



# Raleigh Chapter NEWSLETTER

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*The Raleigh Chapter Color Guard presenting a wreath to George Washington at the July 4th ceremonies at the Raleigh State Capital Building. Chapter members attending were Dan Hopping, Grant Peterson, Glenn Sappie, Edward Phillips and Scott Kennedy*

## Upcoming Event

### ***Yorktown Victory Celebration Dinner—Prestonwood Country Club October 20, 2011***

Join us Thursday, October 20th for our Annual Yorktown Victory Celebration Dinner at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary. Guests and other hereditary group members are welcome!

The speaker will present; "George III--Mad Tyrant or Patriot King?" by Charles Carlton, Professor Emeritus of History, North Carolina State University.

Be sure to send your reservation by October 13, 2011—see the reservations form on page 5.



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## Upcoming Events *(continued)*

### 2011 Raleigh Chapter meetings and events:

Sept 17 Noon	Informal Luncheons, Natty Greene's Pub, 505 W. Jones St. Raleigh
October 20 6 PM	Yorktown Victory Celebration Dinner Prestonwood CC, Cary
Nov 12 Noon	Informal Luncheons, Natty Greene's Pub, 505 W. Jones St. Raleigh
December 11, Noon	Wreath's Across America and Informal Luncheon <i>Simultaneous ceremonies at the Raleigh National Cemetery and the State Capitol Building</i>

### 2011 Patriotic Schedule of Events:

October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain
October 19	Yorktown Day. Yorktown VA
October 22	Ashe and Lillington Grave Markings Patriot Burwell Davis and David Koontz Grave Markings

*If you wish to receive e-mail reminders and updates in advance of Raleigh Chapter meetings and events, please send your e-mail address to Com-patriot John Harman at [jrharman1@hotmail.com](mailto:jrharman1@hotmail.com).*

## Newsletter Deadlines

The submission deadlines for publication in the Raleigh Chapter newsletter: are: January 1, 2011, April 1, 2011, and September 1, 2011.

Send articles and pictures for publication and requests for e-mail distribution to Grant Peterson at [gmpeter@mindspring.com](mailto:gmpeter@mindspring.com).

# Message from President H. Edward Phillips

Dear Compatriots:

This is the last time I will address you in our Newsletter as the Raleigh Chapter President. In my reflection I realize that much has transpired in the past two years that has seen our Chapter grow on local, state and national levels. From the State Convention in Raleigh, the National Congress in Winston Salem, our work with the North Carolina Museum of History and our presentation of the Portrait of George Washington at the Brooks Museum Magnet School in Raleigh. Each one of you has answered the call to serve and to preserve our common heritage. There are a number of you who really carried heavy burdens to make all of this happen.

My work as president was nothing compared to the herculean efforts that you put forth. I have been humbled and I have been taught by many of you what true leadership requires. In short, I have learned more from my association with you than I taught, was given more than I gave, and in that regard, I am indebted.

Further, the brotherhood exemplified in our organization and in our Chapter reminds me that men of goodwill still exist. It is this knowledge that gives me hope for our future, the future not only our Chapter, or our State and National Societies – but genuine hope for our Nation. This is because men of goodwill will rise to the occasion when they are called. I have been witness to this simple truth and have been humbled by the same.

It is this knowledge that brings me to my final point. Simply put, that our Society and you as its members help preserve our Nation's heritage for future generations of Americans. Also, through your service and the service our men and women in uniform our founding freedoms shall move forward though the twenty-first century and beyond.



(L-R) Chapter President Edward Phillips flanked by Honor Guard Dan Hooping, Memorial Day 2011.

This is especially true on this the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001. Let us remember that as we have a sacred duty to preserve and honor the founding of our nation, so too do we have an obligation to preserve the memory of those who suffered and died for the cause of freedom.

As we all move forward to preserve our history I will move forward with you on that journey. Our Chapter's new leadership will continue our mission and we will honor our ancestors.

Finally, please know that I can never adequately convey my deepest gratitude for the honor you bestowed upon me these past two years. It is now time for me to resume my duties as a member of our Chapter, with no title or honor except that of your Compatriot – which is more than I deserve.

*With my most humble regards,*

*Compatriot H. Edward Phillips*

# Welcome New Members

Name	Member No:	Ancestor Information:
Chaz Michael Moore	180589	Pvt. Toby Gilmore - 12th MA Line
John Robert Harman, Sr.	180594	Capt. Samuel Caswell - NC State Troops

Transfers in:  
Craig Roberts Scott

## Jackson Bloom Wins National Oration Contest

The North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is very proud to announce that Jackson Bloom took First Place Prize as the 2011 National Winner in a Historical Oration Contest. The title of his six-minute, memorized oration was “Bold Choices” and Jackson took to the stage like the accomplished actor he is known to be in Raleigh. The whole auditorium concentrated on his deep, commanding voice after a pause, *“A law repugnant to the Constitution is void.”*



Jackson Bloom, North Carolina finalist and eventual winner of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Orations Contest, Winston-Salem, NC, July 10, 2011

The winning contestant competed successfully against 16 other State finalists and was submitted through the Raleigh Chapter. The final rounds of this oration contest occurred during the 2011 National Congress conducted by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Winston-Salem. While hosting this year's National Congress, special attention shined on the

celebration of our 100 Year Anniversary since the founding of the North Carolina Society.

For forty-four years the National Oration Contest, sponsored by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, carried the name Douglass G. High. In 1993 the name of this oratorical contest was changed, in perpetuity to the JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL ORATION CONTEST. Including this year, twenty-one State Societies have won the National Contest. Virginia has fielded 8 national winners, Ohio had 7, Florida with 6; Georgia and Texas with 5 each; Maryland with 4; Tennessee, California and now North Carolina each had 3 wins. Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Delaware and Arkansas have each had 2 national winners.

North Carolina previously held 1st Place National honors when it was won by Brian Nicholson, back in 1986. Then in 1991, North Carolina again brought home victory through John C. O'Quinn as our National First Place Oration Winner. Now in 2011, The North Carolina Society also brought home the award plaque for bringing forward a national award winning contestant. Thank you, Jackson Bloom!



(L-R), Eagle Scout Scholarship winner Robert B. Rasmussen, Rumbaugh Oration Contest winner Jackson Bloom, Outstanding JROTC Cadet Sierra McVeigh, Knight Essay Contest winner Amanda Shanz and National President, CAR, Mary Lib Schmidt.

## Inspirational Quotes:

“The things that will destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first and love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life.”

— Theodore Roosevelt

“Smoke and Fire!”

— photo courtesy of Dan Hopping

**A Note From Our Chaplain:** “Communicate to facilitate” camaraderie and bond our Chapter’s membership! As your Chaplain, I solicit your help regarding our members’ well being. The more we “care and share”, the stronger we become and the more enjoyment we derive. Our secretary keeps our roster updated, but I request that you advise me of changes of address and of phone numbers, illnesses, deaths, etc. of any of our members, their spouses and family members so that our concern can be expressed. All too often when there are needs, they are not met because I am not aware. Help me help us to become more vibrant. Chaplain Paul B. Conway (phone 919-787-9458)



*The Raleigh Chapter Newsletter  
has won*

*“The Carl F. Bessent Award”*

*To the editor of the most outstanding multiple sheet chapter newsletter 2009—2010*

## Yorktown Victory Celebration Dinner Reservation Form

**Date:** October 20, 2011

**Time:** 6 PM

**Place:** Prestonwood Country Club  
300 Prestonwood Parkway  
Cary, NC 27513

**Menu:** buffet dinner/wine

**Cost:** \$32 per adult

**Dress:** Coat and tie/Black-tie/Highland dress/mess dress. With decorations

**Presentation:** "George III--Mad Tyrant or Patriot King?" by Charles Carlton, Professor Emeritus of History, North Carolina State University

**Send to:** Scott Kennedy, 2809 Anderson Dr.  
Raleigh, NC 27608,

Or, call or e-mail your reservation to (919) 789-4080, or [swkennedy@wcpss.net](mailto:swkennedy@wcpss.net)

Member/Guest Name	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>Total Enclosed</b>	\$

Make check payable to “Raleigh Chapter, NCSSAR”

**Deadline for Reservations: October 13, 2011**

## May 28, 2011 – Memorial Day Weekend

by  
Dan Hopping

The Raleigh Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution placed a recruiting booth at the NC State Historic Site, Bennett Place, in Durham. The event was a Memorial Day Remembrance of the “United States Military Through the Ages”. The weather was perfect all day.

As representatives of the first US Military, the Raleigh Chapter of the SAR placed an information booth with an extensive display of Revolutionary Military arms and equipment. Joe Griffin and Dan Hopping used the booth to educate the visitors about the life of a member of George Washington’s army.



Joe Griffin explaining the display to the attendees

The display covered the firelocks and accouterments of both the Continental line soldier and the militia soldier. We handed out information brochures on the SAR and inquired if the visitors had an ancestor who served in the Revolution. We had interest from several people who said they would investigate their ancestors. We received the contact information on four people who said they knew they had Revolutionary War ancestors and expressed an interest in joining our Chapter.

The other displays at the event covered the Civil War, the Spanish American War, WW I, WW II, and the Vietnam War.

## May 28, 2011 – Memorial Day Weekend

Firing demonstrations were held on the hour to demonstrate the dramatic difference between the arms of the Revolution, the Civil War and the Spanish American War. Dan Hopping of the Raleigh Chapter SAR was dressed in the uniform of the first two years of the Revolution and demonstrated the Brown Bess. At the last firing of the day all three of the demonstrators fired volleys to show the rate of fire between Firelock, Percussion cap musket and the Krag890s.



We had quite a crowd of very interested visitors and the Bennett Place Historic Site did a great job of organizing an educational Memorial Day outing for the families.

An invitation from the DAR to Benefit “Wounded Warriors” and “Fight of Honor “

*The Yates Mill Chapter  
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
invites you to an Afternoon Tea in honor of the*

# *Ladies of Liberty*



*Saturday, November 5, 2011  
Historic Page Walker Hotel  
119 Ambassador Loop  
Cary, North Carolina  
Doors open 2*

*A three-course Tea will be served at 2:30*

*Join us for music, delightful entertainments, delicious tea delicacies,  
raffle and door prizes.*

*Tickets: \$20 per person*

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