



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,

As I had mentioned in last month's newsletter, our April speaker Jim Holloway spoke about the planned new Yorktown Victory Center. At the time of his talk the funding had yet to be put in place but on May 12 Governor McDonnell announced that the state will be providing \$41 million for the project. Construction will begin later this year with the bulk of it completed by 2015 and the balance by 2019..

As a follow up to April history day event, I was invited by the Hornsby Middle School to give their three winning students, the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship medals along with their Appreciation Certificates. It was carried "live" on the school TV network to all of the classrooms as part of their morning assembly. Apparently many schools don't hold assemblies in auditoriums any more.

Our May meeting is our special Memorial Day event on Monday May 30th with Colonial Williamsburg instead of the usual 2nd Saturday meeting at the Crowne Plaza. More details on Memorial Day will follow in this newsletter. Our Next Crowne Plaza meeting will be on Saturday June 11th

I hope as many of you as possible will participate in this year's Memorial Day event. Over 2,000 people viewed the ceremonies last year which was the first year our chapter was an official participant.



(L-R) Ed, Zachary King, Samuel Robles-Hinckley Alejandro Romero and Hornsby history teacher and mentor Rachel Moore

Best regards,
Ed

Memorial Day - Monday May 30

Participants should arrive at the Governor's Palace Gate not later than 9:50 AM. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 AM. After remarks and the laying of wreaths at the Palace, the Fife and Drums will lead the march to the Palace Green Gate at Bruton Parish Church for a brief ceremony there. The march will then proceed to the French graveyard near the Providence Hall Guest Houses where the French soldiers are buried – about a 15 minute walk. The ceremonies there will end at about 11:00 AM.

We have a limited number of reserved tables for an 11:30 luncheon to be held in the King's Arms Tavern Garden as we did last year. Our lunch will be individual order and pay.

Those who want to attend the luncheon can walk from the French Cemetery to King's Arms Tavern garden (about 8 minutes). We are asked to enter from Francis Street; the walk leads to the seating in the garden. In case of rain we will be seated inside but not necessarily as a group.

Since the luncheon will be "Dutch Treat", no advance payment will be needed however your advance reservation is required due to the limited seating.

Sign-up for the May 30th Meeting
Reservations MUST be received not later
Than Thursday, May 26

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Meeting Date 5 /30/2011
Kings Arms Tavern Garden
Dutch Treat – Order from Menu

Number for lunch _____

World War II Vets

The National Society SAR asked the chapters to help identify World War II SAR Vets. While assisting in that process, we identified eight in our chapter who served in WWII. They and their branch of service are as follows:

- Reginald Beane - Army Air Corps
- John Bidwell - Army
- Bob Dunnells - Navy
- Fred Gore - Navy
- Gentry Lowe - Navy
- Fred Satterwhite - Navy
- Bert Wisner - Army Air Corps
- Mason Young - Army

When you see these gentlemen, please give them hearty thanks for their service to our country.

SAR ROTC Award

Pictured below is Cadet Kenneth E. Russell of Chesterfield, Virginia receiving the SAR ROTC award on April 20th from Williamsburg SAR Chapter ROTC representative Tom Morr.



Cadet Kenneth Russell is a William and Mary Junior majoring in International Studies and will attend a Leadership Development Assessment Course this summer and will be commissioned next year as a Second Lieutenant.

2011 Chapter Calendar

May 30th - Memorial Day with CW & Luncheon at Kings Arms Tavern

June 11th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting (Joint with Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter) – speaker Dr. Corless Tacosa

July 4th – Independence Day Service at Bruton Parish Church – **9:00am**

July 9th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting – speaker Thomas Nelson, Jr (descendant of General Thomas Nelson and also a current Yorktown resident)

August – No Meeting

Sep. 10th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting – speaker “Light Horse Harry Lee” (Frank Mergargee)

Oct. 8th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting – speaker Tom Campbell

Nov. 11th - Veteran’s Day @ the Palace and Luncheon Meeting afterwards

December – No Meeting

Luncheons will be at the Crowne Plaza except as otherwise noted.

Future VASSAR Activities

National Memorial Day Parade – May 30- Washington, DC

Battle of Ramseur’s Mill– June 18-19 – Lincolnton, NC

Atlantic Middle States Conference — Aug 12-13 Alexandria, VA

VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting – Sep 16-17 Fredericksburg, VA

Battle of Kings Mountain – Oct. 7 - Blacksburg, SC

Battle Days – Oct 7-9 – Point Pleasant, WV

Yorktown Day – Oct. 19 Yorktown, VA

The Historian's Corner

The June selection "From the Historian's Bookshelf" is entitled "The Genuine Article: A Historian Looks at Early America", by Edmund S. Morgan: W.W. Norton & Company, New York, 2004.

"This book amounts to an intellectual autobiography... These pieces are thus a statement of what I have thought about early Americans during nearly seventy years in their company", writes Edmund S. Morgan in his introduction to "The Genuine Article", the title not only of this book but also a remarkably insightful essay devoted to our first president, George Washington.

Here, in the "Genuine Article", his first collection of essays in several decades, Morgan presents a rich and thrilling story

that begins with the arrival of the first settlers in 1607 at the doomed Jamestown colony and ends as the Founding Fathers begin the arduous task of governing a formerly rebellious and often restless people.

"The Genuine Article" is also the Raffle Book for June.

Raffle Book for July: "The First Salute: A View of the American Revolution", by Barbara W. Tuchman.

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