

*The Sons of the American Revolution* is a **PATRIOTIC** organization formed in 1889 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1906, with more than 25,000 living members from all 50 states and 23 foreign countries. Throughout its 118-year history, the SAR has admitted more than 155,000 members. Among them are 16 **PRESDENTS** of the **UNITED STATES**, including George W. Bush and his father George H. W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman and Theodore Roosevelt. The SAR also has had among its members Sir Winston Churchill and King Juan Carlos I of Spain, both of whom trace their ancestry to **REVOLUTIONARY WAR** patriots. Membership requires proof of descent from a person who aided in the **PATRIOT** cause. Some of the activities in which we engage are:

- \* commemoration of patriot graves and monuments
- \* educational programs in the schools and elsewhere on the ideals of our Patriot ancestors and the American Revolution
- \* recognition of outstanding law enforcement officers and JROTC cadets
- \* sponsorship of Boy Scout troops

## SAR Pledge

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”



## Chapter Officers

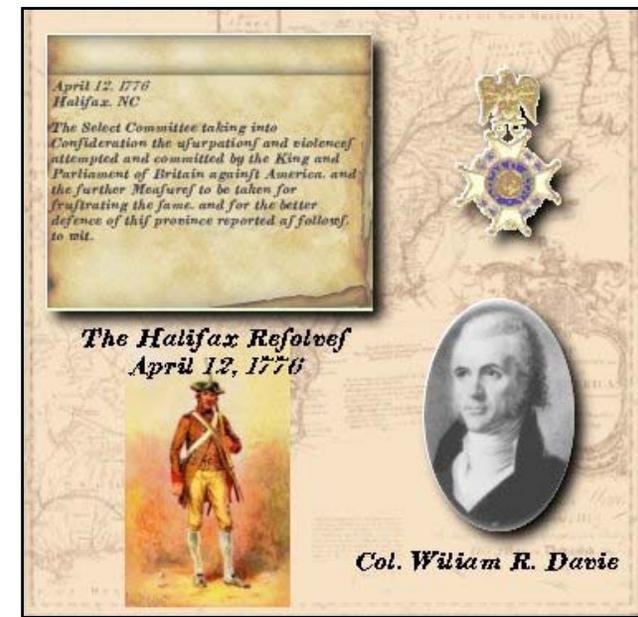
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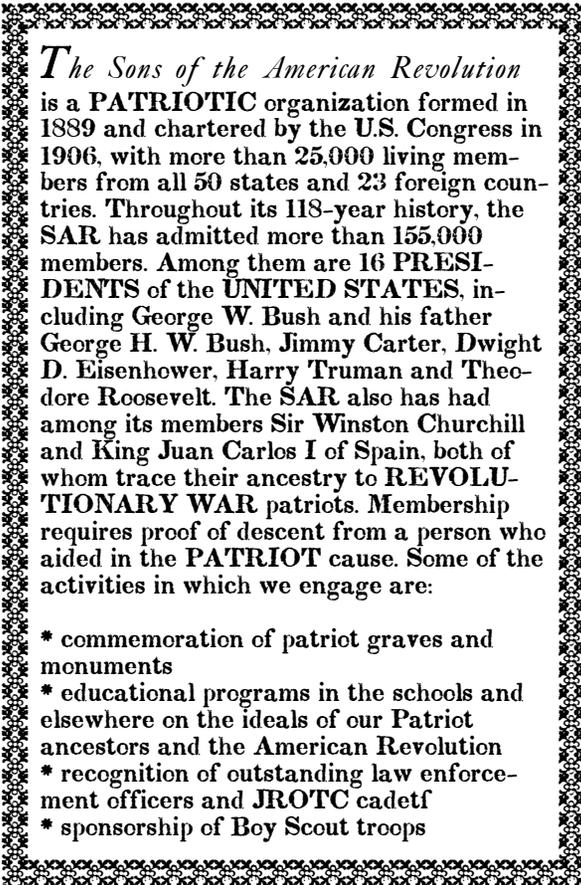


## The Halifax Dispatch

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**The Halifax Resolves Chapter  
North Carolina Society  
Sons of the American Revolution**



## *From the Secretary's Desk...*

Compatriots,

The August meeting will be held on **Wed., August 29, 2007 at 6:30 pm at Ralph's BBQ**, in Weldon. The cost of the meal will be \$12, as usual, and guests are cordially invited.

On the agenda: Chapter VP Ron Jones will be presenting the NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Northampton County Deputy Cory Jackson, whose heroic actions are described in detail elsewhere in this bulletin.

We will also be presenting the NSSAR War Service Medal to our member Ken Wilson, for his service during the Vietnam War. According to the NSSAR manual, the War Service Medal was authorized in 1919 and may be presented to a SAR member who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States in a "war or action that has been recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces and for which a campaign medal and ribbon are authorized." If there are other veterans in our chapter who qualify for this award, please let me know.

The chapter deserves a big pat on the back for its tremendous support in the recent purchase of new flagpoles for the chapter. I jury-rigged the old ones from some old drapery poles, and they were an embarrassment to the chapter in any public functions. I sent out a call for funds a few months ago, and the response from the chapter was overwhelming. The final cost turned out to be a little higher than I expected (\$282.62) because we also had to purchase the stands and the "flagpole toppers", but they are really quality flagpoles, and I think you'll agree they were worth the cost when you see them. Donations were only a few dollars short of covering the entire amount. Thanks to all who contributed!

We will also be discussing the slate of chapter officers for the upcoming year. If you want to be more active in your support of the SAR and your chapter, here's your chance. Looking forward to seeing you there—*Steve Avent, Secretary/Treasurer*

## Deputy Cory Jackson

(taken from the 5/28/2007 issue of the Roanoke Daily Herald)

On July 12th of last year, a man with a gun shot a correctional officer in the Northampton County Courthouse.

The reason he only shot one person is that bailiff Joe Magee and Deputy Cory Jackson stopped him before he could continue his rampage. On May 12, Magee and Jackson attended the 14th Annual TOP COPS Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C., where they were honored for their heroism.

Inmate Willie Forrest was already serving a 56-year sentence when he was scheduled to appear in the Northampton court on murder charges dating from 2002.

When Judge Alma Hinton denied Forrest's request to replace his lawyer, Samuel Dixon, Forrest flew into a rage and began screaming profanities and threats. The three officers grabbed him immediately and began dragging him from the courtroom.

When the three officers came to a narrow area in the courtroom, they slowed their progress to navigate the passage and Forrest managed to wrest Hicks' .38 pistol and shot him.

"I looked and he (Forrest) had the gun," Jackson said. "I thought, 'That's the wrong man with the gun,' and I rushed him. I hit him upside the wall. I took the gun and I braced him upside the wall. It took everything I had to hold one arm - my legs, too. I was saying to myself, 'If I let him go, I'm done, because I'm the only one who's got him and if I let him go, he's going to eliminate me.'"

Deputy Magee was nearby and was able to shoot Forrest, killing him. If Deputy Jackson had not acted quickly in subduing Forrest, he undoubtedly would've shot many people in the courtroom that day.

The NSSAR manual states that the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is to be awarded "...to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement", and the Halifax Resolves Chapter is proud to recognize Deputy Cory Jackson for his heroic actions that day.

## 227th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, 6/9/2007, Lincolnton, NC



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"Perhaps it's because this is a mature ceremony, as far as SAR ceremonies go, that so many people from so many states (6 in all) find their way to Lincolnton, NC to celebrate the battle of Ramsour's Mill. It might have something to do with the fact that 4 Ramsour descendants attend each year from Florida and Georgia, staunch members of the SAR and DAR within those states. And it may be that a goodly number of the rest of the people who attend had ancestors who fought in this battle, but for whatever the reason, the 2007 celebration of the Battle at Ramsour's Mill was a well-attended event."

(above) The NCSSAR contingent after the ceremony

## Upcoming Events

**Battle of Eutaw Springs Reenactment, Eutawville, SC, 9/8-9/2007**

**SCAR Revolutionary War Cavalry Conference, Wolford College, Spartanburg, SC, 11/9-10/2007**

**Carolina Mountains Literary Festival/SCAR - Revolutionary War Literature, Burnsville, NC, 9/14-15/2007**

**Fall 2007 National Meeting for Trustees, Committees, and Officers, Louisville, KY, 09/28-29/2007**

**227th Anniversary of the Battle of King's Mountain, SC, 10/7/2007**

**Fall Board of Managers Meeting, Burlington, NC - 10/13/2007**

**227th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens, SC, 1/12/2008**