



An Overview of Our Active State Society

by Timothy W. Berly, President, NC SAR

We have seen several significant accomplishments in our State Society in the past several months. Our 27th and newest Chapter, the Colonel Alexander Erwin Chapter was chartered in September in Morganton. I believe President Davis and his officers have some good plans for the chapter, a healthy number of prospective, new members and are off to an excellent start.

In August, we conducted a ceremony in North Harlowe (near Havelock) to induct Ed Carter, a former mayor of Greenville, into the SAR. He became the first descendant of the "Forgotten Patriots" to join our Society. These were 14 free men of color who fought for our independence, and whom we honored there in a ceremony a few years ago. Other descendants have expressed interest in joining, and we hope to have many new compatriots join us and possibly a new chapter formed in the unique, historic community founded by these men.

Another group of our fellow SAR compatriots are working to form a new chapter at the Crystal Coast (Morehead City area).

We have initiated some discussion relative to qualifying ancestry for Native Americans in North Carolina, and are looking into such a possibly for men of Cherokee, and possibly Catawba heritage. It is noteworthy that men of all backgrounds, colors, and religions all shared a common bond in fighting, or serving to achieve our independence as a nation. District meetings were held in the Southeast, Northeast and Foothills Districts of the state and I thank each of our respective District Vice Presidents for organizing these. Several State officers, the Chapter Presidents and Secretaries as well as other officers and men from chapters in each of these districts participated. We discussed topics such as Reconciliation (dues collection/membership) and Americanism reporting, concerns the state could help address, and generally shared ideas as to what we as the SAR could be doing in each of our respective communities, including joint chapter cooperation in conducting events.

Our Senior Vice President, Gary Green, has taken the initiative to update our State Handbook and other documents (Chapter Leadership Guide, US Flag procedures, Color Guard Handbook), which are designed to be of assistance in running your Chapters

and engaging in SAR activities. These can be found on our state website. Chuck Adams, our State Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Chairman, is reviewing the language in both our Constitution and Bylaws, looking to streamline the language and make it clearer/easier to follow.

The goal of the District meetings, which I hope will continue into coming years, and these actions to update our State materials is part of an effort to improve communications between the State Society

and our respective Chapters. We will continue to focus on this and welcome the input of all of our members in order to accomplish this objective.

North Carolina is still a leader in our National Society in the submission of Patriot Biographies, standing at a 41% participation rate – third among State Societies in participation and total Bios submitted! For those of you who have not done so for your own Patriot(s), I would like to see you do so in order that we may collectively contribute many more.

Several chapters in the eastern part of the state and the Piedmont have indicated grave markings are being planned for early next year. As soon as there are definitive plans, please get your ceremony listed on the Calendar and Events section of our state website. This will encourage Color Guard participation from our officers and chapters across our state. This activity, together with the Patriot Bios, remains a primary focus I would like to see us continue to focus on into the coming year; to honor in perpetuity the memory of our founding generation.

It's not too early to start thinking about the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution! This year marks a beginning for that anniversary observance with the resistance to the Stamp Act. Last month, the Lower Cape Fear Chapter joined together with the DAR's Stamp Act Defiance Chapter in Wilmington to reenact the forced removal of the NC Stamp Agent William Houston. North Carolina was at the forefront of early dissatisfaction with Parliament and resistance to tyranny. There will be many opportunities in the coming years to conduct events here to honor our Patriots who earned for us the nickname of "First in Freedom," now once again prominently displayed on our state's automobile license tags.

The Battle of Cowan's Ford ceremony, which will occur January 30 in Huntersville, just before our Winter Board of Manager's (BOM) meeting, was recently awarded SAR National Event status by our SAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee. It is our 5th such event to receive this distinction; not only due to its significance in the Revolution, but also the manner in which we conduct the event each year and our commitment to do so into the future. We lead the nation in events so designated by our National Society! I hope you can attend, and will also attend the BOM meeting to follow, to lend your voice and ideas in leadership of our State Society.

President General Tom Lawrence will visit here in March to participate in our commemoration of the 235th anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Please check to ensure that you are reporting any of the Youth awards made by your Chapter, so that your winners can compete at the State level, and possibly for National recognition and scholarships. Many of the deadlines for these programs are fast approaching by the end of this, or in early next, year. Our respective State Youth Program Chairmen can assist you with this.

I would ask if you have not already done, please pay your SAR dues for 2016 by the end of this month, so your Chapter can provide its Reconciliation of membership form to our State Secretary. If you feel so compelled, your Chapter, the State and National Societies will benefit from your monetary generosity to assist in the funding of the many SAR programs for which we make awards, or provide some form of recognition. As I've stated before, all of our State officers stand ready and willing to work with you to achieve our shared mission as SAR compatriots.

Gratitude and giving are the hallmarks of this season of the year. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Chapters I have visited for their hospitality, and the many courtesies shown me on my travels this year as State President. I look forward to visiting many others in the remainder of my term.

I hope that each of you enjoy safe travels if so doing, and that you enjoy the time you are together with your family and friends this Holiday season – I wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a prosperous, blessed New Year!



Timothy W. Berly, President

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Membership Update

(June 5, 2015 - September 6, 2015)



NEW MEMBERS

National #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	State #	Chapter	City
195186	Timothy	Scott	Guisewhite	4048	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
195187	Edward	Earl	Carter	4049	General George Washington	Greenville
195188	William	McGill	Thompson	4050	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
195189	Douglas	Charles	Duer	4051	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
195190	Austin	Douglas	Duer	4052	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
195191	James	Edward	Campbell	4053	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
195192	Phillip	Russell	Epley	4054	Raleigh	Cary
195193	Bruce	Alan	Fensley	4055	Nathanael Greene	Southern Pines
195228	Roger	Howard	Russell	4057	Raleigh	Longwood, FL
195229	Daniel	Frasier	Russell	4058	Raleigh	Wake Forest
195230	Andrew	Kemp	Russell	4059	Raleigh	Wake Forest
195231	Jason	Patrick	Miller	4060	Nathanael Greene	Greensboro
195232	Marc	Anthony	Miller	4061	Nathanael Greene	Greensboro
195439	Charles	Conaway	Neff	4062	Blue Ridge	Coppell, TX
195504	Timothy	Stokes	Calloway	4063	Old North State	Spruce Pine
195505	Daniel	Austin	Griffith	4064	Old North State	Spruce Pine
195506	Stephen	Lemuel	Griffith	4065	Old North State	Spruce Pine
195507	Zebulon	James	Griffith	4066	Old North State	Spruce Pine
195508	William	Joseph	Jones III	4067	Nathanael Greene	Greensboro
195509	Robert	John	Alcott	4068	Mecklenburg	Moorseville
195510	Samuel	Joseph	Stockton	4069	Captain George Dickey	Concord
195511	Roger	William	Dixon	4070	Battle of Kings Mountain	Lawndale
195512	John	Scott	DeBroder	4071	Bethabara	Pfafftown
195658	Douglas	Scott	Coley	4073	Old North State	Morganton
195659	Stephen	Patrick	McKee	4074	Mecklenburg	Denver
195660	Norman	Carroll	Lyda	4075	Blue Ridge	Hendersonville
195661	Mark	Alan	Cleary	4076	Mecklenburg	Mathews
195662	Brandon	Lee	Cleary	4077	Mecklenburg	Mathews
195663	Archie	Walker	Case	4078	Old North State	Hendersonville
195743	Arthur	Kirk	Emmons	4079	Old North State	Morganton
195744	Jerry	Dale	Jones	4080	le Marquis de Lafayette	Fayetteville
195745	Alfred	Wilson	Hamer Jr.	4081	Old North State	Morganton
195746	Alfred	Wilson	Hamer III	4082	Old North State	Morganton
195747	Patrick	Franklin	James	4083	General George Washington	Greenville
195836	Charles	Blanding	DuRant	4084	Halifax Resolves	Morehead City
195837	Martin	Scott	Hutchins	4084	Battle of Kings Mountain	Belmont
195919	Edward	Duke	Cowell	4086	Outer Banks	Southern Shores
195920	Robert	Michael	Keeney	4087	le Marquis de Lafayette	Chapel Hill
195921	David	Neil	Keeney	4088	le Marquis de Lafayette	Raleigh
195922	Glen	Thomas	Keeney	4089	le Marquis de Lafayette	Raleigh
195923	David	Bentley	Melton	4090	Captain George Dickey	Forest City
195924	Mark	Alan	Thomas Sr.	4091	le Marquis de Lafayette	Fuquay Varina
195925	Charles	Christopher	Carraway	4092	General George Washington	Greenville
195926	Timothy	McEntire	DuEntire	4093	Western Waters	Old Fort
195927	Benjamin	Paul	McEntire	4094	Western Waters	Old Fort
196020	Derrell	Eugene	Maxwell	4095	Silas McDowell	Bryson City
196021	Russell	Lewis	Smith	4096	Yadkin Valley	Deep Gap
196022	Randall	Garner	Jackson	4097	Silas McDowell	Brasstown
196132	Randy	Allen	Deal	4098	Colonel Alexander Erwin	Valdese
196133	Alex	Gray	Bryan	4099	Lower Cape Fear	Jacksonville
196231	Bailey		Gillespie	4100	Captain George Dickey	Spindale
196232	Steven	Kent	Miller	4101	Raleigh	Raleigh
196233	Allen	John	Mollere III	4102	Bethabara	Clemmons
196234	Carlton	Murray	Mansfield	4103	Lumber River	Pembroke
196235	James	Wirt	Denham	4104	Mecklenburg	Salisbury
196236	William	Emerson	Boys	4105	Old North State	Libertyville, IL
196237	Charles	Joseph	DiCicco	4106	Old North State	Westwood, MA
196238	Thomas	Minotti	DiCicco III	4107	Old North State	Westwood, MA

REINSTATED

National #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	State #	Chapter	City
148262	Walter	Howard	Hall	2223	Colonel Alexander Erwin	Morganton
190403	Anthony	Joseph	Maiorano	3898	Halifax Resolves	Tarboro

TRANSFER IN

National #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	State #	Chapter	City
192566	Todd	Lyle Leslie	Lipschutz	4056	Raleigh	Apex
119176	Arthur	Gordon	Milbrath Jr.	1713	Outer Banks	Nags Head

TRANSFER OUT

National #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	State #	Chapter	City
189553	Steven	Ray	Pickett	3861	Mecklenburg	Tampa, FL
189554	Phillip	Aubrey	Pickett	3862	Mecklenburg	Vestavia Hills, AL
192594	Michael	Howard	Hosmer	3955		Canton, MI
192595	Brian	Michael	Hosmer	3956		Canton, MI

DECEASED

National #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Chapter	City
171235	Calvin	Elliot	Marshall	Raleigh	
165873	Charles	Jackson	Wells	Le Marquis de Lafayette	Fayetteville
166081	Winston	William	Pulliam	Blue Ridge	
190801	Henry	Lawrence	Patrick	Battle of Kings Mountain	

Board of Managers Meeting Held August 22nd, 2015 at the NCSU University Club in Raleigh

by State Secretary George Strunk

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Minutes of the NC Society SAR Summer Board of Managers Meeting held on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the NC State University Club in Raleigh, NC.

Call to Order – Tim Berly, State President.

Presentation of the Colors was provided by the NC Society, SAR Color Guard, commanded by Gary Green.

Opening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Clark Wisner, State Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States led by George Strunk, State Secretary.

Salute to the Flag of North Carolina led by George Strunk, State Secretary.

SAR Pledge – led by Kurt Van Tassel, State Treasurer.

Posting of the Colors – NC SAR Color Guard – Gary Green, Color Guard Commander.

Introduction of guests and the members present by Tim Berly: Mark Anthony (South Atlantic District VPG), Guy Higgins (Guest), Paul Turlington (Guest from MD).

The Board of Managers of this Society shall consist of the officers, the National Trustee, the Chapter Presidents, the Past State Presidents, and the Past National Trustees. In the absence of the Chapter President, a designated member of the Chapter may vote as a proxy.

- Moved to approve chapter representatives who are not chapter presidents as voting members of the Board of Managers (Bob Sigmon – Raleigh) – George Strunk

Opening Remarks – Tim Berly thanked everyone for attending and helping to conduct business of the Society. He expressed his regard for visiting as many Chapters as he had during the year this far and looks forward to visiting many more before his term is up in April. He was happy to report that we had 14 delegates to the National Congress in Louisville.

Report on 2015 National Congress – Gary Green, State Senior Vice President, spoke to the highlights of the Congress, details will be in the next Old North State. Louisville is within driving distance and there were many good tours. We had free bourbon at



the host reception. Sunday we had the Color Guard breakfast and then the procession to the Memorial Service 5 blocks away. We did stop traffic on Sunday. Monday began the business meeting with posting of the colors and giving of gifts. The Minuteman Ceremony was that evening. Tuesday we had breakfast and heard the officer candidates, more business and elections which were a process. The evening dinner featured the installation of new officers. Wednesday started with the Foundation Breakfast and presentation of awards and certificates. Wednesday business included a dues increase and a discussion of the new IT developments regarding application process. The drive home was tough in the rain. Lessons learned: we need to encourage participation in SAR programs at all chapters and submit appropriate paperwork when required.

Clark Wisner added a few words about the new PG's vision and enhanced communication in the coming year.

Steve Pittard mentioned the Orations contest Sunday night and how the contestants were so very good.

Tim Berly spoke to the other Youth contests that invoke pride in the future leaders of the country. The next Congress will be in Boston, MA next year.

Awards Presentations – Tim Berly, Gary Green and George Strunk presented the many awards from the Congress and past

convention. Tim commended the compatriots for their efforts and tradition of excellence in the NC Society. Tim commented about the excellent participation and increases in youth Awards this last year and challenges us to do more.

Approval of the Minutes from the Winter, 2015 BOM – George Strunk asked for a motion to approve the minutes as printed. The motion was made by Frank Horton and seconded by Dick Bishop to approve and accept the minutes. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Kurt Van Tassel pg 17 and subsequent pages.

Reports: State Officers

President, Tim Berly recognized Ed Carter of the Fourteen Forgotten patriots and the efforts to organize a Chapter in Harlowe, near Havelock.

No changes to published reports.

Steve Pittard mentioned the cockade for development fund raising.

Jim Wood alerted to the research of future historical finds for NC.

Chapter Presidents

Francis Nash has nothing to report.

Old North State had no report, but John Thornhill said that he has a list of compatriots that could be transferred into local chapters rather than at large, if they desire to be more active.

Committee Chairmen

Ken Wilson. In the Americanism competition, we lost to Kentucky because one chapter did not report. Nominations for State Secretary and Eastern Adjutant are being sought.

Gary Green, Color Guard, spreadsheet was explained. A zero indicates participation. Wreaths Across America. I will send an email for participation and Matthews will be state cemetery designated this year. Continue to support local events on December 12th. Raleigh has three locations to support.

Jim Cook asked about no Executive Committee report? Tim explained that no actions

NC SAR's Combined State Color Guard, made up of compatriots from across the state, came to the Board of Managers meeting to provide a display of the Colors, keeping us mindful of our duties. Gary Green, our Vice President, is commanding.



Several chapters and the State Society received their Partners in Patriotism Certificates that were awarded at the National Congress, and brought back for presentation. (l-r) Jim Cook, Charles Lewis, Geoff Pittard, Tom Long, George Strunk and Tim Berly accepted the awards.

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BOM Meeting Minutes

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have been taken to date to report. Reports will be posted with action or not.

Glenn Sappie of Oration Committee thanks the state society for their support in his stead. He was unable to participate as much as he would have liked due to health reasons and wanted to thank everyone.



Dick Eisenman was recognized for his many years of dedication to the Society. President Berly is personally "pinning" Dick.

Old Business

- Report on "Let Freedom Ring" donation to CTSSAR – Tim Berly: \$147 was spent to pay for flag for ceremony.
- Follow up on Publishing Costs/ Electronic Distribution of Newsletter? – Steve Pittard: Steve spoke about costs of newsletter (about \$3,000 budgeted). We need to ensure that we use the most cost effective method for distribution. It is also on the web site. George spoke about email issues/effectiveness with new email list begun by Gary and kept current, so far. Of 1,000 +, we only had 50 bad or old addresses. We need to ensure that new members use an application form with an email address on it.
- Plans for Kings Mountain – Doyle Campbell. Invitation sent out twice, Oct 7th 11:00. Mark spoke on SC plans. Hotel moved to Courtyard, grave marking on 6th with road marker at 2 p.m., SA Dist. meeting at 4:30. Note RSVPs for wreaths are critical in order to print program and order wreath protocol. Tim reviewed the high turnout rates for these events and the importance of timely reporting to present a wreath. Added: Dick Bishop discussed Black Powder instructor, possibly Dan Woodruff, and the need for procedures for qualification and the safe firing of muskets. Alex Wilson asked about location of instructor. He is in SC and Tim said we need to have safety procedures followed and will look for a local NC instructor.

New Business

- Request for Chapter Charter – Col. Alexander Erwin Chapter – Wayne Davis. Seventeen NC Compatriots requested Charter. Wayne spoke to the efforts of Grady Hall and Ken Wilson contributing to the success so far. Robert Pruet is VP and an ancestor of the owner of an existing house in Morganton. 12 Sept event is open to all. Wayne Davis told the story of Chapter development. Tim asked for a motion. Ken Wilson moved, Jim Cook seconded to charter the 27th Chapter, a vote was called and the ayes have it. Tim recognized that Bill Jarrett is a descendant. John Thornhill asked about transferring Old North State members to the Chapter. Jim asked about IRS procedures. Already begun.
- Tim reminded everyone that there are

currently two Chapters under development, one in North Harlowe and one at the Crystal coast (Morehead City area).

- Warren Alter asked the state for endorsement for the next election to Treasurer General. Steve Pittard spoke to the request based on his personal knowledge and encouraged that we do endorse Warren. Chuck Adams asked about the veracity of an endorsement. What does that mean to the state? Frank Horton announced the 31 December deadline for nomination endorsements. Jim Becker asked about others that may be in line and the effect of this endorsement. Alex Wilson said Steve's recommendation was good enough for him Alex moved and John Meisenheimer seconded. The ayes have it. Frank reminded us that a letter should be sent to the nominating committee.

- Bylaws Amendment(s) – State Fees for Supplemental Applications. Gary Green gave background info. Grandpa's proposal to reduce costs of second and third applications for those apps sent at one time. Gary suggested we use the same formula for the State as used at National. Steve questioned the disparity of difference between state and National? Bobby Ervin said he was doing the supplementals for his family and was the impetus for the change. There should be a similar family plan for supps. Md. Guy asked about the applications for a family plan? Sam says the cost is less if several people are applying for the same purpose at one time. Jim Becker said he wasn't sure we ever enforced the cost of multiple fees. Chuck supported the plan but said \$8 even for the charge. Steve reminded us that our fees have lagged behind the National fees because we haven't raised fees like National. Frank, on behalf of application processors, stated that they need to know the total. Consider, Bobby stated \$75 and \$37.50 for each supplemental. David Mann questioned the Emeritus question (no national dues, but state is still required). The recommendation is to change the fees and be voted on at the next BOM. Consensus was to move it forward. The proposed Bylaw was sent to committee for action.



Past President Jim Wood was recognized for his sustained achievement in color guard activities for the Society. He received the coveted National Von Steuben Medal, presented by National Color Guard Adjutant Mark Anthony.

New Chapter Formation/Retention language may be added to Bylaws: Ken Wilson spoke to his tenure as Society President and talks with officers about Chapter requirements as far as participation. See pages 54 and 55 of BOM Report for Requirements to maintain a Chapter charter. Tim called for discussion. Alex Wilson asked about other youth programs/contests? Ken listed possibilities and Jim Wood added History teacher.

John Thornhill stated we must be considerate of time/distance to travel when meetings are required (Asheboro is central). Tim said we were attempting to address that issue and try to rotate the meetings and convention. Geoff Pittard stated that an important point about meetings is not all and if you cannot attend send a proxy. We are encouraging people to participate. Alex suggested we meet one at the coast, one central and one in the mountains. David Mann stood in support of this, as a District Vice President. We need some tool to encourage participation because otherwise there is no guidance for participation. Chuck reminded us that we are a voluntary organization and that we shouldn't be heavy handed. Rather than have a new VP, use a committee. Tim said point was taken and that we have an obligation to encourage Chapters and without reports we can't know what they are doing. Jim stated that in PA there was a similar problem and we need to be careful about adding programs to encourage chapters to participate. We need to add to their capability rather than discourage. Ken said there were approx. ten chapters active in the Society and there are more that don't participate. Jim said we need to have the tools to help facilitate the effort to encourage action. Gary and Tim asked to continue the discussion and put together a committee to receive suggestions and bring forward a proposal. Tom Long offered to help. Tim briefed two proposed VP positions see pg 55.

VP discussion: Chuck asked if we need another officer or would a committee suffice. John Thornhill said he agrees, we already have five VPs and that should work. Alex said with no disrespect, the position should be held by a chapter president that has had some success and made it work. Maximize the experience that we have within the society. Tim summarized that we can work on structure, committee or VP and bring it to our Annual Meeting. Please send suggestions to me or the executive committee so we can include everyone's suggestions.

Surrender of Charter: Silas McDowell Chapter - see pages 55-56. Jim Becker mentioned Francis Nash history that was resurrected. Tim said there is no official guidance in Constitution and bylaws and we need to include it in the discussion of chapter revitalization. Jim Cook said the action needs to be taken, the action is imminent. Marc stated the situation in SC several years ago was that an agreement of chapter to state society was drawn by Chancellor. A new chapter was started in the same area with a different charter. Tim invites the exec cmte, district vp and chapter presidents to discuss before we pull the plug and turn in charter. Alex asked about the circumstances. Tom briefed the situation to the group. For three years, two officers have carried the chapter. Majority of chapter members are there for certificate only.

- Tar Heel Junior Historian Program – Jim Becker pg 77 Jim spoke to the initiative.
- Frank Horton asked if he was asking for \$\$\$. Jim said that could be the later effect, but not the initial effort – just public knowledge getting the word out.

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- William R. Davie Society Proposal – Tim Berly - removed by Tim.
- Jay briefed us on the new web site. Frank Horton asked about the list of contacts. Sam asked about chapter initiatives. David Mann asked about contacts. Tom Long thanked Jay for the site info for Silas McDowell over the years.

Bobby Ervin moved that the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe be added to the list of state events. Alex seconded. Approved.

- Ken Wilson hasn't received color guard reports since Patriots' Day event.
- Ken Luckey invited everyone to Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary on Sept. 17th.
- Marc Anthony announced the youth poster contest with the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge theme.
- Sam Powell spoke on the Alexander Mitchell event.

Closing Prayer by Rev. Dr. Clark Wiser.
Retirement of the Colors by the NC SAR Color Guard, commanded by Gary Green.

SAR Recessional led by Dr. Sam Powell, PhD, President, SAR Foundation.

NEW BOOK NOTICE

PG Butler complies with request from HRM Felipe VI de Borbon, King of Spain, to write book about Spain's assistance during the American Revolutionary War

GÁLVEZ

*Spain - Our Forgotten Ally
in the American Revolutionary War*

by Judge Edward Butler

This 360 page book with 214 footnotes, and 37 pages of Appendices, contains the names of hundreds of Spanish patriots. It documents the significant support rendered by Spain in the formation of our nation.

It received the Order of the Granaderos de Galvez award as the "Best Revolutionary War History Book for 2014."

The reviews have been very positive. Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier, President Texas A&M University-San Antonio, had this to say: "Never has a more important book been written that confirms what has been silent in our American History books. Every student of American history can now know 'the rest of the story'."

Mimi Lozano, educator who co-founded the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research had this to say: "This book should be on the shelf of every school library...is a tidy, quick-read, quick-reference book, handy to have on hand...the Spanish did play an important, very major role in winning the American Revolution."

The book was published by Southwest Historical Press, P.O. Box 170, 24165 IH-10 West, Suite 217-170, San Antonio, TX 78257, and is available for \$29.00 + \$6.50 p. & h. Mail order to above address.

Discovering the Museum of History's Tar Heel Junior Historian Association

Article provided by Jim Becker, State Historian and Past President of the Raleigh Chapter

The Raleigh Chapter of the North Carolina Society SAR continues a twenty plus year involvement with the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Essay Contest sponsored by the NC Museum of History. Although not part of the SAR essay contest, this program provides contacts for the SAR essay and other youth contests and stimulates an interest in history to over 4,300 Tar Heel Junior Historian Association members in 107 clubs across North Carolina.

The individual clubs are associated with public, charter, private, and home schools with students ranging in age from elementary to high school age. Each Tar Heel Junior Historian Association club member receives a magazine twice per year at no charge, other communications, and invitations to special events at the museum.

History clubs are an excellent way to involve more students in the study of our American history and to instill in the students an appreciation for our country, its founding fathers and our system of government.

The Raleigh Chapter also has a role in reviewing the essay topic, providing judges, donating cash prizes, and taking part in the awards ceremony held each spring. Raleigh SAR chapter members judge history essays at the middle and high school levels, while Raleigh DAR supports the essay contest at the elementary school clubs.

This past year, Edward (Ted) Rudisill moved to Raleigh from California, where he had been Past President of the San Diego Chapter. He is very concerned that our early US history is becoming a forgotten topic in today's curriculum. Ted has written a short history of the American Revolution for use by primary and secondary school students to help preserve it as part of the public curriculum. His publication, "The Long Road to Freedom" is available on disk at no charge. This 66-page publication describes ten of the major battles that were fought, the main characters involved and the stark realities of fighting a war with untrained, undersupplied militia against the most powerful nation in the world.

When Ted learned about the North Carolina Museum of History program for the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Essay, he sensed that this was a program he wanted to know more about. Ted was available to attend the Award Ceremony this past spring and met Jessica Pratt, the North Carolina Museum of History staff person who serves as program coordinator. Ted surmised that there was an opportunity for us to participate with a special history section for Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Clubs. He had worked with a high school history club in San Diego with excellent results.

Another recent example of how exciting this opportunity is the way it highlights the Raleigh Chapter's speaker's bureau. Members of the speaker's bureau learned that they could make special historical presentations to Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Clubs and were invited this spring to make a history presentation on the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. This presentation was made to a history club for a group of Home Schoolers in the Raleigh area. By working with the North Carolina Museum of History, these programs can be shared with other communities across the State. Others members may also want to become involved. We have an excellent program that deserves our support. This platform opportunity may be helpful in making our youth programs more inclusive.

This year there is no funding for new books including history books. Computer technology and electronic communications are revolutionizing the classroom. Previously history books were printed each year and revised to make them "new." They left out much of the old. Over the years, the material changed. Today's teacher has to make decisions on what is taught based on required curriculum and available content. Improving the quality of the material the teacher has to select from is important.

Operating since its formation in 1953, the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association has always helped meet such needs. Their work provides the American Citizen of tomorrow the opportunity to learn history in a meaningful way.

The Raleigh Chapter met with the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association program coordinator and learned we have now been invited to help further the effectiveness of this program and that our assistance is needed. By doing so, we advance our own objectives and those of the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Clubs. We are asked to help attract youth members, support new clubs, and support the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association essay contests. To support the students and history teachers, we are also invited to provide encouragement for the Tar Heel Junior Historians to participate in our SAR youth contests and pass on materials we produce locally and those provided by our National offices in Louisville.

This opportunity is an extremely important one. Please consider finding out more about the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association clubs in your area. For further information, you can view the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association website at: <http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/Learn/Tar-Heel-Junior-Historian-Association>. You may also contact Ron Hill, SAR member in Cary at ronhill@nc.rr.com or call (919) 803-4787. We look forward to working with other NC Chapters to further develop ties with the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association.

125TH CONGRESS REPORT

Gary O. Green, Sr Vice President, North Carolina SAR

The North Carolina SAR traveled well to Louisville, Kentucky for the 125th Congress of the National Society SAR from 26 June 2015 to 1 July 2015. We participated in multiple color guard activities including the Memorial Service on Sunday, opening ceremonies on Monday morning, changing of the Color Guard Commander on Tuesday, and closing ceremonies on Wednesday evening. Compatriots participated in the Color Guard events (the parentheses is the number in which they participated): George Strunk (5); Sam Powell (4); Gary Green (4); Ray Maxson (4); Steve Pittard (3); Tim Berly (2); Dick Bishop (2); Jim Wood (2); John Thornhill (2) and Clark Wiser (1). Others attending include Joe Harris, Jim Becker, Glenn Sappie, Kurt van Tassel, Gary Horne and Frank Horton. We had some super support from our ladies, Karen Powell, Judy Pittard, Helen Maxson, Jo Thornhill, Sheila Wood, Jean Bishop, Diane van Tassel, and Julie Green as they guided the Ladies Auxiliary activities and attended the formal events.

NC Compatriots in Memorial Service (left to right) Sam Powell, Gary Green, Ray Maxson, Steve Pittard, TG Mike Tomme, Jeff Jones, PG Lindsey Brock, Clark Wiser, Jim Wood, Dan Woodruff and George Strunk.



The North Carolina SAR earned some recognition during the Congress:

Former State President Joe Harris was one of six SAR Compatriots inducted into the Minuteman Class of 2015. Samuel Powell was awarded the National Meritorious Service Medal. Steven Pittard was awarded the National Distinguished Service Medal. Tim Berly, Jim Wood, Larry Brown and John Martin earned the Von Steuben Color Guard Medal. Some North Carolina Compatriots achieved the Liberty Medal (first line signer for 10 new applications): David Allen, Gene Funderburk, Frank Horton (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), James E. Brewer (OLC) and James H. Wood (OLC).

N. Carolina Compatriots in attendance at the Tuesday Night Banquet during Congress.

The le Marquis de Lafayette AFJROTC cadet, A'lexus Lee earned third place in the National competition and was awarded \$500. The le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter was also recognized as the top chapter with 50-99 members in the President General's Chapter Activities Competition and North Carolina achieved the top honors for a society with 10-999 members.

North Carolina did well in contributing Patriot Biographies with 287 biographies submitted (31.2% of our membership). This included Bethabara (71.4%), General George Washington (58.8%), Le Marquis de Lafayette (134.7%), Lower Cape Fear (66.7%), Mecklenburg (92.9%), Salisbury (36.6%) and Silas McDowell (58.3%); all other chapters and the state society earned streamers for the chapter and society flags. The Outer Banks Chapter (25%) was mistakenly left off the list. Col. Bob Ervin, le Marquis de Lafayette President, earned a Certificate of Appreciation for his significant volunteer efforts in updating the Patriot Index with biographies submitted by fellow compatriots.

Thanks to the support of the North Carolina Society, Gary Green was recognized as a George Washington Fellow. In

addition, Frank Horton was recognized for his support of the SAR Foundation Capital Campaign at the Antique Copper Lapel Pin with Ruby Lamplighter Award (\$5,000-\$7,499 contribution); the Mecklenburg Chapter received a Streamer for \$500 contribution to the SAR Center Capital Campaign. Brian Kevin Thompson and Frank Horton were each recognized for \$1,776 contributions to the SAR 1776 Campaign Society and both received the Signer Lapel pin. The Reverend A. Clark Wiser was recognized for a \$592 contribution and received a Delegate Lapel pin. In addition, Clark Wiser was recognized with the Eagle Scout (Scholarship Funding Support) Medal.

Partners in Patriotism Certificates were awarded to the Blue Ridge, Gen. George Washington, Halifax Resolves, Lower Cape Fear, and Silas McDowell chapters as well as the North Carolina Society.

The North Carolina Society was recognized for participation in the Americanism Brochure Contest, the Eagle Scout Scholarship program, the Outstanding JROTC Cadet program as well as the NSSAR Activities Award.

The National Society Information Technology Committee is about ready to change the look of the Supplemental and New Member Applications that will be able to accomplish all initial activity electronically and allow multiple level review of the application simultaneously. This should be a boon to those who have computer access to the Internet.

The National Congress voted to increase dues to \$35 per year effective 1 January 2016. This was done after much discussion and verification of the need to support the new library, the needs of the Information Technology Database initiative to change to



the electronic submission of applications, and the basic needs of the National Society staff to conduct business.

President General Tom Lawrence placed a significant emphasis upon our youth program participation at the State and Chapter Society levels. Monetary rewards are available when a society participates in all seven of the youth programs and the American History Teacher of the Year recognition. There will be more to come on his specific goals for the Society.

Areas of concern is that the Society needs to increase participation in Flag Certificates (requires 14 chapters participating to be recognized). We need to meet the deadline for submission of the Poster Contest paperwork. We need to change the web sites to identify the new "brand" for the society to be expressed as the "North Carolina SAR" rather than the "NCSSAR", and we need to properly submit the Public Safety Award recipients.

My general assessment is that the 125th Congress was a great success. The North Carolina Society was well represented and achieved notable recognition for the fine work accomplished in the last year. Well done, North Carolina SAR!

Bylaw Proposals

Requirements to Maintain a Chapter Charter – (Proposed addition to Handbook/Constitution Article VIII) 11/2015 Revision

- I. Chapters shall be required to participate in, by sending a voting member, to represent their Chapter at called meetings of their District VP and at least one (1) of the three (3) State meetings during a calendar year. These three meetings are defined as the two Board of Managers meetings and the Annual meeting.
- II. Each chapter will sponsor/co-sponsor at least one event/activity contained in the Americanism Report during a calendar year. The ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program medals awarded each spring will satisfy this requirement only if awarded in person.
- III. Chapters shall submit the required Board of Managers meetings (2) and Annual Meeting (year-end) reports to the State Society by the deadlines set forth by the State Society. The required information for these reports is indicated on the North Carolina Society website.

Chapters will notify the State Secretary of the election/appointment of chapter officers no later than 30 days after said election/appointment. Notifications shall be in writing and include the name of the officer, date of election/appointment.

If a report is not submitted on time, the District VP will contact an officer of the Chapter via telephone to secure their Chapter's report. Reports from the Board of Managers Meeting, including late reports, will be posted on the State website.

- IV. If a chapter fails to reach the above stated goals the Executive Committee may recommend it be placed on probation for a period of one (1) calendar year. Said chapters will be under the direct supervision of the Officer for Chapter Revitalization. This State Officer will oversee and evaluate the Chapter's performance and implement corrective action. Chapters who are placed on probation for two (2) of three (3) consecutive years shall appear before the first Board of Managers meeting of the fourth (4th) calendar year to justify why their charter should not be revoked. The said charter may be subject to revocation by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Managers.

V. Proposed Addition to NC SAR Officers – Officer for Chapter Revitalization

The supervision of chapters placed on probation shall be accomplished by the Officer for Chapter Revitalization. This will be an appointed office and will not fall within the line of succession for Society President. This individual(s) should, if at all possible, be a former NC SAR Society President.

The appointee:

- Shall direct and assist under-performing chapters.
- Shall have direct oversight of chapters that are non-functioning or considered on probation.
- Shall report progress to the Society President and the Board of Managers at their semi-annual meetings and at the Annual meeting during the probationary period.

VI. Proposed Addition to NC SAR Officers – Officer for New Chapter Formation

The formation of new chapters shall be guided by the Officer for New Chapter Formation. This will be an appointed office and will not fall within the line of succession for Society President. This individual(s) should, if at all possible, be a former NC SAR Society President.

The appointee:

- Shall facilitate, and assist the District Vice Presidents, in the identification of areas for new chapter expansion
- Shall assist in the development of potential chapters up to and through the chartering process

- Shall have direct oversight of potential chapter groups until chartering
- Shall act as the new chapter advisor for the first year after chartering

Proposed update of District Vice President Duties:

- Seek to promote the interest and activities of the State to the Chapters within their District.
- Visit each chapter at least once during their term in office.
- Plan and conduct at least one District meeting whereby all chapters within the District are represented.
- Encourage the formation of new chapters by aiding the Officer for New Chapter Formation.
- Assist the Officer for Chapter Revitalization as directed.
- Encourage the enrollment of new members in the chapters within the District.

VII. Surrender of a Chapter's Charter – (Proposed addition to Handbook/Constitution Article VIII)

Should a Chapter wish to disband and surrender its Charter to operate to the State Society, the following guidelines will apply:

- In the event a chapter becomes inactive, or for any reason should cease to meet and fails to elect officers, the President shall have the authority to call a meeting of the chapter, and preside at such meeting for the election of officers or to conduct such business as may be necessary to reactivate the chapter.
- Pending such a meeting, the President may appoint such temporary officers in the chapter as he may deem desirable, when the regular officers have for any reason ceased to function, and such temporary officers shall perform the duties of their offices and conduct the business of the chapter until a meeting can be held to reactivate the chapter.
- In the event all efforts to reorganize the chapter fail, then on the recommendation of its President, the North Carolina Society's Board of Managers may revoke the charter of chapter and it will cease to exist.
- In addition, the Board of Managers may revoke the charter of a chapter by two thirds vote, if a chapter:
 - a.) Fails to elect officers for two (2) or more years, or
 - b.) Fails to hold meetings or conduct SAR programs for three (3) or more years.

The assets of such a dissolved chapter shall be transferred to the North Carolina Treasurer to be held in a separate account for three years until or in case the chapter can be re-chartered. Funds which have been provided by a donor to address a specified objective or use by this chapter ("restricted funds"), shall be liquidated by said chapter by returning them to the providing donor(s). The records of the Chapter shall be handed over to the State Secretary. The flags, flag stands, supply of medals or other material assets belonging to the chapter shall be handed over to a nearby chapter to be held for three years in case the chapter is re-chartered, or a new chapter founded in that area to receive such items. After that period, if neither of these actions occur, the assets and records will revert to the State Society.

- It is preferred that members of the dissolved chapter transfer into a nearby chapter so that they may remain active in SAR activities in their area of the state.

Recommendation for Change to Fees & Dues

Supplemental Lineage Application

Discussion: With the current fee structure, there is no provision for a North Carolina Compatriot for submitting a Supplemental

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Lineage Application with the same ancestor for himself and his family members. There is only one cost associated with submitting a Supplemental Lineage Application, \$15.00. If a family member with the exact same lineal ancestry wishes to submit an application simultaneously, the current NC Application fee does not change.

In the national fee structure, the additional family member with the same lineal ancestor is charged a fee that is one-half the amount of the original fee application.

A price break is given when more than one member of a family, within no more than two degrees of kinship, submit supplemental applications at the same time, based on descent along the same genealogical line from the same supplemental patriot ancestor.

The following is a breakdown of the typical fees involved. The actual State and Chapter Level fees may vary.

- Originating Supplemental: \$60
 - Each additional Family supplemental (for same patriot): \$30
- http://www.sar.org/Membership/Costs/Supplemental_Lineage

Recommendation:

1) Recommend that fees for family members who submit Supplemental Lineage Applications at the same time for additional family members within no more than two degrees of kinship, receive the following price break in North Carolina fees.

- Original Supplemental Lineage Application: \$15
- Each additional Family Supplemental Lineage Application (for the same patriot): \$7.50

2) Recommend the Article III-Fees and Dues, Section IV – Supplemental Fees be changed from:

Section IV - Supplemental Fees

The filing of each supplement claim shall be accompanied by payment of a fee of \$75.00.

To read:

Section IV - Supplemental Fees

The filing of each supplement claim shall be accompanied by payment of a fee of \$75.00 (*\$60 National Fee and \$15 North Carolina Fee*). For each additional family member's simultaneous supplemental application for the same patriot the North Carolina fee will be \$7.50 per applicant.

3) Recommend a note (7) be added to the Fees and Dues chart in the Handbook and on the web page and attached as a superscript to the word "Supplemental" to read:

(7) For each additional family member's simultaneous supplemental application for the same patriot the NC fee will be \$7.50 per applicant.

Can you honor Someone with a Flag Certificate before the end of this year?

From Ken Wilson, NC SAR Flag Chairman

We compatriots of the NC SAR have done a fair to poor job over the last few years in awarding SAR Flag Certificates to individuals, companies and organizations in our areas of responsibility. We need at least 14 of our chapters to award at least one (1) flag certificate during the calendar year to qualify the State Society to receive the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award at the National Congress. We still have time to make the award before year's end. Please send me a list of certificates awarded to include the recipient's name and the date of the award.

We can do this, Compatriots. Present a Flag Certificate today!

Americanism Reports Due

Compatriots,

Just a reminder that your Americanism Reports are due to me NLT January 5, 2016 and no reports are to be sent to National until they have been reviewed at the State level. By doing this, errors can be corrected and email exchanges between the Chapter, State and National chairmen can be held to a minimum.

An additional reminder, please annotate contributions to the National Society on Tab 16 and to the State Society on the NC Inputs tab. This is one area that is often overlooked. I thank you for your timely actions.

When reporting, I need to know the following:

- Name & date of event
- Name of all participants (NC SAR Primary members only)
- Was the Compatriot wearing a blazer, Continental uniform or Colonial clothing?
- Did the Compatriot participate in the Color Guard?
- Did the Compatriot present a wreath?
- Was the CAR or DAR present?

If a state officer was present and participating in that capacity, he must report separately following the criteria listed above. State officers cannot be counted on the chapter forms unless they are representing both the state and chapter and are listed as such on the program. A state officer needs to copy me on activities in a separate report.

Most of our compatriots who attended the National Congress have reported their activities there but some have still not responded. Information needed includes:

- National Office held
- Committee meetings attended
- Committees Chairman/Vice Chairman
- Color Guard at any event during the Congress – Continental uniform or Colonial clothing

The same requirements would be used for the Leadership meetings at Louisville

Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Ken Wilson, NC SAR Americanism Chairman

On Managing SAR Societies and Chapters

*by Dr. Charles Lewis, President
Lower Cape Fear Chapter*

At the Summer 2015 Meeting of the Board of Managers in Raleigh several By Laws and Constitutional changes were introduced by President Berly for DISCUSSION ONLY. As I read the recommendations and listened to the discussions I became very much aware of the implications.

The proposed intent to change the Supplemental Lineage Application fees appeared to be logical in terms of National and NC SAR filing activities, specifically in terms of accommodating NC SAR fee charges.

The possible changes to the Constitution in terms of the requirements to Maintain a Chapter Charter certainly attracted my attention! Potential changes would require Chapters to represent themselves by sending a voting member to called District meetings and State meetings during a calendar year. Further possible changes would set requirements for Chapter sponsorship of activities and submission of reports. The bottom line: Chapters that fail to meet stated goals of these possible changes could face probation.

Managing organizational operations is an incumbent charge to Managers. Business cannot continue "as is." Some Chapters are strong, while others are clearly identified as being weak.

Hats off to the Board of Managers. If Chapters cannot perform in a minimum satisfactory manner, they should be held accountable. The strength and the viability of the NC SAR is dependent on the participation of its Chapters and their members.

Every NC SAR member should consider the Discussion Items referred to; they may well become Constitutional! Thus speaks one Chapter President!

CHAPTER NEWS

Crystal Coast

Randy D. Steele, Ed.D., Past President NCSSAR and Past National Trustee NSSAR

The Proposed Crystal Coast Chapter met August 12, 2015. The chapter is continuing to build momentum and strength to eventually seek a charter. Dr. Randy Steele, Past President NCSSAR and Organizing President of the Chapter, conducted the meeting. Compatriot David Burnette led the pledges to the flag and SAR. Compatriot Burnette also read the minutes from the July 8th meeting and the chapter discussed subsequent action. They held a program on the resources available to them at the library of The History Place in Morehead City. A brief history of Carteret County during the American Revolution was presented by the History Place's librarian, Jane Burbella. The proposed chapter continues to seek new members. Compatriot Don Williams led the recessional to close the meeting.

General George Washington

Outlaw Highway Marker Dedication



On Friday, 28 August, the General George Washington Chapter Colorguard and five members of the Lower Cape Fear Chapter Colorguard met just south of the Wayne/Duplin county line and participated in a Highway Marker dedication for Captain James Outlaw. The Outlaw and Grady families kicked off their annual family reunion by inviting the SAR and DAR to participate. It is a tribute to the members of both Chapters that we are finally able to stand on our own. Five flag bearers and four muskets is just the right size for any occasion, and the uniform and clothing mix was very good. We hope it is the first of many opportunities for us to "bring history to life" in Eastern NC. I wish I knew what the Sheriff's deputy was thinking when he stopped at the stop sign and saw us loitering on the corner in front of the church.

General Washington's Tomb Vigil

The General George Washington Chapter participated in the General Washington Tomb Vigil at Mount Vernon on 19 September 2015. State participation was twice the participation of previous years. This year in an effort to ease the effort and increase the activity for site visitors, we performed a changing of the guard every 15 minutes after the first hour. It is an honor and privilege to stand guard on the First Commander in Chief's Tomb and during breaks to explain to visi-

tors the purpose of the SAR and how we are linked in ancestry to such a rich history.



(left to right) Ralph Smiley, George Strunk and Kenny Smith of General George Washington Chapter were joined by John Sullivan (Alamance Battleground Chapter).

Halifax Resolves

9-11 Ceremony

The Halifax Resolves Chapter provided planning and logistical support for the 9-11 Ceremony held on September 11, 2015 in Roanoke Rapids, NC which was sponsored by AMVETS Post 101.



In attendance (L-R) Halifax Resolves Compatriot E.C. Bobbitt, Past President Ken Wilson and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones. Article and photo provided by Ken Wilson

Constitution Day Remembered



The Halifax Resolves Chapter SAR was represented by Past President Ken Wilson (L) and Halifax Resolves Chapter DAR Regent Ms. Roberta Josey (R).

The Halifax Resolves SAR Chapter and the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter placed a display in the Scotland Neck Memorial Library honoring the U.S. Constitution. September 17, 1787 was the day the Constitution was created and it was ratified June 21, 1788 when New Hampshire, the ninth colony to do so, approved the document. Of the thirteen colonies that ratified the constitution, North Carolina was the twelfth, doing so on November 21, 1789.

This display illustrates the chain of events from the adoption of the Halifax Resolves to

the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Nash Central HS hosts SAR Speaker

10 October 2015 - The Nash Central High School AP History class hosted Sons of the American Revolution Compatriot Ken Wilson of the Halifax Resolves chapter who presented a program on the significance of the dates displayed on the North Carolina flag. The program covered the period in North Carolina history beginning with the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence to the adoption of the Halifax Resolves.

AP History teacher, Mr. Renny Taylor, received four SAR CD's pertaining to the Revolutionary War, the U. S. Flag and the Articles of Association of 1774. He also received replica block prints of two Revolutionary War period newspapers and the Declaration of Independence.



Ken Wilson with NCHS AP History Class

Veterans Memorial Service

8 November 2015 - Prior to the March of Patriots Parade/Ceremony this year, AMVETS Post 101 requested an SAR Color Guard for a veterans memorial service at Freedom Freewill Baptist Church in Weldon, NC. This program entailed posting two flags, the U.S. flag and a POW flag. The Color Guard presented other flags, but only two were posted. We also supplied the rifle sentries that were posted for the Missing Man Table presentation. The remaining CG participants marched out under sword escort, then the sword escort accompanied the folded flag to the Missing Man table. The service started at 11:00. Following the service we met for lunch at Ralph's BBQ in preparation for the parade in downtown Roanoke Rapids, NC.



(l-r) Color Guard members from several chapters joined with JROTC and AMVETS for a church program.

le Marquis de Lafayette

Outstanding Citizenship Pins

The pins were presented by le Marquis de Lafayette Past President Wendell Small to Joel Sellers and wife Andrea, owners of Chick-

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fil-a, in the Cross Creek Mall food court for wearing red shirts on Fridays in recognition of our many veterans. - *Wendell Small*



Photo by Dick Bishop. L to R: Fred Christman, Joel Sellers, Wendell, Andrea Sellers, and John De Carter

Constitution Day Proclamation

Compatriots Bob Ervin, Robert Alves, John Griffith, Bruce Daws, and Wendell Small attended the Constitution Day ceremony held in the historic Market House in downtown Fayetteville, NC.



President Ervin receives the Constitution Proclamation from Mayor Pro Tem Kady-Ann Davy.

John Elwell Grave Marking

On Saturday, October 10, 2015, the le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter conducted a Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Patriot John Elwell, in collaboration with St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Fayetteville Area Transportation and Local History Museum. Compatriot Bobby J. Ervin, President of the Chapter, led the program.

Quite a few guests, members of the church and family members were in attendance. The Invocation was given by Compatriot Rev. Robert Alves, Chaplain of the chapter. Recognition of St. Patrick Catholic Church was provided by Harry Doody, Museum



The marker for Patriot John Elwell being unveiled.

Annex Coordinator for the Fayetteville Area Transportation and Local History Museum. The Patriot Biography was shared by James B. Greathouse, Senior Museum Specialist, Fayetteville Area Transportation and Local History Museum & member St. Patrick Catholic Church.

The Honors/Wreath Laying Ceremony was handled by Compatriot Steven Pittard, former Vice President, South Atlantic District, NS SAR with the unveiling of SAR Grave Marker done by Frank Pollak, Grand Knight and Dennis Cahill, Deputy Knight, Cardinal Gibbons Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Wreaths were presented by Lib Wilson, Past Regent, Col. Robert Rowan Chapter, NCSDAR and President Ervin of le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, NC SAR. Closing remarks were provided by President Ervin and the Benediction by Reverend Alves.

On June 20, 1775, a little over a year before the Declaration of Independence, 30 year old John Elwell signed the Liberty Point Resolves. His father, Benjamin Elwell was also a signer. This defiant document declared that the colony would be "thoroughly justified in resisting force by force."

In the American Revolution, John Elwell served as a Private in the Cumberland County militia under Capt. Arthur Council. Benjamin Elwell, John's father, served as a Lieutenant under Captain George Miller and Colonel Richard Caswell's New Bern District Militia Brigade. Brother Richard Elwell served as a Private in the Bladen County militia under Capt. James Council. Colonel Caswell lists Benjamin Elwell, James Council and Arthur Council as being at the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge. It is believed that John Elwell served there with his company.

Mecklenburg

Chapter assists in Slave and Native American Grave Marking

Jay Joyce, President, Mecklenburg Chapter

CHARLOTTE, NC - The Mecklenburg Chapter, NC SAR, participated in a mass grave marking sponsored by the Governor John Archdale Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, at the historic Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC on October 17, 2015.

"This event was organized by Katherine Hohmann, President of the Colonial Dames chapter, the Sardis Presbyterian Church Cemetery Committee and one of the church's Life Scouts, Hoke Thompson, as his Eagle Scout project. More than 100 media and community members attended the ceremony."

The slave and Native American cemetery is more than 150 years old and there were nev-

er any markers or gravestones erected. It was believed that approximately 65 people were buried there, but Eagle Scout Thompson, with help from UNC Charlotte, scanned the cemetery grounds and discovered possibly 80 graves.

Hoke, along with help from his fellow Scout Troop #133 members, cleaned up the cemetery, marked each gravesite and built a Revolutionary Era style timber battlefield fence around the cemetery.



Eagle Scout project chairman Hoke Thompson addresses the audience with the story behind the preservation and marking of the cemetery.

50th Anniversary Vietnam Tribute

CHARLOTTE, NC (September 18, 2015) - The Mecklenburg chapter sponsored a very special 50th Anniversary Tribute to the Veterans of the Vietnam War that was open to SAR members, veterans and community members.

Many members are Vietnam veterans and we wanted to do something special during the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the war. Part of our goals is to honor the Patriots who served during the Revolutionary War, but because so many of our members served our nation during the Vietnam War, we wanted to pay tribute to these patriots as well. 130 SAR members, veterans and community members gathered to take part in the tribute.

US Army MG Charles H. Swannack, Jr., Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, spoke. He commanded the most elite division in the Army leading the 82nd Airborne. He was also the commanding general in the Middle East in 2004 during the Iraq war. He spoke about the differences between military planning and civilian interaction from the Vietnam War to the Iraqi War.

Also speaking was Vietnam War military correspondent Joseph Galloway. He was



Joseph Galloway speaks to audience

one of America's premier war and foreign correspondents for half a century. He was a

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special consultant to General Colin Powell and in 1998 he received the Bronze Star for rescuing wounded soldiers under fire in the IA Drang Valley in 1965. He is the author of "We Were Soldiers Once...and Young" and "We Are Soldiers Still."

Mr. Galloway spoke about how he was compelled to tell the real stories about the soldiers, the battles and the horror of war in Vietnam.

The evening ended with a presentation of a wreath honoring all veterans from the Vietnam War. All of the general officers and veterans in attendance were asked to render honors as TAPS was played.

This tribute was part of our mission of remembering those who have paid the ultimate price serving our country.

WWII, Korean & Vietnam Compatriot Grave Marked

by Jay Joyce, Chapter President



The NC/SC Combined Color Guard, along with the bag piper, present the colors at the beginning of a SAR Compatriot grave marking service for COL Charles Crain in Charlotte, NC.

(CHARLOTTE, NC) The Mecklenburg chapter marked the grave of compatriot and 25-year chapter member COL Charles L. Crain, USA (Ret.). Charles served in the U.S. Army during WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

He participated in five campaigns during WWII as an Infantry Company Commander, three campaigns in Korea as an Infantry Battalion Commander and in Vietnam as a Division Advisor to the 9th Vietnamese Infantry Division.

Charles earned many military awards including the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge with Star, Legion of Merit, Air Medal and Cross of Gallantry (Vietnam). In addition to all of those awards, Charles was a loving husband of 65 years to his wife Betty and a wonderful father to his daughter Marilyn.

Charles earned a degree from the University of Maryland and a Masters from George Washington University. He was a graduate of the Infantry Officers School, Command and General Staff College and the United States War College.

Charles had a great love for the SAR and our chapter. We were all moved to honor his service and life with the SAR compatriot grave marker and ceremony.

The grave marking ceremony included a professional bagpiper, the NC and SC SAR Color Guards, and a professional vocalist to sing patriotic hymns.

235th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill

by Emcee Jay Joyce, President, Mecklenburg Chapter

(Lincolnton, NC) The Catawba Valley Chapter hosted the 235th Annual Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill to one of the largest gatherings in recent memory.

This battle was significant in that it lowered the morale of the Loyalists in the south and weakened their support of the British on June 20, 1780.

Approximately 400 American militia defeated 1,300 Loyalists. The battle did not involve any regular army forces from either side. It was literally fought between neighbors, and despite being outnumbered, the Patriot militia defeated the Loyalists. Casualties were difficult to assign since almost no one was wearing any sort of uniform. The estimates of dead on each side is around 70. The annual commemoration is held at the mass gravesite.



SAR and C.A.R. members from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia assemble for the Ramsour's Mill ceremony.

235th Anniversary of the Battle of Colson's Mill



(Norwood, NC) The Colson's Mill Chapter hosted the annual anniversary of the Battle of Colson's Mill. President Daniel Burleson and his members were gracious hosts, providing an air conditioned space and having a fine meal available for the ceremony in July. This event has been supported well by both the NC SAR and the NCS DAR over the years. State President Tim Berly and SAR Foundation President Sam Powell were in attendance. The State Color Guard was present in force, and wreaths from across the state were presented.

President Tim Berly renders honors during wreath presentations at Colson's Mill celebration.

Battle of the House in the Horseshoe

On August 1, 2015, the le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter organized the Annual Battle at the House in the Horseshoe Ceremony. This is the second year of holding it in conjunction with the State Historic Site's yearly battle observance. Sutlers and reenactment units were positioned throughout the site near Goldston, NC. Chapter President Bobby Ervin was Master of Ceremonies. NC SAR President Timothy W. Berly brought remarks. Dr. Samuel C. Powell, President of the SAR Foundation, spoke on its efforts to remember our Patriot ancestors. Dan Hopping, President of the Sons of the Revolution in NC, brought greetings, as well as Vivia Day Tatum, DAR-SAR Liaison, NCS DAR. The speaker for the event was Dave Taylor, a Board Member for the Historic Site, who shared some of the history behind the observance.



(left to right, kneeling) Gary Green, George Strunk, John Thornhill, David Mann and Alex Wilson. (left to right, standing) Dick Bishop, Jim Tatum, Sam Powell, Steve Pittard, Dan Hopping, Tim Berly, Bobby Ervin, Ken Luckey, Wendell Small and Mike Aycock.

235th Anniversary of the Battle of Shallow Ford

by Fred Learned, Master of Ceremony, and President of the Bethabara Chapter

The Bethabara Chapter hosted a celebration of the Battle of Shallow Ford, on the Yadkin River, in Huntsville, NC on October 10, 2015. Color guardsmen in colonial uniforms came from around the state to attend the ceremony.

On October 14th, 1780 about 350 Patriot militiamen from North Carolina and Virginia, commanded by Maj. Joseph Cloyd, defeated upwards of 900 Tories that had just crossed the Yadkin River planning to join up with Cornwallis in Charlotte. News of the victory encouraged the Patriots and the Tories never again gathered in such numbers.

"The Battle of Shallow Ford has long been overlooked by historians, but recent research shows that it was a significant victory for the Patriot forces. Occurring exactly one week after the more famous Patriot victory at Kings Mountain, these two battles combined to help turn the War for Independence in North Carolina to the Patriots' advantage.

Randell Jones, an historical author, storyteller and Road Scholar, spoke on "The march of the prisoners after Kings Mountain." He has served as the past President of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association and is a much sought after expert for the accurate history of Kings Mountain, Daniel Boone, the Overmountain Men and just about every Revolutionary War battle in North Carolina."



The North Carolina SAR Color Guard gathered in front of the historic 1802 Huntsville Methodist Church located in Huntsville, NC, for the Shallow Ford ceremony.



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Thanks, Editor.

North Carolina SAR 2016 Winter Board of Managers Meeting

Saturday, January 30, 2016 - 11:45 AM to 3:30 PM

Hopewell Presbyterian Church Family Life Center, 10500 Beatties Ford Road, Huntersville, NC

\$25 per person includes hot, homemade southern buffet lunch.

To RSVP, please fill out this form, enclose your check payable to NC SAR, and mail by Jan. 25 to:

George Strunk, 205 Goldleaf Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534; (919) 778-8324; NCSecretary@gmail.com

Name: _____ NC SAR Position: _____

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Chapter and Committee Reports must be e-mailed **no later than 16 January 2016** to:

George Strunk at NCSecretary@gmail.com and Steve Pittard at gpittard1@nc.rr.com

Agenda items should be e-mailed to: **Tim Berly at tberly@carolina.rr.com**

Ladies Auxiliary will meet separately and join SAR members for lunch.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2016

January 7 - le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Meeting; 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Mark your schedules to join us for our first chapter meeting of 2016 at the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Building, Burgess Street, downtown Fayetteville.

January 9 - Lower Cape Fear Chapter Meeting; 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Join us for this year's first chapter meeting at Elizabeth's Pizza in Wilmington.

January 9 - Raleigh Chapter Meeting; 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.; Please mark your calendars to join us for an informal lunch meeting at Red Hot and Blue Restaurant in North Raleigh.

January 16 - 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens; 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; The ceremony will be held at the Cowpens Battlefield Park a few miles west of Gaffney, SC.

January 30 - 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford; 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.; The Mecklenburg Chapter invites all SAR, DAR, CAR, SR and other civic organizations to participate in the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford in Huntersville, NC at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Followed by the BOM Meeting in their Family Life Center. Registration for Cowan's Ford will be available on the web site. Registration for the BOM is printed above and will be available on line as well.

The National Society voted to raise national dues by \$5 (now at \$35) beginning this January 2016. Please make a note of it as you renew your memberships for the coming year.