

*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 119-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.”



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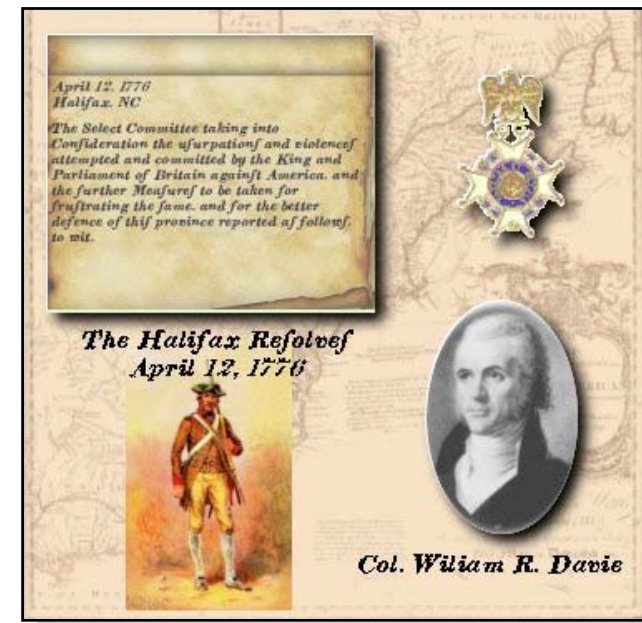
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## The Halifax Dispatch

January, 2009



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



## From the President...

Compatriots,



I hope all of you had an enjoyable Christmas Holiday.

Since our last meeting our chapter has participated in the Samuel Johnston ceremonies in Edenton and the chapter officers had a meeting in Rocky Mount.

Please remember our next meeting January 14th is at a new meeting place. We will meet at the Halifax Methodist Church on **152 S. King Street (Main Street) in Halifax at 6:30 pm** and the women of the church will provide the meal. The cost will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Ken, Steve or myself if you're coming (contact info on front of newsletter). This is something new we are trying and I hope it works. It just seems right that the Halifax Resolves Chapter meet in Halifax.

The program will be by former congressman Tim Valentine and will be about his famous uncle Gen. Frank Armstrong of Hobgood. Armstrong became famous from the movie "12 O'clock High", starring Gregory Peck, which was based on his real life exploits.

Business will be "light" but I would like for everyone to reserve the Halifax Day Ceremony on their calendar.

I hope to see you at the next meeting

*Ken Jones*  
Chapter President



## From the Vice President...

Compatriots,

This past year has been an amazing experience for me as VP. I have learned a lot about the SAR and it's many outreach programs. Every one from NCSSAR President Sam Powell to Chapter President Ron Jones and our much overworked NE NC VP and Chapter Sec.-Tres. Steve Avent has always been there to point me in the right direction.

We had a considerable number of "firsts" last year. There were three grave marking ceremonies performed by the Chapter. Seven Flag Certificates were awarded, the highest number of any chapter in NC. The first Eagle Scout medal was awarded. Our first Knight Essay Contest was held. The first NCSSAR Chapter Activities Report was submitted to the State Society for consideration. For the first time our chapter Scrapbook will be entered at the State Convention in the state competition. Last, but certainly not least, NSSAR President General Bruce Wilcox attended our Halifax Day Celebration.

The Chapter is more active today than it has been in its history. Let us all strive to keep up this momentum in 2009.

Fraternally,

*Ken Wilson, VP*

## Flag Certificate Presentations

On December 17th Chapter VP Ken Wilson presented the SAR Flag Certificate to the Roanoke Valley Rescue Substation and to the Southern Bank & Trust Co. of Roanoke Rapids. This certificate can be presented by the chapter to any individual or business that properly displays the US Flag for patriotic purposes.



(left) 1st LT Timmy Hasty receives the award for the Roanoke Valley Rescue



(right) Ass't VP Susan A. Dickerson receives the certificate for the Southern Bank & Trust Co.

## Patriot Marcum Cooper marking

Marcum Cooper was born 1740-43 in Northeastern NC, and died in 1811 in Nash Co.. He served several times on Grand and Petit juries in Nash Co. during 1778 and 1779, thus helping to keep the struggling colonial government functioning during the difficult times of the Revolution. To honor his contributions, on Saturday, November 22 the chapter placed a SAR Patriot grave marker at his grave, with appropriate ceremony. Present were the Chapter President, VP, Secretary/Treasurer and Chaplain. Also present was NCSSAR State Secretary Steve Pittard.

Descendant Don Cooper gave a talk on Marcum Cooper's life to the 40-50 spectators present and color guard duties were provided by the Southern Nash High School



(l-r) Ron Jones, Steve Pittard, Duncan Jones, Don Cooper, Steve Avent, Ken Wilson

## Upcoming Events

- \* Battle of Cowpens - 01/17/2009
- \* Battle of Cowan's Ford - 01/31/2009
- \* Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, VA - 02/14/2009
- \* NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting, Hillsborough, NC - 02/21/2009
- \* Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, Curry, NC - 02/28/2009
- \* Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC - 03/14/2009
- \* NCSSAR Annual State Conference, Durham, NC - 03/27-29/2009
- \* NCSSAR Annual Meeting, Burlington, NC - 04/3-4/2009
- \* Halifax Day, Halifax, NC - 04/11/2009
- \* Patriot's Day, Alamance Country, NC - 05/16/2009
- \* Mecklenberg Declaration of Independence, Rural Hill, Huntersville, NC - 05/17/2009
- \* Buford's Massacre, Waxhaws, SC - 05/30/2009
- \* Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC - 06/13/2009