

Message from the President

Compatriots,

The past couple of months have been very busy. Our Youth Education Outreach program has been in full force. The information concerning the Brochure and Poster contest was sent out to the schools with, I think, some good results. Manning ES 4th and 5th grade students as well as the Halifax Academy 5th grade will be participating in the poster contest. I spoke to the students in four groups at Manning and one group at Halifax Academy about the contest.

Things were a little different with the 8th grade students. At Halifax Academy, I reviewed what was required for the brochures and then presented a program containing some stories about Halifax during the Revolutionary War era. When I went to Chaloner MS, I spoke to three groups of students where I reviewed the brochure rules before presenting a program about the Halifax Resolves. We will be judging the brochures and posters at the March meeting.

Bunn HS AP History teacher, Mr. Patrick Warren, invited me back to speak to two of his classes about the Southern Campaign. These presentations have always been the high points of my year.

The George Washington Birthday Luncheon on February 11th was successful. Dr. Troy Kickler gave a great presentation North Carolina Founding Fathers. Of the 29 attendees, 22 were DAR/CAR. Our Chap-

ter VP Geoff Pittard did a great job with the setup and teardown for the event. Region 1 VP/Chapter Treasurer Steve Avent and new member Harry Albert were also in attendance. Dr. Sam Powell was present representing the state society and as always provided the PA system. Thanks again, Sam for your support. For a chapter event so close to home, I was very disappointed with the lack of attendance by our chapter members.

Now, unfortunately, we come to a very low spot. It is with deep regret that I will be unable to complete my term as chapter president. Over the past few weeks, the wife's condition has worsened somewhat. Currently, I plan to continue until the end of March or until the poster and brochure contests awards are completed, whichever comes first. I am not planning to attend the annual meeting nor do I plan to be the host for the Halifax Resolves event. I will become her primary care giver until I can no longer do it.

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The March meeting will be held Wed., March 8, at Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax at 6:30 pm. On the agenda: New member induction, and Poster and Brochure contest judging.

The cost of the meal will be \$15. Reservations are required and must be in by noon on Fri., March 3. Please contact Ken by email or telephone (252 537-5406) if you're coming.

There will be a meeting of the chapter officers on March 4th where I will be turning over documents and pressing information concerning the Halifax Resolves event and other activities that have to be completed or that are in the planning stages. If, on occasion, I can attend events or meetings I will help as much as I can. I am not leaving SAR, just moving to the background for a while. I will be available, as circumstances permit, to assist the chapter leadership. Thanks for all the support over the years, it is much appreciated. It has been an honor to serve as your president.

Fraternally, *Ken*

Minutes of January Meeting

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President Ken Wilson called the meeting to order at 1832. Our Treasurer, Steve Avent, gave the invocation. President Wilson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, Registrar Bill Riggan led the SAR Pledge.

The following guests were introduced:

- Mr. Harry and Sheryll Albert

President Wilson then dismissed us to our meal. After our meal we then conducted our meeting. The first item on our agenda was to present any awards. There was one award presented, a Meritorious Service Medal, and it was to Secretary Michael Cooper for four years of service as Secretary.

The next item of our meeting was to approve the Secretary's report as was presented in our newsletter. President Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Bill Riggan made a motion to approve. Next up was our Treasurer's report. President Wilson asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Geoff Pittard made the motion to approve. The President's report was then given. President Wilson reported that Steve Avent was likely going to the BOM meeting and that if anyone else wanted to go, they needed to get with him.

The Chapter's membership in its current state is looking good. By the end of the year, the Chapter should be moved to the classification to a large Chapter. The President General will be the keynote speaker at Halifax.

The RSVPs for the George Washington dinner on February 11th are on the website and in the newsletter and are due by February 6th. Halifax Day will be RSVP only. Brochure invitations have been sent out.

For unfinished business, Bill Riggan reported that he had sent out an email on SAR grave markers and for the officers to vote for it. Option B was unanimously voted for by The Halifax Resolves officers. STONE "B" was Price - \$80.00, Dimensions - 5" Width X 10" Length X 6.5" Height, Approx. Weight - 37 lbs. Registrar Bill Riggan then made a motion to buy 20 grave markers, five compatriot and 5 patriot grave markers. It was seconded by Michael Cooper and passed unanimously.

For our program, Compatriot Mark Pace presented, "***North Carolina in Early 1776, and the Final Break with Great Britain: The March Toward Independence.***"

The SAR Recessional was then led by Steve Avent. The benediction was then led by Compatriot Taylor. The meeting was then adjourned by President Wilson at 1953.

Michael A. Cooper, Secretary

• **APPROVED APPLICATIONS**

Harry Lewis Albert, 224935 - Patriot, Jabez Benton
 Robert Edward Bittner, Jr., 225114 - Patriot, Mathias Bittner

• **SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS**

Preston Armand Fortin - Patriot, Simon Lane
 James Harold Tuck, Jr. - Patriot, Issac Farmer

• **APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

Kenneth Christison - Patriot, Robert Lewis
 Kenneth Askew - Patriot, Wyatt Warrick
 Doug Wright - Patriot, Reuben Morgan
 Tucker Nobles - Patriot, Nathaniel Nobles
 Zack Myers - Patriot, John Reel
 Dwight Neal - Patriot, William Perry
 Bobby Cooper - Patriot, Thomas Woodward

Bill Riggan, Registrar

Treasurer's Report for March, 2023 meeting

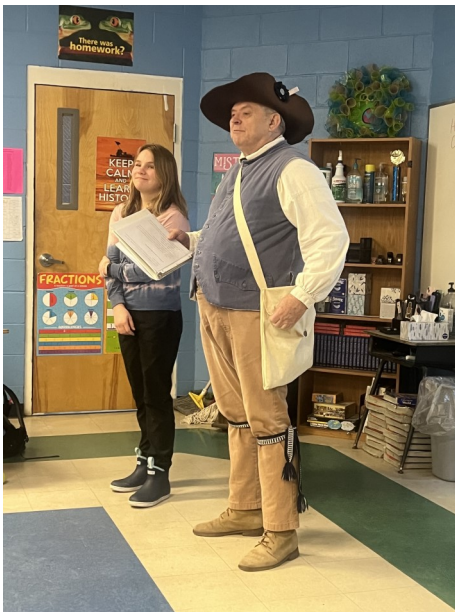
Ending Balance as of January, 2023 meeting: **\$3,351.97**
 Deposits: **\$1,315.00**
 Checks: **\$1,328.03**
 Current Checking Acct Balance: **\$3,338.94**

Youth fund balance: **\$1,492.50**
 General fund balance: **\$1,846.44**

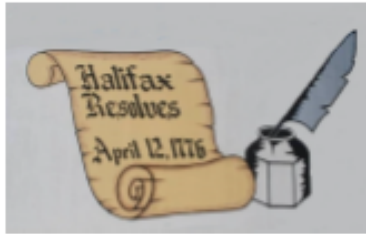
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| 02/14/23 | DEPOSIT | \$770.00 | GW Luncheon receipts |
| 02/13/23 | CHECK # 2101 | \$1,001.60 | GW luncheon facility payment |
| 02/13/23 | CHECK # 2100 | \$136.43 | Folders and certificates |
| 02/08/23 | DEPOSIT | \$25.00 | GW luncheon |
| 01/17/23 | CASH DEPOSIT | \$255.00 | GW luncheon |
| 01/17/23 | DEPOSIT | \$65.00 | GW luncheon |
| 01/12/23 | CHECK # 2098 | \$190.00 | January meeting meal payment |
| 01/11/23 | DEPOSIT | \$200 | January meeting meal receipts |

Screenshot from bank account:

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| <u>Ending collected balance as of 02/25/23</u> | \$3,338.94 |
| <u>Current posted balance</u> | \$3,338.94 |
| Pending withdrawals/debits | \$0.00 |
| Pending deposits/credits | \$0.00 |
| Available balance | \$3,338.94 |



(top—bottom, l—r): 1/31/23: Ken speaking to 4th grade students at Manning Elementary School, in Roanoke Rapids; 2/1/23: Ken speaking to a 5th grade class at Halifax Academy; 2/2/23: Ken speaking at Halifax Academy - photo is Ken with student Madison Crawford, who assisted him in the presentation; 2/6/23: Ken spoke to six Social Studies classes at Chaloner Middle School—210 students total; 2/11/23: speaker Dr. Troy Kickler speaking at the George Washington birthday Luncheon; 2/13/23: Ken speaking to two American History classes at Bunn High School



247th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves

Wednesday, April 12, 2022

10:30 am

Market Street

Historic Halifax, NC

A reception will be held Tuesday April 11th at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 74 Premier Blvd., Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870, at 5:00 pm followed by a Dutch treat dinner at a local restaurant.

A block of rooms has been reserved for participants at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites at a cost of \$115.00/night + tax. Reservations may be made online with the reservation code of **SAR** or by calling the hotel direct at 252-535-3300. This block of rooms will be released on April 4, 2023.

Participant check-in will begin at 9:45. am.

Weapons check for Color Guard members will be 10:15 a. m. Late arriving members with weapons will not be allowed to carry weapons in the ceremony.

The guest speaker will be NSSAR President-General Bruce Pickett.

A post event luncheon will be held at the Halifax UMC, 152 S. King St., Halifax, NC. The meals will be \$15.00/person, RSVP required NLT Noon on Thursday, April 6, 2022.

RSVP's MUST arrive NLT Thursday, April 6th in order to be listed in the program and to be included in the meal reservations, if desired. RSVP's that arrive late will not be listed on the program and will not be recognized during the ceremony. Meal reservations that are cancelled after April 6th will not be refunded.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Color Guard: Yes ___ No ___ Will you present a wreath?: Yes ___ No: ___

Will you attend the luncheon at \$15.00/person: Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, how many in your party?: _____ Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Halifax Resolves Chapter NCSSAR . No money will be collected at the door.

Send RVSP by USPS or email to:

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Upcoming Activities

Mar 15: 2023 Battle of Guilford Courthouse Commemoration, Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, 2332 New Garden Road, Greensboro, NC

Mar 31—Apr 1: NC SAR Annual Meeting, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Greensboro, NC

Apr 12: 247th Anniversary Celebration of Adoption of the Halifax Resolves, 10:30 am, Halifax, NC

May 20: 27th Annual Patriot's Day, Alamance Battleground, Burlington, NC

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