Halifax Resolves Chapter – 2014

Past President Ken Wilson represented the chapter at the January 6th Veteran of the Month ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum.

NCSSAR President Jim Wood was in attendance at the January 8th chapter meeting. Past President Ken Wilson was presented with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal and his wife Janet was presented with the Martha Washington medal. Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes was the guest speaker presenting a program on Colonial medicine and tools used by period doctors.

Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes presents a program on the medical practices of Colonial doctors.

On January 13rd, Past President two programs to members of the Nash Co. 4-H Club. The Tiger Cubs (Grades K-3) attended a program on U.S. Flag History and Etiquette and received instruction on the proper folding of the flag. The combined Tiger and Tiger Teens groups were presented a program on the meaning of the Dates on the NC flag.

Chaloner Middle School in Roanoke Rapids was the site of the next speaking engagement by Compatriot Wilson on January 15th. He presented four presentations on the meaning of the dates on the NC flag to 238 8th grade Social Studies students.

Troop 411 Eagle Scout James Wilson Taylor was presented with the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate at his Court of Honor on January 16th by Past Pres. Wilson.

Chapter VP R. J. Myrick presented Flag Certificates to Calvary United Methodist Church and Camp Willow Run on January 17th.

Chapter Registrar and Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin represented the chapter at the Battle of Cowpens ceremony on January 18th participating in the Color Guard and presenting the chapter wreath.

HRC Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin
Cowpens, SC
January 18, 2014

Chapter President Geoff Pittard and NE District 1 VP Ken Wilson attended the grave marking of Harney brothers in Elizabeth City on January 25th.

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick and NE District 1 VP Ken Wilson participated in the Cowan's Ford ceremony and the General William Lee Davidson Wreath Presentation at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville on February 1st. They were joined by Chapter Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent at the BOM meeting that followed the ceremonies.

Chapter Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin represented the chapter at the General George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria, VA on February 17th.

PG Joe Dooley & HRC Registrar/Color Guard
Commander R. Allen Brahin
General George Washington Birthday Parade
Alexandria, VA
February 17, 2014

Compatriot Brahin also represented the chapter at the Crossing of the Dan ceremony in South Boston, VA on February 22nd.

Also on the 22nd, Chapter President Geoff Pittard and NE District 1 VP Ken Wilson were present at the Battle of Moore's Creek ceremony in Currie, NC

SAR Contingent
Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge
Currie, NC
February 22, 2014

Past Pres. Ken Wilson represented the chapter at the March 3rd Veteran of the Month ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum.

On March 8th Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented Flag Certificates to the Littleton VFD and Mr. Tom Powers of Lake Gaston.

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presents Flag Certificate to Littleton
VFD Chief Dal Bobbitt
March 8, 2014

Mr. Tom Powers
Lake Gaston
March 8, 2014

At the March 12th Chapter meeting in Halifax, Chapter Pres. Geoff Pittard inducted Compatriot Ernest C. Bobbitt into the chapter. Past Pres. Ken Wilson presented the Lydia Darragh Medal to his wife in recognition of her support during his tenure as chapter president. Judging for the Americanism Poster contest was held and the chapter selected the entry of Eli Beal of Halifax Academy as the winner.

Compatriot E.C. Bobbitt and HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard

Past Pres. Ken Wilson presents his wife Janet with the Lydia Darragh Medal.

NE District 1 VP Ken Wilson and Chapter President Geoff Pittard attended the Battle of Guilford Courthouse ceremony on March 15th in Greensboro.

Past Pres. Ken Wilson escorts Chapter President Geoff Pittard forward to render honors.

On March 16th, Chapter VP R.J. Myrick, Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent and NE Dist. VP Ken Wilson attended the Forgotten Patriots grave marking ceremony in North Harlowe. Fourteen free black Patriots were honored for their service. VP Myrick presented the chapter wreath.

Chapter VP R. J. Myrick renders honors at the Forgotten Patriots ceremony

On March 20th Past President Ken Wilson presented Chapter Americanism Poster winner Eli Beal of Halifax Academy a check for $100.00 and a chapter winner's certificate. Honorable mention certificates were presented to finalists at Halifax Academy and Cornerstone Christian School. The chapter had a total of 39 entries from the two schools for this contest.

Eagle Scout Ryan O'Neal Daughtry was presented with the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition certificate at his Court of Honor on March 22nd in Lasker, NC. The certificate was awarded by Past Pres. Ken Wilson assisted by Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones.

Past Pres. Ken Wilson presented two programs at Halifax Academy on March 25th to 40 8th grades Social Studies about the dates on the NC flag. Teachers Ashley Jones and Wendy Starnes were presented Keyhole to History and American Heritage CD's.

A joint flag retirement ceremony was held in Littleton with American Legion Post 308. 265 U.S. flags and 25 state and military service flags were retired and the ashes buried by the Burn Master.

Past pres. Ken Wilson and Chapter President Geoff Pittard attended the Roanoke Rapids JROTC Military Ball and awarded Outstanding JROTC

Medals to RRHS Cadet Francis Bello & Weldon HS Cadet Anthony Brown.

Past Pres. Wilson presented a program on Colonial Halifax to a Scotland Neck home school group on April 8th. This was followed by another program on April 10th at Halifax Academy. This program was presented to a 5th grade class and covered U.S. flag etiquette and history. A group of students were given the opportunity to fold a U.S. flag.

Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones presented the Outstanding JROTC Medal to Northampton HS Cadet Octavia Epps on April 11th at the school's Military Ball.

Halifax Day, April 12th, began with a joint flag retirement co-sponsored with the Warren Chapter NCSDAR. There were 37 U.S. flags, 4 state/emergency responder and POW flags retired with honor and the ashes buried in the Colonial Cemetery. Following a luncheon at the Halifax Baptist Church, the Celebration of the adoption of the Halifax Resolves was held on the site of the Colonial Courthouse. Keynote speaker, Dr. Troy Kickler, presented a program entitled *The King's Troublemakers.* Numerous SAR and DAR chapters presented wreaths in memory of those who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Dr. Troy Kickler address the gathering at the Celebration of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves

The NCSSAR Annual Convention was held in Fayetteville April 25th-26th. The chapter received streamers for 1st place Small Chapter Achievement, 1st Place Small Chapter Americanism, Flag Certificate Streamer, Forgotten Patriots Support streamer. Individuals receiving awards were: Steve Avent, Silver Roger Sherman medal and Ken Wilson who received a Silver Roger Sherman medal and the Patriot's medal. In addition, Compatriot Wilson was installed as the NCSSAR President for 2014-2015 and Compatriot Avent was installed as the NCSSAR Registrar. This is the first time members of the chapter have been elected to state office.

NCSSAR President Jim Wood presents HRC Pres. Geoff Pittard one of the four streamers to the chapter

HRC Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent receives the Silver Roger Sherman medal from NCSSAR President Jim Wood.

NSSAR South Atlantic VPG Dr. Randy Moody congratulates newly install NCSSAR President Ken Wilson

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the chapter on May 3rd at the Josiah Hendon grave marking ceremony in Elizabethtown. Patriot Hendon is the ancestor of VASSAR Compatriot Paul Walden of the George Washington chapter.

Participants in the Josiah Hendon grave marking ceremony
Elizabethtown, NC
May 3, 2014

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the chapter at the May Veteran of the Month ceremony at the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum.

The SAR Heroism Medal was presented to Gaston VFD Chief Ed Porter and Conway VFD Fireman Jonathan Martin during the May 14th chapter meeting. The medals were presented by Chapter President Geoff Pittard.

HRC Pres. Geoff awards Heroism Medals to Jonathan Martin and Ed Porter as NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson looks on.

Chapter President Geoff Pittard participated in the Patriot Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground. Also in attendance was NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson. At the close of the ceremony the judging was held for the NCSSAR Americanism Poster Contest. The chapter entry, submitted by Eli Beal of Halifax Academy, was the winner. NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presented the award to Eli on May 27th at Halifax Academy.

Numerous JROTC Medals were presented by NCSSAR Pres. Wilson, HRC Pres. Pittard, HRC VP R.J. Myrick and HRC Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones.

The May 26th Memorial Day ceremony was held at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids with NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson and HRC Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones presenting wreaths and participating in the Color Guard. At the same time, HRC Registrar R. Allen Brahin was participating in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the chapter at the June Veteran of the Month ceremony conducted by the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum.

HRC Registrar/Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin represented the chapter at the Thomas Tucker Grave Marking ceremony held in Washington, DC on June 7th.

The chapter cosponsored a Flag Retirement ceremony with the Huckleberry Swamp 4H Club in Enfield, NC on June 7th. 98 U.S. flags, 9 NC flags and 1 POW flag were retired with honor and the ashes buried by the Burn Master.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presented the state and chapter wreaths at the William Patterson Grave Marking in Grover, NC on June 14th. The following weekend, June 21, 2014, he again presented the state and chapter wreaths at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill ceremony in Lincolnton, NC.

SAR Participants at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Ceremony
June 21, 2014

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented SAR Flag Certificates to Lynn Little of Lake Gaston and Peggy Lite of Outdoor World, also of Lake on June 21st.

Ken Wilson spoke to the Boys & Girls Club of Halifax Co. July 3rd about the History of the U.S. Flag and Flag Etiquette. He was also the keynote speaker for the July 7th Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum ceremony speaking on the service of local Revolutionary War veterans and their families.

NSSAR Past South Atlantic VPG Steve Pittard presented a program on Cornelius Harnett at the July 9th chapter meeting.

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick accompanied NCSSAR President Ken Wilson to the Battle of Colson's Mill ceremony in Norwood, NC on July 12th.

Participants at the Colson's Mill Ceremony
July12th, 2014
Norwood, NC

President Wilson attended the National Congress held July 17th-23rd in Greenville, SC. The chapter received a "Partners in Patriotism" certificate. The NCSSAR/chapter poster entry, submitted by Eli Beal, won first place and will be displayed at the National HQ for the next year. Chapter member Dr. Cleveland Hawkins received a Lamplighters award for support of the CAAH. Stephanie Brahin, wife of Chapter Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin was awarded the Molly Pitcher medal for her support of the color guard. Compatriot Steve Avent, editor of the chapter newsletter, again took top honors for the best newsletter under 5 pages in the National Society. He also received an oak leaf cluster for the Liberty Medal.

Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented an Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Terry Stauffer at his Court of Honor on July 26th.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presented the state and chapter wreath at the Gov. Benjamin Williams Commemoration ceremony on August 2nd and also presented the keynote address.

At an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held August 17th, Chapter VP R.J. Myrick presented Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to Triston Arwood and Doss Dalhem.

The Fall Board of Managers was held August 23rd in Raleigh, NC. Chapter President Geoff Pittard, VP R. J. Myrick and Sec.-Treas. Steve Avent were in attendance.

On August 27th, Pres. Wilson awarded Eli Beal, his certificate and a check for $150.00 for his winning poster entry.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson with 1st Place Americanism Poster entry of Eli Beal.
NSSAR Congress
Greenville, SC
July 21, 2014

Karen Hall, mother of Eli Beal, Eli, NCSSAR Pres. Wilson and teacher Tracey Lynch

On August 27th, Chapter VP R.J. Myrick awarded SAR Flag Certificates to Bill Lenz of Lake Gaston and VFW Post 4096 in Norlina.

The chapter was represented by NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson at the September Veteran of the Month ceremony held at the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum on September 1st.

The September chapter meeting was held on the 10th. NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presented Dr. Cleveland Hawkins with his Lamplighter Award.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the state and the chapter at three grave markings on September 20th. The first two were General Joseph Graham and Captain Alexander Brevard in Iron Station, NC and the third, Jacob Plonk in Crouse, NC. Wreathes were present at each ceremony.

A joint flag retirement ceremony was held on September 27th with VFW Post 3702 in Roanoke Rapids. One hundred seventy-eight U.S. flags and seven North Carolina flags were retired with honor and the ashes buried by the Burn Master.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson conducted three programs at the Cornerstone Christian School on September 25th. The 8th grade and 11th grade classes heard a presentation on the meaning of the dates on the North Carolina flag. The combined 4th & 5th grade classes heard a presentation on the history of the U.S. flag and proper flag etiquette.

Cornerstone Christian School 4th & 5th grade students with Ken Wilson

The Kings Mountain celebration held on October 7th was attended by NCSSAR President Ken Wilson who represented both the state society and the chapter.

The grave of Patriot Joseph Shearin was marked by the chapter on October 18th. This event was well attended by the SAR, DAR and the Shearin Family.

SAR DAR & Family member pose following the grave marking of Patriot Joseph Shearin.

Another grave marking was held on October 25th for four patriots in Washington, NC. Patriots John Gray Blount, Col. James Bonner, Sr., Navy Captain John Bonner and Captain Nathan Keais were honored in a ceremony attend NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock and First Lady Billie.

Southern Nash Middle School invited NCSSAR President Ken Wilson to speak to the 8th grade students about the significance of the dates on the North Carolina flag. Over a period of four classes, Wilson spoke to over 230 students. Following the sessions he presented the teachers with SAR American Heritage CDs, a broadside copy of the Declaration of Independence, and the SAR Independence newspaper.

Southern Nash Middle School 8th grade Social Studies Charles Vester and Christine Viverette display some of the teaching aides given by NCSSAR Pres. Ken Wilson

The Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum honored James Kearny for his service during WWII. NCSSAR President Ken Wilson participated in the color guard representing the chapter.

A grave marking was held on November 1st in Clinton, NC sponsored by the NCSSAR Southeast

District 2 honoring Gen. John Ashe. NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented the state society and the chapter at this event.

The Annual March of Patriots Veterans Day Parade was held on Sunday, November 9th. For the sixth consecutive year the NCSSAR has led the parade. At the pre-event luncheon NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presented Stephanie Brahin, wife of HRC Color Guard Commander R. Allen Brahin, the SAR Molly Pritcher Medal for her support of her color guardsman at the events he has attended. In addition, President Wilson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Logan's Roadhouse manager Mike Stettler for his support of the Society over the years by hosting the pre-parade luncheons.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson and Stephanie Brahin following the presentation of her Molly Pritcher medal

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson and Logan's Roadhouse manager Mike Stettler

The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard participated in the March of Patriots and the Veterans Day Ceremony that followed the parade in Veterans Park.

President Wilson accepted an invitation from the Roanoke Rapids Pilot Club to present a program on the U.S. Flag History and Etiquette. The program was presented on November 18th.

NCSSAR President Ken Wilson presents a program on U. S. Flag History & etiquette to the Roanoke Rapids Pilot Club.

The Battle of Great Bridge celebration was held on December 6th in Chesapeake, VA. NCSSAR President Ken Wilson represented both the state society and the chapter at this event.

Albemarle Chapter President Chris Grimes and NCSSAR President Ken Wilson

The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard led the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade on December 7th for the 6th consecutive year.

The Combined NCSSAR Color Guard at the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade