



The Halifax Dispatch

*The Newsletter of the Halifax Resolves Chapter,
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, November 10th. 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, November 5th with the number of individuals in your party. Compatriot Pittard can be contacted at: 252-532-0664 or geospittard@gmail.com.

From the Editor -

Compatriots,

As I move back to the office of Chapter President, I wanted to say thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to this office. With the current pandemic we will regretfully be a little restricted on our activities, but we will make the best of it.

During our last meeting, I was speaking with one of the ladies in the kitchen and learned they may have to raise the price of our meals due to the increased costs brought on by the pandemic. Currently, the ladies charge us \$8.00 for a meal with one meat and \$10.00 for two meats. We charge \$10.00 and \$12.00 respectfully so we can offset the cost of paying for the meals of guests as well as state and national officers and wives as necessary.

The price of our meals has not increased since we started meeting at Halifax UMC in 2010. I think it's time for us to go ahead and increase our meal prices and make it effective 1 January 2022. I believe we should raise the chapter cost to a flat rate of \$15.00. Why, do you ask? Well, the ladies need to increase their prices to \$10.00 for one meat and \$12.00 for two meats. Using the same criteria we have now, the chapter cost would increase to \$12.00 and \$14.00 to cover the cost of guests. Let's make it easy on everyone and use a flat cost of \$15.00. We need to discuss this at the November meeting.

One last money item, our dues collection for 2022. The State Society has imposed a 1 December cutoff for the receipt of chapter dues and the Reconcil-

iation Report. This means our Secretary and Treasurer need to have our dues submitted by 1 December.

At the annual meeting the State Society voted to add a \$5.00 surcharge to our annual dues to help offset the cost of the National Congress in 2026. This means that we all need to add the \$5.00 to our chapter dues checks making our annual dues \$80.00. **This is not optional!!** If you don't add the extra \$5.00, the chapter will be required to pay it. This will detrimentally impact our general fund, so please add the extra \$5.00 to your dues payment.

A word of thanks to all who helped make our four grave marking ceremonies a great success. We have successfully marked the graves of three Patriots and ten Compatriots. There will be more to come in the near future. Additional plans are in the works for various events in the Franklin, Vance and Granville County areas. This is part of our operating area that we have neglected for many years.

Last, but not least, our November meeting is our annual meeting. We will be installing a new slate of officers. NC SAR President Rear Admiral Jay A. DeLoatch will be present for the installation ceremony. **Remember, this is a coat and tie meeting!**

Fraternally,

C. Kenneth Wilson
Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR

November Meeting Program

The November 10th meeting is the chapter's annual meeting. There will be guests from the state society to induct the new slate of officers. As a reminder, this is a semi-formal event requiring a coat and tie.

Patriot's Day (9-11) Ceremonies

Two Patriot's Day ceremonies were attended by chapter members. The ceremony in Roanoke Rapids was attended by Chapter President Geoff Pittard, along with Compatriots Ken Wilson and J. Rives Manning. In addition, Chapter Secretary Michael A. Cooper and Registrar-elect Bill Riggan represented the chapter at the ceremony in Louisburg.



Above-- L-R: Compatriots Ken Wilson, J. Rives Manning and Chapter President Geoff Pittard.

Right - Chapter Secretary Michael Cooper and Registrar-elect Bill Riggan.



Treasurer's Report:

Ending Balance as of September, 2021 meeting: \$3,023.61

Deposits: \$730.00

Checks: \$498.94

Current Checking Acct Balance: \$3,254.67

Youth fund balance: \$1,362.50

General fund balance: \$1,892.17

10/25/21 DEPOSIT \$690.00 Dues checks and donations

10/18/21 CHECK # 2065 \$55.37 Medal

10/07/21 DEPOSIT \$40.00

10/04/21 CHECK # 2064 \$123.32 Flag stand, certs, folders

09/14/21 CHECK # 2063 \$320.25 Five grave markers

Steve Avent

Treasurer

Wreaths across America

BSA Troop 144 in Roanoke Rapids is sponsoring the Wreaths across America program again this year. If you have a deceased family member who is a veteran or if you would like to date a wreath to be used on another veteran's grave during the Christmas season please contact Ken Wilson at 242-537-5406 or boxcar27870@embarqmail.com. Wreaths are \$15.00 each. The order form and check will be turned in to the scouts on November 22nd. Wreaths can only be picked up following the ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids on December 18th at 11:00. Crestview Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids is allowing these wreaths to be placed on the graves until 1 January 2022. Ken will have order forms at the 10 November chapter meeting. Checks should be made out to Wreaths across America.



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click on “Chapters”



Calendar of Events

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

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Nov. 13: Grave Marking—Patriots Richard &
William Caswell & Compatriot Richard “Robin”
Wooten in Kinston, NC

Nov. 20: Compatriot Grave Marking for
Grady Hall—Cleveland, NC

Patriot Grave Marking for Abner Nash—
New Bern, NC

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving

Dec. 4: Battle of Great Bridge—Chesapeake, VA

Dec. 18: Wreaths Across America— Cedar
wood Cemetery, Roanoke Rapids 11:00 am

Dec. 25: Christmas Day



New Chapter Officers for 2022-2023 term

President: C. Kenith Wilson

Vice President: Geoff Pittard

Secretary: Michael A. Cooper

Treasurer: Steve F. Avent

Registrar: William H. Riggan III

Chaplain: Rev. Duncan H. Jones

Newsletter Editor: Steve F. Avent



Minutes – September 8, 2021

Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC SAR

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR met on Wednesday, September 8th 2021, at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President Geoff Pittard called the meeting to order at 1829. Our Chaplain, Duncan Jones, gave the invocation. President Pittard started and then in unison, the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Then our Treasurer, Steve Avent, led the SAR Pledge. The following guests were introduced:

- Hilary Patterson from the Louisburg DAR was in attendance.
- There were no state officers in attendance.

We were then directed to our meal.

After our meal we then conducted our meeting. The first item of our meeting was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Compatriot Bill Riggan made a motion to approve. Duncan Jones then seconded. It was unanimously approved. Next up we were presented with the Treasurer's report. Our Treasurer, Steve Avent, made one change to the treasurer's report and then Michael Cooper made a motion to accept. Ken Wilson seconded. It was unanimously approved.

President Pittard then spoke on the NC minutemen. The cost to be a minuteman for North Carolina is \$1,000 and will be donated to the 2026 Congress fund.

Unfinished Business

Ken Wilson then spoke briefly of the changes to the grave marking ceremonies. Ken Wilson had found 12-15 compatriots from the now defunct Harrison Macon Chapter. On October 16th, 2021, we will have a Patriot Grave Marking, Anthony and John Winston 10:00 Youngsville, NC and a Compatriot Grave Marking for members of old Harrison Macon SAR Chapter, 2:00, Louisburg, NC, and on October 23rd, 2021, we will have a Patriot Grave Marking, Francis Timberlake, 10:00, Youngsville, NC and a Compatriot Grave Marking for members of old Harrison Macon SAR Chapter, 2:00, Louisburg, NC.

New Business

- Don Oaks then spoke briefly on the Halifax Brigades involvement in various skirmishes and battles during the American Revolution. He also emphasized the importance of us hosting the 250th Anniversary event.
- Fundraising for the 2026 National Congress was passed by BOM.
 1. \$5 annual surcharge per member.
 2. 1777 Charleville Musket Raffle – 500 total tickets. \$20/1 \$100/6

Ken Wilson then led the next portion of the meeting which was training for our chapter. Training this meeting covered the Dos and Don'ts of proper display and maintenance of chapter medals.

The next portion of our meeting was led by President Pittard. He called for the slate of officers presented at the last meeting to be accepted. Ken Wilson called a point of order, stating that the slate of officers must be called individually three times and if there are no further nominations, close the nominations for that office.

First up, was the position of Chaplain in which Duncan Jones was previously nominated. President Pittard asked for any more nominations three times. Having no more nominations he asked for a motion to approve. Bill Riggan made the motion to approve, and Michael Cooper seconded. He was approved unanimously. Then the position of Registrar was up, in which Bill Riggan was previously nominated. President Pittard asked for any more nominations three times. Having no more nominations he asked for a motion to approve. Michael Cooper made the motion and Ken Wilson seconded. He was approved unanimously. Then the position of Treasurer was up, in which Steve Avent was previously nominated. President Pittard asked for any more nominations three times. Having no more nominations he asked for a motion to approve. The motion was made by Duncan Jones and seconded by Ken Wilson. He was approved unanimously. Then the position of Secretary was up, in which Michael Cooper was previously nominated. President Pittard asked for any

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When it came time for our President to be elected, Ken Wilson was also nominated. He accepted the nomination after thinking on it. So, it was now between Ken Wilson and Geoff Pittard. It came down to a secret ballot via paper votes. Every member of the chapter that was in attendance voted and Duncan Jones did the tallying of the results. Ken Wilson then won the position of chapter president. After the nomination of Ken Wilson as president, President Pittard expressed his desire to continue helping the chapter as much as he possibly could. A chapter member then suggested that he take the vacant vice president position. He accepted the nomination. The motion was made by Steve Avent, and Ken Wilson seconded. It was then unanimously approved by the Chapter.

The SAR recessional was then led by Ken Wilson.

The benediction was then led by our Chaplain, Duncan Jones.

The meeting was then adjourned by President Pittard at 8:13.

Geoff Pittard

Chapter President

Michael A. Cooper

Secretary

Roanoke Rapids High School



Halifax Resolves SAR chapter member Ken Wilson was invited to speak to the Roanoke Rapids High School AP History class by RRHS Social Studies Chairman Mr. Edward Gardner. Two presentations were made.

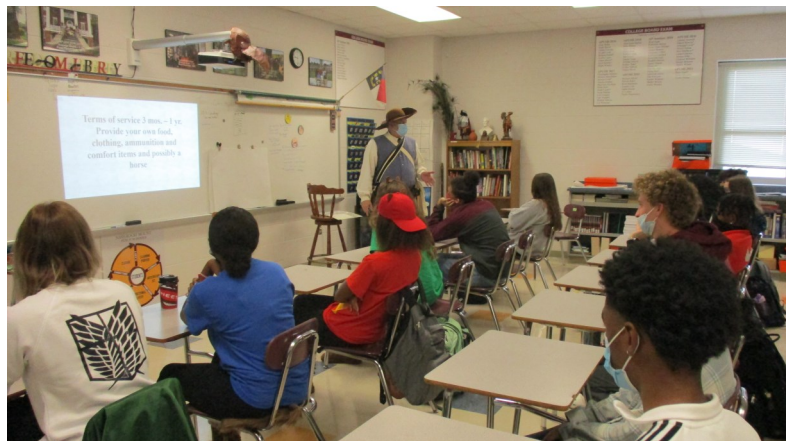
The first presentation covered the SAR George S. & Stella M. Knight essay contest. The second presentation covered the Battle of Kings Mountain.



Nash Central High School

At the invitation of Nash Central HS AP History teacher Mr. Renny Taylor, Ken Wilson of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR presented a program on the Colonial Militia to the U.S. History Honors class.

When addressing the AP History class, Wilson spoke first about the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and answered question from the students concerning the essay criteria. He then talked about the Colonial Militia, their hardships when called upon to fight and their effect on the war effort.





Participants and family members at the Anthony and John Winston Patriot Grave Marking.

Winston Family Patriots Honored

A grave marking ceremony hosted by the Halifax Resolves SAR Chapter and the Shocco Creek NSDAR Chapter was conducted at the Winston Family Cemetery near Youngsville honoring Anthony Winston and his son John Winston recognizing their contributions to the fight for independence.

Master of Ceremonies Mr. Ken Wilson welcomed those gathered to participate in and observe the ceremony. Compatriot Mark Anthony of the Georgia SAR Society gave the Invocation.

The colors were presented by the Combined NC SAR Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance was led Ms. Wynn Smith, Regent, Shocco Creek Chapter, NSDAR. NC SAR Color Guard Commander SMSgt. George K. Strunk, USAF, (ret.) then led the SAR Chorus and all gathered in singing the National Anthem.

Compatriot Wilson then recognized officers and members of the various societies and organizations present. Those present bringing greetings were: Mr. Geoff Pittard, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR; NC SAR President Rear Admiral Jay A. DeLoach, USN, (ret.); the Georgia SAR was represented by Mr. Mark Anthony of the Piedmont Chapter; Mr. William Schwetke, National Trustee, brought greetings on behalf of the Virginia Society SAR; Ms. Wynn Smith, Regent, Shocco Creek Chapter NSDAR; NC DAR Regent Ms. Anna Choi and Mr. Mitch Godfrey, Commander of American Legion Post 105 in Louisburg, NC brought greeting from that organization.

Ms. Linda Winston Jones, 4th great-granddaughter of Anthony Winston, spoke briefly about the family's journey from the Colony of Virginia to settle in what is now Franklin County, NC. She told about the hardships the family faced before, during and after the War of Independence and the sacrifices of Anthony and John Winston during the war. Thanks were given to the SAR and DAR for recognizing her ancestors.

Compatriot William H. Riggan, III introduced Mr. Mark Pace, who in the persona of John Penn, spoke about the era leading up to Revolutionary War and events that contributed to the break from Great Britain. He also told the gathering about some of the local history pertaining to the Revolutionary War.

Compatriot Wilson and Compatriot Steve Avent, Halifax Resolves Acting Chaplain, then dedicated the markers. This was followed by a musket volley provided by Compatriot William Schwetke of the Virginia Society, SAR.

Wreaths were presented by the Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC SAR; the North Carolina SAR; the Georgia SAR/Piedmont Chapter GASSAR; the Virginia SAR/Culpeper Minute Men Chapter VASSAR; Alamance Battleground Chapter NC SAR; General George Washington Chapter NC SAR; Lower Cape Fear Chapter NC SAR; Mecklenburg Chapter NC SAR; New Bern Chapter NC SAR; NCS DAR/Shocco Creek Chapter NSSDAR; Micajah Pettaway - Halifax Resolves Chapter NSDAR; Warren Chapter NSDAR; Boy Scout Troop 555 of Louisburg, NC and American Legion Post 105 of Louisburg. NC SAR President DeLoach then presented NCS DAR Regent Anna Choi with two awards that the NCS DAR had received at the National SAR Congress.

Compatriot Frank Hall led the SAR Recessional after which the Combined Color Guard retired the Colors and Compatriot Mark Anthony gave the Benediction closing the ceremony.

Participants at the 1st ceremony honoring members of the now defunct Harrison Macon Chapter NC SAR



Harrison Macon SAR Chapter Members Honored

The Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution hosted a grave marking ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery in Louisburg, NC to honor five members of the now defunct Harrison Macon SAR Chapter that was chartered in 1928 and ceased operations around 1960, though there are no records to substantiate that date. The honorees of the event were: Dr. Daniel Turner Smithwick, DDS; his son, Macon Glen Smithwick; his grandson, Daniel Wayne Smithwick; Colonel Donald Vann Holliday, USA (ret.) and Dr. Hodge Albert Newell, MD.

Halifax Resolves Chapter member Ken Wilson was the Master of Ceremonies for this gathering and welcomed all who were participating in and observing the event. The Invocation was given by Mr. Mark Anthony of the Georgia Society SAR. The Colors were then presented by the Combined NC SAR Color Guard with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Mr. William H. Riggan, III. NC SAR Color Guard Commander SMSgt. George K. Strunk, USAF, (ret.) led the SAR Chorus and all assembled in the National Anthem.

Wilson then recognized the officers of the societies and organizations bringing greeting. The individuals were: Mr. Geoff Pittard, President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR; NC SAR President Rear Admiral Jay A. DeLoach, USN, (ret.); the Georgia SAR was represented by Mr. Mark Anthony of the Piedmont Chapter; Mr. William Schwetke, National Trustee, brought greetings on behalf of the Virginia Society SAR and Mr. Mitch Godfrey, Commander of American Legion Post 105 in Louisburg, NC.

A brief biography of Dr. Smithwick, his son and grandson was presented by Dr. Samuel C. Powell. Both Dr. Smithwick and Dr. Powell had served as National trustee for the NC SAR and as Vice President-General for the SAR South Atlantic District that is comprised of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Brief biographies of Colonel Donald Vann Holliday and Dr. Hodge Albert Newell, MD was presented by Mr. William H. Riggan, III outlining each of those compatriot's contributions to the nation, state and local community.

Compatriot Wilson and Compatriot Steve Avent, Halifax Resolves Acting Chaplain, then dedicated the markers. This was followed by a musket volley provided by Compatriot William Schwetke of the Virginia Society, SAR.

Wreaths were presented by the Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC SAR; the North Carolina SAR; the Georgia SAR/Piedmont Chapter GASSAR; the Virginia SAR/Culpeper Minute Men Chapter VASSAR; Alamance Battleground Chapter NC SAR; General George Washington Chapter NC SAR; Lower Cape Fear Chapter NC SAR; Mecklenburg Chapter NC SAR; New Bern Chapter NC SAR; Shocco Creek Chapter NSDAR; Warren Chapter NSDAR; Boy Scout Troop 555 of Louisburg, NC and American Legion Post 105 of Louisburg. NC SAR President DeLoach then presented Compatriot Ken Wilson with a Compatriot Grave Marking Medal that had previously been earned.

The SAR Recessional was led by Mr. Renny Taylor and the Colors were retired by the Combined NC SAR Color Guard. The Benediction was given by Mr. Mark Anthony of the Georgia SAR. Compatriot Wilson then dismissed the assembly.

Patriot Francis Timberlake Honored



The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution and the Shocco Creek Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution joined together to mark the grave of Patriot Francis Timberlake.

Master of Ceremonies Ken Wilson, Past President of the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution welcomed the participants and Family members to the ceremony. The Invocation was given by Mr. Renny Taylor, Acting Chaplain of the Halifax Resolves Chapter.

The Combined NC SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. Ms. Penny McGhee Vice Regent of the Shocco Creek Chapter NSADR led the Pledge of Allegiance. NC SAR Color Guard Commander SMSgt. George K. Strunk, USAF (ret.), led the SAR Chorus and the gathering in singing the National Anthem.

The SAR Pledge was led by Mr. William H. Riggan, III.

Greetings were given from Halifax Resolves Chapter President Mr. Geoff Pittard; Rear Admiral Jay A. DeLoach, USN (ret.), President of the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution; Ms. Penny McGhee, Vice Regent, Shocco Creek Chapter NSDAR; Ms. Jane Hogan, Chaplain NC DAR and Mr. Harvey Satterwhite, Commander American Legion Post 52, Franklinton.

Family Spokesperson and 4th g-granddaughter of Francis Timberlake, Ms. Marsha Collier spoke briefly about the Patriot and his accomplishments.

The SAR Patriot marker was dedicated by Mr. Ken Wilson and Mr. Renny Taylor.

Wreathes were presented by the Halifax Resolves Chapter, NC SAR, NCSDAR, the General George Washington Chapter NC SAR, the New Bern Chapter NC SAR, the Raleigh Chapter NC SAR, the Caswell-Nash Chapter NSDAR, the Micajah Pettaway – Halifax Resolves Chapter NSDAR and American Legion Post 52.

Closing remarks were made by Mr. Wilson followed by the SAR Recessional. The Colors were then retired by the Combined NC SAR Color Guard.



Halifax Resolves NC SAR chapter member Ken Wilson was recently recognized at an SAR grave marking ceremony with the awarding of the SAR Compatriot Grave Marking Medal. This award recognizes an individual member's participation in the marking of deceased members graves. A total of fifteen grave markings must be met to qualify for the award. NC SAR President Rear Admiral Jay A. DeLoach, USN (ret.) presented the medal to Wilson at an event in Louisburg. Wilson is only the second SAR member in the nation and the second member in North Carolina to receive this award.

Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR Honors Additional Members of the Harrison Macon SAR Chapter



The Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR returned to Oakwood Cemetery in Louisburg to honor five more members of the now defunct Harrison Macon Chapter NC SAR. The members were: Marion Stuart Davis, Samuel Perry Boddie, Samuel Perry Burt, William Ballard Barrow and Jones Fuller Malone.

Mr. Ken Wilson, Past President of the North Carolina SAR welcomed the participants, family members and on-lookers to the ceremony. Acting Halifax Resolves Chaplain Mr. Renny Taylor opened the ceremony with the Invocation.

The Combined NC SAR Color Guard presented the Colors. Mr. William H. Riggan led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the SAR Chorus and the participants singing the National Anthem, led by NC SAR Color Guard Commander SMSgt. George K. Strunk, USAF (ret.).

Greetings were brought by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Geoff Pittard, NC SAR President Rear Admiral Jay A. DeLoach, USN (ret.) and Mr. Harvey Satterwhite, Commander of American Legion Post 52 in Franklinton.

Brief biographies of the honorees were presented by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Riggan and Mr. Michael A Cooper.

The Compatriot markers were dedicated by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Taylor.

Wreathes were presented by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR, the North Carolina SAR, the Alamance Battleground Chapter NC SAR, the General George Washington Chapter NC SAR, the New Bern Chapter NC SAR, the Raleigh Chapter NC SAR, the Caswell-Nash Chapter NSDAR, The Elizabeth Monfort-Ashe Chapter NSDAR, the Micajah Pettaway – Halifax Resolves Chapter NSDAR, the Shocco Creek Chapter NSDAR and American Legion Post 52 of Franklinton.

NC SAR President Rear Admiral Jay A. DeLoach presented Color Guard Commander SMSgt. George K. Stunk with a Compatriot Grave Marking Medal, the third one presented in the nation and also the third presented in North Carolina.

After his closing remarks, Mr. Wilson led the SAR Recessional followed by the retirement of the Colors by the Combined Color Guard.

Acting Chaplain Renny Taylor gave the Benediction after which Mr. Wilson dismissed the gathering.





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

- George Washington

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