



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,

What a great opportunity to hear Mr. Henry speak at our August meeting! Thank you Compatriot Campbell for making the arrangements.

As I mentioned, the mid-year VASSAR meeting will be on September 13 and 14 in Fairfax. This conflicts with our monthly meeting and Harley Stewart has agreed to preside at the meeting in my place. Compatriot Corbett and myself will be attending the mid-year. You are welcome to attend either meeting.

There will be a grave marking on September 21 at 1000 at Cedar Grove Cemetery, 405 Fort Lane, Portsmouth, VA. There will be seven revolutionary war patriots remembered. The Norfolk chapter is taking the lead on this event.

The chapter's remaining major events in 2019 are Yorktown Day on October 19 and our Veterans Day ceremony on November 10. Be sure to mark them on your calendar.

Again, 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. <http://www.virginia-sar.org> Bill





Calendar

Monday September 9TH
10:00 am Board Meeting
Williamsburg Library

Saturday September 14TH
11:30 am Chapter Luncheon
Colonial Heritage Country Club

Mid year VASSAR meeting
September 13-14
Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks
in Fairfax, VA

Saturday September 21ST
10:00 am Grave marking
Cedar Grove Cemetery
405 Fort Lane, Portsmouth, VA
(Norfolk chapter hosting)

Saturday October 19TH
Yorktown Day
Yorktown, VA

Sunday November 10TH
Veterans Day ceremony
Governors Palace
Colonial Williamsburg

Photos by Harley Stewart

Chapter News



Compatriots Steve Perger and Stephen Holm were presented their SAR certificates by Chapter President William Greaif.



Pinning of SAR Rosettes by Donna Perger and Christine Holm given by Chapter President William Greaif.





*A meeting of the Williamsburg Chapter was turned into a reenactment of a scene that took place on March 23, 1775 – the 2nd Virginia Convention of the House of Burgesses in St. John’s Church in Richmond, VA. Many members reported present as delegates from various stated counties of Virginia. Chapter President William Greaf represented Peyton Randolph, President of the House of Burgesses, Harley Stewart represented Edmund Pendleton, and Joseph Bromfield represented Patrick Henry, delegate from Hanover County. Being duly recognized, Henry presented his resolution to raise a militia in Virginia. Patrick Henry then proceeded to deliver his immortal speech in favor of the resolution, which ended with “**Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death.**” The meeting will be long remembered by the chapter.*

Chapter President William Greaf presented a Certificate of Appreciation and Jefferson Cup to guest speaker Patrick Henry (aka Joseph Bromfield).



It was my pleasure to present a NSSAR Flag Recognition Certificate to John and Cheri Grantz of the Winsor Forest subdivision off of Longhill Road. They are neighbors of chapter secretary Roger Cross who recommended them for this presentation. Mr. Grantz is a retired US Army officer (Combat Arms). Roger and I had a very pleasant visit with them. They have three sons and a daughter and are very active in the community. George Corbett

Treaty of Paris, formally ending the Revolutionary War SEPTEMBER 3RD, 1783

United States delegation at the Treaty of Paris included John Jay, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Henry Laurens, and William Temple Franklin. Here they are depicted by Benjamin West in his American Commissioners of the Preliminary Peace Agreement with Great Britain.



The British delegation refused to pose, and the painting was never completed.



REGISTRAR'S CORNER



As many of you will recall from last month's story on the Fourth of July memorial services, Compatriot Randy Taylor, of Atlanta, joined us for the holiday festivities. He joined the Williamsburg chapter a number of years ago. His ancestor is Benjamin Harrison V, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, whose family lived at Berkeley Plantation for decades.

The Williamsburg chapter membership roll contains several other descendants of famous historical American families, members of which were founders of our great nation.

Compatriot R. Bruce Laubach's famous ancestor is Thomas Nelson Jr., a name heard frequently in this geographical area in connection with Yorktown, and our Chapter attends Governor Nelson's annual memorial service at his grave the 19th of October at the Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown. Another signer of the Declaration representing Virginia.

Compatriot Will Phillips's famous ancestor is Thomas Heyward, Jr. who signed the Declaration of Independence representing the state of South Carolina. Compatriot Donald Clymer Overton Jr. has been approved for membership and is awaiting induction; his ancestor is George Clymer who signed the Declaration of Independence representing the state of Pennsylvania.

A recently approved applicant is Compatriot Andrew Cox Robertson who has the distinction of being a descendant of John Parke Custis, the step-son of President George Washington. Compatriot Robertson's induction will be held in the near future.

In the Registrar's prospective applicant files is a possible descendant from a President of the United States. Work on his lineage to establish SAR eligibility is underway."

Anyone else ?

Ron Losee



Tidewater Genealogical Society is sponsoring a bus trip on September 25 to the DAR Library in Washington D.C. Contact Registrar Ron for details.

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**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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SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Jack Gary

Director of Archaeology

Colonial Williamsburg

A graduate of the College of William & Mary, Gary joins Colonial Williamsburg from Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, where he served as director of archaeology and landscapes beginning in 2006.

In addition to his work in Virginia, Gary has conducted research in New York and Massachusetts with specific interests in plantation and ornamental landscapes, the material culture of marginalized communities, environmental investigations of historic landscapes and applications of geographic information systems to historical archaeology. He earned his master's degree in historical archaeology from the University of Massachusetts Boston and is co-editor of "Jefferson's Poplar Forest: Unearthing a Virginia Plantation." He is the immediate past president of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists.

Colonial Williamsburg's archaeological research includes site investigations such as the annual Archaeological Field School operated in partnership with the College of William & Mary. The foundation's archaeological collections encompass more than 60 million items, which are to be housed in a new archaeological collections building supported by a \$10 million gift from the late Forrest E. Mars, Jr.



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

Colonial National Historical Park

will waive its entrance fee on:

- Saturday, September 28
National Public Lands Day
- Monday, November 11
Veterans Day

Theories supported by facts that reveal how we won the Revolution. A Most interesting and informative video.

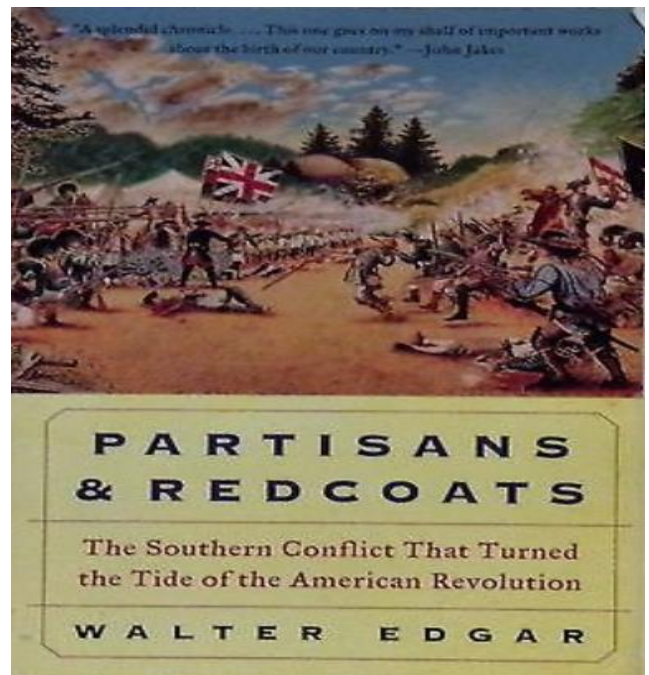
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SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

PARTISANS & REDCOATS:

The Southern Conflict That Turned the Tide of the American Revolution is the title of the book for the September book raffle. The author, Walter Edgar, takes the Revolution far beyond the Lexington and Concord battles to the heat, the fury, and the intense human drama of Britain's ruthless South Carolina campaign. It is a story of being outnumbered, yet the patriots slowly gained confidence through a series of small triumphs that convinced them they could win the war!



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

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

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Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter
by **Saturday September 7th**

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Reservation for the **Saturday September 14th** Chapter Luncheon

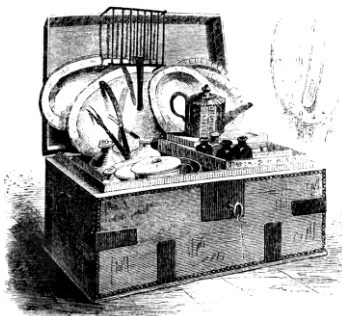
Name(s) _____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$21.00

Special need _____

Please make checks payable to
"Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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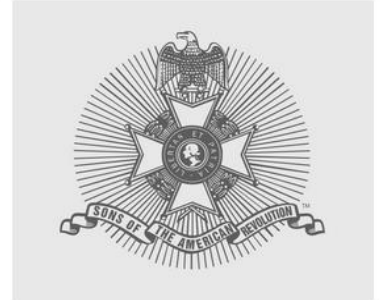
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SAR RED LOGO TIE

\$35.00



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SAR RED BOW TIE

\$35.00



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NAVY SAR LOGO TIE

\$35.00



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Personalized Name Badge
(Name Tag) - Pocket
Attachment Nametag

\$25.00

There has been confusion on how to add this item to the cart. There is a statement that says "I understand personalized items are not refundable" that has a small box after it on the bottom of the page where the personalized items are added. You must click that box before the "ADD PERSONALIZED ITEM TO CART" button will become active. Unless you click the box agreeing that Personalized Items are not refundable, the item can not be added to the cart.

SHOWING ONLY A SMALL SAMPLE OF THEIR EXTENSIVE INVENTORY

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