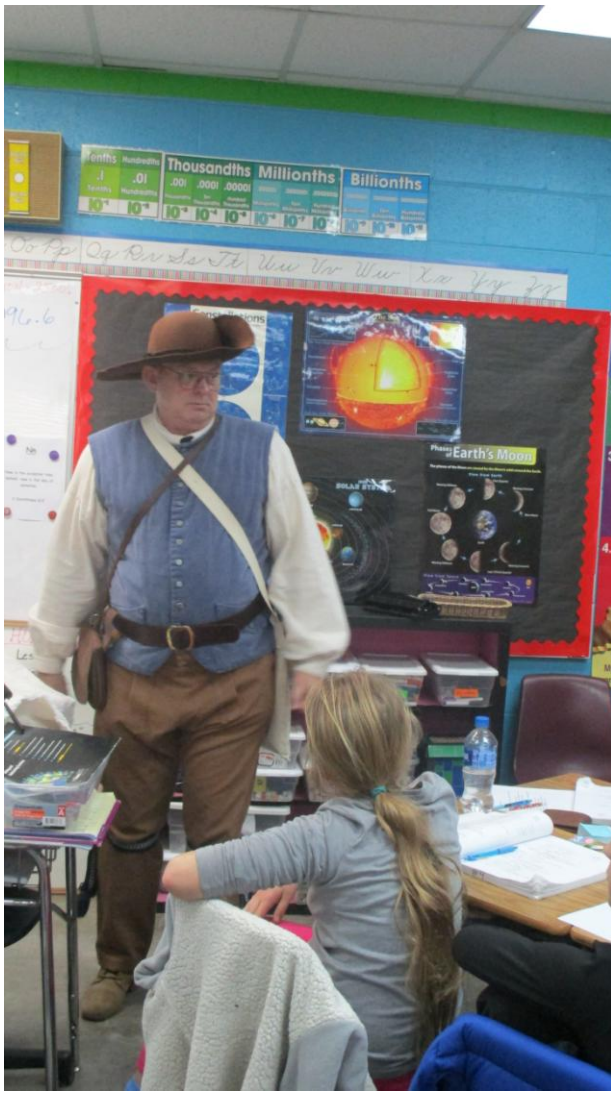
Halifax Resolves Chapter – 2018

Mr. Frank McMahon, Historic Site Interpreter for Historic Halifax, presented a program at the January 10th meeting about Halifax and the militia during the Revolution.

Compatriot Ken Wilson represented the chapter at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Peyton Anderson of Troop 144 on January 14th followed by a January 16th presentation to the Halifax Academy 5th grade class about the Americanism Poster contest.



Ken Wilson with the Halifax Academy 5th grade

Compatriot Wilson represented the chapter at the chapter charter ceremony for the new Colonel Alexander Lillington Chapter and was installed as the NC SAR Color Guard Commander at the ceremony.

January 25th found Compatriot Wilson back at Halifax Academy this time presenting a program on the Battle of Kings Mountain to the 6th & 8th grade Social Studies classes. Following the presentations, a Flag Certificate was presented to the school and was accepted by Ms. Amy Poole, Assistant Head Master.

Chapter President David B. Gammon represented the chapter at the Battle of Cowan's Ford ceremony and the winter Board of Managers on January 27th.

Compatriot Wilson presents an SAR Flag Certificate to Ms. Amy Poole

Two presentations were made pertaining to "Halifax & the Revolution" at Chaloner MS on January 31st by Compatriot Wilson. The Brochure contest was also cover with approximately 300 students.

Four presentations were made to groups of 4th and 5th grade students at Manning ES and one presentation to 5th grade students at Belmont RS on February 1st by Compatriot Wilson explaining the Americanism Poster contest.

Compatriot Wilson explains the Americanism Poster contest to Manning ES students

Chapter VP Geoff Pittard and Compatriot Ken Wilson travelled to South Boston, VA on

February 17th to participate in the Crossing of the Dan ceremony.

The February 24th Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge was attended by Chapter VP Geoff Pittard along with Compatriots Ken Wilson and Scott Kennedy.

Tar River Academy in Rocky Mount, NC invited Compatriot Wilson to speak to the 11th grade History class about the Battle of Kings Mountain and the 8th grade Social Studies class about the U.S. Flag.

The Kings Mountain Presentation at Tar River Academy

In preparation of the Halifax Resolves Commeration, Compatriot Wilson requested a Proclamation from the Halifax County Board of Commissioners in support of the ceremony on March 12th. The proclamation was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The March Chapter meeting was held on March 13th at the Halifax UMC. During the meeting the winners of the Poster and Brochure contests were selected by the members present. There were 81 poster entries from Belmont ES, Manning ES and Halifax Academy. Chaloner MS submitted 70 brochure entries. The Poster winner was Avery Boone from Halifax Academy and the Brochure winner was Madison Elias from Chaloner MS.

On March 17th, Compatriots Ken Wilson and Scott Kennedy represented the chapter at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse ceremony.

The Battle of Guilford Courthouse Processional

The chapter conducted the final judging of the Americanism Poster and Brochure contest at the March 14th chapter meeting. Avery Boone, a 5th grade student at Halifax Academy, won the Poster Contest and Madison Elias, an 8th grade student at Chaloner MS won the Brochure contest. During the visit to Chaloner MS, Compatriot Wilson presented Principal Jeff white with an SAR Flag Certificate.

Compatriot Ken Wilson with teacher Ms. Lindsey Rogerson, poster winner Avery Boone and mother Ms. Sarah Bridgers. Ms. Rogerson also received a Certificate of Appreciation.

Chaloner MS 8th grade Brochure winner Madison Elias and Compatriot Ken Wilson

On March 29th Compatriot Wilson Travelled to Gates Co. HS to present a program entitled *From Mecklenburg to Halifax"* to the 11th and 12th grade U.S. History students

Chapter President David Gammon and Compatriot Ken Wilson attended the NC SAR Annual Meeting April 6th-7th in Hickory, NC. President Gammon was elected to a second term as State Genealogist. The Chapter received streamers for: 1st Place Small Chapter Americanism, 1st Place Thomas N. "Nat" Clark Small Chapter, 1st place Hard Copy Scrapbook, Honorable Mention Electronic Scrapbook, Flag Certificates and 95% Retention.

Compatriot Wilson received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work with the Youth Programs.

The President-General's Reception preceding the Halifax Day ceremony was held April 11th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Roanoke Rapids followed by a dinner at Ralph's BBQ in Weldon, NC.

The 242nd Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves ceremony was held on April 12, 2018 on the site of the Colonial Courthouse. NSSAR President-General Larry T. Guzy was the keynote speaker. A post event luncheon was held at the Halifax UMC.

Halifax Day Participants included SAR, DAR, CAR, Halifax County Officials and the Halifax Academy 5th grade.

Flag Certificates were awarded to Chick-fil-A in Roanoke Rapids on April 13th and Bojangles in Rocky Mount on April 18th.

Compatriot Wilson attended a BSA Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts Ayden Coggins and Aaron Purser and awarded them the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate.

On May 2nd Compatriot Wilson attended the NJROTC Awards ceremony at Nash Central HS in Rocky Mount. He presented Cadet DonnaVon Petway with the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal and also presented the School with an SAR Flag Certificate.

At the Southern Nash HS AFJROTC Awards Banquet on May 3rd in Rocky Mount, Compatriot Wilson presented the Outstanding JROTC Medal to Cadet Eduardo Orellana and an SAR Flag Certificate to the school.

AFJROTC Cadet Michael Joyner of Southwest Edgecombe HS was presented with the SAR Outstanding JROTC Medal by Compatriot Wilson at the May 7th Awards ceremony.

Compatriot Donald Malcolm presented a program on the American Long Rifle with insight into its origin, manufacture and use during the American Revolution at the May 9th chapter meeting.

Compatriot Donald Malcolm with visual aids used during his presentation

The Roanoke Rapids HS History Department invited Compatriot Wilson to speak to them about his service during the Viet Nam War on May 10th.

The chapter was represented by Compatriot Wilson at the Patriot's Day ceremony at Alamance Battleground on May 19th. During the ceremony he was presented with his Baron Von Steuben Color Guard Medal for sustained service national events for 5 years.

The state level judging for the Poster and Brochure contests was held following the ceremony. The chapter Brochure entry from Madison Elias won 1st Place and the Poster entry from Avery Boone placed 3rd.

Participants at the 2018 Patriots Day Ceremony at Alamance Battleground

During the Roanoke Rapids AJROTC ceremony on May 18th, Compatriot Ken Wilson presented Cadet Sgt. Maj. Joseph White with the SAR Outstanding Cadet Medal.

A presentation on the Battle of Kings Mountain was given to two U.S. History classes at Roanoke Rapids HS on May 24th. History teacher

Ms. Holly Allen was presented with SAR CD's/DVD's to use as teaching aids.

The chapter participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids on May 28th. A wreath was placed by Compatriot Ken Wilson. Also in attendance were Chapter VP Geoff Pittard, E.C, Bobbitt and J. Rives Manning.

Memorial Day – L-R Compatriot E. C. Bobbitt, VP Geoff Pittard, Compatriots Ken Wilson and J. Rives Manning

Halifax County Sheriff Department Deputy Corey L. Dixon, Sr. was presented with the SAR Law Enforcement Medal by Compatriot Ken Wilson during the June 4th Halifax County Commissioners meeting.

A Compatriot Grave Marking was conducted on June 9th for Compatriot James Carlos Harris a charter member of the now defunct Harrison Macon Chapter. The ceremony was conducted by Chapter President David B. Gammon assisted by Chapter Chaplain Rev. Duncan H. Jones. The Combined NC SAR Color Guard under the command of NC SAR Color Guard Commander Ken Wilson presented the Colors. NC SAR President George K. Strunk was in attendance as were five SAR chapters, three DAR chapters and family members.

James Carlos Harris ceremony participants and family members

Eagle Scout Haziq Valliani was awarded the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate during his Court of Honor on June 10th by Compatriot Ken Wilson.

Compatriots Ken Wilson and E. C. Bobbitt presented Public Service Awards at the Roanoke Rapids City Council meeting on June 12th. RRFD Deputy Chief Mike Clements received the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal. RRFD Lt. Bryan Hollowell, Engineer Ramah Long, along with Firefighters Ben Sloan and Austin Jarrett received the SAR Life Saving Medal. RRPD Captain Bobby Martin received the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Officers Joe DeSare and Matt Hunsucker received the SAR Medal of Heroism.

Compatriots E. C. Bobbitt (l) and Ken Wilson (r) present SAR Medals of Heroism to RRPD Officers Joe DeSare and Matt Hunsucker

The Colonel James Gillespie Highway Marker Dedication in Kenansville on July 6th was attended by Compatriot Ken Wilson.

The July 11th chapter meeting was well attended. NC CAR President Miss Daisy Dolicker presented her state project to the chapter. She was accompanied by her father, NC CAR Senior President George Dolicker.

Chapter President David B. Gammon spoke to the le Marquis de Lafayette chapter about "How to Trace Your Family Tree" on July 12th.

Compatriot Ken Wilson awarded an Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Bryan Anderson at his Court of Honor on July 29th.

HRC Past President Ken Wilson represented the chapter and presented the chapter wreath at the Battle of the House in the Horseshoe Commemoration on August 4th.

NC SAR participants at the House in the Horseshoe

An SAR Flag Certificate was awarded to Arthur and Nicholson DDS on August 7th.

President David B. Gammon attended the August 18th Board of Managers meeting along with Compatriot Ken Wilson. At the meeting President Gammon accepted award the chapter had earned at the National Congress. The chapter received Honorable Mention certificates for the Small Chapter Liberty Bell and President-Generals Cup and the Partners in Patriotism Certificate.

The chapter was also notified at the BOM that the NC/Chapter Brochure winner, Madison Elias, had also won the National contest. Chapter Youth Chairman Ken Wilson presented Madison with her check and certificate the following week.

Youth Chairman Ken Wilson, National Brochure winner Madison Elias and father Artie Elias.

Compatriot Ken Wilson participated in the Grady-Outlaw grave marking on August 25th at Albertson, NC by presenting the chapter wreath.

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on August 26th for Kevin Clyde Taylor and Joshua Brock Duncan of Troop 834. Both Eagle Scouts were presented with SAR Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition by Compatriot Ken Wilson.

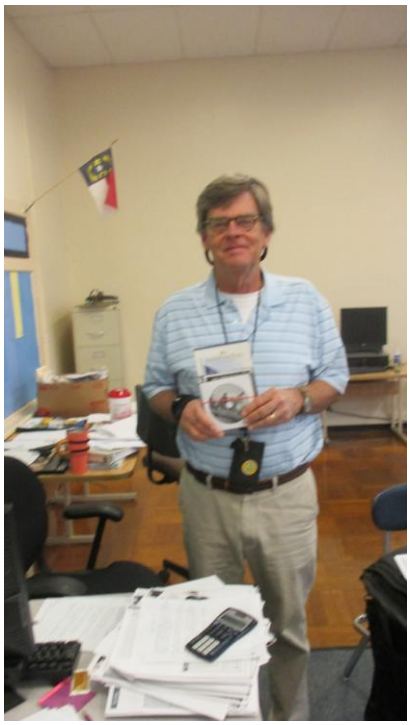
The chapter partnered with the Halifax Resolves DAR Chapter in placing a Constitution Day Display in the Scotland Neck Library on September 10th.

Compatriots E.C. Bobbitt and Ken Wilson attended the 9-11 Patriot's Day Ceremony in Roanoke Rapids on September 11th.

September 11th was a busy day for the chapter. An SAR Flag Certificate was awarded to Roanoke Rapids HS, Belmont Elementary School and the Hilton Garden Inn.

The chapter co-sponsored a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony with BSA Troop 144 and the Alamance Battleground Chapter. Compatriot Sam Powell provided an additional ceremonial drum to aid in the retirement of 973 flags. The ashes were buried in an unmarked grave by Burn Master Ken Wilson.

Tar River Academy in Rocky Mount invited Compatriot Ken Wilson to speak to students in the 8th and 11th grade Social Studies classes. Mr. Ronnie Ingram's 8th grade class heard a presentation entitled "From Mecklenburg to Halifax". Mr. Ingram also received SAR CD's/DVD's to aid in lesson planning. Ms. Charman Pearson's 11th grade class heard a program covering the Battle of Cowpens.



Mr. Ronnie Ingram – Tar River Academy

On October 15th, Compatriot Wilson was asked to speak to two groups of middle school students at Rocky Mount Academy about the Battle of Kings Mountain. The teacher, Ms. Debbie Viverette, was presented with SAR Educational CD's/DVD's to assist in lesson planning.

Nash Central HS AP History teacher Mr. Renny Taylor asked Compatriot Wilson to speak to his class about the Knight Essay contest and also talk about the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 16th.

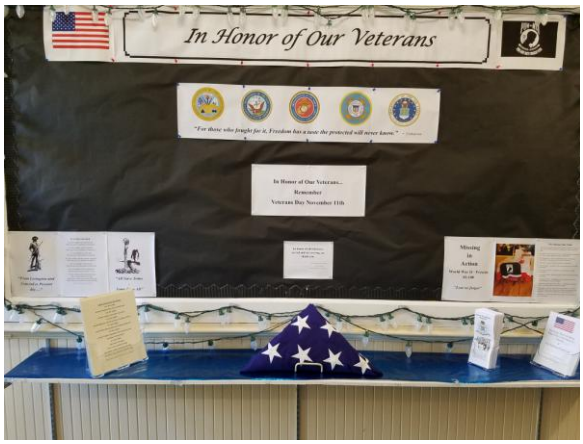
On October 17th Southern Nash MS requested Compatriot Wilson present a program entitled "From Mecklenburg to Halifax" to the 8th grade Social Studies Classes. After three presentations to about 250 students, Wilson presented the three Social Studies teachers with SAR Educational CD's/DVD's to assist in their lesson planning.

Southern Nash MS Social Studies teacher Mr. Matt Bissette, Ken Wilson, Mr. Markevious Silver and Mr. Charles Vester.

A Compatriot Grave Marking was conducted for Compatriot Nicholas Bunn Boddie at Rose Hill Plantation in Nashville, NC on October 20th. Compatriot Boddie was a member of the now defunct Rocky Mount Chapter on the NC SAR. Chapter President David B. Gammon, assisted by Rev. Betty Willis, conducted the ceremony. NC SAR President George Strunk was in attendance along with three SAR chapters, two DAR chapters and numerous family members.

At the request of Halifax County Librarian Ms. Ginny Orvedahl, the chapter had a Veterans Day display put up on the bulletin board at the Library entrance on November 1st.

During the November 7th Roanoke Rapids City Council Meeting, Compatriots E.C. Bobbitt and Ken Wilson presented RRPD Capt. E.A. Bryant with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.



Halifax County Library Display

E.C. Bobbitt represented the chapter at the Marine Corp Birthday Celebration on November 10th.

HRC Past President Ken Wilson and Alamance Battleground Past President Dr. Samuel C. Powell conducted two Veterans Day Ceremonies at Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids on November 11th.

Compatriots Dr. Samuel C. Powell and Ken Wilson at the Missing Man table during the Veterans Day Ceremonies at Calvary Baptist Church

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was conducted at Veterans Park in Roanoke Rapids on November 11th that preceded the Veterans Day Ceremony. Eagle Scout Joshua Sweet of Troop 411 was presented with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition by HRC Past President Ken Wilson.

The AmVets Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park in Roanoke Rapids was attended by Compatriots J. Rives Manning, E.C. Bobbitt and Ken Wilson.

The chapter's annual Meeting was held on November 14th at the Halifax UMC. After an excellent meal served by the Ladies of Halifax UMC, President Gammon presented awards to several individuals present. Mrs. Linda Presley of the

Halifax UMC Ladies was presented with a Certificate of appreciation and a large ladle for use in the kitchen. Mr. Renny Taylor, Nash Central HS AP History teacher was selected as the chapter's American History Teacher of the Year. He received a check for $150.00, a Certificate of Recognition and a book on the Revolutionary War. Compatriot Michael Cooper was awarded his SAR War Service Medal and the SAR Veterans Crops certificate. Past President Ken Wilson received a Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his work in the chapter. Region 1 VP Chris Grimes presented a program on "The Outer Banks Sea Coast Companies". President Gammon presented VP Grimes with Certificate of Appreciation.

Compatriot Michael Cooper receives his War Service Medal and Veterans Corps Certificate from President Gammon.

A grave marking for three past state presidents was held on November 17th in Washington, NC. The ceremony honored Presidents Stephan Cambreleng Bragaw, Frank Cannon, Kugler and Franklin Havens Bryan. HRC Past President Ken Wilson represented the chapter and presented the chapter wreath.

The chapter hosted a pre-event luncheon at Ralph's BBQ for members of the SAR and SR Color Guard members who were marching in the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade. This was also a sad occasion as this was the last time the unit would participate in the parade. The color guard had participated in and led the parade for 10 consecutive years. Only 3 members of the original group were present for the final march. They were Dr. Sam Powell, John Thornhill and Ken Wilson.

The 2018 SAR/SR Color Guard leading the Roanoke Rapids Christmas Parade

The Knight Essay and Enhanced JROTC contest winners were both from Nash Central HS. The winner of the Knight Essay was Amber Silver. She received a check for $100.00, a Chapter level Knight Essay winner's medal and certificate.

The Enhanced JROTC winner was Cadet Lt. A. J. Lytton of the Nash Central HS NJROTC. Lytton received a check for $100.00, a chapter level Enhanced JROTC medal and certificate.

Ken Wilson with Knight Essay winner Amber Silver

Ken Wilson and Enhanced JROTC winner Cadet Lt. A. J. Lytton

The chapter's final event for 2018 was the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 15th at Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids, NC. The chapter co-sponsored the event with BSA Troop 144 and also participated in the event. The chapter presented 29 wreaths in 3 cemeteries.

(l-r) HRC Compatriot J. Rives Manning, BSA Scout Master Dan Harris, AmVets Post 101 Commander Jean Reaves, Compatriot E,C, Bobbitt, HRC VP Geoff Pittard, HRC Chaplain Rev. Duncan Jones, HRC Past President Ken Wilson

2018 Chapter Americanism

SAR

Americanism – 12, 632

President-Generals Streamer – 2,295

NC SAR

Americanism – 17, 682

President's Streamer – 4,658