



Message from the President



Compatriots,

Summertime is usually calm for our chapter, but we have been busy. Thanks to the efforts of Compatriot Ken Wilson, we have two potential chapter members, both local teachers who have participated in the Knight Essay Contests in past years. Ken is already working with these gentlemen in the preparation of their applications. I'm sure large chapters are always glad to have new members, but since we are quite small, we are especially happy to welcome new names to our roster. I don't think I'm entirely capable of turning a cartwheel in the churchyard once their paperwork is complete, but perhaps I can find another suitable (and less strenuous) form of celebration!

Since our July meeting, Ken Wilson has also been busy attending several ceremonies and functions as Captain of our State Color Guard. Thank you, Ken, for your extra effort, and for representing our chapter so faithfully.

On August 18, Ken and I also attended the fall Board of Managers meeting in Burlington. This meeting is traditionally held in August, and is attended mainly by chapter presidents and state officers, although all members are welcome. Our chapter won several national-level awards, which had been given to our State President George Strunk at the National Congress earlier this summer.

Don't forget that on Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 we will have a grave marking for compatriot Nicholas Bunn Boddie at Rose Hill Plantation near Nashville. Mr. Boddie's family and ancestral lines have been in Nash County and eastern North Carolina for several centuries. Please plan to attend this respectful and touching tribute to one

of our deceased SAR members. The ceremony will be in the family cemetery on the Rose Hill property.

Meanwhile, never forget that we have the opportunity to spread the word about the SAR in all corners of the world, and sometimes in the most unexpected places. In June, while on the way to the grave marking for Compatriot James Carlos Harris, I stopped at Hardee's in Kinston for a quick breakfast. (I confess to a long-standing love affair with Hardee's biscuits, and unashamedly and enthusiastically look for any excuse to stop to have one.) There I stood in line, wearing my long-sleeved shirt, tie, carefully shined shoes and my SAR neck ribbon, amidst all the locals on that hot morning who were wearing shorts, tee shirts, and tennis shoes or sandals. (And trust me -- I would have been dressed identically to them had I not been on SAR business.) I admit I felt a little conspicuous as I waited my

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The September meeting will be held Wed., 9/12, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax NC. Our speaker will be Traci Thompson, Certified Genealogist and Librarian at Braswell Library in Rocky Mount. Her topic will be "John Evans: A Case of Mistaken Identity."

The ladies of the Methodist Church will be preparing a delicious dinner, but reservations are required, no later than Friday, 9/7. You may email President Gammon at thepinnacle@ec.rr.com, or call him at **252-732-6476**. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 per person. If we do not hear from you, we will presume you will not be able to attend. Be sure to let us know if you are bringing any guests, as any last minute guests who we do not have a RSVP for may not be able to get a meal.

turn in line, as several people were obviously looking at me, and paying particular attention to the neck ribbon and the medallion that hangs at the end of it. Finally, one brave soul came over and said "Are you in some secret society or something?"

Having spent thirty years in the field of public education, I knew instantly that this was what we educators call "the teachable moment," so I seized it. I said simply, "I'm a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and let me tell you a little about it."

Now, I would like to tell you that when I started speaking, the fryers stopped frying, the biscuits stopped baking, the clerks stopped counting money, a hushed crowd gathered at my feet, and in general all traffic came to a screeching halt right there along Highway 70. But that might be a bit of an exaggeration. More than a bit, actually. I might even fall into that category of people like my great-aunt, about whom my grandmother once said "I won't go so far as to say she lies, but she sure does embroider the truth when she talks." So rather than embroider the truth any more (than I already have), I will simply say that I suddenly had an audience of two or three men, who were most interested in my very brief description of the SAR and what it takes to join. Finally, one of them said he believed he had a patriot ancestor, and had heard his Grandma talk about him. So, after jotting down the SAR web site and my phone number on a napkin, I took my biscuit and got back on the road.

The moral of that story? Let's never miss an opportunity to spread the good word about the SAR! I hope to see you at the September meeting.

David

Minutes of July, 2018, Meeting

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR met on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President David Gammon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Rev. Duncan Jones gave an invocation, and then Compatriot Rives Manning led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag. President Gammon led the members in the SAR Pledge. The following guests were introduced: Seth Warner, Social Studies Teacher at Roanoke Rapids High School, Daisy Dolicker, President of the NC CAR, and her father George Dolicker.

In the absence of Secretary/Treasurer Steve Avent, President Gammon briefly discussed the minutes from the previous meeting, which were approved. The Treasurer's report indicated a total balance of \$2100.15, of which the subcategories include the Youth Fund with a balance of \$540.00 and the General Fund with a balance of \$1560.15. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Under old business, the following topics were discussed:

- Compatriot Wilson described the recent grave marking of Compatriot James Carlos Harris, held June 16 at Buxton Hall near Inez.
- The grave marking of Compatriot Nicholas Bunn Boddie will be held at Rose Hill Plantation near Nashville, Saturday, September 15. This has been rescheduled from June 16 because of family commitments.
- Compatriot Wilson gave an update on our Americanism points thus far this year.
- Compatriot Wilson listed a few upcoming events that will involve our chapter.

Under new business, the following topics were discussed:

- Compatriot Wilson introduced Seth Warner, a Social Studies teacher at Roanoke Rapids High School. Mr. Warner has had numerous students participate in the Knight Essay Contest, and his students regularly participate in flag retirements and other SAR-sponsored events. He thanked the chapter for what they have done for his classroom.
- The annual celebration at the House in the Horseshoe will be the First Saturday in August.

After the discussion of new business, Daisy Dolicker, president of the NC CAR, gave a presentation about the CAR and her project for the year. President Gammon then led the members in the SAR Recessional, Compatriot Rev. Duncan Jones gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.



Top-bottom, l-r: (7/31) Ken and Eagle Scout Bryon Anderson; (8/4) the “House in the Horseshoe” observance, Carthage, Moore Co., NC; (8/7) Drs. Arthur and Nicholson of Roanoke Rapids receiving the Flag Certificate; (8/22) NC SAR President George Strunk presenting three National awards to the Halifax Resolves Chapter: Partners in Patriotism, Liberty Bell Award, President General’s Cup; (8/23) Ken with National SAR Brochure Contest winner Madison Elias and her father; (8/25) Grady /Outlaw Grave Marking sponsored by the GGW Chapter, Albertson, NC; (8/29) Ken presenting the Eagle Scout Award to two Scouts: Kevin Taylor (with parents) and Joshua Duncan (with parents).



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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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