



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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Message from the President

June has been a very busy month for me for both SAR and personal travel. One brief word about airplane travel. We experienced a 7-hour delay in Chicago trying to get to San Francisco because of a flight cancellation, and a two day potential delay trying to fly from Dulles to Richmond (we rented a car and drove home). Remember when flying used to be fun?

On behalf of the Williamsburg Chapter, I attended a grave marking ceremony at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC from Thomas Tudor Tucker, the Third US Treasurer and a member of the Tucker family involved in the Bermuda gunpowder plot, and a ceremony in Dumfries, Virginia to recognize the graves of patriots from the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 (including two women). Both ceremonies were very impressive. A representative of the government of Bermuda spoke at the Tucker ceremony using the theme of how Bermuda won the war for the Americans (not limited to the gunpowder plot).

We have a very busy schedule for the next month, including the dedication of a new sign for the skirmishes at Spencer's Ordinary (Tavern), the Battle of Greenspring, and the next luncheon on July 12.

I hope that members will attend all three events. Our luncheon speaker will be Mike Elston, a VASSAR officer and the creator of the Tucker programs.

I do want to thank our Chapter Officers and Directors who have pinch hit for me while Carolyn and I have been traveling. It is greatly appreciated.

- Bob Spencer

July 12th Luncheon



The July 12th speaker is VASSAR 3rd Vice President Michael Elston. Mike has been President of the George Washington Chapter as well as VASSAR Chancellor. He will speak on the 1775

Bermuda Gunpowder Plot which was carried out by St. George Tucker and his brother Thomas. They commandeered over a 100 barrels of gunpowder from military stores on Bermuda which were then secretly shipped to American patriot forces. It is a fascinating story you will want to hear. St. George Tucker of course eventually moved to Williamsburg. There will be a commemoration of the "plot" at the St. George Tucker House on October 18th of this year and in Bermuda in August of 2015.

Date: Saturday July 12th, 2014

Location: Fort Magruder Inn
6945 Pocahontas Trail (Rt. 60 east)

Social: 11:30am

Meeting: 12:00 noon

RSVP by July 9th (please see Page 7)

French Navy Visit to Yorktown

June 2nd 2014

The La Fayette, a stealth frigate of the French Navy, while on its way to Norfolk, Virginia, decided to make a slight detour up the York River on Monday morning, June 2, 2014. The purpose was to honor the French sailors and soldiers and their American allies that participated in the siege of Yorktown in 1781, resulting in the surrender of British forces in the last major battle of the American Revolution.

Captain Serge Bordarier, escorted by 30 French sailors, came ashore and laid a wreath at the Monument to Victory and Alliance. The French Embassy was represented by Consul General Olivere Sadot- Alamas and Captain Luc Pages, French Naval Attache. The La Fayette, anchored in the York River below the Monument to Victory and Alliance then fired a 21 gun salute in honor of George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette.

In attendance at the ceremony were Virginia Society members from the Col. William Grayson, Norfolk, Thomas Nelson, Jr. and Williamsburg Chapters.



(L-R) Gary Hodges (TN), Chris Melhuish (NOR), Ken Wood (TN), VASSAR 2nd VP Ed Truslow (W), VASSAR President Bill Broadus (CWG), Tom Nelson (TN), Ben Fegan (W), Jack Lee (W) and Walter Neville (TN) Not shown Harley Stewart (W). The La Fayette is in the background

June 5th Flag Certificate



Sons of the American Revolution member Jay Smith (l.) presents an SAR flag certificate to Lucy Oakleaf, president, and Ken Underwood, general manager at the Two Rivers Country Club in recognition of flying the national flag daily in accordance with the flag code and for perpetuating the patriotic spirit of free Americans. Local residents, businesses and agencies of the government are eligible to receive certificates for display if qualified.

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond



JUNE 26th, 2014

Engagement at Spencer's Ordinary – Freedom Park – Williamsburg

JULY 4th, 2014

Bruton Parish Church & Berkeley (see Page 5)

JULY 4th, 2014

53rd Independence Day Ceremony and Wreath Laying at General Washington's Tomb – Mount Vernon, VA

JULY 6th, 2014

Battle of Green Spring – Church on the Main – Jamestown

JULY 12th, 2014

Chapter Luncheon Meeting – Fort Magruder Inn

JULY 19th – 23rd, 2014

12th National SAR Congress – Greenville, SC

June 7th Meeting

Our Guest Speaker on June 7th was Dr. Phillip Hamilton, Professor of History at Christopher Newport University. His talk was entitled "War and Marriage: Lucy and Henry Knox and the Campaign of 1776". He discussed the couple's trials and difficulties during a time when the Revolutionary War escalated in a dramatic fashion. Such circumstances led to painful family separations, great uncertainty about the future, and stresses and misunderstandings between spouses. It is a perspective of the war that Professor Hamilton suggested we ignore too frequently.



Dr. Hamilton joined the University's faculty in 2002 and teaches courses on the War for Independence, American slavery, and the Civil War. He also served as chair of the History Department from 2007-10. Professor Hamilton's research expertise is the Revolutionary era. He is currently writing dual biographies of the Knox's.

Joint VASSAR/DAR/1812 Society Monument Dedication



(L-R) Bob Spencer and Ed Truslow

On Saturday June 14th, a joint ceremony attended by the Virginia Society, SAR, both the War of 1812 Sons and Daughters Societies and the local DAR chapter dedicated a monument in the historic Dumfries Cemetery to the Revolutionary War Patriots and War of 1812 veterans buried there. On the monument are inscribed the names of eleven Revolutionary War Patriots and nine War of 1812 veterans. The event was one of VASSAR President Bill Broadus' "presidential initiatives" for 2014. Attending the ceremony from our chapter were Chapter President Bob Spencer who presented our chapter wreath and VASSAR Vice President Ed Truslow who led the SAR pledge at the ceremony.

THE CENTER FOR ADVANCING AMERICA'S HERITAGE

<http://www.sar.org/News/SAR-Center-Advancing-Americas-Heritage-Vision-Plan>

June 26th Battle of Spencer's Ordinary SAR Commemoration

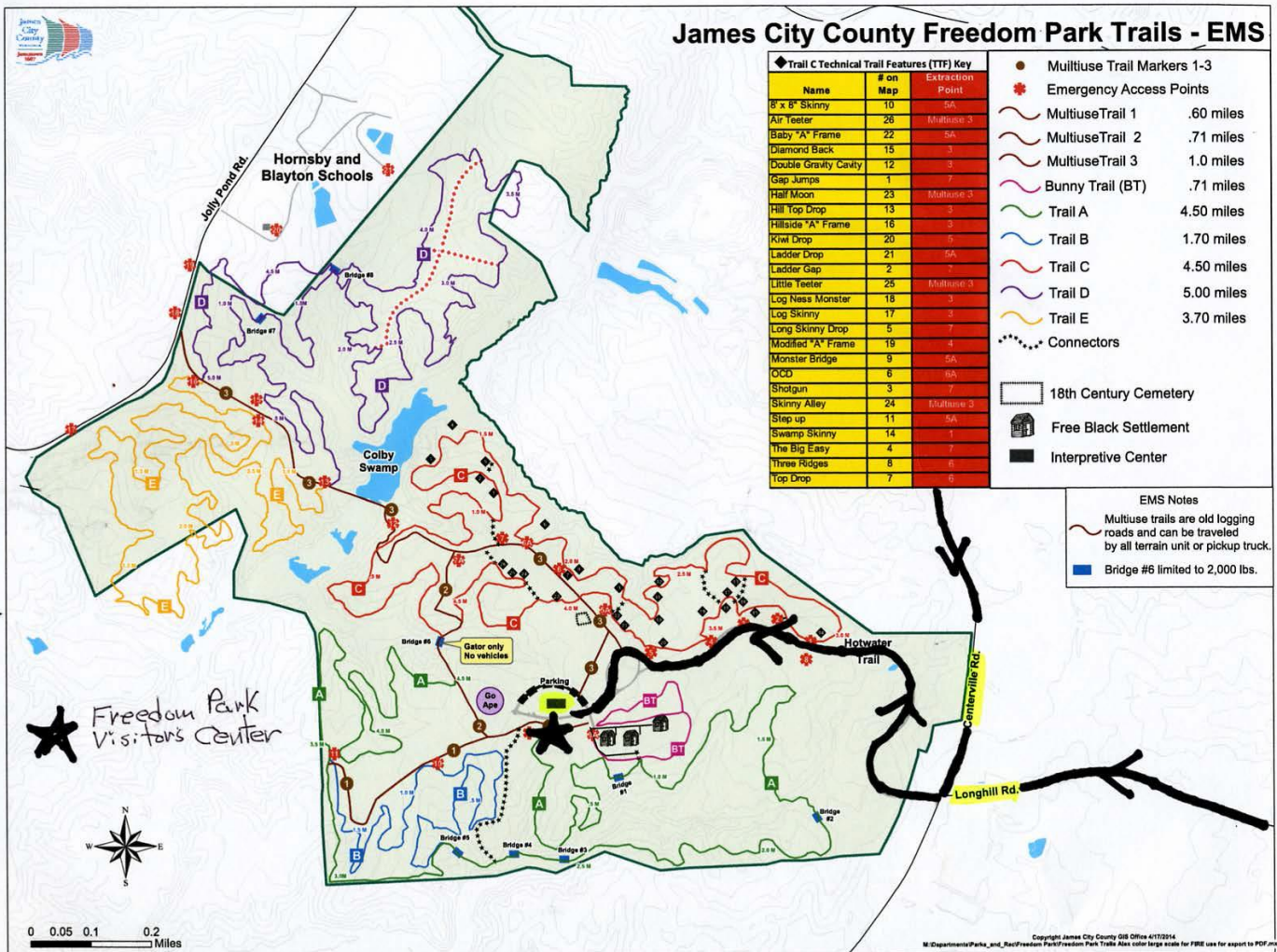
The Williamsburg SAR Chapter will conduct our annual commemoration service at 10:00am on Thursday June 26th in honor of the valiant Americans who gave their lives in the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary on that date in 1781. A series of skirmishes occurred in the woods and meadows of Freedom Park between units of Lord Cornwallis under the command of Colonel John Simcoe, and those of the French general, the Marquis de Lafayette, commanding American forces.

The commemoration will be conducted outside of the Freedom Park Visitors Center in an area where much of the action occurred. The park entrance is at the intersection of Long Hill Road and Centerville Road. You may park at the Visitor's Center as noted on the attached map. Note that the drive from the park entrance to the Visitor's Center is all downhill for more than a 1/2 mile so be patient. It is indeed a "long hill"

We encourage all members and all other interested people to attend. In the event of rain, the commemoration will be held inside the Visitor Center. Following the ceremony, Chris Bonin will give a short presentation on battle in the Visitor's Center Conference Room.

Hope to see you there,

- Ed Truslow



July 4th Bruton Parish Church Thanksgiving Service

At 9:00am on July 4th, The Williamsburg SAR Chapter will conduct our 29th annual Service of Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish Church. The public is invited to attend this important event. Following the service, we have been invited by the Williamsburg DAR Chapter to attend their 11:00am service at Berkeley Plantation in honor of Patriot Benjamin Harrison V.



July 4th Berkeley Plantation DAR/CAR Service

The guest speaker is Mr. Graham Woodlief, a direct descendent of Captain John Woodlief. The CAR assisted by Fran Pons will also be in attendance and of course the Forge Brass will lead us in musical selections..... we look forward to spending a good portion of the 4th with you all.

Cul's Courthouse Grille in Charles City will again be opening for lunch just for us and this year the selections are:



- Pulled Pork Sandwich,
- Chicken Salad Sandwich
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich

All come with homemade chips and a non-alcoholic beverage. Tax and tip is included and the price is \$14.00 per person.

This year I would like to have all lunch reservations and menu selections to me no later than Friday, June 27th. Each person will receive a color coded card at the door making it easier for the staff to get the right foods to the right people. Last year a few folks forgot what they ordered....so hopefully this system will help.

Members can call me at 757-258-3847 or email me at ponspaws@widomaker.com

- Joni Stevens, Second Vice Regent - Williamsburg DAR



Thomas Tucker Grave Marking

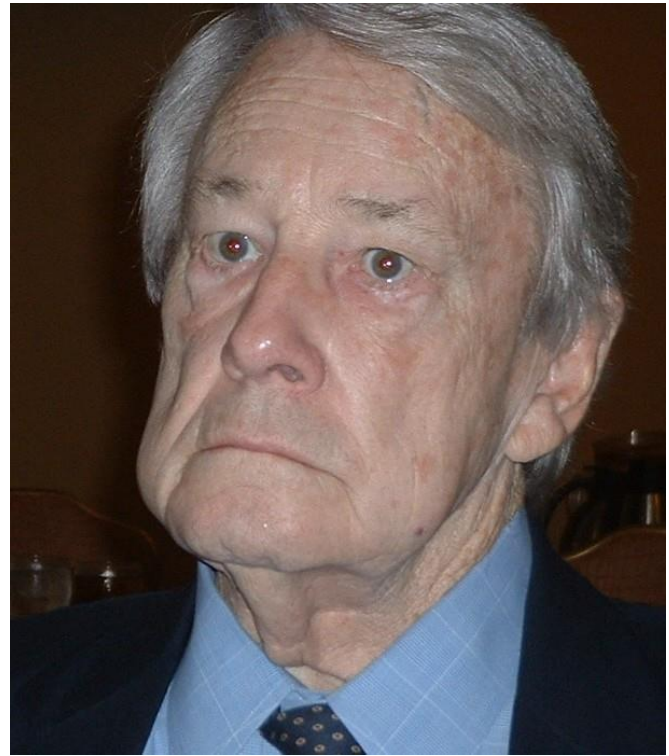
On Saturday May 31st, members of the SAR, DAR & CAR marked the grave of Patriot Thomas Tucker at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC. Thomas Tucker and his brother St. George Tucker pulled off the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot in August of 1775 thus providing over one hundred barrels of powder to to General Washington's forces.

During the Revolution, Thomas Tucker served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives (1776) and as a surgeon in the Continental Army (1781-83). Following the war, he was a South Carolina delegate to the Congress of the Confederation (1787-88) and a Member of the 1st and 2nd Congresses from South Carolina (1789-93). In 1801, President Thomas Jefferson appointed Tucker as Treasurer of the United States. Tucker continued in that position in the administrations of Presidents James Madison, James Monroe and John Quincy Adams. He died on May 2, 1828, while still in office, and he remains the longest-serving Treasurer of the United States.

Chapter President Bob Spencer journeyed to Washington to present our chapter wreath at the ceremony.



Compatriot Paul Morie 1932-2014



We were saddened to note the passing of Williamsburg Chapter Compatriot Paul Alexander Morie on June 1, 2014. He is survived by his wife Betty, son Paul Morie, Jr. of Williamsburg, daughter Elizabeth Morie Cook of Richmond and sister Betty Morie Green of King George County as well as four grandchildren. Paul was buried at St. John's Episcopal Church in King George on June 6.

Paul was a life member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and served as a treasurer for the Williamsburg Chapter. We will miss him.

American Revolution Round Table of Williamsburg/Yorktown

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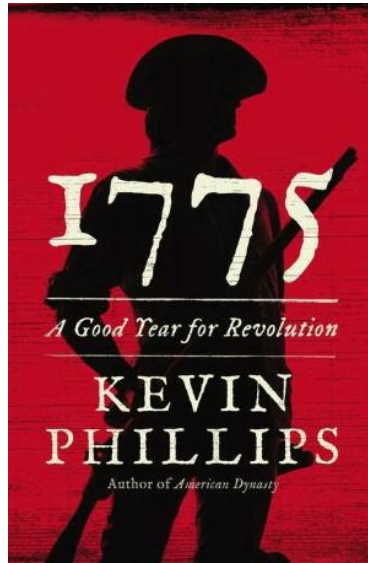
124th Annual Congress
July 18th – 23rd 2014



Greenville, South Carolina
Return to the Revolutionary War Country
Enjoy the Upcountry!
The South Carolina Society welcomes you
to where the Revolutionary War was won!

<http://congress.sar.org/>

July Book Raffle Selection



“1775: A Good Year For Revolution”, by Kevin Phillips, author of “American Dynasty”, Penguin Books, New York, NY, 2012. A ground breaking account of the American Revolution. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00, and can be purchased at the Chapter meeting.

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Reservation for the July 12th 2014 Williamsburg Chapter Meeting:

Please reserve _____ lunches at \$20.00

Name(s) _____

of Vegetarian Dinners _____

Please make checks payable to “Williamsburg Chapter SAR”

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