



# 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,

We had a very successful Yorktown Day on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We had perfect weather. This year a record 60 wreaths were presented and the parade was a success. President-General Manning was there as was the VASSAR color guard.

As mentioned at our October meeting, there are at least three events remaining in 2019.

On November 16, there will be a grave marking at Pohick Church in Lorton. November 10 will be our Veterans Day celebration at the Governor's Palace beginning at 3:30. The emphasis this year will be on women veterans. Finally, on December 7, the Battle of Great Bridge will be remembered. This year we will be in the new visitor center followed by luncheon at a nearby restaurant.

If you are available, I highly encourage you to attend our November chapter meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Besides a speaker, we will be recognizing those individuals who have contributed to a successful 2019 and will be electing the 2020 chapter officers. This will also be our last meeting of the year.

The NASSAR meeting will be in Richmond in July of next year. I highly encourage you to attend all or part of the meeting. It not only provides you with an opportunity to meet compatriots from all over the country but also to see what the national organization does. One of the jobs the Williamsburg Chapter has been assigned is managing the bus trips to three plantations near us. For this, I will need ten volunteers. I will need two individuals to ride the buses from Richmond to the plantations and back to Richmond. I will also need an individual to be at the plantation until the last bus leaves. I have also been asked to supply the name of a Lieutenant who will work with me as the bus tour captain. Please send me an email if you are interested in this opportunity. [hsaprof@gmail.com](mailto:hsaprof@gmail.com)

Finally, remember that our January meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> since that is the best time for a VASSAR officer to swear in the 2020 officers.

Bill





# Calendar

Monday November 4<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 am Board Meeting  
Williamsburg Library

Saturday November 9<sup>TH</sup>  
11:30 am Chapter Luncheon  
Colonial Heritage Country Club

Sunday November 10<sup>TH</sup>  
3:30 pm Veterans Day ceremony  
Governors Palace  
Colonial Williamsburg

Saturday November 16<sup>TH</sup>  
Grave marking  
Pohick Church, Lorton

Saturday December 7<sup>TH</sup>  
11:00 am Battle of Great Bridge  
Great Bridge Battlefield Park  
Chesapeake

Installation of 2020 Officers  
Saturday January 18<sup>TH</sup>

A joint dinner meeting with the  
Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter will be  
held at Fords Colony Country Club  
Williamsburg

Photos by Harley Stewart , James Hess,  
Tom Campbell and KJ

## Chapter News



President William Greaf and Elizabeth Greaf, First Vice Regent, Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR, are ringing the Freedom Bell at First Baptist Church on Constitution Day, September 17, 2019.



Certificate of Appreciation and a Jefferson Cup presented to guest speaker Karin Wulf October 12, 2019.



# EVENTS from our last meeting



NSSAR Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster to Treasurer Jim Hess. Jim is credited with bringing another ten new members into the Chapter in addition to the award for ten last year.



War Service Medal with Vietnam bar to Richard Durst.



Certificate of Appreciation from VASSAR to George Corbett for his Veterans Workshop at the Semi-Annual Meeting on September 13, 2019.

## YORKTOWN DAY



Bill Greaif with chapter wreath.



VASAR in parade



Compatriots in-step



Fifes & Drums





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Williamsburg SAR Chapter election of the 2020 chapter officers  
 Saturday November 9<sup>TH</sup> at Chapter Luncheon



Slate of Nominees for 2020 Officers			
President	Roger Cross	Chaplain	Jim Morford
Vice President	Steve McGuffin	Newsletter Editor	Dave Westenberger
Secretary	Duncan McIver	Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom hale
Treasurer	Jim Hess	<b>At-Large Board Members</b>	
Public Relations	Harley Stewart	Bill Greaif	
Registrar	Ron Losec	Jeff Wooldridge	
Historian	Tom Holt	Richard Snyder	



## Community Veterans Day Ceremony Will Honor Women’s Military Contributions Throughout History

*Event Commemorates More than 100 Years of Women’s Service in the U.S. Armed Forces*

The Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will host a ceremony honoring veterans in partnership with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation on Sunday, November 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Revolutionary War Cemetery behind the Governor’s Palace. The ceremony is part of Colonial Williamsburg’s Veterans Day weekend observances and recognizes women’s contributions to military causes on the war and home fronts throughout America’s history, both before and after women became officially permitted to enlist just over 100 years ago.

Katharine Pittman, Colonial Williamsburg actor-interpreter and historian of Martha Washington will offer welcome remarks and Lt. Cmdr. Karen Sankes-Ritland, training officer on aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush and Career Intermission Program participant, will offer keynote remarks.

The event is free and open to the community and will include a wreath-laying ceremony by Williamsburg Chapters of the SAR, DAR, Compte de Grasse (DAR), Children of the American Revolution (CAR), Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (CWF), and the Boy Scout Troop 1932.

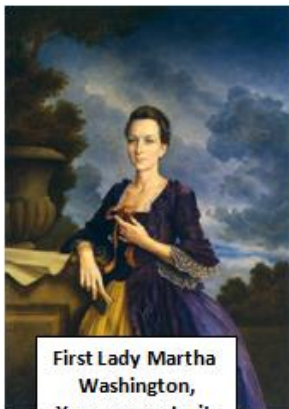
Submitted by:

Thomas G. Campbell

Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

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### VETERANS DAY SPEAKERS



First Lady Martha Washington, Younger portrait



Katharine Pittman as First Lady Martha Washington



Sankes-Ritland with Children



Lt. Cmdr. Sankes-Ritland during training on George H. W. Bush Aircraft Carrier



**ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERVIEW ON VETERANS DAY SAR/CWF EVENT ON THE RADIO – NOVEMBER 1 ST; 10:15 AM**



**ATTENTION SAR MEMBERS: VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR VETERANS DAY, SUNDAY MORNING, NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup> TO: (1) POSITION CHAIRS, (2) DISTRIBUTE PROGRAMS, (3) SECURE CEMETERY AFTER THE EVENT.**

## Battle of Great Bridge



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

### NSSAR

**Annual Commemoration of  
the Battle of Great Bridge  
The formal NSSAR  
Commemoration of the  
Battle of Great Bridge will  
start at 11:00 a.m., Saturday,  
December 7, 2019, in Great  
Bridge Battlefield Park.**



The **Battle of Kemp's Landing**, also known as the **Skirmish of Kempsville**, was a skirmish in the American Revolutionary War that occurred on November 15, 1775. Militia companies from Princess Anne County in the Province of Virginia assembled at Kemp's Landing to counter British troops under the command of Virginia's last colonial governor, John Murray, Lord Dunmore, had landed at nearby Great Bridge. Dunmore was investigating rumors of Patriot troop arrivals from North Carolina that turned out to be false; he instead moved against the Princess Anne militia, defeating their attempt at an ambush and routing them.

Dunmore followed up the victory with a reading of his proclamation declaring martial law and promising freedom to slaves belonging to Patriot owners if they served in the British military. This increased opposition to his activities, and he was eventually forced to leave Virginia.

Virginia's began organizing troops at Williamsburg to send to Norfolk in response to Dunmore's actions. The forces raised, led by Continental Army Colonel William Woodford, did not leave Williamsburg until November 7 due to shortages of equipment and supplies. They were prevented from crossing the James River for a week by British ships sent by Dunmore to patrol the river. Dunmore, who was operating from a Royal Navy ship, landed "109 Rank and file, with 22 Volunteers from Norfolk" near Great Bridge on November 14, to investigate rumors that a Patriot militia had arrived in the area from North Carolina. His landing prompted the militia of Princess Anne County to be called out. About 170 men responded to the militia call issued by Joseph Hutchings, the local militia commander, and Anthony Lawson, a prominent local landowner. They mustered at Kemp's Landing, about 10 miles from Great Bridge, and set up an ambush along the road to Great Bridge.

## November 15, 1775



Dunmore's search of the Great Bridge area the next day confirmed that the rumors were false, but heard of the militia mustering at Kemp's Landing. Leaving a company of troops to defend the causeway to the bridge and begin construction of defenses, he took 100 regulars and 20 Loyalists toward Kemp's Landing.

After securing the town, Dunmore raised the British standard, and read out the text of his proclamation. The next day more than 100 militiamen that had previously opposed him swore an oath to the Crown, claiming that they had been forced into arms by the Patriots. Dunmore then moved on to Norfolk, where he again raised the standard, and began developing defenses in and around the town.

Woodford's force eventually reached Great Bridge, and was joined by companies from North Carolina. This threat prompted Dunmore to order an attack against them; in the December 9 Battle of Great Bridge Woodford won a decisive victory. Dunmore afterward withdrew from Norfolk, which was then burned on January 1, 1776, by a combination of Patriot and Loyalist action. He continued raiding operations against Virginia coastal communities until August 1776, when he departed for New York City.

# NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

## We Hold These Truths And Other Words That Made America

The words of our founding fathers and mothers continue to inspire us: Give me liberty, or give me death. I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country. Don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes. I can't tell a lie. Paul Aron will tell some of the stories behind these famous words, revealing why Patrick Henry may never have said "If this be treason, make the most of it" and why Paul Revere may never have said "The British are coming," and where Benjamin Franklin found his "Poor Richard" proverbs and Thomas Jefferson his self-evident truths.

Paul Aron is an editor for Colonial Williamsburg and the author of eight books, including *Founding Feuds* and *We Hold These Truths*.

## REGISTRAR'S CORNER



**Ron Losee**

"The year 2019 is winding down and the chapter is creeping toward a membership of 200. No matter how many new applicants are enlisted, the members who drop out when dues notices arrive tends to cancel them out. So we hover around 185-190. The Williamsburg Chapter sponsors a well balanced program in the community supported exclusively from the dues collected and members (usually board members) who generously voluntarily pay when additional funds are necessary for a specific program. Since I joined about 10 years ago there have been no chapter calls for donations by the entire membership. Even if you can't participate in local events or live out of the area, your dues go toward youth programs, patriotic ceremonies, recognition of outstanding community citizens, and contribute to maintenance of the freedoms upon which our nation was founded."



**A M E R I C A N N E W S.**  
*From the New York Royal Gazette.*  
**GENERAL WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ORDERS to  
the ARMIES of the UNITED STATES.**

*- Rocky Hill, near Princetown, Nov. 2. 1783.*

THE United States in Congress assembled, after giving the most honourable testimony to the merits of the federal armies, and presenting them with the thanks of their country, for their long, eminent and faithful service,—having thought proper, by their proclamation, bearing date the 18th of October last, to discharge such part of the troops as were engaged for the war, and to permit the Officers on furlough to retire from services from and after to-morrow, which proclamation having been communicated in the public papers for the information and government of all concerned :—it only remains for the Commander in Chief to address himself once more, and that for the last time, to the armies of the United States (however widely dispersed individuals who composed them may be) and to bid them an affectionate, a long farewell.

Nov. 2, 1783

The video this month is about the Battle of Great Bridge fought December 9, 1775 in Chesapeake, Virginia. Very nice narration and most worthy of a mouse click . . .

Click the link

<https://youtu.be/xpmOQTbrI3U>

*Compatriots*

*It is with deep sorrow that I must inform you that Williamsburg Chapter SAR emeritus member LTC Kenneth Edward Jenkins U.S. Army (retired), 80, passed away on September 15, 2019. He served 23 years in the US Army including 2 tours in an Infantry Battalion in Vietnam. After retiring from the Army, Ken began a second career as a teacher at Hampton Roads Academy in Newport News, Va.*

*Please keep his family in your prayers. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. His son, Kenneth Mackenzie Jenkins II, is a member of the Williamsburg Chapter.*

*Roger Cross, Secretary*





**Colonial National Historical Park**  
will waive its entrance fee on:  
● Monday, November 11  
Veterans Day

10%  
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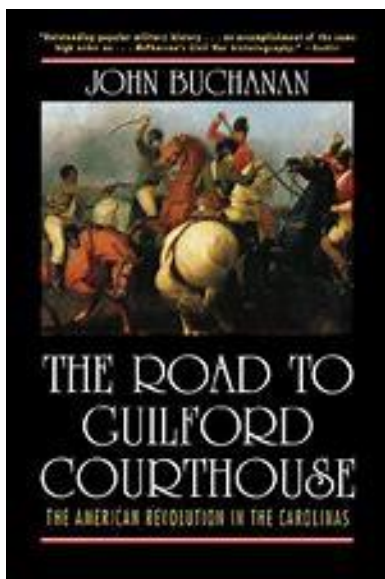


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## SAR Special Notice



## Rassle Dazzle Jewelry Sale



The members of the Williamsburg Chapter, NSDAR, are hosting a pre-owned **Costume Jewelry** sale all during the **month of December**. The jewelry will be beautifully displayed at the Williamsburg Jewelry store located at 2023 Richmond Rd, Suite E, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (right next door to Anna's Brick Oven Pizza). (757) 206-1100.

Mike Fagan, the owner, will show you the DAR display table where all jewelry is \$5 each or 5 pieces for \$20. Great for stocking stuffers, ornaments on gifts, something nostalgic that brings back memories or "just because". NOTE: He has diamonds too!

Mr. Fagan will artfully display the jewelry pieces, will sell, collect money and present 100% of the earnings to us in full. All proceeds will benefit **Women's Veteran's Programs**.

Gentlemen of SAR : You are invited to come and enjoy a "men's only" shopping day. You can buy something for your special someone on December 13 (a lucky day) from 2 to 4 p.m. Ladies can come in ahead of time and leave a "wish" list with owner, Mike Fagan. Charity Table for jewelry sale, Dec 1-31, come in anytime, but hope to see you on the 13th, light refreshments will be served. Where: Williamsburg Jewelry, 2023 Richmond Rd, Suite E, Williamsburg, VA 23185 · (757) 206-1100. 100% of funds will go towards Women's Veteran's Programs. Questions, please call Virginia Lee, (757) 221-6686.

## BOOK RAFFLE

**THE ROAD TO GUILFORD COURTHOUSE:** The American Revolution in the Carolinas is the title of our November book raffle. Written by John Buchanan, this book is about the British campaign of 1780-1781 to regain the Carolinas from the American Rebels. The reader is not only given a descriptive history of events but will also learn of the personalities of the time from the officers and commanders, to the regular soldier in the field.

Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.  
One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5.

# Williamsburg 2019 Chapter Officers



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Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter  
by **Saturday November 2<sup>ND</sup>**

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Reservation for the **Saturday 9 November 2019** Chapter Luncheon

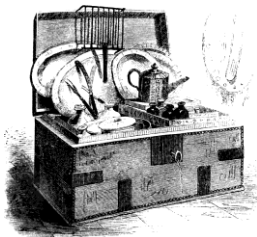
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SHOWING ONLY A SMALL SAMPLE OF THEIR EXTENSIVE INVENTORY

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