



THE OLD NORTH STATE

Newsletter of the NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY of the SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION



C. Kenith Wilson
NCSSAR President

Compatriots,

The North Carolina Society did extremely well winning a number of awards at the National Congress in Greenville, SC. Our State Poster Contest winner,

Eli Beal, sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter took 1st place. Our Knight Essay winner, Susannah Bloom, placed 3rd in that contest. Dr. Samuel C. Powell was selected as the Color Guardsman of the Year. Compatriot G. Steven Pittard and Dr. Powell were awarded National Meritorious Service Medals. Two of our ladies, Stephanie Brahlin and Helen Maxson, were awarded Molly Pitcher medals. The NCSSAR also received the Allene Groves Award in the Americanism competition. Several chapters received Partners in Patriotism Certificates for their work in co-sponsoring events with veteran's organizations. A multitude of Liberty Medals or OLC's were awarded to members of our society for their efforts in bringing in new members. A "Well Done" to all and thank you for your service. We need to keep up the good work.

The Fall Board of Managers meeting was very well attended. We had one of the largest turnouts in recent memory. Approximately half of the chapters were represented and all of the state officers were in attendance. During the meeting, Compatriot Dick Bishop relinquished command of the NCSSAR Color Guard to Compatriot Gary Green. I would again like to thank Dick for his service to the Society.

This year is rapidly passing. Each chapter should now be sending out dues notices for the upcoming year. Hopefully everyone

will get their dues paid on time and prevent a lot of reinstatements in January. If your chapter has not yet sent out the first dues notice, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, State Society dues increased to \$20 starting with this dues notice.

Compatriot Guy Higgins, I'm happy to report, is almost finished with the state roster update. Once NCSSAR Secretary Gary Green has input the data into the National Database, we will be better able to maintain contact with the membership. Along the same line of thought, I urge all Chapter Presidents to check the NCSSAR website and their chapter website to ensure the correct contact information is posted. I have noticed that a few have neglected to update this information.

The Fall calendar seems to be growing exponentially. With numerous grave markings statewide, the Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville, the South Atlantic District meeting in conjunction with the Battle of King's Mountain Commemoration and several parades will keep us very busy. In addition, we will have the Battle of Great Bridge ceremony and Wreathes Across America to close out the year.

We are making headway in organizing the new chapter in Morganton. Applications are being prepared and we should be seeing some results soon. Plans are also underway to explore the possibility of starting a chapter in the Havelock/North Harlow area. This is taking place as the result of the Forgotten Patriots ceremony last March.

Our next Board of Managers meeting is scheduled for January 31st, 2015 in Huntersville, NC immediately following the Cowan's Ford ceremony. We will have a lot of business to discuss in preparation for our Annual Meeting in Burlington on April 17th & 18th, 2015. Currently, South Atlantic District VPG Mark Anthony will hold a District meeting on the 18th.

It is an honor to announce that the

keynote speaker at our Annual Awards Banquet on April 18th, 2015 will be William A. "Bill" Robinson, Capt., USAF (Ret). Bill, as an Airman First Class, was a crewmember flying a rescue mission in a "Huskie" helicopter over North Vietnam when it was shot down on September 20th, 1965. For the next 2,703 days (7 years - 5 months) he would endure the horrific conditions of the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison. He was released on February 12th, 1973 with the distinction of being the longest held POW in U. S. military history. Shortly after his release, he was promoted to First Lieutenant before retiring as a Captain. During his career he was awarded the Air Force Cross, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the POW Medal and two Purple Hearts. Earlier this year he released a book chronicling his captivity entitled "The Longest Rescue". It is a "must" read. Bill now travels the country speaking to various groups about his experiences and is well known in the military community. I hope you will make plans to attend and hear this amazing story of a modern day Patriot.

Fraternally,
C. Kenith Wilson
President NCSSAR

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Membership Update

(12 June 2014 – 08 September 2014)

NEW MEMBERS						
SAR #	First	Middle	Last	NC #	Chapter	City
191332	Aaron	Richard	Ledbetter	3932	Captain George Dickey	Spindale
191333	Tyler	William	Ledbetter	3933	Captain George Dickey	Spindale
191334	Taylor	Maxwell	Ledbetter	3934	Captain George Dickey	Spindale
191391	John	James	Higginbotham	3935	Battle of Kings Mountain	Gastonia
191468	John	Maltman	Edge	3936	Nathanael Greene	Jamestown
191589	Raymond	Allen	Thompson	3938	Nathanael Greene	Madison
191590	Michael	Burl	Willis	3939	Battle of Kings Mountain	Lawndale
191591	William	Edward	Lovelace	3940	Battle of Kings Mountain	Kings Mountain
191592	Kevin	Lecil	McGinnia	3941	Battle of Kings Mountain	Kings Mountain
191654	Kenneth	Larry	Smith	3942	General George Washington	Winterville
191972	Phillip	Posey	Hollis Jr	3943	Raleigh	Durham
192077	Winborne	Finch	Springs	3944	Mecklenburg	Concord
192078	Christopher	Alan	Mooney	3945	Captain George Dickey	Morganton
192152	Joel	Ross	Rountree	3946	Battle of Kings Mountain	Grover
192153	Joshua	Joel	Rountree	3947	Battle of Kings Mountain	Grover
192397	Larry	Trafford	McRae	3949	Old North State	Winston-Salem
192398	William	Bonner Yeats	Dickey	3950	Lumber River	Fayetteville
REINSTATED						
148771	Denton	Eugene	Higdon	2248	Silas McDowell	Franklin
REINSTATED / TRANSFERS IN						
147669	Thomas	Edward	Waltz	3926	Lower Cape Fear	Wilmington
TRANSFERS IN						
139994	James	Glenn	Brown	3937	Raleigh	Cary
DECEASED						
105891	Russell	S	Davis Jr	1392	Mecklenburg	
133071	Charles	Lorand	Crain	1879	Mecklenburg	Charlotte
172042	Walter	Lamar	Misenheimer	3104	Colson's Mill	Albemarle
109328	Reginald	S.	Horrell	1429	Capt George Dickey	Wilmington
143782	Daniel	Wilbur	Jones	2096	Raleigh	
146605	Richard	Wayne	Walker Jr	2168	LTC Felix Walker	
94935	Wendell	Richard	Miller	1161	Old North State	
TRANSFERS OUT						
191215	Jay	Weldon	Martin		Ohio Society	Spencerville, OH
SUPPLEMENTALS						
SAR#	First	Middle	Last	ACN #	Chapter	Ancestor
182047	Terry	LaVaughn	Fowler	58872	le Marquis de Lafayette	Samuel Z. Jones
183566	James	Edward	Gill Jr	58871	Nathanael Greene	Isham Harris
183566	James	Edward	Gill Jr	58870	Nathanael Greene	West Harris
121693	John	Oakley	Thornhill	57162	Lower Cape Fear	Ellis Bane/Bayne
174087	Charles	William	Yard	59254	le Marquis de Lafayette	John Hardeman
174087	Charles	William	Yard	59255	le Marquis de Lafayette	Uriah Hardeman
184269	Joseph	Waightstill	Avery Jr	59143	Capt George Dickey	Sarah Ann Robinson Erwin
186509	Edward	Earl	McBride III	59142	Gen Francis Nash	Benjamin Evans
159101	Clarence	Kenith	Wilson	59617	Halifax Resolves	Joseph Whitaker
159101	Clarence	Kenith	Wilson	59618	Halifax Resolves	John Downtin
159101	Clarence	Kenith	Wilson	59619	Halifax Resolves	Thomas Fleming
182047	Terry	Lavaughn	Fowler	60015	le Marquis de Lafayette	William Nichols

124th Annual National Congress Held in Greenville, SC

The South Carolina Society hosted the 124th Annual National Congress in Greenville on July 19-23, 2014. They put together a first-rate Congress, complete with tours of many of their historic sites. Of course, for NC compatriots, we're pretty familiar with their sites, attending many of them throughout the year, but this was a different perspective than usual, and was well worth the time.

Many NC compatriots helped the host society perform their duties, and our representation at this Congress was outstanding, filling nearly every available slot for delegates.

The Host Society Reception on Saturday was held in the same space as the hotel, across the atrium from the living spaces and was a big hit, standing room only. During the reception, an artist painted George Washington seated on his horse while we watched. Announcements and an overview of the coming events at Congress were provided by the host society.

The Color Guard held a breakfast on Sunday, followed by planning for the Memorial Service later in the day. Prior to the service, the Combined National Color Guard were reviewed by the PG and then marched down the streets of Greenville to Christ Church Episcopal, before processing into the service proper and presenting colors. This service is always touching as Chaplains and Presidents General speak or recite scriptures. Chaplain General Right Reverend Louis Carlson, Jr. gave the message.



The atrium of the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, SC

Meetings of several committees and seminars completed the day and compatriots joined together in groups for dinner on their own. During the evening the Rumbaugh Orations Contest Finals occur and is always an inspirational, impressive display of superior students in our nation.

Monday morning began in earnest with the Council of State Presidents Breakfast prior to the opening session of the Society. The opening session saw dignitaries from several national organizations, as well as community government representatives, bringing greetings, followed by the business

of the society as reports from officers and different committees were heard. We broke for the Youth Awards Luncheon, of which the NC Society did rather well and is reported elsewhere in this newsletter. We then returned to further business of the Society before preparing for the Minuteman Awards and Recognition Night. This year, the honorees for Minuteman were Warren Alter, Roger Barnhart, Bob Bogardus, Karl Jacobs, Tom Lawrence and Tim Ward. During the recognitions, the NC Society again did quite well, garnering a great number of awards, more than in previous years, which is a testament to each compatriot's efforts within the Society.

Tuesday began with the South Atlantic District Breakfast, which was very well attended, topping previous years. For many years, our District did not have a breakfast scheduled, but past

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NC Color Guard and Compatriots who participated in the Memorial Service. Front row (l-r) Jay Joyce, Jim Wood, Dick Bishop, PG David Sympson, Ken Luckey, Frank Horton, George Strunk and RG Mike Tomme. Second row (l-r) Ronnie Lail, State President Ken Wilson, and Ray Maxson (behind Ray is Glenn Sappie). Back row (l-r) Sam Powell, VPG Randy Moody, and Steve Pittard.



National Congress *continued*

VPG Rick Corbett began one in 2011 at the Winston-Salem Congress. It continues to grow each year. Of course, holding the Congress in our own district didn't hurt.

The business sessions continued throughout the day with a break for lunch. Both the Ladies Luncheon and the GWEF/VPG Luncheon are held on Tuesdays. A couple of important issues came up in New Business. Fees will be raised in areas that relate to supplementals and the National Life Membership fees were revamped using a different formula causing fees to vary. It also included nominations for General Officers with speakers for contested positions given time to speak. A vote was held later on Tuesday afternoon for those contested National Officer positions.

NC Compatriots and Ladies at Congress include seated (l-r) Diane Van Tassel, First Lady Billie Brock, Sheila Wood, Jean Bishop, Keitha Callanan, Judy Pittard, Merry Ann T. Wright, Jo Thornhill, Karen Powell, Rita Pickette. Standing (l-r) Guy Higgins, Kurt Van Tassel, President General Lindsey C. Brock, Jim Wood, Dick Bishop, Sam Powell, Paul Callanan, Steve Pittard, George Strunk, John Thornhill, State President Ken Wilson, Clark Wiser, Librarian General Bruce Pickette, Tim Berly and Glenn Sappie.

The President General's Banquet occurred on Tuesday night, with a presentation on George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, followed by the PG's Awards.

The SAR 1000 Breakfast began Wednesday actions, followed by the closing session of the Congress, where the Officers, VPsG and Trustees are elected. The new General Officers for this next year were President General Lindsey C. Brock, Secretary General Tom Lawrence, Treasurer General Mike Tomme, Chancellor General John Dodd, Genealogist General John Sinks, Registrar General Larry Guzy, Historian General Robert Towns, Li-

brarian General Bruce Pickette, Surgeon General Ed Rigel, and Chaplain General Randy Moody. This year we had the added bonus of the shearing of PG Dooley because we met his million dollar challenge. A tour to Ninety-Six was conducted in the afternoon.

The Wednesday Installation banquet saw the Officers and VPsG installed, followed by the new President General Lindsey C. Brock's installation and the George Washington Ring Ceremony. The new PG then gave his remarks and challenges for the next year.

*— Steve Pittard
2014 Congress Delegate*

Longest Surviving P.O.W. to Speak at State Convention

Many facts and stories from previous conflicts remain in the spotlight long after they have passed. One that seems to elude many is the name of the longest surviving Prisoner of War – USAF Airman First Class William Andrew Robinson. If asked, how many individuals would even be able to answer which conflict Bill was involved in? Well, here's your chance to hear his story. Captain Robinson will keynote the awards banquet in April 2015.

In April of 1965, Robinson's tour of duty in Vietnam was scheduled to last only four months. His story begins on September 20, a typical mission day in Vietnam, but by day's end, his life that would be anything but typical.

He was shot down, captured and transported to the "Hanoi Hilton". Bill was beaten, starved, and often witnessed the death of his fellow prisoners. While many POWs have been held for multiple years, he would endure SEVEN YEARS and five months of captivity (2,703 days) – the longest POW internment in US military history!

Finally released on February 12, 1973, he notes previous WWII and Korean War POWs experiences proved it was possible to survive the horrific day-to-day struggles of a POW. He has spoken many times about his ordeal. He notes that he is but one of 7.3 million who can tell his story, because he survived. Thousands upon thousands of stories died with those who did not survive.

Robinson is remembered by many as one who set the standard for maintaining honorable duty even under the most unbearable conditions. William Andrew Robinson, the longest surviving US military POW, has proven himself to be a true American Patriot.

If you would like to hear the rest of the story of how he survived this terrible time, come to the Annual Convention in April of next year. It's sure to be a moving experience for all.

— Excerpts from the Armed Forces History Museum



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NC State University Club, Raleigh, NC – Hosted by the Raleigh Chapter – Gary Horne, President

Call to Order at 11 a.m. Color Guard advanced the Colors (Dick Bishop). Opening Prayer by Chaplain A. Clark Wiser followed by Pledge of Allegiance by Senior VP Tim Berly. Also, new this time, a Salute to the NC Flag by Senior VP Tim Berly, which goes “I salute the flag of North Carolina and pledge to the Old North State love, loyalty and faith.” The SAR Pledge was led by State Secretary, Gary Green. The Colors were posted by Color Guard (Dick Bishop).

A Change of Command Ceremony for State Color Guard Commander led by Tim Berly and Ken Wilson, with Ken Luckey (adjutant), George Strunk (adjutant), Dick Bishop (Outgoing commander) & Gary Green (Incoming commander).

Introduction of members, position and chapter they are representing, plus guests.

“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 Mike Aycock (Marquis de Lafayette), Bill McEntire (Western Waters) Bill Jarrett (Raleigh) who are not chapter presidents as voting members of the Board of Managers, by Gary Green, 2nd Dick Bishop – Approved unanimously.

A sign-in sheet with Conflict of Interest statements was distributed for all to sign.

Opening Remarks were given by President Ken Wilson, followed by the Awards Presentations from Congress, led by Tim Berly and Ken Wilson. Comments by presenter Berly included the fact that this was the largest accumulation of awards for North Carolina in his knowledge of National Awards.

Individual Awards

- Gold Color Guard Medal – Sam Powell
- National Meritorious Service Medal – Sam Powell & Steve Pittard
- Liberty Medal – Bobby Ervin (+ 2OLC), Terry L. Fowler, John O. Thornhill, Wayne A.



A Change of Command ceremony was held early in the BOM Meeting for the State Color Guard Commander. President Wilson conducted the ceremony. Left photo: President Wilson (left) accepts Major (Ret) Richard D. Bishop's retirement of the position. Dick has held the post for several years and without a doubt has been all that a commander could be, leading most historic site events, and maintaining an excellent record of participants and actions. We thank Dick for his commitment and dedication to the cause. Right photo: His successor, Lt. Col. (Ret) Gary O. Green (right) accepts his orders from President Wilson. Gary looks forward to continuing our traditional Color Guard actions.

Tilghman, Steven F. Avent (OLC), James E. Brewer (2OLC), James W. Brush (2OLC), F. Grady Hall, III, (2OLC) John R. Harman (1OLC), Frank N. Horton (3OLC), Edward L. Rudisill (1OLC), James H. Wood (5OLC)

- Molly Pitcher – Helena Maxson and Stephanie Ann Brahlin
- Lamplighter Award – John E. Griffith, John C. Pankey, and Dr. Cleveland M. Hawkins
- Grave Marking Medal – Ken Wilson, Samuel Powell, Guy Higgins, George Strunk, Gary Green

National Awards/Recognition

- Allene Wilson Groves Award (*Evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles*) – Honorable Mention
- President General's Activities Award (*Evidence of most complete practice of implementing SAR programs and resolutions*) – Honorable Mention Certificate and Streamer
- Robert L. Sonfield Award (*Largest numerical increase of members*)
- Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award (*Presentation of Flag Certificates*) – Star to add to streamer

NCSSAR Participation Awards

(Certificates and Streamers)

- Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest
- CAR Activities Award
- George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest
- ROTC/JROTC Contest
- Americanism Contest
- Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest
- President General's (2013-2014) Initiative
- Helping the USO – Streamer with Two Stars
- Memorials, Markers and Monuments – 1st Place Streamer plus \$1,000
- Partners in Patriotism (*with Veterans Organizations and/or participation in Wreaths Across America*)

Youth Awards

- Americanism Poster Contest – 1st Place – Eli Beal (Halifax Resolves Chapter)
- George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest – 3rd Place – Susannah Bloom (At Large)

Chapter Awards

- PG Initiative – Helping the USO – Silas McDowell Chapter
- PG Initiative – Memorials, Markers & Monuments – Battle of Kings Mountain Chapter
- Carl F. Bessent Award (Best single sheet newsletter) – 1st Place – Halifax Resolves – Steve Avent
- Partners in Patriotism (*with Veterans Organizations and/or participation in Wreaths Across America*)
- General George Washington Chapter
- Halifax Resolves Chapter
- le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
- Lower Cape Fear Chapter
- Mecklenburg Chapter

President Wilson requested each chapter update the national database as soon as possible. He expressed thanks to Compatriot Guy Higgins for his work in making the data as accurate as possible. The intent is to distribute communications in a less expensive manner than US Postal mail. President Wilson described the interest in Morganton, NC. There were

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twelve participants who want to try to start a chapter. Their intent is to apply for the start of the chapter by the January 31 Board of Managers meeting after the commemoration of Cowan's Ford.

Lunch

The Reading / Amendment / Approval of Minutes from Winter 2014 BOM by State Secretary Gary Green.

Motion to accept minutes as printed in the Board of Managers Booklet, by Dick Bishop, 2nd John Thornhill, was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report by Kurt Van Tassel - Query by Ray Maxson was answered.



Compatriot John Thornhill, a long time member of State activities, having served in just about every state officer position, including President in 2010-2011, and is active at the national level, is seeking the national office of Historian General. He received an endorsement from the North Carolina Society as he campaigns at National. Endorsements allow National's Nominating Committee the opportunity to review the support a compatriot receives from across the country before they deliberate in committee.

Reports by exception – if there are changes to the published BOM book.

State Officers by exception or addition to the BOM book.

Foothills VP – No report

Genealogist (Frank Horton) remarks

1) Pended applications due to improper date format; locations city/county/state

2) Use two letter designation for states. Do not use County or Co. in the county area.

3) Membership Applications – Internet applications do not have any evidence/documentation at NSSAR from 1890-1970, did not retain the evidence. Use NSSAR style abbreviations only. Census records – Identify state from which the data is found. Application Funds go from Registrar to Treasurer to NSSAR – There are no refunds

Webmaster – On the website

Chapter Presidents by exception or addition to the BOM Book. No reports were received from the following chapters: Bethabara, Catawba Valley, Capt George Dickey, Gen Francis Nash, LTC Felix Walker, LTC John Phifer, Lumber River, New Bern, Old North State, Western Waters, or Yadkin Valley.

Committee Chairmen by exception or addition to the BOM Book.

Color Guard – Report to new commander, Gary O. Green – Report needs to be changed.

Added East and West Adjutants – George Strunk and Ken Luckey.

Grave Marking – Look at new format at web site.

Handbook – Still working on the handbook, Guy Higgins has worked hard on the update; Steve Pittard is trying to clean up the inputs. State Life Membership costs are going up on January 1, 2015.

Old Business

Executive Committee voted to obligate funds to retain the Ramada Inn in Burlington for the 17-18 April 2015 Annual Convention. Move to approve by Bill McEntire, 2nd Dick Bishop. Question by John Thornhill. The Lower Cape Fear chapter had been in charge of the State Convention at Carolina Beach. Is the state in charge of the convention? YES, according to the Handbook. Approved unanimously.

Financial Review Committee Report by Tim Berly, Financial Report: Old State Life Membership – There are a total of 13 Old State Life Members. It would cost \$5595 to make them National Life Members. The eventual cost to pay for their natural life using life expectancy formula is \$5080 at the current national dues rate. A sum of \$5440 has been identified for the Thomas N. "Nat" Clark State Life Membership Fund. There was much discussion concerning how to keep track of the monies. This report meets the bylaw requirement for an annual audit.

Regular Business

Veterans – VAVS Chief – Western Waters – Bill McEntire indicated they were building a halfway house, "Buckway House" for veterans in Mountain District.

Tryon Resolves Remembrance – Doyle Campbell on program for 9 Aug 14 event co-sponsored by DAR, recommended recognition as state Color Guard activity. Motion by Doyle Campbell; 2nd Jay Joyce, approved by voice vote.

English Speaking Union – John Sullivan. 28 Oct 2014 \$45 at Greensboro

CC, NCSSAR members invited. Subject of the presentation will be the Crossing of the Dan by Dr. Phil Williams.

New Business

Handbook changes is work in progress, Grave Marking Manual to be updated by Leadership Meeting in September; Dues, Flag Committee, Americanism Brochure, Color Guard medal requirements need to be adjusted.

By-Laws Committee recommendations- Chairman Adams recommended changes to the bylaws be delayed until he has had a chance to review the recommendations, and he requested that the suggested changes to the bylaws be reviewed at the next BOM.



Senior Vice President Timothy W. Berly assisted the President during the awards presentation portion of the meeting. He observed that our participation at the National level has certainly grown as evidenced by the number of awards received at Congress this year.

Conflict of Interest / Code of Ethics – This new bylaw states that we should develop policies for Whistleblower, Records Retention and Destruction, and Conflict of Interest / Code of Conduct. These policies should be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary.

Ethics Committee – This new bylaw establishes an Ethics Committee which will review perceived violations of the NCSSAR Code of Conduct. Guilford Courthouse 2014 was given as an example of a need for an Ethics Committee review. Guilford Courthouse will be run by NCSSAR in the future; needed to have

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some backing by an ethics committee. Will discuss Ethics Committee formation at the Cowan's Ford BOM on 31 Jan 15.

Executive Committee is defined as the President, Sr VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and two at large members (Sam Powell and Steve Pittard).

Historical Monuments Fund Committee - NCSSAR will receive \$1000 soon; check will be sent to NCSSAR by Mary Butts within ten days of this meeting. This will be added to the current fund of \$788 that is already established. Approval of use of funds would be by the Executive Committee. Why is the Board of Managers not included in this decision process? The Board of Managers would need to be advised of the commitment of funds at the next meeting. The normal routine should be to request approval from the Board of Managers. "Memorials and Markers Fund" will be the name of the Committee. Move to approve formation of the committee as outlined in the BOM report by Dick Bishop, 2nd Jim Becker.

Recommendation to amend the motion to change "Executive Committee" to read "Board of Managers." by Glenn Sappie, 2nd Samuel Powell.

Motion to postpone by Chuck Adams, 2nd John Thornhill. Yay 24, Nay 6; the committee presentation needs to be reworded and presented again at the Winter BOM.

Board of Managers inputs by individual members.

Sam Powell discusses Constitution Day by High Point Museum Guild 17 Sep 2014 7 p.m. at High Point University.

John Thornhill announces his candidacy for Historian General and requested support from NCSSAR. Motion by Jim Becker; 2nd Sam Powell, approved unanimously.

David Mann announced Gen. John Ashe Grave Marking by SE District on 1 Nov 14 in Clinton, NC, and 1789 Ratification of

Constitution Remembrance in Fayetteville on 22 Nov 2014.

Tim Berly - Mecklenburg Grave Marking on 20 Sep 14; Gault House reservation for 2015 National Congress in Louisville.

Jim Becker was assistant treasurer available in times of ill health. Recommend the Registrar be given signature authority for the NCSSAR account. Motion by Chuck Adams, 2nd Dick Bishop. Approved, one member dissenting.

A Closing Prayer by Rev. A. Clark Wiser was followed by retiring of the Colors. Recessional was led by George Strunk (NE District #1 VP) and the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Fall Leadership Meeting

Louisville, KY - 26 - 27 Sep 2014

Battle of Kings Mountain Ceremony

Blacksburg, SC - 7 Oct 2014

Battle of Cowpens Ceremony

Chesnee, SC - 17 Jan 2015

Battle of Cowan's Ford Commemoration and Winter Board of Managers Meeting

Huntersville, NC - 31 Jan 2015

Battle of Moores Creek Bridge Ceremony

Currie, NC - 21 Feb 2015

Spring Leadership Meeting

Louisville, KY - 6 - 7 Mar 2015

Battle of Guilford Courthouse

Greensboro, NC - 14 Mar 15

Adoption of the Halifax Resolves Program

Halifax, NC - 11 Apr 2015

NCSSAR Annual Convention

Burlington, NC - 17 - 18 Apr 2015

Patriots' Day Ceremony at Alamance

Burlington, NC - 17 May 2015

Meck Deck Day Celebration

Charlotte, NC - 20 May 2015

Battle of Ramsour's Mill Ceremony

Lincolnton, NC - 20 Jun 2015

125th National Congress

Louisville, KY - 25 Jun thru 1 Jul 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Gary O. Green, State Secretary, NCSSAR

Herbert Lawrence Duff Jr Passes

Burlington - Mr. Herbert Lawrence Duff, Jr., of Burlington died on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. Born in Suffolk, VA



to the late Herbert Lawrence Duff, Sr. and Mary Grice Hall Duff Holladay, he was in the U. S. Navy during World War II from 1945 to 1946. He was a seaman at the U. S. Naval Training Center in Maryland. Mr. Duff graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a B.S. in Mechanical

Engineering. He was employed with Western Electric and AT&T for nearly 40 years.

In 1950, he was located in Winston-Salem working as a Production Engineer with naval fire control radar systems and later as an instructor of the Mathematics and Statistical Quality Control and Training Program.

On February 4th, 1950, Herbert married Marian Isabel Miller (passed away February 7, 2013).

Moving in 1961 to the Burlington location, he designed, developed, and implemented a Computer Operating System, an Anti-ballistic Missile Radar and Control System, and a Cost Schedule Control System to track cost and scheduling of a U.S. Naval Signal Processing System. He retired in 1989.

Mr. Duff was a member of Front Street United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Emery Keith Gilliam Passes

Emery Keith Gilliam passed away peacefully on April 12, 2014 at his home, in the room where he was born. A celebration of his life was held at Shiloh United Methodist Church and a Service of Committal followed in the church cemetery. A native of Alamance County, Emery was born March 13, 1927, the son of the late James Sylvester and Lily Blanche Kernodle Gilliam. He was married November 27, 1948 to the late Doris Clapp Gilliam.

Emery graduated from Elon College in 1948 with a degree in Business Administration, and then began a long career with Burlington Industries, in Burlington. Emery became the Group Industrial Engineer for Burlington House Fabrics.

Emery was raised in the Gilliam's Primitive Baptist congregation, a congregation that his grandfather founded. After marriage, he joined Shiloh United Methodist Church, where he was treasurer for 28 years.

Emery enjoyed researching family history which led to his membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, through which he served as Color Guard for re-enactments and ceremonies for many years.

He will be remembered for his pursuit of excellence, education, service, good humor and, above all, devotion to church and family.

Emery cared for his mother in his home for 35 years.

Under the auspices and direction of Divine Providence, your forefathers removed to the wilds and wilderness of America. By their industry they made it a fruitful and, by their virtue, a happy country. And we should still have enjoyed the blessings of peace and plenty, if we had not forgotten the source from which these blessings flowed; and permitted our country to be contaminated by the shameful vices which have prevailed among us. It is a well known truth, that no virtuous people were ever oppressed; and it is also true, that a scourge was never wanting to those of an opposite character.

—John Jay, 1776

CHAPTER NEWS

Halifax Resolves

VFW Post 4096 Receives Award

July 26, 2016 - The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution recently presented VFW Post 4096 of Norlina the SAR Flag Certificate. This certificate is presented to individuals, companies and organizations that correctly fly the U.S. flag for patriotic purposes. Post Commander Bobby Jones accepted the award, presented by Chapter VP R.J. Myrick, on behalf of the post.



Post Commander Bobby Jones

Eagle Scouts Honored

30 August 2014 - Eagle Scouts Doss Dahlem and Triston Arwood were recently honored at their Court of Honor when Halifax Resolves Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented each of them with the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate. The certificate recognizes each scout "for their outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout."



L-R Chad & Tracy Dablem, Doss Dablem, Halifax Resolves VP R.J. Myrick, Triston Arwood, Tammy & Will Arwood.

NSSAR Americanism National Poster Winner Receives Award

27 August 2014 - Eli Beal, a Halifax Academy student, was presented his certificate and his prize money of \$150.00 in recognition of his 1st Place award in the Americanism Poster Contest at the National Society Sons of the American Revolution's 124th Annual Congress. Beal's entry was selected as the best of the 39 entries at the Halifax Resolves Chapter contest. It was then selected as the best in the North Carolina Society before taking the top honors at the National Congress. The certificate and

check were presented to Eli by NCSSAR President Ken Wilson who was accompanied by Beal's mother, Karen Hall and Halifax Academy teacher Tracy Lynch.



Eli's mother Karen Hall, National Americanism Poster winner Eli Beal, NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson, Halifax Academy teacher Tracey Lynch.



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson with winning poster



NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson demonstrated flag protocol during his Flag Program at a meeting of the Boys & Girls Club.



Ms. Peggy Light

Outdoor World Receives Flag Certificate

24 June 2014 - Outdoor World of Lake Gaston was recently awarded the SAR Flag certificate in recognition of exemplary patriotism by correctly displaying the Flag of the United States of America. Halifax Resolves Chapter VP R.J. Myrick made the presentation to Ms. Peggy Light.

le Marquis de Lafayette



25 July - Each Fourth Friday downtown Fayetteville stays open late for visitors and patrons. Crafts, music and laughter abound. The Chapter sponsors an SAR table showing the "SAR Flag" and answering questions about the organization for several hours. Our own Jason Wetzel is the main contact (on right). A good time is had by all!

Chapter Marks Grave of COL Alexander McAllister



Bruce Daws, (center) Chapter Grave Marking Committee Chair and Transportation Museum Director, greets members and attendees to Old Bluff Presbyterian Church where the ceremony was held. Chuck Yard stands ready to serve as Rifleman.

August 9, 2014 - The Chapter held a ceremony marking the grave of Col. Alexander McAllister, Patriot officer, commanding the Cumberland County Militia during the war. He continued to serve the community as a legislator and local leader after the war. The day was rainy so the service was held in the historic church edifice until time to reveal the marker, when we marched to the grave for that ritual. The rain held off until completion of our duties. The local DAR Chapters attended as well as many family members. Bruce Daws was the speaker.

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le Marquis de Lafayette Marks Grave of Dr. Jacob Highsmith, Early SAR Member in Fayetteville

On Saturday, 28 June 2014, a Grave Marking for Compatriot Dr. Jacob Franklin Highsmith, was conducted by the le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter and the Fayetteville Area Transportation and Local History Museum, in Cross Creek Cemetery #3 in the downtown.

Wendell Small, President, was Master of Ceremonies. Major Richard D. Bishop was the Color Guard Commander. LTC (Ret) Frank Horton was a Rifleman.

Rev. Clark Wisner, State Chaplain served as Chaplain for the event. Chapter Secretary Michael Aycock led the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Recessional. David Olson, Chapter VP, led the SAR Pledge.

David Mann, Southeast District VP, brought greetings from our District. Steve Pittard, past VPG South Atlantic Dist., brought greetings from the NSSAR.

Bruce Daws, Museum Director and Chapter Sergeant at Arms, delivered historic remarks on "The Life and Times" of Dr. Highsmith.

The unveiling of the SAR Marker was handled by Wendell Small and several family members, including Margaret Dickson, Ann Highsmith, Ed Wells, and others.

The Wreath Presenters included Eleanore Getz, Regent, Liberty Point Chapter DAR, Elizabeth Wilson, Past Regent, Col. Robert Rowan Chapter DAR, and Wendell Small, Chapter President.

Photographer of the event was Robert Wilson, past editor of the Fayetteville Observer. — RDB

Mecklenburg Chapter Summer Lunch Series Returns

For the third year, the Mecklenburg chapter held a series of summer lunch events for chapter members to gather, share stories, and discuss the hot topics.

"Our members really enjoy an opportunity to get together for a purely social gathering," said Bill Anderson. "We learn about each other's ancestors and get to know each other in a relaxed and fun environment, plus we have had four new members join us this year at the lunches."

The Mecklenburg chapters' summer lunch series meets every June, July and August for a purely social time.



Members of the Mecklenburg chapter enjoy each other's company at their annual summer lunch series.



Highsmith Grave Marking on June 28 – Left to Right: Wendell Small, Michael Aycock, Judy Pittard, Bruce Daws, Richard Bishop, Steve Pittard, Margaret Dickson, David Mann, Ed & Pat Wells, David & Nancy Olson, Clark Wisner, Mrs. & Mr. Perry, Frank Horton, Anne Highsmith, Eleanore Getz, Lib Wilson, and Hope Campbell.

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Broyhill shares stories of Capitol Building

ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

HIGH POINT — The U.S. Capitol Building has served as the meeting place of the U.S. Congress for 214 years. In a presentation held on the High Point University campus Wednesday evening, former Sen. James T. Broyhill shared with the High Point community "Stories You Have Seldom Heard Before," which included highlights of the building's history and a few little-known stories of events that took place in the Capitol.

The event also featured the North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard in their 18th century uniforms. Susan Griffin Fisher, Miss North Carolina 1974, sang the National Anthem.

Broyhill's address was jointly sponsored by HPU,

the High Point Museum Guild, the Bienenstock Furniture Library and the Alexander Martin Chapter of the National Society for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A native of Lenoir, Broyhill is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After his 24 years of service in the Congress, Broyhill served the state of North Carolina as Chairman of the Board of Economic Development, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Co-chairman North Carolina Welfare to Work Business Council, and the Economic Development Committee of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce. He was inducted into the North Carolina Republican Party Hall of Fame.



Above: Former Senator James T. Broyhill shares the history of the U.S. Capitol Building to guests at High Point University Wednesday.

Left: North Carolina Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard present flags at HPU Wednesday.

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GRAVE MARKINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS

Marquis de Lafayette and Salisbury Chapters Mark Grave of John McNeely in Rowan County



Aug. 16, 2014 - Chapter members, joined by compatriots from across the state, honored the memory of John McNeely, a Patriot of the Revolutionary War, and an ancestor to Bob Ervin, our Chapter Registrar. Bob coordinated with the Salisbury Chapter, since John was buried in Rowan County at Back Creek Presbyterian Church west of Salisbury, NC. Grady Hall, Salisbury Chapter President, pulled everything together, so when our chapter arrived, all activities fell into place. A large gathering of family members attended and participated in the marker unveiling. Above photo shows many of the compatriots who participated. The photo at right shows Bob Ervin speaking to the gathered and sharing the history of his ancestor and the community in which John McNeely lived.



Conrad Schlupp's Grave Marked

On July 26, 2014, the Grave of Conrad Sloop was marked with a SAR and DAR marker during the Sloop reunion held in the Savitz Church Cemetery in China Grove.

Kevin Sloop, a member of the Salisbury Chapter SAR obtained both an SAR and DAR marker for the ceremony. DAR member Peggy Welburn, a cousin, and descendant of Conrad helped Kevin get the DAR marker, but her health prevented her from coming to the service. Peggy got her niece, Raye Sapp from Burlington, NC to come and assist with the dedication. The Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter was represented by Jane Steinburg, Regent, Trudy Hall, Registrar, Karen Shea, and Cynthia Shoaf, members.

The DAR Marker was dedicated first and Raye Sapp removed the covering from the marker from the Puc Puggy Chapter DAR in Florida. Next the SAR marker was dedicated and uncovered by Kevin and he made a few remarks.

There were about sixty family members who attended the Church service and remained for the Grave marking. The Salisbury Chapter was assisted by Ken Luckey, David Alls, and Ray Maxson, all members of the Mecklenburg Chapter in Charlotte and color guardsmen for the ceremony. Helen Maxson, President of the Ladies Auxillary of the NC Society Sons of the American Revolution helped and presented a wreath at the Grave of Conrad Schlupp. Everyone enjoyed the service.



HISTORIC SITES

Battle of the Capes Commemorated



Chris, Emily and Scott Aiken at the DeGrasse Statue.

September 6th, 2014 - Scott Aiken sent us this information from out of Virginia.

Washington was aware of the necessity of sea power, stating, "No land force can act decisively unless it is accompanied by maritime superiority," which brings us to the shore of the Atlantic, and the Battle of the Capes.

The naval conflict of September 5, 1781 is one of the most critical naval battles in our history and was one of the factors that assured we would win our Independence.

French Admiral de Grasse (who's statue is located at the site) sent word to French General Rochambeau in Newport, RI, that he was to assist the French and American armies.

Admiral De Grasse's fleet arrived at the Chesapeake Bay and began offloading French troops near Jamestown to join the army of General Lafayette at Williamsburg.

The British fleet arrived on September 5th, and began the slow process of moving into battle formation. Admiral De Grasse quickly organized his fleet into a line of battle and they engaged each other with a deadly volley of cannon fire. The battle lasted over two hours, with the British fleet suffering six ships damaged, 90 sailors killed and 246 wounded. The French fared better at 209 casualties and four ships damaged.

At nightfall, the two fleets disengaged to repair damage. Graves was reluctant to renew the battle. While the fleets drifted to the south watching each other over several days, Admiral De Barras' fleet arrived in the Chesapeake Bay from Newport carrying

HISTORIC SITES AND CELEBRATIONS

Battle of the Capes

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supplies and cannon. On September 9th, Admiral De Grasse slipped away from the British and arrived the next day, now totaling 36 French ships-of-the-line.

The British fleet headed back the evening of September 10th, arriving outside the bay three days later, but they were in no condition to resume combat so they sailed to New York where they raced to repair the fleet and to get troop reinforcements to General Cornwallis at Yorktown. Slow repairs delayed the departure of the fleet until October 19th, too late to be of any help here in Virginia. The surrender took place that very day.

Admiral De Grasse sealed off Chesapeake Bay and denied General Cornwallis any opportunities for reinforcement or evacuation. The success of the French fleet in gaining control of the Chesapeake Bay also helped ensure that General Washington could use the bay to transport troops and supplies to Yorktown. Admiral De Grasse's maneuvers allowed Admiral De Barras' to arrive off Yorktown with the French heavy siege artillery, which would stir to action and prove decisive during the October siege.

British naval historian Michael Lewis, stated that "the Battle of Chesapeake Bay was one of the decisive battles of the world. Before it, the creation of the United States of America was possible; after it, it was certain."

House In The Horseshoe and Governor Benjamin Williams Remembered

State Genealogist Frank Horton arranged the conducting of an event at the "House in the Horseshoe" in Sanford NC on Saturday, August 2nd. The rains held off during the ceremony, but a downpour followed! Thanks, Clark, for putting a word in for us. Some 50 or more SAR & DAR members, color guard representatives and re-enactors participated in this new Historic Site Wreath Laying event, sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, in honor of Patriot Colonel Benjamin Williams who fought at Guilford Courthouse and was a later four-time governor of North Carolina.



North Carolina Society SAR, with the help of le Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, conducted a celebration at the House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site. Among those attending were PG David Sympton, State President Ken Wilson and Foundation President Sam Powell, along with many SAR members and DAR representatives, as well as SR representatives. Photo by Jean Bishop.

While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."

— Samuel Adams, 1779



The NCSSAR Combined Color Guard supported this SAR/DAR event, and included David Alls (Mecklenburg SAR Flag), State SrVP Tim Berly (NC SAR Flag), Gary Green (Commanding), Guy Higgins (Gen. George Washington SAR Flag), Jay Joyce (Photographer), Ken Luckey (NC Flag), Steve Pittard (Betsy Ross), Sam Powell (US 50 Star Flag), State President Ken Wilson (Rifle Guard), Doyle Campbell (Hornet's Nest Battle Flag), Alex Wilson (Nathanael Greene SAR Flag).

Left: Tony Zeiss with the Mecklenburg chapter appears as his character, Thomas Young, from his award-winning novel, Backcountry Fury. Tony has a gift and a passion for writing and telling the stories of the Revolutionary War. He appeared at today's ceremony as the older version of Thomas Young to shed light on what has happened in Thomas' life since the Revolutionary War. First rate!



Battle of Colson's Mill

Colson's Mill Chapter President Daniel Burleson was the Master of Ceremonies. Mecklenburg Chapter member Anthony Zeiss was the featured speaker. New NCSSAR members were inducted and included Edwin Snuggs, Dewitt Snuggs II & Dewitt Snuggs III.

A recent young compatriot, Witt Snuggs, represented the Boy Scouts of America in his scout uniform and also carried the Bladen/Brunswick Battle Flag.

Wreath Presenters from SAR included Gary Green for Lower Cape Fear, Guy Higgins for General George Washington, Jay Joyce for Mecklenburg, Steve Pittard for Marquis de Lafayette, Sam Powell for National Society, State President Ken Wilson for NCSSAR, Doyle Campbell for Battle of Kings Mountain, Alex Wilson for Nathanael Greene, Grady Hall for Salisbury, and Foothills District VP David Kilby for Catawba Valley.

We had over 50 in attendance and I have heard many accolades from the public about the event.

— Daniel Burleson, President, Colson's Mill Chapter



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Will You Be At These Upcoming Events?

November 29 - The Otway Burns Chapter, NCS DAR, has requested SAR assistance in manning their "Washington Crossing the Delaware" float for the **Emerald Isle Christmas Parade**. The float will feature a rowboat (on a float trailer) crossing the Delaware River with the SAR furnishing its rowers and General Washington. The parade will begin at 3 PM, so we will gather at about 1 PM. Please contact Guy Higgins guyhiggins@gmail.com or (252) 327-7752 if you can support the DAR on Thanksgiving Weekend.

December 5 - The Mecklenburg chapter will present the Colors beginning at 10 a.m. during the **statue unveiling of Thomas "Kanawha" Spratt (1731-1807) and Catawba Chief King Hagler (1700-1763)**. This is part of the Mecklenburg Trail of History along Little Sugar Creek Greenway in Charlotte, on the Green located next to the CPCC Culinary Arts Center. Park in the 7th Street Garage at CPCC. To participate in the Color Guard, please contact Jay Joyce at jay@mecklenburgsar.org or Ken Luckey at kluckey83@bellsouth.net.

December 6 - The Battle of Kings Mountain chapter is participating in the annual **Kings Mountain Christmas Parade** beginning at 3 p.m. in downtown Kings Mountain. Staging will begin at 2 p.m. on East Gold Street at Cherokee Street. The NCSSAR Color Guard will lead the parade. To participate in the Color Guard, please contact Doyle Campbell at doylecampbell@carolina.rr.com.

December 7 - **The Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade**. The NCSSAR Combined Color Guard will lead the parade. The assembly point will be the South parking lot of the Kirkwood Adams Community Center, 1100 Hamilton St. between 1:15 pm and 1:45 pm for a 2 pm step off. This is a 1.5 mile march. A dutch treat luncheon will be held at 11 am at Logan's Roadhouse, 200 Premier Blvd., Roanoke Rapids. For more details, contact Ken Wilson at 252-537-5406 or boxcar27870@embarqmail.com.

December 13 - The Salisbury chapter is sponsoring their annual visit to the **NC State Veterans Home** at W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center, 1601 Brenner Avenue, Building #10, Salisbury, NC. NCSSAR Veteran's Services Chair Bill McEntire has assembled 100 gift bags. If you would like to attend the visitation, we will meet at 11:30 am first at K&W Cafeteria, 1925 Jake Alexander Blvd W, Salisbury, NC. To participate, or to donate items, please contact Grady Hall at 704-638-1271 or email fgradyhall@msn.com.

January 17, 2015 - **The 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens**, Chesnee, SC.

January 31, 2015 - **The 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford**, 10 a.m. at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 10500 Beaties Ford Road, Huntersville, NC. Hot biscuits and coffee will be served beginning at 9:15 a.m. Our guest speaker is docent and historical presenter Tom Phlegar, who will talk about the Revolutionary War in and around Hopewell and Mecklenburg County. For more information, please contact Jay Joyce at jay@mecklenburgsar.org or Ken Luckey at kluckey83@bellsouth.net.

January 31, 2015 - **NCSSAR Winter BOM** held immediately following the Battle of Cowan's Ford beginning approximately 11:45am. Cost of the BOM is \$24 per person, including the incredible southern buffet that the ladies prepare every year!