



**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**

**New Chapter Website**

Compatriots,

Chapter activity has been relatively quiet during the dog days of August. However we had a nice flag award ceremony at Kingsmill and we launched our very own chapter website. More about both later.

Our next chapter meeting will be on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Crowe Plaza/ Fort Magruder as usual. Our speaker will be Edward Crapol whose talk will be on President John Tyler whose impact on the growth of America is not well understood.. Ed Crapol is Professor Emeritus of History at William and Mary and author of *John Tyler: The Accidental President*.

Finally I would like to give another pitch for those of you who have not served as a chapter officer. Organizations don't run themselves and in fairness to those who have been serving you, I would ask that you seriously consider responding with a positive answer if you are approached by our Nominating Committee. Again they are Ron Losee, Jim Henry and Ben Fegan. They would also appreciate those who come forward on their own and volunteer to serve in some capacity.

Best regards,  
Ed

Our chapter website is up and running thanks to Claire White who is the daughter of Vice President Russ White. The ISP address is:

<http://williamsburg.virginia-sar.org/>

One can also get to it via the VASSAR website at

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

and navigating through the Local Chapter listing. Claire has done an outstanding job of bringing us into the technology age.

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**Sign-up Form for the Saturday  
 September 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Reservations MUST be received not later  
 than Wed. September 5th**

**Send check & form to:  
 Bob Schmidt  
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 (757) 345-0292  
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**Make checks payable to  
 "Williamsburg Chapter, SAR"**

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunches at \$18.00  
 per person for Sep. 8th, 2012**

**Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

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## Kingsmill Flag Award

On August 15th Ben Fegan and Collyer Linn presented the Kingsmill Buildings Committee with a flag award noting their replacement of 60 flags along the roadways in that community.



(L-R) Dave Neiman, Bruce Wilms, Doug Haller –Chairman, Larry Gaskins--Vice Chairman, Marie Blough, Jim Kirkland, Ed Elliott and Collyer Linn

## New NSSAR Emeritus Member

NSSAR recently informed us that Kenneth Jenkins has been made an Emeritus Member of the National Society. One reaches that status after having been a dues paying member for 50 years. He no longer has to pay National Society dues. We congratulate Ken on reaching this very significant milestone.

## “Professor” Ed Morgan

Some of you who take part in the Christopher Wren Lifetime Learning program at William & Mary are aware that our own Chaplain Emeritus Rev. Dr. Ed Morgan is teaching a course there. It is entitled *Sanctity of Life, Sanctity of Death: Living and Dying in the Post-Kevorkian Era*. Classes begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is underway via the Christopher Wren website at

<http://www.wm.edu/sites/cwa/?svr=web>

## Historians Corner

The month of September brings another “summer read” selection “From the Historian’s Bookshelf”. This one is entitled *A Narrative of a Revolutionary Soldier: Some of the Adventures, Dangers, and Sufferings of Joseph Plumb Martin*. (The Memoir Previously Published as *Private Yankee Doodle*), With an Introduction by Thomas Fleming and a New Afterword by William Chad Stanley; Signet Classics, 2001, 2010.

The Declaration of Independence is barely a year old--- and a motley band of farmers and city fellows, beggars and gentlemen makes up the army of a new born country. Here Joseph Plumb Martin, a private in the Continental Army of the Revolutionary War, narrates his adventures as one of them. With neither horses nor uniforms, little food and less lodging, Martin and his fellows feed off the taste of freedom and warm themselves only with the prospect of independence and the shirts on their backs. Martin and his comrades traverse the mid-Atlantic colonies, from Connecticut over to Pennsylvania and back down through Delaware.

Although his story is more than two hundred years old, Martin’s experiences mirror those of every soldier--- and give us a rare glimpse of the earthly beginnings of a nation’s history in a compelling memoir of hardship and war.

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## BOOK RAFFLE

September's Book Raffle Selection: *The Oxford History of the American People* by Samuel Eliot Morison, Oxford Press, 1965. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 per ticket or & seven tickets for \$5.00. All money raised from the Book Raffle goes to support chapter projects and miscellaneous funding requests. Books for the raffle are donated by chapter members, so, if you have books on the colonial period and the American Revolution period that you don't want or need, pass them on to the chapter historian, Jim Henry. Thanks!

## 2012 Chapter Calendar

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Yorktown Day  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Palace Cemetery  
**December** – No Meeting

## VASSAR Sponsored Activities

**September 8 - Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown** – Arlington, VA

**September 15-16 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting** Charlottesville, VA

**October 19 – Siege of Yorktown** – Yorktown, VA

**December 1 – Battle of Great Bridge** – Chesapeake, VA

Details of the above VASSAR events as well as other events may be found at:  
<http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/events.htm>

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