



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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Williamsburg Chapter SAR Hosts VASSAR Semi-annual Meeting

The Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted the 2016 semi-annual conference of the Virginia Society on September 16th and 17th.

The committee, lead by Chapter Treasurer Jack Lee, started making arrangements for the meeting in mid-summer and the committee's efforts were rewarded with a smoothly-conducted event that drew accolades from chapter representatives from throughout the state of Virginia. Williamsburg Chapter President Harley Stewart opened the two-day affair with "welcome to Williamsburg" comments.

Chosen to provide accommodations was the Colonial Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel and Conference Center. In addition, Colonial Williamsburg provided two special events for the ladies who accompanied their husbands to the conference: an interesting session on 18th century gardening; and a special guided tour of the Costume Design Center.

Virginia Society president Edward Truslow, past president of the Williamsburg chapter, conducted business meetings, that included National and

Virginia Society representative reports, endorsement of a National officer's slate, and awarding of certificates and medals. It was noted that 19 of the 27 state chapters were represented, including 80 members and 50 guests. Nineteen Williamsburg chapter members were in attendance; that is one of the highest host chapter participation numbers in recent history.

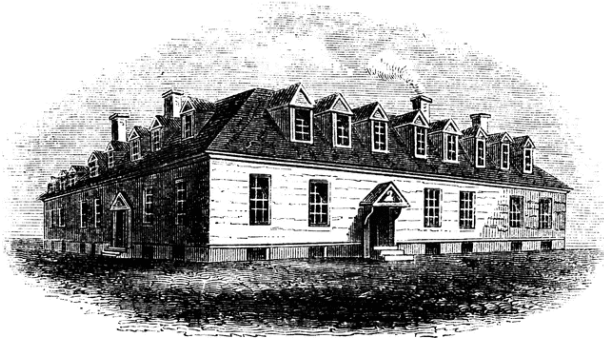


Above: Williamsburg Chapter Treasurer Jack Lee held the duty as committee chairman to organize and support the VASSAR 2016 semi-annual meeting held in Williamsburg. A well deserved Certificate of Distinguished Service was awarded to Jack by VASSAR President Ed Truslow.

Williamsburg Chapter Members Instrumental in planning, organizing, and staffing the semi-annual meeting



Left: Pictured are the Williamsburg Chapter members who were involved in the planning for the 2016 VASSAR semi-annual meeting and volunteered to ensure a smooth execution of events as they unfolded. From the left are: Ron Losee, Lynn Dievendorf, Roger Cross, Tom Campbell, VASSAR President Ed Truslow, NASSAR representative Mark Anthony, VASSAR Secretary Wayne Rouse, Williamsburg Chapter President Harley Stewart, Don Swain, and Steve McGuffin.



Right: Over 80 members of the Virginia Society of the SAR attended a September meeting hosted by the Williamsburg chapter. Assembled for a session at Colonial Williamsburg, the group is pictured here with the Williamsburg members in the foreground. Officials reported that attendance of the host chapter was the highest in recent history.



VASSAR Color Guard Participates in Opening the Meeting

Right: Members of the VASSAR Color Guard present the colors at the VASSAR semi-annual meeting in Colonial Williamsburg.

Approximately 80 members and 50 guests attended, representing 19 of the 27 chapters in the state. In addition to business meetings, the attendees were offered special programs to include a tour of the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.



VASSAR President Ed Truslow Welcomes Guests

Left: VASSAR President, Ed Truslow, opens the semi-annual meeting at The Woodlands Conference Center in Colonial Williamsburg with welcoming remarks.



Williamsburg Chapter Recognized for Exemplary Performance

Right: VASSAR President Ed Truslow presents Harley Stewart, President of the Williamsburg Chapter, with a letter recognizing the exemplary performance of the chapter in hosting the 2016 semi-annual meeting of the Virginia Society.



Williamsburg Chapter Hosts SAR Wives



Left: Laura Truslow presents Don Hainey with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for providing an interesting discussion on 18th century herbal gardening for the SAR wives attending the September 2016, VASSAR semi-annual meeting in Williamsburg.

Right: Pictured are wives of Virginia Society SAR members who contributed to the Williamsburg Chapter hosting the 2016 semi-annual meeting. L-R: Susan McGuffin, Nan Losee, Laura Truslow, VASSAR President Ed Truslow, Mary Swain, Wink Rouse and Gwen Wood.

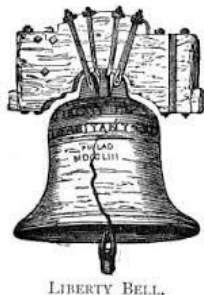


Left: The wives of the SAR attendees were treated to a special tour of the Colonial Williamsburg Costume Design Center.

USMC Retired General Anthony Zinni Receives Gold Good Citizenship Medal

A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal, the highest honor that can be awarded by the Sons of the American Revolution, to Retired Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni for his long and dedicated service to the nation both in uniform and as a representative of the United States government in a variety of critical assignments. In his luncheon speech he encouraged the SAR to continue its dedicated programs for the youth of America and emphasized the importance that all Americans understand the sacrifices our forefathers made and the principles for which they stood.

Following a luncheon at the Cascades, many attendees traveled to Yorktown for a guided tour of the American Revolution Museum, which is scheduled to open in mid-October. Virginia Society President Edward Truslow presented Peter Armstrong, representative of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, with a check for \$25,000 donated by the members of the SAR chapters in Virginia for use in developing an outdoor display. It was reported that the Williamsburg Chapter lead all other chapters in contributions.



LIBERTY BELL.



Above: Retired Marine General Anthony Zinni accepts SAR's highest award, the Gold Good Citizenship Medal, from VASSAR President Ed Truslow at the 2016 September semi-annual meeting. The General was honored for his long and dedicated service to his country in uniform and as a high level government representative



Above: Retired Marine General Anthony Zinni speaks at the Saturday Luncheon held in Colonial Williamsburg. In his remarks he encouraged SAR to continue its dedicated programs for the youth of America.

VASSAR Donates \$25,000 to JYF



Left: VASSAR President, Ed Truslow, presents a check for \$25,000 to Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation representative Peter Armstrong following a tour of the new American Revolution Museum during the semi-annual meeting of VASSAR at Williamsburg. SAR members throughout Virginia generously contributed to development of the museum which is scheduled to open in mid-October 2016.

1st Virginia Regiment of SAR



Above: The 1st Virginia Regiment is made up of members who have contributed funds to the state society in support of community projects. Ranks are assigned based on individual donations.