Certificates - Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. Memorial - Richard C. Andrews, Milan Wood Social - L. R. Pierce, N. P. Xanthos, J. H. Ligon, L. S. Avery Membership & Genealogy - R. S. Horrell, L. S. Avery Nominating - G. McNeir II, L. W. Porter, Jr., J. E. Farmer Public Relations & SAR Magazine - N. P. Xanthos Program Calendar & Chairman: Jan. 17 - C. H. Davies Mar. 21 - C. H. Davies Aug. 15 - J. T. Green Sept. 19 - C. A. Lewis, Jr. Oct. 17 - W. H. Allen, Jr. Apr. 18 - C. H. Davies Nov. 21 - F. P. O'Brien May 16 - J. H. Debnam June 20 - N. P. Xanthos Dec. 19 - Dr. H. Bellamy Feb. 21 - Washington Birthday Celebration July 3 - Independence Day Celebration Selection of a site for meetings as Ballentine's Cafe had closed. The Western Steak House, 1602 S. College Rd. was chosen and the first meeting in the new location was January 17, 1987. Completed details for the Washington Birthday Banquet. January 17, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Business Present, 18 members, 1 guest. January 18, 1987 - Roster of Officers, Lower Cape Fear Chapter, SAR, sent to the State SAR President and to the National SAR Headquarters. January 20, 1987 - Mailed to all members, the Chapter's Calendar of Events. January 30, 1987 - Compatriot Shutt and wife mailed the new Chapter Roster which included National and State SAR numbers and Revolutionary War Ancestor.

February 21, 1987 - Washington Birthday Banquet, Cape Fear Country Club, 60 members and guests attended. Installation of Officers by N.C. State President Col. William Speaker - Lt. General James M. Lee. February 22, 1987 - Letters of thanks to State President Smith and March 21, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Col. Ray Brackett, ROTC Officer-inCharge, New Hanover High School, Wilmington, N.C. David Register, candidate for the SAR State Oratorical Contest, gave his essay. Present, 15 members and 4 guest. April 3, 1987 - Board of Director's Meeting - Plans for the Fourth of July Celebration, Lowell Avery, Chairman, to be held at Poplar Grove Plantation, Hampstead, N.C. The Law Enforcement Award to be given, R. Sandlin, Chairman. April 18, 1987 - Moore's Creek Battleground Association, Inc. repaid the Chapter a loan used for republishing a brochure concerning the Battle of Moore's Creek. April 18, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Speaker, Martin Maestras, UNC-W archaeologist. Present, 13 members, 1 guest. May 8-9, 1987 - Annual State SAR Convention, Asheville, N.C. Compatriots Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. and Leon R. Pierce attended from the Chapter. The Chapter's Oratorical candidate won the right to represent the State at the National SAR Convention Oratorical Contest May 16, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Speaker Thomas Price, "The Washingtons at Mt. Vernon". A plaque was presented to Brian Nickolson, the National winner of the 1986 SAR Oratorical Contest. Present, 15 members, 2 guests. May 25, 1987 - The SAR presented a wreath at the National Cemetery memorial Day program. Present, 6 members. May and June, 1987 - The SAR participated in 7 ROTC Awards Days; one silver medal was given at the UNC-W ceremony and six bronze medals were presented at the high schools in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties. June 1987 - Compatriots Dr. L. W. Porter, Jr. and L. R. Pierce attended the National SAR Convention to hear the Chapter's representative in the SAR Oratorical Contest. June 20, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Jay Kapner, "Conservation of Masonboro Island". Present, 12members, 1 guest. July 3, 1987 - Independence Day was celebrated at Poplar Grove Plantation, Hampstead, N.C. with a shrimparoo. Awards: SAR Certificates of Appreciation were presented to both Compatriot Leroy W. Shutt and his wife, Vera Shutt, for compiling, printing, mailing, and financing the first true Chapter Year Book.

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A symbolic gavel was given to Past President Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. The Law Enforcement Award was presented to Chief-of-Police George M. Antley, Wrightsville Beach, N.C. Speaker: Dr. Alan Watson, Professor of History, UNC-W.

July 7, 1987 - Thank you letter to Dr. Alan Watson for his Fourth of July speech.

August 15, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Jerry T. Green, "Columbus Discovers America". Present, 17 members.

September 17, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Frederick Boyles, "Second Amendment to the Constitution". Present, 11 members.

October 2, 1987 - Board of Director's Meeting - Report of the Nominating Committee, all positions filled except the President and the two Vice-Presidents.

October 17, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr., "North Carolina's Second Constitution". The Treasurer, Reginald Horrell, will apply for an income-tax non-profit number for the Chapter. Present, 13 members.

November 21, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Harry Warren, "Modern Day Revolutionary". Present, 14 members, 2 guest.

December 4, 1987 - Board of Director's Meeting - Position for the 1988 slate of Officers still not filled. Plans were made for Washington's Birthday Celebration. Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. volunteered to provide the January, 1988 program.

December 19, 1987 - Regular Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Dr. Heyward Bellamy, "His Revolutionary Family of South Carolina". Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. volunteered to serve as Chapter President and Thomas Price as 1st Vice-President, Wayne Arnold as 2nd Vice-President.

1988 Slate of Officers for the Lower Cape Fear Chapter are: President - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Chaplain - Roy A. Sandlin 1st Vice-President - Thomas Price Registrar - C. H. Davies 2nd Vice-President - Wayne S. Arnold Historian - W. K. Dorsey Secretary - Leroy W. Shutt Trustee - Julian S. Walker Treasurer - Reginald S. Horrell Parliamenta ian - J. Harris Ligon All were accepted as Officers by the show-of-hands of the members present. Present, 20 members, 1 guest.

Treasurer's Report: Balance January, 1987 = \$450.01 December, 1987 = \$526.60

State SAR Officers from the Lower Cape Fear Chapter are: Area Vice-Presidents - Wayne S. Arnold, Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. Oratorical State Committee Chairman - Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr.

New Members: Jesse Floyd Lea, Nat. #128901, St. #1804 - Feb.5,1987 Robert G. Nebergall, Nat. #129518, St. #1813 - May 28, 1987 George William Ray, Nat. #129792, St. #8161 - Aug. 7, 1987 Ranson C. Johnson, Nat. #129844, St. #1820 - Aug. 25, 1987

Members Resigned: Dr. Dale W. Caughey, Jr. F. King Marshburn In Memorial: Compatriot Robert J. Willingham III - August 26, 1987 Compatriot Milan E. Wood - October 10, 1987 Mrs. Charles Cavenaugh, widow of SAR member.

Membership, Lower Cape Fear Chapter, 1987 = 67.

The 1987 Year: Excellent new printed Chapter Roster. Each meeting was announced by postal notice. After the January's business meeting, the Chapter had a program and speaker at each and every meeting and all the programs were informative and in good SAR taste.

But the attendance at the monthly meetings and celebrations did not improve. The Chapter needs much more participation by younger members (the reason for the Saturday meetings are so they can attend); the Chapter needs new blood.

I want to thank all the Officers, Board of Directors, special Committees and the Program Chairmen for supporting me during this year. I wish the new President success for the ofrecoming year.

Charles H. Davies

President, 1987 Lower Cape Fear Chapter, SAR

1988

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The Washington Birthday banquet was held February 24, 1988 at the Cape Fear Country Club. State SAR President, Paul B. Osgood, installed the Chapter's Officers. A SAR Meritorious Service medal was presented to Reginald Horrell. There were 53 members and guests in attendence.

The SAR wreath was laid at the National Cemetery Memorial Day as part of the ceremony by Charles H. Davies.

A fifty dollar allowance was voted by the Chapter to be given to the SAR Oratorical contest winner to help defray the expenses to participate at the State level.

The Chapter celebrated Independence Day with a dinner at the Elks Club, Wilmington, N.C., July 1, 1988. The speaker was Professor Claude H. Moore, Mount Olive College, retired; he is a Chapter member.

The November luncheon meeting was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Heyward Bellamy at their home. Attending were 34 members and guests.

Compatriot J. Harris Ligon presented a two volume genealogical set, <u>The Ligon Family and Connections</u>, by William Ligon, to the Library of the SAR National Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky.

A committee, chaired by W. K. Dorsey and assisted by Roy Sandlin, Fred Boyles, Thomas Price, and Wayne Arnold, was established to place a Memorial Plaque at the Moore's Creek Military Park, N.C. It was unveiled February 27, 1989 on the Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek.

Awards: One silver and six bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates were presented by the Chapter to cadets of units in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties.

Chapter members serving as SAR State Officers were: Chaplain - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Genealogist - Wayne S. Arnold Area Vice-Presidents - Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. Charles H. Davies SAR Oratorical Chairman - Dr. Lee W. Porter. Jr.

New Member; Paul L. Avery, Sr.

A new Chapter Roster was printed and there were 69 members in the Chapter, 1988.

OFFICERS: President - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. 1st Vice-President - Dr. Heyward Bellamy 2nd Vice-President - Robert Nebergall Secretary - Clarence E. Hales, Jr. Treasurer - Reginald Horrell Chaplain - Roy A. Sandlin Registrar - Charles H. Davies Historian - W. K. Dorsey Parliamentarain - J. Harris Ligon Trustee (property) - Julian S. Walker Board Members - George McNeir II, Leon R. Pierce, Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr.

The George Washington Birthday banquet was held on February 22, 1989 at the Cape Fear Country Club. State President Paul B. Osgood installed the Chapter's Officers. SAR Meritorious Service medals were presented to Charles H. Davies and Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr.

The Independence Day celebration was held 4 July 1989 at Poplar Grove Plantation, Hampstead, N.C. Compatriot Grover A. Gore was the speaker. SAR Meritorious Service medals were awarded to Roy A. Sandlin and Leon R. Pierce.

The Chapter was fortunate to have a distinguished speaker at one of the regular meetings, Professor Peter Stead of Swansea, Wales. His subject was the relationship of Britain and the Colonies of America before, during, and shortly after the Revolutionary War.

The presentation of a plaque by the SAR to Moore's Creek National Battlefield Park was unveiled and dedicated 26 February 1989 at the Patriot's Hall of Moore's Creek Battlefield, Currie, N.C.

The Chapter presented the SAR Good Citizenship medal to Compatriot Frederick Boyles.

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Chapter members serving as State SAR Officers were: Vice-President - Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. Genealogist - Wayne Arnold Chaplain - Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Area Vice-President - Charles H. Davies

New Members: George W. Fry (transfer, has been a member since 1943). James Harris Northrop Paul L. Avery, Jr. - February 9, 1989 Dr. Douglas S. Fry - February 28, 1989 Eugene H. Lindsey - December 11, 1989

In Memorial: Compatriot Samuel B. Frink - August 23, 1989

The Chapter dues was raised from \$8.00 to \$10.00 annually starting in 1990.

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The George Washington Birthday banquet was held 21 February 1990 at the Cape Fear Country Club. State President Thomas R. Topping installed the Chapter's Officers. The Eagle Scout Award was presented to Scout John Julien III by Compatriot George Washington Fry. The SAR Meritorious Service medal was presented to Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Independence Day celebration was held 4 July 1990 at Poplar Grove Plantation, Hampstead, N.C. Mr. C. B. Berry was the guest speaker with anecdotes of the people and incidents of the lower Cape Fear Region and a serious thought on the past that religion and patriotism has played in the growth of Our Country.

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New Nembers: Dr. Jack A. Gowan, Jr. (transfer) Samuel A. West

There were 72 members of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter in 1990.

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The George Washington Birthday Celebration was held at the Cape Fear Country Club on 20 February 1991. The Eagle Scout Award was presented to Chris Plasky of Whiteville N.C. by Chapter President George W. Fry. The guest speaker was Mrs. Dusty Schultz, Superintendent, Moore's Creek National Battleground, N.C.

Independence Day was celebrated with a dinner 6 July 1991 at Poplar Grove Plantation, Hampstead, N.C.

Compatriot Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. was elected State SAR Pesident, NCSSAR in April, 1991 (article in the SAR Magazine, Summer, 1991, p. 35). Other Chapter members serving as State SAR Officers were: Genealogist - Charles H. Davies Area Vice-President - Leon R. Pierce

Awards: One silver and six bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates were presented to cadets of units in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties.

The Chapter submitted an ad in the SAR Magazine, "When You Are Traveling", giving the location and date of the Chapter's regular meetings.

New Members: Joseph Cooper Howard, Jr. - 30 April 1991 Alvis Ray Griffin, Jr.

In Memorial: Compatriot John Eldridge Cox - 12 December 1991

Dropped from Chapter at their request: Lowell Avery, Sr. Lowell Avery, Jr. John Avery Paul L. Avery, Sr. Paul L. Avery, Jr.

There were 63 members in the Chapter december, 1991.

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The North Carolina Society, SAR State Convention was held in Wilmington, N.C.; the host, Lower Cape Fear Chapter, April 3 & 4, 1992. The National SAR President General, Dr. George H. Brandau, was the guest speaker.

Awards: State Eagle Scout by William L. Maine - John O'Quinn SAR Scholarship by Dr. Heyward Bellamy - Garrick M. Cicero SAR Law Enofrcement by Roy A. Sandlin - Sheriff Michael Harvell, Pender County, N.C. SAR Douglass G. High Oration by Dr. Douglas S. Fry -John O'Quinn *

*John O'Quinn, sponsored by the Raleigh SAR Chapter, went on to win the 1992 SAR National Oratorical Contest.

A service was held at Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, N.C. for the placing of a SAR Patriot's marker at the grave site of Patriot Richard Bradley, Sr., an ancestor of Chapter member, James A. Miller, Jr., November 1992.

Independence Day was celebrated with an evening picnic on the Middle Sound pier of J. Harris Ligon, July 4, 1992, Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

Awards: Six bronze SAR-ROTC medals and certificates were presented by the Chapter to cadets of units in New Hanover, Pender, and Erunswick Counties.

Chapter members serving as State SAR Officers were: President- Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. ROTC Awards Chairman - Charles H. Davies

New Members: William Kelly McDonald, Jr. William Kevin Davis Brett Carlton Knowles - 10 August 1992 John Carlson (transfer) Burton Carlson III (transfer)

In Memorial: Compatriot John Lee Blake - 4 July 1992 Compatriot Franklin D. Love - 23 December 1992

The NCSSAR raised the SAR Application fee to \$55.00 which includes the NSSAR fee.

The Chapter had 60 members in 1992.

1993

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Washington Birthday banquet was held at Beau Rivage Plantation on 23 February 1993. The speaker was Mrs. Barbara Rehder and her subject was gardens of the Revolutionary Period.

Independence Day celebration was postponed to July 17, 1993, a regular Chapter meeting date. A picnic get-together was held at J. Harris Ligon's home and pier, Middle Sound, Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

The Chapter awarded Julian S. Walker the Mertorious Service medal at the Chapter's regular meeting, October 16, 1993.

Awards: Six bronze SAR-ROTC medals were presented by the Chapter to cadets of units in New Hanover, Pender, and Brunswick Counties.

- Chapter members serving as State Officers were: National Trustee - Dr. Lee W. Porter, Jr. SAR-ROTC Awards Chairman- Charles H. Davies
- New Members: Grover A. Gore 27 May 1993 John O. Thornhill - 24 June 1993
- In Memorial: Compatriot Leon R. Pierce 12 March 1993 Compatriot Edward "Ned" McEachern 17 July 1993 Mrs. Mildred Hurt Dorsey, wife of W. K. Dorsey

1994 Roster

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Rresident	John O. Thornhill
First Vice President	Julian S. Walker
Second Vice President	John E. Farmer
Treasurer	Frank P. O'Brien, Jr.
Secretary	.J. Art Gowan, Jr.
Chaplain	
Registrar	Charles H. Davies
Historian	. William K. Dorsey
Trustee (Property)	Julian S. Walker
Parliamentarian	
Board Members	Douglas S. Fry
	James Harris Ligon, Sr.
	George McNeir II
	Lee W. Porter (ex officio)

1994 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Awards Committee Chairs: SAR Eagle Scout. Law Enforcement. High School ROTC. Sixth Grade Good Citizenship. Oration.	Roy A. Sandlin Charles H. Davies Lee W. Porter
Memorials Committee	. Richard C. Andrews Clarence E. Hales
Social Committee	James Harris Ligon, Sr. George McNeir II Roy A. Sandlin Nathan P. Xanthos
Membership and Genealogy Committee	.Charles H. Davies Samuel A. West
Nominating Committee	James Harris Ligon, Sr. George McNeir II Lee W. Porter
Public Relations and SAR Magazine	Cooper Howard William K. Dorsey Frank P. O'Brien, Jr. Nathan Xanthos