

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 **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

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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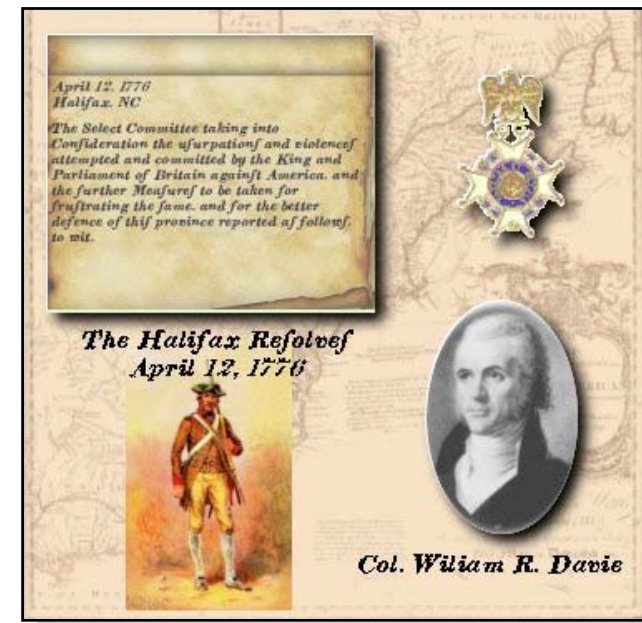
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The Halifax Dispatch

July, 2008



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



From the Secretary's Desk...

Compatriots,

The July meeting will be held on **Wed., July 9, 2008 at 6:30 pm at Ralph's BBQ**, in Weldon. The cost of the meal will be \$14, and guests are cordially invited.

On the agenda:

We will be inducting new member Frank Widrig into the SAR and the Halifax Resolves Chapter. Also, Chapter VP Ken Wilson has assembled some scrapbooks of the history of the Halifax Resolves Chapter and will be bringing them to the meeting. He's done a fantastic job with this project and I think the chapter owes him a big pat on the back for this. The NCSSAR sponsors a chapter scrapbook competition at the Annual Convention each year, and I think we're going to be a strong contender to win an award.

Also, on June 14th (Flag Day) the M. de Lafayette Chapter in Fayetteville participated in a Flag Retirement ceremony, in conjunction with many other civic organizations (see picture elsewhere in this newsletter). Whenever US Flags become worn, they are to be disposed of by burning, with appropriate ceremony. Many groups, like the American Legion and the Boy Scouts, sponsor this ceremony, but I'm not aware of it being done in our area. I think this would be a very worthwhile activity for our chapter to sponsor, and I'd like to see us consider this. Besides the fact that it is a worthwhile project in itself, it would be a good way for our chapter to advertise its presence in the community. If anyone would like to spearhead this project, please let Ron Jones or Ken Wilson know.

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Looking forward to seeing you on the 9th -

— *Steve Avent, Secretary/Treasurer*

Abner Nash Grave Marking



Abner Nash (August 8, 1740 - 5 December 1786) was the 2nd Governor of NC, serving from 1781 to 1782, and represented NC in the Continental Congress from 1782 to 1786.

Nash was an active supporter of the revolutionary cause. He represented New Bern in the rebel "provincial congress" assembled from 1774, and in 1776 was a member of the committee that drafted the state's new constitution. He became a member of the North Carolina House of Commons in 1777 (serving as the first Speaker of that house) and the State Senate in 1779. His home in Craven Co. was burned by the British and he died in New York City while serving as a delegate to the Continental Congress.

He is buried at the site of his home near New Bern, and on May 31 the Richard Dobbs Spaight DAR Chapter sponsored a grave marking ceremony there and invited the NCSSAR to participate. We provided the color guard, and several chapters, including ours, participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the grave. Chapter President Ron Jones, Chapter VP Ken Wilson, and Sec/Treas Steve Avent participated on behalf of the Halifax Resolves Chapter.



(left) Ron Jones about to salute the chapter wreath.
(right) The color guard forms up.
(below) Steve, left, Ron, 4th from left, Ken, 5th from left



20th Chapter in the NCSSAR Chartered

The new Colson's Mill Chapter serving the Stanley County area and City of Albemarle will have their official Charter Night on Monday, July 14, 2008. NC has long been one of the leading states in the creation of new chapters, and this will continue that tradition.

James O'Kelley Grave Marking

On May 4th the NCSSAR gathered at the Chatham Co. grave of Rev. James O'Kelley, minister and Patriot, to dedicate a SAR grave marker. Several descendants of his were present, and Sec/Treas Avent (left) represented our chapter.



Fayetteville Flag Retirement Ceremony

On June 14th the M. de Lafayette Chapter joined with the US Navy JROTC, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry to retire some US Flags that had become worn with use. This is a moving ceremony and is an activity that our chapter should consider sponsoring.

(right) Paul Monroe, Sec/Treas of the M. de Lafayette Chapter (center) recites the Toast to the Flag while Dick Bishop (right), SE District VP, looks on.



Upcoming Events

250th Anniversary of the Birth of William Polk, SAR Wreath laying ceremony, Raleigh, NC - 07/12/2008

Chartering of the Colson's Mill Chapter, NCSSAR, Oakboro, NC - 7/14/2008

NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY - 9/25-27/2008

228th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC - 10/7/2008