## Chapter Achievements – 2011

January 3rd marked the first chapter event when Chapter President Ken Wilson participated in the monthly veteran's ceremony at the Dallas Jones Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center.

The January chapter meeting was held on the 12th and President Wilson presented a program on the Halifax Resolves.

Saturday, January 15th found the chapter spread across two states as Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and Color Guard Commander/Registrar R. Allen Brahin participated in the Cowpens celebration while President Wilson was awarding an Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Parker Williams, BSA Troop 834, in Northampton Co.

The Chapter Color Guard was requested to post the colors for the First in Freedom Society, Military Officers Association of America Quarterly meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Roanoke Rapids, NC on January 21st.

The following day the chapter co-sponsored a flag retirement ceremony with the students of Cornerstone Christian School, Inc. in Roanoke Rapids. Students in the 11th and 12th grade civics classes wrote and performed the ceremony. The chapter participated by supplying the color guard, burn master, and chaplain. Despite the extremely cold temperatures, 79 U.S. Flags were retired. The chapter also received a letter of thanks from the Military Officers of America Association for the January 21st color guard activity.

Chapter Color Guard at MOAA meeting January 21, 2011. (L-R) R. Allen Brahin, Ken Wilson, Steve Avent, Ron Jones.

The Hampton Inn of Roanoke Rapids was presented with a Flag Certificate by Chapter President Ken Wilson on February 7th.

A program on Flag Etiquette was presented to the Halifax Garden Club on February 15th by President Wilson. He also presented a program on the Halifax Resolves to the John Penn Chapter NSDAR on February 16th.

The Chapter was represented by President Wilson, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin at the Crossing of the Dan Ceremony held in South Boston, VA on February 19th. All three joined the Combined SAR Color Guard and President Wilson presented the chapter wreath.

Crossing of the Dan, February 19, 2011, South Boston, VA. (L-R) Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson, Color Guard Comm. R. Allen Brahin, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent

Immediate Past President Ron Jones presented a program on the Jefferson-Hemings

controversy to the Elizabeth Montfort-Ashe Chapter NSDAR on February 26th.

Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent represented the chapter at the Spring Board of Managers meeting held in Winston-Salem on March 5th.

Chapter President Ken Wilson represented the chapter at the March veterans' ceremony conducted by the Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center.

Participation in the Americanism Poster Contest expanded to two schools this year. Cornerstone Christian School had 17 entries, 9 from the 5th grade and 8 from the 4th grade. Belmont Elementary School had 2 entries from the 5th grade. The 2 entries from Belmont and 3 from each Cornerstone grade were selected for judging at the chapter meeting.

The March 9th chapter meeting was attended by numerous member of the family of Johnathan Collier. Johnathan was awarded the Society's Fire Safety Commendation Medal for his actions at an automobile fire where he singlehandedly extracted the driver from the vehicle by kicking out the windows. Compatriots Steve Avent and Ron Jones were awarded their Bronze Color Guard Medals. Compatriot Jones also presented a program on the Thomas Jefferson-Sally Hemings controversy.

Chapter President Ken Wilson awards the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Johnathan Matthew Collier of the Woodland VFD

Cornerstone Christian School student Casie Crawley's poster was selected as the chapter winner in the Americanism Poster contest.

President Wilson, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, and Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin participated in the Combined SAR Color Guard at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse Ceremony on March 12th. Compatriot Lee Scouten also attended as the chapter photographer.

On March 14th, President Wilson gave a program on the Revolutionary War to several 5th grade classes at Belmont Elementary School in Roanoke Rapids.

The chapter Americanism Poster Contest winner received her award at an assembly in Cornerstone Christian School on March 16th. The award was presented by President Wilson.

Compatriot Ron Jones presented a program entitled "The Christian Heritage of America's Founding Fathers" to a men's group at Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, NC also on the 16th.

A joint flag retirement ceremony was held in Kill Devil Hills on March 19th. The event was co-sponsored by the Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR, The Outer Banks Chapter NCSSAR, the Fort Raleigh American Legion Post 36, and the Virginia Dare Chapter NCSDAR. Fifty-one (51) flags were retired.

Participants in Outer Banks flag retirement program.

First Citizens Bank in Roanoke Rapids was awarded Flag Certificate on March 29th.

President Wilson represented the chapter at the April 4th veterans' ceremony at the Dallas Jones Veterans' Center & Museum.

The April 9th ceremonies celebrating the 235th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves began with a Flag Retirement Ceremony co-sponsored with the Warren Chapter NCSDAR. Mr. James Tuck, Asst. Scout Master of BSA Troop 146 served as the Burn Master while Chapter President Ken Wilson and Warren Regent Mrs. Constance Thacker performed the ceremony. The

Burn Master was assisted by BSA Troop 144 Scout Master Mr. Scott Joyner and scouts of the troop. The ashes from the 69 retired flags were buried by the chapter and the Boy Scouts in the Colonial Cemetery.

The ceremony celebrating the 235th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves was attend by SAR, DAR, and CAR chapters from NC, VA, and GA as well as numerous local organizations. Chapter President Ken Wilson welcomed all to the gathering followed by the invocation given by Chaplain-General Re. Clark Wiser. The J.F. Webb High School JROTC Color Guard posted the colors assisted by the NCSSAR Combined Color Guard. Pres. Wilson led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Processional. Chaplain-General Rev. Clark Wiser brought greetings from the National Society followed by NCSSAR President John Thornhill. NCSSAR Sr. VP Steve Pittard acted as the town crier and read the Halifax Resolves to the gathering. Chapter President K Wilson then introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Jeffery Broadwater, Professor of History, Barton College whose address was entitled **"***'All Our People Here Are Up for Independence:' The Making of the Halifax Resolves."* Following the program, a wreath laying ceremony was held with 24 presenters. The J.F. Webb JROTC Color Guard was awarded a Society Certificate of Appreciation for their support to the chapter. Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones delivered the benediction to close the ceremony.

Dr. Jeffery Broadwater, Professor of History, Barton College, Wilson, NC, delivers the keynote address

The NCSSAR Convention was held April 15th – 17th in Raleigh, NC. The chapter received two awards at the banquet. Streamers were awarded for 2nd place in the Scrapbook contest and Flag Certificates. Individual awards were given to three members. Compatriot Ron Jones was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship medal; Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent received his Silver Color Guard medal and Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson received the Meritorious Service medal and the Silver Good Citizenship medal. President Wilson also participated in the NCSSAR Color Guard at the Banquet.

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on April 19th for Michael Diettrich of Troop 182 in Roanoke Rapids where Pres. Wilson awarded an Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate.

The Boy Scouts of the East Carolina Council invited the chapter and other interested SAR members to the God & Country Jamboree held on April 29-30. Chapter members Ken Wilson and Steve Avent, along with NCSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Wood of the Mecklenburg Chapter attended on April 30th dressed in colonial attire. Scouts who stopped by the tent were instructed on the dates displayed on the North Carolina flag and how they pertained to the American Revolution. The East Carolina Council of the BSA will be considering the SAR as a permanent part of this jamboree at its next meeting.

(L-R) Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson, NCSSAR Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Wood, & Halifax Resolves Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent at Camp Bonner.

At the May 3rd meeting of the Halifax County Law Enforcement Association President Wilson and NCSSAR Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steve Avent presented Law Enforcement Commendation Medals to Halifax Sheriff Dept. Capt.

Bruce Temple, Lt. Jay Burch, Agent Anzell Harris, and Agent Tim Harris for their work with Operation Burnout. This operation focused on organized crime and drug trafficking in Halifax and Nash Counties. To date 37 individuals have been apprehended and 37 have been convicted and sentenced. These officers join their lead prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joshua B. Royster, as recipients of this medal.

(L-R) NCSSAR Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steve Avent, Halifax Sheriff Dept. Capt. Bruce Temple, Agent Anzell Harris, Agent Tim Harris, Lt. Jay Burch and Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson.

President Wilson attended the JROTC awards programs at Nash Central and Southern Nash High Schools on May 5th and presented the Outstanding JROTC medal to the cadets. Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent presented the JROTC medal to the Cadet Weaver at Northern Nash High School on May 10th.

Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and Cadet Weaver

At the May 11th chapter meeting Mr. Carl Burke of Historic Halifax updated the chapter on the status of projects being undertaken by the museum.

Patriots Day at Alamance Battleground on May 14th was attended by President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent. They both participated in the Color Guard and the Chapter was presented with the Chapter Achievement Streamer for Small Chapters that had been overlooked at the State Convention.

The NCSSAR Contingent at the Patriot's Day Ceremony, Alamance Battleground, May 14th, 2011.

Past President Ron Jones presented a program on the Jefferson-Hemings controversy to the Micajah Pettaway Chapter NCSDAR at the Myrtles Plantation in Rocky Mount on May 16th.

President Wilson participated in the May 30th Memorial Day ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids by presenting the chapter wreath and as a member of the color guard.

On June 6th President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent provided the Color Guard for Dallas Jones Veterans' Center and Museum ceremony honoring Sgt Willie McLawhorne who was KIA in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan while serving with the 101st Airborne Division.

A joint Flag Retirement ceremony was held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Northampton Co. Courthouse in Jackson, NC. The event was co-sponsored by the Chapter and Troop 834, BSA. There were 203 U.S. Flags retired with about 15 additional NC, POW and military service flags.

The July 13th chapter meeting was held at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax. Following a short business meeting, Pres. Wilson

Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and President Wilson fold the Colors for presentation to the family of Sgt. Willie McLawhorne

NCSSAR Color Guard Commander Richard D. Bishop (L) explains movements to color guard members (L-R) Dr. Samuel C. Powell, Ken Wilson, & Steve Avent

presented a program on the Battle of Cowpens.

On August 1st President Wilson participated as a color guard member in the monthly ceremony at the Dallas Jones Veterans' Center and Museum.

A Flag Certificate was presented to the American Legion Shaw-May Post 38 by President Wilson on August 2nd. Mr. Noah Joyner, Commander, accepted the certificate on behalf of the post. Another Flag Certificate was presented to Mr. & Mrs. Noah Joyner of Weldon, NC on August 2nd. Flag Certificates were also awarded to AMVETS Post 101on August 24th and the Halifax Northampton Regional Airport on August 25th.

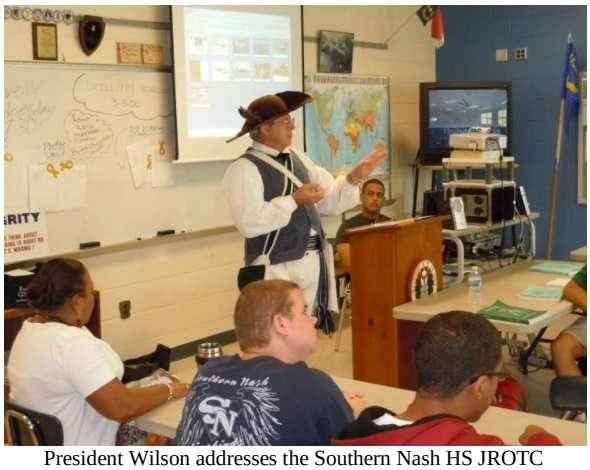
NCSSAR Color Guard Commander Richard D. Bishop and Past NCSSAR President Dr. Samuel C. Powell joined Chapter President Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Avent as the color guard for the 9-11 10th Anniversary ceremony at the Kirkwood Adams Community Center in Roanoke Rapids on September 11th.

President Wilson, assisted by AMVETS Post 101 Commander David Beam, performed the color guard duties for the September Veterans' at the Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center and Museum.

The September chapter meeting was held on the 13th in Halifax. Following the meal, the proposed slate of officers for the upcoming election was presented to the membership. A discussion was led concerning the best way to attract new members.

President Wilson addressed a class of AFJROTC cadets at Southern Nash High School concerning the Enhanced JROTC and Knight Essay Contest.

The Fall 2011 Board of Managers meeting was attended by President Wilson. He accepted the 2010 Partners in Patriotism certificate the chapter had been awarded at the National Congress.



President Wilson addresses the Southern Nash HS JROTC

Members of the Scotland Neck 4 H club and Halifax Resolves President Ken Wilson following the program on U.S. Flag History & Etiquette.

On October 12th President Wilson traveled to Scotland Neck to present a program on U.S. Flag History & Etiquette to a home schooled group of children who had formed a 4 H club.

A Flag Retirement ceremony was held at Veterans' park in Roanoke Rapids on October 15th co-sponsored by the chapter and VFW Post 3702. A total of 192 U.S. Flags and several state and military service flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried in a local cemetery. YTD we have retired 594 U.S. Flags.

VFW Post Commander David Cook, HRC President Ken Wilson, HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent pose after Flag Retirement Ceremony is concluded.

A dual grave marking ceremony was held October 22nd at the Shady Grove United Methodist Church, Warren Co., NC in honor of Patriot Burwell Davis and Compatriot David R. Koontz. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson welcomed the families, guests, SAR and DAR members. Colors were posted by the Combined NCSSAR Color Guard. NSSAR Executive Board Member Dr. Samuel C. Powell, a Burwell Davis descendent and close friend of Compatriot Koontz was the keynote speaker. Halifax Resolves Chapter President Ken Wilson assisted by Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan H. Jones dedicated the marker on the grave of Burwell Davis. NCSSAR Sr. VP Mr. Glenn Sappie assisted by Rev. Jones dedicated Compatriot Koontz's marker. Following the playing of "Taps" a wreath laying ceremony was held with wreaths being presented by NSSAR Executive Board Member Dr. Samuel C. Powell; NCSSAR Sr. VP Mr. Glenn Sappie, Alamance Battleground Chapter Past President Mr. Kenneth B. Ingraham; Halifax Resolves Chapter Past President Dr. Cleveland M. Hawkins, Raleigh Chapter Immediate Past President Mr. H. Edward Phillips. The NCSDAR was represented by Mrs. Karen Powell, Past Regent of the Battle of Alamance Chapter. Approximately 15 descendants of Burwell Davis were on hand as well as the family of Compatriot Koontz. Compatriot Koontz's wife, Sarah, is also a Burwell Davis descendant.

The SAR Contingent with the Descendants of Burwell Davis after the grave marking ceremony

Chapter President Ken Wilson presents the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to New Eagle Scout Kevin of Troop 146.

On October 30th President Wilson attending an Eagle Scout Court of Honor and presented Kevin

Moore with the Society's Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate.

President Wilson assisted AMVETS Post 101 with two ceremonies at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, November 6. He led the Color Guard and participated in the POW portion of the service.

At the November 9th chapter meeting all the chapter officers were re-elected to a second term. NCSSAR President Mr. G. Steven Pittard was on hand to install the officers. President Pittard also inducted William R. Peele as the newest member of the Society.

(L-R) Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones and President Ken Wilson are administered the oath of office by NCSSAR Pres. G. Steven Pittard. Not shown, Registrar R. Allen Brahin.

Veterans' Ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Adult Daycare

President Wilson assisted members of AMVETS Post 101 in a ceremony honoring veterans at the Roanoke Valley Adult Daycare Center on November 10th.

A grave marking ceremony was held November 12th by the United Daughters of the Confederacy honoring Mrs. Inez Green Pittard Woodruff, mother of NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard. President Wilson presented a wreath and was accompanied by Past Chapter President Dr. Cleveland M. Hawkins.

Chapter President Ken Wilson, Past Pres. Dr. Cleveland Hawkins and NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard, UDC Grave Marking

The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard led the "March of Patriots" Veterans' Day Parade on Sunday, November 13th. Chapter Pres. Ken Wilson and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent were joined by NCSSAR Pres. G. Steven Pittard, NCSSAR Color Guard Commander Richard D. Bishop, Past NCSSAR Presidents Dr. Samuel C. Powell and John Thornhill, NCSSAR Chaplain Rev. Clark Wiser and Compatriot Chuck Yard, VP of the la Marquis de Lafayette Chapter NCSSAR.

The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard assembles for the "March of Patriots" Veterans' Day Parade.

The grave marking ceremony for Patriot Nathan Boddie was held November19th at the Boddie Family Cemetery on Rose Hill Plantation. President Wilson welcomed those present. The Colors were posted by Past NCSSAR President Dr. Samuel C. Powell and Halifax Resolves Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent. The Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR

Pledge were led by Pres. Wilson followed by remarks from NCSSAR President Mr. G. Steven Pittard. Mr. Mayo Boddie, patriarch of the Boddie family, offered remarks about his ancestor, Nathan Boddie.

Dedication of the Nathan Boddie Grave Marker by President and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones.

President Wilson and Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones then dedicated the marker and "Taps" were played by Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent. Before closing the ceremony, NCSSAR Pres. G. Steven Pittard inducted Timothy Wiley Rackley into the Society. At this time, President Pittard surprised Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones with his SAR War Service medal and Bronze Good Citizenship medal. President Wilson then led the group in the SAR Recessional and called for the Colors to be retired. Chaplain Jones then offered the Benediction. Approximately 20 descendents of Nathan Boddie were on hand for the ceremony.

The Nathan Boddie Family and members of the SAR pose following the Grave Marking ceremony.

On Saturday, December 3rd, Chapter Registrar R. Allen Brahin represented the chapter at the Battle of Great Bridge ceremony in Norfolk.

The NCSSAR Contingent at the inaugural Battle of Great Bridge

On December 4th, the Chapter Color Guard was joined by other SAR Color Guardsmen to lead the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade for the third consecutive year. Chapter members present were President Ken Wilson, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent, and Immediate Past President Ron Jones. They were joined by NCSSAR President G. Steven Pittard, Past NCSSAR Presidents Dr. Samuel C. Powell and John Thornhill, and la Marquis de Lafayette member Compatriot Lee Harford.

President Wilson participated in the December 5th ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans' Center & Museum.

The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard lead the Christmas Parade

On December 10th Chapter President Ken Wilson conducted a U.S. Flag Etiquette class for Cub Scout Pack 238 in preparation for their Citizenship merit badges.