



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 highlight of our chapter year was the 2016 Semi-Annual Meeting on September 16-17, 2016. Jack Lee, our Committee Chairman, was awarded a Distinguished Service Certificate by the Virginia Society. Our members on Jack's committee were all awarded Certificates of Appreciation. Three wives were also so honored for their participation. And the Williamsburg Chapter was given a resolution of gratitude by the Virginia Society.

Over fifty Virginia Society SAR First Virginia Regiment certificates and pins were awarded to state chapters. Sixteen were awarded to the Williamsburg Chapter! (Remember there are 27 state chapters.) As a result of response by chapters like ours, the Virginia Society presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation for the American History Museum at Yorktown.

At the October 8th meeting, the nominating committee will present nominations for officers and board members for the year 2017. Also, there will be a vote on some constitution and bylaw changes.

Mark your calendars for Yorktown Day on October 19th, Veterans Day on November 11th, and the joint dinner-meeting with the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter on January 14th with installation of 2017 officers. - Harley

Registrar's Corner

With three fourths of the 2016 calendar behind us, it appears that this will be another record year for SAR recruiting. So far, 15 new compatriots have joined our ranks in Williamsburg; seven others have submitted applications which are now at NSSAR awaiting review and approval. After a lull in September, another eight prospects appear to be viable candidates. Many of these are the result of our chapter members who find gents who are interested and refer them to the registrar for further action. Keep up the good work; when a friend or acquaintance expresses an interest in family history or genealogy, talk about the SAR and send me his name and e-mail address. Last trip to the DAR Library is November 10; contact me if interested.

- S.F. Ron Losee



Chapter/VASSAR Calendar
Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond

October 7th 2016

Battle of Kings Mountain
Greenville, SC

October 15th- 16th 2016

Opening of the American
Revolution Museum at Yorktown
Yorktown, VA

October 19th 2016

Yorktown Days Commemoration
Yorktown, VA

November 11th 2016

Veterans Days Commemoration
Governor's Palace
Colonial Williamsburg, VA



October 8^h Chapter Luncheon

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their guests to attend the October 8th luncheon. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2016

Location: Fort Magruder Inn

Williamsburg

Meeting: 11:30

Please see the RSVP information on the last page of this newsletter.

Reservations **MUST** be received no later than **Wednesday, October 5th.**

Virginia Gazette Editor to
Speak at October Luncheon

Peggy Bellows, editor of the Virginia Gazette newspaper, will speak at the October 8th luncheon. Her remarks will be based around how history repeats itself, sort of: The Virginia Gazette, the state's first newspaper and one of the nation's oldest, was in the thick of things as discontent with long-distance governance turned to revolution.

Fast forward 240 years and the Gazette finds itself in the midst of another revolution, this one brought about by technology rather than politics. Peggy Bellows will describe the two revolutions and share lessons learned.



Chapter Happenings



Dr. Joseph Beatty Speaks to SAR About Loyalists in Post-war Bahamas

Dr. Beatty, Director of Research at Colonial Williamsburg, (center) is presented with the Jefferson Cup, designed by famed silversmith John Letelier, by SAR Chapter President, Harley Stewart, while Vice President Jay Smith looks on.

The Williamsburg Chapter Welcomes New Members

Four new members were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution, John Holt, Dave Givens, Archie Fripp, and James West. L-R, Molly Walsh, John Holt, Elizabeth Givens, Dave Givens, Jean Fripp, Archie Fripp, Margaret West, James West.



Williamsburg Chapter Honors Veterans for their Service.

The Sons of the American Revolution held a ceremony to honor members' armed forces service. L-R Roger Cross, Gerald Sailors, William Fulton, Eric Ely, James Talley, Robert Norman, SAR Williamsburg Chapter President, Harley Stewart



Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution Donate \$25,000 to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.



Pictured: Ed Truslow, and Peter Armstrong, with Virginia Society SAR members and friends.

On Saturday September 17th at the American Revolution Museum in Yorktown, Ed Truslow, President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution presented a \$25,000.00 "check" to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, represented by Peter Armstrong, Senior Director of Museum and Education. In February, at the VASSAR Annual meeting in Richmond, Ed challenged the state society chapters and members to come up with this donation and they succeeded in accomplishing it in half of the expected time. The Williamsburg Chapter lead all of the state chapters with the largest donation.

Williamsburg Chapter Hosts VASSAR Semi-annual Meeting at Colonial Williamsburg



Pictured: Ed Truslow presents Williamsburg Chapter President, Harley Stewart, with a Resolution of Gratitude during the VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting. The Williamsburg chapter hosted the meeting in Colonial Williamsburg over the weekend of Sept. 17th.

A special edition of "The Magazine" will be published shortly to cover the highlights of the meeting and to share our chapter's participation with all the members.

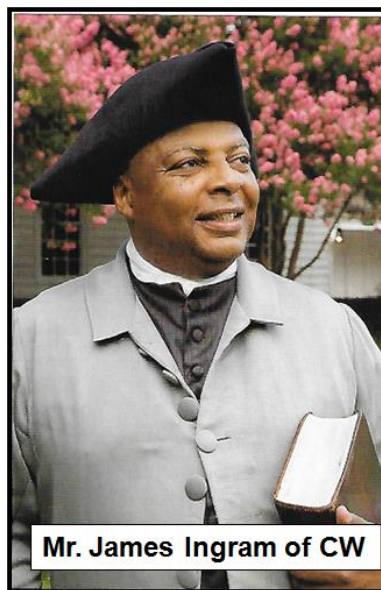


Sons of American Revolution Will Honor Veterans and “Forgotten Patriots” at Colonial Williamsburg on Veterans Day, November 11th

The Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, with the support of Colonial Williamsburg, will observe Veterans Day by conducting a wreath-laying ceremony at the Governor’s Palace Revolutionary War Cemetery, November 11, 2016. Last year over 200 people attended the ceremony, the largest crowd ever, and a Patrick Henry re-enactor spoke. The ceremony honored all veterans past and present along with the 158 “Forgotten Patriots” (156 men and 2 women) buried in unmarked graves in the garden cemetery behind the palace.

This year, the SAR will continue to emphasize the contributions of “Forgotten Patriots” during the Revolutionary War, including women and African Americans who fought for both the British and the Patriots...even though their freedom was not assured.

Gowan Pamphlet, a free man and minister, portrayed by Colonial Williamsburg’s James Ingram, will speak about life as a slave and their contributions during the revolution. Also, ladies from the Americale Franconia will represent the French contributions during the Battle of Yorktown and a procession of Revolutionary War flags will be featured by Boy Scouts of Troop 1932. The Veterans Day event will begin at 11:00 am on November 11, 2016 and admission is free.



Mr. James Ingram of CW



Americale French Ladies with Fleur de Lis

“Lafayette”

The Marquis de Lafayette was a young, rich Frenchman who volunteered his services to the cause of American independence. His name in historical writings about the Revolutionary War is nearly as common as that of American generals.

Washington found the young man dedicated, professional, and an effective leader. Much has been written about each man, and their close relationship.

The Williamsburg Chapter of the SAR is honored to have among its members several compatriots who descend from colonial ancestors who have unique connections to Lafayette.

After the Revolutionary War ended Lafayette returned to France, but was invited back by Washington in 1784 for a visit, and he came again in 1824 for a tour of the country. The American people welcomed him with open arms.

One of Colonial Williamsburg’s most prominent homes is that of Peyton Randolph. Many important visitors had stayed there; it was the headquarters of the French forces before the battle of Yorktown. By 1824 it was owned by widow Mary Peachy. When asked to relocate temporarily so the Marquis de Lafayette could stay she decided instead to remain in her quarters and acted as his hostess during the visit.

Lafayette toured battlefields and cemeteries. He visited his namesake town of Fayetteville, North Carolina. While in Carolina he was personally escorted by retired General William Polk (father of Thomas Polk) who had commanded several major North Carolina military units during the Revolutionary War, had been with Washington at Valley Forge, and post-war had developed

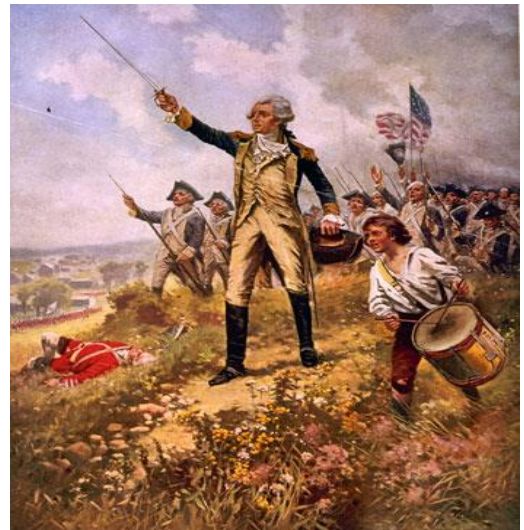
a close friendship with Andrew Jackson.

Compatriot John Brough of the Williamsburg chapter is a descendant of William Polk.

But that’s not the end of the story. In preparing this article I found a photo of a painting by Edwin Percy Moran of 1909 depicting Marquis de Lafayette leading his soldiers in battle with his loyal fifer/drummer at his side. Could this be Isham Blake?

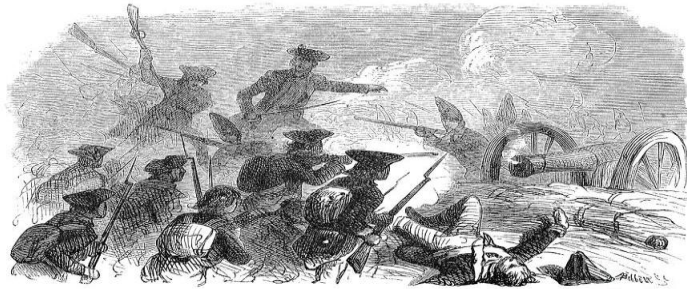
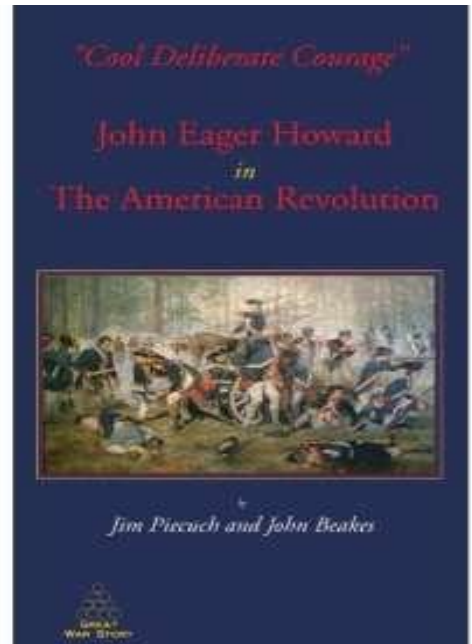
Isham Blake became Lafayette’s fifer/drummer at age 11 in the camp at Brandywine, and stayed with him through the surrender at Yorktown in 1781, and post war as a guard until Lafayette returned to France. During the 1824 visit they were reunited at Fayetteville, North Carolina; press accounts of the emotional reunion appeared in local newspapers.

Compatriot John Jethroe Lilly III of the Williamsburg Chapter is a descendant of Isham Blake.



Book Raffle for October 8th Luncheon

The Raffle Book for October is "Cool Deliberate Courage John Eager Howard in The American Revolution" by Jim Picuch and John H. Beakes, Jr; The Nautical and Aviation Publishing Co. America, Charleston, SC.



Williamsburg Chapter Officers

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Reservation for the Saturday, October 8th 2016 Chapter Luncheon Meeting:

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$20.00

Name(s) _____

of Vegetarian Dinners _____

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