



# 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

Gentlemen, our Chapter has traditionally been an active participant in the May Williamsburg Memorial Day events. On Monday the 25 of May we have again been invited to participate in the day set aside to honor our nation's military members. It is especially appropriate for us, as SAR members, to attend the Memorial Day events. An SAR presence provides a visual reminder to our fellow citizens of the sacrifices that created their Republic 240 years ago.

The celebration starts at the Governor's Palace at 9:45am. Our Chapter and the DAR will present wreaths and our Color Guard members act as honor guards. All Chapter members are encouraged to walk with the speakers, Color Guard, and Fife & Drums to Bruton Parish Church. Events at the Church will include a wreath presentation, a brief Memorial Day message by LtCol Carl Polifka, and a hymn played by the CW Fife & Drum Corps. The entourage will continue to the site of the graves of our Revolutionary War French allies near Providence Hall. At the conclusion of these ceremonies our SAR chapter will convene at the King's Arms restaurant for lunch and a short May Chapter Meeting.

**Members who might consider participating in all of the events a bit too physically challenging should plan on joining us at the Kings Arm's Tavern on**

**Duke of Gloucester Street at 11:30am. Please get your reservations to Jack Lee soonest to allow the tavern to set aside enough spaces for us.**

Participation in state wide events has been our hallmark for April. On 18 April two of our members joined VASSAR History Day Chairman, Tom Whetstone and Thomas Nelson Chapter President, Bruce Meyer judging all state wide entries whose topic dealt with the American Revolutionary War. A middle school entry titled Patrick Henry and a senior high essay on Thomas Jefferson were awarded VASSAR certificates and medals, as well as \$100.00 each from our Williamsburg Chapter. We were also represented by several members at James Monroe's 257 Birthday Anniversary at his home in Westmoreland County and at the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. Our Chapter ceremonial wreath was presented at both events.

Tom Morr presented SAR certificates and silver medals to the Outstanding ROTC Cadet at the College of William and Mary and to the Outstanding High School ROTC Cadet at Charles City County High School.

**Let us pledge to honor our Patriot ancestors' on our nation's Memorial Day by attending the meeting at King's Arms on 25 May.**

*- Don Swain*

## Williamsburg Chapter Meeting – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Don Swain, President of the Williamsburg chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, inducts, and presents Lantz Mearkle with his membership certificate.

Richard Newhouse, WMBG SAR Historian, receiving the SAR membership of the Vietnam Veterans Corp from Don Swain, Williamsburg Chapter SAR President.



L-R: Beverly Mearkle, Lantz Mearkle, Don Swain.



Richard Newhouse, Don Swain.

Barbara Tyler-Mullins, Colonial Williamsburg Program Coordinator, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Don Swain, Williamsburg Chapter SAR President. Ms. Tyler-Mullins is the coordinator for all SAR activities at Colonial Williamsburg, including Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

Mitchell B. Reiss and Colonial Williamsburg were presented with the SAR Commonwealth Certificate by the Williamsburg Chapter of SAR President, Don Swain, for Colonial Williamsburg's help in Sons of the American Revolution ceremonies at Colonial Williamsburg, including Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day. Previously Mr. Reiss was President of Washington College, a former professor at William & Mary, envoy to Northern Ireland, with diplomatic rank of Ambassador.



Barbara Tyler-Mullins, Don Swain.



Michael B. Reiss, Don Swain.



### Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond



**MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Masonic Cemetery Plaque Unveiling  
Fredericksburg, VA**

**MAY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Williamsburg Chapter Meeting  
Williamsburg, VA**

**Memorial Day CW/SAR/DAR**

**JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Lafayette's Hermione Voyage 2015  
Yorktown, VA (p. 4)**

<http://www.hermione2015.com/index.html#home>

**JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Joint Williamsburg/Thomas Nelson Jr.  
Chapter Meeting  
Williamsburg, VA**

**JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Ware Episcopal Church Grave Markings  
Middlesex County, VA**

**JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Spencer's Ordinary Commemoration  
Williamsburg, VA**

**JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Independence Day**

**SAR-Bruton Parish/DAR-Berkeley Plantation**

**JULY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Old Augusta Stone Church at Ft. Defiance  
Grave Markings**

**Near Harrisonburg, VA**



### May 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Luncheon

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their ladies to attend the Memorial Day No-Host Luncheon Meeting at the King's Arms Tavern Garden in Colonial Williamsburg, immediately proceeding our Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Governor's Palace, Bruton Parish Church, and the French burial-ground. We will be proudly inducting new members.

**Date:** Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Location:** King's Arms Tavern  
Colonial Williamsburg

416 East Duke of Gloucester Street

**Pre-Luncheon Events:** 9:45 am

**Meeting:** 11:30 am

**Sign-up Info on Page 9 for the Memorial Day  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ 11:30 am.**

**Reservations MUST be received not later than  
Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Louisville, KY**

The following is the passkey site for reservations for the Galt House Hotel and the SAR rate: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/NSSAR15>

If you experience a problem while using this webpage, please contact Paul Callanan, NSSAR Congress Planning Chair at 906-273-2424 or email [ltcmrsc@aol.com](mailto:ltcmrsc@aol.com). He will contact the hotel and get them to correct the issue.

Additionally, you can call the hotel at 1-800- THE-GALT (1-800-843-4258). Then press "1" when prompted. Make sure you inform them you are with the SAR for the Congress to get the right room rate.

Speaking of rooms and rates, there are two types:  
Deluxe Rivue Rooms (either two Queen or one King bed)  
for \$125.00 per night plus taxes;

Executive Suites (two Queen beds) for \$145.00 per night plus taxes.

Now some miscellaneous information:

The closet in the regular rooms are like a normal hotel room about 36" of hanging space. The closet in a Executive Suite are about 48" long. Wifi is **free** in the room if you are listed as SAR. Mini-refrigerators are available in the Executive Suites. There are no refrigerators in the Deluxe Rivue Rooms. Parking is \$10.00 per day. This is a price reduction.

# James Monroe's 257<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ceremony in Westmoreland County

On April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015, Members of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR attended the 257<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration ceremony for James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States, held at his birthplace and park in Westmoreland County, Virginia, hosted by the James Monroe Memorial Foundation.



US Congressman Rob Wittman joins Williamsburg Chapter SAR Historian Richard Newsome with the wreath that was presented by the Williamsburg Chapter to honor President James Monroe at Monroe's 257<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.



VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Ed Truslow, center, presents the wreath from VASSAR to honor President James Monroe at the 257<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on April 25<sup>th</sup> at his Birthplace and Park in Westmoreland Co, Virginia.



Richard Newsome, third from the left, presents the wreath.



Richard and Ed



## Hermione Voyage 2015

### Yorktown Arrival Ceremony Run of Show June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

1. 8:30am – 21 Gun Salute and Hermione Cannon Fire followed by 30 seconds of fireworks/smoke
2. 8:30am – Hermione arrives at Yorktown dock, prepares to lower gangways
  3. 9:00am – Gangways ready
  4. 9:00am – Coast Guard inspection
5. 10:00am - Brief remarks to queue French songs from rigging and gather guests along shore for viewing
  6. 10:01am – French Songs from rigging
  7. 10:11am – Guest gather in their seats
  8. 10:16am – Color Guard presentation/performance
  9. 10:21am – American National Anthem
  10. 10:25am – French National Anthem
11. 10:29am – Opening remarks by Miles Young; introduce Governor McAuliffe
  12. 10:34am – VA Governor's remarks
  13. 10:44am – Miles Young introduces Segolene Royal
  14. 10:46am – Segolene Royal remarks
  15. 10:51am – Miles introduces Fife & Drum performance
  16. 10:53am – Fife & Drum performance
17. 10:58am – Miles introduces Chair of Board of Supervisors, Tom Sheppard
18. 11:00am – Tom Sheppard's remarks and introduction of General Assembly of VA (David Yancey)
19. 11:05am – Presentation of the General Assembly of VA Proclamation to the ship Captain, Yann Cariou
20. 11:15am – Miles introduces National Parks Service/National Historic Trail/W3R (Joe di Bello)
21. 11:17am – Joe di Bello presents NHT Banner to ship Captain Yann Cariou
22. 11:22am – Miles gives Closing Remarks and invites guests to join for first look on the ship (followed by W3R plaque and wreath-laying ceremony)
  23. 11:27am – Press and VIPs visit the Hermione
  24. 11:57am – Miles invites guests to join W3R plaque reveal (followed by wreath-laying ceremony at French Sailors and Soldiers Memorial)
  25. 11:59am – Press and VIPs escorted of Hermione to W3R plaque reveal
    26. 12:04pm – W3R plaque reveal
27. 12:19pm – Guests walk to French Sailors and Soldiers Memorial
  28. 12:44pm – Bugler playing Taps upon arrival
  29. 12:47pm – Army (TBD) gives remarks
  30. 12:52pm – Wreath laid
  31. 12:75pm – Fife & Drum performance as guests depart
32. 1:02pm – Invited guests to make their way to Hornsby House lunch, hosted by Miles
33. 1:12pm – Hornsby House lunch hosted by Miles; invite only

For more information on the project and voyage, please visit:

<http://www.hermione2015.com/index.html#home>

## Hermione Meeting at York Hall

Gentlemen,

I attended the subject meeting last night in York Hall and the following are the major items of what transpired:

The York County Hermione website is up and running and has a comprehensive schedule of both pre-visit and visit events. It may be accessed at [www.hermioneyorkown.com](http://www.hermioneyorkown.com)

Due to unrelated ship activity in Norfolk, the Hermione will sail into the York River Thursday evening and "hide" upriver until sailing into Yorktown 8:30am Friday morning.

Ship visitation hours and people numbers have been increased. They plan on 300 people an hour in groups of 25. The hours are 2:00-7:00pm Friday and 9:00am-7:00pm Saturday and 9:00am-4:00pm Sunday as noted on the website schedule.

The free ticket booth opens 12:00pm Friday and 8:00am Saturday and Sunday. The tickets will be marked with a boarding time.

Note that the website schedule is subject to change

VASSAR will not have any role other than possibly the VASSAR Color Guard. I brought the subject up at both the March meeting and the one last night and the York County Parks manager said color guard participation in the ceremony at the French monument was a possibility but the issue was "number 27" on the hit list. I sent him an e-mail this morning requesting that if a positive answer materializes, we need to know that very soon. I am not very optimistic about the outcome however.

More meetings are in the offing and I will attend if possible. I am very curious if the Mount Vernon and Alexandria visits are any different regarding SAR non-participation.

Best regards,

- Ed Truslow

## 2015 SAR ROTC/JROTC Medal Awards



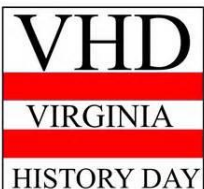
Charles City High School Cadet Tyler Duvall with ROTC Awards Chairman Compatriot Tom Morr  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015



William & Mary Cadet Daniel G. Salmon with Tom Morr, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## 2015 Virginia History Day Competition

Virginia History Day Competition – State Finals – at Virginia State University, Petersburg Virginia, April 18, 2015. An award given by the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution for the best Junior Division presentation on the Revolutionary War. Pictured from the left are Don Swain, President Williamsburg Chapter; Bennett and William Brabrand, award winners; and Tom Whetstone, Virginia Society Chairman.





## Compatriot Oliver Marshall Kendrick



Oliver Marshall Kendrick, age 80, born March 16, 1935, of Williamsburg, VA, died on May 3, 2015 from complications of spinal strokes. Born in Hartford, CT; Oliver lived in East Hartford, CT for 61 years. He was employed for 20 years at the former Newington Children's Hospital and 20 years at United Technologies Research Center and then worked at various businesses as a security guard and an

EMT. In 1996, he retired and moved to Lightfoot, VA. He was a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, CT and now a parishioner of Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano, VA. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Constance Hill Kendrick.

He is also survived by the widow of their first son, Marshall, Lori Montana of Berlin, CT and a son, Jonathan H. Kendrick (Millet) of Tallahassee, FL; a brother, Charles H. Kendrick (Jean) of East Hartford, CT; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Christopher (Christine) Rescigh of Oakton, VA; a brother-in-law, Norman Hill (Jacqueline) of Venice, FL; and three nieces and many cousins. He had twin grandchildren, Paul Marshall and Caroline Frances and their sister, Courtney Grace Kendrick of Berlin, CT, and a grandson, Justin Connor Kendrick of Tallahassee, FL. He was a Boy Scout leader for over 40 years, reorganizing Troop 414, awarded the Silver Beaver and St. George Episcopal Church Awards and honored by becoming a Vigil Honor member in the Order of the Arrow. In his church, he served on the vestry, committees, usher captain, Sanctus Bell ringer and the New Era Historian.

He was a member of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, CT, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, and the Sons of The American Revolution, Williamsburg Chapter. He had also been the Statistician-Genealogist for the Captain James and Chole Steele Skilton Family Association since 1969. His family wishes to thank the nursing and aide care given Ollie by members of the staff of BrightStar Home Care and his medical care by Dr. Ralph of VPA of VA. Memorial service was held on Friday, May 8 at 11:00am, at Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, 8300 Richmond Rd., Toano, VA with interment following in the church's Memorial Garden.

Compatriot Kendrick will be sorrowfully missed by all who knew and served with him.

## 2015 SAR/DAR/CAR Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Trip

Compatriots,

The SAR-DAR-CAR trip to Bermuda to commemorate the 240th anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot will take place in August 2015. We are planning four (perhaps more) very special SAR-DAR-CAR events, including the dedication of two historical markers (at the site of the gunpowder magazine and near the birthplace of two Bermuda-born Patriots) and an interpretive sign (at Tobacco Bay Beach, where the gunpowder left shore for waiting American ships). We likely will have participation by the Governor, the Premier and the U.S. Consul General. But there will also be time for participants to enjoy the stunning beauty of Bermuda, from its pink sand beaches to its world-class golf courses!

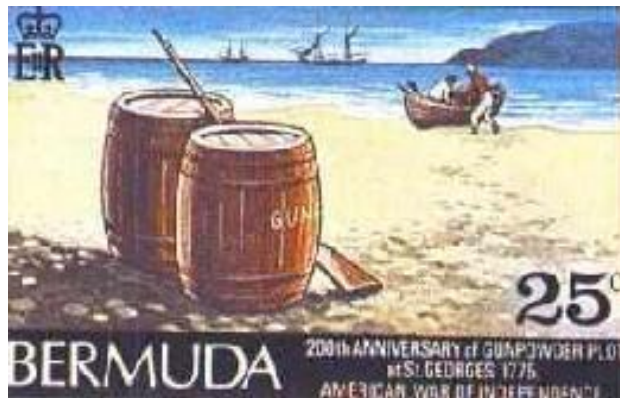
Our headquarters is the Fairmont Southampton, one of the finest hotels on Bermuda -- and just a short walk from the world-famous Horseshoe Bay Beach.

This trip is open to SAR, DAR and CAR members and their families. All of the special events will be joint SAR-DAR-CAR events with official participation from all three organizations.

For more information, please contact me at [elston.sar@gmail.com](mailto:elston.sar@gmail.com) or you can peruse the preliminary itinerary at:

<https://prod.groupandevent.net/register/bermudapatriots>

To access the site, use the password *gunpowder15*. Registration and a \$200/person deposit will hold your place on the trip.



Feel free to share this with other SAR and DAR members in your local area who you think may be interested in the trip. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Mike Elston

## James Monroe's 257<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery

The photos below were taken at the Tomb of James Monroe, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA, April 28th. Attending were from the left are Secretary Harley Stewart, Vice-President Jay Smith, VASSAR 1st Vice-President Ed Truslow, Member Bob White, and Past-President Bob Spencer. The second photo is the Williamsburg Chapter Wreath presented in the wreath laying ceremony with the tomb in the background. The celebration honored James Monroe for his service as a soldier, in founding the United States, and in many positions in the governments of Virginia and the United States culminating in two terms as President.



## Battle of Spencer's Ordinary Interpretive Sign



The Interpretive sign has been installed! I think it looks good in that location, it really catches your eye as you walk towards the building.

*- Alister Perkinson, Park Coordinator, Freedom Park*

## James Monroe Statue Dedication at William & Mary



Board of Visitors Rector Todd Stottlemeyer pulls the curtain off a statue of James Monroe on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

*-(Ian Brickey I 974 Daily)*



## Registrar's Corner

If you take a look at our Chapter's web site you will find that the names of member ancestors are displayed along with a brief description of their contribution to the cause of Liberty. I have accumulated these from your applications. I'm not aware any other chapter does this. We have two members who are descendants from men who signed the Declaration of Independence.

The ancestors' list includes generals and privates, a couple of spies, a chaplain, men AND women who provided supplies to militia and Continental line troops. One ancestor contributed only one day, marching toward Lexington with a militia unit; others donated themselves as substitutes for a relative or neighbor. Some later served in government while others led the movement west into unknown adventures in unsettled territory.

If your ancestor's name is missing, send me a record copy of your application for my files.

- S.F. Ron Losee

## 2015 Williamsburg Chapter Officers

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### Reservation for the Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 Chapter Luncheon at King's Arms Tavern garden in Colonial Williamsburg:

No-host Luncheon (pay as you go to waitstaff)

Menu: <http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/do/restaurants/historic-dining-taverns/kings-arms/>



Email reservations by Friday,

May 22<sup>nd</sup> to:

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