

Message from the President



Compatriots,

I would just like to say that it has always been a pleasure of mine to lead this chapter, and the people who are a part of it. I truly enjoy the activities of the SAR and I truly enjoy spending time discussing reveling in and memorializing history - specifically that from the time of our founding fathers. Our chapter continues to be a thriving chapter, thanks in no small part to the one who will succeed me

As we go into this next chapter of our lives, and that of our organization, I would like each of you to think about the wonderful things that we do in our community and see where you can plug yourselves in to become a part of those activities, even if it's just one a year. Areas where I see the need for perhaps improvement is that we need someone to head up the poster contest with the fifth grade which I will take over for now. I need someone who preferably has a flexible schedule to be willing to go to different JROTC award ceremonies and award certificates and commendations to the students there, which only happens once a year. if someone would like to be able

to make contact with the heads of the fire and police department locally as well as others, then we would have a steady stream of available awards to give to our law-enforcement and fire rescue individuals to recognize them for their service.

As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities and most of them don't require very much effort throughout the year.

We had a good year, and even though leadership changed in the beginning of spring, we were still active and viable as a chapter and I want to thank each and every one of you for making that possible

Fraternally, *Geoff*

The January meeting will be held Wed., January 10, at Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax, at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: Installation of chapter officers, award presentations and new member induction.

The cost of the meal will be \$15. Reservations are required and must be in by noon on Fri., January 5. Please contact me by email at this address or telephone or text me at (252) 955-2103 if you're coming.

March 13 - "Flags of the U.S. from the Lost Colony to Present" - *Gary Hall*

May 8 - "50 Years With a Shovel: Lessons from half a century of research" - *David Gammon*

July 10 - "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death: Patrick Henry" - *Gary Hall*

September 11 - "The March to Kings Mountain" - *Dan Hopping*

Treasurer's Report

Ending Balance as of November, 2023 meeting: **\$2,113.77**

Deposits: **\$3,215.00**

Checks: **\$2,582.08**

Current Checking Acct Balance: **\$2,746.69**

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

General fund balance: **\$1,254.19**

1/4/2024	\$ (75.44)		CHECK # 2033	Awards
1/2/2024	\$ (76.51)	2032	CHECK # 2032	Awards
1/2/2024	\$ 95.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
12/26/2023	\$ 95.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
12/19/2023	\$ (251.93)	2031	CHECK # 2031	Awards, supplies, etc.
12/7/2023	\$ 95.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
12/6/2023	\$ (1,980.00)	2030	CHECK # 2030	Chapter dues to State
12/4/2023	\$ 95.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
12/4/2023	\$ 775.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
11/20/2023	\$ 190.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
11/15/2023	\$ (150.00)	2119	CHECK # 2119	Meeting meal
11/13/2023	\$ (35.00)	2118	CHECK # 2118	Reimbursement to Sec'y
11/13/2023	\$ 110.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
11/13/2023	\$ 280.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
11/13/2023	\$ 300.00		DEPOSIT	Dues
11/2/2023	\$ (13.20)	2117	CHECK # 2117	Stamps for Treasurer
11/2/2023	\$ 1,180.00		DEPOSIT	Dues



Chapter Activities

(1-r) 12/14/2023: Our Secretary, Michael Cooper, a combat-wounded veteran, gave the keynote speech for the Wreaths Across America event at Oakwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids

12/31/2023: Chapter President Geoff Pittard presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Past Chapter President Ken Wilson

• **APPROVED APPLICATIONS**

Preston Armand Fortin - Supplemental; Patriot, Simon Lane
Tucker Nobles - Patriot, Joseph Howell

• **APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

Kenneth Christison - Patriot, Robert Lewis
Kenneth Askew - Patriot, Wyatt Warrick
Zack Myers - Patriot, John Reel
Dwight Neal - Patriot, William Perry
Bobby Cooper - Patriot, Thomas Woodward
Willis Richardson - Patriot, Benjamin Richardson
John Powell - Patriot, David Crawley

Bill Riggan, Registrar

Minutes of November Meeting

The Chapter met on Wednesday, November 18, 2023, at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President Geoff Pittard called the meeting to order at 1831. Harry Albert gave the invocation and, in unison, the Chapter recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, Michael Cooper led the SAR Pledge. There were no new members or guests to recognize. President Pittard then dismissed us to our meal.

After our meal we then conducted our meeting. The first item on our agenda was to approve the Secretary's report as was presented in our newsletter. President Pittard asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Bill Riggan made a motion to approve and was seconded by our Mark Pace. Next up was our Treasurer's report. President Pittard asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented in our newsletter. Bill Riggan made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Mark Pace.

The President's report was then presented by Geoff Pittard. The grave markings that took place on October 21st, 2023 were a great success. Four individuals were recognized: Frank Hart Saunders, Luther Rice Mills II, Dennis Hutson Holliday and Compatriot Carl Witt, of our Chapter. His "fan club" was in attendance.

For the report of unfinished business, we revisited the election of the new officer slate: For President, Bill Riggan; For Vice President, Mark Pace; for Secretary, Michael Cooper; for Treasurer, Steve Avent; and for Registrar, Bill Riggan. The slate was approved unanimously by the Chapter. The President-elect, Bill Riggan, made remarks. Bill thanked all for their letting him be President. He then thanked Geoff for all of his hard work. "Without Geoff stepping up, the Chapter would have been no more."

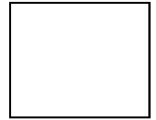
President Riggan then spoke about the delegating of all of our future projects. He ended by once again thanking the Chapter, and lastly our leadership team. For new business, Bill Riggan asked if the Chapter members had received and reviewed a copy of the bylaws that was sent via USPS. All 11 members present had received them. The motion to accept the bylaws as written was made by Steve Avent. It was then seconded by Geoff Pittard. Mark Pace briefly mentioned his upcoming portrayal of John Penn at the theater adjacent to the Seby Jones auditorium on the campus of Louisburg College in Louisburg, NC on 16. November at 1900.


For our program today, Mark Pace gave us a wonderful presentation on the Life of General Thomas Person, a most influential man. We were then led in the SAR Recessional by President Geoff Pittard. The benediction was then given by Harry Albert. The meeting was then adjourned by President Pittard at 1955.



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Upcoming Statewide Activities

1/17/2024: Battle of Cowpens Commemoration, Cowpens Battlefield, SC

1/27/2024: Battle of Cowan's Ford Commemoration and NCSSAR Winter Board of Managers Meeting, Huntersville, NC

2/24—25/2024: Battle of Moore's Creek Commemoration, Currie, NC

4/12/2024: Halifax Resolves Commemoration, Halifax, NC

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