



**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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**Presidents Message**

**Reservations MUST be received not later than Wed July 10th**

Carolyn and I have just returned from a 12-day vacation in California, including a four-day family reunion in Yosemite National Park. Eight of our family members climbed the back of Half Dome, including a 12-year old grandson. I hope that each of you have plans for a wonderful summer trip.

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When you see Vice President John Moseley at one of our numerous events in July, thank him for arranging for the Marquis de Lafayette as our speaker at the joint meeting with the Thomas Nelson Chapter on June 8. Many of our members thought that the CW speaker was one of the best, if not the best, program we have ever had.

**Make checks payable to**  
**“Williamsburg Chapter, SAR”**

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunches at \$18.00 per person for July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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

**# of Vegetarian Lunches \_\_\_\_\_**

Registrar/Genealogist Ron Losee has a number of new members ready to join our group. Please take the time to introduce yourself to all of our new/prospective members. I send a welcome letter to each of them.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - SAR Commemoration Service**

We have a number of events scheduled between now and Saturday, July 13. I hope that our members will be able to attend as many of these events as possible.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our 28th July 4<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Service at Bruton Parish Church which will begin at 9:00am. As usual during church services, parking is allowed at the church on Duke of Gloucester Street.

Bob Spencer

The Williamsburg DAR Chapter has invited us to their 11:00am service at Berkeley Plantation for their annual service in memory of Patriot Benjamin Harrison V.

**July 6th Battle of Green Spring SAR Commemoration**

The speaker for the July 13th chapter luncheon meeting will be George Morrow. His topic will be *Patrick Henry – The Greatest Lawyer That Ever Lived.*

On Saturday July 6 at 9:00am we will honor the sacrifices of those patriots who fell at the Battle of Green Spring near Jamestown. The proceedings will be held at the nearby remnant of the Church on the Main where

**Sign-up Form for the Saturday July 13th Meeting @ 11:30am**

some are believed to have been buried. Only the foundation corners are visible today.

From south bound on Jamestown Road turn onto 4H Club Road, then turn onto Sir Thomas Way and then turn right onto Prince Trevor Drive. The site is on an unimproved lot and is located at the corner of Sir Gilbert Loop and Prince Trevor Drive.

### Memorial Day 2013

During the Colonial Williamsburg Memorial Day parade, members of the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented wreaths at three sites of patriot graves. Pictured outside of Bruton Parish Church are



**(L-R)** Bill Broadus and Ed Truslow Virginia Society SAR Vice Presidents, Williamsburg DAR Regent Jane Stewart, John Mosely Williamsburg SAR Vice President, Bob Spencer Williamsburg SAR President and Ken Wood, Thomas Nelson, Jr. SAR Chapter President.



Chapter President Bob Spencer presenting the wreath at Bruton Parish Church



President Spencer presenting VASSAR President Elect Bill Broadus with a Jefferson cup and Certificate of Appreciation at the luncheon at the Kings Arms.

### June 8th Luncheon

General Lafayette with the members of the Williamsburg and Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapters at our June luncheon meeting.



(L-R) Jim Henry, John Moseley, Jack Lee, Ron Losee, John Spencer, “Marquis de Lafayette” aka Mark Schneider, Ken Wood, Mason Ware, Bruce Meyer and Gary Hodges.

### June 26th Battle of Spencer’s Ordinary Commemoration

On Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>, members of the chapter and Ken Wood, President of the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter, commemorated the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Spencer’s Ordinary. Compatriot Ron Losee gave an illuminating description of those events that occurred in and around Freedom Park in James City County.



(L-R) Harley Stuart, Collyer Linn, Jim Henry, Bob Schmidt, VP John Moseley, Ed Truslow, Fred Boelt, John Brough, Bob Erskine and Ron Losee

### Flag Display Award

Executive Director Brian Tenney at Patriots Colony accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Registrar Ron Losee of the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The SAR promotes patriotism in the community and recognizes citizens and organizations that fly American flags outdoors with dignity and in compliance with the U. S. Flag Code.



(L-R) Brian Tenney and Ron Losee

### 2013 Chapter Calendar

- July 4<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00am SAR Service at Bruton Parish Church
- July 4<sup>th</sup>** – 11:00am C.A.R./DAR Berkeley Plantation Benjamin Harrison V Commemoration
- July 6<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Green Spring Commemoration
- September 14<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- October 12<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Yorktown Day
- November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Palace Cemetery Wreath Laying & Luncheon

### VASSAR Sponsored Activities

- July 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>** – NSSAR 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress, Kansas City, MO
- August 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** – Atlantic Middle States Conference – Washington, DC
- August 24<sup>th</sup>** – Joint SAR/1812 Grave Marking – Winchester, VA
- September 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>** – VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Alexandria, VA
- October 19** – Yorktown Commemoration
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – St. George Tucker Grave Marking – Nelson, Co., VA
- December 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration

## Historian's Corner

The book "From the Historian's Bookshelf" featured for the month of July is "Wellspring of Liberty: How Virginia's Religious Dissenters Helped Win the American Revolution & Secured Religious Liberty" by John A. Ragosta, Oxford University Press, New York, 2010.

Before the American Revolution, no colony more protected its established church or more severely persecuted religious dissenters than Virginia. By 1786, no state more fully protected religious freedom than Virginia.

This profound transformation, as John A. Ragosta shows in his book, arose not from a new found cultural tolerance. Rather, as the Revolution approached, Virginia's political establishment needed the support of the religious dissenters, primarily Presbyterians and Baptists, for the mobilization effort. Dissenters seized this opportunity to insist on freedom of religion in return for their mobilization.

Historians and the Supreme Court have repeatedly noted that the foundation of the First Amendment's protection of religious liberty lies in Virginia's struggle, turning primarily to Jefferson and Madison to understand this. In "Wellspring of Liberty", Ragosta argues that Virginia's religious dissenters played a seminal role in the development of the First Amendment and in the meaning of religious freedom as we understand it today.

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## Book Raffle Selection for July

*The Fort: A Novel of the Revolutionary War*, by Bernard Cornwell, Harper Collins Publishers, 2010. "The Fort" is the extraordinary novel of the clash between a superpower and a nation in the making. Raffle tickets are \$1 or 7 for \$5. Money raised goes to support the programs of the chapter.

## Chapter Website

Note that you can keep up on chapter news at our web site at:

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

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