



# The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter Virginia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution



*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,

As I mentioned at our meeting this month, we have concluded a very busy time. We had our July 4 church service at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church and laid wreaths commemorating the Battles of Spencers Ordinary and Green Spring. Unfortunately, the last two events were poorly attended. While most individuals do not know of these battles leading up to Yorktown, it is important to recognize their role in making Yorktown possible. Please consider putting these two events on your 2020 calendar. The dates do not change with Spencers Ordinary being on June 26 and Green Spring on July 6.

We also laid a wreath at Berkeley Plantation as part of the DAR's July 4 ceremony honoring Benjamin Harrison. This was followed by a nice lunch between the DAR and SAR.

On another topic, one of VASSAR President Davenport's initiatives for 2019 is to provide \$15,000 to the Brennan fund which supports VASSAR's youth and public school programs. To date, around \$2,000 has been raised. If you are able, please consider supporting this fund. Donations to it earn credit toward your rank in the First Virginia Regiment. Also, if you do contribute please let me know since contributions should be reported on the Chapter's annual Americanism report. Specific donation forms can be found on the VASSR website.

The VASSAR mid-year meeting will be September 13 and 14 this year in Fairfax. This conflicts with our Chapter meeting but your attendance is always welcome at either meeting.

There are a couple of other events being planned in the area and I will put more specific information in next month's newsletter.

Have a great "last" month of Summer.



Bill





# Calendar

Monday August 5<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 am Board Meeting  
Williamsburg Library

Saturday August 10<sup>TH</sup>  
11:30 am Chapter Luncheon  
Colonial Heritage Country Club

Monday September 9<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 am Board Meeting  
Williamsburg Library

Saturday September 14<sup>TH</sup>  
11:30 am Chapter Luncheon  
Colonial Heritage Country Club



Betsy Ross Flag

Photos by Harley Stewart

## Chapter News



Williamsburg SAR Chapter members at the DAR commemoration of Benjamin Harrison V held at Berkley Plantation on July 4<sup>TH</sup>.



The Williamsburg Chapter SAR commemorated the Battle of Green Spring on Saturday, July 6, at the Church on the Main near Jamestown, Va. This battle was the last major battle of the Virginia Campaign prior to the Siege of Yorktown and involved the ambush of Brigadier General "Mad" Anthony Wayne's forces by the British army of Earl Charles Cornwallis.





Chapter Members at the Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church with Rev. Charles Mullaly on July 4<sup>TH</sup> .

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The induction of Joseph (Joe) Jenkins.  
L to R: Ron Losee, Chapter Registrar;  
Joe Jenkins, New Compatriot; William  
Graf, Chapter President



Louise Jenkins pinned her husband  
Compatriot Joe Jenkins with his SAR  
Rosette.





Tyler and Andrew Coenen were inducted into the Williamsburg Chapter SAR at their home on July 17, 2019. Pictured, L to R, are Christine Coenen, their mother; Tyler (age 15); Andrew (age 12); and William Greaf, Chapter President, who presented their Certificates of Memberships.



President William Greaf and Jay Smith, Chapter Vice-President presented a Certificate of Appreciation and Jefferson Cup to guest speaker Norman Fuss for his history of the Williamsburg Magazine.



## Berkley Plantation

L-R Randy Taylor, Compatriot, Williamsburg Chapter SAR and descendent of Benjamin Harrison V, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Barbara Rooney, Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR and descendent of Benjamin Harrison V, signer if the Declaration of Independence

Celia Adolphi, Regent, Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR

William Greaf, President, Williamsburg Chapter SAR

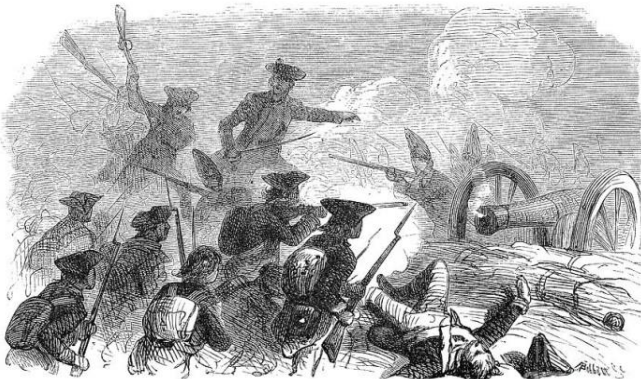
Cynthia Gunther, Member Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR (aka Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison)



**NOW IS THE TIME  
TO CONSIDER  
WHAT YOU CAN DO  
TO MORE ACTIVELY SERVE OUR CHAPTER**



A committee to nominate officers for 2020 has been formed. Over the next few months we will be seeking out and contacting members willing and able to serve the chapter in its missions. As you are aware, we have a fantastic chapter with so many new members who have been added to our rolls who possess many talents and capabilities. Unfortunately, it is very difficult for our committee to be aware of the interest levels that individual members may have to serve our chapter in a leadership role.



From newsletters and other communications you are aware of what we do and how we do it. Things happen only because of active and engaged members. So, we welcome any and all who desire to be a candidate and to more actively serve our chapter as an officer during 2020 or during a future year. There will be six officer positions available for 2020; so, please contact a member listed below to indicate your desire to volunteer.



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## AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

### Joseph Bromfield

Patrick Henry - Enactor

Our speaker for August 10<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Bromfield as Patrick Henry who performs at St. John's Church in Richmond. Joseph presented this reenactment for the Richmond Chapter SAR last year and members of the Williamsburg Chapter attended the event and wreath laying ceremony.



In January of 2017 Joseph began doing reenactments with the St. John's Church Foundation alternating between the roles of Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. Since then, Joseph has performed Patrick Henry's 'Liberty or Death' speech for thousands of school children, Virginians, and patriots the world over. Most memorably he performed Mr. Henry's fiery speech for Governor Ralph Northam and First Lady Pamela Northam as well as for new American citizens in a Naturalization Ceremony held at St. John's Church.

University of Virginia, MFA Acting, 2016

LAMDA - The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, Classical Acting, 2010

Rollins College, BA, Theatre Arts, Magna Cum Laude, 2009

Fulbright Scholarship Finalist for UK, TN Governor's School of the Arts, Rollins  
Outstanding Achievement in Theatre, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

*"Adversity toughens manhood, and the characteristics of the good or great man, is not that he has been exempted from the evils of life, but that he has surmounted them."*

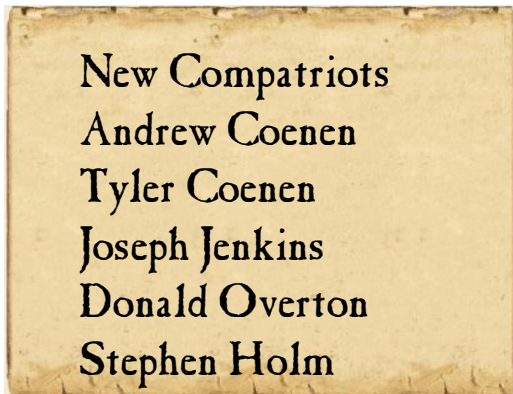
*Patrick Henry*

**Please plan to attend our meeting in August. It will be fantastic!!!**

## SUGGESTIONS ARE REQUESTED

We are starting to plan for year 2020 and need your input for guest speakers for our monthly meetings. We have a history of providing great speakers at our meetings and wish to continue this theme. If you know of any person (including yourself) that may be interested in this endeavor please let our Vice President Jay Smith know by email. [jay.smith92346@gmail.com](mailto:jay.smith92346@gmail.com)

(75% of our speakers are suggested by chapter members )



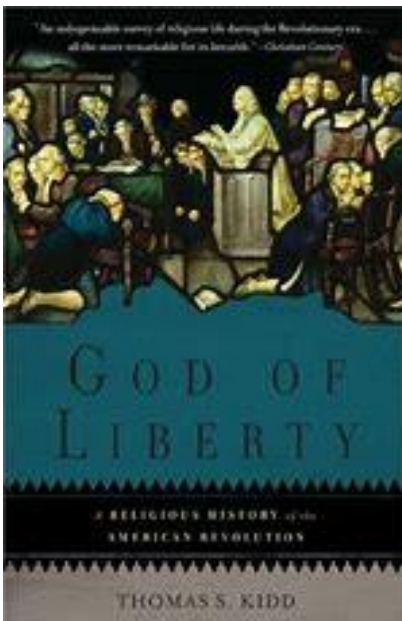
(updated Roster to follow )

For those that were unable to attend the Commemoration of The Battle of Green Spring this video will take you back to the history surrounding the event. Most interesting and informative.

Click the link below

<https://youtu.be/EbkleGuguBE>

## AUGUST BOOK RAFFLE



At the dawn of the Revolutionary War, America was already a nation of diverse faiths—the First Great Awakening and Enlightenment concepts such as deism and atheism had endowed the colonists with varying and often opposed religious beliefs. Despite their differences, however, Americans found common ground against British tyranny and formed an alliance that would power the American Revolution. In *God of Liberty*, historian Thomas S. Kidd offers the first comprehensive account of religion's role during this transformative period.

Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.

One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5.



## American Revolution: Battle of Rhode Island

Born February 24, 1722 at Sutton, England, John Burgoyne was the son of Captain John Burgoyne and his wife Anna. There is some thought that the young Burgoyne may have been the illegitimate son of Lord Bingley. Burgoyne's godfather, Bingley specified in his will that the young man should receive his estate if his daughters failed to produce any male heirs. Beginning in 1733, Burgoyne began attending the Westminster School in London. While there, he befriended Thomas Gage and James Smith-Stanley, Lord Strange. In August 1737, Burgoyne entered the British Army by purchasing a commission in the Horse Guards.

Based in London, Burgoyne became known for his fashionable uniforms and earned the nickname "Gentleman Johnny." A known gambler, Burgoyne sold his commission in 1741. Four years later, with Britain involved in the War of the Austrian Succession, Burgoyne returned to the army by obtaining cornet's commission in the 1st Royal Dragoons. As the commission was newly created, he was not required to pay for it. Promoted to lieutenant later that year, he took part in the Battle of Fontenoy that May and made repeated charges with his regiment. In 1747, Burgoyne pulled together sufficient funds to purchase a captaincy.

With the beginning of the American Revolution in April 1775, Burgoyne was dispatched to Boston along with Major Generals William Howe and Henry Clinton. Feeling the assignment lacked opportunity, he elected to return home in November 1775.

On arriving, he began lobbying Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to approve his campaign plans for 1777. These called for a large British army to advance south from Lake Champlain to capture Albany.

On September 13, his army began crossing the Hudson just north of Saratoga. Pushing south, it soon encountered American forces led by Major General Horatio Gates entrenched on Bemis Heights.

On September 19, American forces led by Major General Benedict Arnold and Colonel Daniel Morgan defeated Burgoyne's men at Freeman's Farm. With their supply situation critical, many of the British commanders recommended a retreat. Unwilling to fall back, Burgoyne again attacked on October 7. Defeated at Bemis Heights, the British withdrew to their camp. In the wake of the action, American forces surrounded Burgoyne's position. Unable to break out, he surrendered on October 17.



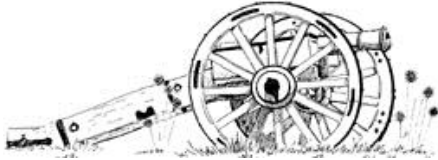
Surrender of Burgoyne by John Trumbull. Photograph Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol



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by **Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019**

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Reservation for the **Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019** Chapter Luncheon

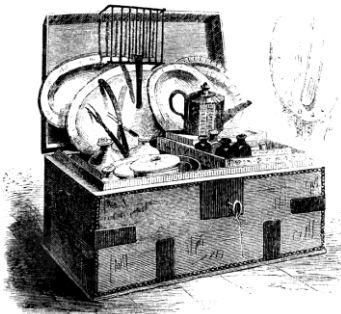
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