



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

Carolyn and I recently returned from a Danube River cruise with Viking Cruise Lines which included visits to Budapest, Hungary, Vienna, Austria, Passau, Regensburg and Nuremberg, Germany, and Prague, Czech Republic. A wonderful trip, but it took us a week to recover. Vice President John Moseley and Clyde Spence are planning similar trips on Viking. My thanks to all of our officers and members who took on various assignments in my absence.

We had a terrific lunch meeting on July 12. Mike Elston and his daughter, Emily, spoke about the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot. Emily, a rising eighth grader, was outstanding. Our attendance was a new high. Mike told us about the event scheduled for Saturday, October 18 in Williamsburg to honor St. George Tucker, one of the two Tucker brothers who facilitated the exchange of gunpowder from Bermuda for food from the colonies in 1775. Plan on attending the event.

My friend and neighbor, George Bull, told us about a special event in October. George is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a veterans group which is bringing a replica of the Vietnam Wall to Williamsburg. I will provide more information to our members as

available. MOPH is sponsoring a golf outing as a separate event. A sponsorship costs \$200. I will contribute \$100. Let me know if you would join me in contributing the balance.

Many thanks to all who participated in our numerous events in late June and early July. Particular thanks to George Bridewell who worked with James City County Parks and Recreation to develop a permanent memorial sign for Spencer's Ordinary (tavern) located in Freedom Park. The sign will be a great public reminder of that skirmish.

Thanks to Don Swain, we have nominees for public safety awards from James City County Police Department and the City of Williamsburg Fire Department. I will be making the awards to the two deserving nominees in the near future.

Remember, we do not have a lunch meeting in August. Our next lunch meeting is September 13.

- Bob Spencer

Williamsburg-Yorktown
American Revolution Round Table



<http://williamsburg-yorktownarrt.weebly.com/>

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond



AUGUST, 2014

No Chapter Meeting

AUGUST 8th-10th, 2014

SAR Atlantic Middle States Conference,
Huntsville, MD

AUGUST 15th-16th, 2014

Battle of Blue Licks, KY

SEPTEMBER 13th, 2014

Williamsburg Chapter Luncheon Meeting
SEPTEMBER 17th, 2014

Constitution Day at Montpelier, Orange, VA
SEPTEMBER 19th-20th, 2014

VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Fairfax, VA
OCTOBER 3rd-5th, 2014

Point Pleasant Days, Point Pleasant, WV
OCTOBER 7th, 2014

Battle of Kings Mountain, NC
OCTOBER 11th, 2014

Williamsburg Chapter Luncheon Meeting
OCTOBER 18th, 2014

St. George Tucker Commemoration
Williamsburg, VA
OCTOBER 18th, 2014

Yorktown Day Banquet - Fort Magruder Inn
Williamsburg, VA
OCTOBER 19th, 2014

Yorktown Day Commemoration and Parade
NOVEMBER 11th, 2014

Veterans Day at the Governor's Palace
& Fort Magruder Inn
DECEMBER, 2014

No Chapter Meeting
DECEMBER 5th-6th, 2014

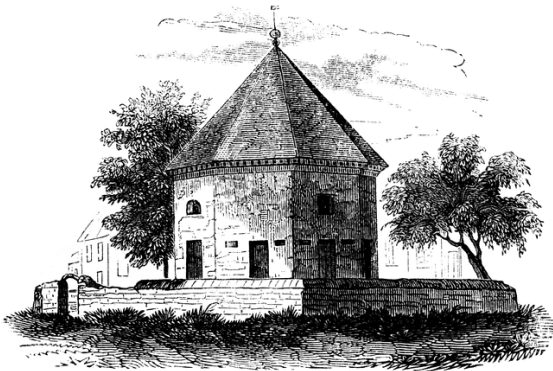
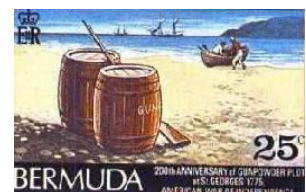
Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA

St. George Tucker & the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot



(L-R) Mike Elston & daughter Emily Elston

Mike and Emily Elston treated us to a interesting and informative presentation of local patriot St. George Tucker and his patriot brother Thomas Tucker. These two brothers hatched and executed a successful plot to steal over 100 barrels of gunpowder from the British powder magazine in Bermuda. This badly needed gunpowder end up in patriot hands in Philadelphia and Charleston, SC. The Elstons recounted the last year's Tucker commemorations in Bermuda and at St. George Tucker's grave in Nelson County. This year Thomas Tucker's grave was marked in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Plans are underway to have a ceremony at the St. George Tucker House on October 18th of this year and a grand commemoration in Bermuda in August of 2015.



True to his Word

Our normally notoriously well-coifed 110th President General and Virginia Compatriot, Joe Dooley, temporarily opts for a more maintenance-free pate, in response to the success of his President General's Challenge. More excitement to follow in our September edition.



(T-B) an Ohio Society Compatriot and a new Joe Dooley

NSSAR Supplemental Application Fee Increase

The NSSAR Congress in Greenville, SC voted to raise the fee for Supplemental Ancestor Applications from \$50.00 to \$60.00 effective immediately. More details regarding the NSSAR Congress will be in the September Chapter newsletter.



Registrar's Corner

I hope these few words will dispel a major myth about ancestor researching for SAR applications. Many new prospects have heard from DAR or SAR members that if they have a relative's copy of an old, approved application, it means practically no additional research. I believed that once, too!!! NOT TRUE.

My experience has been that DAR/SAR "record copies" aren't worth much. Usually lineage can be used; however, document listings in old applications are scarce, and the tendency to refer to a previous approved applicant's number, who referred to another previously approved applicant's # makes the miraculous "record copy" almost worthless. I'd appreciate it if any prospects you speak with are not told they will be able to shirrtail on a relative. Probably NOT.

- Ron Losee

New Members Inducted



(L-R) Thomas Pearson, President Spencer and William Fulton. Registrar Ron Losee is in the background.

At the Saturday July 12th luncheon meeting at the Fort Magruder Inn, Chapter President Bob Spencer inducted William Fulton and Thomas Pearson into membership in the our Chapter. William Fulton's patriot ancestor is William Pattison and Thomas Pearson's patriot ancestor is Jesse Knapp.



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

New Dual Member



Compatriot Jeff Lambert

Some of you may not know it but SAR members can be a member of more than one state society and chapter. The Williamsburg Chapter now has its fourth member from an out-of state society. Paul Jeffrey "Jeff" Lambert comes to us from the North Carolina Society and the Alamance Chapter there. He was their Chapter President when Winston-Salem was the host city for the 2011 NSSAR National Congress. Jeff is also a Past President of the Sons of the Revolution in North Carolina and is currently the Executive Director of the Sons of the Revolution at their national headquarters here in Williamsburg. Please welcome Jeff when you have chance.

NSSAR War Service Medal

Ron Losee received a NSSAR War Service Medal from President Spencer for his service in Vietnam. Ron is now a member of the recently created NSSAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps. If you are Vietnam War Veteran and wish to be recognized as such by the NSSAR, contact Secretary Harley Stewart at hstewart9@cox.net.



(L-R) Ron Losee & President Spencer

Military Order of the Purple Heart



George P. Bull

President Spencer invited George Bull, Commander of Chapter 1754 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) to speak to the July Chapter meeting luncheon. He spoke of a number of ways our chapter can partner with the MOPH and other organizations in helping veterans.

July 4th Service of Remembrance

Our 29th July 4th Service of Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish Church was led by our chaplain, the Rev. Dr. James Henry. Rev. Theodore "Ted" Bailey III delivered the homily. All were impressed with the words of this 92 year old World War II P-38 fighter pilot. He is amazing.



(L-R) Rev. Jim Henry, Rev. Ted Bailey, Alan Morledge, Rev. Ed Morgan, Nancy Losee, Harley Stewart, Pam Meiring, Ron Losee, Jane Stewart, Ed Truslow, Elaine Strange, Roger Strange, Marvin Williams, Bob Schmidt, Bob White, Bill Wagner, Jack Lec, John Moseley, Bryan Godfrey and Lew de Seife.



DARs with SARs Ed Truslow, Bryan Godfrey and Jack Lec (hidden)

July 4th Service of Remembrance (cont.)

Prior to the service, Bruton Organist and Choir Director Rebecca Davy was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and Jefferson Cup for her dedicated service for these July 4th services.



Rebecca Davy at the Bruton organ console.



Compatriot Jack Lee presenting the Williamsburg Chapter wreath at Berkeley Plantation

Following the Bruton service, a number of our SAR members journeyed to Berkeley Plantation in Charles City County for a DAR led commemoration at the grave of Benjamin Harrison V.

The remarks were presented by Graham Woodlief who is a descendant of Captain John Woodlief who led the expedition to Berkeley Hundred in December of 1619.

That event led to the first Thanksgiving in America. Madison and Meredith Pons presented the C.A.R. wreath,

Ed Truslow presented the VASSAR wreath and Jack Lee presented the Williamsburg Chapter wreath.

Following the service many stopped at the Courthouse Tavern in Charles City for a tasty lunch.

Patriotic Concert – American Flag Distribution

On Wednesday July 2nd, the USAF Heritage of America Band presented a patriotic concert on Merchant Square. Prior to the concert, Ron Losec, with chapter volunteer assistance, handed out approximately 1,000 miniature American flags to the audience. Those assisting Ron included John and Abigail Moseley, Don Brannon, Bob White, Jack Lee and Nan Losec. Lew de Seife took photos of this effort.



(L-R) Ron & Nan Losec, Bob White, John Moseley with granddaughter Abigail Moseley



Commemoration of the 1781 Battle of Green Spring

On Monday July 7, the Williamsburg chapter conducted a commemoration service at the site of the old Church on the Main to recall the nearby 1781 Battle of Green Spring. The site is the final resting place of twenty-two Pennsylvania and six Virginia soldiers who died in that battle. In 2007 the chapter, with VASSAR funding, erected a granite monument at the site to the memory of these soldiers.

Jack Lee presented the Williamsburg Chapter wreath, Ken Wood presented the Thomas Nelson, Jr. wreath and Ed Truslow presented the VASSAR wreath at the ceremony.



(L-R) Bob Erskine, Marvin Williams, Jim Henry, John Moseley, Ron Losec, Harley Stewart, Bob White, Jack Lee, Ken Wood, Ed Truslow & George Bridewell

Battle of Ramsour's Mill Commemoration



On Saturday June 21st, Chapter Past President and VASSAR 2nd VP Ed Truslow laid a wreath at the mass grave of the patriots who died at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in Lincolnton, NC. There were no regular soldiers on either side. The ceremony was attended by SAR and DAR representatives from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and, of course, Virginia. Ed is in the back row (as usual) of the group photo.

Spencer's Ordinary, June 26th, 2014

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution gather to conduct a memorial service for Revolutionary War patriots who died in 1781 at a battle with British troops near Williamsburg.



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Reservation for the September 13th 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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