

## Message from the President



To my Compatriots and friends,

As I sit here, searching desperately for inspiration, I am thinking back over the past two years and all the events I have attended. Grave markings, memorial services, and flag retirements have all had

their special moments. In my mind dance memories of parades, individuals and fellow SAR members attired in appropriate wear, displaying our heritage for all around us to see. Those of our organization that are living historians and those who just love history with all the knowledge being passed around about our nation's past have been some of my fondest.

We are glorious.

Keep that in mind gentlemen. We are indeed glorious. Some of us are arrogant enough to believe that (yours truly) while others are humble and wouldn't agree with that assessment. Their humility is admirable but in my own opinion, they are wrong. We are the light bearers. We are the historians of our generation and we are at the forefront of passing that knowledge and pride and heritage to the next generations. We are necessary and our mission, in all its multitude of goals, is worthy.

Those of you who I have seen at the events, I thank you. I thank you for your help and participation. I thank you for holding on to that drive which pushes you to be out there, sharing and hoping that we can light a spark of national pride in just one person. Thank you for the ca-

maraderie, the friendship, the advice and the brotherhood. We have not always seen eye to eye. Not everyone in our society stayed the course with us, some went their own way. These things happen but they must not deter us as a society from doing our best to make productive decisions and further our national heritage. All in all, thank you for showing me a better part of society.

Those of you I have not seen or talked to, you are still close to my thoughts. That you are a part of our chapter and our organization means a lot to me. I would like to meet you and perhaps participate in an event with you. Either way it is still nice to think that you are there, supporting our mission.

We are fast approaching the end of another year. This is the time when we pick the next slate of chapter officers to watch and guide the chapter over the next two years. It has been a joy being Chapter President and regardless of how the slate turns out, I will continue to support the chapter and the SAR in the coming years. I truly want what is best for the chapter and value it and each of you greatly. Thank you for accepting me as one of you; It is this acceptance and feeling that I belong with you in brotherhood that has become an important part of my life these past few years.

Just remember: We are glorious!

Hope to see each and every one of you soon,

*Geoff Pittard*

NC is general, and the Halifax Resolves Chapter in particular, did very well in the Americanism awards at the recent National SAR Congress:

NSSAR 2014 NCSAR Americanism Final Results - Chapters of 1-49 Members						(80 entries)		
Liberty Bell Americanism Award			President General's Streamer			President General's Cup		
1	Colonel Stephen Trigg, KY	20,044	1	Colonel Robert Anderson, SC	5235	1	Col Stephen Trigg, KY	644.68
4	Halifax Resolves, NC	6,251	6	General George Washington, NC	2235	2	Halifax Resolves, NC	405.60
11	General George Washington, NC	3,236	15	Halifax Resolves, NC	1370	5	General George Washington, NC	300.31
17	Salisbury, NC	2,584	25	Salisbury, NC	1105	6	Silas McDowell, NC	194.58
19	Silas McDowell, NC	2,411	43	Silas McDowell, NC	725			
39	Albemarle, NC	965	50	Albemarle, NC	620			
75	Bethabara, NC	30	58	Bethabara, NC	455			
80	Outer Banks, NC	0	80	Outer Banks, NC	5			
NSSAR 2014 NCSAR Americanism Final Results - Chapters of 50-99 Members						(54 entries)		
Liberty Bell Americanism Award			President General's Streamer			President General's Cup		
1	Governor Isaac Shelby, KY	13,165	1	le Marquis de Lafayette, NC	5,965	1	Governor Isaac Shelby, KY	180.98
5	Lower Cape Fear, NC	6,022	2	Alamance Battleground, NC	5,005	4	Lower Cape Fear, NC	132.67
9	le Marquis de Lafayette, NC	4,586	21	Lower Cape Fear, NC	2,734	8	Alamance Battleground, NC	112.20
19	Battle of Kings Mountain, NC	2,379	26	Battle of Kings Mountain, NC	2,050	10	le Marquis de Lafayette, NC	108.55
24	Alamance Battleground, NC	2,170	41	Blue Ridge, NC	1,095	17	Battle of Kings Mountain, NC	66.93
40	Nathanael Greene, NC	1,160	51	Nathanael Greene, NC	810			
49	Blue Ridge, NC	525						
NSSAR 2014 NCSAR Final Results for States Societies of 500-999 Members						(6 entries)		
Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award			President General's Streamer			Points per member		
1	Kentucky	30,799	1	North Carolina	49,835	1	North Carolina	62.49
2	North Carolina	29,636	2	Kansas	43,155	2	Kansas	57.27

*September Chapter Meeting*

The September meeting will be held on **Wed., September 9**, at the Halifax Baptist Church on **131 Prussia Street in Halifax at 6:30 pm**.

We will be discussing the proposed slate of officers for 2016—2017 (and accepting nominations from the floor for alternative choices) as well as other exciting chapter business.

The cost of the meal will be \$10. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Geoff Pittard or Steve Avent if you're coming.

**President:** Ken Wilson  
**VP:** RJ Myrick  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Steve Avent  
**Color Guard Commander / Registrar:** Allen Brahin  
**Chaplain:** Rev. Duncan Jones

Nominations will, of course, be accepted from the floor. Balloting will take place at the Chapter's Annual Meeting in November.

*Chapter Activities*



Above (l-r): On 18 July VP RJ Myrick presented the SAR Flag Certificate to the Lake Gaston Ice House, owner George Manning is pictured.

At the August NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting President Geoff Pittard accepted the Partners in Patriotism Award on behalf of the Chapter.

At the same Board of Managers meeting Past Chapter President Ken Wilson was awarded the SE District Meritorious Service Award.

*Upcoming Statewide Activities*

**September 12, 2015:** New Chapter Charter Ceremony in Morganton! Please join us as we welcome our State's 27th new chapter, the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter in Morganton, NC.

**October 07, 2015:** 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. The 235th Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Kings Mountain will be held beginning at 11:00am at Kings Mountain National Battlefield Park.

**October 10, 2015:** 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Shallow Ford. The Battle of Shallow Ford took place west of the Yadkin River, about a mile from the Shallow Ford crossing. Around 350 Whig militiamen from North Carolina and Virginia, commanded by Maj. Joseph Cloyd, defeated a local band of Tories numbering between 400 and 900.

**October 17, 2015:** Unveiling Slave and Native American Cemetery Monument. You are invited to join the NCSSAR in assisting the Gov. John Archdale Chapter, National Society of Colonial Dames XVII, in the presentation and unveiling of a monument in the Slave and Native American Cemetery, Sardis Presbyterian Church, 6100 Sardis Road, Charlotte, NC, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Sixty-six markers, none marked with names or any writing, represent the graves of slaves and Native Americans.



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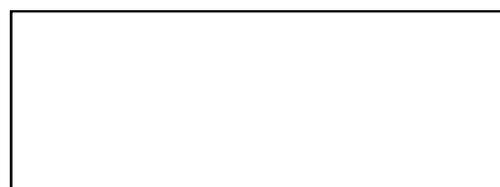
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*The Sons of the American Revolution* is a **PATRIOTIC** organization formed in 1889 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1906, with more than 25,000 living members from all 50 states and 23 foreign countries. Throughout its 120-year history, the 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

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