

Message from the President



Compatriots,

The last two months have been eventful. Our esteemed chaplain, Rev. Duncan, assisted me with the JROTC awards and the Memorial Day Ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery. Compatriot Geoff Pittard was kind enough to assist me at the Patriot's Day Ceremony at Alamance

Battleground.

Our chapter poster contest winner, Eli Harris, came in second at the state contest. I wish to congratulate Eli for a job well done.

We have been given preliminary notice of the March of Patriots Veterans Day Parade and the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade. They will be November 10th and December 8th respectively. So far, there is no word from the Civil Air Patrol about the "Wreathes Across America" Ceremony that should be on Saturday, December 14th. All are color guard events, but at the same time they should be given the full support of the chapter membership. That's something we have lacked in the past.

I hope the membership will turn out for our program this month. Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes will be our guest speaker. He will present a program on the Llewellyn Conspiracy that was centered in the Halifax area during the Revolution.

We have a possibility of a grave marking ceremony in September. If this comes about, we will mark the grave of John Whitaker, a Colonel in the Continental Army, who is buried at Whitaker's Chapel east of Enfield. A lot of this will depend on the support given the officers by the membership. The chapter officers can no longer take on the extensive job of locating the graves, coordinating with the family/cemetery owners/churches, planning, publicizing and performing the ceremonies. Chapter members need to step up and ask what they can do to help. Just

attending and helping the officers set up and tear down is a huge help and greatly appreciated.

As a final note, at our September meeting we will be presenting the proposed slate of officers to the membership. This will be a "must attend" meeting. So if anyone has a candidate they would like to propose to the Nominating Committee, please contact Steve Avent or me.

Fraternally,

Ken Wilson
President Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR

The July meeting will be held on **Wed., July 17**, at the Halifax United Methodist Church on **152 S. King Street (Main Street) in Halifax at 6:30 pm**. The program will be presented by Chris Grimes, President of the Albemarle Chapter and will be on the "Llewellyn Conspiracy".

The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Ken Wilson or Steve Avent if you're coming.

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Recent Chapter Activities

The Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR met at the Halifax United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm. HRC President Ken Wilson called the meeting to order and Compatriot Geoff Pittard offered the Invocation. Pres. Wilson led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. NSSAR SE Dist. VPG G. Steven Pittard brought greetings from the National Society and NCSSAR Sr. VP Chuck Yard brought greetings from the North Carolina Society. Following the meal, VPG Pittard presented the Secretary's Report in the absence of Sec.-Treas. Avent. The report was unanimously accepted as read on a motion from Cleveland Hawkins and 2nd from VPG Pittard. The Treasurer's report was read by Pres. Wilson and unanimously accepted on motion from VPG Pittard and 2nd from R.J. Myrick. Pres. Wilson then informed the chapter of his activities since the last meeting:

- * Awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Cornerstone Christian School teachers Renee Walker & Linda Brown, Belmont Elementary School teachers Donna Hardy, Amanda Carter and Adrienne Powell and Halifax Academy teacher Tracy Lynch for supporting the Americanism Poster contest
- * The winning student was Eli Harris of Halifax Academy who received a certificate and a check for \$100.00, Ten Honorable Mention Certificates were awarded and 39 participant certificates
- * Participated in the April Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum "Veteran of the Month" ceremony
- * Acted as Burn Master for the Flag Retirement ceremony on Halifax Day and as MC for the Halifax Resolves ceremony
- * Presented a program on the NC Flag and Halifax during the Revolution to the 4th & 5th grade classes at Cornerstone Christian School
- * Attended the NCSSAR Convention
- * Elected NE NC Dist. 1 VP
- * Awarded a Flag Certificate to the Northampton Co., Courthouse
- * Awarded Outstanding JROTC Medal at Northern Nash HS
- * Awarded Outstanding JROTC Medal at Central Nash HS
- * Approx. 100 U.S. flags & 20 NC, military service & first responder flags to retire
- * Americanism points: 4495 P-G Streamer: 225

Pres. Wilson then reported on the events leading up to the proposal to mark the grave of Patriot John Whitaker at Whitaker's Chapel in Enfield. Even though a ceremony was performed by the DAR July 4, 1928, there is no marker showing the DAR performed the ceremony. NCS DAR Historian Karen Powell and Elizabeth Montford Ashe Regent Carol Guidry have given permission for the ceremony to take place. The DAR will be asked to take part in the ceremony. An anonymous donor has come forward and volunteered to pay for the granite marker. Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones is contacting the family to obtain permission to do the ceremony. The caretakers of the church will also have to give permission since this is an historical site. Proposed date is mid September.

The program presented by first covered events at the state convention and NCSSAR Pres. James H. Wood's goals for the upcoming year. Sr. VP Yard also commented on the goals set by Pres. Wood. Next he covered the new awards for members that have been approved by the National Society. They included the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal (available only in 2013-2014), the Roger Sherman Medal, the Patriot Grave Marking Medal, the Molly Pritcher Medal, and medals being struck now to support the endowment funds of the JROTC, Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, and Rumbaugh Oration contests.

Upcoming NCSSAR Events

July 2013

July 20, 2013 - The Colson's Mill chapter is sponsoring the annual commemoration of the Battle of Colson's Mill beginning at 10:00am at the Norwood Community Center, 247 Turner Court, Norwood, NC 28128. A lunch buffet will be served following the ceremony (donations accepted). Download the Event Flyer here from the NCSSAR website. Contact Daniel Burleson to participate in the Color Guard or present a wreath at 704-888-5606 or email dbnut8@yahoo.com.

July 26-28, 2013 - The Charlotte Folk Society's "Old Time Music Jam Virginia Weekend" is back again this summer for the 25th anniversary! The event is held on Phlegar's Farm, approximately 134 miles from Charlotte, NC, in Virginia. Download the Flyer and directions from the NCSSAR website.

August 2013

August 3, 2013 - The Mecklenburg chapter is sponsoring two (2) Patriot grave marking ceremonies. The first grave marking will be held at 10:00am at Tirzah Presbyterian Church Cemetery, located at 7507 Tirzah Church Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173 in Union County to honor six (6) Patriots buried there. At 12pm noon, we will have lunch at the Wysacky Restaurant, 7909 Lancaster HWY, Waxhaw, NC 28173. The second grave marking will be held at 2:00pm at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, located at 750 Potter Rd. South, Waxhaw, NC 28173, for Patriot Captain William Houston of the Mecklenburg Militia. If you would like to present a wreath, please contact Ray Maxson by July 25th to be included in the program at RayMaxson1@cs.com. Download the Event flier and Directions to all venues from the NCSSAR website.

August 10, 2013 - The Mecklenburg and Salisbury chapters are co-sponsoring a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony to honor Capt. Thomas S. Cowan beginning at 11:00am at Thyatira Presbyterian Church, 220 White Road, Salisbury, NC 28147. Capt. Cowan fought in the Battle of Cowan's Ford. If you would like to present a wreath, please contact Ray Maxson at RayMaxson1@cs.com by August 1st.

August 17, 2013 - The Mecklenburg chapter Color Guard will provide the Color Guard detail at 10:00am to participate in the Mecklenburg Chapter DAR grave marking at the Gilead ARP Church, 15303 Beatties Ford Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 to honor Patriot Daniel McAulay. If you would like to participate in the Color Guard, please contact Ken Luckey at kluckey83@bellsouth.net.

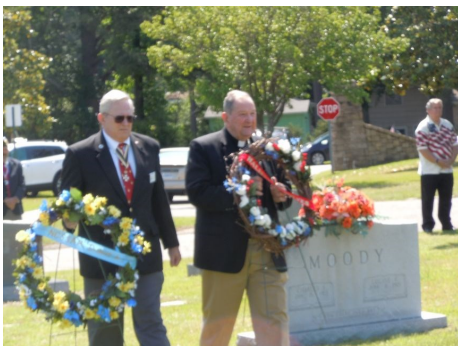
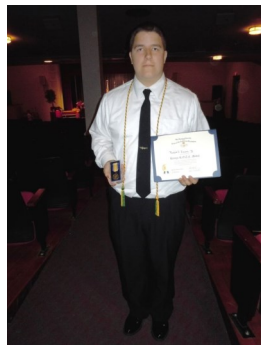
August 24, 2013 - The NCSSAR Fall Board of Managers meeting begins at 10:30am at the NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27606. \$25 cost for lunch. Download your RSVP form and map from the NCSSAR website.

September 2013

September 20-21, 2013 - The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals at Fort Watauga, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area, 1651 W Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN 37643. here are activities on Friday, Sept. 20, and the main activity begins at 10:00am on Saturday, Sept. 21. Download the full Event Flier from the NCSSAR website.

September 27-28, 2013 - SAR Fall Leadership meeting at NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY.

(l-r) Eagle Scout award recipient Matthew Owen of Troop 411, Roanoke Rapids; recipient of JROTC award from Roanoke Rapids HS; Chapter Color Guard Chairman Allen Brahin at the Nat'l Memorial Day parade in Wash., DC; Hardee grave marking, Gen. G. Washington Chptr, 6/15/13; Ken Wilson & Duncan Jones at Memorial Day ceremony at Roanoke Rapids; Duncan Jones presenting JROTC award to S. Nash HS cadet Eric Wall; participants at Alamance Battleground ceremony;






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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 120-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

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