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Next Meeting Scheduled for November 19, 2005

The November meeting of the Halifax Resolves Chapter will be a special joint meeting with the Elizabeth Montfort Ashe Chapter of the DAR. This meeting will be held at the **Historic Halifax Visitors Center** in Halifax on Saturday, 11/19/2005 at **1:30 pm**.

*** Note the change of meeting place and time ***. Since no meal will be served there will, of course, be no charge for attending, though there will be light refreshments served following the meeting. We have a very interesting speaker lined up. He is Gary Hackenburg, who will portray Thomas Jefferson. Gary is a trained actor with many years of stage experience who portrayed Jefferson this past summer in the musical '1776'. He is also the Operations Manager and morning host (known as Allen Garrett) of WZRU 90.1 in Roanoke Rapids.

Please RSVP to Steve Avent by 11/12/2005 at any of the addresses listed on the last page of this newsletter. If you forget to RSVP, come out anyway. As always, guests and interested parties are cordially invited.

Welcome to our new member!

Since our last meeting we have gained a new member: He is the Rev. Jim Turner, who lives in Kitty Hawk. Jim was an active member of the Delaware SAR and we're glad to welcome him to the NCSSAR and to the Halifax Resolves Chapter. Welcome, Jim!

This makes seven new members the chapter has gained this year—five new SAR members and two previously at-large members. This is an achievement any chapter could be proud of, especially a relatively small and new chapter such as ours, but we need to keep it going. Encourage any male relations of yours to consider SAR membership. They can 'piggyback' on your membership, and there are discounted application fees for the relatives of members. Think about membership in the Children of the American Revolution for your children or grandchildren, whether male or female.

Upcoming SAR Events

- * **1/14/2006:** 225th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Cowpens, Cowpens NBP, SC. This will be a very big deal and, as it will be held on a Saturday, a large crowd is expected. Besides the SAR observance, there will be a Revolutionary War encampment, as well as re-enactors and many other events, so it is well worth attending. See Steve Avent for details.
- * **2/25-26/2006:** 230th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, Currie, NC
- * **3/18-19/06:** 225th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC
- * **4/7-9/06:** NCSSAR Annual Convention, Raleigh, NC
- * **5/13/06:** Alamance Battleground Patriot's Day Celebration, Alamance Co., NC

Election of Officers for 2006

We will be electing our 2006 officers at the November meeting, and here are the nominees::

President: Cleveland Hawkins

Vice President: Ed Garner (Ed has accepted the position provisionally, as his schedule may not permit him to serve as President in 2007)

Chaplain: the Very Rev. Duncan Jones

If any members would like to nominate another member for any of these offices, they will have the opportunity to do so during the election. This election of new officers is a big and important step for the Halifax Resolves Chapter, so try to come on out and show your support to the new officers for 2006.

Highlights of the 10/9/05 NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting

The Board of Managers is composed of State NCSSAR officers and Chapter Presidents and meets in the Spring and Fall. It conducts the business of the NCSSAR and all members are welcome to attend. Here are some highlights of the most recent meeting:

- * The meeting opened at 1115 hours by President Joe E. Harris, Jr., with the advancement of the Colors by the East Rowan High School Army JROTC under command of Cadet LTC Emily Horton. Emily was the NC JROTC outstanding cadet for 2005 and is now a senior at East Rowan and commander of the Cadet Corps.
- * Welcoming remarks followed by the President as well as a greeting by the Sons of the Revolution, NC, State president and the CAR (Children of the American Revolution) Public Relations Chairman, Miss Emma Hodson. Miss Rachel Horne, NC State CAR President was also present and gave greetings from the State CAR organization. Both young ladies told the group about the CAR National project, raising money for the WW II museum in New Orleans and the NCCAR project raising money for the Joel Lane House. The President presented the CAR with a print of the 29th Infantry Division storming the beach at Normandy on 6 June 1944. (It was the 29th Division under BG Norman Cota who broke thorough the German defenses at Normandy and allowed the American forces to advance off the beach.) It is hoped that the CAR can auction the print off for money to support their projects. **(The Children of the American Revolution is a great organization for children and youths, and is becoming very active in NC. If you have children or grandchildren—think about membership for them.)**
- * The meeting resumed about 1200 hours with a SAR outreach briefing by the President. The briefing subject was the planned Center for Advancing America's Heritage (see further in this newsletter for more information about the CAAH).
- * Each year the SAR holds a National Congress in some major city, and SAR members attend from all over. 2011 is the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the NCSSAR, so we are hoping to be able to host the National Congress that year to top off what will be many special events that will be planned to commemorate the anniversary. Compatriot Dr. Sam C. Powell of the Alamance Battleground Chapter reported that the 2006 National SAR Congress will be in Dallas; 2007 in Williamsburg, VA; 2008 somewhere in CA; 2009 in Atlanta; 2010 in Cleveland and 2011 in North Carolina. He emphasized that NC was "penciled" in but that a proposal had not been made as to location and dates to the National committee yet. It would appear that NC is the strongest contender for the 2011 date.
- * The 2006 Fund Raising Project was presented by Sr. VP Powell. This project was the purchase and raffling of a Virginia long rifle, powder pouch and powder horn to be purchased for \$2500 and raffled at \$100 a ticket. The long rifle will be made by a company located in Fuquay-Varina. (You'll be hearing more about this as details become available).
- * Compatriot Steve Avent, Halifax Resolves Chapter President then announced that the next Halifax memorial will be on a week-end nearest to April 12, the day the Resolves were signed in Halifax . (More on this elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage

NSSAR President General Roland G. Dowling has proposed the creation of a new facility that will revolutionize the NSSAR and enable it to carry out its mission more effectively. Here is how he describes it:

What is the Center for Advancing America's Heritage?

Simply put, the Center represents the future of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Goal of the Society is to raise \$6 million for the Center, of which roughly \$3 million is needed to initiate construction of the facility, and \$3 million to endow its educational outreach programs.

Construction and operation of the Center will:

Provide a much needed expansion of SAR's historical and genealogical research capabilities through a larger, modern Library. This will offer increased opportunities for the public and students of history, genealogy, political science and other disciplines to examine significant works, collections and records pertaining to the Revolutionary War period.

Allow the SAR Museum to expand into the space it requires to more fully display its historic collections.

Provide audio visual space and capabilities for quality education programs for teachers and students on Americanism, and promote an understanding of the Revolutionary War period by focusing on the inspiring events associated with the founding of our country.

Enhance educational outreach programs and curriculum regarding the Revolutionary War period via internet, printed material and live and recorded media presentations.

Promote patriotism through educational programs emphasizing the value of unity and an American identity to new Americans and students originally from non-English speaking populations.

Launch and further develop an educational outreach website, and obtain supporting grants and fund professional staff to carry out these new, ambitious outreach programs.

Expand the focus and increase the role of NSSAR in accomplishing the mission of the SAR.

Your contributions and pledges will go a long way toward supporting our educational outreach goals as set forth in the SAR Constitution:

... "to inspire the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers...to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom..."

More information on the CAAH, and donation forms, can be found on the NCSSAR website: <http://www.ncssar.com>. If you don't have internet access, see Steve Avent.

Halifax Day, 2006

For the last two years, the Halifax Resolves Chapter has sponsored a commemoration of the signing of the Halifax Resolves during the Halifax Day event, which is always held in Halifax on April 12th. Whenever this day falls during the week, it presents a challenge for most SAR members to attend and participate so, beginning in 2006 we will hold our event on a Saturday close to April 12th. This year, the Saturday prior to April 12th is the 8th, and the one after is the 15th. As the NCSSAR State Convention will be held in Raleigh the weekend of April 8th, we'll be holding our Halifax Day event the next Saturday, April 15th. You'll be hearing more details on this event as the date approaches.

NCSSAR Website

If you have internet access, check out the NCSSAR website at <http://www.ncssar.com>. There is information on the SAR, a calendar of upcoming events, pictures of past events, and lots of articles and interesting links.

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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 116-year history, the SAR has admitted more than 155,000 members. Among them are 16 Presidents 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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