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Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Williamsburg Chapter - Chartered April 1969



By signing the Declaration of Independence,

the fifty-six Americans pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Nine died of wounds during the Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were jailed, mistreated, or left penniless. Twelve signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.

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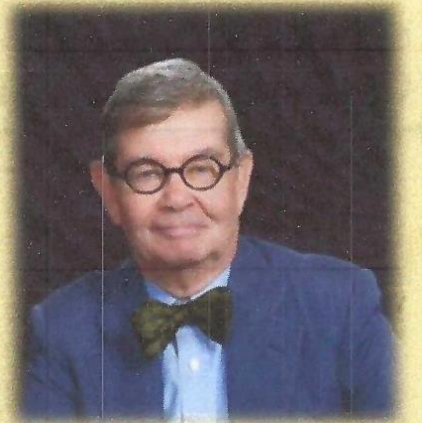
President's Message

Compatriots,

We had another great Veterans Day program thanks in large part to Tom Campbell. Although a bit chilly at the conclusion, I heard many expressing how well everything went. I was working with the piper last week at another CW site and he assured me it was not cold on the roof of the Palace. (I did not believe him, however.)

While we do not have a chapter meeting in December, I would like to encourage everyone to attend the celebration at Great Bridge on December 8. It is a NASSAR event and the President General will be in attendance. Hopefully, it will be held in the new visitor's center which was under construction last year.

I look forward to serving as your President for another year. 2019 will be an exciting year as the chapter celebrates its 50th anniversary and Virginia prepares to host the national meeting in 2020. VASSAR President Pat Kelly, or his designee, will be with us on January 9 to install the 2019 chapter officers. That will be an evening event and hosted by the Thomas Nelson, Jr. chapter. More information on that meeting will be in the January newsletter.





Have a wonderful holiday season, thank you to all who helped make 2018 a great year and see you in 2019.



Calendar

Sat. Dec 8

11:00 AM NSSAR

Commemoration of the
Battle of Great Bridge
Great Bridge Battlefield Park
1775 Historic Way
Chesapeake, Va. 
(additional details on pg. )

Mon. Dec 10

10:00 Board Meeting
Williamsburg Library

Wed. Jan 9

Installation of 2019 Officers at
a joint dinner meeting with the
Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter will
be held at the James River
Country Club in Newport News.



Photos by Harley Stewart, Lisa Cumming,
The Lynch Family and David Westenberger

CHAPTER NEWS

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES MEETING of Nov. 10TH



John Lynch III - Supplemental Ancestor Certificate



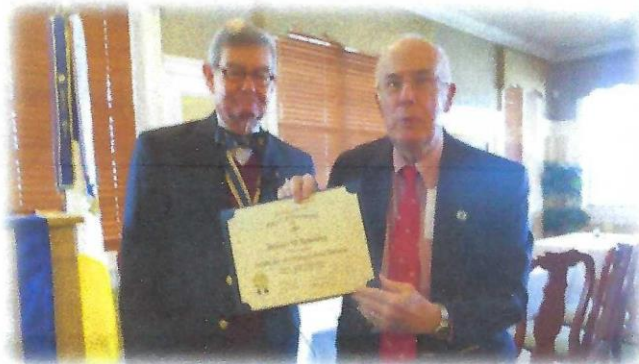
Jose Colon, Colonial Heritage Events Coordinator -
Certificate of Appreciation



John Moon - Military Service Certificate and Medal



Fred Siegel, John Lynch II, Lynn Dievendorf, Gerald Sailors - Certificates of Appreciation



Bob Spencer – Certificate of Distinguished Service



Steve McGuffin - Bronze Roger Sherman Medal



Eric Ely - Bronze Roger Sherman Medal



Tom Morr, Bob White - Bronze Color Guard Medal



Tom Campbell Bronze Roger Sherman Oak Leaf Cluster



Roger Cross Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal



Harley Stewart – Chapter Distinguished Service Medal
(President's Award)



Terry Walker
Certificate of Appreciation and Jefferson Cup

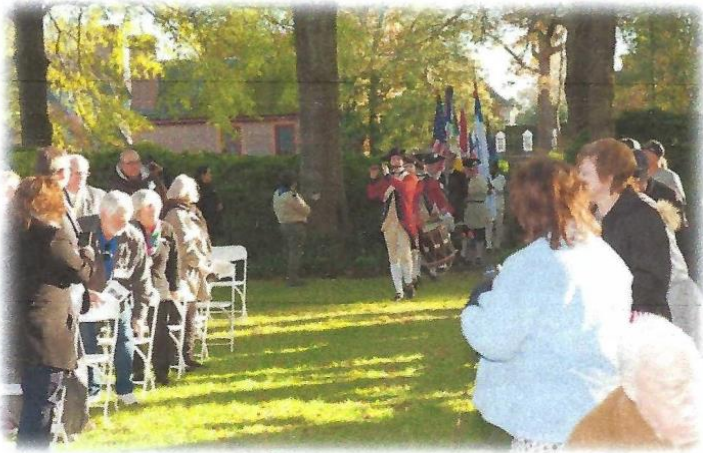
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



John Lynch and Gen. Marquis de LaFayette
PHOTO BY LYNCH FAMILY



PHOTO BY HARLEY STEWART
Colonial Williamsburg Fife & Drum Corps



Posting the Colors



Presenting the Wreaths



PHOTOS BY Lisa Cumming

Compatriot John Lynch in authentic WW I uniform spoke on the 100TH Anniversary of Armistice Day having occurred on the 11TH hour of the 11TH day of the 11TH month in 1918.

The armed conflict, which began in 1914, finally ended when the Allies and Germany signed an armistice agreement on 11 November 1918 at Compiègne in northern France.



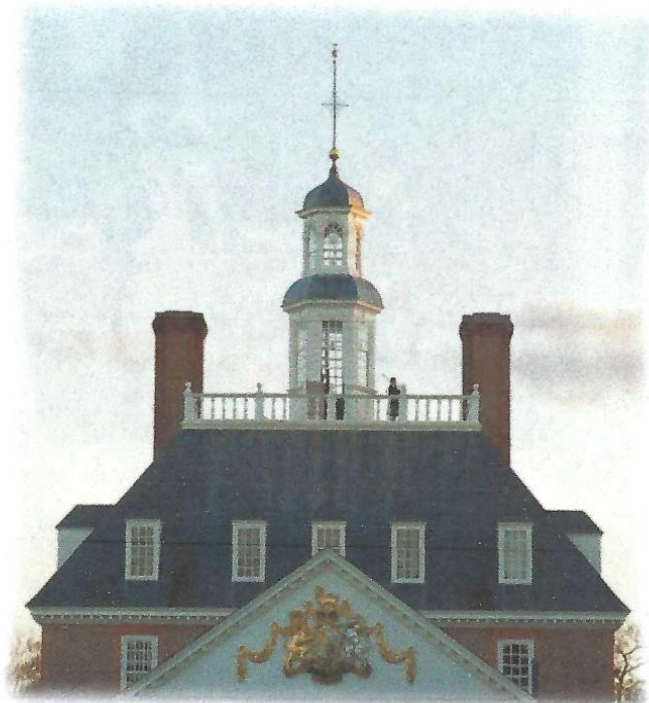


PHOTO BY DAVID WESTENBERGER

Piper saluting the conclusion of our
Veteran's Day ceremony



PHOTO BY HARLEY STEWART

Participants and Guests

Williamsburg SAR Chapter

Slate of Nominees for 2019 Positions

	Officers
President	Bill Greaf
Vice President	Jay Smith
Secretary	Roger Cross
Treasurer	Jim Hess
Public Relations	Harley Stewart
Registrar	Ron Losec
Historian	Steve McGuffin
Chaplain	Jim Morford
Newsletter Editor	Dave Westenberger
Sergeant-at-Arms	Eric Ely
Color Guard	John Lynch
At-Large Board Members	Richard Durst Richard Snyder





On November 2, 2018 Chapter President William Greif presented a NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation and Medal to Master Officer Brandon Frantz of the James City County Police Department. This award is given by the SAR to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement and public safety. From left, Harley Stewart, Chief of Police Bradley Rineheimer, Brandon Frantz, and William Greif.

As a result of his leadership and strong work ethic, Officer Frantz has been trained as an Officer in Charge and a Field Training Officer. He has demonstrated great calmness in a high-stress situation. He is an active member of the SWAT Team and the Marine Patrol Unit. He was recently chosen to fill a valuable position in the Community Services Unit. For these and many other reasons Master Officer Brandon Frantz is James City County Police Department's 2018 Officer of the Year.



A NSSAR Certificate of Recognition was presented today to Julian Montes-Martinez of Troop 155 at Williamsburg Baptist Church.



Troop 155 L to R

1st is Senior Patrol Leader Caleb Richardson, 3rd is Scoutmaster Pablo Rosado, 4th is Julian Montes-Martinez, all others are Assistant Scoutmasters

The **Battle of Great Bridge** was fought December 9, 1775, in the area of Great Bridge, Virginia, early in the American Revolutionary War. The victory by colonial Virginia militia forces led to the departure of Royal Governor Lord Dunmore and any remaining vestiges of British power over the Colony of Virginia during the early days of the conflict.

Following increasing political and military tensions in early 1775, both Dunmore and colonial rebel leaders recruited troops and engaged in a struggle for available military supplies. The struggle eventually focused on Norfolk, where Dunmore had taken refuge aboard a Royal Navy vessel. Dunmore's forces had fortified one side of a critical river crossing south of Norfolk at Great Bridge, while rebel forces had occupied the other side.



In an attempt to break up the rebel gathering, Dunmore ordered an attack across the bridge, which was decisively repulsed. Colonel William Woodford, the Virginia militia commander at the battle, described it as “a second Bunker’s Hill affair.”

Shortly thereafter, Norfolk, at the time a Loyalist center, was abandoned by Dunmore and the Tories, who fled to navy ships in the harbor. Rebel-occupied Norfolk was destroyed on January 1, 1776 in an action begun by Dunmore and completed by rebel forces.

NSSAR Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge

Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Park 1775 Historic Way, Chesapeake, VA 23320

The formal NSSAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge will start at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 08, 2018, in Great Bridge Battlefield Park, Chesapeake, VA. Robert Hitchings will be the guest speaker. The ceremony will include the 65th annual wreath laying led by Great Bridge Chapter N.S.D.A.R. The formal ceremonies will conclude by noon.

Norfolk Chapter SAR will host a luncheon immediately after the ceremony at **Vino’s Italian Restaurant** (located just across the bridge on Battlefield Boulevard – same location as last year). Food and drink will be “Dutch treat.” We are planning on at least 50 attending. There will be no speaker, but it will be a time of good fellowship.

The new visitors’ center is now 74% complete. It is anticipated that it will be finished in time to use the facility in the event of inclement weather.

TENTATIVELY, there will be a brief soft-opening of the center at 10:00 am on the 8th of December. However, should the building not be available and the weather not suitable for an outdoor ceremony, we will be using the Chesapeake City Council Chambers located at City Hall located at 306 Cedar Rd., Chesapeake, VA. If this facility is used, we may be able to have the event televised.

The Founders Inn and Spa will host our group. We will also plan on an informal “Dutch treat” dinner with the PG at the Founders Inn on 7 December open to anyone that wants to join us. Social gathering at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm.



MARK THOSE CALENDARS

With all those 2019 calendars arriving in the mail and online, you should be marking special events for the coming year.

The Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, held it's first meeting in April 1969!! So mark on your new calendar that April 13th luncheon is a "must attend" historic event.

On that day the chapter will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Plans are underway to expand our usual monthly luncheon into something special.

More details in future chapter newsletters.

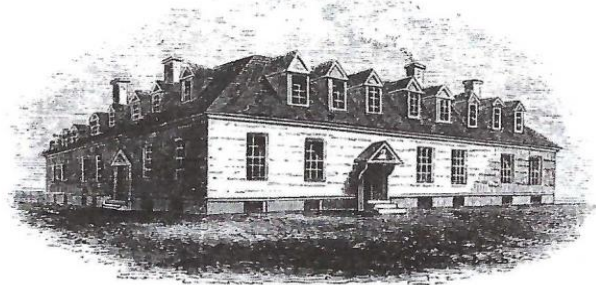
MARK IT: APRIL 13TH.

The video this month is The Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake, Virginia on Dec. 8, 1775. A good description of the event.

Just click the link below the mouse.



<https://youtu.be/xpmOQTbrl3U>



SAR WEB sites

State <http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/>

National <https://www.sar.org/>

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NO CHAPTER MEETING IN DECEMBER

Our next meeting will be a joint dinner held on Wednesday, January 9th with the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter for the installation of 2019 officers at the James River Country Club in Newport News. Further details will be in the January newsletter.

