

## **Baron Captain John R. Wallace, B(E), GCSE, GCMZ, GCST, GOTJ, FSAScot**

John R. Wallace is a retired Captain (0-6) of the United States Coast Guard with 32 years of service. He was decorated 45 times by the US Coast Guard, the US Navy, the US Army, the US Marine Corps, and the Governments of Thailand, Vietnam, and Argentina. He retired from a second career in 1999 from Local Government Management in Virginia having served 10 years as an Administrator in two Virginia Counties and in retirement he resides in South Carolina.



John is currently on the Board of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide and has recently completed a three year term as the Society's President. He has been a leader in Scottish Affairs and Activities in the Mid-Atlantic Region since the middle 80's. Captain John is a Past President of The Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society of Danville, VA, a Past President of the Scottish Society of Richmond, VA, and a Past President of the Saint Andrews Society of Tidewater, VA. John is an active Clan Wallace Heraldry Convener at several Florida, and Georgia Celtic Festivals and Highland Games and has done this service for many years. In January 2005, John was honored at a Saint Andrews dinner as Tidewater's "Scot of the Year 2004" for his many contributions to the Scottish community worldwide. In addition he has been a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland since 2003. In support of Clan Wallace, John holds The Circle of Sir William Wallace which was presented in Scotland in 2005. He has also received a Clan Wallace Society Outstanding Member Award for his dedicated service to the Officers and Members in the Mid-Atlantic Region. John is also a Gordon, on his mother's side of the family, and is a member of the House of Gordon. On 23 February 2010, John was installed as a Board Member of the Scottish Society of Charleston, SC.

John has more than 40 years of leadership and executive management experience, with a long and successful history in planning, logistics, human relations, and financial and resource management. His credits include selection to Who's Who in Executives and Professionals 1995-1996 and to Who's Who in America for both 1996 and 1997. He has been invested as a Knight Grand Officer in the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Knights Templar), as a Knight Grand Cross in the Imperial Ethiopian Order of Saint Mary of Zion, and as a Knight Grand Cross of Justice in the Royal Confraternity of Saint Teotonio, a Portuguese Chivalric Order. John holds the Noble title of Baron of the Solomonic Crown of Ethiopia and was awarded the Grand Cross of the Star of Honor of Ethiopia by the Crown Prince in 2006 for his work in educating Ethiopian orphaned children. During an honors ceremony on 22 January 2007, Captain Wallace was presented the Royal Order of the Crown of Jaffna, rank of Grand Commander, by Prince Remigius, Head of the Royal House of Jaffna.

John is an honor graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, in 1961 and holds an honors degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, in 1967.

Baron Wallace currently lives in Walterboro, South Carolina, having relocated from Virginia in March 2008. He has two children; a son, Mark, who lives in Los Angeles, California, and a daughter, Kristine, who is married to her husband, Patrick McGlade. They reside in Charlotte, North Carolina with their two children; Aidan, age 7, and Sophie, age 5.