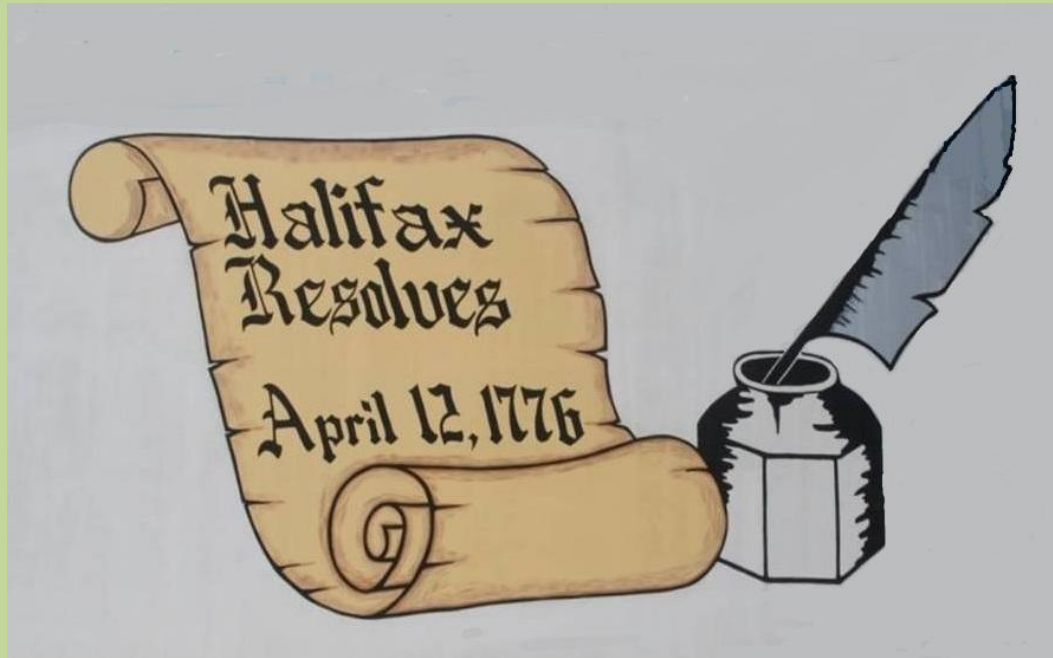


# The Halifax Town Crier 2018



*A pictorial and editorial record of the  
Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR*



*In Memory of*

*Dr. Cleveland M. Hawkins*

*Halifax Resolves Chapter Charter Member - 2003*

*Chapter President – 2006-2008*

*District 1 VP - 2009*

*May 10, 1939 – June 19, 2018*

# Chapter Officers



**David B. Gammon -  
President**



**Geoff Pittard – Vice President**



**Steven F. Avent – Secretary  
Treasurer**



**Rev. Duncan H. Jones -  
Chaplain**

# 8 Eagle Scout Recognitions



**Bryan Anderson**



**Peyton Anderson**



**Aaron Thomas Purser &  
Ayden Matthew Coggins**



**Joshua Sweet**



**Kevin Clyde Taylor &  
Joshua Brock Duncan**



**Haziq Valliani**

# 10 Flag Certificates



**Drs. Arthur & Todd**



**Halifax Academy**



**Belmont ES**



**Bojangles –  
Rocky Mount**



**Chaloner MS**

# Flag Certificates – *cont'd*



**Southern Nash HS**



**N ash Central HS**



**Hilton Garden Inn**



**Roanoke Rapids HS**



**Chick-fil-A**

## SAR presents poster contest



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The annual Halifax Resolves SAR Poster Contest has begun. Compatriot Ken Wilson spoke with fifth-grade students at Halifax Academy about the topic for the year and the rules of the contest. The topic this year is a Revolutionary War event. The chapter suggested the topics of the Halifax Resolves and the Edenton Tea Party, but the students are not limited to those suggestions. Wilson spoke briefly on the two topics.



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## Anderson attains Eagle Scout

Peyton C. Anderson, left, BSA Troop 144, Lewis-Deanes District, East Carolina Council recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. During his Court of Honor, the Halifax Resolves SAR presented him with an SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate which read in part 'For outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.' The certificate was presented by Halifax Resolves Past President Ken Wilson.

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### NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY Halifax Reserves Chapter

The Halifax Resolves Chapter recently dedicated an SAR marker at the grave of Compatriot Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives. The chapter was assisted by North Carolina SAR Sr. Vice President James A. Becker, the combined NCSSAR Color Guard and compatriots from the Gen. George Washington, Lower Cape Fear, Old North State and Raleigh chapters. Members of the Micajah Pettaway and Warren Chapters of the NC DAR also attended.

Dr. Rives was born Nov. 24, 1930 in Rocky Mount, Nash County, N.C., the son of Ralph Cooper Rives and Lessie Day Hardee. He studied at the University of Oxford and the University of London and received his doctorate from the University of Virginia. Dr. Rives spent more than 30 years as an English professor at East Carolina University.

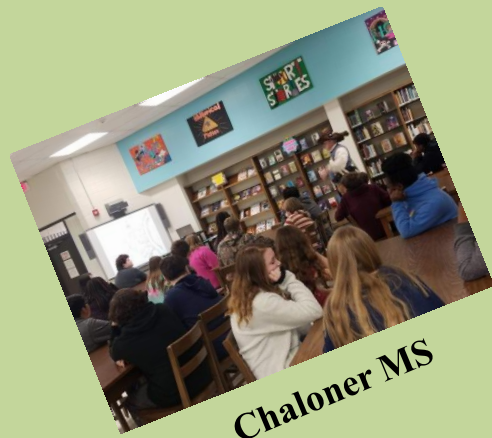
On April 22, 1965, Dr. Rives was inducted into the SAR as a descendant of Peter Rives of Pitt County. A member of the now-defunct Rocky Mount Chapter, he served as North Carolina SAR president from 1972-74.

Dr. Rives also served as president of a number of North Carolina cultural and historical associations, including the Society of the War of 1812 in North Carolina, 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.

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



# 32 Classroom Presentations



**Chaloner MS**



**Belmont ES**



**Halifax Academy – 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**



**Gates Co. HS**



**Manning ES**



**Nash Central HS**



**Roanoke Rapids HS**



# Halifax Academy awarded Flag Certificate

Halifax Academy was recently awarded an SAR Flag Certificate "In recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America." Assistant Headmaster Amy Poole, right, accepted the certificate on behalf of the academy. The certificate was presented by Halifax Resolves SAR Past President Ken Wilson.

Submitted



# Battle of Kings Mountain



The sixth- and eighth-grade classes of Halifax Academy in Roanoke Rapids recently invited Ken Wilson of the Halifax Resolves SAR chapter to present a program about the Battle of Kings Mountain that took place on Oct. 7, 1780. Wilson, dressed in the attire of a Patriot militia member, told the students about the events leading up to the battle, the battle itself and the significance of this first Patriot victory in the Southern Campaign since February 1776.

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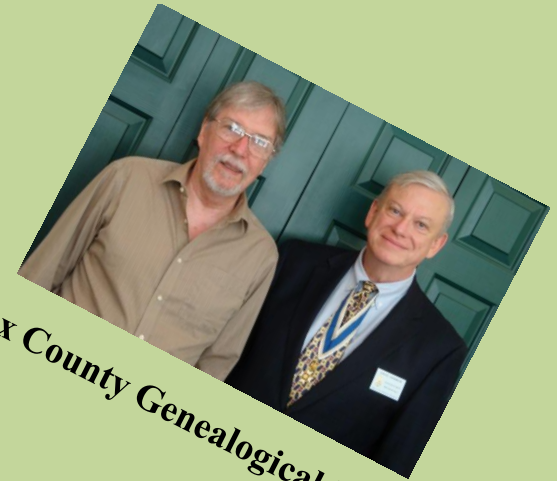
# 8 Presentations to SAR Chapters and Public Groups



**Calvary Baptist Church Youth**



**la Marquis de  
Lafayette Chapter  
NC SAR**



**Halifax County Genealogical Society**



**American Legion Post 38**



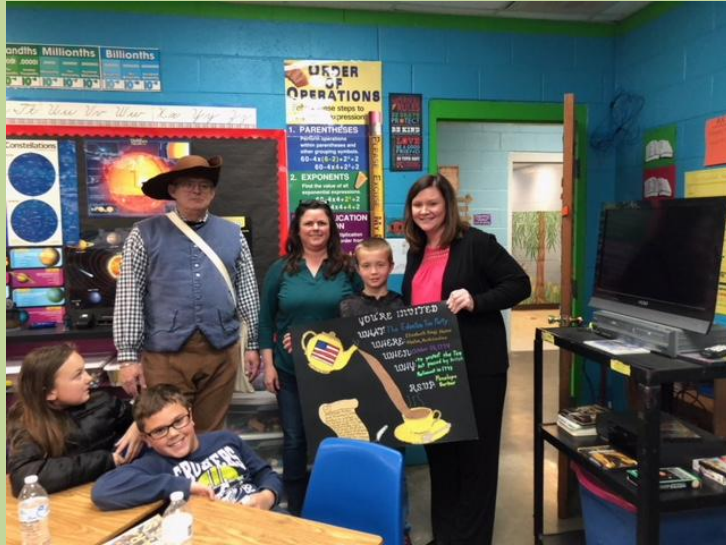
**Halifax Resolves Chapter  
NC SAR**



**Veterans Day – Calvary Baptist  
Church**

# Americanism Poster Contest

## 3 Schools Participated – 81 Poster Entries



Ken Wilson, Halifax Academy 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Ms. Lindy Rogerson, Chapter poster winner Avery Boone with his mother Ms. Sarah Bridgers

Chapter poster winner Avery Boone placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the NC SAR contest. At the left are Ken Wilson, Avery Boone and teacher Ms. Lindy Rogerson



# Americanism Brochure Contest

Chaloner MS entered 70 Brochures



**Chaloner MS 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Madison Elias won the chapter level contest with a brochure in support of the Declaration of Independence**



**Madison also won the NC SAR contest shown here with Social Studies teacher James Rook and Ken Wilson**



**National Brochure Winner**

**Madison went on to win the National contest. She is shown here with Ken Wilson and her father, Artie Elias**



Carolyn Harmon | The Daily Herald

Ken Wilson, left, SAR Halifax Resolves Chapter, State Color Guard commander, Madison Elias and her dad, Artie Elias, owner of Elias' Butcher Shoppe in Roanoke Rapids, celebrate the moment when Madison received the national award for the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest. A small ceremony took place on Wednesday at her dad's store.

# Local girl wins national award for her brochure

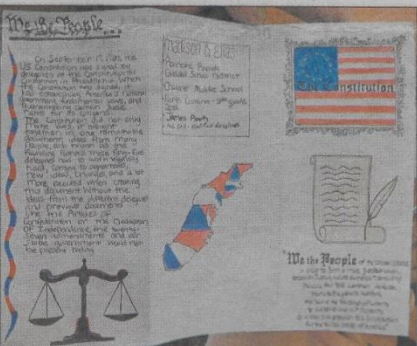
BY CAROLYN HARMON  
CHARMON@RRDAILYHERALD.COM

Artie Elias, owner of Elias' Butcher Shoppe, said he has a reason to be excited and proud.

His daughter, Madison, won the national award for the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest through the Sons of the American Revolution, Halifax Resolves Chapter.

Her award, a certificate and a check for \$350, \$100 from the SAR chapter and \$250 from the state, was presented to her at the shop Wednesday morning.

"I am totally excited and very proud," Artie said. "I'm glad she took after her momma (Paula) as far as that part of it goes."



Carolyn Harmon | The Daily Herald

Madison Elias won the national award for the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest through the Sons of the American Revolution, Halifax Resolves Chapter. This is one side of her winning brochure.

## AWARD

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

The contest was to create a tri-fold brochure out of a typical 8 1/2-by-11-inch piece of paper. The brochure must conform to the contest theme, which is one the five foundational documents of the United States: The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, The Bill of Rights, the Articles of Confederation or the Federalist Papers, selected by the student, who had to be in support of the chosen document. The brochure was judged on content, creativity and correctness.

Madison said she worked for a week on her brochure during last year as an eighth-grader at Chaloner



Above left: Madison Elias won the national award for the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest, through the Sons of the American Revolution, Halifax Resolves Chapter. She received her award on Wednesday at her dad's store, Elias' Butcher Shoppe in Roanoke Rapids. Above right: Pictured is one side of Madison Elias' winning brochure.

Middle School. She said she chose the topic of the U.S. Constitution because most people were doing the U.S. Declaration of Independence and she wanted to do something different.

"In my essay, I learned how the consti-

tution impacted us," she said. "This assignment has made me a little bit more interested in history."

Ken Wilson, SAR Halifax Resolves Chapter, State Color Guard commander, said he does a lot with the youth pro-

grams. The brochure contest for eighth-graders is one of the programs and a poster contest for fifth-graders is another contest.

The national competition took place in Houston, Texas. The judges come from the national



Carolyn Harmon | The Daily Herald

committee of SAR, and all entries were anonymous.

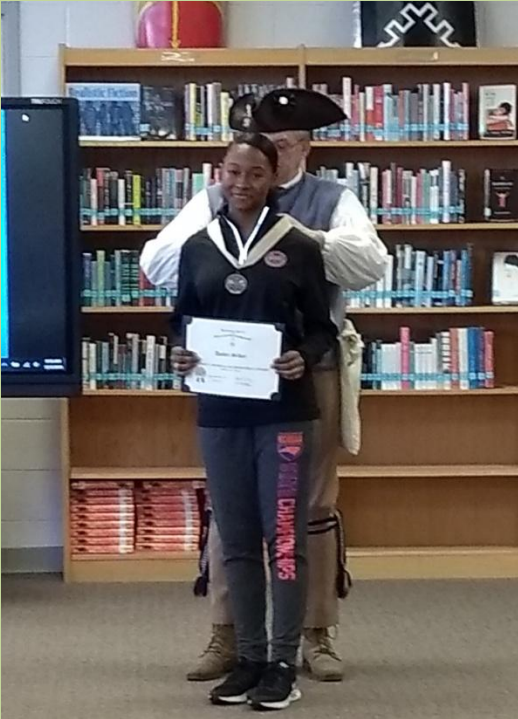
The Halifax Resolves Chapter had about 61 entries and nationally there were about 10 states with contestants, Wilson said. He was one of the three judges on

the chapter level. "It gets the students involved in history," he said. "Madison did hers on the Constitution, which required her to read about and to read it. She put some really good thought into her brochure."

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# **Knight Essay**

**1 school participated  
15 entries**



**Nash Central HS junior  
Amber silver was the  
chapter Knight Essay  
winner**

# **Enhance JROTC**

**1 school participated**



**Nash Central HS NJROTC  
Cadet Lt. Albert J. Lytton  
was the chapter Enhanced  
JROTC nominee**

# American History Teacher



**Nash Central HS History teacher Mr. Renny Taylor was selected as the Chapter and NC SAR High School History Teacher of the Year**

# Law Enforcement Commendation Medals



**Halifax County Sheriff's Deputy Corey L. Dixon, Sr.**



**Roanoke Rapids Police Captain Bobby L. Martin**



**Roanoke Rapids Police Captain E.A. Bryant (far right)**





Carolyn Harmon | The Daily Herald

Folks paid their respects during the annual Memorial Day Services at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids on Monday, including: Cora Brigman, left, and Pat Pulliam with AMVETS Post 320 Ladies Auxiliary; Willie Ferguson AMVETS Post 320; Ken Wilson, past president of Halifax Resolves SAR chapter; Glen Mosely and Buddy Allen American Legion Post 38; Cadet Amya Taylor with the Roanoke Rapids High School JROTC; and Buck Robbins of the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum.

## Deputy receives SAR award

**STAFF REPORT**  
NEWS@RRDAILYHERALD.COM

The Halifax Resolves NC SAR Chapter has honored Halifax County Sheriff's Deputy Corey L. Dixon Sr.

Dixon began his law enforcement career in March 2003, serving Halifax County as a patrol officer, a criminal investigator, narcotics agent and gang officer. His dedicated service has allowed him to be a part of major drug and criminal cases that were prosecuted in state and federal courts.

His efforts made a great impact toward



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**Halifax County Sheriff's Deputy Corey L. Dixon Sr., left, receives the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from Halifax Resolves chapter member Ken Wilson.**

successfully solving a quadruple homicide that has been cleared with the arrest of four violent offenders, the

SAR chapter said in a statement following the honoring of Dixon during a Halifax County Board of Commission-

ers meeting in June.

In recognition of his service and contributions to keep the

people of Halifax County safe, the Sons of the American Revolution presented Dixon with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. The award is a once-in-a-lifetime award "in recognition of outstanding achievement and dedication to the maintenance of law and order."

Halifax County Sheriff Wes Tripp nominated Dixon for the award, which Halifax Resolves chapter member Ken Wilson presented to the deputy.

# Heroism



**Roanoke Rapids Police Department  
Patrol Officers Joe DeSare and Matt  
Hunsucker**

# Fire Safety Commendation

**Roanoke Rapids Fire  
Department Deputy Chief  
Michael Clements**



# Life Saving Award



**Roanoke Rapids Fire Department Lieutenant Bryan Hollowell, Engineer Ramah Long, Firefighter Ben Sloan and Firefighter Austin Jarrett**

## 4 Roanoke Rapids firefighters honored



Roger Bell | The Daily Herald

In June, the Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recognized four Roanoke Rapids firefighters for their bravery and life-saving efforts on April 3. On that date, about 10:30 p.m., firefighters responded to 132 Elm St. in response to a call about a woman who had passed out and wasn't breathing. The firefighters gave CPR to the patient, and when emergency medical personnel arrived, pulse and respiration were restored to the patient. Pictured are Bryan Hollowell, left, Engineer Ramah Long, and firefighters Ben Sloan and Austin Jarrett.

## Martin awarded medal



Roger Bell | The Daily Herald

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution honored Roanoke Rapids Police Department Capt. Bobby Martin with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal last month during a meeting of the city council. The group cited Martin's leadership within the department's detective division and in the department itself, along with his outreach efforts to local youth, efforts which include mentorship and participating in basketball games in the early morning hours. Pictured are Councilman Ernest Bobbitt, left, Martin, and Halifax Resolves NCSSAR Past President Ken Wilson.

## Roanoke Rapids police officers honored



Roger Bell | The Daily Herald

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution honored two Roanoke Rapids police officers, Joe DeSare and Matt Hunsucker, last month during a meeting of city council for their actions in December. During the incident, DeSare conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of Franklin Street, during which he noticed the strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Hunsucker arrived as backup, and the passenger jumped from the vehicle and tried to run, but was caught by DeSare. Hunsucker apprehended a second suspect who tried to run. Hunsucker also watched the other three occupants of the vehicle as DeSare struggled with the suspect, who tried to use DeSare's flashlight as a weapon against the officer and who tried to reach into his own pants several times. Once DeSare subdued the suspect, a gun was found inside the suspect's pants. Pictured are Councilman Ernest Bobbitt, left, DeSare, Hunsucker and Halifax Resolves NCSSAR Past President Ken Wilson.

# 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves

Chapter sponsored National Event



**NSSAR President-General Larry T. Guzy was the keynote speaker**



**SAR, SR, DAR, CAR local officials and Halifax Academy 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the ceremony**



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Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution hosted a ceremony celebrating the adoption of the Halifax Resolves on April 12, 1776.

# SAR celebrates Halifax Resolves on April 12

Brown greets the participants and Halifax County Board of Commissioners

**SPECIAL TO THE DAILY HERALD**

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution hosted an April 12 ceremony celebrating the adoption of the Halifax Resolves on April 12, 1776.

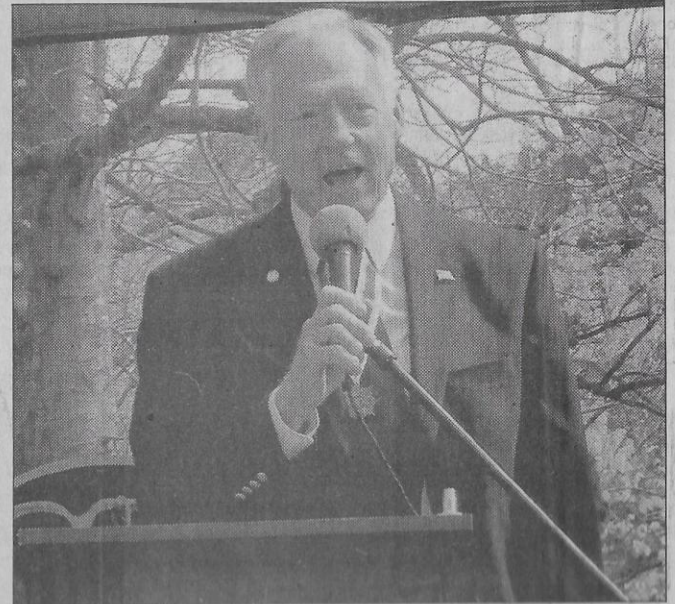
Chapter president David B. Gammon assumed the role of master of ceremonies following the welcome given by Historic Halifax site manager Karl Burke. Gammon welcomed the

dignitaries that included National Society SAR president-general Larry T. Guzy, NSSAR South Atlantic vice president-general James H. Wood, NC SAR president George K. Strunk, VASSAR second vice president Bill Schwetke, N.C. Sons of the Revolution president Daniel L. Hopping, National Society Children of the American Revolution Southeastern Region vice president Mary Lee Howell, and N.C. Children of the American Revolution president Megan Benedict.

Tony Brown, Halifax County manager, also greeted the participants and Halifax County Board of Commissioners vice chairman J. Rives Manning read a proclamation from the board in

support of the event. SAR and DAR chapters from North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina were in attendance as were the fifth-grade students of Halifax Academy, all of whom participated in the ceremony. The combined N.C. SAR Color Guard, under the command of N.C. SAR Color Guard Commander Ken Wilson, presented and retrieved the colors. Guzy was the keynote speaker presenting "Because We Remember" to the gathering.

A pre-event reception in honor of the president-general was held the preceding evening in Roanoke Rapids and a post event luncheon was held at Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax.



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National Society SAR president-general Larry T. Guzy speaks during the celebration.

# National Events

Co-sponsored by the chapter



**Memorial Day – Cedarwood Cemetery,  
Roanoke Rapids**



**Veterans Day – Veterans Park,  
Roanoke Rapids**



**Wreaths Across America – Cedarwood  
Cemetery, Roanoke Rapids**

# National Events

Attended by chapter members



**Battle of Cowan's Ford**



**Crossing of the Dan**



**Battle of Moore's Creek  
Bridge**



**Battle of Guilford Courthouse**

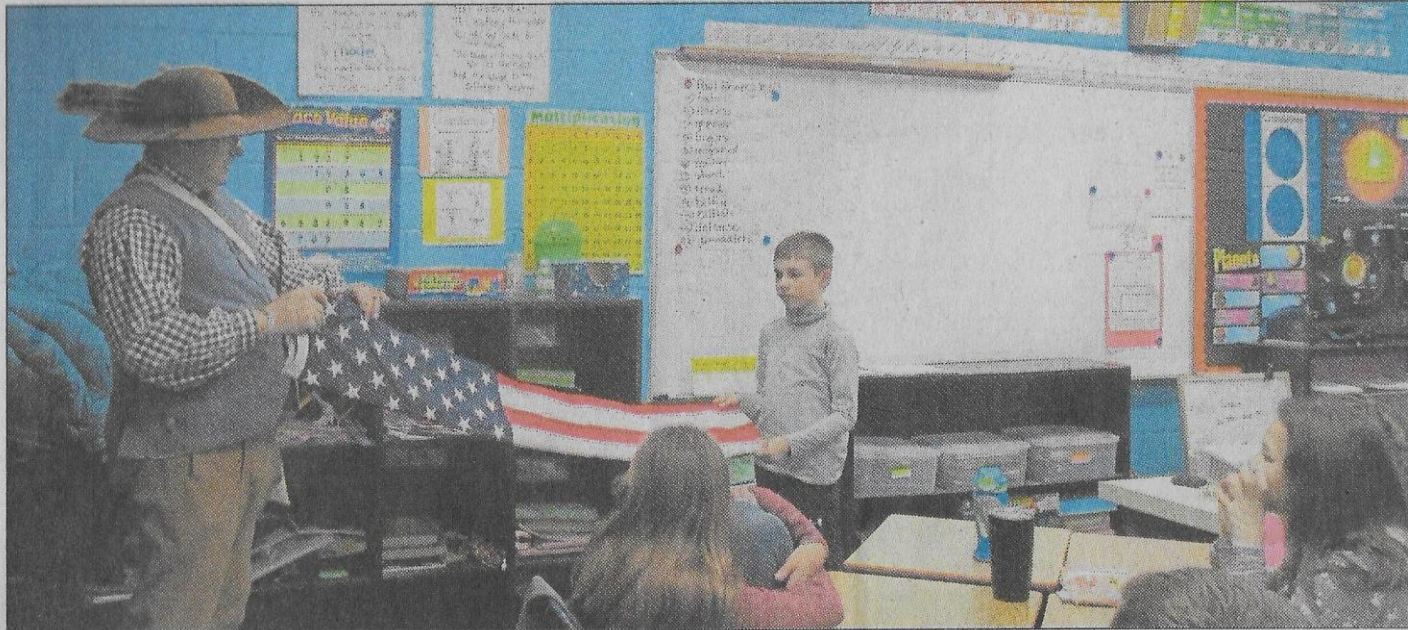


## Chaloner Middle receives Flag Certificate



The Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR awarded Chaloner Middle School a Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate "In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America." The certificate was presented by Halifax Resolves Past President Ken Wilson and accepted by Chaloner Middle School Principal Jeff White, pictured.

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## American flag presentation at Halifax Academy

Halifax Resolves SAR member Ken Wilson recently presented a program about the U.S. flag to the fifth-grade class of Lindy Rogerson at Halifax Academy. The program covered the history of the flag, proper flag etiquette and how to fold a flag along with an explanation of what each fold meant. Wilson also demonstrated how to fold a flag assisted by one of the students.

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# State Events

Attended by chapter members



**Col. Alexander Lillington Chapter  
Charter Ceremony**



**Patriots Day – Alamance Battleground**



**House in the Horseshoe**



**Colonel James Gillespie Highway Marker**

# Compatriot Grave Markings

Chapter sponsored



**Grave marking for Compatriot James Carlos  
Harris – Warren Co., NC**



**Grave marking for Compatriot Nicholas Bunn  
Boddie – Nash Co., NC**

## SAR honors Warren County native with compatriot grave marker

The Halifax Resolves Chapter North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution recently conducted a grave marking ceremony for Compatriot James Carlos Harris at the family cemetery at Buxton Place in the Inez community. Harris died in 1991.

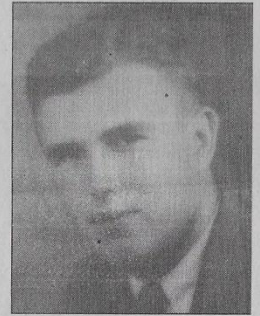
David B. Gammon, president of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, was the master of ceremonies. The invocation and benediction were given by HRC Chaplain Rev. Duncan H. Jones. The presentation and retrieval of the colors was conducted the Combined N.C. SAR Color Guard under the command of State Color Guard Commander Ken Wilson. The pledges were led by HRC Compatriot J. Rives Manning and Gammon and the marker dedication was conducted by Gammon and Jones.

The ceremony also included the presentation of wreaths by the following: SMS George K. Strunk, USAF (ret.), president, N.C. SAR; Geoff Pittard, vice president, Halifax Resolves Chapter N.C. SAR;

Ronald C. Bonham, secretary/historian, General George Washington Chapter N.C. SAR; LTC Gary O. Green USAF (ret.), registrar, Lower Cape Fear Chapter N.C. SAR; Michael Aycock, president, le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter N.C. SAR; Dr. Charles Lewis, president, Old North State Chapter NC SAR; Dr. Guy Higgins, Francis Marion Chapter, S.C. SAR; Emily Champion, regent, John Penn Chapter N.C. Daughters of the American Revolution; and Cassandra Day Bonham, member, Susannah Coutanch Evans N.C. DAR.

Compatriot Harris was born in 1909 in Warren County, the son of Ernest Linwood Harris and Mary Miles "Mamie" Bobbitt. He was educated in Warren County schools and earned a degree in Business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Harris joined the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution as the youngest charter member of the Harrison-Macon Chapter of the N.C. SAR. He was 18

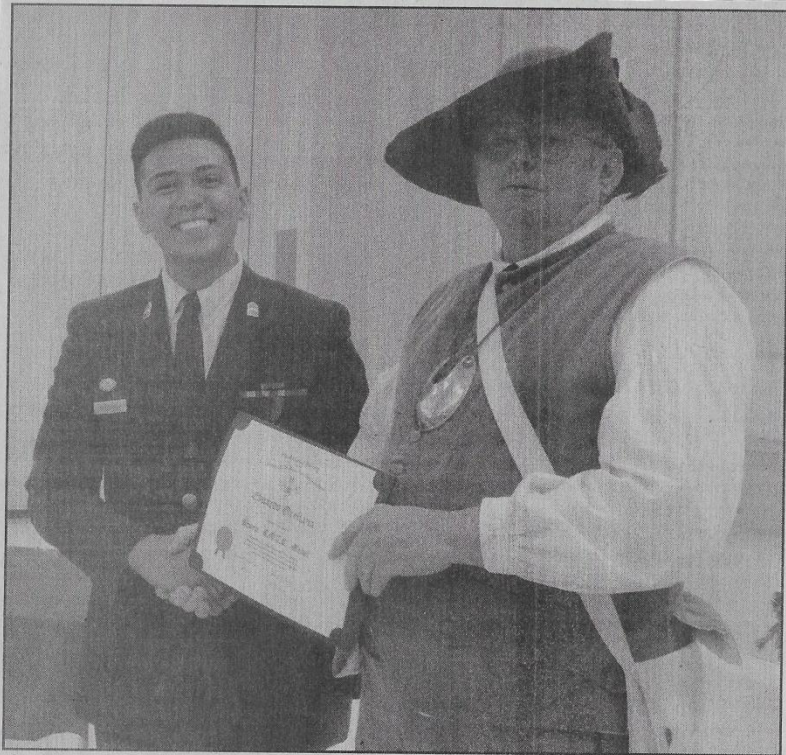


**JAMES CARLOS HARRIS**

when he applied for membership in May 1928. Harris was made an honorary member of the Virginia SAR during the Yorktown Celebration in 1931.

Harris served as city manager for Fuquay Springs and Roxboro in North Carolina, as well as Hazard, Ky., and later worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

After returning to Buxton Place he raised livestock and married the former Francis Hall Reams in Warren County on April 6, 1946. The couple had three children, James Carlos, Jr., Ernest Boyd "E.B." and Francis Ann.



Southern Nash High School AFJROTC Cadet Eduardo Orellana (at left) was presented with the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze JROTC medal at the unit's recent awards banquet. Selected by the senior military advisor, Orellana was chosen "in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors," Halifax Resolves Chapter member Ken Wilson (at right) made the presentation. (Contributed photo)

# NC SAR HONORS BODDIE

## *Ceremony, marker honors Nicholas Bunn Boddie*

BY JO ANNE COOPER  
GRAPHIC PUBLISHER

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina, Sons of the American Revolution, sponsored the dedication of a SAR Compatriot Grave Marker on Saturday, October 20th, honoring Nicholas Bunn Boddie (July 31, 1889 — November 5, 1951) at Rose Hill Plantation.

President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR, David B. Gammon, welcomed guests and opened the ceremony honoring Boddie, "If the past is indeed prologue, then a glimpse into the past can provide a source of wisdom and inspiration for the future," he said. "As we honor this compatriot today, let us be mindful of his service to our nation, and let us re-dedicate ourselves to the principles for which he held sacred.

"We, the members of the Halifax Resolve Chapter, North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution dedicate

this marker to the glory of God and in recognition of the memory of Compatriot Nicholas Bunn Boddie."

SMS George K. Strunk, USAF (ret.), President N.C. Sons of the American Revolution remarked, "On behalf of the 1204 members of the North Carolina Society and the 27 chapters across the state, I bring you greetings. It is indeed a pleasure and honor to be here, this is one of the favorite things we do, dress up on a Saturday morning and honor fellow compatriots or patriots. It adds a little color to the experience and we are most happy to do it."

The ceremonial program stated that "Nicholas Bunn Boddie, son of Bennett Bunn and Anna Crudup Boddie was born July 31, 1889 in Nash County. Realizing as a young adult that the male Boddie line had all died, he petitioned the Superior Court of Nash County on July 7, 1914 to change his name from Nicholas Boddie Bunn to Nicholas Bunn Boddie. On July 31, 1914 the Court

granted his request, restoring the male Boddie line in Nash County."

"Compatriot Boddie joined the Sons of the American Revolution on June 16, 1919 as a descendant of one of Nash County's founders, Patriot Nathan Boddie. He was a member of the now defunct Rocky Mount Chapter and was listed on the Munster Roll of the 1928 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society, held at the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel in Raleigh."

"On October 23, 1924, Nicholas married Lucy Valeria Mayor (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Mayor of Tarboro) in Richmond, Virginia. To this union was born three children, Nicholas Jr., Ben Mayo and Lucy Ann."

"Nicholas Bunn Boddie died November 5, 1951."

The presentation of colors was delivered by the Combined NC SAR Color Guard. Other guests included the Rev. Betty Wills, Macon UMC and Registrar, Warren Chapter, NC DAR; Mr. J. Rives



**A special dedication was held recently honoring SAR Compatriot Nicholas Bunn Boddie, who became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1919. Pictured above, David B. Gammon, (right) President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR, hands Mayo Boddie, Sr. a copy of his father's original application to the SAR. (Graphic photo by Jo Anne Cooper)**

Manning, Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR; SMS George K. Strunk USAF (ret.), President N.C. Sons of the American Revolution, President, General George Washington Chap-

ter NC SAR; Mr. C. Kenith Wilson, Past President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR; Dr. Samuel C. Powell, Past President, Alamanace Battleground Chapter NC SAR; Ron Bonham,

Historian; Broughton Goodson, Eagle Scout Chairman, General George Washington Chapter NC SAR; Virginia Haden, Regent, Micajah Pettaway Chapter NC DAR.

# Compatriot Grave Marking – 3 Past NC SAR Presidents

Attended by chapter members



**Grave Marking for Past NC SAR Presidents Stephen Cambreleng Bragaw, Frank Cannon Kugler and Franklin Havens Bryan**

# Joint Flag Retirement

Alamance Battleground Chapter NC SAR, Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR and BSA Troop 144



**Troop 144 posted the Colors and conducted the ceremony**



**Burn Masters Sam Powell and Ken Wilson render honors as the first flags are committed to the flames**



**The Burn Master tends to the flags**

**973 flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried by the Burn Master**



Photos Submitted

The Troop 144 Color Guard posted the colors and led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Joint flag retirement held

**SPECIAL TO  
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Veterans Park in Roanoke Rapids was the site of a recent joint flag retirement ceremony sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 144, the Alamance Battleground and the Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution.

Assistant Scout Master James Tuck opened the ceremony followed by the Invocation given by Halifax Resolves Vice President Geoff Pittard. The Troop 144 Color Guard posted the colors and led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the troop then presented the patriotic readings "I am Old Glory," "A Toast to the

Flag" and "The Colors of the Flag." A ceremonial "Preparation of the Flame" was conducted by the Scouts, Burn Master Ken Wilson from the Halifax Resolves and Samuel C. Powell Burn of the Alamance Battleground Chapters NC SAR.

Flags were then committed to the flames followed by the playing of "Taps" by Luke Riggan. The Colors were then retired by the Troop Color Guard and a Benediction given by Pittard. A total of 973 flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried in an unmarked grave by the Burn Master. The ceremony was conducted under the supervision of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department.



**Above:**  
Burn Master Ken Wilson from the Halifax Resolves Chapter. **Right:** Luke Riggan plays Taps.

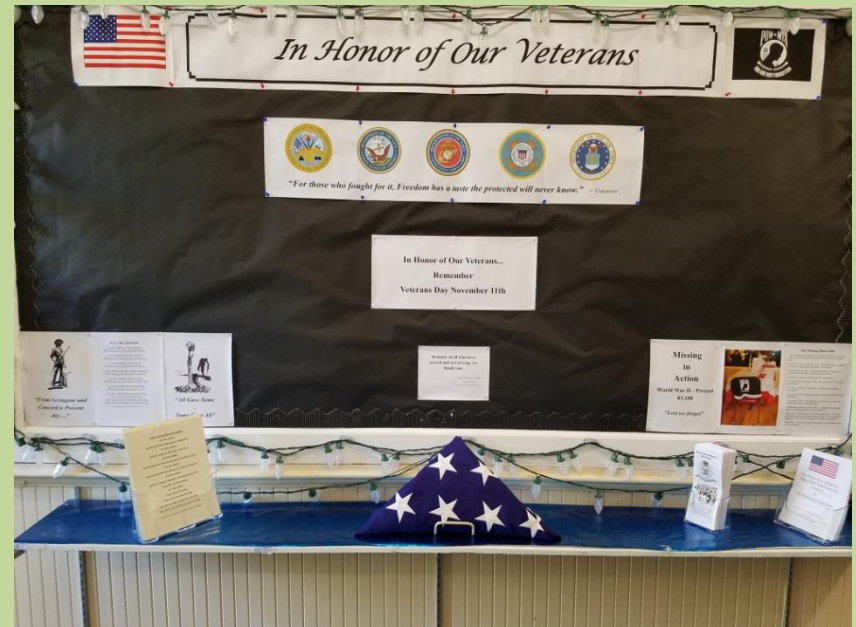


# Patriotic Displays



**Constitution Day display at the Scotland Neck Library in cooperation with the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter**

**Veterans Day display at the Halifax County Library**



## Halifax Resolves Chapter

### Grave Marking for Compatriot James C. Harris

The Halifax Resolves Chapter conducted a grave-marking ceremony for Compatriot James Carlos Harris at the family cemetery at Buxton Place, in the Inez community. David B. Gammon, chapter president, was the master of ceremonies. The invocation and benediction were given by HRC Chaplain Rev. Duncan H. Jones. The presentation and retrieval of the colors were conducted by the combined NC SAR Color Guard under the command of state Color Guard Commander Ken Wilson. The pledges were led by Compatriot J. Rives Manning and President Gammon. The marker dedication was conducted by Gammon and the Rev. Jones.

Harris was born Aug. 30, 1909 in Warren County, the son of Ernest Linwood Harris and Mary Miles "Mamie" Bobbitt. When he joined the SAR, he was the youngest charter member of the Harrison-Macon Chapter of the North Carolina SAR. He was 18 when he applied for membership in the SAR in May 1928. Harris was made an honorary member of the Virginia SAR during the Yorktown Celebration in 1931.

At the outbreak of World War II, he tried to enlist in the U.S. Army but was rejected due to a slipped disc and went

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to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

At the conclusion of the war, he returned to Buxton Place (listed on the National Historic Registry) and raised livestock. He married Francis Hall Reams in Warren County on April 6, 1946. They were blessed with three children: James Carlos Jr., Ernest Boyd "E.B." and Francis Ann.

Harris passed away Dec. 5, 1991 in Franklin County, N.C. and is buried in the family cemetery at Buxton Place in Warren County, N.C.

### RRPD Captain Awarded SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Past Chapter President Ken Wilson and Compatriot E.C. Bobbitt presented Roanoke Rapids Police Department Capt. Bobby Martin with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at a recent city council meeting.

"Captain Martin serves on various committees and boards to help serve not only the citizens of Roanoke Rapids, but the citizens of Halifax County. He takes the lead in reaching out to the youth in our community by inviting them to the early morning basketball games on Tuesday and Thursday at TJ Davis Recreation.

"Another example on how Bobby is trying to bridge the disconnect between law enforcement of our youth [is that], two young men were caught smoking marijuana and instead of arresting them or citing them with criminal charges, he spoke with the parents of the young men and learned that they were good kids and were doing good in school. Bobby took these young men under his wing and has been providing a mentorship to them; they have helped the police department on various community events on their own time. Instead of marking their lives in a negative way he has had a positive impact with them."

### RRPD Officers Awarded SAR Medal for Heroism

Two Roanoke Rapids police officers were recognized by Halifax Resolves Compatriot E.C. Bobbitt and Past Chapter President Ken Wilson at the June city council meeting for their actions during an incident in December 2017.

"Officer Joe DeSare conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for a violation in the 1000 block of Franklin Street and during the stop he noticed an odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Officer Matt Hunsucker arrived to back up Officer DeSare on the stop and at this time a passenger jumped from the vehicle, attempting to run away but was caught by Officer DeSare. Almost simultaneously a second subject attempted to run away, but was apprehended by Officer Hunsucker.

"During Officer DeSare's foot pursuit of the first suspect, Officer Hunsucker was calling in the direction of the foot pursuit for Officer DeSare, relaying the area where DeSare was while continuing to watch the other three occupants of

the vehicle. Once DeSare caught the suspect, the suspect continued to fight. During the struggle, DeSare dropped his flashlight and the suspect tried to pick it up and use it against him. The suspect also continued to reach for his pants until finally [he was] subdued by DeSare and taken into custody. During a search of the suspect a handgun was located inside the suspect's pants along with narcotics. It was learned that the suspect was out on bond on a murder charge."

### RRFD Deputy Recognized by SAR

Deputy Chief Michael Clements was recently recognized by the Halifax Resolves SAR chapter for his 30 years of service with Roanoke Rapids Fire Department during a city council meeting. Compatriot E.C. Bobbitt and Past Chapter President Ken Wilson made the presentation.

### SAR Recognizes Eagle Scout Valliani

Haziq Valliani of BSA Troop 144, Lewis-Deanes District, East Carolina Council, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a recent Court of Honor. He was awarded the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate by Halifax Resolves Chapter Past President Ken Wilson "for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout."

### SAR Celebrates the Halifax Resolves

The chapter hosted a ceremony on April 12 celebrating the adoption of the Halifax Resolves on April 12, 1776. Chapter President David B. Gammon assumed the role of master of ceremonies following the welcome given by Historic Halifax Site Manager Karl Burke. President Gammon welcomed the dignitaries that included President General Larry T. Guzy, NSSAR South Atlantic Vice President General James H. Wood, NC SAR President George K. Strunk, VASSAR 2nd VP Bill Schwetke, NCSSAR President Daniel L. Hopping, National Society C.A.R. Southeastern Region VP Mary Lee Howell, and NC C.A.R. President Megan Benedict. Tony Brown, Halifax County manager, also greeted the participants, and Halifax County Board of Commissioners Vice Chairman J. Rives Manning read a proclamation from the board in support of the event. SAR and DAR chapters from North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina were in attendance, as were the fifth-grade students of Halifax Academy, all of whom participated in the ceremony. The Combined NC SAR Color Guard, under the command of NC SAR Color Guard Commander Ken Wilson, presented and retrieved the colors. PG Guzy was the keynote speaker presenting "Because We Remember" to the gathering.

A pre-event reception in honor of the PG was held the preceding evening in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., and a post-event luncheon was held at the Halifax UMC, Halifax, N.C.



# National Chapter Awards



**Chapter President David Gammon accepts one of three (3) chapter awards from the National Congress from NC SAR President George K. Strunk. The awards were:**  
**Honorable Mention Small Chapter Liberty Bell**  
**Honorable Mention Small Chapter PG Cup**  
**Partners in Patriotism**

## Halifax Resolves Chapter receives national recognition



Submitted

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution, received three awards at the National Congress in Houston. The awards were presented to Chapter President David B. Gammon at a recent NC SAR Board of Managers by NC SAR President George K. Strunk. The Partners in Patriotism Certificate was presented to the chapter for their work with veterans organizations in pursuit of a common goal. The chapter was recognized with the Honorable Mention Small Chapter Liberty Bell Award. This award represents the best implementation of SAR resolutions and principles. An Honorable Mention Small Chapter President-General's Cup award was also presented to the chapter for the most complete program of activities. Pictured are Gammon, left, and Strunk.

## Gammon addresses Genealogical Society



Submitted

NC SAR Genealogist and Halifax Resolves Chapter President David B. Gammon spoke to the Halifax Genealogical Society during its September meeting. His presentation was titled "Testing Genealogy Theories." To begin his presentation, Gammon gave all the participants a copy of a typical 19th century will of an older lady who left property to both children and grandchildren. Based on the will, he asked them to come up with series of theories about relationships within the family. From there, he produced further records, including marriage records, additional wills, death certificates, and guardian records for the same family. By comparing the original will to the subsequent records, he asked the participants to test their theories to see if they held up, discarding the original theories or adjusting them. He concluded by reminding the audience that when we approach a primary source document, we should always posit theories about family relationships, but we should continue to test these theories by further research to see if they hold to be true. Pictured are Halifax Genealogical Society President Ray Sasser, left, and Gammon.

# NC SAR Chapter Awards



**The Chapter received multiple awards at the Annual Meeting. Compatriot Ken Wilson and HRC President David Gammon are holding streamer awards for:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Small Chapter Americanism  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Nat Clark for Best Overall Small Chapter  
95% Retention  
10 or more Flag Certificates  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Hard Cover Scrapbook  
Honorable Mention Electronic Scrapbook.**

**Compatriot Wilson received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work with the Youth Programs**

# Chapter Awards – Chapter Annual Meeting



**Linda Presley, leader of the Halifax UMC Ladies, accepts the “Silver Spoon” award recognizing the ladies support of the chapter by preparing the pre-meeting meals**



**Compatriot Ken Wilson is awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman medal for his work in the chapter**

**Compatriot Michael Cooper is awarded the SAR War Service Medal in recognition of his service in Iraq**



# Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade



**The chapter hosted members of the Combined NC SAR and NC SR Color Guards who led the Christmas Parade for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year**