



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,

I am very pleased at the nice attendance that we had at our joint dinner meeting with the on January 14th with the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter. We had sixty four folks and a very full agenda which I think we went through with dispatch.



(L-R) VASSAR President Mark Brennan and Williamsburg President Ed Truslow

Of course we were very happy to have VASSAR President Mark Brennan as our speaker and officiating officer for the 2012 induction of the officers of both chapters as well as the new member induction of Jack

Lee into the Williamsburg Chapter. Mark spoke on some of the early history of Virginia Society which by a stroke of luck, has been well preserved.



(L-R) Mark Brennan, Ed Truslow, Jack Lee and Jack's nephew Scott Lee

We were pleased to award the Martha Washington Medal to Betty Rowland for her assistance to the chapter with her experience and efforts in support of Clayton's work as the Chapter Registrar.



(L-R) Betty Rowland and Ed



Thomas Nelson, Jr. and Williamsburg Chapter Officers being inducted

Alan Booth treated us to his new oration in preparation for the VASSAR Rumbaugh competition. He is our chapter representative and we wish him success.



(L-R) Ed Truslow and Alan Booth

Wyatt Booth, Alan's brother, was recognized for being our entry in to the VASSAR Eagle Scout competition for the second year in a row and also wish him success.



(L-R) Ed Truslow and Wyatt Booth

Clayton Rowland's supplemental was recently approved and was accepted by his son James who was our guest at the meeting. David Ware received two supplementals. Note that SAR members receive a supplemental for each additional patriot ancestor they identify.

2011 Chapter Report Summary

Our chapter's annual report to VASSAR headquarters for the 12-months ending December 31, 2011 showed our end of year membership at 82, a net increase of 12 members for the period. The chapter participated significantly in Williamsburg's Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans Day events, conducted a memorial ceremony at the Battle of Green Spring marker at the Church on the Main and provided text and graphics describing the Engagement at Spencer's Ordinary for a touch screen kiosk inside the recently opened Freedom Park Visitors Center.

The report includes the Chapter's sponsorship of youth entrants in the VASSAR oration, essay and Eagle Scout contests. Recognition of a senior ROTC cadet, firefighter, law enforcement representative and outstanding teacher are also recorded as was the awarding of certificates to our nine World War II veterans. National and State meetings attended by Chapter officers and special events participation was also included.

Although technically not part of the annual report, our History Committee Chairman, Jim Henry, completed the 2011 Chapter scrap book to be judged with other Virginia chapter's books at the VASSAR Annual Meeting in February. The scrap book is a Herculean 254-page effort of narrative and photos. After judging by a VASSAR

committee, the book will be returned to us and we will add it to the Swem Library Special Collections files with previously submitted Williamsburg SAR Chapter records and artifacts.

Thanks and best regards,
Ed

February 11th Chapter Luncheon

Our February 11th meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza as usual beginning at 11:30 with a little social time and the formal meeting beginning promptly at noon. Our speaker will be John Broadwater and he will speak on Revolutionary War York River Archaeology and the Monitor restoration.

Sign-up Form for the Feb. 11th Meeting

Luncheon Reservations MUST be received not later than Wed. February 8th

Send check & form to:
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Williamsburg, VA 23185
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Checks payable to
“Williamsburg Chapter, SAR”

Please reserve _____ lunches at \$18.00 per person for Feb. 11th, 2012

Name(s) _____

2012 Chapter Calendar

- Feb 11th** – Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- March 10th** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- April 14th** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- May 31st** – Memorial Day Ceremony with CW – Lunch at the King’s Arms
- June** – Joint Mtg. - Date/Time/Place TBD
- June 26th** – Battle of Spencer’s Ordinary
- July 4th** – Service at Bruton Parish Church
- July 6th** – Battle of Green Spring
- September 8th** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- October 13th** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- October 19th** – Yorktown Day
- November 11th** – Palace Cemetery
- December** – No Meeting

VASSAR Sponsored Activities

- Jan 28** – Battle of Cowen’s Ford - Hunterville, NC
- Feb 19** – Crossing the Dan – South Boston, VA
- Feb 25** – Battle of Moore’s Creek Bridge - Currie, NC
- Mar 11** – Battle of Guilford Court House – Greensboro, NC
- March 15** – President James Madison’s Birthday – Montpelier, VA

Details of the above as well as other events may be found at:

<http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/events.htm>

VASSAR Annual Meeting

The VASSAR Annual meeting will be held February 24-26 at the Holiday Inn Koger Conference Center near Midlothian on the Southside of Richmond. All VASSAR members may attend. On Friday evening there will be a buffet dinner and meeting and Saturday will be an all day affair beginning at 8:00am. The agenda, registration form and hotel reservation information, for those who wish to stay overnight, may be found at:

<http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/annual-meeting-2012.htm>

New Member Recruiting

As the year 2011 came to a close, our records showed that the Williamsburg Chapter had taken in fourteen new members during the year. Three more applications are being processed at the State or National level, and the registrar reports that he is currently working with eight potential candidates for membership. If you know of someone who would like to become a member please have them contact our Registrar, Ron Losee, at 565-1707

The Historian's Corner

In commemoration of the Revolution in South Carolina, the January selection "From the Historian's Bookshelf" is a small book entitled *Partisans & Redcoats: The Southern Conflict That Turned the Tide of the American Revolution*, by Walter Edgar, Perennial, New York, NY, 2001.

This work of Walter Edgar takes the American Revolution far beyond Lexington and Concord recreating pivotal months in our nation's struggle for freedom. His masterful history captures the heat, the fury, and the intense human drama of Britain's ruthless South Carolina campaign. It is a story of military brilliance and of devastating blunders----the courage of an impossibly outnumbered force of demoralized patriots who suffered terribly at the hands of a merciless enemy, yet slowly gained confidence through a series of small triumphs that convinced them their war could be won. Walter Edgar gives us a sobering sense of liberty's price. *Partisans & Redcoats* is an excellent read.

Jim Henry, Chapter Historian
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February Book Raffle Selection

George Washington's War: The Forging of a Revolutionary Leader and the American Presidency by Bruce Chadwick, Ph.D.

Raffle tickets will be available at the February 11th luncheon meeting.

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