



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 Message

Compatriots,
Pat and I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2010 has been a challenging year. We lost 4 Compatriots... Edward Stvan (Mar. 24). Art Batten (Aug. 5), Dr. Richard Davis (Nov.17) Nelson Hogge (Dec.12), and in addition some of us faced challenging health issues.

On the positive side, the Chapter had an active schedule which included our Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans' Day ceremonies. All told, we had over 2,000 spectators at these three events. The fact that the 4th of July fell on a Sunday necessitated moving our memorial service into the afternoon. This probably exposed us to more public view resulting in over 100 spectators.



Our Public Safety committee awarded 6 EMS medals and 4 EMS certificates in

addition to our traditional Police Officer and Fireman of the year awards.



We also recently awarded 4 certificates to EMS personnel who responded to a woman's heart attack at the Yorktown Victory Center. Thanks to Compatriot Alan Morledge for assisting with the presentations

Compatriot Don Swain has taken our Public Safety Program to the next level and has established close personal relationships with the local police and fire departments. The policemen and firemen really appreciate the recognition and have invited us to visit their work places and see how they operate. We will take them up on that. I was personally told by two Fire Chiefs that in all of their years of service our organization's efforts were the first community "thanks" that their staff had received. That is a disturbing statement! Don Swain will continue to pursue this!

I would be remiss if I did not recognize your boards support during the past two years. Ed Truslow, our Vice President, became a jack of all trades assuming many of the secretary's duties, newsletter editing as well as coordinating our Crowne Plaza meetings to include providing speakers. He also filled in for me during the summer when I was hospitalized.

Paul Morie was last year's treasurer until Bob Schmidt became Secretary Treasurer in 2010. In addition to his Secretary/Treasurer duties Bob has organized our highly successful local Color Guard. Imagination is the limit for the contributions which the Color Guard can make in the future!



Collyer Linn has been our publicist for the past two years. We can thank him for the excellent press coverage which our Chapter's ceremonies have enjoyed.



Clayton Rowland has been our Genealogist/Registrar. Despite his illness during the summer months the Chapter has a **large** number of prospective members awaiting approval at national and an even **larger** number in preparation.

Our Chaplain/Historian has been Jim Henry. Jim became Chaplain when Ed Morgan became ill and Ed was made Chaplain Emeritus. Jim's book program has been a success and the Chapter's historical records since it's inception have been reviewed and cataloged. Jim has arranged for the Swem Library to catalog and store the Chapter's historical documents. In his spare time Jim has assisted me with the Chapter's and the State's History Day Programs and he serves in Bob Schmidt's Color Guard.

The Chapter's 2010 program year has been a team effort and I'm proud to have been part of your team.

Our final event will be a joint meeting with the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter at the River Inn in Yorktown. Please use the tear off in this newsletter to RSVP not later than January 10.

Thanks.
Ben Fegan, bfegan1@cox.net

January 15th Meeting Details- This will be a joint meeting hosted by the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter. VASSAR President Bob Bowen will be the speaker and preside over the induction of the 2011 chapter officers.

Date: January 15, 2011

Location: Riverwalk Restaurant, 323 Water St. Yorktown, Va. Tel. # 757-875-1525

Dress Code: Coat and tie

Time: Social 5:30pm - Cash Bar available

Meeting: 6:00pm

Menu Options:

Choice #1: Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Red Wine Sauce

Choice #2: Seared Maine Salmon Fillet, Dill Butter Sauce

Each dinner will come with Fresh Seasonal Fruit, House Salad, Warm Chocolate Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce, Bread and Coffee/ Tea.

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Sign-up Form for the January 15th Meeting

Dinner Reservations MUST be received not later than 1/10/2011

Send check to:
Bob Schmidt
220 Charleston Place
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(757) 245-0292
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Meeting Date 1/15/2011
Riverwalk Restaurant, Yorktown, VA

Checks payable to
"Williamsburg Chapter, SAR"

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$25.00 per person for January 15, 2011

Name(s) _____

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