

Ken Wilson



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SAR Chapter: Old North State

State Society: North Carolina

Experience: Ken retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years service as an E-7. He was a C-141 A/B Flight Engineer Line Instructor for 2 years followed by 7 years as an Academic Instructor/Academic Scheduler for the Military Airlift Command C-141 A/B Flight Engineer Ground School. Following retirement, he worked for The Bibb Co., Patch Rubber Co. and Private Label Automotive in various management positions. Ken joined the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) in 2007 and has served as Chapter Vice-President, Chapter President, Region 1 VP, State Color Guard Commander and State President. Ken has chaired the Executive Committee, Knight Essay Committee, the Flag Committee, the Americanism Committee, Awards Committee, the Nominating Committee and Wreaths Across America at the state level.

Lecture Topics/Costumes: U.S. Flag History, Etiquette & Folding; From Mecklenburg to Halifax; Halifax and the Revolution; Stories From Halifax: the SAR: An Overview; the Battle of Kings Mountain; the Battle of Cowpens; the Battle of Eutaw Springs; Nathaniel Macon; Forgotten Patriots of the American Revolution; the 21 Gun Salute; the Southern Campaign; the Colonial Militia and the Battle of New Garden. Most presentations are made in the dress of a Colonial Militia member.

Specialty Lecture Topics: U.S. Flag History, Etiquette & Folding; From Mecklenburg to Halifax; Halifax and the Revolution.

Lecturing Credentials: Ken has seven years of experience as a USAF classroom instructor. In addition, he has been presenting programs on behalf of the SAR to various age groups and organizations since 2009. He has completed the SAR Youth Protection Program.

Presentation Requirements: 6'- 8' table required for some presentations; screen for projection; stand/table for projector if needed; room to allow for participation ***Would need permission to bring a Tennessee Flintlock Rifle, Rifleman's Knife and Tomahawk onto school property for school programs.***

Audio-Visual Equipment: Projector and laptop; for large venues a microphone/speaker system would be desired.

Length of Program: Min: 30 min. Max: 60 min.

Appropriate Age Groups: 3rd to 5th grade, middle to high school and adult groups

Handouts: *Proper Folding of the U.S. Flag & the Meaning of the Folds* (for U.S. flag presentation only); *The American Flag History & Etiquette* produced by the SAR.

Travel Range: 100-mile radius of Roanoke Rapids, NC.

Fees: No fees for Schools/Scouts, Home Schooled, Senior Citizen groups, Civic groups, Heredity Societies, Church groups - Will consider fees to cover expenses that are outside a 100-mile radius – Please contact Ken for information.

Resources:

- *Biographical History of North Carolina from Colonial Times to Present, Vol. III* by Samuel A. Ashe, Stephen B. Weeks, Charles L. Von Noppen, 1906
- *Historical Sketches of North Carolina, 1584 to 1851, Vol. I* by John H. Wheeler, 1851
- *History of Halifax County*, W.C. Allen, 1918
- *Revolutionary History of North Carolina*, compiled by William D. Cooke, 1853
- *Sketches of North Carolina*, Rev. William Henry Foote, 1846
- *The State Records of North Carolina*, by Walter Clark, 1907
- *Title 36, U.S. Code, Patriotic Customs; Title 4, U.S. Code, Section 1, Flag; Library of Congress*
- *The Papers of Nathanael Greene*, Dennis M. Conrad, Project Director and Editor
- *American Revolution: The War Moves South*, by Kennedy Hickman
- *The Retreat to the Dan*, W. Carroll Headspeth & Spurgeon Compton
- *The Race to the Dan*, Larry G. Aarons
- *The American Revolution: A Compendium of Terms and Topics* Paul A. Chase
- *The Battle of New Garden*, Algie I. Newlin
- *Southern Campaigns*, National Park Service History Series
- *The American Rifleman*, Richard B. LaCrosse, Jr.
- *The Cornwallis Papers, 1780-1781 – Vols. 1-6*, Ian Saberton
- *The Moores Creek Bridge Campaign, 1776*, Hugh F. Rankin
- *various National Park Service Battleground website historical presentations and visits to various battlegrounds.*