

## Message from the President



To my Compatriots and friends,

We come to the close of another wonderful year with the SAR. This year will be my last for at least a little while as one of your officers. I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to be in your leader-

ship cadre and have learned many things about how our organization works from the experience. Ken will be returning to his role as Chapter President and I am looking forward to his return to being the king of our chapter. (smile)

You are all aware, I am sure, that Ken has been working diligently this whole time on our chapter and serving the purposes of the SAR. When I took the mantle of President, it was to help take some of the burden off of him and while that did happen, he has continued to be a tireless worker for us locally as well as abroad. I will say right now that he is the lifeblood of our chapter and it has been a great wonder to be a part of it.

This is not to say that I will be leaving or anything. My schedule is busy but I will continue to be there to help him and I would love to see others in the chapter also pitching in where they can. We have a very devoted core group of officers but there is always room for one more.

Enough on that. Gentlemen, as we go now into our holiday season, I am very thankful for our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Many people think that the documents are outdated because of different changes between our time and the time of our founding fathers. They do not realize that history has repeated itself time and time

again. Democracy is a terribly fragile thing and our fathers knew that.

Technology changes, arms become more sophisticated, with more ammo, more power. Was the 2nd amendment about hunting and self-defense? Honestly, no. We spend every day hearing the same arguments and yet a fact check on the wording of the amendment and why each side of the federalists and anti-federalists wanted the amendment (and both sides did) will reveal that it literally means we are to have the means to stand up to our own military should the need arise.

Alright, I'm done. Please go with God gentlemen and enjoy your holiday season.

*Geoff Pittard*

The November meeting will be held on **Wed., November 11**, at the Halifax Baptist Church on **131 Prussia Street in Halifax** at **6:30 pm**.

On the agenda: The slate of Chapter officers for 2016-2017 will be installed, and the incoming President will discuss his plans.

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

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Here is the slate of Chapter Officers to be installed at this meeting:

**President:** Ken Wilson

**VP:** RJ Myrick

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Steve Avent

**Color Guard Commander / Registrar:** Allen Brahin

**Chaplain:** Rev. Duncan Jones

The Officer Installation ceremony will be conducted by NCSSAR President Tim Berly.

***Don't forget: 2016 dues in the amount of \$75 are now payable!***

*Chapter Activities*



Above left: On 9/11/2015 members of the Chapter provided planning and logistical support to AMVETS Chapter Post 101 of Roanoke Rapids during their 9-11 commemoration ceremony. In attendance, from L-R are Compatriots E.C. Bobbitt, Past Pres. Ken Wilson And Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones.

Above right: the group photo from the charter ceremony held on 9/12/2015 for the new Col. Alexander Erwin Chapter in Morganton, NC. Ken Wilson participated in the ceremony assisting NCSSAR Pres. Tim Berly.



Left: On 9/15 The Halifax Resolves SAR Chapter and the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter placed a display in the Scotland Neck Memorial Library honoring the U.S. Constitution. This display illustrates the chain of events from the adoption of the Halifax Resolves to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The Halifax Resolves Chapter was represented by Past President Ken Wilson (L) and Halifax Resolves Chapter DAR Regent Ms. Roberta Josey (R).





Above (top left): On 10/10/Ken Wilson spoke to the Nash Central HS AP History class on the significance of the dates displayed on the North Carolina flag. (top right): On 10/22 Ken spoke to the Northern Nash HS JROTC on the US Flag and Flag Etiquette. (bottom left): On 10/30 Ken gave three presentations to the 5th and 8th grade students at Halifax Academy on the US Flag and Flag Etiquette. (bottom right): On 11/2 Ken attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Garrett Williams and presented him with the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate. Williams is a member of Troop 144 in Roanoke Rapids.

*Upcoming Statewide Activities*

**November 8, 2015:** The NCSSAR Combined Color Guard and the Halifax Resolves Chapter will lead the Roanoke Rapids Veteran's Day Parade, beginning at 3:00.

**November 11, 2015:** The Halifax Resolves Chapter meeting. 2016—2017 officers will be installed by NCSSAR President Tim Berly.

**December 5, 2015:** 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge, 11:00 am - 12:45 pm. The wreath ceremony begins at 11:00am at the Battle of Great Bridge Historic Park in Chesapeake, VA.

**December 12, 2015:** Wreaths Across America, 10:00 am - 10:30 am. Many NCSSAR Chapters are participating in this program, in which wreaths are placed at the graves of veterans in local cemeteries.

**January 30, 2016:** The Winter NCSSAR Board of Managers meeting will be held at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, NC, immediately following the Cowan's Ford event. 11:30 am—2:30 pm.



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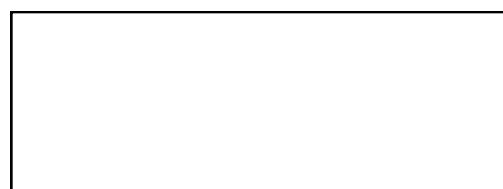
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- \* commemoration of Patriot graves and monuments
- \* educational programs in the schools and elsewhere on the ideals of our Patriot ancestors and the American Revolution
- \* recognition of outstanding law enforcement officers and JROTC cadets
- \* sponsorship of Boy Scout troops

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