

Message from the President



Compatriots,

I hope this communication finds all of you well. For those of you who were not in attendance at our January meeting let me thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President of this great chapter. It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to do so.

I have been overwhelmed by the support and engagement of the members of this small but active chapter. Please read this newsletter and look at the various activities we are involved in this year. We have several new projects and activities which you will be hearing more about in the coming months.

Get engaged, enjoy the fellowship of like minded individuals who are interested not only in the history of our great country but in sustaining the hard work done by our ancestors to provide us the life and liberty we all enjoy today. An old friend once told me, "There are two types of people in this world, givers and takers. Be a giver".

As all of you should know, our meetings are accompanied by a delicious country meal prepared by the ladies of the Halifax United Methodist Church. It's definitely worth the price of admission. Along with a great meal there will be an educational program presented at each and every meeting. An excellent lineup of great speakers who are very well qualified to talk about their individual topics have been engaged.

Come and enjoy the fellowship and brotherhood of SAR. I think you will like it!

In the next week or so you will be receiving more information on our day trip planned to Historic St. John's Church in Richmond, VA. We will all be traveling together to Richmond on Sunday, June 2nd. Transportation arrangements and costs will be communicated to you soon. Save the date! This will be a great trip to see the reenactment of Patrick Henry's historic "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech. Hope everyone can go!

In Liberty,

Bill Rizzo

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

On the agenda: "Flags of the U.S. from the Lost Colony to Present" by speaker Gary Hall.

The cost of the meal will be \$15. Reservations are required and must be in by 5:00 pm on Fri., March 8. Please contact the Treasurer by email at this address or telephone or text him at (252) 955-2103 if you're coming.

Ending Balance as of January, 2024 meeting: **\$2,746.69**
 Deposits: **\$430.00**
 Checks: **\$806.07**
 Current Checking Acct Balance: **\$2,370.62**

Youth fund balance: **\$1,492.50**
 General fund balance: **\$878.12**

03/01/24 DEPOSIT		\$40.00	Reimbursement for flowers for Jan Wilson
02/26/24 CHECK # 2036	\$333.84		Flowers—Jan Wilson funeral
01/30/24 CHECK # 2035	\$272.23		Reimbursement to President—various items
01/18/24 CHECK # 2034	\$200.00		Meeting meals
01/11/24 DEPOSIT		\$295.00	Meal payments + cash dues payment
01/11/24 DEPOSIT		\$95.00	Dues payment by check

Chapter Activities



(l-r) 2/16/2024: Chapter VP Mark Pace, portraying Granville County native John Penn, was the keynote speaker for the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia for their banquet in honor of George Washington's birthday. Held at the Savannah Yacht Club, an enthusiastic and attentive crowd of some 100 attended.

2/17/2024: Mark presented the Halifax Resolves Chapter wreath at the 243rd Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, VA.

1/31/2024: Ms. Maddie Hart of Nash Central HS was presented with the Chapter Knight Essay Award for her essay on patriot Joseph Warren entitled "Activist Without Acclaim". (l-r) Nash Central HS Principal Dr. Jonathan Tribula, Maddie Hart, Geoff Pittard & Renny Taylor.

• **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

Mark Your Calendar!

248TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE HALIFAX RESOLVES

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

10:30 A.M

MARKET STREET

HISTORIC HALIFAX, N.C.

Participant check-in will begin at 9:45. A.M. Weapons check for Color Guard members will be 9:45 A. M. Color Guard assembly will be promptly at 10:00 A.M. Consult your Color Guard Commander for additional details.

The keynote speaker will be **Dr Carole Troxler, Professor Emerita, Elon University**

A post event luncheon will be held at the Halifax UMC, 152 S. King St. following the program.

RSVP must be made in advance. Availability is limited.

To register for the event or a reservation for the luncheon please complete the RSVP form found on the NCSSAR website..

A block of rooms has been reserved for participants at the

Hilton Garden Inn Roanoke Rapids

111 Carolina Crossroads Parkway

Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

252-519-2333

A standard double queen is \$105.00 +tax per night. Reservations may be made online with the reservation code “SAR” or by calling the hotel directly at 252-519-2333.

This block is for Thursday night, April 11th, 2024 only.

**** CUTOFF DATE FOR THIS RATE IS, TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2024 ****

The Chapter met on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, 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 then Mark Pace led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lastly, Steve Avent led the Chapter in the SAR Pledge. There were no introductions of new members or guests. President Pittard then dismissed us to our meal. After our meal, we then had our presentation of awards for 2023.

Renny Taylor received the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal, the Halifax United Methodist Church ladies, Frankie King and Linda Pressley, each received the Henry Knox medal, while the group of all of the Halifax United Methodist Church ladies received a Certificate of Appreciation.

At this point, our President-elect, Bill Riggan, introduced Chris Grimes, who would be installing our officers. Chris Grimes is the State Chaplain and Senior Vice President of the NCSSAR, and is the President of the Albemarle Chapter. In addition to his SAR duties, Chris is a Historical Interpreter at the Mariner's Museum, Newport News, VA and a Living Historian/Reenactor with a focus on 18th and 19th century medicine, naval matters and artillery. Following the introduction, Sr. Vice President Grimes gave a brief speech about the SAR's 250th Anniversary celebration, to be held in 2026, and then proceeded to the installation of Chapter Officers. Mark Pace, Michael Cooper, and Steve Avent were then asked to the front of the room where they were sworn into their positions, which were as follows:

Mark Pace – Vice President

Michael Cooper – Secretary

Steve Avent – Treasurer

After Sr. VP Grimes administered the oaths of office, the chapter was then asked to give their support to the new officers. Those officers were asked to return to their seats while Sr VP Grimes installed President-elect Bill Riggan. After his installation, President Riggan then thanked the whole Chapter and commented on his positive outlook for the Chapter and his excitement about the Chapter's future. The slate of appointed officers was then presented. They are as follows:

Historian – Renny Taylor

Chaplain – Harry Albert

Genealogist – Mark Pace

Webmaster – Renny Taylor

Chaplain Emeritus – Rev. Duncan Jones

Knight Essay Committee – Renny Taylor

Brochure and Poster Committee – Jamie Rook

Outstanding Citizenship Awards – Mark Pace

The Chapter then proceeded with a couple of special award presentations. Past Chapter President Geoff Pittard was called forward by Sr VP Grimes, who presented him with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, which is the highest award which can be presented at the chapter level. Past President Pittard then called forward Chapter President Riggan and presented him with the Meritorious Service Medal. President Riggan gave his thanks to Geoff, the Chapter, and most importantly, his wife, Vickie, for her support.

Now the Chapter began its business meeting. First item presented was the minutes of our November 2023 meeting which were read by Secretary Michael Cooper. Next item presented was our Treasurers report which was read by Treasurer Steve Avent. Next was the Registrar's report and was given by President Riggan. Next on our agenda

was the Committee reports. First presented was the Knight Essay which was given by Renny Taylor. Our Chapter has completed its part in the grading of the 27 entries. The essay that scored the highest by our Chapter will be read aloud by its author and the Chapter's March Meeting. The Poster and Brochure contest was next. We were informed that Jamie Rook was unable to make the meeting. Next on our agenda was the induction of our new member, Tucker Nobles of Louisburg, NC. He was given the oath and sworn in by President Riggan. President Riggan commented on the difficulty of his application.

We then had the introduction of our new member and his guests. Mr. Nobles was accompanied by his nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pace. When asked to say a few words he said, and I quote, "I appreciate it."

Our Installing officer's remarks then took place. Senior Vice President Chris Grimes commented that he was really excited about the future of our Chapter and again asked that if anyone needs help with an SAR task to please reach out to him and others. Lastly, came the new President's remarks. President Riggan thanked Sr VP Grimes for his mentorship and also thanked a Past President of ours, Ken Wilson, for his guidance and knowledge. He then read a thank you card to our Chapter for its representation at the Wreaths Across America event in Louisburg's Oakwood Cemetery.

He mentioned that he recently spoke with State Treasurer and Past State President Sam Powell, who informed him about Citizenship Awards that can be given out by the chapter, and President Riggan stated that this is something he's planning to look into for the Halifax Chapter. The exact requirements for this award are still being worked out. Lastly, President Riggan spoke of Service awards which will be given out for the length of time that a member has been in the SAR. Our SAR Recessional then took place and was led by past President Geoff Pittard. The Benediction was given by Harry Albert, and President Bill Riggan adjourned the meeting at 1957.

Michael Cooper, Secretary

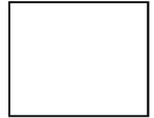


(l-r, top to bottom): Renny Taylor receiving the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal, the ladies of the Halifax UMC receiving the Henry Knox Medal, Sr VP Grimes swearing in the new officers, Past President Pittard receiving the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, and President Riggan receiving the Meritorious Service Medal.



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The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

Upcoming Statewide Activities

3/15/2024: Battle of Guilford Courthouse Commemoration, Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Greensboro, NC

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



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