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North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution*

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The Halifax Resolves Chapter meets at 6:30 pm the second Wednesday night of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Fellowship Hall of the Halifax United Methodist Church, 150 S. King St., Halifax, NC . The ladies of the UMC prepare a delicious meal prior to the meeting at the cost of \$10.00/person.

Due to the current pandemic, we are unable to meet at the Halifax United Methodist Church on September 9th. Instead we will meet virtually via Zoom at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 9th. It is hoped that we will be able to meet November 11th in Halifax.

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Looking Back in Time

(The following story was extracted from the book "History of Halifax County" by W. C. Allen, copyright 1918 by the Cornhill Company, Boston, MA.)

"The year 1781, was a stirring one for Halifax County and its people. Several events, occurring elsewhere, but participated in by Halifax County men, deserve more than a passing notice.

At the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina, January 17, 1781, Colonel Tarleton. With a command of British regulars, was signally defeated by General Daniel Morgan, of Virginia, with a small band of Continental Troops and a few battalions of North Carolina militia. In this conflict, Halifax County soldiers performed heroic service.

Nicholas Long, a kinsman of Colonel Nicholas Long and a gallant soldier in the Halifax battalion of Continental Calvary, was with Colonel William Washington in his celebrated chase of Tarleton from the battlefield, in which Tarleton received a sabre cut in the hand administered by Colonel Washington. In pursuit Long became separated from his comrades and found himself assailed by two British troopers. He wheeled and took the back track, hotly pursued by the dragoons, who fired upon him but missed their aim. In the chase, the troopers became separated, and Long observing it, suddenly turned upon his pursuers, and, with his sabre, unhorsed both men in detail and held them at his mercy until assistance arrived.

In Morgan's race with Cornwallis for the Catawba river and in Greene's retreat to the sheltering waters of the Dan, Halifax County Troops performed their part. When Greene re-crossed the Dan and fought Cornwallis to a standstill at Guilford Court House, men from Halifax were in the thickest of the attacks and counter attacks. When the British army retreated to Wilmington about the first of April, 1781, it was clearly demonstrated that North Carolina had beaten the hitherto invincible Cornwallis and was sending him to his doom."

Welcome New Members

James Robertson Rook, Jr.
James Robert Rook
Robert Franklin Hall
James Hinton Qualls
Ian Davis Qualls

Awaiting Approval

William H. Riggan III
Benjamin Wayne Riggan

From the National Society - Americanism Results

Americanism: 2nd - New Bern, NC; 3rd - Halifax Resolves; 4th - General George Washington, NC.

PG Streamer: 19th - Halifax Resolves , NC

PG Cup: 2nd - Halifax Resolves, NC

From the State Society - Americanism

Americanism: 2nd

PG Streamer: 2nd

Thos. N. "Nat" Clark Outstanding Chapter: Did not place

Notes from the Board of Managers Meeting August 22nd

The NC SAR Board of Managers met on Saturday, August 22nd, at the 1776 Sporting Club in Burlington, NC. Chapter President Geoff Pittard attended via Zoom and Past President Ken Wilson attended in person.

The chapter did not do as well in the Americanism contests as we have in the past. Hopefully we will be able to regain the top spots in the future.

The announcement was made that our Brochure winner, Jacey Carlisle, won the National Brochure Contest. This makes our 2nd National winner in this contest. Unfortunately, our Knight Essay winner, Taylor Dinota, did not place in the top three at National.

The chapter also received the President-General's Educational Outreach Streamer and certificate recognizing the number of presentations given to non-SAR organizations.

It was also announced that our state society had surpassed the 1300 members which was exciting news. We are on our way to the state goal of 2000 members by 2026,.

The State Secretary has requested that the chapters send out their dues notices NLT 1 October and to have the dues collected and sent to the State Society NLT 1 December along with the Reconciliation Report. It is hope that by doing this we will be able to reduce the number of drops.

A number of new training booklets have been posted on the State Society website. The membership is encouraged to review these documents.

Compatriot David B. Gammon was awarded the State Meritorious Service medal recognizing his efforts as the State Genealogist over the last few years.



NC SAR President Fred Learned presents the National Brochure winner's certificate to Compatriot Ken Wilson on behalf of Jacey Carlisle who was sponsored by the chapter.



Compatriot Ken Wilson accepts the PG's Educational Outreach streamer and certificate on behalf of the chapter

Minutes – July, 8, 2020

Halifax Resolves Chapter, NCSSAR

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR met on Wednesday, July 8th, 2020, in a Zoom meeting due to the Covid-19 virus and its subsequent restrictions. President Geoff Pittard called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Our Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones gave the invocation. Michael Cooper led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and President Pittard led the SAR Pledge. We heard from prospective member Bill Riggan on why he is looking to joining. He explained why he wanted to join the SAR and why he chose The Halifax Resolves.

President Geoff Pittard then read over the minutes that were e-mailed to the chapter. He then made the motion to approve the minutes. Judge then seconded and the Chapter then approved. President Geoff Pittard then read the Treasurer's report provided by Mr. Steve Avent. Michael Cooper made a motion to approve. Don Oaks seconded the motion. Then the Chapter approved.

President Pittard made a comment about the Chapter newsletter and how we still needed to send it out.

President Geoff Pittard then spoke of our current situation with the youth funds and how we are a bit shy of our goal, but we did get a lot of donations to the Youth Fund account.

President Pittard and Compatriot Ken Wilson both spoke about the flag certificates and its requirements and when one can be reported.

Compatriot Don Oaks spoke of National Leadership and the impact of Covid-19 on the SAR meetings across our country. Everyone is to meet by Zoom or another electronic communication for the time being. All events have been cancelled or put on hold.

Compatriot Ken Wilson asked whether our service medals would be presented. President Pittard said he would contact a few people.

Compatriot Ken Wilson spoke for a minute about the newest members of the Chapter that he has been helping to get in. He also made mention that North Carolina is trying to get the 2026 National Conference. It would be the 250th and it looks like the location would be between Raleigh and Charlotte.

Compatriot Ken Wilson then began to lead the Chapter in the SAR recessional. He was disconnected from Zoom pretty quickly and President Pittard took over. Rev. Duncan Jones led us in the Benediction. President Pittard then adjourned the meeting.

Geoff Pittard - Chapter President

Michael A. Cooper - Secretary



Compatriot Ken Wilson accepts a State Meritorious Service Medal, presented by NC SAR President Fred Learned, on behalf of Past NC SAR Genealogist David B. Gammon. The medal was given in recognition of his service to the state society while serving as the NC SAR Genealogist.

Upcoming Events

Sep. 5: Battle of Eutaw Springs

Sept. 11: 9-11 Commemorations; various locations

Oct. 7: Battle of Kings Mtn.

Oct. 10: Battle of Shallow Ford

Nov 7: Patriot Benjamin Sutton Grave Marking

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Dec 5: Battle of Great Bridge

Dec. 19: Wreaths Across America



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