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Our intent is to cover the chapters' activities: what they have done, what they are doing, what they plan on doing. We will also publish information from the state Society to the chapters. We also hope to be a source of news to the public. Comments or suggestions should be directed to Wm. David Carpenter, Editor, wdcarp@live.com.

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The President's Gavel - August 2022

Report of the Virginia SAR President



Compatriots of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution it is my pleasure to give this report on the state of our society. Having just returned from the National Congress in Savanna I am pleased to report we are among the top state societies. In many aspects we are the leading society in the SAR, in those we are not we have a plan to improve our performance. Join us Friday September 16th for the awards dinner during the semiannual meeting in Williamsburg for presentation of the awards earned on the National level in 2021.

The Regional meetings were held online in May and June. The Regional chairmen report good attendance by the Chapters of each region. Chapter Presidents will find these meeting provide valuable information about the state committees, events of chapters in the area, an opportunity to meet other Chapter Presidents and work together. In the Eastern region Richard Henry Lee and James Monroe Chapters took the lead and Thomas Nelson Jr. supported the effort to ensure the anniversary of the Battle of Gwynn's Island was observed again in 2022. These chapters coordinate the event by leveraging the regional committees. The Board of Managers meeting on September 5th via Zoom means there is no need for another regional meeting until October or November. The membership meeting will be held in person during the Semiannual meeting August 16th & 17th.

The Vice Presidents will hold meetings of the committees they are responsible for again in August. On the 14th the Community Affairs committees under 3rd VP meets, August 15th Membership group under 2nd VP will meet, August 17th Youth Programs under 1st VP and August 24th the Presidents committee will meet. All the meeting are on Zoom, look for a link from the chairmen in your email. These dates are on the calendar of Dispatch and the VIRGINIA SAR web-site. During the Semiannual meeting in Williamsburg each of the Vice President will present a 20 minute workshop for committee programs.



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The Bulletin newsletter is back and a great way to get information out to all Compatriots of the Virginia SAR. Please make an effort to send updates on your chapter activities for the Bulletin to David Carpenter wdcarp@live.com editor. We will soon have the ability to email the Bulletin to all compatriots with the adoption of the Member Clicks and its ability to handle large email distributing.

Virginia SAR website will continue to get better. We will start using a file storage system that will be linked to a member only section. The Virginia tax records, VASSAR history, pictures from events, handbook, the newsletter and committee information all will be linked for accessed by all compatriots through a member only login on the website and dispatch. This will be active on or about October 1st 2022.

The Virginia Dispatch is the best way to be kept up to date with current events for the Virginia SAR and its chapters. All of the events and activities are posted in a blog format on Dispatch. VASSAR's Facebook page has a new administrator who is using material from both the Dispatch and the Bulletin to promote our mission with every means possible. The effort by Compatriot Jerad Myers our Facebook admin David Carpenter our Dispatch editor have already increased the Virginia SAR reach. We have a strong group working on the internet outreach I feel we will start to see increased interest in our society as we continue our mission to serve Virginia. Please send your articles from your chapters activities to the dispatch editor, David Carpenter wdcarp@live.com. The Dispatch link is: <http://www.virginiasar.org/>

Virginia SAR events coming in August include the Atlantic Middle State meeting in New Jersey on the 5th and 6th.

August 13th, Reading of the Declaration of Independences at Loudoun County Courthouse the sponsoring chapter is Sargent Major John Champe.

August 14th, the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter is sponsoring the marking and dedication of Cpl John Wallace grave. The original sandstone headstone is fallen and damaged. The Col Fielding Lewis Chapter petitioned the Veteran's Admin for an official issued veteran's headstone, at the request of Wallace's direct descendant. The work done on this by the CFL chapter is outstanding example of



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the many projects the chapters of the Virginia SAR have made a reality throughout Virginia. I hope you will join me and the CFL chapter for the dedication.

August 20th, Saturday (11:00 am) - Color Guard Workshop in Leesburg. The Col. James Wood II Chapter will host the workshop. In addition a junior color guard workshop will be held at the same time.

August 20th the Nansemond Indian Nation Annual POW WOW will take place in Suffolk. VIRGINIA SAR color guard will be part of the opening ceremony, The Nansemond Indian Patriots chapter members together with help from Thomas Nelson Jr. and Norfolk will man an information table during the Pow Wow.

August 21st at 7pm via zoom, Join the zoom call and challenge your knowledge of the Revolution and VASSAR history. President Meyer and Historian Tom Roth will be challenging question to test the trivia knowledge of all who seek the title of VIRGINIA SAR trivia top gun. Use this link to join the fun on VIRGINIA SAR Trivia Night: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88625021223?pwd=NGdsQUxwMGN4cmRCYitSZHVleFFiZz09>

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In September several event of National importance as well as the Virginia SAR semiannual meeting. I encourage all compatriots to join me at this year's semi-annual. The training and information presented on Friday will bring many advancements to the way the Virginia SAR operates. On Saturday we will have a robust agenda to get the Society's business done and have a good deal of fun.

In September 3rd 241st Commemoration of the Battle of the Capes. Sponsored by the Norfolk Chapter.



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September 10th, 2022 Saturday (11:00 am - 5:00 pm) - Shenandoah County 250th Anniversary. Sponsored by Col. James Wood II Chapter

September 10th, 2022 Saturday (4:15 pm) - President General's Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Location: Arlington National Cemetery.

September 16th -17th, 2022 Friday - Saturday. VIRGINIA SAR Semi-Annual Conference at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel & Suites, 105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, VA. This year Compatriots will be able to attend workshops on Youth programs, Events, membership, public affairs, the new member click system, improvement to color guard and A and I guidelines Friday afternoon. That night will be an awards banquet to recognize the Virginia SAR's out-standing showing at the National congress. Saturday presentation with Virginia CAR to the Yorktown Battlefield center, highlighting our partnership with the CAR in 2022. Next we make the short trek to the Victory monument to enjoy a performance from the Yorktown Fife and Drum.

When they finish we will head over to the Museum of the American Revolution at Yorktown for lunch with Professor Brad Jacob a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and has been a professor at Regent University School of Law since 2001.

Following this we will head back to the Woodlands for our General Membership meeting. Afterward the 250th committee and the 1812 society will hold their meetings. For the President dinner on Saturday night we will dance the night away, starting with a demonstration tribal ceremonial dance by our own Nansemond Indian Patriots

Chapter members with members of the tribe. Next dinner then it's Saturday night fever 77, 1777 that is.

September 17th, 2022 Saturday (8:00 am) - George Washington's Tomb Vigil. The National Color Guard staff cordially invites you to honor our patriot commander and join us at Mt Vernon for the annual George Washington Tomb Vigil.



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September 18th, 2002 Sunday (2:00 pm) Sponsored by General William Campbell Chapter will hold a Wreath Laying at grave of Pvt. John Broady

September 18th, 2022 Sunday (4:00 pm) Sponsored by General William Campbell Chapter will hold a Wreath Laying at grave of Brig. Gen. William Campbell

September 24th, 2022 (1:30 pm muster) - Abington Muster Commemoration sponsored by the General William Campbell Chapter

September 24th the Fairfax Resolves Chapter celebrates the Founding of the Fairfax Independent Company.

The 2023 Annual meeting location will be the Berry Hill resort in South Boston February 9th - 12th. The annual meeting this year will celebrate the Crossing of The Dan River. The work being done in the area to increase the profile of the Revolution History relating to the crossing and now the Banister encampment is robust. When I attended this year I was impressed on how the entire community and the elected leaders supported the event. It only seems right that we support it with our biggest event the annual meeting.

Compatriots please consider volunteering to serve as an officer of your chapter or on a chapter committee. Several of the chapter are in need of more help contact your chapter President to see what is needed. If your chapter is already fully maned, VASSAR has 50 committees and several could use more help. If you're interested in serving on a state committee contact me at esr-sar@charter.net.

My term as Virginia SAR President is already half way over. Already I have enjoyed representing you and our Society at over 33 events! Thank you all for the time and energy you invest in the Virginia SAR.

Your Most Humble servant,

R. Bruce Meyer, President Virginia SAR

VIRGINIA SAR CHAPTERS AND PRESIDENTS

CHAPTER NAME

CLINCH MOUNTAIN MILITIA
COL. FIELDING LEWIS
COL. GEORGE WALLER
COL. JAMES WOOD II
COL. WILLIAM GRAYSON
CULPEPER MINUTEMEN
DAN RIVER
FAIRFAX RESOLVES
FINCASTLE RESOLUTIONS
FORT HARRISON
GEN. DANIEL MORGAN
GEN. WILLIAM CAMPBELL
GEORGE MASON
GEORGE WASHINGTON
JAMES MONROE
LT. DAVID COX
MARTIN'S STATION
NANSEMOND INDIAN PATRIOTS
NEW RIVER VALLEY
NORFOLK
OVERMOUNTAIN MEN
PATRICK HENRY
RAPPAHANNOCK
RICHMOND
ROCKBRIDGE VOLUNTEERS
SGT. MAJ. JOHN CHAMPE
THOMAS JEFFERSON
THOMAS NELSON, Jr.
WILLIAMSBURG

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CALO CHRIS
JIM WACHTER
JARRED MARLOWE
CHIP DANIEL III
ROSS SCHWALM
TOM HAMIL
GARY HALL
DAVID HUXSOLL
ROBERT HALEY
WES DOVE
EDMUND DAVIDSON
GARRETT JACKSON
FRITZ BARTH
RICHARD RANKIN
CHARLES BELFIELD
HARREL STORY
TOM COKER
TOM BADAMO
JERRY FORD
ROBERT BRUCE
JAMES BRUCE
MARK DAY
TOM BLACKWELL
BILL HASKINS
GREGG JEWETT
KEN BONNER
DAVID COOKE
JOHN PRIEST
BRUCE LAUBACH

VIRGINIA SAR-ELECTED OFFICERS 2021-2022

OFFICE	NAME
PRESIDENT	BRUCE MEYER
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	ERNIE COGGINS
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	BILL GREAF
3RD VICE PRESIDENT	MIKE WEYLER
SECRETARY	TIM DIOQUINO
TREASURER	RICK ELOFSON
CHANCELLOR	ERIC MONDAY, Esq.
CHAPLAIN	Rev. Dr. EUGENE THOMAS
HISTORIAN	TOM ROTH
SURGEON	Dr. KIRK SHEAP
REGISTRAR	BILL HASKINS
NATIONAL TRUSTEE	JEFF THOMAS
Alt. NATIONAL TRUSTEE	BRUCE MEYER
Asst. SECRETARY AND TREASURER	WAYNE ROUSE
Asst. CHAPLAIN	TERRY BLEVINS MDiv.
Asst. REGISTRAR	DAVE COOK
Asst. REGISTRAR	DAVE THOMAS

MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2022

Col George Waller

Jacob	Michael	Penn	6/24/2022
George	Marion	Dickens, Jr.	6/24/2022
Riley	Wilson	Woodel	7/1/2022
Michael	Lawrence	Nemec	7/1/2022
Richard	Ellis	Garriott, Jr.	7/1/2022

Col William Grayson

Joshua	Michael	Nelson	6/24/2022
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Col. Fielding Lewis

John	Bradley	Carberry	1/21/2022
William	Dean	Tugman	1/21/2022
William	Gillispie	Gravatt	5/6/2022
Charles	Burke	Barbee	5/20/2022
Elmer	Ray	Barbee	5/20/2022

Col. James Wood II

Steven	Edward	Cale	1/21/2022
Michael	Carlton	Jones	1/21/2022

MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2022

Bryce	Cameron	Jones	1/21/2022
Brett	Richard	Jones	1/21/2022
Richard	Lewis	Tyler	3/4/2022
James	George	Kontoos	3/4/2022

Col. William Grayson

Christopher		Canterbury	1/14/2022
Gary	Edward	Bresnahan	1/21/2022
John	Pierce	Hey	1/21/2022
Joshua	Anthoney	Hey	1/21/2022
Jonathan	Stuart	Hey	1/21/2022
Charles	Warren	Wagner	3/4/2022
Timothy	Mark Allan	Miller	3/4/2022
Ralph	Edward	Elosser, Jr.	5/6/2022
Jonathan	Bradley	Davis	7/1/2022
Robert	Leroy	Krebs	7/15/2022
Lucas	Andrew	Young	7/22/2022

Culpeper Minutemen

Mark	Douglas	Crain	1/21/2022
Carroll	Eugene	Garrison	3/4/2022

MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2022

William	Brooks	Wheeler	5/27/2022
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Fairfax Resolves

James	Allen	Cordes	1/28/2022
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Justin	Michael	Haight	2/4/2022
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Bryon	Paul	Veal	2/25/2022
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Charles	Lavern	Wade	3/25/2022
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Atticus	John	Reaser	5/13/2022
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Joel	Monroe	Reaser	5/13/2022
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Liam	Bijan	Reaser	5/13/2022
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Charles	Albert	Kilmer	6/10/2022
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Aaron	Thomas	Scarpelli	6/24/2022
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Ryan	Thomas	Scarpelli	6/24/2022
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Fincastle Resolutions

Dennis	Randall	Booker	5/6/2022
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Fort Harrison

Matthew	Ryan	Phillippi	1/21/2022
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Danny	Lee	Perry	1/21/2022
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MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2022

Paul	Gregory	Speck	2/18/2022
Chad	Alan	Wood	2/18/2022
Brian	Douglas	Buck	3/4/2022
Ralph	Dean	Newman	5/27/2022

George Mason

Shawn	Charles	McBurney	1/21/2022
Lawrence	William	Buxton	3/4/2022

George Washington

Drew	Gilbert	Flavell	1/28/2022
William	Douglas	Wilson, Jr.	2/11/2022
Kenneth	Michael	Rich	2/18/2022
Eric	Norman	Atkinson	3/4/2022
Tyler	Donald	Cuming	3/4/2022
David	Owen	Smith	3/25/2022

George Washington

Thimothy	Shawn	Wafford	4/29/2022
Austin	Kendrick	Houck	4/29/2022
Andrew	Jackson	Bush, Jr.	4/29/2022

MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2022

Scot	Anthony	Bryant	6/3/2022
William	Vincent	Skyles, Jr.	7/22/2022
James Monroe			
David	Llewellyn	Jennings	5/6/2022
Jamestown			
Charles	Allen	Jones	2/18/2022
Norfolk			
William	Stewart	Jones	7/15/2022
Patrick Henry			
David	Lawrence	Stokes	2/11/2022
Aubrey	Jones	Rosser, Jr.	3/4/2022
Hugh	Earl	Hendrix	3/11/2022
Charles	Michael	Reeves	3/18/2022
Patrick Henry			
Revely	Bomar	Carwile, Jr.	3/25/2022
Thomas	Friend	Rothwell II	5/13/2022

MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2022

Trnton Michael Hoisington 6/3/2022

Jordan Jay Hoisington 6/3/2022

Richmond

Douglas Edward Reynolds, Jr. 1/14/2022

Peter John Williamson 2/18/2022

Charles Cole Culver 4/27/2022

Patrick A. Culver 4/27/2022

Thomas Jefferson

Daniael Alan Dobrowolski 3/4/2022

Alexander Francis Dobrowolski 3/4/2022

Declan Mark Ross 3/4/2022

Lawrence Brian Rush 7/15/2022

Thomas Nelson, Jr.

Michael Scott Kiser 3/18/2022

Ethan Ray Moses 6/10/2022

Daniel Blake Sage 6/10/2022

Freddie Brett Whitson 6/10/2022

MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2022

Williamsburg

Daniel	Cleburne	Reeves	5/20/2022
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Alexander	Clinton	Johnston	7/22/2022
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REINSTATED MEMBERS IN 2022

Col. James Wood II

James	Lowell	Ahlemann	4/14/2022
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Steven	Franklin	Kerchner II	4/14/2022
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Col. William Grayson

Alexander	Francis	Bills	3/21/2022
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John	Albert	Ward, Jr.	4/11/2022
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John	Woodward	Patterson III	4/11/2022
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Dan River

REINSTATED MEMBERS IN 2022

John Graham Wallace, Jr. 3/21/2022

Fairfax Resolves

Ryan Charles Hunt 6/24/2022

James Briggs III 6/24/2022

Richard Charles Hunt 6/24/2022

Stephen Earl Hunt 6/24/2022

Mark Edward Peters 6/24/2022

Steve Arnold Yarbrough 6/24/2022

Tyler Scott Yarbrough 6/24/2022

Stefano Paolo Flori 6/24/2022

Joseph Frank Terpenning 7/5/2022

Cole Anthony Terpenning 7/5/2022

George Mason

John Maximillian Dominguez 3/24/2022

Norfolk

William John Meyer, Jr. 6/2/2022

Marvin William Lee, Sr. 6/2/2022

Paul Maurice Farley 6/2/2022

Nelson Pierce Eichelberger 6/24/2022

Patrick Henry

REINSTATED MEMBERS IN 2022

Charles	Wilfred	Bennett, Jr.	6/24/2022
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Richard Henry Lee

James	Kenneth	Watts	3/21/2022
James	Edward	Lee	3/21/2022
William	Bruce	Lake	3/21/2022

Richmond

Christoppher	Kilian	Peace	3/21/2022
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Sgt Maj John Champe

Kevin	Friedrich	Knapp	6/24/2022
Miichael	Vincent	Knapp	6/24/2022

Williamsburg

Alan	Bryant	Noel	3/24/2022
Erastus	Gaither	Bumgardner III	6/2/2022

REINSTATED/TRANSFER MEMBERS IN 2022

Col. Fielding Lewis

Alec	Thomas	McMorris	3/31/2022
Kenneth	Alison	Burt	5/6/2022

Col. James Wood II

Roger	Edwin	Shaver	4/26/2022
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George Washington

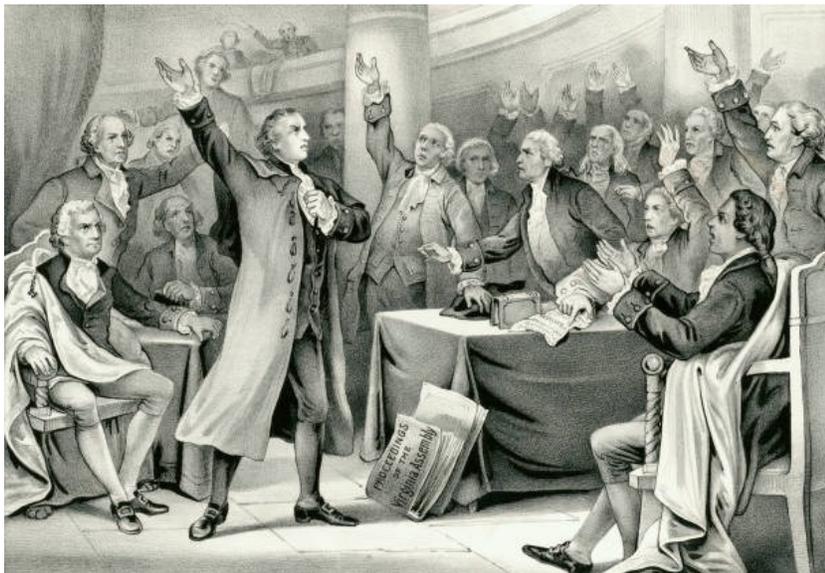
Jonathan	David	Coles	7/9/2022
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Thomas Jefferson

Charles	Edward	Miller, Jr.	3/18/2022
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Williamsburg

Jason	Christopher	Finch	6/3/2022
Curtis	Blaney	Williamson	6/18/2022



Patrick Henry gives his give me Liberty or give me death speech

**MEMBERS WHO
PASSED IN 2022**

Col James Wood II

Gary Leo Fletcher 03/04/2022

Col William Grayson

Roy Woodrow Richey 04/27/2022

Fairfax Resolves

Paul Nicholas Herbert 01/30/2022

Fincastle Resolutions

James Theodore Lucas, Jr. 01/08/2022

George Mason

Andrew Martin Johnson 05/23/2022

George Washington

William Frederick Vosbeck, Jr. 12/15/2021

James Monroe

Carl F. Flemer, III 06/01/2022

Lt David Cox

Theron Avis Hall 02/21/2022

Victor Eugene Tucker 03/22/2022

Palmer W. Fant 12/08/2021

**MEMBERS WHO
PASSED IN 2022**

Overmountain Men

Jimmy Lee Guinn 04/21/2022

Richard Henry Lee

Cary Lee Broadway, Jr. 07/10/2022

Sgt Maj John Champe

David Arthur Kreager 02/27/2022



NSSAR 2022 CONGRESS

132nd Annual Congress
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Savannah, Georgia
Sunday, July 10 through Thursday, July 14, 2022

Our Congress this year set records for attendance and participation. 285 Delegates attended, and with spouses we had over 400 from the national and international.

Below are most of our Virginia Compatriots along with a number of Virginia Dual Members. In addition to our own PG Joe Dooley, there are other PGs who have joined us as Dual Members. We are honored by those Presidents General who chose to join as dual members. Can you old timers pick out the Virginia Dual PGs?



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Sunday, July 10

The Congress kicked off with some early bird tours around Savannah, and ended with the Opening Reception hosted by the Georgia Sons of the American Revolution.

Monday, July 11

Monday's major events included the President General's Review of the Color Guard and the Memorial Service for those Compatriots reported deceased since last Congress. The outdoor Color Guard Review, which saw most of the Color Guard in wool Continentals was punishing, but always looks good, anyway.

Monday night's highlight was the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest finals.

Tuesday, July 12

Tuesday was the opening session of the 132nd Congress. Followed by the Youth Awards Luncheon. After which was the afternoon session dedicated to all officer and national committee reports. After an extensive day of committee reports, the evening is devoted to what is considered the highlight of the Congress.

Tuesday evening starts with the presentation of six **Minutemen Awards**, the highest award given to a member of the SAR. It is a very formal, annual ceremony in which a maximum of four Compatriots who have shown faithful and dedicated service to the SAR are honored with a special blue neck ribbon. All past and present Minutemen wear a white dinner jacket as a mark of distinction, and the new members are escorted forward by previous awardees. The award is highly sought-after by SAR Members.

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Wednesday, July 13

District breakfasts, morning session of Congress with nominations, Ladies Luncheon, George Washington Endowment Fund and Vice Presidents' General Luncheon, Committee Meetings, Elections, and President General's Banquet

Thursday, July 14 Final session of Congress, Tour of the 8th Air Force Museum, and Installation Banquet.



VASSAR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
The semi-annual VASSAR Meeting will be
September 15-17, 2022
It will be held at Historical Williamsburg
hosted by the Williamsburg Chapter
Details to follow

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General Officers for 2022-2023

President General:	C. Bruce Pickette , Alabama Society
Secretary General:	John L. Dodd , California Society
Treasurer General:	Darryl Addington , MD, Tennessee Society
Chancellor General:	Michael J. Elston , Virginia Society
Genealogist General:	Gary O. Green , North Carolina Society
Registrar General:	Allen Greenly , Georgia Society
Historian General:	Brooks Lyles , North Carolina Society
Librarian General:	J. Fred Olive , Alabama Society
Surgeon General:	Keith A. Weissinger , MD, Washington Society
Chaplain General:	Rev. Dr. J. Vernon Welkner , Kansas Society

Mike Elston, reelected Chancellor General.

Pete Davenport, elected Vice President General of the Middle Atlantic District.

Bruce Meyer, President of the Virginia Society and head of the Virginia Delegation.

C. Bruce Pickett, elected President General 2022-2023.

Additionally, **Bruce Pickette** and **Gary Green** are dual members of the *Culpeper Minutemen Chapter*. **Brooks Lyles** is a dual member of the *Colonel George Waller Chapter*.

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Virginia Attendance:

Ken Bonner-Delegate

Ernie Coggins-Delegate

Dave Cook-Delegate

Sheri Cook-Attendee

Forrest Crain-Delegate

Pete Davenport-Delegate

Tim Dioquino-Delegate

Joe Dooley-Delegate

Julie Elston-Attendee

Mike Elston-Delegate

Will Elston-Delegate

Rebecca Ebert-Attendee

Anita Bonner-Attendee

David Huxsoll-Delegate

Jennifer Kelly-Attendee

Pat Kelly-Delegate

Bruce Meyer-Delegate

Ken Morris-Delegate

Brett Osborn-Delegate

Bill Schwetke-Delegate

Cat Schwetke-Attendee

Doug Schwetke-Delegate

Jeff Thomas-Delegate

Mike Weyler-Delegate

Joyce Forrest-Attendee

Additionally, Larry McKinley and Darren Schmidt were present to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon.

Bruce Meyer, President of the Virginia Society

Ernie Coggins, First Vice President

Mike Weyler, Third Vice President

Bill Schwetke, Trustee

Jeff Thomas, Alternate Trustee

NATIONAL COMMITTEES CHAIRED BY VIRGINIANS

Bill Schwetke Chairman, Genealogy Committee

Jeff Thomas Chairman, History Committee

Brett Osborn Chairman, Reenactors/Living History Liaison Sub-Committee

Darrin Schmidt Chairman, C.A.R. Liaison Committee

Ernie Coggins Chairman of the Knight Essay Sub-Committee

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While most of us we went home Friday July 15, celebrating a great Congress, we received the following sad news from our Chaplain General Vernon Welkner on Monday July 18.

“Compatriots,

It is my sad responsibility to inform you of the passing of the Georgia Society’s president, Joe Vancura. President Vancura passed away Sunday, July 17, 2022. Joe was fifty years old. President Vancura was a founding member of the Captain John Collins Chapter in Marietta, Georgia, where he resided. President Vancura had just returned home from the National Congress in Savannah, where he had the major role in hosting. President General Larry Guzy wrote, ‘Joe Vancura died of what was a possible heart attack related to Covid. Joe tested positive today and collapsed at home just after dinner this evening. He was rushed to Kennestone Hospital in Marietta where he died. Joe is survived by his mother Kathy, and his sister Betsy, both of whom were at Congress to see Joe shine.’

Please keep Joe Vancura’s family and the compatriots of the Georgia Society in your thoughts and prayers. Pray that Lord’s mercy and comfort will be with each one during this difficult time of grief.

Rev. Dr. J. Vernon Welkner
Chaplain General
National Society Sons of the American Revolution”

It was my privilege to meet and to know Joe Vancura
during the 2019 Congress in Costa Mesa,
and to have considered him my friend and
colleague ever since.

May you rest in peace, Joe Vancura.

Michael E. Weyler, Ph.D.

VASSAR FOUNDATION

About the SAR Foundation

The Sons of the American Revolution Foundation seeks to support the mission of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution through fundraising, grant seeking, and donor stewardship.

SAR FOUNDATION BOARD

C. Bruce Pickette	Chairman of the Board
Joseph W. Dooley	President (President General 2013-2014)
Davis Lee Wright	Vice President (President General 2021-2022)
John L. Dodd	Secretary General
Darryl S. Addington M.D.	Treasurer General
Douglas T. Collins	Member at large
William Lee Popham	Member at large 2021-2024
Daniel McKelvie	Member at Large 2022-2025
Samuel C. Powell	Member at Large 2022-2024
Michael J. Elston, Esq.	Member at Large 2021-2024

CHALLENGE COINS USE AND HISTORY

Challenge Coins - What's that all about?

By Michael Rhodes, President, Richard Henry Lee Chapter

Virginia Society, SAR

Challenge coins are coins or medallions that bear images on both sides relating to such things as an organization's insignia, portraits of important people or places or things, dates, etc.

These coins act as symbols of participation in various groups. They can help build camaraderie and are often given out as awards or recognition of outstanding contributions by individuals. Today they are often used for promotional and fund-raising purposes.

Challenge coins are typically 1.5 to 2 inches in diameter. The coin can be made from inexpensive materials to 24K gold. They may be simple imprints, or have more exotic finishes such as raised finishes in soft or hard enamel with an epoxy coating. They can have multi-colored details and various shapes.

What's the cost? Any of the variations described above weigh in on the cost of the finished product. Most coin manufacturers today charge a combination of die cast / design set up charge and a per coin cost based on volume of purchase. As a point of reference, set up charges run around \$ 100, and coin costs per hundred run roughly \$ 4 each. If you want to go with "100% Made in the USA", be prepared for much higher prices.

History vs. Tradition

There are many stories about the origin of the challenge coin concept. What follows are some of the more intriguing. You be the judge.

The Roman connection... During the Roman Empire, soldier achievements, such as valor in a particular engagement, were rewarded with a bonus coin in addition to their day's wages. These bonus coins may have been specially minted and featured the marks of the specific legions, prompting some to perhaps keep these as mementos.^[2]

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During the Renaissance period... In Italy as early as the 1400s “portrait medals” were produced to herald an increased awareness of individual human excellence. People wanted to be remembered for posterity, and one way used to achieve this was to create small, durable medals which depicted the patron on one side and contained family, house or lineage information on the reverse side. They were most often meant as a gift to show admiration and affection for a fellow human being.^[3]

The French connection... The French Protestants, called Huguenots, were probably the first people to use a coin as a “challenge coin”. During the Renaissance, France was in essence a Catholic nation. Protestantism was seen as heresy and those who practiced it were greatly persecuted. In 1598, King Henry IV of France signed the Edict of Nantes which offered amnesty and reinstatement of civil rights to Huguenots.^[4]

In 1685, France’s King Louis XIV renounced the Edict of Nantes and persecution of Huguenots returned. Many fled the country. Those Huguenots who remained were under constant threat of persecution and of necessity were forced to conduct their religious services in secret. In order to avoid infiltration by state spies, the Huguenots began using their circular communion token coin, known as a *méreau*, to prove allegiance with the Protestant church and gain admission to church services when challenged.^[5]

The World War I connection...^[6] One of the most prevalent stories about the origin of the challenge coin concerns World War I. As the story goes, a wealthy flying squadron lieutenant had solid bronze medallions made up for his American squadron. One pilot placed his medallion in a leather pouch that he wore around his neck.

This pilot was shot down behind enemy lines and captured. To discourage escape attempts, the Germans took all of his identification, but allowed him to keep the leather pouch that he managed to escape, donning civilian clothes to aid in the escape and as no-man’s land to a French outpost.

that he was a saboteur and made ready to execute him. They showed them the only identification he had – the squadron medallion. The captors recognized the squadron insignia and convinced the others to wait long enough to confirm the pilot’s true identity.



When the pilot was finally able to return to his squadron and tell his story, it became a

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tradition that all the squadron members carried their medallion at all times. When “challenged” to show their medallion, if they didn’t have it on them, then they bought the drinks.

The oldest challenge coin in existence... A US Army officer, Colonel William “Buffalo Bill” Quinn, had coins made up for his soldiers who served in the 17th Infantry Regiment between 1950 and 1958. This coin, the oldest challenge known in existence, has the 17th Infantry patch with the dates 1950-1958 on one side, and a picture of a buffalo with the date 1812 (the year the unit was formed) on the other side. This coin has the distinction of being one of the oldest and most valuable challenge coin in circulation. There are very few of them available today, with most thought to be in private collections.^[7]

Vietnam-era challenge coin... A fellow SAR compatriot shared a challenge coin (see the photo) and its backstory with me while doing research for this article. During the Vietnam conflict, soldiers could have a challenge coin handmade by Vietnamese artisans / vendors. The process was to provide the artisan with a coin, typically a US silver dollar. The artisan would eradicate the original coin stamp and restamp the blank coin with an engraved die or stamp designed to show the soldier’s unit.

Challenge coins outside of the military

Over the years, challenge coin production has exploded. It is no longer just in the realm of the military. To list just a few non-military challenge coin applications:

The US Congress has produced them to give to constituents.

US Presidents have given out and received challenge coins since the late 1990s.

Challenge coins have been made and exchanged in every venue from NASCAR to the NFL to Eagle Scouts to the World Series of Poker.



Challenge coins are abundant in the media industry, the business world, and education.

Challenge coins are popular within fraternal organizations, police departments, security, and fire department personnel.

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Virginia Society, SAR Challenge Coins

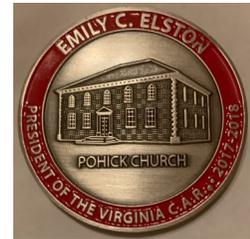
The first exclusive VASSAR President's challenge coin was issued in 2017 by then President Michael J. Elston to celebrate being the 97th President of the Virginia SAR.



Succeeding VASSAR Presidents have followed suit.

The tradition continues today with President R. Bruce Meyer's unique challenge coin as the 102nd Virginia SAR President.

Many coins have been issued within VASSAR over the last several years to celebrate participation in groups (e.g., Color Guard) and events.



What are the basic challenge rules?^{[8][9]}

Anyone can initiate a coin challenge, anywhere, anytime.

The initiator must show their coin first, state specifically who is being challenged, and what the aim of the coin challenge is about (who buys the drinks, for friendly bragging rights, etc.)



If everyone challenged produces a coin, then the challenger pays for the drinks. If anyone who is challenged does not have their challenge coin, then they buy the drinks.

If there needs to be a ranking of the challenge coins, refer to the following guidelines entitled "How are challenge coins ranked?"

Each participant can be challenged only once.

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Note: The formal way to bestow a challenge coin is by passing the coin in the palm of the hand as part of a handshake. Many organizations also rule that challenge coins are disallowed if defaced (as in hole-punched), used as a belt buckle, or key-chain fob.

How are challenge coins ranked?^[10]

Suppose the challenge is issued and everyone pulls a coin? Then you take it to the next level by determining which is the highest-ranking coin. My research revealed several “definitive ranking systems”. Here is a composite that possibly follows acceptable logic for SAR-related activities.

Medal of Honor recipient coins - Some Medal of Honor recipients have challenge coins that they give out. If you have one, your coin trumps them all.

Military School coins - Many military schools (e.g., the US Air Force Academy) award challenge coins to graduates.

Officer coins - First, in SAR, ranking is National, State, then Chapter. The ranking order of incumbent officers would be President highest, followed by other officers in descending order. Incumbent officers outrank past officers. Past officers are ranked in order of senior to newest.

Committee coins - Same logic as above.

Chapter coins - Ranking is based on earliest charter date.

Promotional coins - Coins given to commemorate SAR events.

Self-purchased coins - The SAR store (<https://store.sar.org>) currently has at least five unique challenge coins available for purchase. And if you go to the America 250 Merchandise site (<https://america250sar.org/mall/>), there are four additional challenge coins available for purchase at a special price of \$ 5 plus shipping.

Parties can always agree to an exception. Typical considerations might be that a coin has an exceptional design or that the owner shares an exception backstory about their coin.

So, there you have it... The concept of medallions, challenge coins, commemorative coins, portrait medals has been around a long time, and there are many claims of be-

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ing the “original recipe”. Challenge coins can play a unique role in any organization. But don’t forget that there is a distinction between earning something or receiving something as a special gift, versus just going out and buying your own. In today’s commercial world, vendors are happy to create “collections” for the “collectors”. But having a challenge coin given to you in appreciation or earning one by being part of a unique group makes a challenge coin special to its owner. And besides, the more special the coin, the higher it ranks when challenged to buy the next round of drinks.

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**JUSTINIAN MILLS,
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One year prior to Justinian Mills mustering into the militia, in July 1776, the British Governor of Virginia, Lord Dunmore, had retreated from Williamsburg. He attempted to force his way onto Saint George Island at the mouth of the Saint Mary's River. The Saint Mary's and Calvert County Militias were called to the area to repel Dunmore's landing parties. Justinian Mills and his family would most likely have heard the battle.¹

According to the book "Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War," much of the Maryland Militia was called to serve by 22 August 1777, as the British fleet had made its way through Chesapeake Bay. They landed near Head of Elk, present-day Elkton, Maryland. Along their way to Philadelphia, the Maryland militia harassed British General Howe's formation all the way to Philadelphia. Due to the risk of uprisings, as there was a significant population of Tories along the Chesapeake, many of the Western and Eastern Shore adjacent counties were exempted from marching their militia northward. Instead, they kept the local populace from carousing with or otherwise supporting British Navy light tender craft that foraged for food and water.²

The following October, Queen Anne, Charles, Calvert, Saint Mary's, and Dorchester Counties were to send "...a total of ten militia companies called to relieve units on duty for two months per the Militia Act."³ The Marylanders they were sent to relieve were the militia under the command of Continental Regular officer Brigadier General William Smallwood. They had participated in the Battle of Germantown.⁴

Saint Mary's County Militia Muster Rolls record Justinian Mills had signed into muster in 1777. He likely served in the 'Upper Battalion' of the Saint Mary's Militia under the command of Colonel Jeremiah Jordan. Colonel Jeremiah Jordan was voted to be the commander of the Upper Battalion, 26 August 1777. Justinian Mills was further detailed to a subordinate company command under one of the following Captains: Charles Jordan, John Thomas, John Mills, Edmund Plowden, William Bond, Gerard Bond, Thomas Attaway Reeder, James Roach, or William Kilgour.⁵ Richard Barnes of Saint Mary's County informed Maryland Governor Thomas Johnson, 16 October 1777, that Captain Thomas' Company and Lieutenant John Shanks of Captain Bond's Company provided an advanced stipend to march in relief of the Maryland Militia at Germantown and Valley Forge.⁶

~~Without knowing the company Mills served with in 1777, there are two possible sce-~~

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narios of his Revolutionary War service. The most likely is Mills was called to support the initial defense of the Western and Eastern Shore. Richard Barnes of the Saint Mary's County informed Maryland Governor Thomas Johnson, 15 September 1777, that he had dispatched militia companies to Cedar Point and Point Lookout on the southern tip of Saint Mary's County.⁷ These two points afford surveillance of the Chesapeake Bay and both the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers for British Naval vessels raiding the coastlines.

The alternative undertaking Mills would have ventured was the march to Head of Elk. If he participated in this, his militia company likely participated in the Battle of White Marsh.⁸ By 6 December 1777, the Saint Mary's Militia was organized under Colonel Mordecai Gist to assist the famous Skirmishing Unit of snipers and marksmen from Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rifles.⁹ They pushed back the British front line regulars using "Indian Tactics" fighting from tree-to-tree before reaching a limit of advance and having to withdraw.¹⁰ Being the front line skirmishers without reinforcements, Gist's Maryland Militia and Morgan's Rifles withdrew upon the arrival of Cornwallis' force to their original skirmish lines on Edge Hill.¹¹ British officers of Abercromby's First Light Infantry Battalion that opposed Gist and Morgan on Chestnut Hill along with the infamous British intelligence officer, Major John Andre, expressed admiration for how the Marylanders and Virginians fought that day.¹²

For the remainder of his service to the militia, Mills was called to provide security for Saint Mary's City, Leonardtown, and shorelines along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers.¹³ In either February or March 1778, Justinian Mills along with 1,166 other Saint Mary's men aged 18 years or older subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Maryland.¹⁴ Mills' former Battalion Commander, Colonel Jeremiah Jordan, administered the Oath.¹⁵

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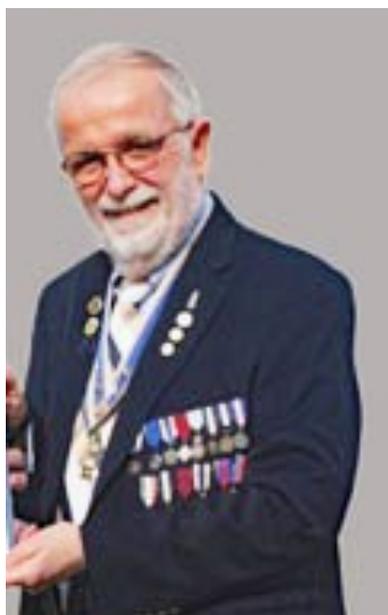
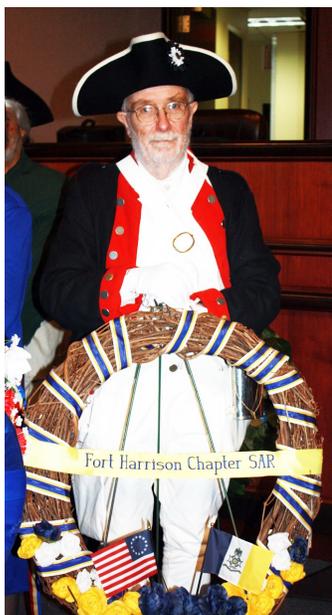
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I am a Virginian, born in Richmond and having attended schools in Henrico County, South Boston, Williamsburg, Charlottesville and Richmond. My father was employed by what was then Virginia Electric and Power Company and was transferred on a number of occasions. The only time I have lived elsewhere was occasioned by my two year service in the U.S. Army when my family and I lived in Hesse in what was then West Germany. I am an avid lover of history and majored in that when I attended the University of Virginia with a major emphasis on Russian and Greco-Roman History. I then attended the Medical College of Virginia and was in the same class as Patch Adams. If you ever saw the movie with Robin Williams, it didn't happen that way. Medical School and Internship, also at MCV, were followed by a Residency in Dermatology at the University of Virginia and then my two year Army Service in West Germany.

I met my wife, Norma, as a "blind date" for a Johnny Mathis Concert at UVA and we were married at Fort Belvoir while I was in Medical School. We have 5 children, several of whom are in the DAR or SAR as are several of our grandchildren. This also includes the Virginia State Society C.A.R. and to which

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Norma and I contribute yearly.

When Norma and I moved to Harrisonburg in 1977, a local physician, the late Dr. Jean Wine, noted my middle name of Newkirk which also was the maiden surname of his mother. As it turned out, we proved to be 8th cousins sharing common ancestry with the Newkirk family (a Dutch family) of Ulster County, New York. Jean was a Compatriot of our Chapter and he provided the stimulus for my research which discovered my Patriot Ancestor, Captain Cornelius Newkirk of the Ulster County, New York Militia. I became a Compatriot in the SAR and our Chapter in early February, 1994.

Over the years, I have been active on a local, state and national level. I have served our Chapter as President, Treasurer, Chaplain, Chairman of the Flag Recognition Program and Chairman of the ROTC-JROTC Cadet Recognition Program. On the state level, I have served as Chairman of the Flag Program and am currently VAS-SAR Surgeon. I have also been honored to serve as a judge for the state Orations Contest. On the national level, I have been recognized for “making the circuit of the Atlantic Middle State Conferences”, having attended them all. I also serve on the NSSAR Medical Committee and an a Vice Chairman of the NSSAR Flag Committee. I have been recognized by NSSAR for attending both the Spring and Fall NSSAR Leadership Conferences for over 5 consecutive years with the Gold Roger Sherman Medal. I have served on the Committee of the Knight-Patty Fund of VAS-SAR since 2013 and as Chairman since September, 2016. I have been a General in the 1st Virginia Regiment, VASSAR since 2014 and first contributed to one of its Funds actually before the 1st Virginia was created. I was awarded the VA Society Medal in 2006, VASSAR Presidential Award in 2007, Silver Good Citizenship Medal (VASSAR and Chapter) in 2008), Madison Medal (VASSAR Service Medal) in 2009, Distinguished Service Award (VASSAR) 2011, Lamp Lighter AWAR from NSSAR in September, 2012 for support of the Center for Advancing American Heritage at the NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, in 2013 the Thomas Jefferson Medal from NSSAR for support of the Knight Essay Contest in , in 2014 the Joseph Warren

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JUNIOR COLOR GUARD WORKSHOPS

The Sgt Maj John Champe and Col James Wood II Chapters are working together to hold workshops for Junior SAR members and C.A.R. members who may go on to form Junior Color Guards for their Chapters or Societies when they are trained.

Objectives:

The long-term objective of this effort is to provide an active and meaningful opportunity for junior SAR members and C.A.R. members who are not otherwise exposed to the workings of Color Guard on how to manage flags and muskets. Although the SAR encourages males of all ages to join SAR, little if anything, is done in SAR chapters to actively involve youngsters under age 18 in SAR activities. Junior SAR members and C.A.R. members use non-functional toy muskets for training.

In the C.A.R., Societies seldom have flags, let alone flags of the United States or the Flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia. C.A.R. Society meeting protocol requires executing the Pledge of Allegiance which is typically done with a small, table top U.S. Flag. As part of SAR sponsorship of the Societies, an objective is to have SAR chapters purchase and donate to sponsored C.A.R. Societies a set of flags (United States, Commonwealth of Virginia, Society) and both indoor and outdoor flag stands/stakes.

The objective of the Junior Color Guard project is to train young men, and C.A.R. young men and women, in the process of presenting colors, carrying a musket and giving honors when presenting a wreath. By doing so it is our goal to have junior members of SAR, and male members of C.A.R, transition to SAR Color Guard when of age, and for C.A.R. young women to carry their experience working with flags with them when they move from C.A.R. to DAR.

The SMJC and CJW-II chapters have held two Junior Color Guard Workshops and have scheduled a third.

The First workshop was held on 25 June with three young men: Derek and Alex Sfaelos (age 17 & 15.5 resp) and McPhearson Stassberg (16). Derek and Alex are new members of the Reverend John Marks Society CAR and McPhearson is an applicant to the same Society. McPhearson plays bagpipes and appears eager to play in future Patriot grave markings.

Training took approximately 2 hours and included:

Listen to overall safety brief by CIW-II members. This included

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Hot weather protocol

General handling of weapons, i.e. keeping the muzzle clear of people at all times

Every musket considered loaded at all times

Flash guard and frizzen cover/hammer stall in place

Caution with fingers around sharp flints

Secure and Search firelock

Everyone responsible for safety

Observation of musket safety and operations conducted by CJW-II and SMJC members

Musket safety checks

Musket fire process: prime-load-fire sequence

Post-fire safety checks

Brief and practice flag protocol and handling

Honoring the U.S. Flag re: higher than all other flags, always to the flag's right, eagle to front, star field to flag's right, never touch the ground

Carriage of flags while marching

Practice marching and executing facing movements: keeping in step, start on left foot, left and right face, about face, mark-time march

Presenting flags – U.S. flag never dips

Posting flags

Musket handling and practice (non-operational or toy muskets)



Cartridge making. L-R Barry Schwoerer (SMJC)
McPherson Strasburg, Sfaelos brothers



Presenting Colors. L-R Dale Corey
(CJWII), Derek Sfaelos, McPherson
Strasburg, Alex Sfaelos, Barry Schwoerer

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Marching with Flags



Carrying muskets (toys). L-R: McPhearson Strassburg, Derek Sfaelos, Alex Sfaelos, Barry Schwoerer (SMJC)

Safety applies to toy/non-operational muskets, always keep muzzle in safe direction

Order Arms, Shoulder/Carry Firelock, Present Arms, Marching with musket

Construction of Rev War paper cartridges using inert materials. This was a hands-on event where the trainees rolled cartridges, filled them with crystal sugar and used a wooden bead as a musket ball. Each participant was given opportunity to take a cartridge they made with them at the end of the session.

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The second workshop was held in conjunction with Clark County Colonial Kids Day on 9 July 2022 at Burwell-Morgan Mill in Millwood, VA. Four young men, all Powers brothers, attended while their father, Steven, observed. They were: Christian, Erik, Otto, and Henry Powers (oldest to youngest). Christian Powers has some experience from when he carried the SMJC Chapter flag for presentation of Colors for the 23 APR 2022 Commemoration of Sgt Maj John Champe. Christian has a tricorn hat and colonial shirt, Erik has a tricorn hat. The event was held on the second floor of the mill due to constant rainfall. In addition to the Powers brothers, several non-SAR and non-C.A.R. youngsters briefly participated in Color Guard training activity.

The training session spanned approximately 2.5 hours and included:

Handling and Display of Flags

- Instruction on how to fold the U.S. Flag with emphasis on not allowing the flag to touch the ground

Flag Protocol and display

- How to present, post and retrieve colors, including marching commands and movements.

- Safety considerations (overhead obstructions, navigating through doors and around obstructions)

Construction of Rev War paper cartridges using inert materials (crystal sugar for powder, wood beads for bullets). Note: the youngsters enjoyed this activity and spent a great deal of time perfecting their products.

Marching as part of a Color Guard

- Facing movements: Left, right, about and column movements

- Have a Care, Attention, at-ease

- Mark time

- “March” command and keeping in step with the person in front

- “Halt”

Musket handling (toys)

- Safety applies to non-functional muskets

 - Keep muzzle pointed in safe direction

 - Safety checks to become familiar with the process

- Musket commands: Order arms, Carry Firelock

- Present arms

- Marching with a musket

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A **third junior Color Guard workshop** is scheduled for 20 August at the VFW Post 1177 in Leesburg. It will be held in conjunction with a Color Guard workshop for regular SAR members and will be immediately before the 1:00pm Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter meeting. If three or more junior members participate they will be asked to present Colors for the SMJC Chapter meeting.



Cartridge making. L-R. Barry Schwoerer, Otto, Christian Erik Powers Folding the flag: L-R: Christian Powers, Chip Daniels (CJW-II), Erik Powers (hat), Otto & Henry Powers (Lt Blue)



Culmination of training-presenting colors with musket honor guard

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Dr. Henry P. (Phil) Williams, III

REVIEWS "To The End of the World - Nathanael Greene, Charles Cornwallis, and the Race to the Dan. " BY Andrew Waters

Subject: Crossing article for the Fall 2022 VASSAR Bulletin

Critic's Corner - The newest and perhaps most informative book yet on the subject of the last two years of the Southern Campaign leading to the Crossing of the Dan mid-February of 1781 was published in 2020. The book is called, To The End of the World - Nathanael Greene, Charles Cornwallis, and the Race to the Dan. It is written by amateur historian, Andrew Waters. It is no amateurish work. The research is both wide and deep. What makes the author's insight so compelling is to some extent the byproduct of his profession as a conservationist and hydrologist. As he says at the beginning of the Introduction, "*Rivers are my business.*" He goes on to observe that, Rivers were also Nathanael Greene's business as he carefully plotted the complexities of the topography and riparian aspects of the Carolinas to his advantage, dividing and exhausting Cornwallis's troops, supplies, and patience, his goal.

The book is a great read and shed's critical light on the strategy and tactics employed by the primary antagonists in this ferocious drama, Generals Cornwallis and Greene. The book also shares balanced insights into the strengths and weaknesses of the primary lieutenants in this bloody contest, including O'Hara, Webster, Rawdon, and Tarleton on one side, and Morgan, Pickens, Wm Washington, Howard, Davidson, Henry Lee, and Williams on the other. With maps topographically descriptive writing, the reader is carried from Kings Mountain, to Cowpens, to Ramsour's Mill and Cowan's Ford, crossing the Broad, Yadkin, Catawba, and Pee Dee Rivers. Water's hones in on the crux of the contest noting,

"In this dark moment Greene turned partisan tactics into a game of chess, positioning his pieces across the Carolinas not as a coherent offensive strategy but in an effort to disrupt the strategies of Cornwallis. And Cornwallis came to understand it was a game in which he was overmatched and destined to lose."

The author goes on to say,

"Cornwallis was no Caesar.... Yet in destroying his army's baggage, beginning with his own, he reaffirmed his resolve with a dramatic, fiery flourish of which Caesar would have approved. There

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as his baggage burned we can only wonder, where his army was headed there could be no doubt – forward, pursuing its prey across North Carolina at all costs.”

Greene would not be trapped at the Dan, though Tarleton’s Advance Guard was but a few hours behind the Patriots when **the** Rebel soldiers crossed, starved, cold, many with bloody feet, successfully escaping. It would be less than a month before reinforcements would arrive, the southern army fed, re-kitted, and restored, would take the fight to the British at Guilford Court and bloody the British into their own retreat, into Virginia, where their fate would be sealed at Yorktown.

Given that the VASSAR Annual meeting for 2023 is set to overlap the annual Crossing of the Dan ceremonies in South Boston, Halifax County next year, this book is the perfect read to take us back to those harrowing days and moments, when the fate of the Patriot Cause once again, hung in the balance.

Dr. Henry P. (Phil) Williams III

Past Thomas Jefferson Chapter and VASSAR President



CROSSING OF THE DAN REENACTMENT

Virginia Sons of the American Revolution

2022 Semi-Annual Meeting

September 16-18, 2022



Virginia SAR President R. Bruce Meyer with the Williamsburg & Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapters invite members of the Sons of the American Revolution and their guests to attend the 2022 Semi-Annual Meeting at The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA. Federal, state and/or local Covid guidelines/mandates which are in effect at the time of our meeting will be adhered to.

We are executing this meeting with another approach than in years past by spending two evenings (Friday and Saturday) to accommodate our partnership with the Virginia C.A.R. with events in Yorktown, VA, followed by exciting activities and entertainment back at The Woodlands Saturday evening with our very own Nansemond Indian Patriots Chapter Ceremonial Dance Team and 18th Century Williamsburg Heritage Dance Company during our dinner. We are asking all to arrive at The Woodlands on Friday afternoon to register and while the men take part in early workshops, our ladies and guests may visit the surrounding area such as Colonial Williamsburg/ Merchant Square with free, full weekend Visitor's Passes (a 3-day, \$141.00 value) and shuttle service as part of our hotel accommodations. We will enjoy a dinner buffet in the evening with a cash bar and national recognitions for our state and chapters from Congress held last month. This will be followed by President Meyer's reception before we settle in for a good night's rest for Saturday's big day.

Early Saturday morning we will celebrate Constitution Day with a charter bus (or personal vehicle) trip to the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center where we will co-dedicate a plaque with the Virginia C.A.R. for the Center's new A/V tower and orien-

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tation film for their theatre we have funded. We will plan to watch a short demonstration of the Fifes and Drums at the Yorktown Victory Monument adjacent to the Center and take a picture of all of our Semi-Annual participants. We will then take our charter bus to the American Revolution Museum where we will enjoy our box lunches and a short presentation by our guest speaker, Professor Brad Jacob of Regent University, on the Constitution.

Upon our return to The Woodlands, shuttle service for our ladies and guests to the surrounding area in case anything was missed on Friday will be available again while the men conduct their business meeting. A social gathering with cash bar is followed by a plated dinner culminating in the much-anticipated dance entertainment. We end our Semi-Annual Meeting with goodbyes that evening to head home Sunday morning.

Room reservations are available now, at the discounted conference rate of \$149 per night, using the following invite: <https://book.passkey.com/go/605c156f> or The Woodlands Resort group reservations office phone number at (800) 261-9530 and are good through August 30, 2022. Compatriots and guests are highly encouraged to book your two nights soonest to take advantage of the complementary Colonial Williamsburg passes. This Special room rate is good from Thursday, September 15 through Sunday, September 18 so plan to come early and/or stay late taking advantage of the included free passes for each guest to the beautiful and historic Colonial Williamsburg area as part of our Semi-Annual Meeting package

Meeting registration form and other information will be forthcoming!

During lunch Saturday afternoon at the Yorktown Museum. The speaker will be - Associate Dean Brad Jacob of Regent University School of Law . His subject will be "What Are We Supposed To Do With a Written Constitution?"

His Bio follows

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-ASSOCIATE DEAN BRAD JACOB

Professor Brad Jacob is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and has been a professor at Regent University School of Law since 2001. His teaching expertise includes Constitutional Law, Foundations of Law, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, and Nonprofit Tax-Exempt Organizations, among other courses. He is also Regent Law School’s Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

Before coming to Regent, Professor Brad served:

- as a Staff Attorney in the Center for Law & Religious Freedom (1988-91);
- as Executive Director/CEO of the Christian Legal Society (1991-93);
- as Associate Dean of the proposed School of Law at Geneva College (1993-98);
- as founding Provost and Dean of Patrick Henry College (1998-2000); and
- as Director of the Justice Fellowship Policy Institute at Prison Fellowship Ministries (2000-01).

He is the author of a number of scholarly articles, including:

- Free Exercise in the “Lobbying Nineties”* (Nebraska Law Review 2006)
- Back to Basics: Constitutional Meaning and “Tradition”* (Texas Tech Law Review 2007)
- Will the Real Constitutional Originalist Please Stand Up?* (Creighton Law Review 2007)
- Griswold and the Defense of Traditional Marriage* (N. Dakota Law Review 2007)
- The Bible and the Constitution* (Trinity Law Review 2011)