

Message from the President



Compatriots,

Summer is upon us once again and this first year as your president is almost half over. My how time flies when you're having fun and I must say that the first half

of this year has been exciting with a wide variety of activities and events. I want to thank all of you for your many contributions and participation.

Our chapter has gained a new member since our last edition of the "Halifax Dispatch". Well not new to the chapter but new to many of you. Former member David Gammon has moved his membership from the Old North State At-Large Chapter back to Halifax Resolves. Many of you met David at our May meeting and heard his presentation on his many years as a genealogist and researcher. He is a Past NC SAR Genealogist as well as a Past Chapter President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter. We are not only pleased but grateful that he has decided to once again join us.

Just to refresh everyone's memory we have decided to change the publication date of our newsletter moving forward. The "Halifax Dispatch" will be published on the off meeting months in order to fill in that gap of time between meetings with something of interest to our membership.

Please take notice of the upcoming NC SAR State events coming up in June and July. These events are historical in nature and commemorate important events in our nation's heritage. Take the time to enjoy our history and the Sons of the American Revolution.

In Liberty,

Bill Riggan

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

On the agenda: "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death—Patrick Henry" 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., July 5. Please contact President Riggan at (919) 495-0706 or bill.riggan.sar@gmail.com if you're coming.

Visit our chapter website at:

[Halifax Resolves Chapter website](#)

The NC SAR Newsletter:

["The Old North State"](#)

(David Gammon, who is the former NCSSAR State Genealogist, will be writing this column for each newsletter. He will be concentrating on interesting finds and tips for researchers.)



Have you ever been to an SAR meeting where you see members wearing handsome multiple pins? Sometimes these are medals or awards, but often they are gold stars representing approved supplemental lines. Once you are a member, there is no limit to the number of supplemental lines you may add. To prove them, you follow the same procedure you used on your initial application, submit it for approval, and pay an application fee.

Some members have asked why proving supplemental lines is even necessary, since they are already members. Why do more? Adding a supplemental line is certainly not required, but every time we prove a new patriot ancestor (one who has never been proved before), or even when we prove our descent from a previously approved patriot ancestor, we add another piece to the genealogical puzzle. By doing so, we learn a bit more about the patriot, his life, and his descendants. We also make it a little bit easier for the next potential member to prove his line.

So how can we identify possible supplemental lines? In some cases, we already know who our supplemental patriots are. It might be part of our family tradition that certain ancestors fought in the Revolution. But since one can enter the SAR on only one patriot ancestor at a time, we probably based our original application on the easiest ancestor to prove.

Once you are a member, please consider adding other ancestors who are known to be patriots. But try not to overwhelm yourself – concentrate on one at a time! Start with the ones you already know are patriots – or at least the ones you presume to be patriots. One good resource here is our SAR web site, and also the DAR web site. Both allow you to check to see if certain of your ancestors have already been approved as patriot ancestors for other members. If you are lucky enough to find someone like this, that is your starting point for proving your descent.

But everyone will not be so lucky. Sometimes you will have to start from the beginning. In this case, look closely at your family tree. Make a list of those ancestors who are the right age to have participated in the Revolution. Start checking them, one by one, on the SAR and DAR web sites. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Don't forget to look at your previously approved patriot ancestor. Was he young at the time of the Revolution? If so, his father (and perhaps his mother!) may qualify as patriots as well. Look at them to determine if they might qualify. Remember that ladies can also qualify as patriots if they rendered aid to the cause. But perhaps most importantly of all, please remember that each time we prove an additional patriot ancestor, we help make that person a little bit more alive and real to us. This is an excellent way to honor that patriot and his efforts to make America independent.

David Gammon

Chapter Genealogist

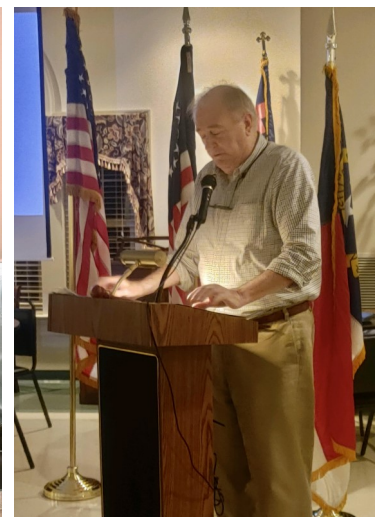


March, 13th - Chapter Meeting

(above l-r) President Bill Riggan presented Compatriot Preston Fortin with his Supplemental for Patriot Simon Lane. President Bill Riggan presented Compatriot Jamie Rook with the Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate.

March 9th - Mark Pace, Vice President, was the keynote speaker at the Granville County Veterans Appreciation Day event held at the Granville County Expo Center in Oxford.

(below l-r) Steve Avent, NC SAR NE Region VP, presented President Bill Riggan with the Compatriot Grave Marking Medal and Certificate. Knight Essay Winner, Madeline Hart of Nash Central High School presented her winning Knight Essay on Dr. Joseph Warren to the Chapter. Compatriot Gary Hall presented a very interesting program entitled, "Flags of the US from the Lost Colony to the Present".





March 15th - Harry Albert, Chaplain, presented the Chapter wreath at the annual Guilford Courthouse Commemoration in Greensboro.

March 21st - Mark Pace, Vice President, presented a program on the United States Constitution in the persona of John Penn to the Island Creek Baptist Church Mens group (No Picture).

April 5th - Chapter President Bill Riggan, Vice President Mark Pace and Treasurer Steve Avent attended the NC Society of the SAR State Annual Meeting in Greensboro (No Picture).

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April 12th - Halifax Resolves Day

The Commemoration of the 248th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves was held at the newly discovered location of the once lost Colonial Halifax Courthouse. Chapter President Bill Riggan presided as Master of Ceremonies over possibly the largest event to date for the Halifax Resolves Chapter sponsored National SAR event. Attended by several dignitaries such as Gary O. Green, Genealogist General, National Society SAR; NC SAR President Steve Van Pelt; NC SAR Chaplain, Chris Grimes; Carl Burke, Site Manager of Historic Halifax and Various State CAR, DAR, SR & DSDI officials and Dia Denton, Halifax County Manager. Approximately 200+ were in attendance, 18 Combined Color Guard members and over 40 wreaths presented from groups around Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Clear but windy weather prevailed on the day of the event which was followed by another sold out luncheon served by the Halifax UMC Ladies.



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April 27th - Bill Riggan, President, attended the Blue Ridge Chapter NC SAR Grave Markings of five Revolutionary War Patriots and presented the Chapter wreath. The event was held in the Newfound Baptist Church Cemetery near Asheville.



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May 1st - Bill Riggan, President, presented Cadet Senior Chief Bryce Dunkle of Nash Central High School the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate.

(below)

May 8th - Chapter Meeting

Presentation of the 2024 SAR Youth Outstanding Citizenship Awards. (l-r, top to bottom)

Halifax Co, Jake Wynne, Roanoke Rapids Early College High School.

Northampton Co, Kennedy Hatcher, Northeast Academy.

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Dia Denton, Halifax Co Manager.

Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to David Gammon for his program, "50 Years with a Shovel, Things Learned during my Years of Research".

May 13th - Bill Riggan, President presented Cadet Captain Nazaire Mehu of Louisburg Magnet High School the SAR JROTC Medal and Certificate (No picture).





May 20th - Poster & Brochure winners were announced by NC SAR President Steve Van Pelt. Chapter Poster winner, Easton Short of Halifax Academy placed Third in the State Poster Contest and Chapter Brochure winner, Jacob Martinez of Chaloner Middle School placed Second in the State Brochure Contest. Certificates and monetary awards will be presented at a later date. (No picture).

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May 21st - Renny Taylor, Historian / Webmaster, presented John Ayden Home, Nash Central High School the SAR Youth Outstanding Citizenship Award for 2024.

May 21st - Dr. Johnathan Tribula, Principal of Nash Central High School, presented Junior Madeline Hart the NC SAR Third Place Certificate and Award for her essay titled “Joseph Warren: Activist Without Acclaim” at the schools annual awards program.

May 18th - Mark Pace, Vice President of the Halifax Resolves Chapter attended the Alamance Commemoration / Patriot’s Day and presented the Chapter wreath.





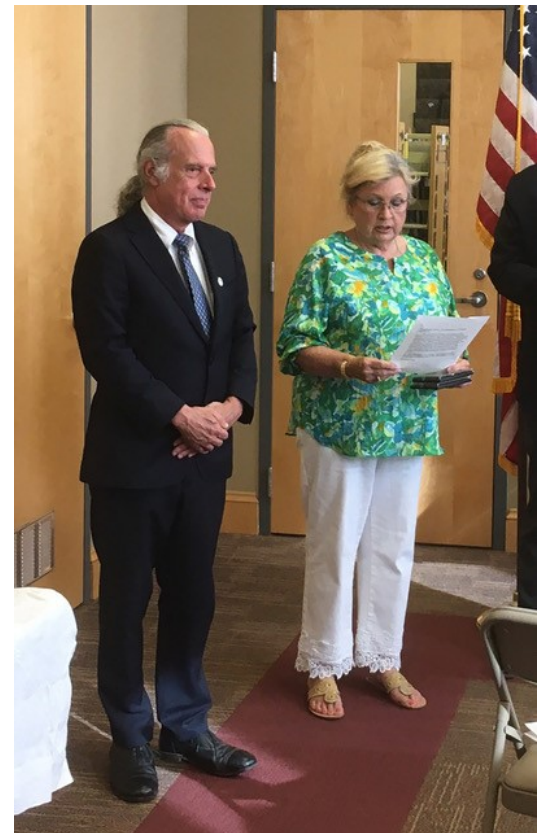
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May 23rd - Mark Pace, Vice President, presented Cadet 1st Lieutenant Brian Hester of J. F. Webb High School the SAR JROTC Medal and Certificate.

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May 27th - Mark Pace, Vice President, attended the Town of Butner Memorial Day Ceremony

May 28th - Mark Pace, Vice President, was presented the “Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction” by the John Penn Chapter of the NC DAR for his service to the Daughters of the American Revolution.



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Upcoming Statewide Activities

Friday, June 14th - Flag Day

Saturday, June 22nd - Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC.

Saturday, June 22nd - Commemoration of the Liberty Point Resolves, Fayetteville, NC

July 10th - 16th National SAR Congress, Lancaster Pennsylvania.

Saturday, July 20th - Commemoration of the Battle of Colson's Mill, Norwood, NC

Saturday, July 27th - Commemoration of the Battle of Rockfish Creek, Wallace, NC



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.

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