

## Chapter Achievements 2003-2008

From 2003-2008 the Chapter slowly grew and in 2004 began sponsoring an annual ceremony commemorating the adoption of the Halifax Resolves, which took place in Halifax on April 12, 1776. The event is held on the Saturday closest to April 12<sup>th</sup> at the site of the Colonial Halifax Courthouse, where the Resolves were adopted, and has been placed on the official National Calendar of SAR events. As a part of the 2003 ceremony, the chapter, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of Masons in NC, marked the grave of Joseph Montfort, who was a prominent Mason and supporter of the Revolutionary cause. As part of the 2004 celebration, the grave of John Sitgreaves was marked. At the 2005 NCSSAR Convention, the Chapter received the Membership Streamer. In 2006, the chapter marked the grave of Abraham Hodge, a prominent printer during the Revolutionary War era, who lived in Halifax. Hodge would today be considered “Washington’s press agent”.



NCSSAR Chaplain Rev. Clark Wisner and NCNE District VP Steve Avent marking the grave of Patriot Abraham Hodge  
April 14, 2007

During this timeframe, Compatriot Steve Avent served as Chapter President, and still serves as Secretary/Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Web Master. He has attended many events on behalf of the Chapter occasionally accompanied by other Chapter Officers/Members. In 2007, Steve took on the added responsibility of NE District VP. During his term, he organized the Northern Albemarle Chapter, NCSSAR and has served as their Secretary/Treasurer. Beginning in 2008, the Chapter marked the graves of Patriots Francis Rackley, Nathaniel Macon and Marcum Cooper.



Nathaniel Macon Grave Marking, Buck Springs Plantation  
November 8, 2008

The 2008 ceremony commemorating the adoption of the Halifax Resolves featured NSSAR President General Bruce Wilcox as the principal speaker.



NSSAR President General Bruce Wilcox was the guest speaker at the 2008 Halifax Resolves Ceremony

Our first Knight Essay competition was held and a winner submitted to the State Society. VP Ken Wilson was appointed Chairman of the NCSSAR Knight Essay Committee by NCSSAR President Dr. Samuel C. Powell. For the first time Flag certificates were awarded by the Chapter and at the end of the year seven (7) had been awarded, the highest number in the State. Chapter President Ron Jones and VP Ken Wilson began doing speaking engagements on behalf of the Chapter. The first Eagle Scout Certificate was awarded by the Chapter. Due to the increased activity, the Chapter submitted its first Chapter Achievement Award Report to the State Society.