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Richard Ernest Hendrix, 2013 President,
Colonel William Grayson Chapter,
Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

This is especially true in a chapter named for William Grayson, who played a major role in shaping our Constitution.

Frankly, I'm concerned about just maintaining the high standards our past presidents – and you chapter members – have set. But if there's one area that I hope to expand on as chapter president, it's to do more outreach into the community. If you have any ideas along those lines, or about anything else having to do with our chapter, please feel free to call or send me a note at RickHendrix@comcast.net.

I look forward to working with you in 2013.

Gentlemen, the gauntlet has been laid down. I hope each of you has a prosperous and Happy New Year!

Rick

I'm humbled to have been elected as the next president of the Colonel William Grayson chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. I want to thank our previous presidents – Thad Hartman, Bill Broadus and Bill Collier – for building this into a top-notch SAR chapter.

There is a great deal of interest in the country today about America's founding and our founding principles. Who better to keep alive the spirit of the American Revolution than the descendants of those who fought and died in that glorious cause?



2013 President Rick Hendrix receives a presidents neck ribbon and badge from Bill Broadus.

CWG Chapter Marks Five Graves and Members Participated in others

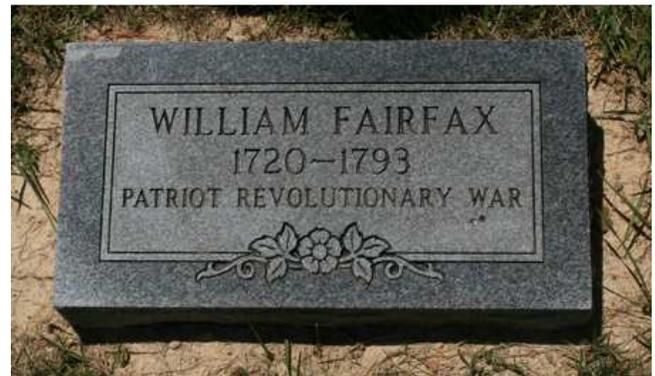


Participants at the grave marking of William Fairfax in Bacon Race Cemetery, Woodbridge, VA

On 9 June 2012 in the Bacon Race Cemetery in Woodbridge, VA, the grave of William Fairfax was marked in recognition of his service to the cause of The American Revolution.

William was a grandson of Thomas Fairfax, an early settler of Calvert County, Maryland in 1667. William's father, John Fairfax, owned in that county but moved to Charles County where William ultimately owned what was then called Merchant Taylors Hall, not far from Fort Tobacco. William and his second wife had six daughters and three sons who grew to adulthood. Some of the children emigrated west, including into what is now to Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio.

In 1789, William sold his Maryland property and purchased 1,004 acres in Prince William County. He, in turn, gave or reserved four acres for the benefit of a church known as Bacon Race Church and Cemetery that had been established there in 1774.



Wreaths were placed by VASSAR and the Col. William Grayson and Culpeper Minute Men Chapters.

Interestingly, the name Bacon Race is apparently derived from the races in the area where the winner's price was a slab of bacon.

The grave marking ceremony was conducted by Thad Hartman, CWG graves chairman, assisted by John Epperly and Bill Collier. Wreaths were placed by Bill Broadus, representing the Virginia Society SAR, Bill Collier representing the Col. William Grayson Chapter, and Lance Lyngar representing the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter. Color Guards for the ceremony were David Adamy and Tim Headley, who also performed a gun salute. Taps were performed by SSG Judy Havrilla of the US Army band.



SSG Judy Havrilla performed Taps at the Grave Marking ceremony recognizing William Fairfax.

In recognition of her service as bugler at numerous Chapter grave markings, SSG Havrilla was presented the SAR Bronze Citizenship medal at the October 12th meeting.



David Adamy and Tim Headley served as Color Guard at the Grave Marking for William Fairfax.

In addition to William Fairfax, the Col. William Grayson marked three graves on the historic 550 acre Buckland Farm near the Price William and Fauquier County border. Sam Love (1720-?) and his son Charles Love (1748-1792) each provided material support to the cause of the Revolution. They are buried in a small, but fenced, family cemetery in an open field on the farm. Buried closer to the plantation house is Capt. John Hawkins (1750-1802) who served with the 2nd Virginia Regiment (1776-1790).

The ceremony was conducted at the Hawkins gravesite and was led by Thad Hartman with Reed Hyde acting as Chaplain.



Modern scene at Buckland Farm

As an Eagle Scout project, Hunter Toma, a member of the Boy Scouts of America, fenced and otherwise prepared the area around the previously unmarked grave site of Capt. Hawkins. He was recognized for his contribution during the ceremony and also gave the invocation.



David Blake, current owner of Buckland Farms, and Hunter Toma, the Boy Scout who prepared the grave yard for Capt. Hawkins

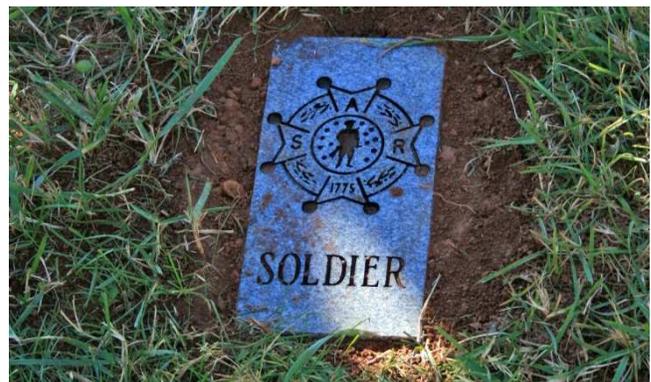
David Blake, current owner of the Buckland Farms, described the general area as it existed at the time of the Revolution and its subsequent

history. He emphasized the importance of horses to the cause and to the local economy, especially during the 19th century. Buckland Farm maintained pure breed horses that were generally made available only to other breeders and not for general use. As such, select horses were not bought by the government but were simply loaned.

Wreaths were laid by Bill Broadus, representing the VASSAS and Bill Collier representing CWG. Taps was rendered by SSG Havrilla. Serving as Color Guard were avid Adamy and Tim Headley.



The VASSAR and CWG wreaths were set at the Capt. Hawkins gravesite but they also honored Sam and Charles Love at a separate grave site on the Farm.



A simple SAR grave stone marks the site of Capt. Hawkins' burial.

Members of the CWG chapter also participated in a wreath laying ceremony for Pvt. William James Weir (1792-1867) who served in the 41st Virginia Militia Regiment, July-December 1814. The ceremony was conducted by Thad Hartman with Rick Hendrix serving as Chaplain.

William James Weir married Harriet Bladen Mitchell, a great-great-granddaughter of Robert “King” Carter in 1817. Harriet received the property from her mother on which Weir constructed the house known as Liberia about 1829. Although Weir was a veteran of the War of 1812, Liberia is better known for its place in Civil War history. The house served as headquarters for both General Beauregard of the Confederate forces from summer 1861 to spring 1862 and General McDowell of the Union forces during the summer of 1862. Liberia was so named by Weir because of his involvement in The Colonization Society (also known as the “Back-to-Africa” movement). Membership in the Colonization Society included many prominent Virginians, including former president James Madison.

Lisa Sieval-Otten, of the Manassas Museum Staff, welcomed participants to Liberia and then introduced by City of Manassas Mayor Harry J. Parrish II, who made a presentation on the life of William James Weir, his political views, and the history of Liberia and the surrounding area.

Wreaths were laid by John Epperly representing the Society of the War of 1812, Bill Broadus representing the Virginia Society SAR, Jim Logan representing the Col. William Grayson Chapter, and Lance Lyngar representing the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter. A Musket Salute was rendered by Peter M. Davenport, Color Guard Commander of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution followed by Taps rendered by SSG Judy Havrilla, US Army Band.

In addition to formal grave markings, CWG members participated in a number of related activities. For example, on behalf of the members of the Chapter, Bill Collier presented a

certificate of appreciation to Toni Duval for her assistance with the Chapter grave marking for Pvt. John Beavers that was conducted on 14 May of last year. The family cemetery is in a wooded area behind her house. Not only did she allow parking in her front lawn and access through her property to the grave site, she also provided lemonade and homemade cookies after the ceremony.



Toni Duvall after receiving a certificate of appreciation by Bill Collier



Bill Broadus and other attendees at the 230th Anniversary commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan (River) in Virginia during the American Revolution held 19 February 2012

Patriot Ancestors Revealed

Eleven members introduced their Patriot Ancestor to the membership during 2012.

David Allard's Patriot Ancestor was namesake David Allard, born in Rochester, New Hampshire in 1746. He is thought to be a descendant of several generations of Allards from England who settled in the New Hampshire coastal areas. In 1780 he served for six months as a private, one of several thousand New Hampshire soldiers who fought in a variety of units from the Continental Army to state and local militias. Allard was a farmer. He died in Eaton, New Hampshire.



David Allard presenting David Allard, his Patriot Ancestor

Gary Howard discussed his patriot ancestor and fourth great grandfather, Ebenezer Howard. Ebenezer was born in 1752 in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He was a Private from Easton, Bristol County, in Colonel James Williams' Regiment of the Massachusetts Militia. In 2009 Gary participated in a SAR ceremony to mark the grave of Ebenezer Howard at the Indian Opening Cemetery in Madison County, New York. This ceremony was described in Volume 3 of *Grayson's Dispatch*.



Gary Howard introducing his fourth great grandfather, Ebenezer Howard

David Smith presented Jeremiah Bannon, an Irish immigrant who arrived in the colonies in 1764 at age 16. In February 1776, he enlisted in the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment and served in the 2nd, 4th, 7th, and 8th Pennsylvania Regiments throughout



David Smith presenting his Patriot Ancestor, Jeremiah Bannon

the war as the Regimental Waggoner. In June 1776, the 2nd PA Regiment was sent to Canada to help with the invasion and the hoped for Canadian revolt. It met the British at the Battle of Three Rivers and was defeated. The Regiment fell back to Fort Ticonderoga but was pursued by the British and retreated toward Philadelphia. During 1777, Jeremiah was in the following battles: Cooches Bridge, Delaware; Brandywine, Pennsylvania; Paoli, Pennsylvania; and Germantown, Pennsylvania. He wintered at Valley Forge, 1777-1778. In June of 1778 he was in the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey. In 1781, he was stationed at Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania and then discharged in 1783 after more than 7 years of service. Jeremiah received 200 acres of bounty land in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, and he received a pension of \$8 per month in 1818. He died in 1831 and is buried in the cemetery at Westfield Presbyterian Church on the Enon Valley-Mt. Jackson Road, New Castle, PA

John Callaway presented his Patriot Ancestor, Hartwell Ezell. Hartwell Ezell was born 28 December 1764 in Albemarle, Surry Co., Virginia. After his mother died in 1767, his father moved to Wake, North Carolina (Raleigh) and remarried. Hartwell



John Callaway presenting his Patriot Ancestor, Hartwell Ezell

Ezell was pioneering in the South Carolina and Georgia frontier when he joined the GA Militia. No specific records have been found of Hartwell's Service; however, he most likely participated in fighting Indians and harassing British troops. There was not a lot of military action in Georgia during the early part of the war. The British captured Savannah, Augusta and Sunbury between December 1778 and January 1779 and later evacuated Savannah in July 1782. Hartwell could have taken part in any of a number of battles stretching up through South Carolina to VA. After the war, Hartwell returned to NC, married, and had seven children with his second wife. He later moved to what is still the Ezell homestead outside of today's Monticello, GA., died on 17 November 1836, and is buried on the Ezell farm near Monticello, GA.

Dick Lee presented Noah Lee, his Patriot Ancestor who was born in England in 1735 and later came to America, settling in Lower Smithfield Township, PA. He was most likely a farmer, owning more than 400 acres in Northampton County. On July 1, 1777 he took the Oath of Allegiance and became a member of the Pennsylvania Militia, serving in the 8th Company, Class 8 under Captain Samuel Hover. His burial site is unknown.

John Gilbert described his Patriot Ancestor, George Gilbert, Jr. who was born in 1732 in Hoffenheim, Baden, Germany. He and his family arrived in Philadelphia on the Ship "Nancy" in August 1750. The family moved to western Montgomery County, PA to what is now called Gilbertsville. He married and had ten children and was a farmer. George Gilbert, Jr. became a naturalized citizen in Philadelphia in September 1761, and did patriotic service during the Revolutionary War, having taken the Oath of Allegiance in 1777. He died on February 26, 1789, and is buried in the cemetery at New Hanover Church in Montgomery County, PA.

Mike Taimi discussed his Patriot Ancestor, Abiel Lovejoy. Abiel Lovejoy was born in Andover, Massachusetts in 1731. He pursued many

endeavors, including being a sailor and later owning small trading ships, agriculture, mercantile activities, inn holder, land purchaser and civil service. Although he was a Captain during Colonial times before the Revolution, serving in the Massachusetts Colonial Soldiers, it was his civil service during the years 1774-1783 that supported the cause of American Independence. He died in 1811 and is buried on his home property on the Kennebec River in what is now Maine.

George Ax presented his Patriot Ancestor, Captain George Ax. Captain Ax was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania about 1850. He represents the third generation of his Ax family line in America. His grandfather, John Frederick Ax came to PA on or before 1717, most likely from Germany. George Ax was a blacksmith in Germantown, and in May 1777 at the age of 27, was commissioned and became an Ensign in the



George Ax presenting his Patriot Ancestor, Capt. George Ax

Berks County, Pennsylvania Militia. A year later he became a Captain and served in two separate battalions. It's not clear the exact battles or campaigns in which he participated; however, the PA Militia was used, in addition to other duties, to augment the Continental Line. Some units participated with General Washington in crossing

the Delaware and in the battles at Brandywine and Germantown. Captain Ax died about 1824, and his gravesite is unknown.

Barry Schwoerer presented his Patriot Ancestor, Salvador Carriaga. Salvador Carriaga was born about 1760 at Loreto, Baja California Sur. Salvador is identified in Spanish Colonial records at Mission San Diego, the Military Presidio at San Diego and the Military Garrison at Mission San Juan Capistrano, serving as a "Soldado de Cuera", or Leather Coat Soldier, a Spanish Army Cavalry Soldier. The name derives from seven layers of deer skin leather which formed body armor against arrows, swords and spears. Soldado de Cuera's were considered the best mounted cavalry of their era. Salvador served in the Spanish Army during the American Revolution and during the time Spain declared War against England. During this time, Spain provided money, arms, and other material support as well as military action against British forces. The Spanish Army and Navy, throughout what is now the Southern and Western U.S., kept British forces deployed against Spanish-held territory, thus preventing English ships from making essential supply stops at Spanish-held forts.



Barry Schwoerer presented his Patriot Ancestor. Salvador Carriaga

William Grant presented his Patriot Ancestor, Nathan Ellis (1749-1819). Nathan Ellis was born in Wales and was brought by his family to Frederick County, Maryland. The family then moved just south of Pittsburgh on the Monongahela River. In 1777 he became Commanding Captain of the Regiment of Washington County, Pennsylvania Militia serving under Col Daniel Broadhead. He also served as a Captain of the 4th Battalion, PA Militia under Albert Foulks. Following the war he helped to lay out Aberdeen, Ohio, assisted laying out and building Zane's Trace from Wheeling WV to Aberdeen, owning the toll gates on the last 20 miles. He was Sheriff of Adams County Ohio, Judge of the Court of General Quarter Sessions, member of the Ohio Constitutional Convention, member of the Ohio Senate and a Justice of the Peace. He is buried in the Ellis Family Cemetery near Aberdeen, Ohio, and his grave is SAR marked.



William Grant presenting his Patriot Ancestor, Nathan Ellis (1749-1819)

Jeffery Windland presented his Patriot ancestor James Bates (1761-1847). James Bates was born on May 10, 1761 in Halifax County, Virginia. He was the sixth generation of the Bates family in Virginia dating back to 1623, when his three times great grandfather, John Bates, arrived in Virginia on a ship named the "Southampton". According to his pension record, James served five different tours in the American Revolution. He volunteered as a Private in July, 1777 under a Captain White and his brother, Lieutenant Fleming Bates. In 1780, he was a Sergeant still serving with his brother and attached to a regiment led by his uncle, Colonel Charles Fleming. Later in 1780, his regiment joined General Nathanael Greene's army near Guilford Court house. In 1781, James was an Ensign serving under his brother now Captain Fleming Bates. They marched from Halifax to Yorktown and were present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. James Bates died in 1847 in Halifax County, Virginia. His gravesite has not been located.



Jeffery Windland presenting his Patriot ancestor James Bates (1761-1847)

2012 Meetings Featured a Variety of Speakers



The Habashi twins (Brian on left and Alexander on right) with their parents after essay presentations. They are flanked by Bill Collier, CWG President, and Thad Hartmen, essay contest chairman.

Twins Present Essays

Twin home-schooled high school freshmen were the 2012 winners of the chapter sponsored essay contest. They were Bryan and Alexander Habashi. The contest was held separately and these finalists attended the January meeting and gave oral presentation of their essays. As first place winner, Bryan was presented a SAR Chapter Essay Certificate and Medal and a check for \$100. Bryan Habahsi went on to be recognized as third place winner by the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. As second place winner, Alexander was similarly presented a SAR Essay Commendation Certificate and a check for \$75.

Alexander's essay, "The Hurricane that Impacted the Revolutionary War", described a mighty hurricane that impacted the East Coast of the U.S.

from North Carolina to Massachusetts in September 1775. The storm came without warning, causing considerable damage, and it influenced some of the military operations at the time. In one example, British ships that were docked in Norfolk were swept out into the Chesapeake Bay; one became grounded in Hampton and was looted by the Colonists and destroyed. The British demanded the return of the ship's stores, but the colonists refused. The British then attacked Hampton but were defeated, and this action helped galvanize the Colonists against the British.

Bryan's essay, "Two Important Lesser Known Battles in Virginia", described two battles: the Battle of Kemps Landing on November 16, 1775 and the Battle of Great Bridge on December 9, 1775. Both battles took place in the southeast corner of Virginia and contributed to the demise

of British control of Virginia. At Kemp's Landing, the British under the command of Lord Dunmore defeated the American Patriots; while on December 9th at Great Bridge, the Patriots defeated the British. Both battles energized the colonists and convinced many undecided to join the cause for independence, leading to Lord Dunmore's departure from Norfolk.

These annual essay contests are in accordance with the SAR's Youth and Educational Outreach Program. This contest is designed to explore the influence of the Revolutionary war on present day America. Contests are conducted at the chapter level with winners proceeding to state and ultimately national level.

Oration Contest Winner

The Chapter's Oration Contest winner for the year was Brianna McAuliffe. Brianna is a high school senior and plans to attend Roanoke College. Brianna previously presented her talk at the VASSAR Annual Meeting in February in which she placed second. Brianna delivered her talk, "The Battle of Cowpens", to the Chapter in May. She described how in January 1781, Patriot General Daniel Morgan led the Continental Army



Brianna McAuliffe with Bill Broadus,
VASSAR Oration Contest Chair

and some Militia forces to out maneuver and defeat the British forces led by General Cornwallis, and in doing so, reclaimed South Carolina. Following her presentation, President Collier, assisted by Thad Hartman, the Chapter's Oration Contest Chair, and Bill Broadus, the VASSAR Oration Contest Chair, presented Brianna the SAR Chapter Oration Medal.

Using DNA to find Ancestors

The March meeting included a presentation by Chapter member Jim Logan, who spoke and presented slides on the subject, "Finding Ancestors through Genetic Cousins". Jim explained the composition of DNA and how DNA testing can be used to identify individuals related to you (genetic cousins). To illustrate this use of DNA in genealogy, he explained a project of his that has identified a number of his relatives and placed them in the proper order within an expanded family tree. Jim also discussed various companies that conduct DNA testing in the context of genealogy and ancestry research, as well as the fidelity of testing available, that is, the number of markers examined in a certain test. Jim offered to help members interested in pursuing DNA testing, including assistance in exploring their options and suggestions on how to proceed.



Jim Logan making a point relative to use of
DNA to help find ancestors

Revolution included Army Engineers

The guest speaker for the May meeting was Major General Merdith W. B. Temple, US Army, Acting Chief of Engineers and Acting Commanding General. MG Temple has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University, and he is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. MG Temple is also a Compatriot in the SAR in the Texas Society.

MG Temple spoke on the topic, “Army Engineers in the American Revolution”. General Temple explained that military engineering goes back to ancient times, when, for example, the Romans and the Chinese had dedicated military engineers. The Continental Congress authorized the formation of the U.S. Army on June 14, 1775, and two days later, authorized the position of Chief Engineer for the Army. Several years later the Congress created a Corps of Sappers (a term used in British and some other Armies for engineers) and Miners. To bring engineering expertise to the Continental Army, Congress turned to France to provide experienced military engineering advice and guidance. To illustrate the impact of engineering on the Revolutionary War battlefield, General Temple contrasted two battles, the siege at Fort Mifflin in 1777 with the siege at Yorktown in 1781. Fort Mifflin, along with Fort Mercer, was along the Delaware River just south of Philadelphia, which was held by the British. Needing to resupply its forces in Philadelphia, the British laid siege to Fort Mifflin, which lacking adequate defenses, was eventually destroyed and evacuated after suffering many casualties. By contrast, the Siege at Yorktown four years later in 1781 was a decisive victory for the American forces, due in part to greatly improved defenses created by the military sappers and miners.

Today the army engineer regiment is 110,000 strong, including 75,000 sappers who provide mobility, geospatial (or topographical) and

general engineering support to the army and joint forces.

Virginians Sign Declaration of Independence

The guest speaker for June was Dr. Phil Williams, VASSAR President, a resident of Charlottesville, VA. Dr. Williams began by giving an overview of the duties of VASSAR President, including extensive traveling throughout Virginia and the country, and the speaking engagements and near term planned meetings and ceremonies.



Dr. Phil Williams speaking about the Virginia Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Dr William’s main presentation was entitled, “The Declaration of Independence: The Virginia Signers”. Dr. Williams summarized the events leading up to the drafting and adoption of the Declaration of Independence, including the roles of Richard Henry Lee, who first proposed on June 7, 1776 that the Continental Congress declare independence from Great Britain, and Thomas Jefferson, who took on the task of writing the Declaration. He also provided interesting details

about each of the seven Virginians who signed the Declaration of Independence. These men were: Richard Henry Lee, Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton, Benjamin Harrison, George Witt, Thomas Nelson, Jr., and Thomas Jefferson. Two of these men, Jefferson and Harrison would each later become President.

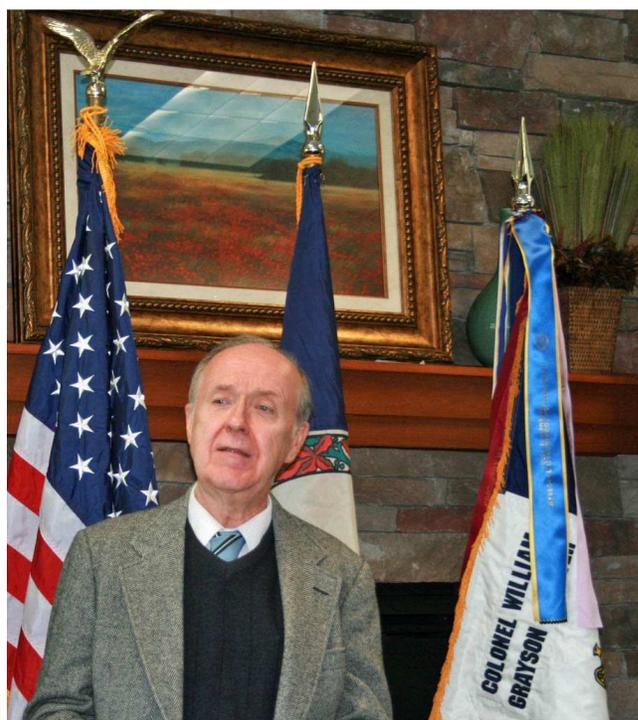
Williams ended by describing the “state of VASSAR” as growing and active, and is now the second largest State Society behind Texas. VASSAR is in the running to host the SAR National Congress in 2020 in Richmond. Although this is extremely beneficial to VASSAR, it is also an expensive endeavor. Therefore, VASSAR is considering adding a \$5.00 surcharge to the VASSAR annual dues for the next seven years in order to establish funds to help with the cost of hosting the Congress.

On behalf of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Williams was presented with a check for \$100 as a donation to the VASSAR fund to prepare for the hosting of the SAR National Congress. Dr. Williams thanked the Chapter for this unexpected donation and concluded with the comment that the Colonel William Grayson Chapter is one of the chapters experiencing good membership growth, contributing to the significant increase in the membership of VASSAR which is now more than 1700.

Researching Deeds

Mr. Donald L. Wilson, Prince William County Virginia Librarian, spoke at the October meeting on on the topic, “Researching Deeds”. Mr. Wilson has served as the Virginia librarian for the past 33 years, working at the Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center (RELIC), part of the Prince William County Public Library System located in the Bull Run Regional Library in Manassas. RELIC specializes on genealogy and local history. Mr. Wilson explained that the RELIC staff is often called upon to help trace the history of a house or tract of land, which is valuable to persons attempting to find where their ancestors lived as part of genealogy research.

Although RELIC is mainly focused on local history, the methodology is applicable to any location, and the library subscribes to reference material and databases that cover more than our local area. He briefly explained how researching deeds, deed abstracts, newspaper notices, tax lists, old rent rolls, private papers, original land grants, surveys and maps, among other documents, may be useful in tracing a property and its owners. He invited members to avail themselves of the services of the library and its staff.



Don Wilson, Virginia Librarian speaking on
“Researching Deeds”

Experiences in Afghanistan Reported

The guest speaker for the November meeting was 1LT John Collier of the US Army. He is the son of Bill Collier, Chapter President and is also a member of the Chapter. This was a “welcome home” meeting upon returning from a one year tour of duty in Afghanistan, his second tour in that country, totaling 18 months. John is an Army Corps of Engineers officer who was a route clearing platoon leader for much of his time in

Afghanistan. He was also a company executive officer and an assistant operations officer for IED analysis. His talk was titled “Afghanistan Observations”



1LT John Collier describing observations from 18 of service months in Afghanistan.

Collier used charts maps and photographs he had taken to present an overview of Afghanistan’s location, geography, people, military Regional Command structure, and operations he and his unit performed in their route clearing mission. He concluded by stating that the Afghanistan Army is now primarily responsible for conducting military operations, while U.S. units are mostly involved in training and advising Afghan soldiers and their leaders.

Because of the special insights brought by Lt. Collier to the militarily knowledgeable audience, there were many questions answered after his talk.

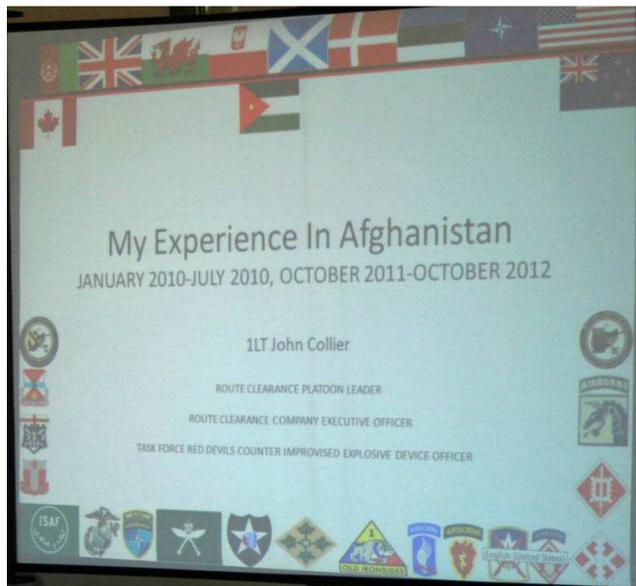


Chart showing title of talk, but also used to indicate wide variety of units supported by the route clearing operations of his and similar platoons



One of several charts used to describe the great diversity of landscape and environment faced by Army operations in Afghanistan

First Responders Recognized

Bill Broadus, Past Chapter President presided over the presentation of Public Service Awards to three individuals from Prince William County.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commendation Award was presented to Battalion Chief Jennie L. Collins, Prince William County Fire and Rescue Department. The award is in recognition of dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions and performing beyond the duties normally called for within the EMS profession.



Battalion Chief Jennie L. Collins of PWC Fire and Rescue Department receiving EMS Commendation Award from President Bill Collier and Past President Bill Broadus

The Law Enforcement Commendation Award was presented to Patrol Officer Jeremy Schenck, Prince William County Police Department. The award is in recognition of outstanding



Patrol Officer Jeremy Schenck shown with his supervisor Captain Smith after receiving Law Enforcement Commendation Award

achievement and dedication to the maintenance of law and order. Following this presentation, Officer Schenck's supervisor, Captain Smith, spoke briefly about Officer Schenck's exemplary performance of duty.

The Fire Safety Commendation Award was presented to Retired Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshall Hadden Culp, Prince William County Fire and Rescue Department. The award is in recognition of 33 years of dedicated service of accomplishments and outstanding contributions to protect human life and property by preventing injuries and casualties due to fires.



Retired Asst. Fire Chief and Fire Marshal Hadden Culp of PWC Fire and Rescue Department shown after receiving donations for a memorial to honor public safety officers killed in the line of duty

Following the award presentations, Broadus reported that Retired Assistant Fire Chief Culp is currently President of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation, which was asked by the Governor to build a memorial in Richmond to honor public safety officers killed in the line of duty. Bill Collier presented Chief Culp with a check for \$500 on behalf of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter as a donation towards completion of this memorial. Bill Broadus, in his capacity as VASSAR 3d Vice President, presented Chief Culp with a second donation for \$500 on behalf of the Virginia Society, SAR.

2012 Was Another Busy Year for Registration

The Col. William Grayson chapter got off to a fast start with 21 members at its chartering meeting on 5 May 2007 and when the year ended and the chartering period was closed, membership stood at 35. At the end of calendar year 2011, membership stood at 62 members. At the end of calendar 2012 membership stood at 80 members, including 26 of the charter members.

Mike Taimi reports that the pace continued through his first year as registrar with 16 new applications approved and 4 more in National SAR headquarters awaiting approval. There were also 7 supplementals approved with 3 more awaiting approval by National. Of approved applications, four were recognized as Forgotten Patriots. Membership also grew when one former member was reinstated and one member transferred in as a dual member from Maryland. Unfortunately, the growth of 19 new members was reduced to a net of 15 due to the death of one member and resignation of two others.

Shown below are photos of several of these new members as they were formally inducted into the Chapter. Recognition for Forgotten Revolutionary Patriots are also shown.



David Smith of Clifton, VA receiving membership certificate from President Bill Collier



Dwight Hall Rollins of Haymarket, VA receiving membership certificate



John Lamar Callaway III of Warenton, VA receiving membership certificate with Chaplain Richard Potter standing by to pin on a SAR rosette.



John Charles Gilbert and William Davis Grant following membership induction.



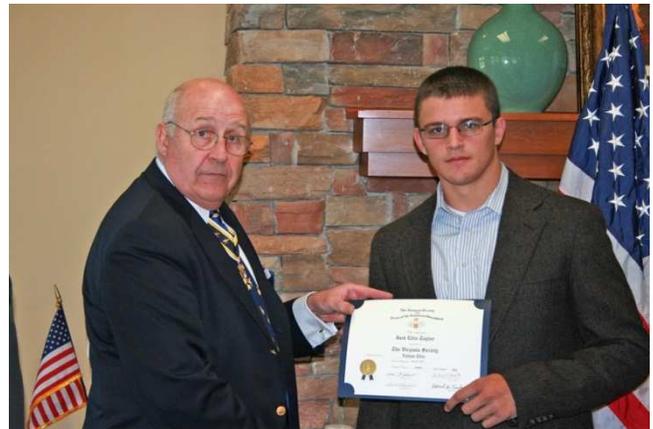
Barry Schwoerer (Patriot: Salvador Garriga) and Kevin Schwoerer (Patriot: John Conard). Registrar Mike Taimi pinned on SAR rosettes.



David Paul Talor received a membership certificate based on Patriot Ancestor Nathan Ellis.



Bill Collier recognized Barry Schwoerer for his discovery of Forgotten Patriot Salvador Garriga.



Junior Member Jack Ellis Taylor with his membership certificate. His Patriot Ancestor was Nathan Ellis.



Mike Taimi being recognized for two Forgotten Revolutionary Patriots: Jonathan Preble and James Gilman. He later received a supplemental membership certificate for James Gilman



Jeffrey Keith Windland receiving his membership certificate based on Patriot Ancestor James Bates



Donald Charles Sheehan receives his membership certificate. His Patriot ancestor was Michael McGuire.



Christopher Grant receiving new membership rosette from Rick Hendrix



George Roberts, Christopher Grant and Colin Grant taking membership oath



CWG's youngest Member Colin Grant receiving a SAR rosette from Vice President Rick Hendrix. As a Junior member, Colin can transfer to full membership when he reaches 18 years of age.



George Lane Roberts receives membership certificate. His Patriot Ancestor was Daniel Lane, Sr.



Mike Taimi received two certificates for supplemental membership for Peter Dyer and James Campbell. These are in addition to the two Forgotten Patriot certificates received earlier in October.



John Epperly received a Supplementary Membership Certificate based on his ancestor Thomas Richardson.

Individual Members Recognized

SAR Membership Certificates and Medals

Although the Chapter is only a little over five years old, several members have been with SAR much longer. SAR recognizes such members in increments of five years beginning at 15 years of membership. During 2012, Membership Medals were awarded to the following:

Gaston de Bearn, XIV	45 years
David Doliber	40 years
George Ax	30 years
John DePue	30 years
Richard Potter	30 years

George Dimon	25 years
Thad Hartman	25 years
Jack Johnson	20 years
Bill Broadus	15 years
John Epperly	15 years
Owen Jacobs	15 years



David Doliber received a certificate for 40 years of SAR membership.



George Ax has been a SAR member for over 30 years.



Richard Potter is a 30 year SAR member.



Thad Hartman has been a member of 25 years.

Military/War Service Awards

SAR War Service medals (WSM) and Military Service Medals (MSM) have been presented to several CWG members during 2012. They are:

- Frank Harris, WSM – USMC Korea and Vietnam
- Charles Dale, MSM – Navy
- George Moison. MSM – Navy
- David Smith MSM – AirForce
- Bill White MSM – AirForce
- John Gilbert, WSM – US Army, Vietnam
- James Collins, WSM – USMC, Vietnam
- Christopher Grant, MSM – US Army
- John Collier, Purple Heart Pin –
US ARMY, Afghanistan



Bill Broadus has been a member for 15 years.



Frank Harris received a War Service Medal and certificate for USMC service in Korea and Vietnam. During that time he received three purple hearts



John Epperly receiving a 15 year certificate



Charles Dale received a Military Service Medal and certificate for service in the US Navy.



For David Smith's service in the Air Force, he received a Military Service Medal and certificate.



James Collins received a war Service Medal and Certificate for wartime service in Vietnam with the USMC.



Bill White receiving Military Service Medal and Certificate for service in the US Air Force.



Christopher Grant receiving Military Service Medal and Certificate for military service in the US Army



John Charles Gilbert received War Service Medal and Certificate for wartime service in Vietnam with US ARMY.



In recognition of wounds received during war service in Afghanistan in the US Army, a Purple Heart Pin was presented to John Collier to go on his SAR War Service Medal.

Other Member/Associate Recognition

Although not a SAR member, SSG Judy Havrilla has been a regular at grave marking services. For her services as bugler, she was awarded the SAR Bronze Citizenship Medal. Judy is with the US Army Band.



SSG Judy Havrilla receiving a SAR Bronze Citizenship Certificate and Medal

Another regular at Chapter grave markings and “keeper of the colors” is the Chapter’s own David Adamy. He not only provides services as Color Guard for the chapter, he regularly participates in other events such as being a member of the VASSAR Color Guard in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, serving as color guard in the 4th of July wreath laying ceremony at Mount Vernon, and participation in a wreath laying in Arlington National Cemetery. Because the Chapter’s American flag had become worn, he and Charles Robert donated a new National Colors to the Chapter and presented it to President Collier at the March meeting.

David Allard, Chapter coordinator for History Day Competition, reported that he and two other chapter members (Keith Rouleau and Lance Lungar) represented VASSAR as judges in the District #5 (Northern VA Region) competition, with two other chapter members attending. This regional competition was held at Mount Vernon High School. National History Day (NHD) is a highly regarded academic program for elementary and secondary school students. Each year, more

than half a million students, encouraged by thousands of teachers nationwide participate in the NHD contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. Selected papers then compete on National History Day. The Chapter made a \$300 donation to the NHD Project.

A very active Chapter Member W. A. Broadus was awarded the SAR Silver Good Citizenship medal for “sustained patriotic service and leadership in the state and community in the areas of fraternal, business associations, government, patriotic, veterans and conservation.”



Bill Broadus receiving SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal

On a sad note, by virtue of a notice from the Chapter secretary, a remembrance was observed for George Lawrence Moison, who passed away on 9 February 2012 in Leesburg at the age of 82 after months of battling pneumonia. Larry transferred to this Chapter when the Sgt. Maj. Champe Chapter became defunct. He was buried in Groton, Massachusetts.

National and State Level Recognition

The SAR National Congress recognized two individuals from the Chapter and the chapter itself. Steve Marks, former Chapter Registrar, was awarded the Liberty Medal for his registrar work and being first-line signer on 10 accepted NSSAR new membership applications. Bill

Broadus was recognized with his second SAR Meritous Service Medal for outstanding service in support of the SAR. And, the Col. William Grayson Chapter, itself, received a Partners in Patriotism Certificate for the Chapter's support of Veteran's day activities and a ribbon for the Chapter colors for the chapter's donation of \$500 to the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH).

In addition, the Col. William Grayson Chapter received special recognition at VASSAR Annual Meeting by receiving the following awards, recognitions, and streamers for the Chapter Colors:

- A VASSAR Flag Appreciation Certificate
- Flag Certificate Streamer (The Chapter presented four flag certificates in 2011.)

- Great Bridge Commemoration Participation Streamer
- St. Paul's Church Commemoration Participation Streamer
- Shockhoe Hill Cemetery Commemoration Participation Streamer
- 9/11 Commemoration Attendance
- Graves Registration Star
- History Day Support
- Grave Registration/Marking Sustainment
- Chapter Excellence Award
- Best VASSAR Large Chapter Award
- Our Chapter essay contest winner, Bryan Habashi, won third place in VASSAR
- Our Chapter oration winner, Brianna McAuliff, won second place in VASSAR
- A student at Pennington School, Brook Albertson, tied for first place in a History Day activity.

2013 Officers Installed



Bill Broadus swearing in 2013 slate of officers: Rick Hendrix, President; Gary Howard, Vice President, George Ax, Secretary; Jeff Windland, Treasurer; Mike Taimi, Registrar; Richrd Potter, Chaplain; and Jim Logan, Historian.

Rick Hendrix is moving up to Presidency after two years as Vice President. Gary Howard is moving into the Vice President position after two

years as Treasurer. Jeff Winland is stepping into to the Treasurer position. The others are continuing their previous position.

Colonel William Grayson Chapter,
Virginia Society,
2012 Financial Statement

Opening Balance (1/1/2012):	\$7,778.32
 <i><u>Income</u></i>	
Donations	\$ 660.00
CWG Dues *	\$1,952.00
2013 VASSAR & NSSAR Dues	\$3,245.00
Lunch Reimbursements	\$1,408.50
Grave Marker Reimbursement	<u>\$ 137.25</u>
Total:	\$7,402.75

* Includes 2012 dues for new members

Expenditures

2012 VASSAR & NSSAR Dues	\$2,530.00
2013 VASSAR & NSSAR Dues	\$3,242.00
Essay & Oratory Awards	\$ 175.00
History Day Donation	\$ 300.00
Veteran's Day Parade Donation	\$ 500.00
Virginia Public Safety Foundation Donation	\$ 500.00
Richmond 2000 (National Congress)	\$ 100.00
Lunch Costs (Evergreen CC)	\$1,437.96
Miscellaneous (supplies, reimbursements, etc)*	<u>\$ 773.38</u>
Total:	\$9,558.34

* Does not reflect expenses of medals, certificates, supplies, speaker lunches, and charitable donations made directly by CWG members

Closing Balance (12/31/2012): \$5,622.73

Colonel William Grayson Chapter,
Virginia Society,
2013 Budget

<u>Projected CWG 2013 Income</u>	
VASSAR Reimbursements	\$ 200.00
2014 NSSAR & VASSAR Dues	\$3,600.00
2014 CWG Dues	\$1,440.00
New Member CWG Dues (10)	\$ 200.00
Donations (History Day, Veteran's Day, CAAH)	\$ 500.00
Meeting Lunch Reimbursements	*
Total:	\$5,940.00

* Pass-Through Income

Projected CWG 2013 Expenses

Medals & Certificates	\$ 100.00
NSSAR & VASSAR 2014 Dues	\$3,600.00
History Day Donation	\$ 300.00
Veteran's Day Parade Donation	\$ 500.00
CAAH Donation	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$ 265.00
Essay & Oration Awards	\$ 175.00
Administrative (Supplies, Grave Markers, Speakers)	\$ 500.00
Meeting Lunch Costs	*
Total:	\$5,940.00

* Pass-Through Expense to lunch provider

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Editor

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Jim Logan, Editor