



Raleigh Chapter NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

SAR/DAR/CAR Annual Picnic—Tara Farm June 12, 2010

Join us Saturday, June 12th for our annual SAR/DAR/CAR Picnic at Tara Farm. Again, this year we are extending the invitation to the CAR members, too. Mark your calendar now and plan to make it an annual family event!

The menu is Fried Chicken, pork BBQ, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Baked Apples and Pecan Pie and the delicious Banana Pudding from The Forks Cafeteria and Catering. The cost for lunch is \$13 for adults and \$7 per child under 22.



Compatriots Dan Hopping and Glenn Sappie (second row, center right) were among the large patriotic contingent at the 234th Anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek.

(photo courtesy of Glenn Sappie)

Tara Farm is located at 715 Newton Road between Six forks and Falls of the Neuse in North Raleigh (27615). Once on the property, follow the signs to the picnic area.

Be sure to send your reservation by June 8—see the reservations form on page 5.

A special thanks is offered to Compatriot Dr. Watson Pugh for offering Tara Farm to us!



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Upcoming Events *(continued)*

2010 Raleigh Chapter meetings and events:

May 30, 2 PM	Memorial Day Service <i>Raleigh National Cemetery</i> 501 Rock Quarry Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610
June 12, Noon	SAR/DAR/CAR Picnic <i>Tara Farm</i> 715 Newton Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615
July 4, Noon	Independence Day Celebration/"Ring the Liberty" <i>State Capitol Grounds</i> Capitol Square, Raleigh, NC
August 14, Noon	Informal Luncheon <i>The Pit</i> 328 W. Davie Street, Raleigh, NC
September 18, Noon	Informal Luncheon <i>Red, Hot and Blue</i> <i>Falls Village Shopping Center</i> 6615 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC
October 19	Yorktown Celebration <i>Location TBA</i>
November 6 11 AM	Veteran's Day Ceremony and Informal Luncheon <i>State Capitol Grounds, Capitol Square, Raleigh, NC</i> <i>Luncheon—Glenn Sappie's House following event</i>
December 11, Noon	Wreath's Across America and Informal Luncheon <i>Simultaneous ceremonies at the Raleigh National Cemetery and the State Capitol Building</i> <i>Luncheon—Glenn Sappie's House following event</i>
April 15—17, 2011	SAR State Conference <i>Clarion Hotel, Raleigh</i>

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 Compatriot John Harman at jrharman1@hotmail.com.

Welcome New Members

Jeffrey Kight Wilson, Jr. Patriot Ancestor: John Torrey
Michael Wingate Rhodes, Jr. Patriot Ancestor: Christopher Mercer

Newsletter Deadlines

The submission deadlines for publication in the Raleigh Chapter newsletter are: September 1, 2010, and January 1, 2011 and April 1, 2011.

Send articles and pictures for publication and requests for e-mail distribution to Grant Peterson at gmpeter@mindspring.com.

Message from President Phillips

Compatriots – I hope the joys of spring have been a blessing for you and yours. Thus far, we have celebrated Easter and other observances that our Founding Fathers intended we be able to enjoy in the sanctity of our homes and our places of worship. These are the true blessings of liberty that our ancestors bestowed upon us through their sacrifices.

I can honestly say that spring is my favorite time of the year. This is especially true when I reflect on the events of many springs since past. In doing so, I can reflect on three watershed events that occurred during the month of April that had a profound impact on the thirteen original colonies and the freedoms we enjoy today.

The first of these events was the ride of three Patriots on the Eighteenth of April in 1775. These three men rode through the Massachusetts countryside to raise the alarm that British Regulars were on the move from Boston. Of course, these Patriots were no other than Paul Revere, William Dawes and Samuel Prescott. The next series of events occurred the following day on April 19, 1775, with the Battles at Lexington and Concord. As we know, these battles ushered in the War for Independence and ultimately our Nation's freedom.

However, there is an

event in the Colony of North Carolina that inextricably links us to the struggle in Massachusetts the prior year. That event occurred when representatives from the Colony of North Carolina became the first of the Thirteen to open the door to "independency" through the issuance of the Halifax Resolves on April 12, 1776. With this bold act North Carolina proudly became the "First in Freedom". In addition, the Halifax Resolves helped pave the way for the adoption of the Declaration of Independence for all of the colonies on July 2, 1776.

Now, some 234 years later, as part of the North Carolina Society we can take pride in the accomplishments of our forefathers and pay homage to their brave act of defiance.

With that in mind, we can clearly see that the spring of 2010 calls us all to action to participate in events and meetings that preserve and honor our revolutionary past. Therefore, I invite you, my fellow Compatriots to help me support those events and activities that will promote a more meaningful understanding and deeper respect for the American Revolution and War for Independence throughout our great state.

As part of that invitation, I can report with pride that our

Chapter has already been represented at the anniversary celebrations for the Battle of Moore's Creek, Guilford Courthouse, the Halifax Resolves, The Board of Managers and the State CAR Convention. I am pleased by these accomplishments and look forward to your continued support.

With my most humble regards,

Compatriot H. Edward Phillips



Chapter President Ed Phillips at the 234th Commemoration of the Halifax Resolves

Recent Events

Veteran's Day Dinner

November 12, 2009

The Raleigh Chapter held its annual Veteran's Day Dinner at the Carolina Country Club. During the evening six new members were inducted into the SAR and new officers were elected. President Glenn Sappie presented awards to the outgoing officers and chairmen thanking them for their service during his term. The highlight of the evening was Compatriot Ed Phillips discussion entitled "Thomas Jefferson: An Unassuming Hero".



Wreaths Across America

December 12, 2009

Members of the Raleigh Chapter attended the Wreaths Across America observance at the State Capitol Building. This was one of over 550 ceremonies across the United States where more than 100,000 wreaths were placed on the headstones of those who served and sacrificed for our freedoms.

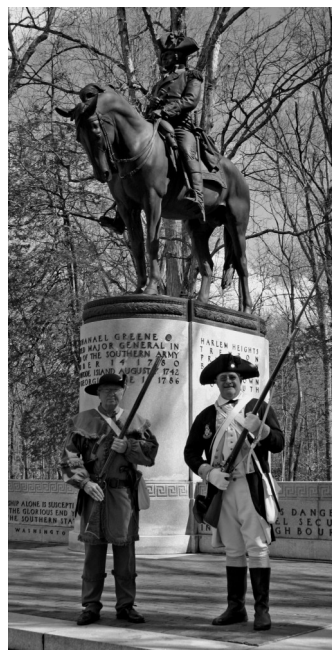
After the wreath laying, compatriots met at Glenn Sappie's home for our December Informal Lunch. At lunch President Phillips presented a draft of the 2010 calendar of events.

George Washington's Birthday Dinner

February 20, 2010

Our annual George Washington's Birthday dinner was held at the NC State Faculty Club and we were honored to have Colonel Matthew Moten, professor and deputy head of the Department of History at the United States Military Academy who spoke on General Washington's relationship with the Continental Congress during the War for Independence.

*Battle scene at the Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse
(photo courtesy of Dan Hopping)*



*Compatriot Glenn Hopping and Past President Sappie "stand at the ready" at Guilford Courthouse
(photo courtesy of Dan Hopping)*

Inspirational Quotes

“And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.”

Declaration of Independence

“Missa Solemnis” Hillyer Memorial Church

Our Chapter Chaplain, Paul Conway, is going to great lengths to bring to life a beautiful score of music written in 1865 and published in Berlin in 1867. “Missa Solemnis” opus 40 was written in Germany by Friedrich Kiel. Reminding one of Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and Handel, the score is a precious gem. There is no record of this ever being performed in the United States. Chaplain Conway rediscovered the music through the Library of Congress. He took months to cut, paste and recreate so as to present this composition in performance. Twenty-eight symphonic instruments will accompany this one-hour presentation at Hillyer Memorial

Christian Church (corner of St. Mary’s and Hillsborough Street) on May 23 at 7 :00 pm in the evening. The performance by the eighty-voice Community Chorus (not a church choir) is free and open to the public. The church is handicap accessible.

Compatriots, please come and support Chaplain Conway in this unique and one time event. Ruth Sappie and Brenda Peterson (both past SAR chapter president’s wives), Johnny Conway, as well as, compatriot Scott Kennedy will be singing as chorus members.

There is a lovely reception which follows the concert.

Moore’s Creek Bridge

Patriots gather for the 234th anniversary of the battle



SAR/DAR/CAR Tara Farm Picnic Reservation Form

Date: June 12, 2010

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: Tara Farm
715 Newton Road
Raleigh, NC 27615

Menu: Fried Chicken, Pork BBQ from
“The Forks Cafeteria & Catering”

Cost: \$13 per adult, \$7/child under 22

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

Or, call or e-mail your reservation to Scott on (919) 789-4080, or swkennedy@wcpss.net.

Member/Guest Name	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Enclosed	\$

Make check payable to “Raleigh Chapter, NCSSAR”
Deadline for Reservations: June 8, 2010