

*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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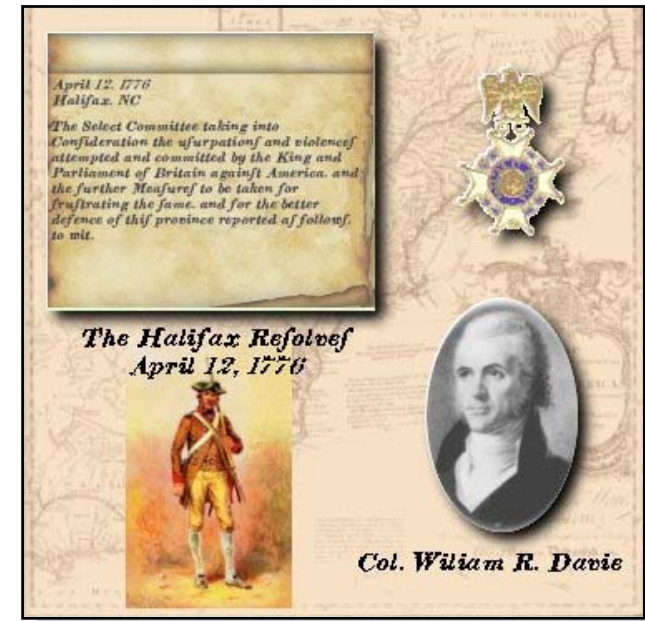
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## **The Halifax Dispatch**

*September, 2008*



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



## From the President...

Compatriots,



I hope all of you have had a nice summer! First a reminder that we now meet every other month, usually the second Wednesday of the month. Please put these meeting dates on your calendar; Sept 10, Nov 12, Jan 14, Mar 11, Apr 12 (Halifax Day), and May 13.

I have officially retired now and have more time for SAR. I hope to be able to participate in more activities and create more of an awareness of SAR in our area. If you know of parades, ceremonies, etc., please let me know. Someone from our chapter may not be able to participate in all but we hope to be in a lot more than in the past.

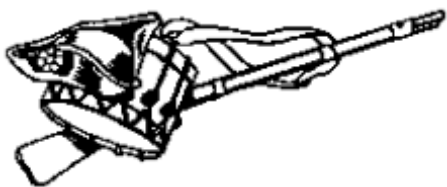
We already have a good program scheduled for each meeting through the winter and we need to have a good turn out. Any suggestions for future programs will be appreciated.

Along with the programs I plan to start something new at each meeting. I have been preparing a series of biographical sketches of people from the local area that achieved something that was historically noteworthy. Some of these people have been forgotten but are really worthy of remembering. These will last 5 to 10 minutes (I promise).

The officers have been busy with many projects and we will discuss this at our next meeting during the business session.

I hope to see you at Ralph's on Wednesday the 10th.

*Ron Jones*  
Chapter President



## From the Secretary's Desk...

Compatriots,

The September meeting will be held on **Wed., September 10, 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 VP Ken Wilson will give a program on the US Flag: its history and the protocol for flying and folding it
- induction of new chapter member Frank Widrig
- presentation of SAR War Service Medals to members Lonnie Edwards and Frank Widrig

Looking forward to seeing you on the 10th—

—*Steve Avent, Secretary/Treasurer*

### Eagle Scout Award Presentation

On August 9th Chapter VP Ken Wilson presented the SAR Eagle Scout Commendation certificate to Eagle Scout Edward Gardner, of Troop 146.



(l-r) Eagle Scout Edward Gardner, Chapter VP Ken Wilson

### Flag Certificate Presentation

On August 7th Chapter VP Ken Wilson presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Michael and Teresa Pulley 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) Teresa and Michael Pulley

## Nathaniel Macon



Nathaniel Macon (1758–1837), a Warren County native, entered public service in 1781 when he was elected to the North Carolina Senate. He later served North Carolina in the U.S. House of Representatives (1791–1815) and in the U.S. Senate (1815–1828).

During this period he held numerous important positions in the Congress and was respected by his peers. Thomas Jefferson hailed Macon as “the last of the Romans” for his steadfast devotion to Republican ideals.

In 1829, when Macon retired from public life, he was one of the most powerful and influential men in the United States. He was honored by his peers by the creation of "Macon" Counties in Illinois, Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama. Both Georgia and Mississippi have cities named for him. Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA and Fort Macon in NC bear his name. He died in 1837 and was buried beside his wife at his homeplace in Warren Co., NC.

We are currently negotiating with Warren Co. officials to hold a SAR grave marking ceremony at Macon's grave later on this year. Chapter VP Ken Wilson will be providing more information about this project at the meeting.

### Upcoming Events

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

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

**NCSSAR Fall Board of Managers meeting, Salisbury, NC - 10/18/2008**

**Battle of the Hook Reenactment, Gloucester, VA - 10/18 - 19, 2008**

**Yorktown Victory Day Celebration, Yorktown, VA - 10/19/2008**