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President's Report



Presented CAR Award at DAR Meeting



Ron Bonham and Pitt County ROTC Class



Ron Bonham presented a Flag Certificate



We presented the Merchant Marine Wreath



A SJAFB photographer caught us saluting



Post ceremony photograph

As the New Year begins, we acknowledge that while we do not meet as a Chapter, the work continues. I was asked to speak at the Mosely Bright DAR Chapter in Kinston and got the opportunity to present Mary Lee Flowers (Past State CAR President) a Silver SAR – CAR Medal for her work while I was SAR State President (note: our schedules never meshed since April). I spoke about Wreaths Across America and gave a pitch for their husbands and sons to join us as well as how we can support one another

through the 250th Anniversary and beyond. They have a Grave Marking in planning and may ask for a Color Guard. Ron has been speaking to JROTC classes for years and I finally got a picture in the newsletter. He has widened his range beyond Pitt County and promises to do even more once he retires. We agreed that we should present Flag Certificates to the schools where the JROTC classes have responsibility for the School Flag, and he presented two in December. If you notice a business or individual that does a good job displaying (including maintenance) of their flag, we can present them a certificate as well - let us know. I was invited to speak to the David Williams DAR Chapter in Goldsboro at their Christmas luncheon. I told the story of my SAR membership and participation in the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976, pitched recruiting their husbands and sons as SAR members and supporting one another's activities through the year. One of my favorite events of the year is Wreaths Across America. A short, high visibility ceremony coupled with an opportunity for this ageing Veteran to acknowledge the service and mark the grave of fellow Veterans. Three of us laid 86 wreaths on graves at the Eastern NC Veterans Cemetery and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Goldsboro. We lead the ceremony by presenting the wreath for the Merchant Marines prior to the five other service wreaths prior to all Veterans Graves being marked. I pray everyone had a chance for some quality "Family" time over Christmas and New Years and look forward to our meeting on 16 January at 7 PM at Cypress Glen in the Aerobics Room. Happy New Year!!!!

SM Sgt. George Strunk, USAF Ret.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, **16 January 2020, at 7 PM**, at Cypress Glen (Aerobics Room), 100 Hickory St., Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Order of Business

Call to Order: President George Strunk
Invocation/Blessing: Chaplain Ron Jones
Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's Flag: Dylan Markel
SAR Pledge: Avery Cordell
Program: Compatriot David Markel presents a program on Ensign John Holland, Delaware Regiment of Foot
Presentation of Awards: President George Strunk
Induction of Compatriot Jimmy Aycock
Unfinished Business: 1. Caswell Ceremony
2. Richard Lee Wooten compatriot grave marking
New Business:
SAR Recessional: Brad Williams
Benediction Chaplain Ron Jones

Minutes for November 21, 2019

Distributed in December Newsletter.

Upcoming SAR events that might be of interest

Jan 16 General George Washington Chapter Meeting - 7PM - Cypress Glen
Jan 17 South Atlantic District Meeting - 4PM - Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Drive, Spartanburg, SC
Jan 18 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens – 10AM – 4001 Chesnee Hwy, Gaffney, SC
Feb 1 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford – 10AM – 10500 Beatties Ford Rd, Huntersville, NC
NC SAR 2020 Winter Board of Managers Meeting – 11:30 – church gym
Feb 12 GGW President Strunk speaks "Patriotism" at DAR Meeting – 10AM – Brown Library, Washington, NC
Feb 15 239th Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan- 10AM – 700 Bruce St., South Boston, VA

Skirmish at James Plantation historical marker dedication - 10AM – 2200 Prince Anne Rd., VA Beach, VA
 Raleigh Chapter Lunch Meeting – 12PM – Red Hot and Blue, 6647 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC
 Feb 20 Mecklenburg President’s Day Dinner with Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. - 6PM- 5624 Westpark Dr., Charlotte, NC
 General George Washington Chapter Meeting – 7PM – Cypress Glen
 Feb 21 Lower Cape Fear Chapter George Washington Birthday Celebration
 Feb 22 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore’s Creek – 10AM – 200 Moores Creek Dr., Currie, NC
 SAR/DAR George Washington Birthday Dinner – 5PM – New Bern Golf and Country Club, New Bern
 Feb 27-29 NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY
 Mar 7 Compatriot Charles Earl Carter Grave Marking – 12:30PM – 181 Netties Dr., Havelock, NC
 Mar 14 239th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse – 10AM – Greensboro, NC
 Mar 19 General George Washington Chapter Meeting, Greenville, NC
 Mar 21 Raleigh Chapter Lunch Meeting, Raleigh, NC
 Mar 27-28 SC SAR Annual Meeting, Clinton, SC
 Apr 3-4 NC Annual Meeting, Winston Salem, NC
 Apr 16 General George Washington Chapter Meeting
 Apr 18 244th Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves
 May 16 Patriots Day in Alamance County
 May 20 245th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration
 May 21 General George Washington Chapter Meeting
 Jun 18 General George Washington Chapter Meeting
 Jun 20 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill
 Raleigh Chapter Tara Farm Picnic – 11:30-2:30 – Raleigh. NC
 Jul 4 Raleigh Naturalization Ceremony
 Ringing of the North Carolina Liberty Bell Replica
 Jul 11-15 130th Annual SAR Congress – Richmond, VA
 Jul 16 General George Washington Chapter Meeting
 Jul 18 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Colson’s Mill
 Aug 1 239th Anniversary of the Battle of House in the Horseshoe
 Aug 15 250th Anniversary of the Tryon Resolves
 Aug 20 General George Washington Chapter Meeting
 Aug 22 NC BOM
 Sep 17 General George Washington Chapter Meeting
 Sep 24-26 NSSAR Leadership
 Oct 6 South Atlantic District Meeting
 Oct 7 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain
 Oct 10 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Shallow Ford
 Oct 15 General George Washington Chapter Meeting
 Nov 17 General George Washington Annual Meeting
 Dec 19 Wreaths Across America