



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,

September was a very eventful month for our chapter. We had 46 attendees at our luncheon meeting on September 8th and were pleased to make a number of chapter awards.

Dr. Edward Crapol, Professor Emeritus of History at William & Mary, gave us a very illuminating talk on President John Tyler. Tyler has faded into the background of American history but Dr. Crapol pointed out several significant contributions that Tyler made for this country. When President Benjamin Harrison died in office, the Constitution was unclear as to whether Vice President Tyler would succeed him as President or merely become Acting President. Tyler seized the initiative and essentially declared himself to be President. This set a precedent for later Vice Presidents but was not formalized until the 25th Amendment was adopted in 1967.



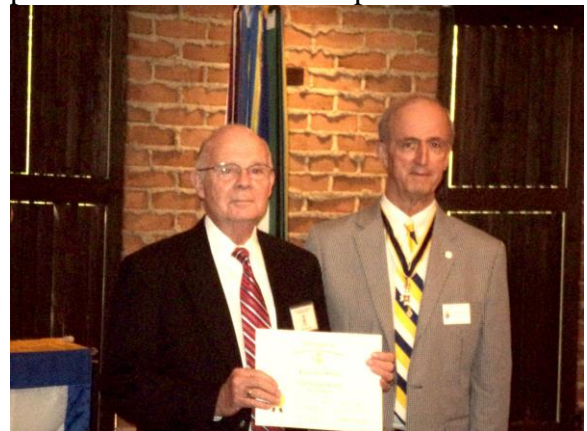
(L-R) Dr. Crapol & Ed Truslow

We had the distinct pleasure of honoring Claire White for building the Chapter website for us. She was presented with the Martha Washington medal and certificate for her fine work. Visit the website at: <http://williamsburg.virginia-sar.org/>



(L-R) Chapter V.P. Russ White and daughter Claire White with Martha Washington Medal and Certificate

We continue take in new members and had the pleasure of inducting Robert "Bob" Stilson at the meeting. Bob's wife Thalia pinned the rosette on his lapel.



(L-R) Robert Stilson & Ed Truslow

James City County officer Todd Dill was nominated by Chief Emmett Harmon to receive our Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate. Todd was also accompanied by his wife Michelle.



(L-R) Officer Todd Dill, Police Chief Emmett Harmon & Ed Truslow

Williamsburg Firefighter Josh Dean was nominated by Chief Pat Dent to receive our Fire Safety Commendation Medal & Certificate. Josh was also accompanied by his wife Shannon.



(L-R) Fire Chief Pat Dent, Firefighter Josh Dean & wife Shannon

On Saturday September 22nd, members of the Chapter Board of Managers went to Toano to induct Claude “CD” Perkins as our newest member. In addition to his wife Barbara, Claude’s three sons, their families and several friends witnessed the event.



(L-R) Barbara Perkins, son Claude “Butch” Perkins III, Claude “CD” Perkins & Ed Truslow

Ben Fegan, Jim Swords and I attended the VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting in Charlottesville the week-end of September 14-15. Ben, as VASSAR History Day Support Chairman gave out the Junior and Senior awards. For the second year in a row, our own Hornsby Middle School won the Junior Division.

The VASSAR Board of Managers and the General Membership meetings voted to endorse former VASSAR President Joe Dooley for NSSAR President General in 2013. Former VASSAR President Bob Bowen was also endorsed to be NSSAR Historian General.

Our Speaker for the October 13th meeting will be Douglas Cummings who will speak on the Siege of Yorktown. Please sign up with form below.

Best regards,
Ed

**Sign-up Form for the Saturday October
13th Meeting**

**Reservations MUST be received not later
than Wed. October 10th**

**Send check & form to:
Bob Schmidt
220 Charleston Place
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(757) 345-0292
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**Make checks payable to
“Williamsburg Chapter, SAR”**

**Please reserve _____ lunches at \$18.00
per person for Oct. 13th, 2012**

Name(s) _____

Daniel Jones Marker

We recently purchased a granite SAR grave marker for Patriot Daniel Jones who is buried in a private graveyard near Norge. A local Boy Scout troop recently put in the concrete footing for us. We will be scheduling a dedication ceremony in the very near future so stay tuned. If you know of any Daniel Jones descendants, please let one of the board members know asap.

Bruton Parish Patriot Plaque

We have received permission from the Vestry of Bruton Parish Church to mount a bronze plaque on the north wall of the nave. This SAR plaque will honor Captain David Meade Randolph, Edmund Randolph and James Blair who are buried at Bruton. Pendleton was a member of the Continental Congress and Blair served as a delegate to the Federal Constitutional Convention.

Historians Corner

The selection “From the Historian’s Book Shelf” for the month of October is to coordinate with the commemoration of the Battle of Yorktown and the Surrender of Cornwallis on October 19, 1781. The selection is entitled “The Day the Revolution Ended” by William H. Hallahan, Castle Books, Edison, NJ, 08837, 2004.

“The Day the Revolution Ended” traces the story of America’s victory through the eyes of those who lived it. Using such rich primary sources such as diaries, journals, memoirs, newspapers, letters, official documents, and other eyewitness accounts, Hallahan paints a sharp portrait of events and the colorful players in the war, including Benedict Arnold’s seething vengeance, Nathaniel Greene’s ability to turn even a retreat into a victory, Lafayette’s military ardor, General Clinton’s incompetent leadership, and Washington’s high-stakes battles as well as the extraordinary bravery of both generals and common soldiers alike.

Read the book and then come join us in Yorktown on October 19. Help commemorate the events and people of that fateful day.

Jim Henry, Chapter Historian
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Book Raffle

The October 2012 book raffle selection is “The Real History of the American Revolution: A New Look at the Past”, by Alan Axelrod, Sterling, New York, 2007. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or seven for \$5.00. Funds raised go to help support Chapter projects and expenses’

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee continues to search for SAR member volunteers to fill officer vacancies for 2013. One of the billets available is that of Secretary. That position will have fewer duties than in the past because one of our newer members has stepped forward as a nominee for Treasurer. Several members of the Board of Managers have agreed to serve for another year, and nominees for several vacant officer positions have volunteered. We solicit your consideration to become an active participant in Chapter activities and assist in support of the various functions in which we participate. Contact Ron Losee, Ben Fegan or Jim Henry who serve on the Nominating Committee.

2012 Chapter Calendar

October 19th – Yorktown Day

November 11th – Palace Cemetery

December – No Meeting

VASSAR Sponsored Activities

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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