



Message from the President



Compatriots,

A lot has happened since our last meeting. First, I want to thank our Registrar Bill Riggan for representing the chapter and presenting the chapter wreath at Alamance Battleground and VP Geoff Pittard for presenting the Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Eagle Scout Donald Davis Bradley, Jr. I appreciate them standing in for me while I was

participating in my son's wedding. This was followed by a mild breakthrough case of Covid for the wife and I which prompted Geoff standing in for me at Halifax Academy to present the NCSSAR 3rd place awards to our poster and brochure winners and their teachers.

The Memorial Day weekend was rather busy. I was at the Remembrance on the River part of two days, attended the Memorial Day Ceremony in Littleton and participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery as the keynote speaker. I also presented the chapter wreath at Cedarwood Cemetery. Three of our compatriots were also in attendance. They were J. Rives Manning, Donald Oakes and E.C. Bobbitt. Overall, this year's crowd was the smallest I can remember. We did well, but the community let us down.

I have had the pleasure of awarding two more Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to David Graeter and Cole Johnson. NCSSAR Sr. VP Chris Grimes and I took part in a memorial ceremony for Henry C. "Hank" Brown at Historic Halifax. The chapter presented his family with a posthumous Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for the work he did at Historic Halifax and with the 6th NC Continental Line re-enactors.

There are a lot of upcoming events, but I think the main one will be the Board of Managers Meeting in Raleigh on August 20th. This meeting is close enough that some of our officers and members who have never been can attend. It will be a great learning experience. A little reminder, if you plan to attend our July meeting, please let me know your meal requirements NLT noon on Friday, July 8th. Hope to see you all there,

Fraternally,

Ken

The July meeting will be Wed., July 13, at Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: Carl Burke and Frank McMahon from Historic Halifax will be presenting the program.

The cost of the meal will be \$15. Reservations are required and must be in by noon on Fri., July 8. Please contact Ken by email or telephone (252 537-5406) if you're coming.

Welcome! To our new members, Joe Pearce, Jr. (app approved 6/1/22) and Will Yarborough (app approved 6/24/22).

Also, just a reminder that dues will be payable starting in September, and will be due no later than 11/15/2022.

The May chapter meeting was held May 11, 2022 and was held at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC, starting at 6:30 pm. Treasurer Steve Avent gave the invocation, President Ken Wilson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Registrar Bill Riggan led members in the SAR Pledge.

The following guests were introduced at their seat: Ms. Bethany Westbrook, President of the NCSCAR and her mother Ms. Janet Westbrook, and Ms. Valerie Howell, Sr. President, NCSCAR.

The minutes of the March chapter meeting were read and approved, and the Treasurer next presented his report, stating that the chapter bank account contained \$2,867.03, and his report was also approved.

President Wilson then reported on his recent activities and upcoming SAR events. Registrar Bill Riggan was called forward and presented with a membership certificate for his recently-approved supplemental application.

The Registrar then reported that the chapter has three applications currently at National undergoing review. National is running behind, as shown by the fact that his supplemental application was received by them 2/1/2021. With the applications currently in progress the chapter may end up with 10 new members this year.

President Wilson reported on the recent NC SAR Annual Meeting. The chapter did well and received several awards. We are still categorized as a small chapter but might move up to medium chapter status next year. We have a grave marking scheduled for the end of this year with three graves being marked.

Ms Westbrook then gave a most interesting and informative presentation on the history of the CAR, which was founded in 1895. Her personal project as President is to raise money for an all-terrain tracked chair, to be used by a needy veteran, and this will cost approximately \$16,000. The chapter donated \$50 towards this goal.

Treasurer Steve Avent reported on planning for the upcoming 250th National SAR Congress, to be held in Greensboro, NC in 2026. Registrar Bill Riggan announced that the Alamance Battleground ceremony will be held during the upcoming weekend and he is planning to attend.

President Wilson then led the members in the SAR Recessional, Steve Avent gave a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Steve Avent

Chapter Treasurer

• **Approved Applications**

Joseph A. Pearce - Patriot, Joseph Pearce
Application was approved on 06/01/2022 and registered on 06/10/2022.
He will be inducted on Wednesday, July 13th during our stated meeting.

Will Yarborough - Patriot, Nicholas Long
Application was approved on 06/24/2022 and registered on 07/01/2022.
His induction will be scheduled as soon as paperwork is received.

• **Submitted Applications**

Mark Pace - Patriot, James Holland
Application was approved 06/28/2022. Waiting for registration & paperwork.

• **Applications in Progress**

Harry Albert, Jr. - Patriot, Jabez Benton
Kenneth Askew - Patriot, Matthias Brickell
Kenneth Christison, Jr. - Patriot, Robert Lewis
James Tuck, Jr. - Patriot, Solomon Tuck

Bill Riggan,
Chapter Registrar

Treasurer's Report for July, 2022 meeting

Ending Balance as of May, 2022 meeting: **\$2,867.03**
Deposits: **\$270.00**
Checks: **\$339.69**
Current Checking Acct Balance: **\$2,797.34**

Youth fund balance: **\$1,412.50**
General fund balance: **\$1,384.84**

06/21/22	CHECK # 2080	\$50.00	Brochure Award - Teacher
06/10/22	CHECK # 2082	\$60.00	Bill Riggan – marker reimbursement
06/07/22	CHECK # 2085	\$29.69	Bronze Good Conduct Medal
06/07/22	DEPOSIT	\$270.00	Meal proceeds
05/25/22	CHECK # 2084	\$200.00	UMC - Meal



(top—bottom, l—r): 6/19/22: Andrew C. Johnson of Troop 144 receiving Eagle Scout Award; 6/14: widow of Hank Brown of 6th NC reenactors receiving SAR Good Conduct medal on behalf of husband; 6/13: Ken speaking to descendants of Col. John Whitaker of Halifax Co.; 6/6: David T. Graeter of Troop 144 receiving Eagle Scout Award; 5/31: Ken as keynote speaker for Memorial Day ceremony at Cedarwood Cemetery, Roanoke Rapids; 5/26: VP Geoff Pittard with winners of brochure and poster contests; 5/11: Ken with Ms. Bethany Westbrook, President of the NCSCAR at our May meeting; 5/20: Donald D. Bradley, Jr. of Troop 144 receiving Eagle Scout Award



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Upcoming Activities

10/15/2022, 10:00 am: Joint Patriot grave marking with Mecklenburg Chapter, to be held near Stem, NC in Granville Co.. The graves of 3 Patriots will be marked.

10/15/2022, 2:00 pm: Joint Compatriot grave marking with Mecklenburg Chapter, Louisburg.

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