



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

We are busy preparing events for the remaining months of 2014.

On Friday, September 5, Lew deSeife and I will be presenting a certificate and a medal to Ciera Fenske, a firefighter and medic employed by the City of Williamsburg, and a certificate and medal to Master Police Officer Jason Slodysko of the James City County Police Department. Ciera and Jason have very impressive credentials. This is one of the SAR Presidential functions that is a pleasure to perform.

The next Board meeting is Monday, September 8 at 10:00 AM at the Williamsburg branch of our Library. Please let me know if there is any item that you would like to have the Board discuss.

Our next luncheon is Saturday, September 13 at the Fort Magruder Hotel. We expect to be inducting a number of new members, and welcoming another new member by transfer. Please introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel welcome. We continue to recruit new members. Registrar Ron Losee does a marvelous job assisting prospective members with their paperwork.

October is going to be a busy month. Our local Veterans' organizations will be setting up a replica of the Vietnam Wall. I understand that there are 13 names from the Williamsburg area on the Wall. I hope that we can provide volunteers to help man this project.

The weekend of October 18-19 will be very busy. The ceremony honoring St. George Tucker for his role in the Bermuda Gunpowder plot will be held at the St. George

George Tucker house in Colonial Williamsburg on Saturday, followed by a dinner at the Fort Magruder Hotel. On Sunday, there will be a wreath laying ceremony in the Grace Church, Yorktown cemetery to honor General Thomas Nelson, Jr, followed by lunch and a parade. Let's try to have a significant participation.

Tom Campbell is organizing our Veterans' Day ceremony at the Revolutionary War Cemetery in back of the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg. Let Tom or me know if you would like to assist.

Our nominating committee consists of Past President Ed Truslow, Treasurer Jack Lee, and Registrar Ron Losee. If you are asked to consider serving as an officer of our Chapter, please give the request thoughtful consideration. We do need a new Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms sets up our lunch room, puts away our equipment after lunch, and runs the book raffle with his assistants. The book raffle is our main fund raising event. We can always use a donation of a book for the raffle. Let me know if you are interested.

I have been in contact with most of the Boy Scout Troops in the Williamsburg area to make the Scoutmasters aware of the SAR Eagle Scout program. Let me know if your Church or other institution has a Boy Scout Troop or if you learn about any new Eagle Scouts. From time to time, I do find a picture and article in the Virginia Gazette about a new Eagle Scout.

- Bob Spencer

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond



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

Registrar's Corner

Three years ago we started a Chapter notebook containing biographies of our members and their ancestors. As a reminder, all members are requested to provide the Registrar with a paragraph or two biography of their life and career, and a brief paragraph regarding their Patriot ancestor. The Registrar will convert them into uniform font and format. Any questions, call Ron at 565-1707.

- Ron Losee

September 13th Luncheon

Guest Speaker



Dr. James T. Reese, Ph.D.

Dr. James T. Reese, Ph.D., is an internationally known author, speaker and trainer in the specialty areas of stress management, leadership, workplace violence, and motivation. He has addressed the National Executive Institute for more than two decades, and has been faculty of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, the Institute for the Advanced Study of Crisis and Disaster Management, the prestigious FBI Academy, and more. He has presented before representatives of more than 350 **Fortune 500** companies, fire, police, rescuers, and companies of all sizes worldwide. A pioneer criminal profiler with the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit, Dr. Reese worked with the cast of *Silence of the Lambs* and is often quoted on the popular television series, *Criminal Minds*. He retired as Assistant Unit Chief of the FBI Behavioral Science Unit. Dr. Reese's topic for the meeting will be "**September 11, 2001**"

Date: Saturday September 13th, 2014

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

Social: 11:30am

Meeting: 12:00 noon

RSVP by September 10th (please see Page 7)

Michigan Fifes & Drums Corps

The Michigan Fife and Drums from Plymouth, Michigan recently went on a grand tour of Virginia's historic sights with a focus on places and personalities of the Revolutionary War. They performed with the Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps while in Williamsburg and with the Yorktown Fife and Drum Corps while at Yorktown. At left is a photo of a portion of the group with Ed Truslow as well as Lisa LiGreci and Sue Momano who were charged with making lodging arrangements for their tour. They were quite grateful for the SAR efforts to find them a place to stay while in the area. Below is a photo of the entire corps in front of the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg.



VASSAR Semi Annual Meeting

This year's VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting will be held at the Hyatt Fairfax in Fairfax, VA on Friday and Saturday September 19-20. VASSAR has secured an \$89 group rate for Friday night for reservations made by August 29.

VASSAR registration will take place between 1:00-7:00pm on Friday. The VASSAR Board of Manager's (open to all) meeting will begin at 7:30pm with a ladies program beginning at 8:00pm.

The President's Reception will begin at the conclusion of the Board of Manager's meeting. Saturday's registration will take place between 7:30-9:00am.

The General Membership meeting will begin at 9:00am with the Ladies Tour to the Dulles Air & Space Museum leaving at 9:30am. The social time and luncheon for all will begin at noon.

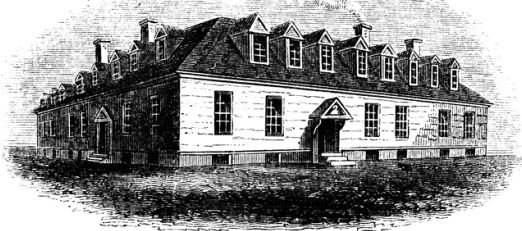
Registration forms, agendas, and hotel reservation info may be found at:

[http://www.virginia-](http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/index.php?content=doclib&dirpar m=VASSAR-Meetings/2014/Semi-Annual)

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



Yorktown Day 2014

This year October 19th Yorktown Day falls on a Sunday. VASSAR is the lead organization this year for the 13 member Yorktown Day Association so a good attendance by our chapter and all other VASSAR chapters will be very much appreciated.

The weekend events will begin on Saturday the 18th at 5:00pm behind the Colonial Courthouse. Colonial Williamsburg will put on a program called "On to Yorktown and to Victory" with George Washington and other interpreters.

At 5:30pm the Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drums will lead us across the field to the St. George Tucker House garden. There VASSAR members will perform a short commemoration ceremony for "Gunpowder Plot Patriot" St. George Tucker.

At 6:00pm we will gather for a Military Recognition Banquet at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center. Since these events are in "our SAR territory", Williamsburg Chapter members will be needed to help out.

On Sunday, the usual wreath laying at Thomas Nelson, Jr.'s grave at Grace Church will commence at 10:15am.

Lunch will be available at 11:30am at either the Freight Shed or the Brunswick Stew gathering served by the Yorktown Ladies Association.

The parade will begin at 1:30pm and at 2:15pm the "Patriotic Exercises" will begin at the Victory Monument. NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock will be the keynote speaker. More details will follow later.

- Ed Truslow



2014 NSSAR Congress

This year's NSSAR Congress was held July 19-23 in Greenville, SC. The South Carolina Society did a terrific job of planning and executing the event. It eclipsed the 2007 NSSAR Congress in Williamsburg as the largest attended NSSAR Congress ever.

One of the many highlights of the Congress was outgoing President General Joe Dooley's relinquishing his fine head of hair.

Last year Joe challenged the NSSAR to come up with \$1 million in donations and if the number reached that goal, he would have his head shaved at the Congress. The final number was \$1.3 million. So off with his hair - not his head.



Immediate Past President General Joe Dooley

VASSAR was well represented with 26 registered delegates, many of whom were accompanied by wives and friends. VASSAR and its Chapters came away with a load of awards including The Harold Putnam Award, The Edwin Graham Plaque, The George & Stella Knight

Award, The Thomas Jefferson Bond Award, The Winston C Williams SAR Magazine Award, The William M. Malone Award, a number of Liberty Medal Awards, The Admiral Furlong Award, The Liberty Bell Americanism Award, The Officer's Streamers Award and The President General's State Society and Chapter Activities award. Note that VASSAR's entry in the NSSAR Oration contest won for the fourth year in a row which is unprecedented.



Incoming President General Lindsay Brock & Ed Truslow.

As expected Lindsey Brock of the Florida Society (also dual to Virginia) was elected the 2014-2015 NSSAR President General. President General Brock will be the keynote speaker at the Patriotic Exercises in Yorktown on October 19.

All in all the Congress was a great experience for all of our folks from VASSAR.



Group photo of the VASSAR attendees.

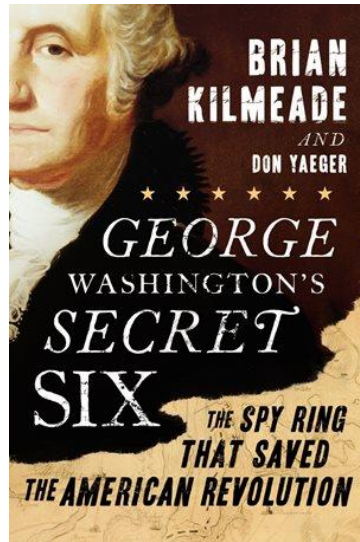
Prayer for Compatriot

Tom Copes

Please keep Compatriot Tom Copes and his family in your thoughts and prayers. A member of our Chapter since last year, Tom has been diagnosed with a very serious illness. "I hope by the aid of divine Providence that you may recover."

- Gen. George Washington

September Book Raffle Selection



"George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution", by Fox&Friends host and historian/author Brian Kilmeade with Don Yaeger, Sentinel, Hardcover, 256 pages. 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 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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