

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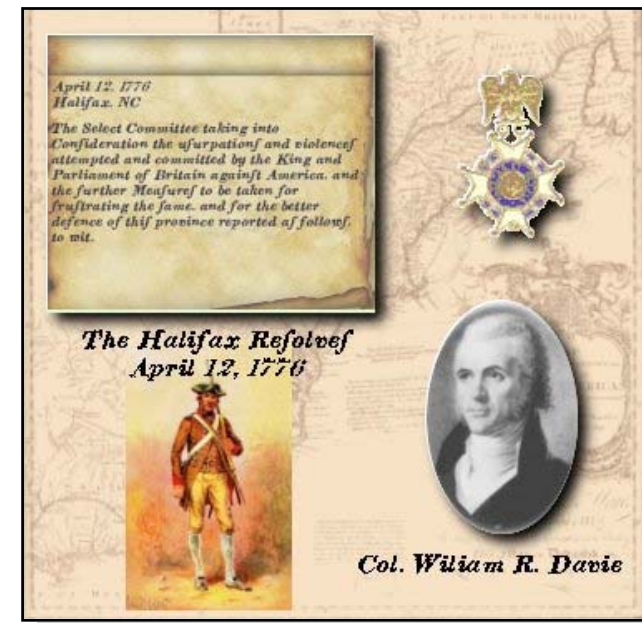
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**The Halifax Resolves Chapter
North Carolina Society
Sons of the American Revolution**



From the Secretary's Desk...

Compatriots,

The May meeting will be held on **Wed., May 14, 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:

Chapter President Ron Jones will be doing a program on Gen. Nathanael Greene. Ron has spent years researching every aspect of Gen. Greene's life, and he has put together a program which he will be presenting in schools and to interested groups. Gen. Greene led a very interesting life, and Ron's program is one you won't want to miss.

We will also discuss the possibility of holding our meetings somewhere besides Ralph's BBQ. Ralph's has gone up on their prices again, so this would be a good time for us to consider our options.

The Rada knife fundraiser was a tremendous success, and I think the chapter will net something in the \$500 range from it. Thanks to all who participated, especially Dr. Arthur Brown, who might have been the high seller for the chapter. If anyone has a suggestion for a future fundraiser, let President Jones know.

If you know of anyone who is qualified for membership in the SAR, be sure to encourage them to join. The last new member of our chapter was Dr. Brown, whose application was approved September of 2007, so it's been a while. One challenge the chapter has always faced is that our members are spread out all the way from near Elizabeth City to Rocky Mount, so it is especially important that we increase the number of members who live in the Roanoke Rapids/Halifax area, as that would make it easier for us to participate in local community events and increase our presence in the community. Be sure to invite any interested parties to our meetings. Looking forward to seeing you on the 14th -

— *Steve Avent, Secretary/Treasurer*

Halifax Resolves Celebration

Our chapter's annual celebration of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves was held Sat., April 12th in Halifax. This was an especially big year as our keynote speaker was National SAR President General Bruce Wilcox. There were 27 participants in the wreath laying ceremony, including representatives from the SAR, DAR, Children of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and the Military Officer's Association of America.

Chapter President Ron Jones did a great job as Master of Ceremonies, Duncan Jones announced the participant's names without a hitch and the whole event was a credit to the Halifax Resolves Chapter.



VP Ken Wilson salutes the chapter wreath



Pres. Ron Jones was MC



Some of the SAR participants at the 2008 celebration

Flag Certificate Presentation

In April, Chapter VP Ken Wilson presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Ashley Smith of Roanoke Rapids. The Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.



Grave Marking Ceremony

On Sat., March 29th representatives from the Halifax Resolves Chapter dedicated a SAR Patriot grave marker at the grave of Patriot Francis Rackley. The ceremony was well attended by over 125 people, many of them descendants of Francis Rackley, as well as reporters from two local newspapers. The event was reported on the front page of the Nashville Graphic, with pictures, as well as in a large article in the Rocky Mount Telegram.



(l-r) Pres. Ron Jones, Sec/Treas Steve Avent, VP Ken Wilson, Glenn Sappie, Pres. of the Raleigh SAR Chapter



Sec/Treas Steve Avent beside the grave.

Upcoming Events

12th Annual Patriot's Day Celebration, Alamance Battlefield NC Historic Site - 05/17/2008

Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Remembrance, Rural Hill Farm, NC - 05/18/2008

228th Anniversary of the Battle of the Waxhaws (Buford's Massacre), Buford's Crossroads, SC - 05/24/2007

228th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC - 6/7/2008