

The Sons of the American Revolution is a **PATRIOTIC** organization formed in 1889 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1906, with more than 25,000 living members from all 50 states and 23 foreign countries. Throughout its 117-year history, the SAR has admitted more than 155,000 members. Among them are 16 **PRESDENTS** of the **UNITED STATES**, including George W. Bush and his father George H. W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman and Theodore Roosevelt. The SAR also has had among its members Sir Winston Churchill and King Juan Carlos I of Spain, both of whom trace their ancestry to **REVOLUTIONARY WAR** patriots. Membership requires proof of descent from a person who aided in the **PATRIOT** cause. Some of the activities in which we engage are:

- * commemoration of patriot graves and monuments
- * educational programs in the schools and elsewhere on the ideals of our Patriot ancestors and the American Revolution
- * recognition of outstanding law enforcement officers and JROTC cadets
- * sponsorship of Boy Scout troops

SAR Pledge

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”



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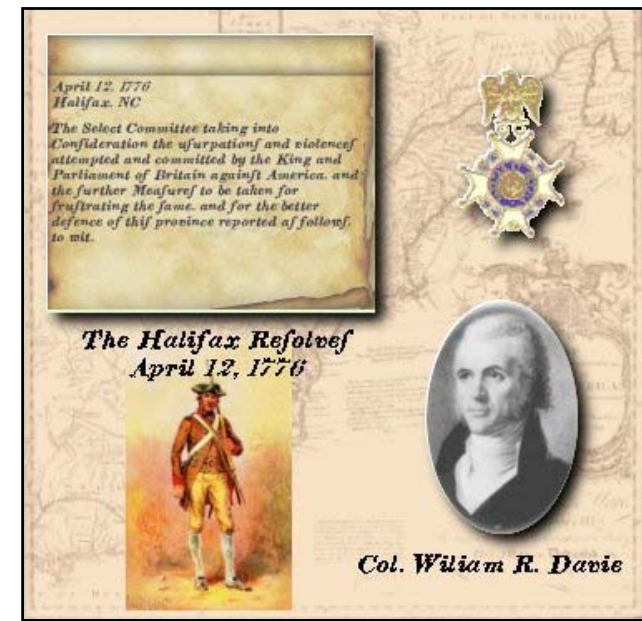
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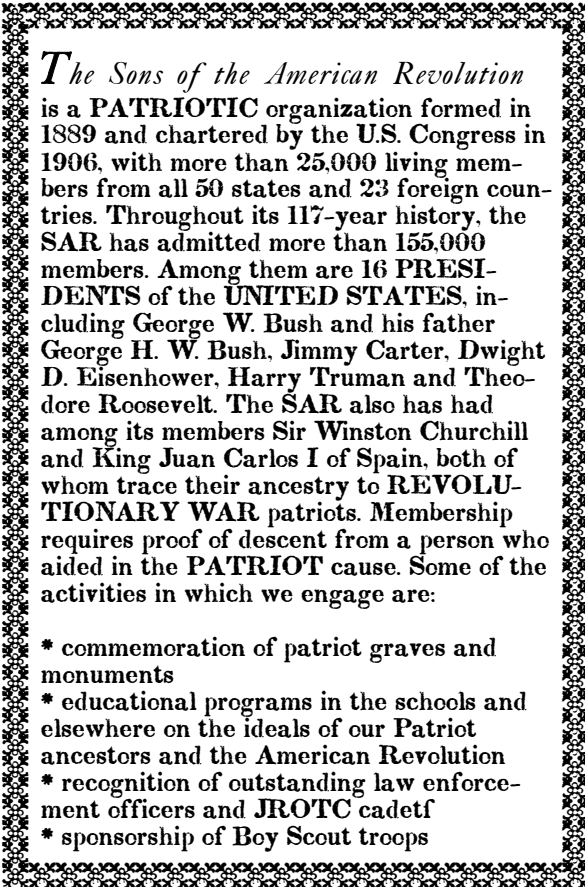


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**The Halifax Resolves Chapter
North Carolina Society
Sons of the American Revolution**



From the Secretary's Desk...

Compatriots,

The February meeting will be held on **Wed., February 28, 2007 at 6:00 pm at Ralph's BBQ**, in Weldon. The cost of the meal will be \$12, as usual, and guests are cordially invited.

On the agenda: the featured speaker will be Carl Burke, curator at the Historic Halifax museum, who will be speaking on the history of Halifax and the Halifax Resolves. Also, we will be inducting our latest new member, Don Ryan, into the NCSSAR.

Upcoming events: the biggest thing coming up is the 231st Anniversary Celebration of the Signing of the Halifax Resolves, which is being sponsored by our chapter and will be held on Sat., 4/14/07 in Halifax. The ceremony will begin at the site of the old colonial courthouse at 2:00 pm. The featured speaker will be author Max Williams, author of 'First for Freedom' (and other works), which is about Halifax during the Revolution. and was used as the basis for the long running outdoor drama of the same name held at Halifax until recently. We expect to get SAR participants from all over the region, as well as participation from the DAR and CAR (Children of the Revolution). We're also hoping to get a color guard from a JROTC chapter at a local high school and possibly a brass quintet from there, as well.

We will also be placing a SAR Patriot Grave Marker at the grave of Abraham Hodge, who is buried across the road from the old courthouse site. Hodge was the printer for Washington's Army during the Revolution, and was with them at Valley Forge. Some have called him 'George Washington's Press Agent'.

As always, wives, children and any interested parties are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you there—

Steve Avent, Secretary/Treasurer

Cowpens, SC, 1/13/2007



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"On January 13, 2007, members of several Patriotic Organizations gathered to honor the memory of Daniel Morgan and his victory at the Cowpens. As this is a National Commemoration on the calendar of the SAR, and the largest single victory in the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution, it was a well attended event. Reenactors, Color Guard members, and SAR Compatriots from 8 states and the District of Columbia mixed with the crowd of attendees to celebrate the Patriot's victory in an exuberant display of color, pageantry and dignity."

Cowan's Ford, NC, 1/27/2007



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"The SAR, DAR, CAR and the Descendants of Gen. William Lee Davidson gathered at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, (where General Davidson is buried), who was cut down very early in the fighting at Cowan's Ford in 1781. The Patriots were badly outnumbered but managed to hold off the advancing army of Cornwallis for a few hours in order that the American army could begin their long journey to the Dan River with a few hours head start. On January 27th, 2007, those gathered at General Davidson's graveside honored the memory of that gallant stand on the Catawba River."

Crossing of the Dan, 2/10/2007



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"... the sun was shining beautifully and the flags snapped briskly in the breeze as various Patriotic Organizations and citizens gathered in South Boston, VA, to celebrate the extrication of the Patriot Army under General Nathanael Greene from the pursuing forces of the British Army, led by the Earl, Lord Cornwallis."

Upcoming Events

231st Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Moore's Creek, 2/24/2007

Spring Board of Managers Meeting, Statesville, NC, 3/3/2007

226th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 3/17/2007

231st Anniversary Celebration of the Signing of the Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC, 4/14/2007

NCSSAR Annual Convention, Greensboro, NC, 4/20/2007

2007 Patriot's Day Celebration, Alamance Co., 5/19/2007