



The Halifax Dispatch

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North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution*

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Special Meeting Notice

President Pittard has been informed that we may use the Fellowship Hall of the Halifax UMC, but we will not be able to have a meal. After careful consideration, it was decided that we need to meet in person, if at all possible, to update the membership on Halifax Day, discuss future chapter plans and induct as many of our new members as possible. It has been a year since we have met in person and many of our members have not participated in our zoom meetings. Social distancing and mask will be required.

Halifax Resolves Chapter Meeting

Saturday, March 13, 2021 - 2:00 pm

Halifax UMC, 150 S. King St. Halifax, NC

If you have any questions, please contact President Pittard at: 252-532-0664 or geospittard@gmail.com.



From the President

Compatriots,

We are fast approaching the memorial service for an event which was vital to the push for independence of our great nation. All of our history, rich as it is, would be very different were it not for our break from Britain. There are those who would state that our history could have been wonderful still, but I for one am proud of the traditions which are at the core of our nation's past and pride. The event I am writing about is known to most of you, perhaps all. That event is the Halifax Resolves. A document created through a combined effort of local patriots, led by Cornelius Harnett. This document is the first to be

formed pushing our delegated at the Continental Convention to consider independence. A momentous thing to even contemplate considering the culture and obstacles of the day. However, thanks to local contributions, our nation took its first steps even before officially breaking from Britain and for that we should all be proud. Our ancestors showed strength and conviction. I just love our history.

Our event, which is considered a national event, will be held on April 12th 2021. It shall be, like so many other events currently, held upon Zoom. We are expected to have the National President General give regards and a state color guard will also be involved through a pre-recorded flag ceremony. I will invite everyone to attend. Further information will be coming and updated online.

May God bless you all!

Geoff Pittard

G S Pittard, President

From the Past

The Halifax Resolves

April 12, 1776

“The Select Committee taking into Consideration the usurpations and violences attempted and committed by the King and Parliament of Britain against America, and the further Measures to be taken for frustrating the same, and for the better defence of this province reported as follows, to wit,”

“It appears to your Committee that pursuant to the Plan concerted by the British Ministry for subjugating America, the King and Parliament of Great Britain have usurped a Power over the Persons and Properties of the People unlimited and uncontrouled and disregarding their humble Petitions for Peace, Liberty and safety, have made divers Legislative Acts, denouncing War, Famine and every Species of Calamity daily employed in destroying the People and committing the most horrid devastations on the Country. That Governors in different Colonies have declared Protection to Slaves who should imbrue their Hands in the Blood of their Masters. That the Ships belonging to America are declared prizes of War and many of them have been violently seized and confiscated in consequence of which multitudes of the people have been destroyed or from easy Circumstances reduced to the most Lamentable distress.”

“And whereas the moderation hitherto manifested by the United Colonies and their sincere desire to be reconciled to the mother Country on Constitutional Principles, have procured no mitigation of the aforesaid Wrongs and usurpations and no hopes remain of obtaining redress by those Means alone which have been hitherto tried, Your Committee are of Opinion that the house should enter into the following Resolve, to wit”

“Resolved that the delegates for this Colony in the Continental Congress be empowered to concur with the other delegates of the other Colonies in declaring Independency, and forming foreign Alliances, resolving to this Colony the Sole, and Exclusive right of forming a Constitution and Laws for this Colony, and of appointing delegates from time to time (under the direction of a general Representation thereof) to meet the delegates of the other Colonies for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out.”

Upcoming Events

15 Mar - (Zoom) Battle of Guilford Courthouse

27 Mar - Compatriot Grave Marking - Paul B. & Robt. M. Osgood - New Bern Chapter

10 Apr - Charters of Freedom Dedication—Historic Halifax Courthouse

12 Apr - (Zoom) Halifax Resolves Celebration

16-17 Apr - (Zoom) NC SAR Annual Mtg.,

15 May - 250th Patriots Day—Alamance Battleground - Alamance Battleground Chap.

20 May - 246th Mecklenburg Declaration -Mecklenburg Chap.

30 May - Memorial Day

For further information/updates

please visit the NC SAR Calendar at www.ncssar.org

NC SAR Recognizes Halifax Resolves Chapter Chaplain



L-R: NC SAR Past President Ken Wilson, Halifax Resolves Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and NC SAR Immediate Past President James Becker

The North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution (NC SAR) has presented Reverend Duncan H. Jones with the Society's Patriot Medal. The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. It is awarded only by a State Society and may be presented only to an individual. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award. It is desirable that it be presented at the annual meeting of the State Society, but due to the current pandemic that was not possible.

Reverend Jones joined the NC SAR in 1996 as an at large member before joining the newly formed Halifax Resolves Chapter in 2006 and has been the Chapter Chaplain since that time. His dedication and service to the chapter and state society is illustrated, but not limited to the following: continuous service as Chapter Chaplain for over 15 years; assisted the National Chaplain-General/NC SAR Chaplain at the April 12th Halifax Resolves ceremonies; presided over numerous April 12th Halifax Resolves ceremonies; presided over an Annual NC SAR Meeting; fulfilled chaplain duties at multiple Patriot and Compatriot grave markings as well as flag retirements; serves as a member of the Chapter Board of Managers since 2006. He has represented the chapter at numerous Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America ceremonies. Reverend Jones has provided wise council and spiritual guidance to the members of the chapter and is greatly appreciated by all.

The award was presented by NC SAR Past President Ken Wilson and NC SAR Immediate Past President James Becker, both of whom have received the Patriot Medal in the past and are members of the Patriot Medal Selection Committee.

Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC SAR

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, in a Zoom meeting due to the Covid-19 virus and its subsequent restrictions. President Geoff Pittard called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Compatriot Steve Pittard gave the invocation. Geoff Pittard led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Compatriot Ken Wilson led the SAR Pledge.

President Pittard spoke of last meetings minutes and asked if anyone had any questions about them. Everyone should have received them with the chapter newsletter that was sent out via email. Compatriot Ken Wilson made a motion to accept and Compatriot Michael Cooper seconded.

President Pittard read the treasurers report and Compatriot Wilson then elaborated on why our fund is large right now.

President Pittard then gave his President's report, no news. Although he did thank Compatriot Wilson for the help and many hours that he has put into our Chapter and for doing the Chapter newsletter.

President Pittard spoke of our meeting being by Zoom only at least until April 30th, 2021. All events up to this point will be cancelled or held through the Zoom application.

President Pittard was told that our annual meeting had been changed from April 12th to the 10th, but he does not believe that change is correct. It falls on the 12th because that is the anniversary of the Halifax Resolves. Which, as we know, was the first official action in the American Colonies calling for independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution.

Compatriot Wilson then spoke on the First for Freedom Foundation and how it was cancelled and re-scheduled and cancelled again. This happened all of 2020 and ultimately never occurred in 2020. It is said to be scheduled for April 12th, Halifax Day, but Compatriot Wilson is unsure.

President Pittard then spoke of the great impact that the Halifax Resolves had on the creation of the Declaration of Independence.

Compatriot Wilson spoke on the school system of Roanoke Rapids and that they will not return to school in-person until March 19th 2021.

President Pittard asked if Compatriot Steve Pittard if he would do a program for our future meeting.

Compatriot Michael Cooper then led the SAR recessional.

President Geoff Pittard then led the benediction.

The Halifax Resolves Chapter's meeting was called adjourned at 7:16.

Geoff Pittard

Chapter President

Michael A. Cooper

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click on "Chapters"

Treasurer's Report
Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC SAR

Ending Balance as of January, 2021 meeting: \$3,958.24

Deposits: \$0.00

Checks: \$402.82

Current Checking Acct Balance: \$3,555.42

Youth fund balance: \$1,462.50

General fund balance: \$2,495.74

2/17/21 CHECK # 2165 \$11.00 - Stamps

01/27/21 CHECK # 2163 \$162.30 - Flags

01/20/21 CHECK # 2164 \$32.10 - LE Commendation Medal

01/04/21 CHECK # 2162 \$197.42 - Life Savings Medals

Steve Avent

Chapter Treasurer



"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined."

Patrick Henry

Welcome New Members

Renny Harold Taylor

At National Awaiting Approval



The National Society Sons of the American Revolution recently released the new SAR Logo that is replacing the Minuteman logo we have been using. Three versions have been approved for use with different media formats.

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