



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

Our activities begin this fall with our September 14th luncheon. We are delighted to have Will Mollineux as our speaker. His topic will be "The Eyes of the World Will be Turned- W.A.R. Goodwin and John D. Rockefeller. Please sign up as soon as possible using the form below.

As President of the Williamsburg Chapter of the SAR, I will soon be appointing a nominating committee to select members who are willing to serve as officers in 2014.

Our immediate Past President, Ed Truslow, will be a member of the committee. In particular, the Committee will need to nominate a Registrar/Genealogist, an Historian and a Secretary.

From time to time, there are opportunities for trips to various Revolutionary War sites or ceremonies relating to Patriot individuals involved in the War. An example of an upcoming event is a the December 7th Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration in Chesapeake, VA

Vice President John Moseley is responsible for signing up speakers for our meetings. Speakers are set for the balance of 2013. Let John know if you have any suggestions for speakers for 2014.

Our Chapter makes a number of community awards. For example, we honor an

outstanding teacher of the year and public safety officers for the year. Richard Ludwig is in charge of nominating the teacher of the year. Don Swain takes care of finding public safety officers. Let them know if you have any nominations.

We also recognize organizations and individuals who properly fly the American flag. Ron Losee made a presentation to Patriots Colony. Bob Spencer plans to make awards to Colonial Heritage and The Association at Stonehouse. Let Bob know if you have any nominees.

We are starting a program of presenting certificates to Eagle Scouts who are members of Scout Troops in our area. Please advise Bob Spencer if you know of any new Eagle Scouts. NASAR has several substantial scholarships that can be available to Eagle Scouts. Bob can advise you of details.

We will be contacting area schools to let History teachers know about awards to high school and middle school students. Ben Fegan and Jim Henry can provide details.

Please participate in the book raffles at our luncheon meetings. Funds raised for our Chapter from the book raffles are important for our budget.

Remember to keep in mind Supplemental Registrations of your Patriot ancestors. Paul Snyder has located a number of additional ancestors. I recently discovered another line

of my ancestors who, I suspect, may have been involved in the Revolutionary War. Please consider volunteering if you are asked to do so. Member participation will continue to make us a strong, active and interesting Chapter.

Bob Spencer

**Sign-up Form for the Saturday
 September 14th Meeting @ 11:30am**

**Reservations MUST be received not later
 than Wed September 11th.**

Send check & form to:
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521 Newport Ave.
Williamsburg, VA 23185-4012
(757) 221-6686
valee@widomaker.com

Make checks payable to
“Williamsburg Chapter, SAR”

Please reserve _____ lunches at \$18.00
 per person for Sep. 14th , 2013

Name(s) _____

of Vegetarian Lunches _____

**Patriot Monument Dedication
 in Winchester**

On Saturday August 24th, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter hosted the dedication of a monument to the 40 Revolutionary War Patriots buried in the Mount Hebron

Cemetery in Winchester. This event was designated by VASSAR President Kent Webber as one of his “presidential initiatives” which means that any chapter that had a representative at the dedication will receive extra credit on their VASSAR chapter report. Ed Truslow presented the Williamsburg Chapter wreath at the ceremony.



(L-R) VASSAR Past President Phil Williams, VASSAR VP Ed Truslow, Color Guardsmen Pat Kelly and Rob Andrews



Patriot Monument in Mount Hebron Cemetery

The name of each patriot is inscribed on the monument.

2013 Chapter Calendar



Some of the VASSAR Attendees in Winchester

NSSAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps

At the 123rd Congress President General Dooley announced the standup of the NSSAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps (VWVC). If you are a Veteran of that war and wish to become a member of the NSSAR Vietnam Veterans Corps and to receive a Certificate of Patriotism signed by the President General for your service to country, complete the attached survey.

A Certificate of Patriotism will be mailed to you accordingly.

Submittal Instructions

1. Complete the form that was attached to the same e-mail as this newsletter. The name as listed on the Survey that you return will be the name that will appear on your Certificate of Patriotism.
2. Note that there are several boxes in the form that are already filled out. Do not change.
3. Send your completed survey form as an e-mail attachment to VetCorps@sar.org. and copy it to valosee@aol.com so our chapter will also have a record of your service.

September 14th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting

October 12th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting

October 19th – Yorktown Day

November 11th – Palace Cemetery Wreath Laying & Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza

VASSAR Sponsored Activities

September 13th -14th – VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Alexandria, VA

October 19 – Yorktown Commemoration

November 2nd – St. George Tucker Grave Marking – Nelson, Co., VA

December 6th-7th – Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration

Registrar's Report

Chapter Registrar Ron Losee reports that before the end of 2013 the Williamsburg chapter should reach the 100-membership target. We have several fine applicants working on their applications presently; however, we depend on our membership to be our recruiters in the community. We're always "looking for a few good men!"

Note: After three years of serving as Chapter Registrar, Ron is retiring so we will need someone to step in for 2014. Please consider taking over this very important position and give me a call at 565-2460 . Ed

Nominating Committee

As Bob has noted in his remarks, we will need several important offices filled for 2014. They are:

Registrar/Genealogist – Assists applicants in preparation of applications and where possible assist in resolving missing data.

Secretary – Serve as the communications focal point for the chapter. Send out e-mail communications from the Chapter President to the members and receive communications from VASSAR and distribute to board or members as necessary.

Historian – Maintain a record of the Chapter activities as noted in board meetings, newsletters, newspapers and other media.

Please contact Ed Truslow at 565-2460 or ewtruslow@verizon.net if you wish to serve or have questions.

Historian's Corner

September's selection "From the Historian's Bookshelf" is entitled "A Cheerful & Comfortable Faith: Anglican Religious Practice in the Elite Households of Eighteenth-Century Virginia" by Lauren F. Winner, Yale University Press, New Haven, 2010.

This enlightening book examines the physical objects in elite Virginia households of the eighteenth century to discover what they can tell us about their owners' lives and religious practices. Lauren F. Winner looks closely at punchbowls, needlework, mourning jewelry, baptismal gowns, biscuit molds, cookbooks, and many other items, illuminating the ways Anglicanism influenced daily activities in colonial Virginia, particularly in the households of the gentry.

How did people pray? How were they baptized? Why were they baptized at home? Why were controversies over baptism so

heated? What was religious education for girls like? How did cookbooks influence religious feasting and fasting? The answer to these and other questions extend our understanding of early American religion beyond the flash and fire of Puritanism and evangelicalism.

Jim Henry, Chapter Historian
Williamsburg Chapter, SAR
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Book Raffle Selection

The September book raffle selection is entitled *Liberty's Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World*, by Maya Jasanoff. A groundbreaking history of the revolutionary era, "Liberty's Exiles" tells the story of the fate of tens of thousands of American loyalists after the last British troops pulled out of New York City bringing the American Revolution to an end.

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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