



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, September 8th.. 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, September 3rd with the number of individuals in your party. Compatriot Pittard can be contacted at: 252-532-0664 or geospittard@gmail.com.

From the Past - Editor's note: *The following is an excerpt from the book "History of Halifax County" by W.C. Allen. It pertains to the occupation of the town of Halifax in May 1781 by General Cornwallis, while enroute to his defeat at Yorktown.*

The Ladies of Halifax Best Tarleton - Twice

In the first case, after the soldiers had pillaged a farm, a young girl, Miss Bishop, found that her favorite pony had been taken. Despite her young age, she went on foot, at night and unarmed to the British camp. By means unknown, she managed to get an audience with Tarleton.

Raising herself erect, she said "I have come to you, sir, to demand restoration of my property, which your knavish fellows stole from my father's yard."

Tarleton, taken completely by surprise, answered saying, "Let me understand you."

Accordingly, Miss Bishop stated her case. "Well sir, your roguish men in red coats came to my father's yard about sundown, and stole my pony, and I have walked here alone and unprotected to claim him and demand him; and sir, I must and will have him. I fear not your men; they are base and unprincipled enough to dare to offer insult to any unprotected female; but their cowardly hearts will prevent them from doing her bodily injury."

When the light of a camp fire in the distance revealed her pet pony she continued. "There sir, is my horse. I shall mount him and ride peaceably home; and if you have any of the gentlemanly feeling within you of which your men are totally destitute, or if you have any regard for their safety, you will see, sir, that I am not interrupted. But before I go I wish to say to you, that he who can, and will not prevent this base and cowardly stealing from hen roost, stables, and barnyards, is no better, in my estimation, than the mean, good-for-nothing, guilty wretches who do the dirty work with their own hands! Good night, sir." With nothing left to say, she took her pony and galloped safely home.

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September Meeting Program

The program for the September meeting will cover Chapter level medals, their criteria for earning the medal and the criteria for wearing said medal. This will conclude the series of membership training sessions suggested by NC SAR.

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Tarleton was so surprised that he ordered that she be permitted to do as she pleased. Little did Tarleton realize that his first defeat by a female would be followed a couple of days later by a second, more cutting, incident.

“The Grove”, home of Mrs. Willie Jones, daughter of Joseph Montford, and her sister Mrs. John B. Ashe, was the scene of a confrontation between the ladies and Colonel Tarleton. In the presence of the ladies, Tarleton referred to Colonel William Washington, who had inflicted him with a wound to the hand at the Battle of Cowpens, as an illiterate, ignorant boor, hardly able to write his name. Mrs. Jones quickly resented the language used by Tarleton and replied saying “ Colonel Tarleton, you know very well that Colonel Washington, if he can’t write as well as some men, knows how to make his mark.” While making the statement she was looking at the scar on Tarleton’s hand made by Washington’s sabre. The Colonel turned a deep shade of red but continued the conversation stating sarcastically “I would be happy to see Colonel Washington,” to which Mrs. Ashe replied “If you had looked behind you at the Battle of Cowpens, Colonel Tarleton, you would have enjoyed that pleasure.” That comment struck a nerve and Tarleton involuntarily reached for his sword just as General Leslie, his commander, entered the room. Seeing the situation, Leslie quickly rebuked Tarleton and closed the incident.

Treasurer’s Report as of 8/18/2021

Ending Balance as of July, 2021 meeting: \$3,328.10

Deposits: \$70.00

Checks: \$374.49

Current Checking Acct Balance: \$3,023.61

Youth fund balance: \$1,312.50

General fund balance: \$1,711.11

07/26/21 DEPOSIT \$70.00 July meeting meal payments

07/09/21 CHECK # 2060 \$337.05 - Nine medallions for grave markings

07/26/21 CHECK # 2061 \$37.44 flowers – Tripp funeral

Steve Avent

Treasurer



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click on “Chapters”



Calendar of Events

Sep 6: Labor Day

Sep 8: Halifax Resolves Chapter Meeting,
6:30pm

Sep 11: 9-11 Ceremony, Centennial Park, Roanoke
Rapids, 8:40am

Sep 17-23: Constitution Week

Sep 23-25: National Fall Leadership

Oct 2: 241st Anniversary of the Crossing of the
Catawba River at Greenlee Ford

Oct 7: 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Kings
Mountain

Oct 9: 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Shal-
low Ford

Oct 16: Patriot Grave Marking, Anthony and
John Winston 10:00 Youngsville, NC

Compatriot Grave Marking for members
of old Harrison Macon SAR Chapter,
2:00, Louisburg, NC

Oct 19: Yorktown Victory Day

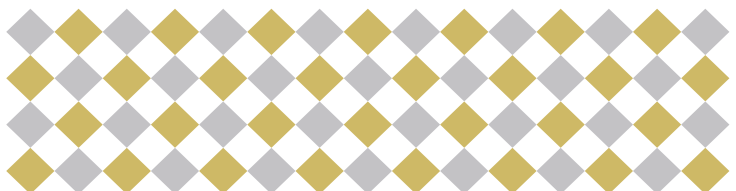
Oct 23: Patriot Grave Marking, Francis
Timberlake, 10:00, Youngsville, NC

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of old Harrison Macon SAR Chapter, 2:00,
Louisburg, NC

Oct 23: Compatriot Doyle Campbell Grave
Marking, Kings Mountain, NC

Oct 30: Patriot Grave Marking, Major Isaac
Guinn, 11:00, New Bern, NC

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



Gary Owen Green Candidate for **Genealogist General**



I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Genealogist General, 2022-2023.

My career has been in service to my country, first, as Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force and later as an instructor of Aerospace Science in the AFJROTC program at E. A. Laney High School, Wilmington, NC.

I stand ready to serve the SAR with the same dedication.

To accomplish this, I believe we need to set goals that are meaningful as well as achievable.

The genealogy committee has generated superb policies for use by staff and SAR applicants. Now, we need to implement those policies. We need to enhance our training of chapter and state registrars by providing feedback about successful as well as pending applications.

I have worked with the Genealogical Research System (GRS) Committee to devise a world-class research system while simultaneously implementing the Patriot Research System (PRS). The PRS has achieved most of the goals of the GRS committee.

I have worked for the last three years to assist in the development and implementation of the Patriot Research System with the assistance of over 700 volunteers across the society. The PRS has over 83% of the currently available record copies transcribed for use by potential members to generate their own application.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, we need to ensure we are ready for the influx of new applications by preparing an online application that can be successfully used to generate electronic applications for online review by our 21st-century genealogy staff.

We need to add information to the Patriot Research System that flags applications and patriots that do not meet current genealogy standards.

With the assistance of the SAR staff member assigned to digitizing the supporting documentation for applications, we need to ensure that supporting documentation data is made available to prospective applicants in the Patriot Research System.

I humbly ask for your support and endorsement. Endorsements may be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, PG John T. Manning, at jack@manning.net. This is his preferred method to receive endorsements.

You can also mail endorsements to PG John T. Manning, 10 Old Colony Way, Scituate, MA 02066-4711

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Minutes – July 14, 2021

Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC SAR

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR met on Wednesday, July 14th 2021, at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President Geoff Pittard called the meeting to order at 1830. He also gave the invocation. In unison, the group repeat the Pledge of Allegiance and then our Treasurer, Steve Avent, led the SAR Pledge.

The following guests were introduced:

- Geoff's brother, his sister-in-law, their child, and Steve Pittard.
- We then introduced the Northeast Region Vice President, Chris Grimes.

At this point President Pittard instructed tables and guests to get their meals.

After the meal, 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 Wilson noticed an absence of an important vote that was taken. Added to last month minutes under new business was, "The Chapter then voted on and approved the purchase of four (4) granite Patriot markers and nine (9) Compatriot medallions to mark the aforementioned graves. Compatriot Ken Wilson then made the motion to amend the minutes of last month to reflect this addition. President Pittard seconded. It was then unanimously approved by the Chapter. The Treasurer's report was the next item up. Our Treasurer, Steve Avent, added that we had now purchased the nine (9) Compatriot medallions. Compatriot Wilson voted to amend the Treasurer's report to reflect the change. Compatriot Don Oaks seconded the motion.

Unfinished business was then brought forward.

1. The grave marking ceremonies were then the topic. Compatriot Ken Wilson brought up the fact that the price of the grave markers had gone up from \$40.00 to \$60.00. Our Treasurer, Steve Avent, then explained to the Chapter that \$60.00 was still significantly less than it had been in the past and that it was still a good deal. He then recommended the purchase at the new price. Compatriot Michael Cooper then made a motion to accept the new purchase price and then purchase the grave markers. Compatriot Ken Wilson then seconded. The chapter then unanimously approved.

New business was then covered.

The proposed slate of officers was then introduced:

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| 1. President – Geoff S. Pittard | 4. Treasurer – Steve Avent |
| 2. Vice President – Vacant | 5. Registrar – Bill Riggan |
| 3. Secretary – Michael Cooper | 6. Chaplain – Duncan Jones |

On the September 8th meeting (our next meeting), the chapter will vote on these positions.

Compatriot Ken Wilson then provided a training program to the chapter. In this program

Compatriot Wilson covered the Chapter officers and what the duties and responsibilities were.

Lastly, he covered the color guard. Compatriot Wilson explained the requirements and duties of the color guard on not only the Chapter level, but the state and national level as well.

President Pittard then added a few comments of his own to the activities/duties of color guard.

We then had the SAR recessional led by Compatriot Ken Wilson and the Benediction was led by the Northeast Region Vice President, Chris Grimes.

The meeting of the Halifax Resolves was then adjourned by President Pittard at 2008.

Geoff Pittard

Chapter President

Michael A. Cooper

Secretary



“Where are our Men of abilities? Why do they not come forth to save their Country?”

- George Washington

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