



Col. William Grayson Chapter *Sons of the American Revolution* —Newsletter—



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Chapter Member; a Published Author

Haymarket resident, historian, and member of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, **Paul Chase**, recently published a book receiving an excellent review. The book title is **“The American Revolution: A Compendium of Terms and Topics.”** Over many years reading and collecting books on the American Revolution, Paul became frustrated at the lack of a single source to define terms long out of our regular vocabulary. His book compiled those words into an easy to use format.

The book describes pre-War issues, incidences and British Acts leading to unrest in the Colonies. Other problems include regional and individual differences and disputes within the Colonies; the organization, tactics, and issues of American, British and other nations’ military forces; definitions of terms and other topics pertinent to understanding the War; significant battles and campaigns of the Revolution; and much more.

Paul discusses new perspectives such as, how the geology and geography of the Colonies played pivotal roles in the outcome of the War. He shares how his book is a first-time reference source for hundreds of terms used in the literature of the period. Words such as Mushroom Gentlemen (War Profiteers), Spider Catchers (New Jersey Whaleboat Privateers), White Ash Sail (Oars made of White Ash wood), Jockeying (Getting rid of Continental Dollars before they depreciated further, Tristimania, (despair over the War), etc.

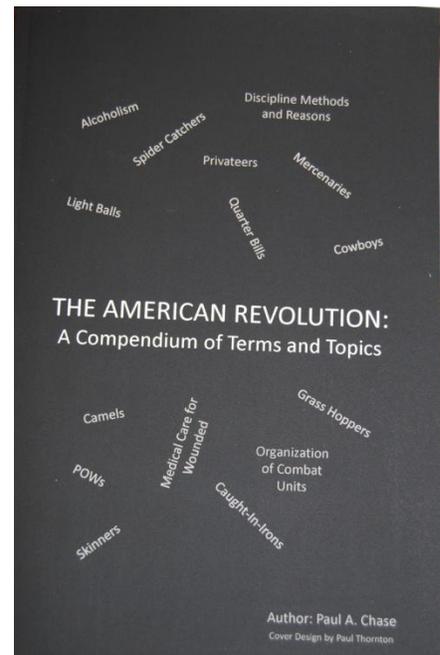
Paul is a retired USAF officer who now spends his time volunteering with several volunteer organizations in Prince William County. With Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) he participates in the SAR Color Guard throughout Virginia and many east coast states. He proudly wears the uniform of his patriot Ancestors who served in the Continental Army. He is frequently found entertaining youngsters while wearing his uniform by telling

them about the Liberty Sprig; a means Revolutionary soldiers used to identify Revolutionaries versus Tories.

The book is available on Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.



Paul Chase
and
his book.



President's Message

As I look back at our many accomplishments in 2017, I am most proud that the Colonel William Grayson Chapter has strengthened its position as a recognized service organization in and around Prince William County. We have continued to mature as envisioned by my predecessors; Gary Howard, Rick Hendrix, Bill Collier, Bill Broadus and Thad Hartman. I extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the chapter officers for their support and good work, and the same to those who readily accepted assignments in our various committees. We celebrated our 10th anniversary of chartering, participated in NSSAR, VASSAR and CWG events and helped Veterans with our support of the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run. I look forward to your continued support as we move through 2018.

T. Michael Taimi

Vice President's Corner

My personal THANK-YOU to all Compatriots who made 2017 a fantastic year. We participated in multiple public events wearing the uniforms of our Patriot Ancestors, partnered with DAR and C.A.R to have their members join us, and we join them. We significantly increased the number of news articles published in local newspapers and electronic media and are now current in publishing our Newsletter, Grayson's Dispatch.

In 2018 we will start placing wreaths or flags on the graves of Revolutionary Patriots in Prince William County, and a few in neighboring counties close to the Prince William County border. Wreaths or flags will be placed for significant commemorations such as Flag Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day.

New Compatriot Bruce Downs is using his mapping skills to locate each Patriot grave on a map and develop specific driving directions for our members traveling to place wreaths or flags. There are forty-four (44) Revolutionary War Patriots buried in our area of operations. Several are interred with other Patriots, such as nine (9) in Historic Dumfries Cemetery. We desire to have members select a few grave sites nearest their homes so we can minimize travel and time. Our objective is to give each person placing a wreath or flag a short biography of what each Patriot did in the Revolutionary War and for the biography to be read aloud before placing the wreath or flag. If you want to participate in this important Patriotic event, please send an email to me at bschwoerer@comcast.net.

Barry Schwoerer

Upcoming Events

13 Jan. 2018: New meeting venue. CWG Chapter meeting at the **City Tavern, 9550 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia.** Registration and meet-and-greet start at 10:30 A.M. and the meeting will be called to order at 11:00 A.M. Lunch is **\$25** (cash or check).

8-10 Feb.: VASSAR Annual Meeting; Richmond, Va.

18 Feb.: Commemoration of the **Crossing of the Dan;** South Boston, Va.

19 Feb.: 1) **11 a. m., Wreath Placement;** at the tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier; Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va.

2) **Noon, Annual George Washington Birthday Parade;** in Old Town, Alexandria, Va. SAR participants will meet at the Division 3 parade assembly point on Pitt Street between Wilkes and Gibbon Streets. The Parade begins at 1 p.m. Please take Public Transportation to the parade.

24 Feb.: Commemoration of the **Leedstown Resolves;** Stratford Hall, Stratford, Va. Time TBD.

3 Mar.: Virginia History Day; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria, Va. **Judges needed.**

10 Mar.: CWG Chapter meeting at the **City Tavern, 9550 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia.** Registration and meet-and-greet start at 10:30 A.M. and the meeting will be called to order at 11:00 A.M. Lunch is **\$25** (cash or check). Meeting details will be sent via email by Chapter Secretary Ken Morris about two weeks before the meeting.

17 Mar.: Patrick Henry Commemoration; 11 a.m. at Historic St. John's Church, 2319 Broad Street, Richmond, Va. \$17 per person box lunch with pre-registration. Re-enactment of Patrick Henry's "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" speech.

8 Apr.: Children of the American Revolution **Mark the graves of Col. William Grayson and Chaplain Spence Grayson** at the Grayson Tomb, Woodbridge, Va. Our chapter is a principal supporter of this ceremony. Please plan to attend this patriotic event.

12 Apr.: Commemoration of the Halifax Resolves; Halifax, N.C.

13 Apr.: Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Commemoration at the Jefferson Memorial, Monticello, Va. Time TBD.

28 Apr.: Commemoration of President James Monroe; 10 a.m. at his birthplace in Chesapeake, Va. And at his tomb in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

5 May: Multi-Chapter Meeting; Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, Va.

Chapter Activities

4 Nov.: Chapter Participates in Greater Manassas Veterans Parade. The Colonel William Grayson Chapter (CWG) of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution participated in the Greater Manassas Veterans Parade in Old Town Manassas. Three members each of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) joined GWG in the parade.

CWG members participating included: Mike Taimi, wearing the uniform of a Continental Sailor; Barry Schwoerer, wearing a militia uniform; Thad Hartman, wearing a militia uniform; Paul Chase, wearing a Continental Army uniform; Dave Button, George Ax, Mike Weyler with grandson Richard Leed, and Kevin Schwoerer.

Delegate and CWG member Richard Anderson joined the parade at mid-point and Chapter member Ken Morris marched with the American Legion.

DAR members included Melyssa Webb-Stratton, Regent of Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter, Paula Schwoerer wearing a Revolutionary-era dress, and Anna Schwoerer. C.A.R. members included sisters Arianna, Sophia, and Gracelynn Schwoerer, wearing Revolutionary War era dresses and hats or bonnets. Mrs. Stratton carried the DAR flag, and Arianna Schwoerer carried the C.A.R. Flag. Junior SAR Member Richard Leed helped carry the Colonel William Grayson Chapter banner and led our group as we marched in the parade.



10 Nov.: Manassas, VA. Dave Button, CWG Flag Chairman, presented a flag certificate for proper display of the U.S. Flag to the Dunbarton Community Association. Dunbarton is part of the Braemar subdivision located in Bristow, Virginia.

11 Nov.: Prince William County patriots remembered. Three CWG Chapter members; Barry, Sean, and Jacob Schwoerer placed American Flags on the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots Veterans Captain Bernard Hooe and Private Henry Dogan. DAR member Paula Schwoerer and DAR Applicant Tammy Schwoerer accompanied the three Chapter members.

Jacob Schwoerer, a junior member of SAR and member of C.A.R, read short summaries of the war service of each Patriot and thanked each Patriot for their service and contributions to winning our Independence.

Captain Bernard Hooe's grave is in the Hooe Family Cemetery located within the boundaries of Manassas National Battlefield. Private Henry Dogan's grave is in a family plot located in Stonewall Memorial Gardens Cemetery adjacent to the Manassas National Battlefield.



Jacob, Sean and Barry Schwoerer at the grave of Capt. Bernard Hooe.



Jacob Schwoerer at the grave of Pvt. Henry Dogan.

11 Nov.: Veteran's Day Commemoration at Gen. George Washington's Tomb. The George Washington Chapter VASSAR and the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter VADAR conducted the annual Veteran's Day commemoration and wreath laying at General Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon at 2:15 pm on November 11. Col John Brigden, USA (Ret) and Cdr. Joseph Famme, USN (Ret) presented the wreath. Kate Waller Barrett VADAR Chapter Regent Kathy Gray and George Washington VASSAR Chapter President Paul Walden gave remarks. George Washington Chapter Vice President Ernest Coggins served as Master of Ceremonies. The VASSAR Color Guard presented the colors, and Fifer Don Francisco provided the musical accompaniment. Despite the cold weather, we had a large turnout from the public. (From the *Virginia Dispatch*).

CWG Chapter Vice President Barry Schwoerer, wearing a Militia uniform, carried the Virginia State Flag as part of the Color Guard.



R-L; Pete Davenport, Barry Schwoerer, and Ernie Coggins.
On far left are Bill Schwetke and Dwight Whitney.

11 Nov.: CWG Chapter supports Manassas WW I veteran commemoration. Seven members of our Chapter attended a commemoration of World War I Veterans held at the Historic Manassas Court House. The Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter (EMHC) of the DAR sponsored the event. CWG Chapter provided flags of the United States and the State of Virginia and participated in the Color Guard for the presentation of the Colors. Chapter Vice President Barry Schwoerer, acting as Color Guard Commander, carried the Virginia State flag.

The program remembered those men who served in WW I who were family members of EMHC members. The names of Prince William County men who made the ultimate sacrifice were read and a moment of silence given for their service.

Chapter members attending were: William “Bill” Broadus, President Mike Taimi, Vice President Barry Schwoerer, Secretary Ken Morris, Dave Button, Sean Schwoerer, and Jacob Schwoerer.



Historic Manassas Courthouse.

18 Nov.: Four brothers inducted into the CWG Chapter. At the November meeting four brothers; Christian Wilhelm Siegfried Powers, age 5; Erik Thorsten Powers, age 4; Otto Theodor Friedrich Powers, age 2; and Henry Walther Sigismund Powers, age one were inducted into the Colonel William Grayson Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution. The Children's parents, Steven and Ashley Powers of Leesburg, Virginia, along with grandparents Nathan L. and Laurie Gwaltney and great-grandmother Dolly Dougherty proudly presented the new junior members to the chapter.



L-R: Barry Schwoerer; Mike Taimi; Erik T. Powers (front) & Dolly Dougherty (rear); Christian W. S. Powers; Henry W. S. Powers, held by Ashley Powers; Nathan L. Gwaltney; Otto T. F. Powers (front) & Laurie Gwaltney (rear); Steven Powers; and Mike Weyler.

2 Dec.: Quantico National Cemetery. The Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, joined hundreds of Patriotic Americans at the Annual wreath laying ceremony at Quantico National Cemetery; conducted in honor of Sgt Eric McColley USMC. Green evergreen wreaths with red bows were placed on over 11,000 graves of Veterans interred at Quantico. The Chapter was joined by members of the Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill (EMH) Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and members of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R). CWG Chapter Compatriot Tom Warzywak, Social Studies Department Chair at Rippon Middle School brought 40+ students to help offload wreaths from three semi-trailers and participate in the placement of wreaths. Tom's father, Ed Warzywak, a member of the Woodbridge Lions Club, led the Lions effort supporting the event.

The Sgt. Mac Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to honor the memory of Marine Sgt. Eric McColley, Eric was killed along with seven fellow Marines and two Airmen when two Marine CH-53e helicopters collided off the coast of Djibouti, Africa on February 17, 2006. Eric, like so many other servicemen and women, gave his life doing what he loved, serving his country.

CWG members participating were: Mike Taimi, Barry Schwoerer, Bruce Downs, Tom Warzywak, and Kevin Schwoerer. EMH Chapter DAR members included: Janie Warzywak and Anna Schwoerer. CWG Society C.A.R members included: Arianna, Sophia, and Gracelynn Schwoerer. The Virginia SAR Color Guard joined with the VFW Color Guard to present the colors.



Arianna, Anna,
Sophia, and
Gracelynn
Schwoerer



Barry Schwoerer (L)
and Mike Taimi.

11 Dec.: Wreaths Across America. At Noon on December 11, at cemeteries across our great country, ceremonies honored our departed veterans. Christmas wreaths were laid on their graves. Over 200 people, including Mike Taimi, President of the Colonel William Grayson and Culpeper Minutemen Chapter members, gathered at Culpeper National Cemetery to place wreaths on the graves of our honored veterans. The Virginia SAR Color Guard joined with the VFW Color Guard to present the colors.



Registrar's Report

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED

APPLICANT	DATE	PATRIOT
Aaron Burrus; Fredericksburg, Va.	11/3/2017	Michael Burroughs; Pvt. in Culpeper, Va. Militia
Wallace Burrus; Stafford, Va.	11/3/2017	Michael Burroughs; Pvt. in Culpeper, Va. Militia
Brian Schwetz; Manassas, Va.	11/3/2017	Benjamin Baxter; Pvt. in Connecticut Line
Michael DeWalt; Chesapeake, Va.	11/3/2017	Christian DeWalt; Pvt. in Pennsylvania Militia
Gregory, Jacob, & Lincoln Duncan; Omaha, Neb.	11/17/2017	Gerald Green; Pvt. in Virginia Militia
Jeremy Duncan; Green Bay, Wisc.	11/17/2017	Gerald Green; Pvt. in Virginia Militia
Arch McCleskey; Manassas, Va.	12/19/2017	James McCleskey; Pvt. in NC, SC, & Va. Militia
Geoffrey Lyster; St. Charles, Md.	12/21/2017	Peter Lyster; Pvt. in Somerset Co. N.J. Militia

NEW SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED

George Thomas; Lake Frederick, Va.	11/6/2017	Abraham Leasure; signed Oath of Fidelity, Pa. 1777
George Thomas; Lake Frederick, Va.	11/15/2017	Richard Sackett; Pvt. in Vermont Militia, 1780
George Thomas; Lake Frederick, Va.	12/28/2017	Peter Thomas; paid County taxes, Pa. 1780-82
Trafton Parr; Bristow, Va.	11/17/2017	David Shepherd; Col., CO of Ft. Henry Sep. 1777
Dave Button; Manassas, Va.	12/11/2017	William Anderson; Capt. in Hanover Co., Va. Militia Richard Allen; Capt. in Maryland Militia
Edward and Thomas Warzywak; Bristow, Va.	12/12/2017	Moses Stepp; NC & SC Militia and US Army
Ken Morris; Haymarket, Va.	12/13/2017	John Meisenheimer; furnished supplies in Pa. Abraham Meisenheimer; Pvt., NC Cont. Line Caleb Blackwelder; material aid, Cabarrus, NC Peter Quilman; signed Oath of Allegiance in NC
Paul Chase; Haymarket, Va.	12/28/2017	Benjamin Chase; Oath of Fidelity, Conn. 1777 Solomon Chase; Oath of Fidelity, Conn. 1779

Historical Highlight(s)

Lexington and Concord

(Quoted from USHistory.org; <<http://www.ushistory.org/us/11c.asp>>)

Britain's General Gage had a secret plan. During the wee hours of April 19, 1775, he would send out regiments of British soldiers quartered in Boston. Their destinations were LEXINGTON, where they would capture Colonial leaders Sam Adams and John Hancock, then CONCORD, where they would seize gunpowder.

But spies and friends of the Americans leaked word of Gage's plan.

Two lanterns hanging from Boston's North Church informed the countryside that the British were going to attack by sea. A series of horseback riders — men such as Paul Revere, WILLIAM DAWES, and DR. SAMUEL PRESCOTT — galloped off to warn the countryside that the REGULARS (British troops) were coming.

Word spread from town to town, and militias prepared to confront the British and help their neighbors in Lexington and Concord.

These COLONIAL MILITIAS had originally been organized to defend settlers from civil unrest and attacks by French or Native Americans. Selected members of the militia were called MINUTEMEN because they could be ready to fight in a minute's time.

Sure enough, when the advance guard of nearly 240 British soldiers arrived in Lexington, they found about 70 minutemen formed on the LEXINGTON GREEN awaiting them. Both sides eyed each other warily, not knowing what to expect. Suddenly, a bullet buzzed through the morning air. It was "the shot heard round the world."

The numerically superior British killed seven Americans on Lexington Green and marched off to Concord with new regiments who had joined them. But American militias arriving at Concord thwarted the British advance.

As the British retreated toward Boston, new waves of Colonial militia intercepted them. Shooting from behind fences and trees the militias inflicted over 125 casualties, including several officers. The ferocity of the encounter surprised both sides.

The first bloodshed at Lexington and Concord, marked the crossing of a threshold, and the momentum from these events pushed both sides farther apart. Following the battles, neither the British nor the Americans knew what to expect next.

Indignation against the British ran high in the Colonies — for they had shed American blood on American soil. Radicals such as Sam Adams took advantage of the bloodshed to increase tensions through propaganda and rumor-spreading. The Americans surrounded the town of Boston, and the rebel army started gaining many new recruits.

During the battles of Lexington and Concord, 73 British soldiers had been killed and 174 wounded; 26 were missing. LORD PERCY, who led the British back into Boston after the defeat suffered at Concord, wrote back to London, "Whoever looks upon them [THE REBELS] as an irregular mob will be much mistaken." Three British major generals — WILLIAM HOWE, HENRY CLINTON, and "GENTLEMAN JOHNNY" BURGOYNE — were brought to Boston to lend their expertise and experience to the situation.