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*History will judge us  
By the difference  
We make in the everyday lives  
Of children*

*Nelson Mandela*



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## **National Society of the Children of the American Revolution**

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R.) is the nation's oldest, largest, patriotic youth organization and offers membership to anyone under the age of twenty two, lineally descended from someone who rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States. N.S.C.A.R. activities focus on patriotism, service, and education about our American heritage.

### **Membership Eligibility**

"Any boy or girl under the age of twenty-two is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution who is lineally descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States, provided that the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Article III, N.S.C.A.R. Bylaws)

Joining C.A.R. requires an application to document bloodline descent from a documented Patriot



*A close up picture of the N.S.C.A.R. Insignia worn by Members and Senior Leaders (Left) and the printed Insignia graphics (Color and Black & White)*

meeting the above criteria. Local Society membership is the encouraged way to be involved with C.A.R. This means possibly registering young relatives where they live instead of in a society close to you. There is a Society Lookup available on [www.nscar.org/join](http://www.nscar.org/join)

SAR dual membership is a special opportunity for young men. If applying to SAR from active C.A.R. membership (on the same ancestor), the application fee is waived with a "Certificate Attesting Membership" from the C.A.R National Headquarters.

## Things to Know: Graphics and Punctuation

**Written and Spoken Acronym:** C.A.R. is written with periods and in the spoken word, each letter is stated (“C” “A” “R”). The Virginia Society, C.A.R. is styled as “V.S.C.A.R.” Similar to SAR State Societies and local Chapters, C.A.R. has state and local “societies.”

### **Graphics:**

Per C.A.R. Guidelines, the C.A.R. Insignia and Logo have specific uses. The C.A.R. Insignia requires official purposes such as conference programs and grave markers, where the Logo can be used in more casual and branding settings. If the Insignia is used for a program, it is supposed to be at the top left or top center of the printed page. Since this is the same placement requirement as the DAR Insignia, we strongly suggest using the DAR and C.A.R. Logos if you are using a combination of graphics for a program.

The N.S.C.A.R. Logo must retain the tagline at the bottom of the graphic unless authorized by the N.S.C.A.R. Senior National Board of Management.





### *HISTORY of N.S.C.A.R.*

*(reprinted from [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org))*



#### **Founding of the National Society**

Harriett M. Lothrop (1844–1924), NSDAR member and well-known author, founded the N.S.C.A.R. in 1895 to instill patriotic values in the youth of America. During the 1895 NSDAR Continental Congress Mrs. Lothrop delivered a moving speech to its members urging them to join her in helping create a patriotic organization for their children. Mrs. Lothrop's vision was well received, and the Children of the American Revolution was founded on April 5, 1895. Below, you will find excerpts of her speech to the Daughters.

"I think you will agree with me that the hope of this country is with her youth. All of us now convened in a few years will pass from the scene; those to follow us will be the ones who are now in their formative state under our guidance. Into their hands will be laid the important trusts, the weighty responsibilities, the affairs of government, the whole executive and moral forces that make or mar the country. Tremendous



## ***HISTORY CONTINUED***

dous questions of moral, civil, and religious nature are to arise in the not distant future. Already some of them are overwhelming us. Face to face we as a nation are to be brought to issues, vital not alone in this country, but the whole world. America as a nation is yet in her infancy. It doth not yet appear what she is to become among the nations of earth. Certainly no one who reads the signs of the times can doubt that God has designed a mighty work to be achieved by her. Into her vast territories have been and are now pouring millions who "seek the home of the free." Evangelizing America means evangelizing the world. American institutions and principles means evangelization. Civil and religious liberty, built on the eternal principles of truth, honesty, and tolerance, means a God-fearing and God-loving nation."

"What a tremendous thought that some of our boys and girls may be growing up in our very midst with no adequate idea of what it is to be an American youth, claiming a heritage of these American principles. Can we as American women rest a moment while the impressible period is swiftly passing on with them?...."

"I would also advise most strongly the forming of historical societies, especially for young people, who should have their own society of this kind adapted to their age...."

"I would even say that the time is propitious for us convening here to form a young people's society to be called Children of the American Revolution...."



# 2023-2024 State Theme & State Project

## **2023-2024 State Theme: “France: America’s First Wingman”**

The French played a critical role in the American Revolution, offering their military support starting in 1778 and culminating in the Victory at Yorktown. Figures like the Comte de Rochambeau, Marquis de Lafayette, and the Comte de Grasse fought side-by-side with American patriots. French and American troops marched together on what is now known as the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, which stretches 670 miles from Rhode Island to Yorktown, Virginia. Today, this historic road runs through forests, along modern highways, and even through private property.

A key French patriot was the Marquis de Lafayette — only 19 years old at the time he joined the American Revolution. Fifty years later, as the last surviving major general of the Revolutionary War, Lafayette returned and toured all of the 24 states in the United States from July 1824 to September 1825. He was received with a hero's welcome, and many honors and monuments were presented to commemorate and memorialize the visit.

**2023-2024 State Project: A partnership with the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association (W3R) and the American Friends of Lafayette (AFL).** The first \$2000 raised will fund education banners about Lafayette in advance of the 2024 Bicentennial of his tour. Additional funds will fund a documentary about the historic Route, to be viewed in Virginia schools and beyond. Our fundraising goal is \$20,000.



2023-2024 VIRGINIA C.A.R  
FRANCE: AMERICA'S FIRST WINGMAN  
PROJECT PATRON FORM

This year, the Virginia Society of the Children of the American Revolution is commemorating the key role of France in the American Revolution, especially in Virginia. Without the French forces, the American story would be very different. Two historic parts of this friendship: the 680-mile Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, which starts in Rhode Island and ends in Yorktown; and, the 1824-25 Farewell Tour of the Marquis de Lafayette, 50 years after independence.

Our partners are the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association (W3R) and the American Friends of Lafayette (AFL). The first \$2000 raised will fund education banners about Lafayette in advance of the 2024 Bicentennial of his tour. Additional funds will fund a documentary about the historic Route, to be viewed in Virginia schools and beyond. **Our fundraising goal is \$20,000.** All donors will be recognized — and their organizations credited — for their contributions at the levels below. *Merci pour votre soutien généreux!*

\$1000 Maréchal de France  
\$500 Amiral  
\$250 Général de brigade  
\$100 Colonel  
\$50 Capitaine  
\$25 Lieutenant

Donor Name (or Anonymous): \_\_\_\_\_

Group to Credit (VSCAR Society, DAR, SAR or other): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make all project donation checks payable to V.S.C.A.R., Inc.*  
Mail form and checks to: Julie Stufft, 1005 Kennedy Street, Falls Church, VA 22046

E-mail: [tjstufft@me.com](mailto:tjstufft@me.com)

**2023-2024 VIRGINIA C.A.R.  
FRANCE: AMERICA'S FIRST WINGMAN  
MERCH ORDER FORM**

Wingman Pin \$20

Qty \_\_\_\_\_



Wingman T-shirt \$15

Available in sizes YS/YM/YL and

Adult S/M/L/XL

Qty \_\_\_\_\_



VSCAR Fighter Pilot

Sunglasses \$5

Standard Size

Qty \_\_\_\_\_



**\*Please include \$7 shipping cost. Shipping free for orders over \$100**

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**1005 Kennedy Street**  
**Falls Church, VA 22046**



**Mach 10 Flight Speed:**  
*Send form to [tjstufft@me.com](mailto:tjstufft@me.com)*  
**Venmo to @Julie-Stufft**  
**(Include name in note)**



## State President Thank You:

From V.S.C.A.R. State President Nora Stuftt:



We are grateful to VASSAR for your support of our 2023-24 VSC.A.R. State Project, *France: America's First Wingman*. We appreciate the many common events on which we work together through the year at the State and Local levels. Virginia C.A.R. members love to interact with you — please make a point to support your local societies this year through donations, attending C.A.R. events, and inviting us to join your events. Virginia C.A.R. is the next generation of patriotic leaders!



## VIRGINIA C.A.R. SOCIETIES AND LOCATIONS

<b>Society</b>	<b>Base City</b>	<b>State</b>
Abingdon Muster Grounds	Abingdon	VA
Ann McCarty Ramsay	Alexandria	VA
Ashby's Gap	Warrenton	VA
Battersea	Petersburg	VA
Battle of the Barges	Eastville	VA
Cavalier	Virginia Beach	VA
Colonel Alexander Spotswood	Richmond	VA
Colonel William Grayson	Manassas	VA
Dorothea Spotswood Henry	Danville	VA
Fort Chiswell	Wytheville	VA
Freedom Hill	McLean	VA
George Wythe	Williamsburg	VA
John Carroll	Galax	VA
Lawrence Augustine Washington	Winchester	VA
Light Horse Harry Lee	Woodbridge	VA
Menokin	Tappahannock	VA
Mill Mountain-Valley of Virginia	Roanoke	VA
Moore House	Yorktown	VA
Old Cannon Ball	Virginia Beach	VA
Peter Jefferson	Charlottesville/Albemarle	VA
Providence	Fairfax	VA
Reverend John Marks	Loudoun County	VA
Seven Hills	Lynchburg	VA
Shenandoah	Front Royal	VA
Surgeon Lawrence Brooke	Fredericksburg	VA
Virginia Frontier	Scott County	VA
Washington-Lee	Arlington	VA
William Byrd	Richmond	VA

## *MESSAGE FROM DARRIN SCHMIDT*

### *NSSAR -C.A.R. LIAISON*

Fellow VASSAR Compatriots,

In 2002, I stepped into a Virginia C.A.R. State Conference knowing little more than I was an extra set of hands for my (then) girlfriend's State Conference. What I found was a group of young people that encouraged and supported each other, having fun and making friends from across the state.



In the ensuing twenty years, I learned that C.A.R. activities are specially curated to encourage interactions, develop leadership skills, and teach members about history while having FUN. That curation comes from members and seniors working together to find out what the members want to learn - - and then working toward that goal together. C.A.R. members learn many skills from a young age: public speaking, meeting management, presentations, photography/public relations, and even networking.

When a C.A.R. member joins the SAR ranks by application (either as a dual member during his C.A.R. membership or after he "ages out" of C.A.R.), SAR needs to serve these new members by welcoming them with open arms and putting them to work! Committee chairmanships are a great start – even for those who are not local (e.g., pursuing higher education or working out of town). There are many engaging activities that can be done remotely – and put their C.A.R. leadership experience to great use! Let's welcome them as contributing members and to support your future Compatriot leaders. A great example is to have your dual members or recently aged out alumni provide a "C.A.R. Minute" update during

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your chapter meetings. Learn about the project, and hopefully invite the State President to talk about his or her state project. (A generous donation also helps the fellowship!)

A message about C.A.R. is not complete without an invitation for every compatriot to support the next generation of compatriots and citizen leaders. Please offer a hand to your local Senior Society President. If there is not a society near you, let's talk. Maybe the answer is helping out on the State, Region, or National level if your area cannot sustain a local society.

I look forward to seeing you at a C.A.R. event soon!

In Service,  
Darrin M. Schmidt



L to R Pat Kelly, Darrin Schmidt, C.A.R. President Mackie Storage, Paul Chase, Ken Wallenborn.

**MESSAGE FROM  
LAWRENCE MCKINLEY  
VASSAR – C.A.R. LIAISON**

**Training Tomorrow's Leaders in Virginia**  
Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution  
(V.S.C.A.R.)'s SAR Liaison Committee

The VASSAR SAR-C.A.R. Liaison Committee has existed for many years as a single member committee. We look forward to building a State C.A.R. Liaison Committee that will establish C.A.R. points of contact in most SAR Chapters in the State of Virginia. The activities of this committee and the Virginia SAR members may change after the initial build. We will include the C.A.R. State President's project and assist in a fund-raising schedule to increase contact between the President and SAR Chapters.

**GOALS:**

- Each VASSAR Chapter needs a C.A.R. Liaison who will be responsible for all things C.A.R. for the Chapter. These children are our future leaders and we need to nurture them properly. Invite the State President and invite him or her to provide information on the V.S.C.A.R. State Project.
- We know not all chapters have available C.A.R. Societies. We'll aim for 70% participation (21 of 30 chapters) first.
- Create a budget line in your Chapter Budget called "Support of the C.A.R. State President's Project." Starting suggestion is \$250, but any amount is appreciated! Many Chapters "pass the hat" or buy project pins which increases the contribution.
- Have the local C.A.R. Society provide National Program and Project overview.
- Have the Chapter C.A.R. Liaison brainstorm ideas with the State C.A.R. Liaison to involve C.A.R. age-appropriate activities such as access to SAR youth contests, and programs such as Flag and Patriot Chests.

**MESSAGE FROM  
LAWRENCE MCKINLEY  
VASSAR – C.A.R. LIAISON**

Why should my SAR Chapter work with the C.A.R.? Here are some talking points:

- Supporting/Sponsoring C.A.R. earns credit on the SAR Americanism Report
- SAR receives young members who are trained and able to lead
- Priceless time spent with children and grandchildren who actively participate
- We can build character... which looks like:
  - ◊ Honesty, compassion, self-discipline, good judgment respect for others
  - ◊ Courage, Responsible Citizenship and Patriotism
  - ◊ A “How can I be of service” attitude
  - ◊ Setting high standards and clear expectations

We, The SAR Liaison Committee appreciate the opportunity the *SAR Bulletin* has given to SAR/C.A.R. Relations. Our initial objectives are below and will be followed in subsequent editions of the Bulletin numbers of Chapters and C.A.R. Societies placed in Liaison with each other.

**Objectives and Activities**

**Establish and maintain** a communications avenue with the Member and Senior Society President, Member and Senior State Board and VASSAR.

**Communicate the Themes and Project** of the State and National Presidents’ Projects and Programs to VASSAR members and ensure the State follows through on its mone-

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tary commitments. This Committee provides input to the National Liaison Committee in support of their financial commitments and total program support for both the State and National Programs/Projects. The Committee will be built by August 1<sup>st</sup>, and will start with semi-annual meetings to adjust priorities if necessary.

**The SAR-C.A.R. State Liaison will stimulate educational programs** such as our Flag Program, Culture Chest of Colonial Living, Constitution Day program, and encourage participation in age-appropriate programs to all Chapters and linked C.A.R. Societies to present and opportunity for C.A.R. members to participate in SAR youth contests. Additional recognitions for participation, such as C.A.R. Medals of Appreciation, Color Guard, and Patriot Grave Marking Medals are available for presentation to C.A.R. Members.

- ◇ **Establish a Chapter SAR Liaison with 70%, 21 Chapters**, in Virginia by Mid-Year.
- ◇ **Establish a Member Clicks Chapter Liaison Group contact list**. Chapters, please provide contact info (name, address, email, and telephone number) of a Chapter Liaison and (if applicable) the name of the local C.A.R. society (or societies) you currently support. The Chapter Liaison will be the POC in Member Clicks for interactions with the local C.A.R. Societies and the State Liaison will be the backup for the Local Liaison.
- ◇ **Establish communication and planning strategy** with respect to local C.A.R. Societies for fundraising and activity support, including the President's Project and

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programs.

- ◇ **Encourage dual membership** for C.A.R. members who are eligible for SAR.
- ◇ **Establish a SAR/DAR/C.A.R. state committee** connection to transfer ideas, new programs/projects through member clicks to the local Chapters and local Societies.



*Larry McKinley and Many of the Members  
He's Mentored over the years*



2022-2023 Virginia C.A.R. State President Ann-Cabrie Forsythe and State President will Elston present a check to the National Park Service at the Virginia semi-annual meeting. Virginia President Bruce Meyer on the right. Mr. Elston's theme was "Patriots of the Round Table."

C.A.R. State Projects turn over with administration changes in April at the C.A.R. National Convention. VASSAR Compatriot Will Elston of the George Washington Chapter is completing his tour as the Virginia C.A.R. State President. His 2022-2023 State Project was to build a partnership with the National Park Service's Colonial National Historic Park to present a new introductory film on-line and at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center and to support the Historic Weapons Demonstration Program at the Yorktown Battlefield.





Just as the legendary King Arthur's Camelot depended on the support of the famous and not-so-famous knights of the Round Table, the success of the American Revolution depended on thousands of lesser-known Patriots who supported and served alongside famous generals like Washington, Lafayette, or Nelson. Their support led to the Victory at Yorktown. After Yorktown, the last major battle of the American Revolution, the British government was demoralized and no longer had sufficient public support to continue the war, and peace negotiations began between Great Britain and the United States. Thus the Victory of Yorktown fulfilled the promise of the Declaration of Independence, and the new nation's actual independence began. This year, the Virginia C.A.R. will celebrate some of the lesser-known Patriots without whom the victory at Yorktown would not have been possible. Each month, a new "Patriot of the Round Table" will be revealed and take his or her seat at the Virginia C.A.R. Round Table. Local Societies are encouraged to use the information about the Patriot revealed each month at meetings that occur during that Patriot's month.

## C.A.R.: Training Good Citizens & Developing Leaders

What do you know about C.A.R.? I don't mean the 125+ years of organization history, but have you heard about what C.A.R. is doing today in communities across the country? C.A.R. Members actively participate in service projects, educational activities, and patriotic programs. The annual programs are developed BY members FOR members with senior leader mentoring at all levels of the organization.

Last Spring, we held a webinar with (now Honorary) National President Liza Fridemaker, Senior National President Lori Walters, several National Officers, and many members of the SAR-C.A.R. Liaison committee. This summer, current National President Jacob Shadinger presented his project and his hopes for closer ties with the SAR Congress attendees in Renton, WA. On a national level, SAR "gets it" and hears the C.A.R.'s request for senior leadership assistance.

At a state level, I receive many C.A.R. Activity Reports that demonstrate strong coordination of activities between SAR Chapters and C.A.R. Societies. For most states, greetings are exchanged at state conference banquets and (very appreciated) financial support is given to C.A.R. State projects. I appreciate seeing these formal exchanges, but there's so much more value in leading by example. State Presidents, please consider engaging C.A.R. members in your state initiatives/projects and color guards.



*State President (C.A.R.) Sarah Cox presents a brick to State President (SAR) Jeff Thomas for his support of her state project*

## C.A.R.: Training Good Citizens & Developing Leaders

The local level is where I see the best engagement between C.A.R. and SAR. Many families attend C.A.R. and SAR and DAR activities together, making this a fantastic way to share ideas between our organizations. Member engagement is one of the best keys to retention - for C.A.R. AND SAR! Use local events to give C.A.R. members a reason to participate, and encourage them to lay a wreath or render honors at a grave marking.

*Don't just take my word for it! SAR members who have worked with C.A.R. members for many years provide the following insights:*

"C.A.R. members are ready for SAR leadership positions. They are good citizens who understand the responsibility of leadership."

"C.A.R. is one of the best training grounds for active professionals. These members know how to run meetings, keep enthusiasm high, and plan successful events."

"You want a great representative for the next generation of SAR? Talk to the young men of the C.A.R. who will be strong SAR leaders in the future!"

# WHAT CAN I DO?

## *How can any SAR Member support the C.A.R.?*

- 1) Enroll your children and grandchildren (and nieces and nephews) in C.A.R! Grandsons can be dual members of C.A.R. and SAR until age 22. There is much benefit in dual membership, since C.A.R. members work regularly with their peers in C.A.R. and can bring that leadership experience into SAR and DAR. If the prospective members are not living near you, we encourage you to enroll them near their home so they can be active members in a local society. If this is not an option, we've learned that many C.A.R. societies hold Zoom meetings, so remote participation may also be possible. Use the "Find A Society" link to locate a local society at [www.nscar.org/join](http://www.nscar.org/join)
- 2) Offer your expertise to C.A.R. Could you share your military career to inspire youth? Do you enjoy teaching? What about sharing your experience with patriot grave markings and helping a C.A.R. society to place a C.A.R. grave marker? C.A.R. is always looking for leadership and logistical support and SAR can provide those in great quantity! If your chapter doesn't sponsor a C.A.R. society, consider offering your assistance at the State or National level.
- 3) Provide financial support. You can support the C.A.R. financially through a one-time or recurring donation, legacy gift, or becoming a Star Supporter of the C.A.R. One-time donations may be provided at [www.nscar.org/donate](http://www.nscar.org/donate). Star Supporter (recurring) donations require a login to National C.A.R. website at [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org). Create an account and then look for "Ways To Give" in the Authorized Users' section.

# WHAT CAN I DO?

4) Get involved. C.A.R. societies are always looking for senior leadership. A new activity that SAR can support is the N.S.C.A.R. Day of Service event. The N.S.C.A.R. Day of Service is an annual event held on/near April 5 to honor the founding of the C.A.R. Contact your C.A.R. State President and Senior State President to ask how you can support this service project or get information to promote coordination with your State Societies and Local Chapters.

5) Chapter Presidents: Invite your local society to chapter meetings at least three times per year so they can update you on activities. Include an option for a Virginia C.A.R. State Officer to attend and provide an update on the State Project and National activities! Have the society members provide "greetings," an update on their latest society meetings or other C.A.R. activities and projects.

"The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution trains good citizens, develops leaders, and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people." Learn more at [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org) or contact the National C.A.R.-SAR Liaison Committee Chair, Darrin Schmidt at [dschmidt.sar@gmail.com](mailto:dschmidt.sar@gmail.com)

# C.A.R. Medals

C.A.R. is training the leaders of tomorrow, leaders that are eligible to become tomorrow's members of the SAR and DAR. SAR can secure its own future by helping to develop strong, well-rounded citizens. You can encourage members of your chapter and state to get involved and support the C.A.R. For those that are already involved with C.A.R., you can honor and recognize their service using one of the SAR-C.A.R. Medals of Appreciation.

## **The SAR-C.A.R. Medals of Appreciation**

It was created to improve camaraderie and support between our organizations. The medal comes in three levels: bronze, silver, and gold. In summary, these medals can be awarded to members and senior members of the C.A.R. as well as to SAR members in recognition of outstanding services rendered to a local, state, or national society of the C.A.R.

***Bronze*** – The bronze medal recognizes C.A.R. members who have significantly aided SAR programs such as grave markings, flag retirements, cemetery cleanups, or any other program that promotes coordination and collaboration between the SAR and C.A.R. In addition, SAR can honor members and C.A.R. senior leaders who have supported or served a local C.A.R. society, as well as SAR members that assist and promote SAR membership for C.A.R. members that qualify for SAR membership. Really, any work with the C.A.R. for the mutual benefit of our organizations qualifies for the bronze level medal. This medal can be given by any State Society or local chapter.

## C.A.R. Medals of Appreciation

*Silver* – The silver medal also recognizes C.A.R. members, C.A.R. senior leaders, and SAR members for liaison or collaborative activities, but like other silver level awards, this medal can only be given by a State Society for efforts that have significantly supported state-level efforts.

*Gold* – The gold medal is reserved by the National Society to recognize those that have promoted collaboration between the SAR and C.A.R. at the national level. If you have someone that you would like to be considered for the Gold SAR-C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation, contact the C.A.R. Liaison Committee chairman about submitting a recommendation.

The medals, pictured below, depict the eagle of the C.A.R. and are available for purchase from SAR National Headquarters.



BRONZE C.A.R. MEDAL  
OF APPRECIATION



SILVER C.A.R. MEDAL OF  
APPRECIATION

## C.A.R. Medals

### **PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING MEDAL**

The SAR recently authorized C.A.R. members (boys and girls) to receive the Patriot Grave Marking medal where the C.A.R. member had a substantive part in planning events or the dedication ceremony? Several members wear this medal with pride in their participation. Don't forget about the Bronze and Silver C.A.R. Medals of appreciation for efforts that warrant recognition with these awards.



### **PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING MEDAL**

## C.A.R. Medals



*SAR State President Peter Davenport presents the C.A.R. SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation to C.A.R. State President Molly McCue*

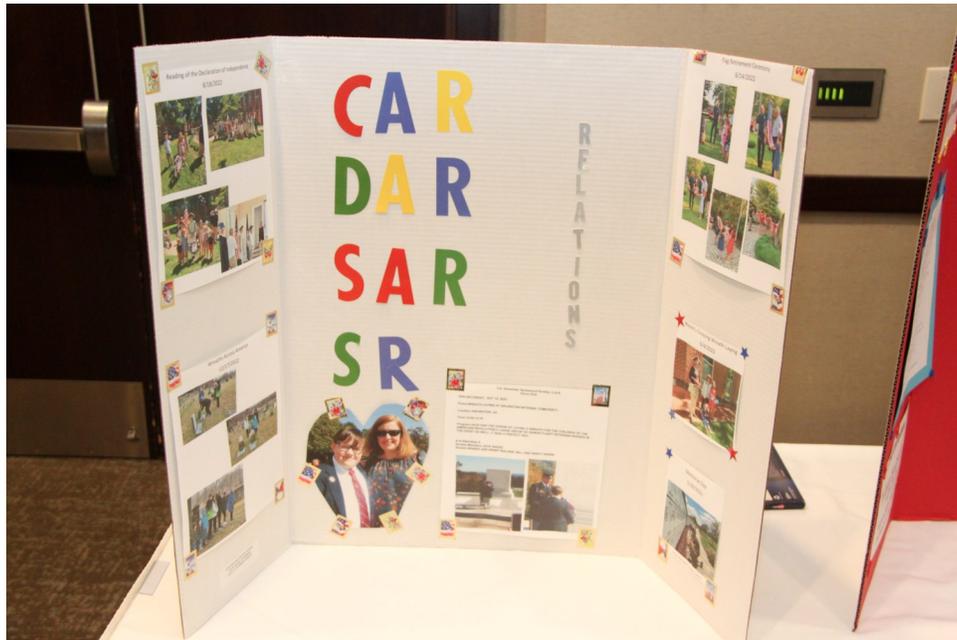


*SAR Compatriot and C.A.R. State President Will Elston Receives the C.A.R. SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation from SAR State President Ernie Coggins*



*State Conference:*

*Make New Friends, But Keep the Old.....*



*Exhibit of C.A.R., DAR, SAR, S.R. Relations Committee at the V.S.C.A.R. State Conference*

Dear SAR Friends,

I just returned from the State Conference of C.A.R. where Will Elston presided as State President. We had a great theme this year, "Patriots of the Round Table," where we learned about many interesting Patriots who aren't so well known.

There were exhibits for many committees, so we know how we can involve our societies in the upcoming C.A.R. year. We had an opening business session, where the highlight was the slideshow of pictures from all the societies' activities this year.

*State Conference:  
Make New Friends, But Keep the Old.....*



*Compatriot Will Elston presides as Virginia C.A.R. State President*

I know the senior leaders had a meeting, but we let them handle business while we had fun at the Candidate's party and social event on Friday night.

After the flag procession and ritual, Saturday morning's business session was more reports and voting. I think it's fun how we let members of any age vote, and we get to choose our leaders for next year. Each of the state officers, committee chairmen, and local society presidents presents a report. Instead of it being an intimidating time to give a speech, everyone is very supportive and applauds you for the efforts.

*State Conference:  
Make New Friends, But Keep the Old.....*



C.A.R. member and SAR Compatriot Lee Guinn with his sister Laura at he 2023 Virginia C.A.R. State Conference



The Grand March is a C.A.R. tradition, and even some seniors joined in on the fun.

## *A SAR CHAPTER HELPING A CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SOCIETY*

**By: Barry Schwoerer, Vice President Sgt Maj John Champe**

On 12 February 2022, the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter (SMJC) Virginia SAR was rechartered to serve primarily Loudoun County. With a National SAR goal to assist and sponsor local Societies of Children of the American Revolution, our chapter began looking for a C.A.R. Society in Loudoun County. On 6 February 2022, the Reverend John Marks Society (RJMS) C.A.R held their initial meeting of senior leaders to revitalize the Society. SMJC and the RJMS C.A.R had revitalization in common.

The RJMS C.A.R serves primarily Loudoun County. Fairfax Resolves Chapter and four local DAR Chapters stepped in to support the society in its first revitalizing year. The chapters offered many invitations and programs to support the RJMS C.A.R. and filled up the C.A.R. calendar with lots of fun activities.

My involvement with C.A.R did not start with RJMS C.A.R. I have four grandchildren living in Northern Virginia. All four became members of the Colonel William Grayson Society (CWGS) C.A.R in 2017. Paula, grandmother of the four grandchildren, made colonial era dresses for three granddaughters and militia attire for Jacob. The grandchildren participated with us in multiple events in Northern Virginia sponsored by multiple SAR and DAR chapters. For example, the granddaughters participated in the commemoration of Patrick Henry at Historic St John's Church in Richmond and in a Greater Manassas Veterans parade.

Jacob's first event was a patriot grave marking in Alexandria in 2017 and he was in the color guard for the CWGS C.A.R marking of the graves of Colonel William Grayson and Chaplain Spence Grayson in Woodbridge, the very first Patriot grave marking with a C.A.R. marker for the CWGS C.A.R.

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Schwoerer Grand-  
daughters at  
Patrick Henry  
Commemoration



**Jacob presenting the CWGS C.A.R Flag at the Grave Marking of Col Wm Grayson and Chaplain Spence Grayson. Jacob in brown militia attire carrying the CWGS C.A.R flag**

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**L to R: Ernie Coggins, Doug Hall, Paul Christensen, Ken Bonner, Judith Shepherd (Elizabeth McIntosh Himmel Chapter, Jacob Schwoerer (Sgt. Maj. John Champe), Nancy Watford (Ketocin Chapter, Regent), Anita Bonner, Dave Cook Kimberly Scot (District VIII), Richard Rankin.**

As the girls grew out of their Colonial dresses they elected to reduce attendance at events, while Jacob continued throughout the period 2017 through 2022. I produced articles and photos after each event to help the CWGS C.A.R. Senior Society President with the society newsletter content. I also made two program presentations to the CWGS C.A.R. Two events were special for our family.

First: On 15 October 2022, SMJC completed nearly one-year coordination with the Seven Hills Society C.A.R in Lynchburg for placement of a C.A.R Patriot marker for Captain Thomas Logwood, Jacob's 7 x great grandfather. The Seven Hills Society reached out to other C.A.R Societies in South Virginia with Seven Hills Society C.A.R. and the William Byrd Society C.A.R participating by presenting wreaths. Thirteen C.A.R. members conducted the ceremony during which they dedicated and unveiled the markers and provided appropriate prayers for the event. SMJC concurrently dedicated a SAR Patriot Marker.

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Second: The Patriot Grave Marking for Ezekiel Potts was held at the Old Potts Cemetery near Hillsboro. Jacob is Ezekiel 6x great grand Nephew and the cemetery was established by David Potts, Jacob's 7x great grandfather. Jacob dedicated a wreath, participated in the Color Guard and removed the shrouds from the marker.

Other recent C.A.R.-SAR events included the Commemoration of Sgt Maj John Champe at his homesite, three Junior Color Guard Workshops, (two co-sponsored by the Col. James Wood II (CJW-II) and SMJC Chapters SAR) and the RJMS C.A.R participated in nine 2022 events sponsored by SMJC or where SMJC participated.

Working together in 2022 paid dividends for end-of-year recognition and awards for both SMJC and the RJMS C.A.R For 2022 RJMS C.A.R won Virginia Society C.A.R "Most Improved Society," won the "Emerson Bowl" for most new members, and was recognized as the #3 Society in Virginia (Awarded the Gold Honor Roll Award). In addition, they won twelve Committee Contest Awards including Best Program/First Place for C.A.R/DAR/ SAR/SR relations. SMJC was selected as 2022 Best Medium Sized Chapter for Virginia SAR and was presented the Chapter Excellence Award for all around performance. SAR selects these awards based on total points accrued in the SAR Americanism Report, part of which is C.A.R and DAR relations.



## Virginia History Day District Six



Military Aviation Museum



The 2023 District 6 was a very strong contest. The district had 116 student, 87 projects, 33 judges and a dozen volunteers from the Virginia SAR, Military Aviation Museum and VFW. All came together March 18<sup>th</sup> for the biggest District 6 contest yet! The Military Aviation Museum's staff was outstanding the Aircraft were just as impressive and wonderful to see up close.

*The contest opened at 9am in the main museum near a model of the Wright flyer. I may be wrong but this year seemed to have more Dads in attendance.*



As student arrived, got checked in and prepare for interviews, the registration desk got busy. Along with the volunteers we are very grateful for the teachers who encourage and supported the students who participated. We are very thankful for Dr. Wendy Scott's continued support of History Day and volunteering to help with registration.

### **A big District Six Thank You to our teachers for their dedication to the students!**

*Andrew Abeyounis of Grafton High School in Yorktown*

*John Jacobson of Bruton High School in Williamsburg*

*Jeremy Masher of Bruton High in Williamsburg*

*LaRoue Kathleen of Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach*

*Rachel Moore of James Blair Middle School in Williamsburg*

*Jennifer Brooks of Lois Hornsby Middle in Williamsburg*

*Rachael Rudis of Lois Hornsby Middle in Williamsburg*

*Wendy Scott of Tidewater Collegiate Academy at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach*

Student-Judge Interviews started at 10:00am, the contest was underway on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for most categories. The exhibits were in the Army Hanger with Aircraft history in every corner.

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*The Army hanger held 59 exhibits, judges started student interviews at 10:00am continuing until 1:30pm. Our district is fortunate to have so many great judges!*

Each project had 10-15-minute interview with their panel of judges. This was an opportunity for the students to share how they created their projects, their research process, and any information that they were not able to include on the project itself.



After the Judging concluded at 1:30pm everyone was invited to view the student's exhibits in the Army hanger and well as the many historic aircraft.

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After completing the interview Students and parents were able to tour the museum thanks to the complimentary admission for tours provided by the Military Aviation Museum, this included tours of the Fighter Factory Hangers! Did I mention how totally awesome the Aviation's Museum people are?



*Student, Siblings and Parent were able to view and learn about the rich history of Military Aviation.*



**Food trucks on the flight line!** Outside on the flight line student and families were able to get some lunch, snacks and cool drinks thanks to the services of the Blackwater BBQ and Pelican Pete food trucks.

In record time and 15 minutes ahead of schedule the result were in and everyone assembled in the Navy Hanger for the presentation of results. After some remarks by the Military Aviation Museum director and District 6 coordinator Bruce Meyer and Virginia History Day director Sam Florer the awards were presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners all will advance to the state contest April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Richmond.

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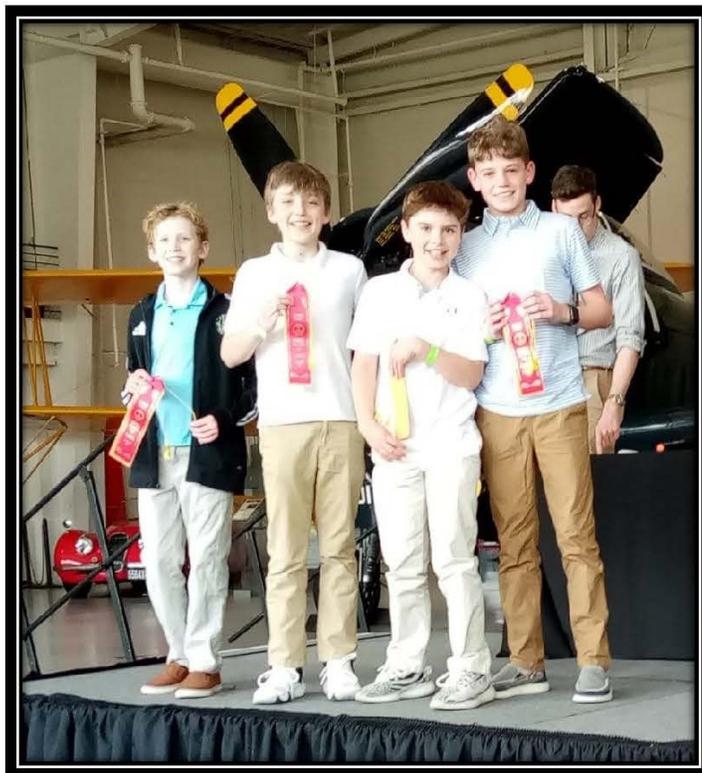
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