



The Halifax Dispatch

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North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution*

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The Halifax Resolves Chapter meets at 6:30 pm the second Wednesday night of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Fellowship Hall of the Halifax United Methodist Church, 150 S. King St., Halifax, NC . The ladies of the UMC prepare a delicious meal prior to the meeting at the cost of \$10.00/person.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 14th. In order for the ladies to properly plan the meal we need to know how many are attending. If you plan to attend, it is imperative that you contact Chapter President Pittard NLT noon on Friday, July 9th with the number of individuals in your party. Compatriot Pittard can be contacted at: 252-532-0664 or geospittard@gmail.com.

From the Editor –

I want to remind the membership that the program for the July meeting will cover the role of the various chapter officers, what their job entails and what is expected of them. This will be a refresher course for the older members and a learning experience for our new members. If there is time available, I will also cover chapter level medals. If time is not available, the chapter level medals program will be presented at the September meeting.

This program was written by our State President Jay DeLoach, Rear Admiral, USN (ret.). He has asked that this, and some other programs be presented to new members. It's also a good refresher for older members.

For our new members, let me cover quickly the offices I have held since joining in 2007. Chapter VP, 2 yrs.; Chapter President, 6 yrs.; Regional VP, 1 yr.; NC SAR President, 1 yr.; NC SAR Color Guard Commander, 1 yr.; this in addition to several chapter and state committees.

Since we will be discussing chapter leadership roles at the next meeting, it is important to remind and inform the membership that a proposed slate of new officers is to be presented at the next meeting by President Pittard. These officers will be serving from 2022-

2024. Should someone decide between the July and September meetings that they would like to serve, they can be nominated from the floor prior to the vote. The vote will be conducted at the September meeting and the installation will occur at the November meeting.

Chapter leadership is the backbone of the Society. If there is weak leadership at the chapter level and there is no training of future officers, then there is little to no participation at state and national events, and all the youth and public service programs we promote go by the wayside. The officers are the public face of the Chapter and the Society. If they can't present a strong, enthusiastic front to the community, we fail.

As Compatriot Avent alluded to in the last newsletter, we have had a hard time finding members who will devote time to advancing the goals of the Chapter and the Society. Current leadership is "aging out" and has been for several years. If we can't get the membership to become more active, and soon, I see no hope that this chapter will ever again be able to accomplish anything worthwhile. As I informed the chapter at the March meeting, North Carolina is being considered for the 2026 National Congress. This will be the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution and of the Halifax Resolves. If approved, and the Raleigh site is adopted,

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May Chapter Meeting



New member Robert Franklin "Frank" Hall is inducted into the chapter by Past President Ken Wilson.



William H. Riggan II was awarded his Military Service Medal and Certificate by Past President Ken Wilson

NC SAR Leadership Change

Due to unforeseen circumstances, NC SAR Secretary Tony Zeiss resigned effective 5 June 2021. In order to fill this essential office, Region 1 VP Robert "Bob" Sigmon will assume the roll of Interim State Secretary. At the same time, Past Region 1 VP Chris Grimes will step in as Interim Region 1 VP.

Treasurer's Report as of June 29, 2021

Ending Balance as of May, 2021 meeting: \$3,455.42

Deposits: \$44.00

Checks: \$171.32

Current Checking Acct Balance: \$3,328.10

Youth fund balance: \$1,312.50

General fund balance: \$2,015.60

05/24/21 DEPOSIT \$44.00

05/14/21 CHECK # 2168 \$40.00 add'l pmt needed to NC SAR for 2020 recon

05/12/21 CHECK # 2167 \$50.00 contest winner Lauren Harris

05/06/21 CHECK # 2169 \$81.32 Medals – Qualls, Riggan

Steve Avent

Treasurer



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click on "Chapters"

Patriot's Day at Alamance Battleground



Group photo of SAR participants at the Patriot's Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground. Compatriots Ken Wilson and Bill Riggan (far left above) represented the chapter. Compatriot Wilson presented the chapter wreath.

Memorial Day - Cedarwood Cemetery - Roanoke Rapids



Compatriots J. Rives Manning, Ken Wilson and E. C. Bobbitt at the Memorial Day Ceremony

The Halifax Resolves Chapter was represented by Compatriots J. Rives Manning, Ken Wilson and E. C. Bobbitt. Compatriot Wilson was the keynote speaker for the event and assisted the members of Am-Vets Posts 101 & 320 along with BSA Troop 146 with the folding of the flag and presentation at the memorial. Wilson also presented the chapter wreath.



Chapter Poster Winner Places 3rd at State Contest

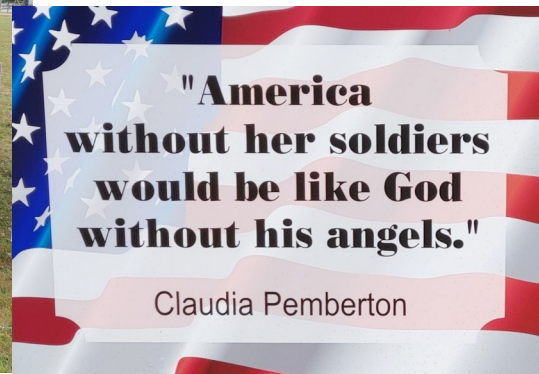


Compatriot Ken Wilson presented Halifax Academy 5th grade student and chapter poster contest winner Aaron Boone and teacher Lauren Harris each with a check for \$75.00 for placing 3rd at the state level contest. Congratulations to both of them.

Remembrance on the River - AmVets Post 101 - May 29-31



Compatriot Ken Wilson reflects on the exhibit honoring fallen veterans. The insert below was taken from a sign that was just out of this picture's frame.



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there is a distinct possibility that one of the day tours will be coming to Historic Halifax. The chapter will be expected to be the main contact point for scheduling the tours and assisting the National and State Societies ensuring a great visit is had by all. Failure of this chapter to step up and meet this obligation will reflect not only on the chapter, but also on the state. At this point in time, I don't see anyone in the chapter who could step up and meet that challenge.

One last observation. Weak leadership is essentially no leadership regardless of what some people might say. The ones that say we will support the weak

leadership, ultimately fail and they will shift the blame elsewhere.

Should anyone new want to step up and take on a leadership role in the chapter, I will do the best I can to train and advise them. I believe Compatriot Avent will do the same.

Fraternally,

Ken

C. Kenith Wilson
Past President NC SAR (2014-2015)
Past President Halifax Resolves Chapter 2010-14, 2016-2018

Minutes – May, 12th 2021

Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC SAR

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR met on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021, at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President Geoff Pittard was unable to attend the meeting so Compatriot Ken Wilson led the meeting in his place.

Compatriot Wilson called the meeting to order at 1830 pm.

Compatriot Carlton Garner gave the invocation.

Compatriot Wilson then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and led the SAR Pledge. The following guests were introduced:

- Bill Harris
- Mark Pace
- Eddie Watson

At this point led Compatriot Ken Wilson instructed tables and guests to get their meals.

After the meal, Compatriot Ken Wilson asked if we had any National or State officers in attendance. We did not.

It was then asked of the chapter to approve of the minutes of last meeting which were part of the newsletter that was sent to the chapter. Compatriot Bill Riggan motioned to approve and Compatriot Carlton Garner seconded. All approved.

The treasurers report was the next item up. When asked to approve Compatriot Don Oaks made the motion to approve and Compatriot Manning seconded. All then approved.

Compatriot Ken Wilson briefly mentioned the annual meeting that was held on the 13th. He explained to the chapter the changes to the bylaws from the annual meeting.

Compatriot Ken Wilson then discussed the poster contest from this year and that it was only conducted at the Halifax Academy and from the 5th grade. 28 people participated and Aaron Boone won with his poster of George Washington.

New business was then covered. We spoke of four patriots located in Youngsville, North Carolina and nine members of the now defunct Harrison Macon Chapter in the Oakwood Cemetery in Louisburg, North Carolina. These graves need to be honored and marked. Compatriot Ken Wilson elaborated on how we would go about this task. He spoke on having to split the grave markings up over a few different days.

We then inducted new member Frank Hall into the chapter. Welcome Compatriot Frank Hall.

Compatriot Bill Riggan was then awarded with the Military Service Medal.

Compatriot Wilson then presented his program for the evening which was an SAR PowerPoint the was both training for our new members and a refresher for our other members. He pointed out that only officials could vote in BOM meeting while any attendees could vote in annual meetings.

We then had the SAR recessional led by Compatriot Ken Wilson and the Benediction was led by Carlton Garner.

Geoff Pittard

Chapter President

Michael A. Cooper

Secretary

Calendar of Events

9-15 July: National Congress - Renton, WA

24 July: 241st Anniversary, Battle of Colson's Mill - Norwood, NC

31 July: 240th Anniversary, Battle of Rockfish Creek - Wallace, NC

7 Aug: 240th Anniversary, The House in the Horseshoe

14 Aug: 246th Anniversary of the Tryon Resolves

21 Aug: NC SAR Summer Board of Managers Meeting - Raleigh, NC

28 Aug: 247th Anniversary, New Bern Resolves - New Bern, NC

For further information, please consult the NC SAR Calendar at www.ncssar.org



“A government of laws, and not of men.” *John Adams*

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