

Chapter Achievements 2010

2010 began with Chapter President Ken Wilson presenting the Chapter Outstanding JROTC award to C1Lt. Robert Taylor Stoneham at J. F. Webb High School in Oxford, NC.

Compatriot Ron Jones presented a program to the Halifax County Genealogical Society on the Jefferson-Hemmings controversy.

At the January meeting the Knight Essay winner was announced. Stephanie Kaitlin Marshall of Cornerstone Christian School, Inc. was recognized as the winner.

Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Steve Avent attended the South Atlantic District Meeting in Gaffney, SC prior to the Cowpens Ceremony. Chapter Registrar Allen Brahin attended both the Daniel Morgan Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Cowpens Ceremony participating in the combined Color Guard.

President Wilson awarded Flag Certificates to the McDonald's Restaurant on Julian Allsbrook Road in Roanoke Rapids as well as the Cornerstone Christian School also in Roanoke Rapids.

An Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate was also awarded to Jacob Lee Swink, Troop 144, in Roanoke Rapids.



Eagle Scout Jacob Swink and Chapter President Ken Wilson, February 28, 2010

Due to an extremely large amount of flags being turned in for retirement, President Wilson, in a private ceremony, retired 177 US Flags and 52 various state and organizational flags.

President Wilson also presented a program on Flag Etiquette and History to the Halifax Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

A Genealogy Seminar was held at the Pitt County Council for the Aging facility in Greenville. Immediate Past President Ron Jones organized the event and was the emcee and one of the principal speakers. President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent participated as speakers.

During the March Chapter meeting Bruce Jackson was inducted into the Society by President Wilson.

The Guilford Courthouse ceremony was attended by President Wilson, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and Registrar R. Allen Brahin where all three participated in the Color Guard. Wreathes were presented by President Wilson and NCSSAR Historian Steve Avent.



(L-R) Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent & Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin at Guilford Courthouse 2010

Compatriot Jones participated in the 250th Anniversary Ceremony of Pitt County by taking on the part of General Nathaniel Greene.

The Chapter's first Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest was judged March 26th; the winner was Taylor Elizabeth Redwine a 4th Grade student at Cornerstone Christian School, Inc. in Roanoke Rapids. Her certificate, savings bond and copy of the Halifax Resolves were awarded April 13th during the school chapel service. In addition, the two Cornerstone teachers who supervised the project, Ms. Tabitha Crawley and Ms. Renee Walker were awarded Society Certificates of Appreciation and a copy of the Halifax Resolves for their classrooms.

Immediate Past President Ron Jones presented a program to the Elizabeth Montfort Ashe Chapter of the NCSDAR at their March meeting.

The 234th Anniversary Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves was held at the Colonial Court House site on April 10th. A Flag Retirement Ceremony was held at 10:00 co-sponsored by the Edwin Haynes Gregory American Legion Post 98 of Halifax. Approximately 120 U.S. Flags were retired and the ashes buried at the foot of Patriot John Sitgreaves' grave.



Flag committed to the flames by Burn Master Mike Pulley, MGySgt. USMC (Ret.), April 10, 2010

The chapter hosted a luncheon at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the Halifax United Methodist Church attended by participants and chapter members alike. A 2:00 ceremony was held also at the Colonial Court House site to celebrate the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. The keynote speaker was Dr. William S. Price, Jr. who spoke on "*The Revolutionary Character of Nathaniel Macon*". A wreath laying ceremony followed.

President Wilson traveled to Bailey, NC and awarded LTC Coulter and the Southern Nash HS AFJROTC a Society Certificate of Appreciation for their support as the Color Guard for the Halifax Resolves Ceremony.

When the NCSSAR Convention was held NENC VP Dr. Cleveland M. Hawkins was awarded the George Washington Fellows Pin and Certificate during the Breakfast meeting. At the Awards Ceremony the Chapter was awarded the Chapter Achievement Streamer (Small Chapters), the 1st place

Scrapbook Streamer, a Flag Certificate Streamer, and a Certificate of Appreciation. Individuals honored were Dr. Cleveland Hawkins, a Certificate of Appreciation, Chapter President Ken Wilson, Certificate of Appreciation, and Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.



NCSSAR Awards Banquet, April 24, 2010. (L-R) Chapter President Ken Wilson, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and Registrar Allen Brahin display some of the awards won by the chapter for 2009

Immediate Past President Ron Jones presented programs to the Gen. George Washington Chapter, NCSSAR and the Susanna Coutanch Evans Chapter NCSDAR of Greenville, NC on the Thomas Jefferson-Sally Hemmings controversy.

In addition, he presented programs to the Elizabeth Montfort Ash Chapter of the DAR and the Maj. Benjamin May Chapter NCSDAR on Caty Greene, wife of Gen. Nathaniel Greene. Numerous JROTC Medals were presented by President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Avent.

On May 15th, President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent participated in the Patriot's Day Celebration at Alamance Battleground State Park.

The Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate was presented May 22 to Austin Beeman, Troop 16, in Red Oak, NC by President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Avent. The following day, Pres. Wilson presented another Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Riley Spence, Troop 146, in Roanoke Rapids.

Chapter Registrar Allen Brahin participated in the Color Guard as PG Ed Butler laid a wreath on the grave of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello on June 11th.

In celebration of Flag Day, the chapter, in conjunction with the Halifax Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, sponsored a Flag Retirement Ceremony

on June 12th. There were 89 U.S. Flags retired as well as numerous state and organizational flags. The ashes were buried in a Halifax cemetery by President Wilson.

The Chapter was notified that we had received an Honorable Mention in the Carl Bissent single sheet newsletter competition at the National Congress. A check for \$40 was sent to the chapter and the certificate is to be awarded at the Fall Board of Managers meeting. Congratulations are in order to our newsletter editor Compatriot Steve Avent for another first for the chapter.

A Flag Certificate was awarded to the Roanoke Nursery.

Compatriot Ron Jones presented his program on the Jefferson-Hemmings controversy to the Kinston Ram Neuse camp of the SCV.

Another Flag Certificate was presented to the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites of Roanoke Rapids by President Wilson August 16th. Quality Inn of Roanoke Rapids received a Flag Certificate on August 17th.

On September 6th, for the first time, an SAR Color Guard contingent performed the raising, lowering and folding of the Colors at the Dallas Jones Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center Veterans Memorial service. Immediate Past President Ron Jones assisted President Ken Wilson, both dressed in colonial attire.



Compatriot Rona Jones and Chapter President Ken Wilson fold a US flag for presentation at the Dallas Jones Veterans' Center September veterans' ceremony

The September 11th Flag Retirement Ceremony co-sponsored with BSA Troop 16 of the Boy Scouts of America, Red Oak resulted in the retirement of 319 American Flags. The troop was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for all the work done to make the event a success. In total, the chapter has retired over 528 U.S. Flags during 2010.

Chapter President Wilson presented a Flag Etiquette class to Cub Scout Pack 238 of Roanoke Rapids on September 29th.

On October 4th President Wilson participated in the October Veterans' Ceremony at the Dallas Jones Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center.

An additional presentation of the Flag Etiquette program was given by President Wilson at the October 11 meeting of the Halifax Genealogical Society in Halifax, NC.

Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and Registrar Allen Brahin attended the ceremony at Kings' Mountain also held on October 11.

The Fall Board of Managers meeting in Chapel Hill was attended by President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent. President Wilson received the Partners in Patriotism certificate the chapter had been awarded at the National Congress. Compatriot Avent also received his Carl Bissent Honorable Mention certificate that had also been awarded at the Congress.



Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and President Ken Wilson display certificates awarded at the Fall B.O.M. October 23, 2010

On November 1st, Chapter President Wilson represented the chapter at the Dallas Jones Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center November Ceremony.

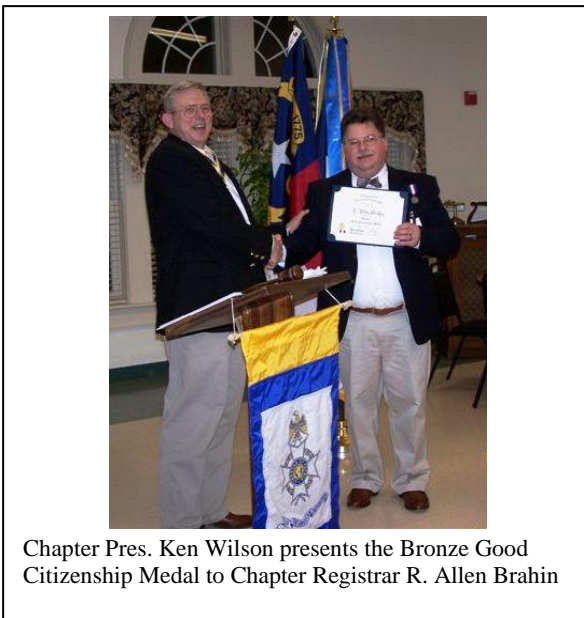
The "March of Patriots" and a Veteran's Ceremony sponsored by AMVETS Post 101 were held on November 7th. The Chapter Color Guard combined with the NCSSAR Color Guard to lead the parade. Members of the color guard were: NSSAR Trustee Dr. Samuel C. Powell, NSSAR Chaplain General Rev. Clark Wisner, NCSSAR President Mr. John Thornhill, NCSSAR Sr. VP Mr. G. Steven Pittard, NCSSAR Color Guard Commander Mr. Richard D. Bishop, Halifax Resolves Chapter President Mr. Ken Wilson, Chapter Sec.-Treas. Mr.

Steven F. Avent, Chapter Registrar and Color Guard Commander Mr. R. Allen Brahin, and Immediate Past Chapter President Mr. Ron Jones. Members of the unit participated in the ceremony at the conclusion of the parade.



The NCSSAR Color Guard leads the "March of Patriots" Veteran's Day Parade. November 7, 2010

The Chapter held their annual meeting on Wednesday, November 10th. Enroute to the meeting, President Wilson stopped at the Halifax Regional Medical Center to visit Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones who had undergone a knee replacement surgery. During the visit, Pres. Wilson awarded Rev. Jones a Certificate of Appreciation for his assistance to the chapter during the previous year. During the meeting, President Wilson recognized Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and Immediate Past President Ron Jones by awarding them both a Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance during the previous year. Chapter Registrar and Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin was awarded the Society's Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.



Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson presents the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin

The meeting's guest of honor, Assist. U.S. Attorney Joshua B. Royster was awarded the NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Mr. Royster is the lead prosecutor for Operation Burnout, a task force formed to combat drug trafficking and organized crime in Halifax and Nash Counties. Over 30 individuals have been convicted and numerous others are either awaiting trial or awaiting sentencing. To date the task force has a 100% conviction rate. Members of Operation Burnout from the FBI and the Halifax County Sheriff's Department were on hand to witness the award including K-9 officer Josh. Halifax County Sheriff Jeff Frazier and Halifax County Commissioner J. Rives Manning were on hand to congratulate Mr. Royster and thank all the members for their service to the community.



Chapter President Ken Wilson presents the NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Assist. U.S. Attorney Joshua B. Royster

Immediate Past President Ron Jones was the principle speaker for the Grimes-Mayo Chapter NCSDAR Chapter's Annual Awards Banquet on November 11. Additionally on November 11, President represented the chapter at the Veterans' Day ceremony at the Dallas Jones Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center. Color Guard Commander Allen Brahin participated in the grave marking ceremony of Patriot Benjamin Cook held on November 13th in Franklin Co., VA.

The Chapter Color Guard joined the NCSSAR Color Guard to lead the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade on December 5th.

On December 7th, a ceremony honoring the memory of individuals lost at the attack on Pearl Harbor was held at the Dallas Jones Roanoke Valley Veteran's Center. President Wilson participated as a

member of the Color guard and also presented a wreath in memory of all who died during the attack.



NCSSAR Contingent at the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade Dec. 5th



Chapter President Wilson presents a wreath in honor of all who were lost at the Pearl Harbor attack

The Chapter Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 11th. Chapter President Ken Wilson also presented the Merchant Marine wreath in memory of a family member who served in the Merchant Marine during WWII.



Chapter Color Guard presents the colors at the Wreaths Across America ceremony December 11th.

On December 15th President Wilson traveled to J.F. Rose High School in Oxford, NC to present the Enhanced JROTC and Knight Essay winners with their prizes. The Enhanced JROTC winner was Cadet Teri-Jo Lumsden. The Knight Essay winner was James Dylan Elliott. Lt. Col. Joe Gibbs, Senior Military Science Instructor, was also presented with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the SAR and its programs.



The Enhanced JROTC winner Cadet Teri-Jo Lumsden and Chapter President Ken Wilson



The Knight Essay winner James Dylan Elliott and Chapter President Ken Wilson



Lt. Col. Joe Gibbs accepts the SAR Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter President Ken Wilson for his support of the SAR and its programs