



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

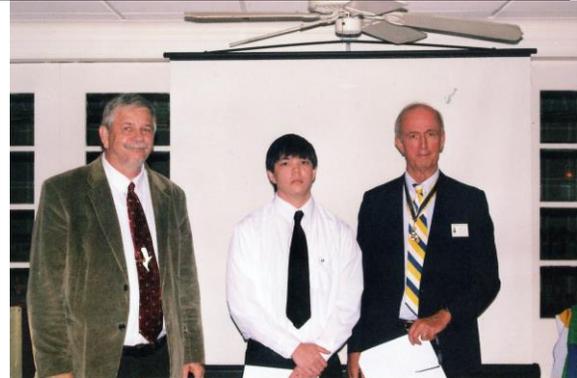
Compatriots,

At our October meeting we were treated to our own chapter member Tom Campbell's presentation of the results of his years of research on the cemetery at the Governor's Palace. His photos and graphics reflected Tom's effort and expertise in the Palace Cemetery story. The story he told was, that in addition to the Patriots buried there, over 100 French soldiers, one English and one Loyalist soldier are buried there as well. I think I can safely say that everyone was impressed with the depth of Tom's research.



(L-R) Ed Truslow & Tom Campbell

We also had the privilege of inducting Adam Grimes into membership and he is now our youngest member and we hope to add more members in his age group. Adam was sponsored by his father Michael Grimes.



(L-R) Michael Grimes, Adam Grimes and Ed Truslow

We were pleased to present NSSAR Certificates of Patriotism to four of our chapter World War II Veterans pictured below.



(L-R) Fred Satterwhite, John Bidwell, Bob Dunnells, Ed Morgan and Ed Truslow

At the October Chapter Board of Manager's meeting, the Nominating Committee, which is headed by Joe Spruill, reported their slate of officers for 2012. The election will be held at our November 11 luncheon. The nominees are:

President – Ed Truslow
 Vice President – Rush White
 Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Schmidt
 Registrar/Genealogist – Ron Losee
 Public Relations – Collyer Linn
 Chaplain/Historian – Jim Henry
 Member at Large – Joe Spruill
 Member at large – John Brough

By virtue of his being the Immediate Past President, Ben Fegan will continue as an Ex Officio Member at Large of the Chapter Board of Managers.

Though the Yorktown Day Parade was cancelled due to the inclement weather, the VASSAR service in honor of Thomas Nelson, Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence, Militia General and Virginia Governor, was held inside the Grace Church. Besides being buried in the churchyard, both he and three generations of his ancestors worshipped there. VASSAR President Mark Brennan spoke to Thomas Nelson’s character and contributions to the patriot cause.



Yorktown Fifers and Drummer at Grace Church. Walter Neville, Yorktown Day VASSAR Chairman, is at the lectern.

Finally I encourage everyone to come to our Veterans Day Service at 11:00am at the Governor’s Palace Cemetery.

Following the service, we will gather for lunch at the Crowne Plaza. Our speaker will be John Broadwater. He will speak on the latest Revolutionary War archaeology in the York River and the progress on the restoration of the Monitor at the Maritime Museum in Newport News.

**Best regards,
 Ed**

Sign-up for the November 11th Meeting

Reservations MUST be received not later Than Tues. Nov. 8th

\$18.00 per person
 Checks made out to
 Williamsburg Chapter, SAR

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12:00 noon
Crowne Plaza/Fort Magruder Inn
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Williamsburg, VA

Names for lunch _____

Veterans’ Day – Nov. 11th

As we have for many years, our chapter will hold a ceremony in the Governor’s Palace Garden honoring the Revolutionary War Patriots buried there. The ceremony will start at 11:00 AM. Wreaths will be laid by Williamsburg DAR chapter, Thomas Nelson SAR Chapter, and our chapter. Members of the other organizations referred to above are welcome to join us and we will include as many visitors to the Palace as possible.

Frank Megargee portraying Richard Henry Lee will speak briefly.

Members may park in the CW Employee Parking Lot across Francis Street from the Capitol, in the CW for-pay parking building off North Henry Street, or in the City's Parking Deck across Lafayette Street from the Post Office. We will have limited shuttle service from the Employee Parking Lot to the drop off point in front of Mathew Whaley School. Following the ceremony, we will proceed to the Crowne Plaza.

Society of Cincinnati

We were very happy indeed to hear that our chapter compatriot David Ware was recently inducted into the Society of Cincinnati. To be a member one must be descended from an officer who served in the Continental Army or Navy for at least three years, from an officer who died or was killed in service, or from an officer serving at the close of the Revolution.



(L-R) Raynald, duc de Choiseul-Praslin, Vice President General of the National Society of Cincinnati and David Ware. Choiseul-Praslin is a member of the French Society. There are 14 societies; one for each of the original 13 states plus France.

David Ware is representing John Gregory, Lieutenant, 6th Virginia Regiment. .

Gregory was killed in action at Brandywine PA in 1777. He left behind a widow and three year old son who is David's great-great-grandfather John M. Gregory.

Membership Dues Notices

Everyone should have received their 2012 dues notices by now. If you have not received them, please contact Sec./Treasurer Bob Schmidt advising him of that fact. He may be contacted at 757-345-0292 or sar1812@cox.net.

Checks should be mailed to Bob Schmidt at 220 Charleston Place Williamsburg, VA 23185 and are due no later than November 15th.

The Historian's Corner

November's selection "From the Historian's Bookshelf" is "George Washington's War: The Forging of a Revolutionary Leader and the American Presidency", by Bruce Chadwick, Ph. D., Sourcebook, Inc., Naperville, IL, 2004.

According to Chadwick, the American Revolution was not won on the battlefields, but first in the mind of George Washington. His book is an extraordinary work that reveals how the great general created a new model of leadership that would become the foundation of the nation and the model for the American presidency. With an emphasis on logistics, organization and politics, the author gives us a more realistic view of the Revolutionary War.

Do not expect the usual narrative of campaigns and battles. Do expect a more convincing measure of Washington's achievements in leading them. This is a book that all history lovers will appreciate

and enjoy because of its skill in bringing to life the everyday reality of a great man in difficult times.

November Book Raffle

This month's Raffle is going to have a different twist to it. Instead of just one book, you will get a bundle of 4 books at the same ticket price. Here are the books in the bundle:

The Pox and the Covenant, by Tony Williams

Patriots of the American Revolution, Richard M. Dorson, editor

A Battlefield Atlas of the American Revolution by Craig L. Symonds

Liberty's Children, by Scotti Cohn

Raffle Tickets cost \$1.00 per ticket, 7 tickets for \$5.00 . Remember: The more tickets, the greater your chances of winning!! All funds from the Raffle go to support the Chapter budget.

Jim Henry, Chapter Historian
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Chapter Calendar

December – No Meeting

January 14th – Joint Meeting with Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter and Induction of 2012 Officers.

Feb 11th – Chapter Luncheon Meeting

Future VASSAR Activities

Dec 3 - Great Bridge Wreath-Laying - Chesapeake, VA. Time: 11:30 am

Dec 3 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Plaque Dedication - Norfolk, VA.
Time: 2:30 pm

Feb 24-26 - 2012 Annual Meeting - Richmond, VA.

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