



# 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 signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.*

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### President's Message

The luncheon meeting on July 9 was a great success, attended by sixty people to hear Dr. William "Bill" Kelso, a chapter member, speak on his Jamestown Rediscovery Project. Dr. Kelso discussed the project from its beginnings to the present. Hearing the story as told by him personally was a special occasion for all present.

There was a great turnout at Freedom Park on June 26 commemorating the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary. This was the first anniversary of the VASSAR marker which was dedicated in 2015. Our color guard was there as well as Chris Bonin, the speaker arranged by JCC Parks and Recreation, who gave an excellent description of the battle and its participants. The Battle of Green Spring was commemorated on July 6. Our color guard participated as well as Steve Holm, an eager prospective member, who could not wait to take our photograph and be invited to our next meeting. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving, always beautiful and inspiring, took place at Bruton Parish Church on July 4 attended by sixty people.

Our chapter provided the officiant, Rev. Dr. James Henry, the head usher, Joe Spruill, ushers George Bridewell, Fred Siegel, Harley Stewart and Don Swain, reader Bill Greaf, and flag bearer Tom Campbell. The homilist was The Rev. Tyler Montgomery and the organist was Rebecca Davy. Tom Whetstone, VASSAR vice president, also attended.

The annual commemorative ceremony of the Williamsburg Chapter, DAR, at Berkeley Plantation on July 4 was attended by Harley Stewart, chapter president, other members, and Tom Whetstone, VASSAR vice president, who presented wreaths. The occasion featured a rededication of the restored cemetery containing Benjamin Harrison's grave site. Jamie Jamison, Berkeley's owner, spoke on the history of the Harrisons, the Jamisons and Berkeley. Topping things off was a bugler, Richard Stoud, USCG (Ret).

We will not have a lunch meeting in August. Our next lunch meeting will be September 10, at which the speaker will be Joseph "Joe" Beatty, Director of Research at Colonial Williamsburg, and member of our chapter.

- Harley



## Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016

**Ceremonial Re-Posting of the British  
Flag over the Royal Welch Fusiliers**

**Redoubt – Yorktown**

**Hosted by the Jamestown-Yorktown  
Foundation.**

Please gather at the Yorktown Victory  
Center at 10:30

September 16-17, 2016

**VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting  
Woodlands Conference Center  
Colonial Williamsburg**

October 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Battle of Kings Mountain  
Greenville, SC**



**Reminder:** There is no chapter luncheon meeting scheduled in August. The next luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us then.



## Registrar's Corner

I certainly do appreciate the chapter members who refer applicants to me. The list of prospects keeps growing and I'm pushing hard to complete applications as soon as possible. I have had a few, though, that had little information about their family or understanding what lineage was important. When I get a worksheet with three generations blank, I have a clue we're not going to make it!

New subject: Jim Hess is standing by to complete any supplemental applications you may be contemplating. Give him a call or send to [hessjb@cox.net](mailto:hessjb@cox.net). As you know the flag distribution at Merchants Square was called off because of rain; we were there, it was wet, but we didn't get a vote. (Electronic instruments present a hazard.)

I repeat.....sure would like to see some biographies in my inbox. Or would you prefer I make them up and put them in the book with Benedict Arnold as your ancestor?

- S.F. Ron Losee

# Chapter Happenings

## Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities

The Williamsburg Chapter of SAR and the Williamsburg Chapter of DAR annually, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, host special events, and invite the other organization to attend. The Williamsburg Chapter SAR hosts a Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish Church, and the Williamsburg Chapter DAR hosts a commemoration at Berkeley Plantation, the resting place of Benjamin Harrison V.

### SAR Service at Bruton Parish Church

On the left, members of the Williamsburg Chapter stand for a photo at the Special Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving, held annually on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Bruton Parish Church.



### DAR Commemoration at Berkeley Plantation

On the right: L to R: Presenting wreaths are: Barbara Rooney, Historian, Williamsburg Chapter, DAR; Harley Stewart, President, Williamsburg Chapter, SAR; Cheryl Davis, Regent, Cobbs Hill Chapter, DAR; Tom Whetstone, 3rd Vice President, Virginia Society, SAR.



On the left: Harley Stewart, Williamsburg Chapter President, is shown at the DAR commemoration at Berkeley Plantation, and on the right, he listens to a DAR presentation at the reconditioned grave site of Benjamin Harrison V.



## Chapter Happenings Cont'd



### Battle of Green Spring

On the left: Williamsburg SAR chapter members attend the commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring held annually on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the memorial marker near The Church on the Main in Jamestown.

### Dr. William Kelso

On the right: Dr. William Kelso is presented a Jefferson cup and a Certificate of Appreciation for his remarks at the July luncheon. He recounted the story of the archeological efforts at Jamestown which he began in the early 1990's. Dr. Kelso is a member of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR.



### New Member, Bert Hogg

On the left: Bert Hogg, who was inducted at the July luncheon, stands with family members Missy Hogg, and Al Hogg. Welcome aboard!



## **Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Special Invitation**

**Ceremonial Re-Posting of the British Flag over the Royal Welch Fusiliers  
Redoubt – Yorktown**

**Saturday, July 23, 2016**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Yorktown Victory Center**

**Including remarks by:**

**Lt. General Jonathon Riley, Retired, British Army;  
Chairman of the Royal Welch Fusiliers  
Association and Trust**

**Peter Armstrong, Sr. Director,  
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation**

**Representatives from the National Park Service**

**The ceremony includes:**

**Presentation of Flag by the Royal Welch Fusiliers**

**Fifes and Drums of York Town**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot reenactors**

**Cannon Salute from the Yorktown Victory Center**

**Please join us in front of the Yorktown Victory Center at 10:30, where we  
will be led to the Royal Welch Fusiliers Redoubt by the Fifes and Drums of  
York Town for the ceremony and presentation of the flag.**

## See Your State Society Up Close

The VASSAR Society Semi-Annual Meeting will be held right here in Williamsburg Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17. It is a chance to learn more about our Society without having to get a hotel room or drive six hours. You might even find an area of interest where you could contribute at the State level.

Friday afternoon, there will be a workshop on the NASSAR Americanism report. This report has existed for a while, but very few chapters submit it. It also contains some of the same information that is in the Annual Report. Therefore, these two reports are being combined under the Americanism Report which will be more complex to complete. If you are a committee chair or project manager for a memorial ceremony or have been contributing to the Annual Report, you may want to attend this workshop. The Board of Managers meeting, which anyone can attend, will be on Friday night. While the gentlemen are meeting, the ladies may attend a lecture on herb gardening.

Saturday morning will be the General Membership meeting. There is some duplication between the Board of Managers meeting and the General Membership meeting, so you may want to choose one or the other. Many awards will be passed out at the General Membership meeting. Come see what recognition our chapter receives.

Again, the ladies will have an opportunity to do something special -- a behind-the-scenes tour of the Colonial Williamsburg Costume Design Center. All the costumed interpreters are decked out from over 50,000+ pieces in their collection. 18th Century gowns and accessories galore, ladies!

Saturday's luncheon prepared by Colonial Williamsburg should be a wonderful venue for Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni to receive NASSAR's Gold Good Citizenship Medal for his years of outstanding service. Following luncheon, we will drive to Yorktown for a sneak preview of the new American Revolutionary Museum prior to its formal opening.

Mark your calendar now and come out and see our State President, our own Ed Truslow, guide our Virginia Society through these important and exciting two days.



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Colonial Williamsburg

## Hanging Around Jamestowne

The name Nathaniel Bacon is heard frequently as tour guides relate the history of Jamestown and early Virginia. His role in the development of Great Britain's new colony, portrayed as a villain and leader of what some call the First Revolutionary War, has been a target of many historians with varied conclusions.

A hundred years before the conflict that resulted in a free and independent nation of united states, Bacon, and a band of like-minded colonists, challenged the rule of Royal Governor William Berkeley. The complicated sequence of events, both before and after Bacon's death by natural causes, is best recorded in Martha McCartney's book, James City County, Keystone of the Commonwealth, pages 113-126.

Bacon was a rebel at odds with government and especially a thorn in the side of the governor. On 19 September 1676 he chased Governor Berkeley from his seat of power, Jamestown, which he burned to the ground. His men then plundered Berkeley's home at Green Spring. On October 26 Bacon died and his successor was unable to control breakaway rebel groups that continued to spread violence.

Berkeley retaliated, thanks in part to British troops that arrived from England in January, 1677. Soon the guerilla leaders were swept up and appeared in court; some received minor punishments, nine were sentenced to death.

One such leader was named William Scarborough, member of a family of wealthy landowners of the Eastern Shore and Maryland, and from whom one of Williamsburg's SAR Chapter member descends.

William was among a separate group of prisoners awaiting legal action. Across the Atlantic, King Charles appointed Royal Commissioners to investigate the grievances that led to the rebellion, and issued pardons to the group awaiting trial.

In defiance of his Majesty, Governor Berkeley concluded the legal proceedings which led to death sentences. And he ordered Scarborough and the others to be hung by the neck until dead. Berkeley was recalled to London and died shortly thereafter.

Some speculate that Sir Charles Scarborough, Royal Physician to the King, may have exerted influence in the King's decision to pardon the men.

History has yet to identify the location of the hanging; no evidence of gallows has been uncovered at the Jamestown archaeological dig site. Yet!

John Moseley, Williamsburg Chapter member, descends from William Scarborough through Revolutionary War ancestor, Major James Scarborough, and has other identified Patriots from the Surry County area.



## Special Recognition Award

Abigail Mosley, grand-daughter of Williamsburg Chapter member John Mosley, is shown holding the Certificate of Commendation presented to her by the Williamsburg Chapter for her past efforts in handing out American flags at the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert in Merchants Square. On the right is chapter Registrar Ron Losee, who leads the annual flag distribution program during which over 1000 small American flags are given to concert attendees.

## Williamsburg Chapter Officers

President	Harley Stewart	Registrar/Genealogist	Ron Losee
Vice-President	Jay Smith	Historian	William Greaif
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