

# The Halifax Town Crier 2017



*A Pictorial and Editorial Record of the Halifax Resolves  
Chapter NC SAR - Charter 2003*

# Chapter Officers



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# 10 Flag Certificates



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Englewood Baptist Church

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Auxiliary Flotilla #93

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Bryant - Sheetz #447**

**Tyler Reiss - Sunbrella**

**Ken Wilson - Ms. Dana Boone - 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at  
Northeast Academy**



**Ed Sever - Summerwood Subdivision**





# 5 Eagle Scout Recognitions

Compatriot J. Rives Manning –  
Aaron Boone – Troop 605

Sean Michael Ketoff – Troop  
146 w/ parents & HRC Pres.  
Wilson

Dillon Rowell – Troop  
146 w/ father Don  
Rowell & HRC Pres.  
Wilson



Harry Crawford, Jr. – Troop 144  
w/ Court of Honor Representatives

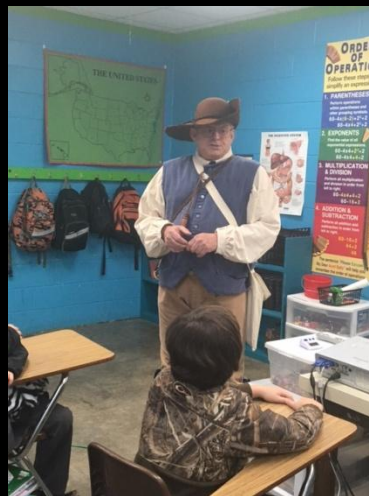
HRC Pres. Wilson & Kyler Rogerson –  
Troop 238



# Speakers Bureau – Classroom Presentations – 29



Northeast Academy  
~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Halifax Academy  
~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Chaloner MS – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nash Central HS ~ AP History



Roanoke Rapids HS – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Speakers Bureau Non-SAR - 9 SAR - 2



Roanoke Rapids Optimist  
Club - Jan. 30, 2017

Halifax Resolves SAR Meeting  
May 12, 2017



Halifax Genealogical Society - June 10, 2017

Halifax Resolves Chapter DAR  
May 13, 2017



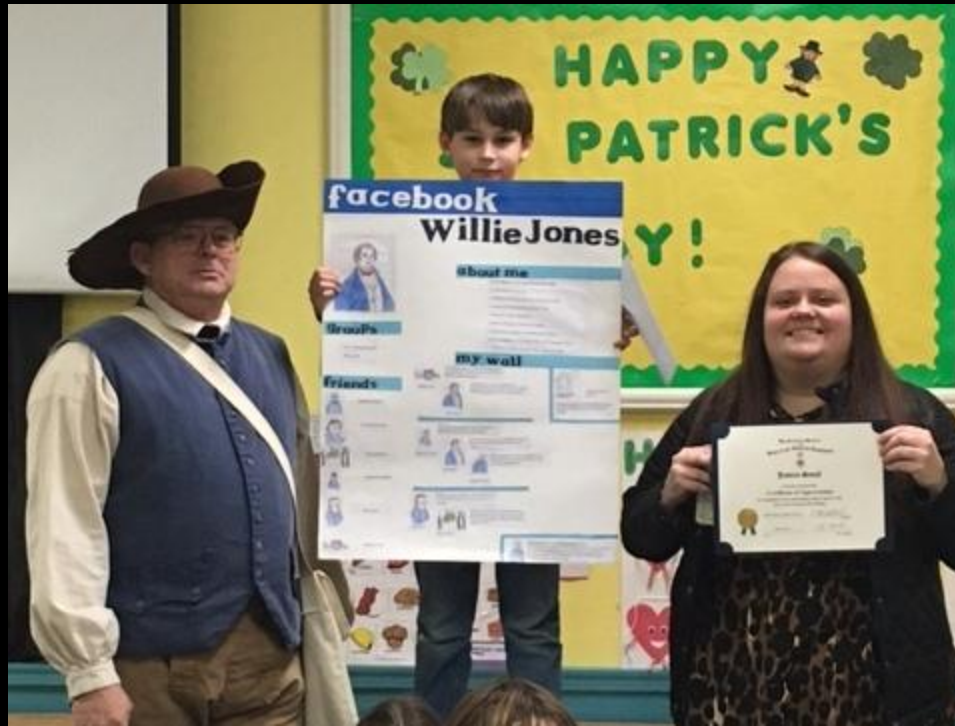
# Chaloner MS Brochure Contest



Chapter President Ken Wilson presents Brochure Contest winner with a chapter level winner's certificate and a check for \$100.00. Her teacher, Mr. Jamie Rook (second from right) received a check for \$50.00 and a Certificate of Appreciation. Looking on is Chaloner MS Principal Mr. Jeff White. There were 61 entries from Chaloner MS.



# Americanism Poster Contest



Chapter President Ken Wilson with Manning 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Elliott Sass, winner of the chapter poster contest. Elliott received a chapter level winner's certificate and a check for \$100.00. Also shown is his teacher, Ms. Jessica Small, who received a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$50.00. There were 49 entries from 5 local schools.



The Daily Herald  
 Roanoke Rapids, NC  
 January 31, 2017



### SAR visits area schools

Above: Halifax Resolves Chapter Sons of the American Revolution President Ken Wilson visited the fourth-grade at Manning Elementary School to invite them to participate in the SAR Poster Contest. The theme this year pertains to local patriots. After explaining the contest to the students, Wilson presented a program about some of the better known patriots from the local area like Willie 'Wylie' Jones, Gen. Allen Jones, Nicholas Long and Nathaniel Macon. Six classes participated in the four presentations.

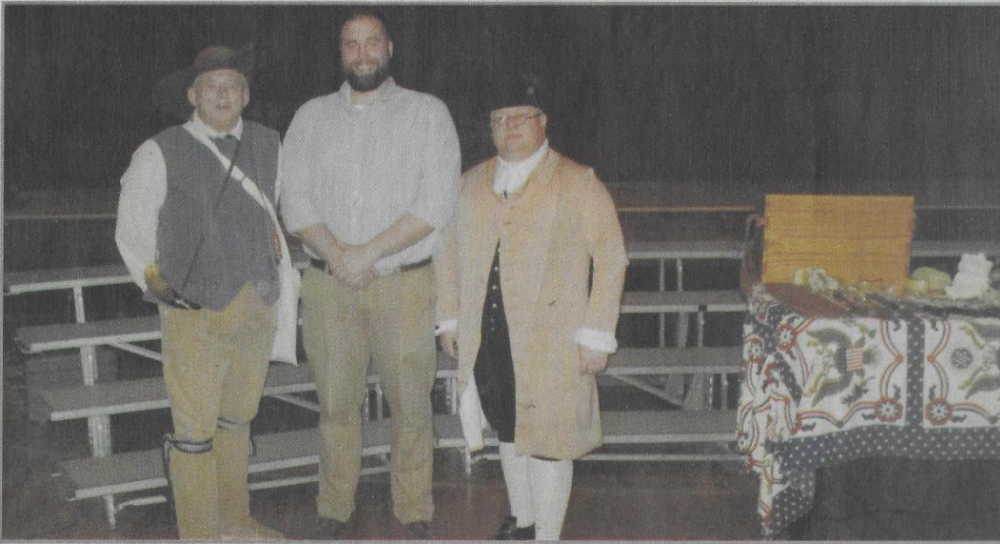
Left: Wilson also recently visited the fifth-grade and eighth-grade students at Halifax Academy to promote two of SAR's youth contests and present historical programs to each class. The fifth-grade students were told about the SAR's Poster Contest. The SAR's Brochure Contest, the subject of which is the 'Founding Documents of the United States,' was explained to the eighth-grade social studies classes. A presentation titled 'From Mecklenburg to Halifax' was also presented covering the period in North Carolina history from the writing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence to the adoption of the Halifax Resolves.

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## 'The Doctor' visits RRHS

Chris Grimes, president of the Albemarle Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, recently portrayed a Revolutionary War era doctor to students of Roanoke Rapids High School during their 'Power Period.' Grimes, assisted by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, explained some of the treatments for wounds suffered as well as various disease treatments. Approximately 200 students were in attendance as were faculty and school administration to include RRGSD Superintendent Dain Butler and Assistant Superintendent, Lowell Rogers. RRHS honors history teacher, Seth Warren, was instrumental in bringing the presentation to the students. Shown are Wilson, Grimes and Warren.

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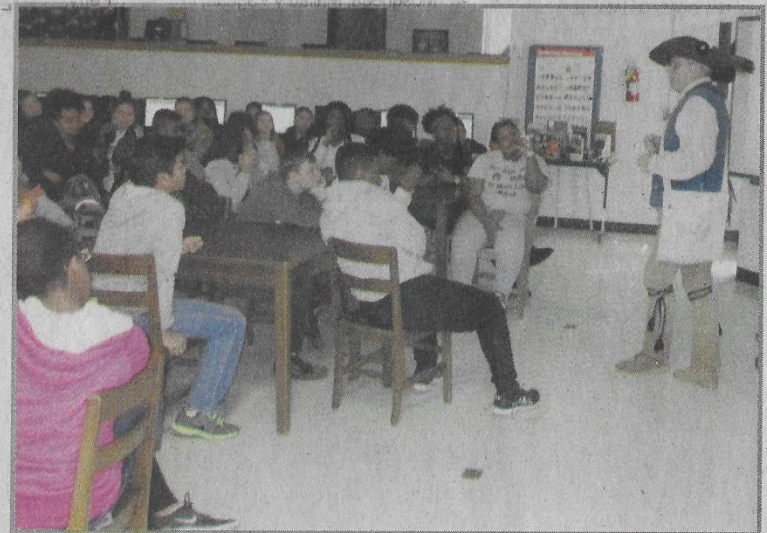
The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
February 7, 2017

The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
February 12, 2017

## SAR visits Chaloner Middle

The Chaloner Middle School Social Studies teacher recently invited Ken Wilson of the Halifax Resolves SAR chapter to present a program to their students. The presentation was two-fold. First the students were told about the SAR Brochure contest based on the Founding Documents of the United States. Secondly, Wilson presented a program titled 'From Mecklenburg to Halifax' that covered the period in North Carolina history that led to the state declaring independence from Great Britain. About 300 students attended the three presentations.

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# The Crossing of the Dan



February 18, 2017 – The NC SAR Contingent

# The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge



February 25, 2017 – The NC SAR contingent with NSSAR Pres.-Gen. Mike Tomme and NCSCAR President Mary Lee Howell

# The Battle of Guilford Courthouse



March 18, 2018 - NSSAR Pres.-Gen. Mike Tomme with the Color Guard

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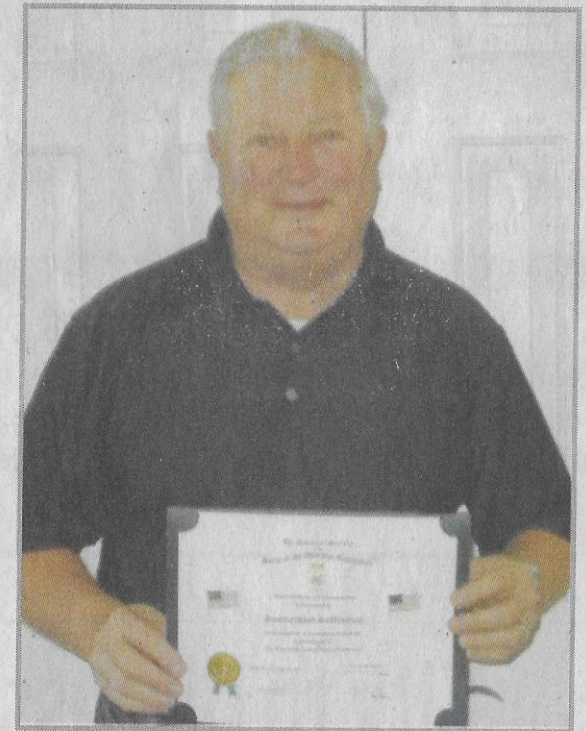
*Sons of the American Revolution*



*Dedication of the marker for Rev. Charles Blanding DuRant.*

### **Halifax Resolves Chapter**

The Halifax Resolves Chapter marked the graves of three compatriots during a ceremony held in the Historic Trinity Church Cemetery in Scotland Neck, North Carolina. Markers were dedicated for Compatriots Rev. Charles Blanding DuRant, Dr. Claiborne Thweatt Smith Sr. and Stuart Hall Hill. The ceremony was attended by members of the chapter, NC SAR President Lt. Col. Gary O. Green, USAF (Ret.); Gen. George Washington Chapter NC SAR Vice President Ron Jones; and Halifax Resolves Chapter DAR Regent Roberta Josey. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones officiated.



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### **Subdivision recognized**

Ed Sever of the Summerwood Subdivision in Lake Gaston recently accepted the Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate on behalf of the subdivision for its proper display of the United States flag. The certificate was presented by Halifax Resolves Chapter Vice President R.J. Myrick.

**The Daily Herald**  
**Roanoke Rapids, NC**  
**March 1, 2017**

# Halifax County Board of Commissioners

April 3, 2017



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson requests a proclamation from the Board in support of the April 12th SAR Ceremony commemorating the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves



Pres. Wilson presents the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Halifax County Sheriff's Major Neil Aycock



The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
April 4, 2017

## Halifax Resolves SAR announces brochure winner

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD

The annual Americanism Brochure contest was recently conducted by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the N.C. Sons of the American Revolution.

Brochures topics had to support one of the five founding documents of the United States. This contest is open to students in sixth through eighth grades dependent on the year the subject is taught. An impressive 61 entries were submitted from two classes at Chaloner Middle School in Roanoke Rapids, the result of the efforts of social studies teachers James Rook and Peggy Braswell.

This year's winner was Sierra Lynn Gibbs, an eighth-grade student of Rook's. Sierra's brochure was in support of the Declaration of Independence. She received a Chapter Level Winner's certificate and a check for \$100. Rook received a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$50. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson presented the awards. The N.C. level of the contest will be conducted May 20 after the close of the Patriot's Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground.



Pictured are Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, left, Sierra Lynn Gibbs, James Rook and Chaloner Middle School Principal Jeffrey White.

## Halifax Resolves SAR selects poster contest winner

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD



Manning Elementary School Principal Mike Ferguson, left, Wendy Sass, Elliott Sass, Chris Sass and Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution recently conducted their annual Americanism Poster Contest.

The topic this year was for the student to pick a Revolutionary War Patriot from the local area, or a Patriot Ancestor if they had one, and draw a poster describing the individual. This contest was open to grades third through fifth, dependent on the year American History is presented. In total, 49 posters from five local schools were submitted, the highest number of entries to date. The participating schools were Belmont Elementary, Manning

Elementary, Cornerstone Christian, Halifax Academy and Northeast Academy.

This year's winner was Manning Elementary fourth-grade student Elliott Sass, son of Wendy and Chris Sass of Roanoke Rapids. The topic of Elliott's poster was Halifax Patriot Willie "Wylie" Jones. Elliott received a Chapter Level Winner's certificate and a check for \$100. His teacher, Jessica Small, received a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$50. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson made the presentations. The poster now advances to the N.C. level of the contest to be conducted May 20 at the close of the Patriot's Day Ceremony at Alamance Battleground.

# RRHS Spring Flag Retirement

April 5, 2017



Over 200 students attend the ceremony

Mr. Seth Warren with students who wrote the ceremony



Participants in the ceremony were the RRHS JROTC, the Halifax Resolves SAR Chapter and students from Mr. Seth Warren's Social Studies classes

# 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves

Some dignitaries attending the ceremony were:



Keynote Speaker NSSAR Sec.-Gen.  
Mr. Larry T. Guzy



NSSAR So. Atlantic Dist. VPG  
Mr. Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker

VASSAR 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. Mr. Bill Schwetke

NCSCAR Pres. Ms. Mary Lee Howell





The NC Son of the Revolution Color Guard fire a commemorative volley

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from Halifax Academy made their first appearance at the ceremony and rendered honors by placing flags in the chapter wreath





Participants in the ceremony included the SAR, DAR, CAR, SR, AmVets, local officials and the Halifax Academy 5<sup>th</sup> grade class

# Law Enforcement Commendation Medal



Roanoke Rapids City Council Meeting – April 18, 2017  
HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents Award to RRPD Deputy  
Chief Andy Jackson

The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
April 28, 2017



## Flag

Halifax Academy fifth grade teacher Lindy Rogerson requested Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson come and talk with her class about the U.S. flag. Wilson's program covered U.S. flag history, flag etiquette and proper folding of the flag. Following the presentation, Wilson divided the class into two groups and had them practice folding the flag. Each student was given a pamphlet illustrating the correct way to fold the flag and the meaning of each fold.

Submitted

# NC SAR Annual Meeting

April 21-22, 2017  
Greenville, NC



Compatriot David Gammon receives a Certificate of Appreciation from NC SAR Pre. Gary Green



SA Past VPG Ed Rigel presents Ken Wilson with the State Distinguished Service Medal



David Gammon & Ken Wilson display the six chapter awards and their personal awards



# Patriot William Battle Grave Marking

April 29, 2017

Nash Co., NC





NC SAR Pres. George Strunk  
brings greetings



William Battle descendants  
Phyllis Graham & Sue Pittman  
thank the participants for  
attending and recognizing their  
Patriot ancestor



Patriot William Battle Grave Marking Participants

# JROTC Awards



Cadet Kristen Cronkhite  
Nash Central HS  
May 3, 2017

Cadet David Lynn  
Southern Nash HS  
May 4, 2017



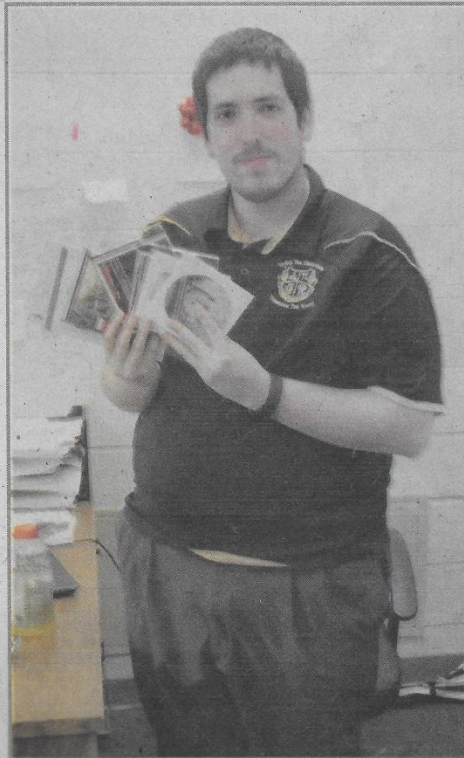
The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
May 3, 2017



Wilson visits  
history class

Edward Gardner, right, Roanoke Rapids High School world history teacher, recently invited N.C. SAR Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson to speak to his classes about the American Revolution in North Carolina. Wilson presented a program titled 'From Mecklenburg to Halifax' to three classes. In addition to the programs, Wilson also presented Gardner with several CD's, DVD's and booklets the Sons of the American Revolution supplies to teachers at no charge designed to assist them in various ways in the classroom.

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Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR was recently recognized for its contributions to the SAR at the NC SAR Annual meeting in Greenville. The chapter received streamers for Flag Certificates awarded, 95 percent or higher membership retention, first place Electronic Scrapbook, Honorable Mention Hardcopy Scrapbook, first place Small Chapter Americanism and the Thomas N. "Nat" Clark Outstanding Small Chapter streamer recognizing the best overall small chapter in North Carolina. NC SAR Genealogist and chapter member Mr. David B. Gammon received an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his contributions over the past year. Chapter President Ken Wilson was awarded the SAR State Distinguished Service Medal for his work at the state level over the past few years. Pictured (L-R) is: NC SAR Genealogist David B. Gammon and HRC President Ken Wilson with the awards. (Contributed photo)

The Nashville Graphic  
Nashville, NC  
May 4, 2017

# SAR hosts grave dedication for soldier

BY AMANDA CLARK  
GRAPHIC STAFF  
WRITER

American Revolution Patriot William Battle was honored on Saturday with a grave marker dedication by the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

Battle is buried in a family cemetery at a home on Cooper Road in Nash County.

Battle was born around 1758, most likely in Northampton County, the son of William and Mary Battle. His parents lived first in Edgecombe County, which is now Nash County, but later moved to Northampton County and then back to Nash County around the time of the American Revolution.

Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, said little was known about Battle's early life except that he married Mary Ann Williams, of Halifax County, around 1785 and the couple raised nine children.

During his lifetime, Battle accumulated over 900 acres of land on Swift Creek in Nash County, which eventually fell to his nine children. According to an early published genealogy of the Battle family, he died in December 1802 as "the result of an innocent joke" but details of his death are lacking.

Wilson said Battle's service to the Revolutionary cause is documented in various pay vouchers dating between 1781 and 1783, in which he was reimbursed for his patriot service.



**Ken Wilson, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of SAR, at left, and Rev. Duncan Jones, Chaplain of the Halifax Resolves Chapter of SAR, at right, unveil the grave marker for Patriot William Battle on Saturday at his Nash County grave. (Graphic photo by Amanda Clark)**

"He is a proven patriot on the DAR and SAR rosters," Wilson said.

The ceremony included the unveiling and dedication of a special grave marker for Battle.

Descendants of Battle, Phyllis Campbell and Sue Pittman, attended the ceremony. The sisters said they were the seventh generation of the family to live at the home on Cooper Road and were proud of their heritage.

"We're proud to be a part of this family," Campbell said.

"I'm very excited to be a part of this and to be a part of this seven generations, it

does my heart good," Pittman said. "This (ceremony) means so much to me."

Several chapters of SAR attended the grave marking ceremony and laid wreaths in honor of Battle. In addition, Virginia Hayden and Margaret Cobb, members of the local Micaiah Petaway Chapter of the DAR, attended and laid a wreath in honor of Battle's service.

Wilson said ceremonies like the one held on Saturday were important.

"One of our many goals is the recognition of individuals who pledged their lives, their liberty and their sacred honor to form this great na-

tion," Wilson said. "It is important, not only to remember the veterans of today, but all veterans, including the first veterans. These individuals took a path that had never been taken, a path to independence."

"We are rapidly forgetting our past and what it means to be an American," Wilson added. "By conducting ceremonies like this grave marking, we are endeavoring to rekindle the memories of our past and instill the Patriotism and values of our forefathers."

The Nashville Graphic  
Nashville, NC  
May 4, 2017

Cadet Caleb Evans  
Warren Co. HS  
May 16, 2017



Cadet Jacob Ngo  
SW Edgcombe HS  
May 26, 2017

# Roanoke Rapids Graded School District Board Meeting

May 16, 2017



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents Certificates of Recognition to Chapter Poster winner Elliott Sass and Chapter Brochure winner Sierra Lynn Gibbs on behalf of the RRGSD



# Flag Retirement – Alamance Battleground May 20, 2017



Halifax Resolves and Alamance Battleground co-sponsored a flag retirement ceremony prior to the Patriots' Day ceremony. Approximately 80 flags were retired and the ashes buried by the Burn Master

# Patriots' Day Ceremony

Alamance Battleground – May 20, 2017



The SAR Contingent – Patriots' Day



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## Eagle Scout receives award

Eagle Scout Sean Michael Ketoff, second from the left, of BSA Troop 146 in Roanoke Rapids was the recipient of the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Recognition certificate at his recent Court of Honor. The certificate, awarded by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, right recognized Ketoff's 'Outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.' His parents look on as he accepts his award.

The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
July 19, 2017

# RRHS Teacher Recognized

May 25, 2017



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson presents RRHS Social Studies teacher Seth Warren with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship medal for his work with students in and out of the classroom

# Memorial Day

Cedarwood Cemetery – Roanoke Rapids  
May 29, 2017



Pres. Wilson reads “The Meaning of the Folds as scouts from Troop 146 folds the flag for presentation



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson and Compatriot Wes Tripp present the chapter wreath



The HRC contingent – Wes Tripp, Rev. Duncan Jones, Ernest Bobbitt, Pres. Ken Wilson & J. Rives Manning

# Chapter Poster & Brochure Entries Win State



NCSAR Poster winner Elliott Sass  
with teacher Ms. Jessica Small, HRC  
Pres. Ken Wilson and Manning ES  
Principal Mike Ferguson

NCSAR Brochure winner Sierra Lynn  
Gibbs, teacher Jamie Rook, HRC Pres.  
Ken Wilson and Chaloner MS Principal  
Jeff White



# Constitution Day Display



HRC Pres. Ken Wilson and Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter Regent with the display the chapters placed in the Scotland Neck Library



Pres. Wilson, accompanied by Compatriots Wes Tripp and Ernest Bobbitt attended the local 9-11 ceremony



Pres. Wilson and David Gammon display the awards the chapter received at the National Congress to include the Small Chapter Liberty Bell award for Americanism and the Small Chapter PG Cup for Best Overall Chapter





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## Constitution Day display

The Halifax Resolves SAR chapter and the Halifax Resolves DAR chapter joined forces and placed a Constitution Day display in the Scotland Neck Memorial Library. The display illustrates the progression from the Halifax Resolves to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bills of Rights. Informational flyers were also available to the public. Shown in the photo are Halifax Resolves SAR Chapter President Ken Wilson and Halifax Resolves DAR Regent Roberta Josey.

The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
September 24, 2017

# Tim Berly Grave Marking

Raleigh Memorial Park  
September 23, 2017



Pres. Wilson speaks to the gathering about his memories of Tim



Pres. Wilson renders honors at Tim's grave

# RRHS Fall Flag Retirement

September 27, 2017



Over 200 student attended the flag retirement ceremony



American Legion Post 98  
Adjutant J. Rives Manning  
speaks on what the flag  
means to him



Historic Halifax Site Manager Bob Bemis and Interpreter Frank McMahan fire 3 volleys as “Taps” is played

Participants included Social Studies teacher Seth Warren with students who wrote the ceremony, Historic Halifax, RRFD, American Legion Post 98 and the Halifax Resolves SAR



# Halifax Resolves SAR recognized nationally



Pictured are Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, left, President-elect David Gammon with national awards.

SPECIAL TO  
THE DAILY HERALD

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution received several awards at the National SAR Congress in Knoxville, Tennessee. These awards were presented to the chapter at a recent chapter meeting.

The chapter received the Small Chapter (1-49 members) Liberty Bell Award in recognition "of the chapter's participation in outreach education efforts and acknowledgement of community leaders for their efforts to perpetuate the efforts of the SAR." This is the first time the chapter has received this prestigious award for Americanism.

The next award was the President-General's Cup for Small Chapters (1-49 members). This award recognizes the "chapter that best achieves the goals of both the President-General's and Americanism Awards." This is the second time the chapter has received this award (2012) for the best overall program in the nation.

Of the three top small chapter awards at the national level listed above, the chapter placed first in two categories and seventh in the third category against 61 other chapters.

In recognition of the chapter's work with veterans groups, the chapter received its ninth Partners in Patriotism certificate.

The last award recognized the number of submissions of biographies of their Patriot Ancestors.

The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
October 10, 2017

# Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives Grave Marking

Elmwood Cemetery, Enfield, NC

October 14, 2017



Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives was a member of the Rocky Mount Chapter and NC SAR President 1972-1974



Participants at the Dr. Rives Grave Marking



## Guest speaker

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution recently hosted a program presented by Halifax Resolves Chapter SAR President-elect David B. Gammon. The program was titled 'Ten Reasons to Read Court Minutes.' Pictured are Ann Newbern, vice regent of the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter, Gammon, and Roberta Josey, regent of the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter.

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The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
October 18, 2017





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## AP history class hosts SAR speaker

Nash Central High School history teacher Renny Taylor and the AP history class invited Ken Wilson, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR, to be a guest speaker during one of the classes. Wilson presented a program on the significance of the Battle of Kings Mountain during the American Revolution. This battle in October 1780 was the first Patriot victory in the Southern Campaign since the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in February 1776.

The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
October 27, 2017

# Veterans Day Display

Halifax County Library



Pres. Wilson with the chapter sponsored Veterans Day display at the Halifax Co. Library

# Veterans Day Ceremony

Macon UMC

November 5, 2017



The chapter joined with the Warren DAR, AmVets Post 101 and American Legion Post 98 to conduct a Veterans Day ceremony for members of the Macon United Methodist Church

## NC SAR past president remembered

SPECIAL TO  
THE DAILY HERALD

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution recently dedicated an SAR marker at the grave of compatriot Ralph Hardee Rives.

The chapter was assisted by NC SAR Sr. VP James A. Becker, the combined NC SAR Color Guard and SAR members from the General George Washington, Lower Cape Fear, Old North State and Raleigh chapters. Members of the Micajah Pettaway and Warren Chapters of the NC Daughters of the American Revolution were also present.

Rives was born Nov. 24, 1930, in Rocky Mount, Nash County, the son of Ralph Cooper Rives and Lessie Day Hardee.

He studied at the University of Oxford and the University of London and received



A marker dedication ceremony was recently held at the grave of Ralph Hardee Rives.

his doctorate from the University of Virginia. Rives spent more than 30 years as an English professor at East Carolina University.

On April 22, 1965, Rives was inducted into the National

Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as a descendant of Peter Rives of Pitt County. A member of the now defunct Rocky Mount chapter, Rives served as the North Carolina State President from 1972-74.

In addition to serving as the NC SAR president, Rives served as president of a number of North Carolina cultural and historical associations, including the Society of the War of 1812 in North Caroli-

na, the North Carolina Chapter of the Victorian Society in America and the Pitt County Historical Society. He was also a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Order of

the Stars and Bars and was active in historic preservation circles throughout his adult years.

Rives passed away May 20, 2016, and rests with his family in the Elmwood Cemetery in Enfield.

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# Chapter Annual Meeting

November 8, 2017

Halifax, NC



Ernest Bobbitt- Bronze Good  
Citizenship Medal



J. Rives Manning- Bronze Good  
Citizenship Medal

Some of the  
awards  
presented by  
NCSAR  
President  
George K.  
Strunk



David Gammon- Bronze Roger  
Sherman Medal OLC



Rev. Duncan Jones- Bronze Roger  
Sherman Medal OLC



A Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for Halifax County Sheriff Wes Tripp was accepted by Major Neil Aycock



RRPD Chief Chuck Hasty received a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal



RRFD Chief Stacy Coggins received a Fire Safety Commendation Medal



New Chapter Officers: David Gammon – President; Geoff Pittard – Vice President; Chaplain – Rev. Duncan Jones. Not shown Steve Avent – Sec. – Treas.

# Veterans Day Ceremony

Veterans Park  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
November 11, 2017



Compatriot Ken Wilson reads the  
President-General's Veterans Day  
Proclamation



Dept. of NC AmVets Commander Keith Hutchins  
(2<sup>nd</sup> from right) joined Compatriots Ken Wilson, Rev.  
Duncan Jones, J. Rives Manning and Ernest Bobbitt  
for a group photo



# Knight Essay – Roanoke Rapids HS

The chapter had a record 61 essay submissions from two high schools



Honorable Mentions-Adalaina Miles, Caitlan Allen, Hannah L. Golden, Blair Bracey and Cassidy Goff. Chapter Knight Essay winner Morgan Davis and HRC Pres. Ken Wilson. Not shown AP History teacher Henry Bridgers, who received a Certificate of Appreciation

# Knight Essay – Nash Central HS



Honorable Mentions- Sarah Hicks, Julie-Anna Bailey, HRC  
Pres. Ken Wilson, George Okeya, and Summer Joyner. AP  
History Teacher Renny Taylor received a Certificate of  
Appreciation



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## Crawford earns Eagle Scout award

Harry Jonathan Crawford Jr. was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor held by Troop 144 of Roanoke Rapids. The ceremony was conducted by Troop 144 Charter Organization Representative Lee Bone, Unit Commissioner Jeff McKee, Scout Master Dan Harris and Assistant Scout Master Josh Clark. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson was on hand to present Crawford with the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate 'For outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.' Pictured are Harris, left, Wilson, Bone, Crawford, Clark and McKee.

The Herald Extra  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
November 15, 2017

# Joint Flag Retirement With BSA Troop 146

November 18, 2017



Members of Troop 146, SAR members and members of American Legion Post 98 salute during the Pledge of Allegiance



The Burn Master commits the first of over 170 flags to the flames



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## Macon United Methodist Church honors veterans

Veterans in the Macon community were honored during a recent morning worship service at Macon United Methodist Church. Participants were Halifax Resolves SAR President Ken Wilson, left, AMVETS Post 101 Commander Nina Hutchins, Jewel Fenwick, AMVETS Post 101 Ladies Auxiliary President Marsha Fenwick, Department of North Carolina AMVETS Commander Keith Hutchins and American Legion Post 98 Adjutant J. Rives Manning. Not pictured: The Rev. Betty Willis, Warren Chapter DAR.

The Daily Herald  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
November 23, 2017

# The Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade

December 3, 2017



Members of the NC SAR & NC SR lead the parade for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year



Pictured are Adalaina Miles, left, Caitlin Allen, Hannah L. Golden, Blair Bracey, Cassidy Goff, Morgan Davis and Halifax Resolves Essay Chairman Ken Wilson. Not pictured: Henry Bridgers.

## Roanoke Rapids High School student wins essay contest

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THE DAILY HERALD**

The Halifax Resolves Chapter N.C. SAR recently conducted its annual George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. This contest pertains to events lead-

ing up to and including the Revolutionary. The student must write an essay 800-1200 words in length with a minimum of five sources of which only two can be Internet sources.

This year the chapter received an astounding

40 entries, 30 from the Roanoke Rapids High School AP history class and 10 from Nash Central High School AP history class. At the completion of the judging only six points separated first place and tenth place. Within

these top 10 essays there were three tied scores.

Morgan Davis of RRHS was the winner. She received an Olympic style medal, a chapter level winners certificate and a check for \$100. Her essay, "The Intolerable Acts,"

will be submitted to the state level contest for consideration. The winner of the state contest will be announced sometime before the April 6 N.C. SAR annual meeting in Hickory.

The Chapter Honorable Mentions from

RRHS were Adalaina Miles, Caitlin Allen, Hannah L. Golden, Blair Bracey and Cassidy Goff. AP history teacher Henry Bridgers received a certificate of appreciation for his support of the essay contest.

**The Herald Extra  
Roanoke Rapids, NC  
December 13, 2017**

# Wreaths Across America

Princeton, NC  
December 16, 2017



Compatriot Ken Wilson with General George Washington Chapter members Ron Bonham, Kenny Smith Broughton Goodson and NC SAR President George Strunk