



Message from the President



Compatriots,

To you I say Happy Independence Day! I hope it is a wonderful day for you and all those in your life. There should be Merriment and food. Joy and excitement. Reverence and reflection.

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Many a day I spent as a youth sitting in the heat while playing cards with family members waiting for the food on the grill to be done and with the promise of Fireworks in the evening. We would gather round, most likely without the creature comforts we have today and yet we were happy. We celebrated the birth of our nation with innocence and it was an excuse to watch things blow up! Safely, of course. Kids today are doing the same all over our country. With the disconnect our youth are developing from what used to be common experiences, this day becomes a day where they can disconnect from their electronic lives hopefully to enjoy real life and take joy in the country of which they are a part.

We, in our organization, know full well there was a cost to the founding of our great nation. That there was great loss and hardship. That years of struggle and doubt in the success of this great endeavor, finally yielded a bountiful fruit. Our nation still needs our support and we must always be reaching, talking, and

nurturing our younger generations about freedom, liberty, and all the wonderful avenues open to them for their future because they are here, in the United States of America.

I would like to share a quote from one of our contributing individuals from the American Revolution:

"The happiness of America is intimately connected with the happiness of all mankind; she is destined to become the safe and venerable asylum of virtue, of honesty, of tolerance, and quality and of peaceful liberty." -- Marquis de Lafayette

Looking at his words, I could not agree more. Notice he does not say we are the safe and venerable asylum of virtue, honesty, quality etc. Lafayette says we are destined to be these traits. That our nation is

The July meeting will be held Wed., July 12, at Halifax United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 150 S. King St. in Halifax, at 6:30 pm.

On the agenda: New member induction, and another very interesting video from the National SAR's Youtube channel "Revolutionary War Rarities"

The cost of the meal will be \$15. Reservations are required and must be in by noon on Fri., July 7. Please contact me by email at this address or telephone or text me at (252) 955-2103 if you're coming.

destined to be the epitome of all these virtues, which we esteem so highly.

I love this quote. We, all of us, want to say that in the past America was great because we were more honest back then, more virtuous, more of so many positive aspects. I agree, it seems that way sometimes. However, the people of our nation today have the same drives, desires, and dreams of prior generations and, thanks to the freedom and liberties in our nation, they can dream and strive till they reach the sky and beyond. They are not worse, nor better, than the past. They are people dealing with their daily lives and like all humans, they become focused on the now, not realizing they have so many more opportunities that they would in most other nations.

As you enjoy this Holiday, please, remember that every day is an opportunity to be the positive aspects we desire in those around us. Every day is a chance to be virtuous, to be honest, and to be tolerant. What each of these traits mean, in your lives, is up to you to decide. And that is the definition of liberty in my opinion. We get to decide, for ourselves, how we live and what our lives mean daily. That is the beauty of our country and system of government and I thank our Founders for it.

Fraternally, **Geoff**

Minutes of May Meeting

The Halifax Resolves Chapter of the NCSSAR met on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the Halifax United Methodist Church in Halifax, NC. President Geoff Pittard called the meeting to order at 1839. Our Treasurer, Steve Avent, gave the invocation. President Pittard led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, Secretary Michael Cooper led the SAR Pledge. The following guests were introduced: Dwight Neal and Tiffany Patterson.

Our new member, James Tuck, was inducted. 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. It was motioned and then seconded unanimously. Next up was our Treasurer's report. It was motioned and approved by all.

The President's report was then presented by Geoff Pittard. President Pittard had comments about the leadership positions open. He then had comments about our chapter roster. Registrar Bill Riggan then passed out the most current and up to date roster. The only old business that was discussed was the October grave marking ceremonies.

For new business President Geoff Pittard spoke on Committee bylaws. He then spoke on the chapter directory. Specifically, the virtual roster. Lastly, President Pittard spoke on the new member booklet. Next up, Sheryl Albert spoke on marking signer's headstones. John Penn's wife in particular. For our program today, Poster judging for 4th through 6th grade, and brochure judging for 6th through 9th grade.

President Pittard then heard a nomination for Harry Albert as Chaplain. He accepted the nomination. The motion was made and all approved. As soon as that was complete Registrar Bill Riggan was nominated at Vice President. He then accepted. The motion was made and unanimously approved by all.

The only remarks were made by Bobby Cooper about the class for headstone repair at Louisburg's Oakwood Cemetery on May 30th.

We were then led in the SAR Recessional by President Pittard. The benediction was then led by Chaplain Harry Albert. The meeting was then adjourned by President Pittard at 1956.

Michael Cooper, Secretary

• **APPROVED APPLICATIONS**

Preston Armand Fortin - Supplemental; Patriot, Simon Lane

Doug Wright - Patriot, Reuben Morgan

• **SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS**

Tucker Nobles - Patriot, Nathaniel Nobles

• **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



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for July, 2023 meeting

Ending Balance as of May, 2023 meeting: **\$2,756.85**

Deposits: **\$360.00**

Checks: **\$1,050.63**

Current Checking Acct Balance: **\$2,066.22**

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

General fund balance: **\$573.72**

05/23/23	DEPOSIT	\$15.00	Late meal payment
05/11/23	CHECK # 2113	\$250.00	May meeting meal
05/11/23	DEPOSIT	\$345.00	May meeting meal payments
05/08/23	CHECK # 2102	\$800.63	Grave markers



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Upcoming Activities

July 14—20: NSSAR National Congress, Orlando, FL

July 29, 10:00 am: 242nd Anniversary of the Attack at the House in the Horseshoe, Sanford, NC.

September 9, 2 pm: Plaque dedication ceremony at grave of Susanna Lyne Penn, wife of Declaration of Independence Signer John Penn, sponsored by the National Society of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. Stovall Branch Library, Granville Co., NC.

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