



Rowan Resolves

NEWSLETTER OF THE SALISBURY CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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Seattle Seahawks Mascot joins the Salisbury and Catawba Chapters at Wreaths Across America



Imagine our surprise when the Seattle Seahawks Mascot and accompanying entourage asked for pictures with us at Wreath Across America at the Historic National Cemetery. I was joined by Region VP Jack Bowman and Catawba Valley President, Ben Setser. We helped place nearly 5,000 wreaths at the Historic location.

Chapter Calendar

Mar 14
Guilford CH

Mar 28
Grady Hall GM
11:30 lunch
1:30 service

May 17
Chapter Meeting
2:30

May
JROTC Award presentations

Jul 4
Independence Day
Parade
Faith

Another New Member at the February Meeting

We gained another new member at our February 16 meeting. Steve Arey was presented his new member packet. Steve told of his ancestor, Richard Parker, who was paid for services rendered. Parker was born in Southampton County, Virginia and died in Rowan County, NC. He is buried at the Parker Cemetery off River Road in eastern Rowan County. The cemetery is now on private land. We welcome Steve to the chapter.

In the President's report, it was noted that the Salisbury Chapter presented 46 Flag Certificates in 2019 and lead all chapters. The Salisbury Chapter was responsible for over half the flag certificates presented.

Grave Marking for Grady Hall

The Grave Marking Service for Grady Hall will be on March 28 at Christ Episcopal Church in Cleveland. There will be lunch available from 11:30 until about 1:00. The service will begin at 1:30. An announcement has been sent to the chapter membership and an RSVP if you are planning to attend is needed before March 15.



Looking Ahead

President's musings

As I write this, the year has already started off with a bang. The chapter completed the annual reconciliation and we began the year with 41 members. We currently have two more applications that are ready to submit once signatures can be obtained. We are becoming a stronger chapter with good members. I commend you for helping recruit.

Mark Beymer has all the JROTC medals and is in the process of contacting the various units to get the names of cadets to be honored and dates and times of the awards ceremony. We have picked up an additional school - North Iredell. Once the awards season gets here in May, Mark will need assistance in presenting some of the medals. If you have not been at an ROTC awards ceremony, it is a really good experience. Last year's North Rowan recipient was awarded a big scholarship this year. ROTC leadership training pays off.

The chapter now has its own Wreaths Across America website where donations can be made. The URL is: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/47664/Overview/?relatedId=16698>. As you attend different group meetings over the coming year, let them know of the web address and encourage them to donate a wreath or two. We are in the three for two program, so for every two wreaths donated, we get three.

I will be attending the Colson's Mill Chapter's Washington Birthday dinner on February 27 as the keynote speaker. I will be giving the Washington's Spies presentation. I hope to attend Guilford Court House on March 14.

We have the opportunity to be seen by thousands this year. The Leonard's Creek DAR has offered to partner with us at the Faith Fourth Parade. In addition, members of the Catawba Valley Color Guard and the Elizabeth Maxwell Steele DAR and Rowan Resolves CAR are planning to join us as well. Lysterly Funeral Home has graciously consented to pay the entrance fees and pull the float. It would be good to have a good showing. As most of you know, Faith has a population of about 900 that swells to 50,000 for the parade. More information will be available at the May meeting. One of the NC SAR goals is better interaction between our chapters and local DAR chapters. We are currently developing relationships with three - Elizabeth Maxwell Steele in Salisbury, John Knox in Mt. Ulla, and Leonard's Creek in Lexington. If you attend any of their meetings, please let me know.

Terry Holt and I attended the Cowan's Ford Commemoration and Board of Managers Meeting in Huntersville on February 1. The Cowan's Ford Commemoration featured Benjamin Franklin as the keynote speaker. This is always an interesting event that is done very well by the Mecklenburg Chapter. We received a Wreath Across America Certificate at the BOM.

We will have officer installation at the May meeting. Our treasurer, Bill Wallin, has requested to step down this year. He has faithfully served us for more than four years. We have had one person express interest in taking the office. Our treasurer's job is not that demanding except between October and January when we go through the reconciliation process and submit dues. If you may be interested, please let me know.

I will be sending nomination forms to our first responder organizations in April. We will need to plan for our awards meeting in August at the May meeting.

Frank

Reminders

Calendar:

March 28 - Grady Hall Grave Marking -- Christ Episcopal Church, Cleveland 11:30

March 14 - Guilford Court House

May 17 - Next meeting - probably DAR room at the Rowan Museum