



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 signer's houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.

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President's Report

Compatriots,

I hope each of you had a very happy Easter! The weather certainly cooperated and it appears that Spring has arrived.

Last month Norm Fuss made an excellent presentation on the Battle of Great Bridge. The meeting was well attended and everyone was



impressed by the depth of Norm's research.



In addition the Chapter was presented a streamer for its support of the national CAAH. This streamer was primarily earned by Art Battan and Mike Hogge. In Mike's absence Art

Battan presented the streamer for both of them.



It was our pleasure to welcome our newest member... Ron Losee. Ron's wife and

daughter were present to see him inducted. Past President Fred Satterwhite assisted in pinning on Ron's Rosette.

Our April speaker will be Alain Outlaw who will speak on the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary. As you know, Ed Truslow and his historic preservation committee (Ron Losee and Bill Bunnel) are hard at work developing the sign describing the Battle which we plan to dedicate in September or October.

Our Chapter has received additional recognition from VASSAR. The Chapter has received streamers for its' participation in History Day 2009 and for Chapter Excellence! I will present the streamers at our April meeting.

May will be a big month! Our Chapter will partner with Colonial Williamsburg on Memorial Day, Monday 31 May. Our new local Color Guard (organized by Bob Schmidt) will perform with The Fife and Drum Corp and the CW Militia to lay wreaths at the Palace, Bruton Parish and the French burial site near the Williamsburg Inn. The ceremony will start at 10 and end at 11AM.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. CW expects around 2000 spectators. We will be joined by the local DAR and the order of march will be: Fife and Drums, our Color Guard, SAR and DAR members, the general public and the CW Colonial Militia. It should be an impressive ceremony.

Colonial Williamsburg and our Chapter see this ceremony as a first step toward increased cooperation between the two organizations in honoring our Revolutionary War heritage and making the general public aware of the sacrifices

and contributions made by our ancestors at that time. We will not be able to begin the ceremony in the Revolutionary War cemetery behind the Palace because of the constricted space and projected crowd. Consequently the Ceremony will begin in front of the Palace.

Joe Spruill is coordinating the event and will need help. Those of you willing to provide that help should contact Joe Spruill (jsprl@cox.net) or me.

Tom Campbell will mark the 158 Patriot grave sites behind the Palace with small flags prior to the ceremony. He will also need help... so Tom (tcampbell13@cox.net) would appreciate any volunteers!

Finally, our VASSAR president Bob Bowen and his wife Helen will join us at the ceremony.

From Our Historian

The selection from the Historian's Bookshelf this month is entitled "A British Soldier's Story: Roger Lamb's Narrative of the American Revolution" edited and annotated by Don N. Hagist.

Hagist tells us that "Roger Lamb was a British soldier who served in the American War for Independence. Lamb was one of some 50,000 British soldiers who served in America for at least some part of the war. He served in two major campaigns, twice became a prisoner of war, and twice escaped from captivity and made his way back to the army. In these respects he was certainly not unique---hundreds of British soldiers had similar experiences. What makes Lamb unique was not what he experienced, but that he wrote about it. Indeed, his accounts are by far the most extensive and detailed recorded by any British common soldier during this period." This is Lamb's story. It makes for a good read.

On another note, the Book Discussion Group begins this month. Our first meeting is on Saturday, April 24, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., at Art Batten's office at the Virginia Employment Commission building on John Tyler Highway

(between Riverside Urgent Care and Tacco Bell in the King's Crossing Shopping Center). We have room for 3 more, so if you are interested, see me at this month's meeting or e-mail me at the below address. The book we are studying is "The Guns of Independence: The Siege of Yorktown, 1781" by Jerome A. Greene.

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<p>Reservations MUST be received by 4/8/2010</p> <p>Send to: Bob Schmidt, 220 Charleston Place, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (757) 345-0292</p> <p><i>Meeting Date 04/10/07 Ft. Magruder, 11:30</i></p> <p>Checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter, SAR"</p> <p>Please reserve _____ lunches at \$16.00 per person for April 10, 2010</p> <p>Name _____</p>
