

Great Work Is Being Done In Our Society

by Timothy W. Berly, President, NC SAR

I will shortly be leaving office as your State President, however I am happy to report to you that our Society is well positioned to continue to grow and expand the SAR programs, battle/historic event commemorations, and community celebrations in which we have been, and will continue to take an active role.

I began my term asking for a focus in 3 areas: conducting a "signature" event focusing on American heritage in your community, conducting Patriot Grave markings, and submitting Patriot Biographies. I additionally noted we would be conducting District meetings across the state to better facilitate communications between the State Society and Chapters. I've previously noted the progress we've made in each of these areas. I hope we have laid the groundwork and can continue to support these initiatives into the future to further the work of our Society. I ask that you continue to work with our "Partners in Patriotism" (DAR, C.A.R., SR and others) and seek out additional contact with those in your community including Veterans groups, Scouting and historic and civic associations who share many of our goals.

Together we can and do make a difference in promoting civic education and pride in our founding principles. In the words of that great soldier, statesman and first leader of our nation, President George Washington, from his Farewell Address: "The name of American, which belongs to you, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism."

We began 2016 with an active membership of 977 compatriots (up from 909 on 1/1/15), and as of March 24th, once again stand at a membership of 1,005. Although we lost 90 members as "drops" (for non-payment of dues), we hope to reinstate many of those compatriots and focus on looking and moving forward. It is my hope we can sustain our State's membership above the 1,000-member threshold at the end of this calendar year, and continue to grow our Society. With strong, enthusiastic membership we will be able to focus ever more fully on what we do well, enjoying camaraderie with our fellow compatriots and partners from the patriotic community, while conducting the important activities of the SAR. Bringing in excited new members, and working to establish vibrant new chapters in communities across North Carolina can only enhance these efforts.

We are on the threshold of soon chartering a new, historic Chapter in North Harlowe, comprised of men who are the descendants of the "Forgotten Patriots" (14 free men of

color who fought for our independence) and hailed from that community. Several have already joined and they have the requisite number of applications under review for membership to make this happen. This effort has drawn attention in our National Society and we look forward to holding a ceremony to do so in Havelock in the September time-frame.

Startup effort for a new chapter continues in Morehead City, and we are talking about restarting a Chapter in the Franklin area. There has been interest expressed in exploring new chapters in several other locations across NC as well.

One area I am most pleased to bring to your attention is cooperation among our chapters. This Fall, the Bethabara and Yadkin Valley Chapter plan to jointly host the commemoration of the Battle of Shallow Ford. The Western Waters and Captain George Dickey Chapters are planning a joint Patriot Grave marking ceremony near Rutherfordton. These are just two of several joint endeavors in the works where chapters are working together to conduct SAR activities.



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~ George Washington

At our Annual Meeting on April 29 and 30, we will come together in Charlotte to conduct the work of our Society as well as recognize those compatriots and ladies who have been instrumental to our success.

The Society will conduct its Memorial Service to honor our compatriots who have gone on to their reward, nominate and elect new State officers, and review several important matters related to our governance, such as proposed bylaws changes to be discussed and voted upon. The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting several activities including a Ladies Tea and Auction.

We will be honoring the 50th Anniversary of the War in Vietnam and those who served. Lt. Col. John Hedley, US Army (ret.), a West Point graduate and recipient of the Silver Star for gallantry while serving in Vietnam, will be the speaker for our Youth Awards luncheon on Saturday. Among other things, he will relay the story of Richard's

Coffee Shop of Mooresville, "The Most Patriotic Coffee Shop in America," founded to recognize our Vietnam vets and give them the "welcome home" they should have received. Since the SAR honors the men, women and events of the American Revolution and our Constitutional era, in the evening our Awards & Installation Banquet will feature as speaker that esteemed man of the Enlightenment and Patriot, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, who has been referred to as "The First American."

Once again, I wish to extend my thanks to the Chapters and Districts that have hosted me in my travels across North Carolina/our Society. I have traveled countless miles across our state as well as six others to represent North Carolina at over 60 events including battle commemorations, patriotic events and numerous SAR meetings. Thanks to your efforts, North Carolina now hosts or co-hosts six Nationally recognized SAR events, the most of any single state society.

It is a tribute to you when I received compliments from other Societies for the great work being done here at home by our NC Society with regard to SAR programs and initiatives. You are doing these things by remembering our Patriot ancestors: through the submission of Patriot bios, grave markings, well planned and executed celebrations of battles and other events of the Revolution; ensuring that the legacy of Freedom they bequeathed to us is understood and appreciated by our posterity.

I hope that those of you who celebrate Easter, enjoyed that time together with family and that you will join us in Charlotte on April 29th & 30th for the North Carolina SAR Annual Meeting!



Timothy W. Berly, President

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Membership Update

(Continued from September 6, 2015)



NEW MEMBERS

National #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	State #	Chapter	City
196338	William	Dewitt	Brown	4110	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
196339	Charles	Mark	Lackey	4111	Salisbury	Morgantown
196499	Edwin	Thomas	Mims, Jr	4114	Silas McDowell	Brasstown
196500	James	Candler	Ryan, Jr.	4112	Western Waters	Cashiers
196501	David	Lee	Pierson	4113	Raleigh	Durham
196623	Henry	Crittendon	Livingston	4116	Old North State	Southport
196624	Alexander	Bernard	Livingston	4117	Old North State	Buffalo, NY
196625	Larry	Brent	Allison	4118	Blue Ridge	Asheville
196626	John	Eric	Taylor	4119	Capt George Dickey	Forest City
196627	Warren	Douglas	Melton	4120	Capt George Dickey	Rutherfordton
196628	Nicholas	Randolph	Holman	4121	Lower Cape Fear	Greensboro
196695	Thomas	William	Payne, Jr.	4122	New Bern	New Bern
196696	David	Schuyler	Vroom	4123	Le Marquis de Lafayette	Fayetteville
196834	Robert	John	Wolfrom	4124	Raleigh	Wake Forest
196982	Kenneth	Jon	Robinson	4126	Mecklenburg	Indian Trail
196983	Michael	James	Robinson	4127	Mecklenburg	Gastonia
197097	Jesse	James	Carswell	4128	Col Alexander Erwin	Morgantown
197098	Carroll	Wayne	Bryson	4129	Western Waters	Weaverville
196863	Michael	Allen	Schwanemann	4130	Old North State	San Diego, CA
197185	Thomas	Alexander Wise	Fraser	4131	Western Waters	Lynchburg, VA
197379	Arlie	Rives	Manning	4136	Halifax	Youngsville
197380	John	Rives	Manning, Jr.	4137	Halifax	Roanoke Rapids
197452	Robert	Sudreth	Erwin, Jr.	4135	Col Alexander Erwin	Morgantown
197582	Garrett	Alan	Noel	4138	Raleigh	Mooresville
197583	James	Ernest	Watts	4139	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
197584	Victor	Lee	Ward	4140	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
197585	John	Anderson	McEntire, III	4141	Western Waters	Little Rock, AR
197586	David	Erwin	Bell	4142	Mecklenburg	Wake Forest
197587	William	Bowker	Dawson, III	4143	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
197588	Maxx	Laurent	Oliver	4144	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
197589	Christopher	Ryan	Redmond	4145	Mecklenburg	Mooresville
197590	James	Allen	Whitaker	4146	Mecklenburg	Salem, SC
197591	Jace	Liam	Horton	4147	Old North State	Fayetteville
197733	Bruce	Allen	Reed	4148	Raleigh	Stockton, MO
197734	Sean	Kent	Lloyd	4149	Raleigh	Raleigh
197735	Dennis	Lloyd	Hockman	4150	Raleigh	Raleigh
197736	John	Pavao	Hockman	4151	Raleigh	Raleigh
197843	Lee	Harriss	Roberts	4152	Raleigh	Raleigh
197844	William	Hendrick	Norris	4153	Lower Cape Fear	Wilmington
198011	Austin	Lowell	Muraille	4155	Gen Francis Nash	Chapel Hill
198012	Jacob	Ethan Edward	Angel	4156	Blue Ridge	Candler
198013	Jefferson	Lee	Utter	4157	Raleigh	Raleigh
198014	Christopher	Kenneth	Young	4158	Old North State	Dumfries, VA
198015	Colin	Christopher	Young	4159	Old North State	Dumfries, VA
198016	Kenneth	Dell	Young	4160	le Marquis de Lafayette	Hope Mills
198017	Jordan	Elliott	Francis	4161	Yadkin Valley	Mount Airy
198018	Kendal	Roy	Gause	4162	Yadkin Valley	Mount Airy
198019	John	Wesley	Engle III	4163	Old North State	Clemmons
198021	Derek	Grayson	Webb, Sr.	4164	le Marquis de Lafayette	Lillington
198022	Derek	Grayson Stenbridge	Webb, Jr.	4165	le Marquis de Lafayette	Lillington
198023	Brent	Forrest	Boswell	4166	Lower Cape Fear	London, UK
198119	Grant	Ayers, Jr.	4173	Col Alexander Erwin	Morgantown	
198120	William	Franklin	Brown III	4174	Col Alexander Erwin	Nebo
198121	James	Kerr	Bowman II	4175	Catwba Valley	Winston-Salem
198122	Paul	Samuel	Lyda	4176	Blue Ridge	Fairview
198194	Richard	Todd	Hubbard	4177	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
198195	Davis	Hiram	Brinson	4178	Lower Cape Fear	Kenansville
198196	Thomas	Daniel	Harvey	4179	Lower Cape Fear	Winnabow
198197	Ryan	Thomas	Sacramone	4180	Lower Cape Fear	Basking Ridge, NJ

REINSTATED

184269	Joseph	Waightsstill	Avery	3596	Col Alexander Erwin	Morgantown
192078	Christopher	Alan	Mooney	3945	Col Alexander Erwin	Morgantown
91587	Robert	Tilden	Mills	3751	Lt Col Felix Walker	Asheville
186513	Waightsstill	Warlick	Avery	3692	Col Alexander Erwin	Kernersville
119500	Charles	Kennedy	McCotter, Jr.	1637	New Bern	New Bern

TRANSFER IN

188108	Glenwood	Lee	Gillette	4108	New Bern	Stephens City, VA
170234	John	Franklin	Donnelly, Jr.	4109	Mecklenburg	Statesville
194221	Joseph	Henry	Harris, Jr.	4115	Battle of Kings Mountain	Gastonia
181419	Eugene	Richard	Wright	4124	Battle of Kings Mountain	Marco Island, FL
187733	Dennis	Corey	McVeigh	4125	Lower Cape Fear	Wilmington
178118	Jerry	William	Oates, II	3915	Battle of Kings Mountain	Simpsonville, SC
178501	Robert	Gray	Justiss, III	4130	Albemarle	Moyock
142845	Patrick	Joseph	Griffin, III	4167	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
103922	James	R.	Johnson	4168	Alamance Battleground	Burlington
150837	Charles	Lee	Purvis	4169	Salisbury	Thomasville
179205	Marcus	Randolph	Bailey	4170	New Bern	Emerald Isle

TRANSFER OUT

91587	Robert	Tilden	Mills	3751	Lt Col Felix Walker	Asheville
139994	James	Glenn	Brown	1366	Raleigh	The Villages, FL
196499	Edwin	Thomas	Mims, Jr.	4114	Silas McDowell	Brasstown
169280	Henry	Edward	Phillips, III	2961	Raleigh	Nashville, TN
190338	Michael	Terrill	Smith	3895	Old North State	Surfside Beach, SC
196624	Alexander	Bernard	Livingston	4117	Old North State	Buffalo, NY

DECEASED

134410	John	Homer	Case		Blue Ridge	
94943	Walter	R.	Cunningham		Old North State	
102297	Richard	C.	Andrews		Lower Cape Fear	
180659	Donald	Vaughn	Micklos		Lower Cape Fear	
194544	Fletcher		Nelson, Jr.		Col Alexander Erwin	
99030	William	D.	Snyder		Nathanael Greene	
151789	Colby		Walton, Jr.		Nathanael Greene	
178437	James	Milton	Calvin III		Albemarle	
188706	Jimmy	Ray	Richardson		Alamance Battleground	
195836	Charles	Blanding	Durant		Halifax Resolves	
187040	Kenith	Allen	Brown		Nathanael Greene	

Winter Board of Managers Meeting Held

by State Secretary George Strunk

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Draft Minutes of the NC Society SAR Winter Board of Managers Meeting held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Hopewell Presbyterian Family Life Center in Huntersville, NC. This report has been edited to fit available space. No important information has been removed.

Call to Order – Tim Berly, State President
The Colors were presented by the NC SAR Color Guard, led by Gary Green.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jay Joyce, President of the Mecklenburg Chapter & State Webmaster.

The Salute to the Flag of North Carolina was led by Jack Bowman, President of the Catawba Valley Chapter.

The SAR Pledge was led by Ed Rigel, Sr., Vice President General of the South Atlantic District, NSSAR.

The Colors were posted, and then a change in NC Color Guard Leadership was conducted from Gary Green to John Thornhill, by Tim Berly.



In his opening remarks, Tim Berly thanked everyone for contributing to the success of the morning's event and their attendance at the meeting.

Introduction of guests and the members present (noted position and chapter represented): Ed Rigel, Sr., VPG South Atlantic District NSSAR, GA SAR and Dual NC member, Old North State Chapter; Larry Guzy, Treasurer General NSSAR, GA SAR and Secretary Treasurer of the German Society; Mark Anthony, Daniel Morgan Chapter, SC SAR; Dan Woodruff, Robert Anderson Chapter, SC SAR; Guy Higgins, Francis Marion Chapter, SC SAR; and over 50 compatriots and wives in attendance.

He recognized Carolyn Coordes, Sr President of the North Carolina Children of the American Revolution and invited her to bring greetings. She spoke on behalf of Camille Edwards, State President and leaders and thanked our Society for our continued support. She outlined Camille's annual project "Foundations of Freedom" to raise funds to provide pocket size copies of the Constitution to every C.A.R. member in the state. Funds raised over the cost of the booklets, will be donated to the Robert B. Fleming Scholarship Fund. A \$1,000 scholarship award is

provided annually to a C.A.R. member that reflects the character traits exemplified by Robert (1970-1983). Adding to this fund will enable the award to continue for a longer period of time. Pins are available and can be ordered to fund this project. Ms. Coordes invited us to attend their State Conference in Greenville, NC. The information will be posted on the web site. The General George Washington Chapter has agreed to provide a color guard for their dinner.

President Berly presented a \$1,000 check to Ms. Coordes for the N.C.S.C.A.R. President's project.



An Awards Presentation was led by Gary Green, John Thornhill and Mark Anthony, National Color Guard Vice Commander, where they presented Compatriot George Strunk with the Silver Color Guard Medal in recognition of his service on the National and District level for at least three years.

Our VPG, Ed Rigel, Sr., brought greetings on behalf of the 6,000 plus members of the South Atlantic District. Pleasure to participate this morning, the event was extremely well organized and very well attended. Very impressive, I had no agenda for attending this meeting other than I wanted to spend some time with my fellow NC compatriots and observe the BOM meeting. I apologize for having to leave early, but my driving skills are not what they once were and I have a long trip home before it gets terribly dark. I will be spending more time with you from the Ben Franklin Dinner to Halifax and the Annual Meeting. If anyone has a bedroom with a complete bar to rent, please see me afterwards. It is good to see my longtime compatriot, Art Learned, here today.

Tim Berly: 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

Confirmation of a Quorum & Move to

approve chapter representatives who are not chapter presidents as voting members of the Board of Managers – George Strunk

Ensured all have noted their attendance (Sign in Sheet) – George Strunk

Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the Summer 2015 BOM – George Strunk. Gary Green moved that the minutes be approved as provided, Alex seconded. There was no discussion. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kurt Van Tassel presented a handout. The Revenues reported are lower than were budgeted. Money is coming in. Approved

Reports (By Exception Only) – if there are changes/additions to the published report in the BOM booklet

State Officers: Piedmont Dist. - VP Fred Learned, no report, no comment. Mountain Dist. - Late but will be posted. Treasurer report already provided. Development pg 12 and 13, Registrar pg 13, Historian, Jim Becker pg 20, Chaplain pg 20 and 21, Genealogist no report; Jay Joyce, web master no report, Jim Wood, Trustee on pg 22.

Chapter Presidents (Exceptions): Alamance Battleground - This year's Patriots' Day Ceremony will be larger than last year. There will be a morning event in High Point for the DAR; Bethabara - Fred submitted report, not printed. Thanks for the Battle of Shallow Ford support, this year will be better. Blue Ridge - no report; Captain George Dickey - Not present, no report; Catawba Valley - Jack Bowman says report sent, probably not received. Feb. 20th Genealogical Workshop in Lincolnton with DAR. Chapter is working with the DAR to form a CAR Chapter. Lincolnton group contacted about combining the Ramsour Mill celebration. Tim commented on the excellent efforts of Chapters to combine their efforts in improving the events offered in NC and encouraged others to look for collaborative opportunities. Colson's Mill - Dan changed phone number to 704-438-1531. Planning a Feb 18th George Washington event and a gravemarking in July. Gen Francis Nash - Chuck Adams had nothing to report. General George Washington - since report have met with Convention and Visitor's Center to begin planning the 2017 Annual Meeting. Encourage everyone to start planning a trip east. Tim responded hopefully everyone heard that. This year's meeting will be in Charlotte, and Greenville will host the 2017 Annual Meeting. Halifax Resolves - The Halifax event time has changed to 10:30 a.m. with a 10:15 weapons check. RSVP as soon as you can. Rooms are blocked at the Holiday Inn, identify SAR for discount. Lower Cape Fear - Moores Creek is on the same weekend as the Leadership Meeting in Louisville. Let John Thornhill know by the 12th for wreaths. Lt. Col. Felix Walker - no report and no representative. Lt. Col. John Phifer - John Meisenheimer reported attendance at King's Mountain and Chapter is working to cleanup

Left: South Atlantic District Vice General Edward P. Rigel, Sr. attended and brought greetings from our fellow District members.

Far left: At the beginning of our meeting, a Change of Command Ceremony was conducted, installing John Thornhill as our new State Color Guard Commander.

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and restore the Phifer family cemetery. Tim commended the job that the Chapter did and the ceremony held. Lumber River - no report and no representative. Nathanael Greene - Alex Wilson corrected phone number. March 12, Guilford's Courthouse event will have two follow on activities this year. Tim mentioned that President General Tom Lawrence will join us at the event. Gary Green will be taking wreath registrations. New Bern - Rolf Maris says the Christ Church marking celebration is in planning with Historical Society and DAR. Old North State (our at large chapter) has no report. Raleigh - Jim Becker mentioned the George Washington dinner at NC State Club this year. Salisbury - Grady's correct phone number is 704-638-1271. The Chapter is having issues with re-organizing and getting new officers to take leadership positions. It is all Grady can do to keep up with events and reporting. A meeting is scheduled. A celebration will be held

or Guard Spread sheet? Gary will get back to him. Wreaths Across America - thanks to everyone for their good work, particularly Mecklenburg. We earned \$85 for wreaths purchased by the Society and a check was given to Kurt. Patriot Biographies - at 40 % statewide, which is 2nd in nation, with encouraged broader participation. Chapters can earn streamers for their participation. Fred Learned wanted to say, relative to Patriot Bios, he submitted one that had been already done by Vermont. He encouraged us to submit as many as we can. Tim said we did an excellent job and we can still submit some as a great way to help someone trace an ancestor. Oration Contest - Glenn says as of yet hasn't received any entries and Feb 26th is deadline. Essay Contest - chair has 10 applications in works. Tim questioned the National deadline and it was stated mid-May. It would be great to have an entrant from the state.

Old Business included the following:

1. Second Reading of Proposed Bylaws Modifications & Additions: Revision of State Fees for Supplemental Applications explained by Gary Green. National has implemented a reduction in fee for families applying for supplemental applications at the same time. Gary motioned that the state fee for simultaneous supplemental applications, be reduced from \$15 to \$7.50, and the initial application fee remain at \$15. It was seconded by Bob Erwin. The BOM approved the motion for presentation at the Annual Meeting and approval of the membership. Tim said we would get it published prior to the annual meeting to provide members sufficient advance notice.

2. Revision to Chapter Requirements - Tim explained the history of the revision and the background, including the committee members (Past State President Ken Wilson, Foothills District VP Doyle Campbell, Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes). Two things fall into this, one is a reporting requirement to the NC Society and attendance (either the President or a Proxy) at one of the BOMs and the Annual Meeting. The second is to have one SAR activity (gravemarking, a battle commemoration, events with Veterans groups, events with the DAR) a year. We didn't view this as particularly onerous, but more of what we were formed to do. The language has been softened since the last reading with regard to dissolving a chapter for non-compliance. The Executive Committee may place you in a probationary status.

3. Two new Committee Positions which were previously identified as Vice Presidents but have now been changed to State Officers for what we are calling Chapter Revitalization Officer and New Chapter Formation Officer. Tim hopes everyone has had a chance to review the information and will accept a motion to approve the committees' recommendation for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Jay Joyce moved and Alex Wilson seconded the recommendation. Tim opened the floor for discussion. Chuck Adams called for a point of order, and said that Tim could not make a motion. Tim explained that a motion had been made to approve the Bylaw Changes. Jay explained he

had not intended to make the motion. Ray Maxson moved to accept and Sam Powell seconded the motion. Chuck voiced his disappointment and non support of the motion using the carrot and stick analogy. He objects to any start of actions being used against a Chapter that will make members leave their Chapters. Secondly, we don't need two new officers when District Vice Presidents should be doing their jobs. Ken Wilson responded in respect to Chuck's comments, "In my time in the SAR, we've always tried the carrot and it doesn't work. It's time to use the stick. After eight years I've seen members take office and not do one thing worthy of the title. We've tried to talk, encourage and nothing has happened." Tim pointed out there were two parts to this, one being Chapter activities and reporting, the second would be creating these two new positions. Chuck, let me ask your opinion. Would it make more sense to vote on these two components individually? What I'm hearing from you is that you don't believe we need the two positions, or are you objecting to the entire set of bylaws? Chuck stated that he was in opposition to all six provisions. Guy Higgins, SC Society, comment-

Right: Carolyn Cordes, Senior President, N.C.S.C.A.R., represented the Children of the American Revolution, bringing greetings.



Far right: Secretary George Strunk was recognized for his National and District color guard activities for three years. He received the National Silver Color Guard Medal, presented by National Color Guard Vice Commander Mark Anthony.

in May, to honor the visit of General/President George Washington to Salisbury (1791 or 1793). Tim hopes that we can have some participation and pointed to the Lower Cape Fear Stamp Act commemoration as another example of our Chapters at work. Western Waters - not represented, but Joe Sam Queen is enrolling NC Speaker of House in SAR. They will do an application signing ceremony on Feb 8th in Raleigh. And we will probably induct at Battle of Kings Mountain Chapter with a ceremony.

Committee Chairmen: (*Constitution and Bylaws, & Nominating under New Business*) Americanism - 14 Chapters reported some new ones, but missed some old ones. I understand Grady's comments about the report being a pain, but it must be done monthly not at the end of the year. State is over 35,000 points at this time, and just over 30,000 in the PG category. Awards - Tim noted that compatriots should recommend deserving compatriots for awards. We would appreciate any input. Flag - Our numbers were down on flag certificate participation this year. History Teacher - Jim Wood says winner is from Halifax Resolves Chapter. Eagle Scout Contest - Tim reported nine entries and a scout from Salisbury won. Education - Tim will discuss the Social Studies project afterwards. Color Guard - New report form listing Uniform, Militia and wreath presentations. Alex Wilson questioned the TC event on the Col-



ed that he has been working with Ed Carter to establish a new Chapter, and appointing someone an officer does not necessarily mean, as Ken says, that they will do the job. We have had a very successful relationship in that you asked Jim Wood to mentor us. He is not an officer, but is doing everything that NC could ask of him. I would suggest that instead of these two officer positions, that you empower the Executive Committee to appoint an appropriate mentor, who would be a man who is interested in the particular Chapter and close enough to the Chapter to be able to do the job. If you appoint an officer in the East and the Chapter needing help is in the west, you can't really expect him to do very much. Tim asked if there was any further discussion? Alex Wilson asked if it could be clarified and Tim said that we've clarified it as well as we can. At this point we need to decide if this is what the Society wants to do or not. We were looking for some kind of continuation of this. Is this something the BOM supports or not? Clearly, if the BOM doesn't support, we won't take it to membership in April meeting. A vote was called, 13 voted for and 15 were opposed. Jim Wood questioned the veracity of the vote and Tim asked for another vote, stating that only Chapter Presidents or proxies, State Officers, Past State Presidents and Trustees can vote. Recalled vote was 12 voted

in favor and 9 against. Approved, and will be forwarded to the Annual meeting in April.

4. Policy for Chapter Dissolution: (Page 49 VII) Surrender of a Chapter's Charter. Tim paraphrased the text and opened for discussion. Chuck suggested that we hold off until his presentation under new business. Tim agreed.

Under New Business, the following was presented:

1. 2016-17 NCSSAR Budget – Gary Green explained the proposed budget and the actual figures as best we can determine. not having reviewed those in the past, but it shows better, where we need to be. As managers we lost money in prior years and had a surplus more recently but rarely addressed it if ever in this group. We used a 10% figure for drops and it appears that may be higher in the actual totals so our dues income may be less and result in revision. He discussed Expenses and Revenues. A big issue is the number of Life Membership programs in NC and their costs to the Society. We have three State Life Programs. One in the 1990s until 2003, allowed folks to pay for their memberships for State and National simultaneously. The Society took in the money but it went into the General Operating fund and not in a specific account. We implemented a bad program, under-estimating what the actual costs would be, and not reserving those funds for their specific purpose. We have members who we committed to (about 20) State and National Life Memberships. In some instances a grandfather bought a membership for his grandson, so he will be in the program for many years. This will cost us about \$11,000 over our lifetimes to pay their dues off until they pass away. Tim asked what this amounts to annually and Gary said \$700. These figures were shared and tweaked with the Executive Committee and it represents input from multiple members of the Society. What we didn't know at the time was where we would end up with the Reconciliation which is still not completed. Alex asked what the color guard expense was for. It was for flags, stands and maintenance that was put into the budget last year. Gary resumed his talk about the old life program. It would take approximately \$9,000 to pay off completely. If we pay off a portion of it, we could make a big cut into that. The recommendation is to pay off the youngest (about 8), costing about \$4,700, and saving \$1,700 over their life time. We would pay for their National Life Memberships at today's costs. Alternatives, none of them good, are to leave it alone and continue paying \$700 a year (subject to National Dues increases). We could pay it off using some restricted funds, though that is not a good idea because those funds were restricted for a specific purpose. The third option would be to establish a fund raiser to pay this off. There are really no good options, but we should look at decreasing the potential ultimate cost of these memberships over time. Alex Wilson asked if there was an endowment fund that could be used to pay it off. Gary's response was only the general fund, and his best guess was that would be depleted in five years. A question

was asked about using restricted funds. Gary explained the restricted funds are scholarship investment for youth awards. The TNC Life (new life program) was started in 2009 and is expected to last 28 years). There is \$24,000 in the operating fund and we might survive using it to pay the \$4,700. That is a lot of information, but that is our input for budget. Tim said concerns or areas of change should be directed to Gary. Significant changes will be sent to the membership prior to the meeting.

2. Proposal to waive State Dues for Emeritus Members (those who have paid dues for 50 actual years) – John Thornhill – 10 members are affected in NC. Most chapters waive



dues but state does not. Jim Becker asked if this applied to Chapter, and Tim said only state. Jim Becker motioned that the State waive State dues for Emeritus Members, John Thornhill seconded the motion. Fred Learned reminded us that we continue to decrease our income and need to think of repercussions. Kurt clarified that the society is not running out of money. We are making bad choices in some instances but we can consider it. Wayne asked 50 years in NC? Tim said anyone who has paid 50 years SAR dues. Alex Wilson, a member of the Masons, said they already do this, why wouldn't we? With no further discussion, the motion carried, and a provision will be prepared for the April meeting. Alex Wilson raised a question about the Secretary expenses 2013-2015 varying from \$96 to \$362 to \$910. Did we buy something new for the office? Kurt explained as best he could without the exact figures in front of him, that several committees also request reimbursement for secretarial expenses, not just the Society Secretary. The requests are not always received in the year expended. Tim said we would look into it, and explained his use of funds as secretary. Secretary says the cost of membership cards is high. Bank fee expenses were discussed as well.

A brief break was called for.

3. 2016-17 Officer Nominations – Ken Wilson, Chair, indicated the slate has one change, that Kurt Van Tassel would replace Sam Powell as Treasurer nominee. Also, the position of Secretary is open. A critical position and we will continue the search.

4. Discussion (Bylaws Changes) – State Fees for Supplemental Applications. Chuck Adams, Chairman, Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Chuck asked how many people had read the bylaws? He then explained his effort to do away with the constitution section and incorporate that information into the Bylaws. This recommendation is

from Roberts Rules of Order. He is guided by the principle “do more with less”, such as we adopt National Society objects. The same with Membership, keep it simple by adopting the National language and not rewriting it at State level. Major changes, obviously elimination of the Constitution, but also transfer authority for dues and fees changes from the general membership to the board of managers. Also, fees and dues moved out of bylaws and into a separate section that will include Life Membership, etc. He was asked to clarify the earlier statement about authority for dues and fees. Chuck stated the authority should be with the BOM. Then question of state or Chapter. Chuck said all state. Another change would be to grant Committee Chairs a vote on the BOM. Proposed changing the quorum from a specific number to a percentage, i.e. 20% of eligible voting members for the BOM, and 3% for the General Membership. Vigorous discussion ensued with clarification of intent. He also proposed alternate means of communications, like Email, assuming the Secretary has an email address for everyone—and a procedure for getting everyone's email address. He noted that nowhere in the Bylaws does it say that the BOM must approve or make a recommendation on the Bylaws. He requested managers to review it and get back to him. A description on chapter dissolution was added, such as that the last man out mail in the key. Operating procedures do not need to be in the bylaws. Comments requested by 15 March and then Secretary will disseminate to members for review prior to annual meeting. Chapter dissolution will be simple in new bylaw. There was some discussion on a previous event.

5. Resolution in Support of SAR's Museum Plans. Tim Berly briefed the BOM on the Resolution statement and needs a vote in favor of encouraging the continuance of the effort. The discussion of an expensive museum has raised some resistance after eight years and a small group wants to reverse directions and scuttle the effort. Sam briefed on history and importance of location, with income from admissions making it nearly self-sufficient. Renovation has begun and Library is finished, with \$8 million invested over last 15 years and leveled off. There is no alternate plan and a vote at the upcoming leadership meeting will decide a course of action. John Thornhill moved to adopt, and John Meisenheimer seconded. Approved. Will be sent to National.

A George Washington Fellow nominee is required. Presidents and Vice Presidents to talk with SrVP Green after meeting.

With no further business to cover, the SAR Recessional was led by Bob Sigmon, Raleigh Chapter President, followed by the Benediction by Rev. Wiser. The Colors were retired by the NC Society Color Guard, led by John Thornhill, our new State Color Guard Commander.

The Meeting was adjourned by Tim Berly.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chair Charles Adams brought proposed changes to the Board for examination and consensus, as President Berly looks on.

PROPOSED REVISED NCSSAR BYLAWS
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES
As provided by Charles Adams, Constitution & Bylaws Chair

A major change is that the Constitution is to be gone and its provisions incorporated into the revised bylaws. (This is in accordance with the guidance contained in the latest 11th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.)

In general, the revision rewords, simplifies, clarifies and shortens many provisions of the present constitution and bylaws. Active voice has taken the place of passive where possible and preferable. References to the National Society handbook have replaced text in the NCSSAR documents that were merely restatements of the National Society text. The words of an anonymous 13th Century scribe, "*it is futile to do with more that which can be done with less,*" have been a guiding principle.

The notable changes to be made are as follows:

1. Revised Objects Article endorses and adopts the National Society objects. (*Could it be otherwise?*)
2. Revised Membership Article § 1 aligns State policy with National policy. (*If you're OK with National, you're OK with us, even if you live in Arizona.*)
3. New Supplemental Ancestor Certificate Article provides information on how to obtain one.
4. Revised Fees and Dues Article gives the BOM the power to set State fees and dues. The revised Article also removes material on and fees and dues as well as that on the management of the Nat Clark Life Member Fund. The material is covered in another, new chapter (2) of the handbook.
5. Revised Officers, Delegates and Trustees Article § 4 provides for the creation of a nominating committee and procedures for nominating candidates for election to officer positions.
6. New Committees Article provides that there will be standing committees and refers to another, new chapter (4) of the handbook. That chapter contains the functions and responsibilities of those committees. The new article also allows for the establishment of ad hoc committees as necessary.
7. Revised Board of Managers Article § 1 makes committee chairmen voting members of the BOM.
8. Revised Board of Managers Article § 3 change the quorum requirement for BOM meetings from a specific number to a percentage (20) of the members of the BOM.
9. Revised Society Meetings Article § 4 changes the quorum requirement for general membership meetings from a specific number to a percentage (3) and adds the requirement that there must be a chapter member in attendance from at least 50 percent of the chapters.
10. Revised Budget Article § 1 provides additional guidance for preparation of annual budgets.
11. Revised Budget Article § 2 requires ten-day advance notice of a proposal for an off-budget expenditure before the BOM may act on the proposal.
12. Revised Chapters Article §§ 4 and 5 provide for the dissolution of a chapter and action to be taken upon dissolution or revocation of a chapter's charter.
13. New Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Article requires the maintenance of a code of conduct policy and a conflict of interest policy.
14. New Miscellaneous Article § 2 allows for notices required by provisions of the bylaws to be given via email.
15. New Miscellaneous Article § 3 authorizes certain meetings to be conducted by telephone or by audio visual conferencing.

2016-2017 NCSSAR OFFICER NOMINATIONS
(Ken Wilson, Nominations Chair - as of 28 March 2016)

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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 of Fees & Dues

Clarification to State Dues and Fees (State Handbook)

Supplemental Lineage Application

Discussion:

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

Centennial Celebration of the Alexander Martin Chapter DAR

The Alexander Martin Chapter DAR in High Point has requested a SAR color guard to present flags on the occasion of their Centennial Celebration.

The beginning of their event will be held in High Point University's Hayworth Fine Arts Building at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

Sam Powell says "I realize it is during the week and fairly early in the day, but the High Point DAR supports the SAR and has been working on this event for two years. They would like to honor us by starting off their week-long event with the SAR color guard presenting colors. It is indeed an honor to be asked and we should support them. I will be there and hope to have several of my fellow compatriots join me, if you can."

Please respond to let me know if you can attend. Sam Powell, (336) 227-3557; Sam@PowellEnt.com.

Education Chairman Speaks to DAR Chapter

February 15, 2016 - NC SAR Education Committee Chairman and Halifax Resolves member David Gammon recently presented a program entitled "Good Girls and Bad Girls: Some Successful Women From Eastern North Carolina" to the Richard Dobbs Spaight DAR Chapter in New Bern, NC.



David Gammon

"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power."
- Thomas Jefferson, 1820



L-R: David Gammon, John Sullivan, John Martin, Larry Brown

NC Society Supports Annual Conference on Social Studies in Greensboro

The annual conference for the North Carolina Council for Social Studies was held February 25 and 26 at the Koury Conference Center in Greensboro. Several hundred teachers and teacher trainers from the elementary through college levels were present, along with a number of student teachers. Representing the NCSAR at our special booth were Compatriots David Gammon, Larry Brown, John Martin, Ken Ingraham, and John Sullivan. Author Randell Jones was also on hand to distribute free copies of the book *Before Liberty* and information about free resources for social studies teachers on the Internet. Many teachers stopped by the booth to pick up books, information about our various awards for students and teachers, and even to have their picture taken with our compatriots in colonial attire!

CHAPTER NEWS

Albemarle



At the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge historic event this past February, Albemarle President Chris Grimes held court as a Colonial doctor in the Living History area of the battleground. You can see he is in character as only Chris can be.

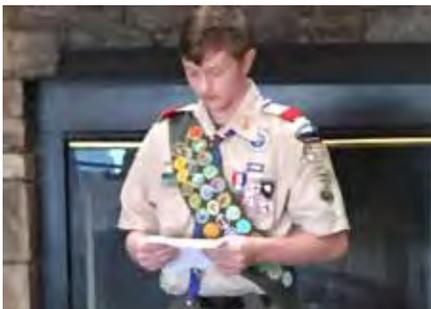
Blue Ridge



Chapter Present Awards

The Blue Ridge Chapter, NC Society, SAR, met on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 12:00 PM at the Ardenwoods Retirement Community. The following awards were presented (above, left to right):

- Fire Safety Commendation Medal:
Duncan Bradley, Asheville Fire Dept.
Terry Martin, Hendersonville Fire Dept.
- Law Enforcement Commendation Medal:
Sergeant Brandon McGaha,
Hendersonville Police Dept.
- Emergency Medical Services
Commendation Medal:
Captain Eric Cappell, Henderson
County EMS



The Blue Ridge Chapter also presented Eagle Scout Dorian Owenby with the SAR Eagle Award Certificate, Patch, and Medal for his essay "The Little Army that Wasn't an Army", which told the story of the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1781.

Halifax Resolves



Braxton Luke Coggins

Eagle Scout Recognized

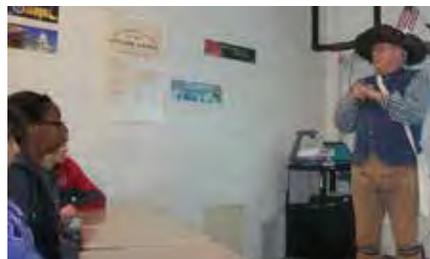
December 18, 2015 - Eagle Scout Braxton Luke Coggins was recognized at his Court of Honor by the Sons of the American Revolution for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. A member of BSA Troop 238 of Roanoke Rapids, Coggins received a certificate "For outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout." The certificate was presented by Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.



Ken Wilson speaks on Moores Creek Bridge Battle

History Presentation at Belmont Elementary School

January 16, 2016 - The five fifth grade classes of Belmont Elementary School in Roanoke Rapids were the hosts of a history presentation by Halifax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution member Ken Wilson. Wilson, dressed as a member of the North Carolina militia, presented a program on the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge which is also the topic of the Halifax Resolves Chapter's Americanism Poster Contest that is currently underway. The contest is one of the programs offered by the Sons of the American Revolution to students from elementary school to high school.



*Ken Wilson speaks to Roanoke Rapids High School
(photo courtesy Marci Merritt, RRHS)*

RRHS Honors History Class Hosts SAR Speaker

15 Jan 2016 - Mr. Seth Warren, teacher of the Roanoke Rapids Honors History

Class, recently invited Sons of the American Revolution member Ken Wilson to speak to the class about the U.S. flag. Wilson presented the class with information on the history of the flag, flag etiquette, and proper folding of the flag. This presentation is one of several offered by Wilson and other members of the Halifax Resolves Chapter NC SAR.



Brady Glaser & R. J. Myrick

Lake Gaston Baptist Church Receives Flag Award

17 Feb 2016 - Lake Gaston Baptist Church was recently awarded the SAR Flag certificate for correctly flying the American flag for patriotic reasons. Associate Pastor Brady Glaser accepted the certificate on behalf of the church. The presentation was made by Halifax Resolves Chapter VP R.J. Myrick.

Lower Cape Fear



Gary Green and NJROTC Commander

Revolutionary War in North Carolina

Lt Col (Ret) Gary O. Green was the guest speaker at the J.T. Hoggard High School NJROTC Military Ball on 6 February 2016. His presentation was a review of the events preceding and during the American Revolution in North Carolina. He augmented his presentation with a description of the flags of North Carolina during the Revolution and described how they impacted the current North Carolina Flag. He also led four members of the Hoggard NJROTC Drill Team using military commands initially authored by Baron von Steuben, the Revolutionary War Prussian hired by General Washington to instill discipline in

the Continental Army. The cadets were able to follow the commands because they so closely aligned with the commands used in today's drill and ceremonies. Lt Col Green presented a Flag Certificate to the Battalion Color Guard Commander for the daily flag details at the high school. He also presented the Assistant Principal with copies of the CDs "America's Heritage, an Adventure in Liberty" and "The Keyhole to History."

le Marquis de Lafayette

Veterans Day Parade

The Veterans Day Parade was held on November 7, 2015 in downtown Fayetteville, NC. Our position was 1A, right behind the FILI, which means we were at the front of the parade. We met on Hay Street at Robeson, arriving between 8:30 and 9:30, with the parade beginning at 10. We marched down Hay Street five blocks to the historic Market House, around it onto Person Street for one block to Liberty Point, the location of the signing of the Liberty Point Resolves.



Lead color guard (left to right) Dick Bishop, Bob Ervin, Steve Pittard and Dave Olson. John Elliott follows, then other compatriots, and this year the new local Children of the American Revolution participated.

New Members Inducted

Two new members were inducted during the January meeting. President Ervin handled the function, bringing David Neil Keeney and young master Glen Thomas Keeney into chapter membership.



(l-r) Noah Nobles, David Keeney, Thomas Keeney, Jacob Nobles, and President Bob Ervin. Noah and Jacob Nobles are David's nephews and Thomas' cousins. They performed the pinning of the rosettes.

Flag Certificates Presented



This is a Flag Certificate the le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter issued, presented by Henry Livingston to Robert Kountz of Regency Place neighborhood of St James.



President Bob Ervin and his grandson, Compatriot Jacob Nobles, (on the right side of photo) present an SAR Flag Certificate to Principal Scott Pope (left) and Ms. Janet Tartalia (center) at Max Abbott Middle School.

Mecklenburg

Providence Day School History Teacher Honored

Jay Joyce, President, Mecklenburg Chapter January 11, 2016 - Providence Day School American History teacher Edward "Ted" Dickson has been selected to receive the 2015 American History Teacher Award by the Mecklenburg Chapter.

"An integral part of our Society's community work with youth is honoring American history teachers who teach the history of the founding of our country," said Jim Wood, program chairman with the Mecklenburg Chapter. "We honor these extraordinary educators at private, public, and parochial institutions, who teach our children in a middle or high school setting, for actively addressing the history of the American Revolutionary era."

The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence SAR American History Teacher Award winner will represent a teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era from 1750 - 1800 demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above currently accepted curriculum requirements.

"We conduct this American History teacher award program at local chapters across the country," added Wood. "It all begins here at the local level, then the local winners advance to state competition, and those winners advance to national competition."

Teacher candidates entering the local chapter contest complete a required application and submit a written essay of not less than 500 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolutionary era.

Mr. Dickson has served as the chairman of the history department at Providence Day School since August 1991. He wrote in his submission essay, "the American Revolution is critical for an understanding of United States History. Students and citizens need to know the origins of our most important values, such as freedom and liberty, so that they can understand debates about those values and the contested nature of American identity."

The History Department at Providence Day School emphasizes teaching students the skills and knowledge necessary for civic competence and the historical perspective critical for interpreting the complex issues of today and tomorrow.

As Mecklenburg chapter's selected award recipient, Mr. Dickson advances to the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution statewide history teacher contest, which will be held in mid February.



Mecklenburg chapter director Guy Chamberlain, on right, presents the SAR Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award to Edward Dickson of Providence Day School in Charlotte, NC.

Outer Banks



The membership of the Outer Banks Chapter of the NC Society of the SAR gathers at its monthly dinner and program meeting in Kill Devil Hills, NC. The chapter draws its membership from eligible compatriots of Dare and Currituck Counties, and continues to grow in size since its charter date of only a few years ago.

HISTORIC SITES



SE Vice President David Mann (left) handled the details for a grave marking ceremony for Patriot General Thomas Brown. Several chapters from across the state participated, including Doyle Campbell, President of the Battle of Kings Mountain Chapter, who is related to Patriot Brown.

SE District Marks Grave of General Thomas Brown

Saturday Nov 21 2015 at Carvers Creek UMC, Council, NC. Gravemarking for Patriot General Thomas Brown serving at Moores Creek and Battle of Elizabethtown. Sponsored by Southeast District NC SAR, Battle of Elizabethtown Chapter DAR and Lumber River Chapter NC SAR. Reception followed at Oakland Plantation on the Cape Fear River, ancestral home of General Thomas Brown and hosted by Neisler family, private owners of Oakland Plantation.

Society at Battle of Great Bridge Ceremony in Norfolk



President Tim Berly (far right) and several other dedicated compatriots attended this year's celebration.

The North Carolina Society participated in the Battle of Great Bridge Ceremony on December 5th, 2015 in Chesapeake, VA.

In December of 1775, militia forces from the northern counties of North Carolina took part in this early battle of the Revolutionary War. This action to draw the British out of Norfolk and into a confrontation proved the resolve of the Patriots. Soon after the battle, arriving Continental forces would eventually force British rule out of the Virginia Colony during the following Battle of Norfolk.



235th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford

by Jay Joyce, President, Mecklenburg Chapter

The Mecklenburg Chapter, NC SAR, hosted the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at historic Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, NC. This was the first year since the event was designated as an SAR National Event. "It is important to not only remember the men who fought and lost their lives, but the battle played a significant role in the Southern Campaign," said Jay Joyce, Mecklenburg Chapter President. More than 150 attended and 72 wreaths were presented. TG Larry T. Guzy, South Atlantic District VPG Edward P. Rigel, Sr., SAR Foundation President Dr. Samuel C. Powell and NSSAR Color Guard Vice Commander Mark Anthony attended. NSDAR representatives, as well as numerous DAR chapters, participated.

The battle was fought on February 1, 1781 at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River in northwestern Mecklenburg County, between a force of about 5,000 British and fewer than a thousand Americans who were attempting to slow the British advance across the river. The American General William Lee Davidson was killed in this battle.

"The first part of our service was held inside the church as we honored the Patriots who are buried here with a candle lighting ceremony," added Joyce. Historian Randell Jones spoke about events that led up to Cowan's Ford and the role that the battle played.

The second part of the service moved outdoors to the church cemetery where Patriotic organizations present wreaths and honors to the Patriots and signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence who are buried in the cemetery.

"We also unveiled the site for a monument that we are currently in fundraising," said Joyce. "The monument is a 5-foot high and wide granite and bronze piece that will honor the Patriots buried at Hopewell as a gift to Hopewell Presbyterian Church for their role in preserving American history."

21 members of Boy Scout Troop 42 from Hopewell Presbyterian Church participated in the ceremony by placing the wreaths and rendering honors to the grave of General William Lee Davidson.

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NC SAR Sr. VP Gary Green (left) and Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson (right) represented the society at the Crossing of the Dan Ceremony on February 13th. Sr. VP Green presented wreaths for the State Society and the Lower Cape Fear Chapter while Compatriot Wilson presented a wreath for the Halifax Resolves Chapter.



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Upper left: VPG Rigel brought greetings during the wreath laying. Lower left: Treasurer General Guzy represented the National Society. Left: National Color Guard Vice Commander Anthony led the colors during the ceremony.



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Rev. Charles DuRant Passes

Reported by Steve Avent
Secretary/Treasurer, Halifax Resolves

It is my sad duty to report the passing of one of our newest members, Rev. Charles DuRant of Morehead City, who passed away unexpectedly at his home recently. Funeral and/or memorial plans have been completed, but please keep Charles' family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 29-31 - North Carolina SAR Annual Convention. The Mecklenburg Chapter is hosting the Annual Meeting to be held at the Hilton Charlotte Executive Park Hotel, 5624 Westpark Drive (just off I-77) Charlotte, NC. **Friday, April 29** - Conference Registration begins at 3 p.m. President's Reception 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; **Saturday, April 30** - President's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - Speaker: Vietnam Veteran John Allen; Leadership Training 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.; Annual Business Meeting (1st Session) 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; NCSSAR Youth Luncheon 11:45 a.m. - Speaker: John Hedley, Lt. Col., U.S. Army (ret.), president of the board of the famous Richard's Coffee Shop & War Museum in Mooresville, NC; Annual Business Meeting (2nd Session) 1:15 p.m. - 3 p.m.; Ladies Tea & Auction 2 p.m.; NCSSAR Awards Banquet 6 p.m. - Speaker: Benjamin Franklin. Contact Jay Joyce at jay@mecklenburgsar.org with questions. **Registration Form is on web site at www.NCSSAR.org. Reply by 20th.**

May 14 - The Alamance Battleground Chapter, North Carolina SAR, invites you to participate in the **20th Annual Patriots' Day Ceremony**. 2 p.m. Patriots' Monument, Alamance Battleground Park. There will be a dutch-treat group luncheon at the Cutting Board Restaurant at 12 p.m., on the I-40 access road at Exit #143 (intersection of I-40 with Highway 62). If a participant, please arrive at the Alamance Battleground State Park Visitor Center before 1:30 p.m. From I-40 take Exit 143, Hwy 62 south six miles to Park. To participate, please contact Christopher Powell by May 13 at (336) 227-3557 or cg@powellent.com.

May 20 - The Mecklenburg Chapter is co-sponsoring the **241st Anniversary of the Signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence**. 12 p.m. Intersections of Trade & Tryon Streets, Uptown Charlotte. Contact Jay Joyce at jay@mecklenburgsar.org.

May 21 - The Rowan Museum, Salisbury, NC. The **225th Anniversary of George Washington's Visit to Salisbury** in 1791. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. NC Governor Pat McCrory will attend. President George Washington, and Continental Army soldiers from Washington, D.C. will attend. There will be Scouts and other groups to sell food, and people walking through the area that were significant during the period. The dinner meal (\$100 per person) will have the same 15 toasts given back in 1791.

May 28 - The South Carolina SAR and the General Francis Marion Chapter invite you to participate in the **236th Anniversary of Buford's Massacre**. 10:30 a.m. Buford's Crossroads, Buford, SC, 9 miles east of Lancaster, SC. Contact Greg Ohanesian, P.O. Box 1373, Bennettsville, SC 29512, (843) 479-7193 or fax reservation to (843) 479-7195.

June 4 - Three Patriots' Graves to be Marked - On behalf of Mrs. Ann Flint and the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, both of Wilmington, please attend and participate as we mark the graves of three of Mrs. Flint's Patriot ancestors. 11 a.m. Bethania Moravian God's Acre Cemetery, 5545 Main Street, Bethania, NC (in the Winston-Salem area). Mrs. Flint's Patriot ancestors are Peter Pfaff (1727-1804), Johann Phillip "Phillip" Transou (1724-1793), and (his son) Abraham Transou (1756-1833). To RSVP or present a wreath, contact Fred Learned at (239) 849-0814 or email fdlearned@gmail.com.

June 11, 2016 - Battle of Ramsour's Mill (Lincolnton, NC)

July 8 - 13, 2016 - 151st National Congress (Boston, MA)

August 2016 - Summer Board of Managers Meeting (location, date TBD)

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