



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

While I was unable to attend the April Meeting, I understand the speaker was well received. It was also good to award several compatriots the military and war service medals. While at a ceremony several weeks ago, it was amazing how many recognized the medals and truly respected the service of those who earned the medals.

Someone referred to the months of March and April as Presidents' months. Last month as I noted, SAR celebrated James Madison's birthday and this month I presented the chapter's wreath at James Monroe's birthplace and his gravesite on April 21 and 28 respectively. These events are great opportunities to not only recognize our patriot forefathers but to get to know our fellow compatriots from other chapters. It is truly amazing what the SAR does during the year.

In May we will have our own event with the Memorial Day ceremony at Colonial Williamsburg. As always, we have invited other SAR chapters, VASSAR, and DAR to participate with us. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Speaking of the Memorial Day event, the chapter color guard is a part of this event as well as others throughout the year. With the retirement of Bob White as color guard captain, we are in danger of not having a color guard in the future. Please consider volunteering for this key position. A uniform is not needed and Bob White can go over the details if you want to know more. It is hard to imagine our SAR chapter without a color guard.



William Greaf



Calendar

Mon. May 7TH

Board Meeting

10:00am Williamsburg Library
Williamsburg, VA

Sat. May 12TH

Luncheon Meeting

Colonial Heritage Country Club
6500 Arthur Hills Dr, Williamsburg, VA

Sat. May 12TH

Raid on Martins Station

May 11-13, 2018 at the Wilderness
Road State Park in Ewing, VA

Thu, May 24TH

Memorial Day "walk through"
11 am

Governor's Palace
Colonial Williamsburg

Mon, May 28TH

9:45 a.m.

Memorial Day
CW/SAR/DAR

Parade & Wreath Laying
Governor's Palace Williamsburg

Chapter News



Vice-President Jay Smith presenting Historian Stephen McGuffin the VASSAR "Scrapbook of the Year" Award.



Guest speaker Mike Kerley was given a Jefferson Cup in appreciation for his presentation.





PHOTO BY JAMES HESS

Williamsburg Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution members, many of whom are Vietnam War Veterans, gathered on National Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29th at the Williamsburg Veterans Park Vietnam War Memorial that lists the names of James City County servicemen who died during the Vietnam War. L to R: Richard Snyder, Ron Losee, Tom Campbell, Bob Schmidt, Jim Icenhour, Fred Siegel, John Moseley, Dave Westenberger, Bob White and James Hess.



Parker Slack's Eagle Scout Court of Honor where he received an SAR Certificate of Appreciation. Standing with Parker is Heath Richardson, Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman and Scoutmaster of Troop 414.



Jim Hess receiving a Supplemental Certificate for his ancestor David Morgan.

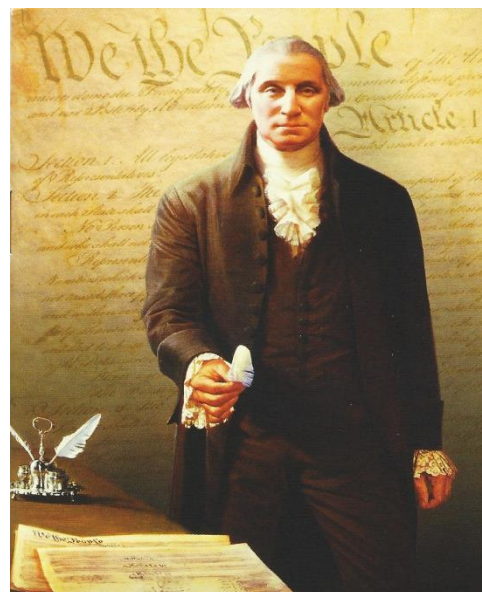
Military Service Medals



War Service Medal presented to Compatriot Archibald Fripp Jr. and War Service Medal with Global On Terrorism Bar Oakleaf Cluster in lieu of a second War Service Medal With Iraq Bar presented to Christopher Smurthwaite.



Pres. William Greaf Wreath Laying at the James Monroe Birthday Celebration.



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

...its only keepers, the people.
— George Washington

A pocket pamphlet on the Constitution, The Bill of Rights and Our Declaration of Independence will be available free of charge to those members or guests desiring one at our SAR Luncheon meetings.



Silver Medal

Awarded to Cadet Madison Slater
of CNU on 4/18/2018.



This picture was taken last year showing a young Patriot marching with us.

Memorial Day Commemorative

Thursday May 24TH WALK THROUGH
AT 11:00 a.m.

Representatives of our color guard and wreath presenters (SAR, DAR, Thomas Nelson Jr.) should attend to know where and when to position the wreaths, etc. The event will begin at the front of the Governor's Palace for a dedication service, place wreaths, then march to Bruton Parish Church for talk and wreath laying there, then march to the capital for the last dedication and wreath ceremony.

Monday May 28TH
AT 09:45 a.m.

Form up in front of the Palace.

Join Colonial Williamsburg as we honor our military veterans who died in service to our country. At three locations, the Fifes and Drums and Military Programs present a modern ceremony in recognition of our fallen soldiers.



Williamsburg Chapter Contributes to Colonial Williamsburg's Teacher Institute to Empower Teachers to Teach Colonial and American Revolution History in U. S. Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Problem – Assessment of Teaching U. S. History

The 2014 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) U.S. history assessment measures not just students' knowledge about specific facts of American history, but also how well they can evaluate historical evidence and understand change and continuity over time. The NAEP Report showed that an abysmal 18 percent of American high school kids were proficient in US history. The Sons of the American Revolution must do our part to prevent the further degradation of the knowledge and understanding of our youth in the history, the foundation and the heritage of our great nation.

For 28 years, Colonial Williamsburg's Teacher Institute has been equipping teachers all across the nation to better empower teachers to teach the founding of our nations and Revolutionary War history. Therefore, in support of CW's initiative, the Williamsburg Chapter SAR recently approved to sponsor a scholarship for a local teacher to attend the Institute. During our March 10 meeting, our Chapter President, Bill Greaf presented a check to Ms. Tab Browles, the endowed director of the Institute of Colonial Williamsburg for that scholarship.



Shown in the photograph are KaCey Jackson (CWF), Bill Greaf (Chapter President), Ms. Browles, and Tom Campbell (SAR)

Hopefully, our support to the Institute will increase in the near future and empower even more teachers to teach Colonial and American Revolution history in U. S. Elementary and Secondary Schools. In 2017, the Institute grew with 432 participating teachers from 44 states and the District of Columbia. The Institute reached a landmark in attendance as it broke 9,356 teachers.

Memorial Day Half-staff Etiquette for Properly Honoring Our Nation's Heroes.



While Memorial Day has largely become the “kickoff” to summer with outdoor celebrations and barbecues please take a moment to remember the men and women who died serving in the United States Armed Forces, the reason we celebrate Memorial Day each year. Also, as you prepare for the day’s festivities, keep in mind the proper protocol for flying a flag this (and all subsequent) Memorial Days to properly honor our nation’s heroes.

According to United States Code Title 4 Chapter 1, Section 7, “the flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, and then raised to the top of the staff.” An easy way to remember when to fly a flag at half-staff is think of when the entire nation is mourning or remembrance. A Presidential proclamation can also order the lowering of the American flag to half-staff at any given day when a military, political, or important public figure passes away.

Proper flag etiquette also requires you to ensure the flag you are flying is in pristine condition. There should be no holes or tears, the flag should not be tattered, and the color should be vibrant – not faded. If the flag you plan to fly is not in good condition, Nelson Funeral Home will properly dispose of the American Flag by burning the flag with Veteran cremation.



SUBMITTED BY COMPATRIOT RON LOSEE

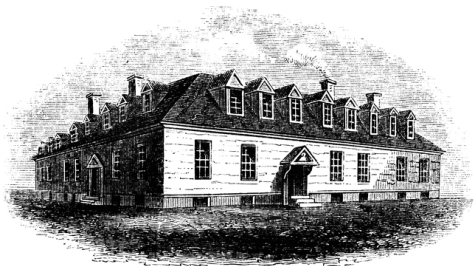
REGISTRAR'S CORNER

I have just returned from my 50th medical school reunion, including a memorial for the 12/89 who didn't make it this far. Reminded me of the 21 individuals who have expressed interest in SAR but have not submitted an application. And I am sure there are several supplemental ancestors in our membership. **PROCRASTINATION** is the enemy. Please let me hear from you.

Last month I mentioned a "memorial membership", but I was surprised and disappointed to find that the fee is \$430!

I also reviewed the rules and fees regarding Supplemental Lineage Applications and the Supplemental Application "Family Plan". These are ways to acquire supplemental ancestor certificates for family members with the same lineage (sons, grandsons, brothers, nephews or grandnephews) at a reduced fee. This is explained in detail in the "Membership Cost Reference Manual" found on the NSSAR website. Please ask me if you have any questions.

We have one Supplemental Ancestor Certificate yet to be presented, but it will be awhile until some new memberships are approved. Jim Hess



HELP WANTED CORNER

We need a **Youth Programs Chairman** to lead our various youth programs. The programs most in need are the poster, essay, brochure and oration programs. This involves contacting and working with the schools, both public and private, in our area to get students to participate. Home schoolers are also eligible in most cases. If you have contacts in the schools or are willing to follow-up with other leads please contact Bill Greaft at hsaprof@gmail.com or 631-219-6616.

Another major need is chair of the chapter's **Color Guard**. We use our own color guard at the Battles of Greensprings and Spencers Ordinary as well as the events at Colonial Williamsburg for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The duties obviously include insuring the color guard is staffed for those events and keeping the flags, stands, etc. and bringing them not only to the above events but also the monthly meetings. Attendance at the Board of Managers meetings is required only immediately preceding the four events listed above.

A uniform is not required for the chair. For those in the color guard, we recommend the uniform of the ancestor or simply colonial garb. The current chair is willing to assist a new chair for the remainder of this year. If interested, please contact Bill Greaft at hsaprof@gmail.com or 631-219-6616.

George Corbett has volunteered to relieve Ron Losee as Flag Recognition Committee Chairman.

“Pickled in Rum” – The Death and Burial of General Edward Pakenham Battle of New Orleans, War of 1812

By Thomas G. Campbell, SAR



Death of British General Pakenham at the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812.

In 1771, my ancestors settled in Chester County, South Carolina and fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the War for Southern Independence. My ancestors included the Ford family which also lived in Chester County.

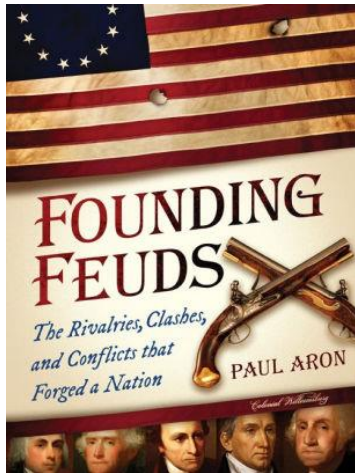
In the 1800's, a member of the Ford family, Tyree Ford, had a tavern and store that was located in Rossville, Chester County; and this store became 'famous' after the Battle of New Orleans of the War of 1812. During the War, the British General Edward Pakenham commanded the British expedition at New Orleans. The British goal was to gain command of the entrance to the Mississippi River. Pakenham fielded some 5400 men, while the Americans, under Major General Andrew Jackson, had 4000 men in excellent defensive positions.

On 1 January 1815, Pakenham attempted to breach the American line with artillery, which proved ineffective. He then decided to conduct a deliberate attack. The British came under heavy fire from Jackson's guns. While rallying his troops, American artillery shattered Pakenham's left knee and killed his horse. He was wounded a second time in his right arm. After he mounted another horse, more grapeshot ripped through his spine, fatally wounding him. The battle ended in defeat for the British. The British withdrew, re-embarked on the flotilla and moved into the Gulf of Mexico. The war ended in February.

The story goes that Pakenham's body was returned to Ireland in a cask of rum and buried in the Pakenham family vault in Killucan [County, Westmeath, Ireland](#). But, there is more to the story.

According to the Campbell family history, the journey to ship Pakenham's body home was mistakenly diverted to Tyree Ford's tavern in Rossville, Chester County, SC. Then, while the American veterans were celebrating their victory at New Orleans, they wondered why the cask didn't hold much rum to drink! They suddenly received a very sobering experience to find Pakenham's body inside. Later, the General was buried in Ireland in an up-right position in what was remaining of this "spiritual tomb." The General was returned home in better "spirits" than he left.

MAY GUEST SPEAKER



Paul Aron is the author of eight books, including *We Hold These Truths . . . And Other Words That Made America*, *Why the Turkey Didn't Fly*, and most recently *Founding Feuds*. Aron is an editor and writer for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Previously he was a reporter for *The Virginia Gazette*, an executive editor at Simon and Schuster, and an editor at Doubleday.

Feuding Founders: Battling and Backstabbing in Early America

“Thirteen clocks were made to strike together,” John Adams wrote in 1818, recalling how the thirteen colonies united to seize their independence. Adams knew this had been a tentative and tenuous unity. During and after the Revolution, the founders were not only debating but also smearing, screaming, spitting, and occasionally shooting at each other, their politics every bit as polarized as our own. Aron argues that despite these feuds—and even to some extent because of these feuds—the founders (in contrast to today’s politicians) managed to find ways to build a nation.

May 12th Luncheon Meeting

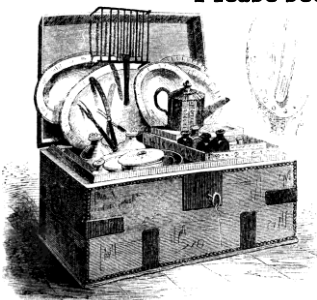
The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their wives and guests to attend the May 12TH luncheon at the Colonial Heritage clubhouse. We will have a guest speaker and look forward to seeing you there. All members that would like to enjoy our meeting and guest speaker without lunch are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please send in your reservation by **May 5TH**.

Date: Saturday, May 12TH, 2018

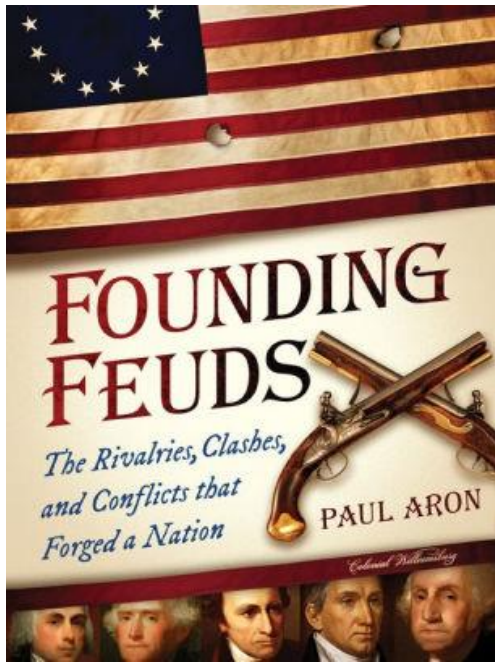
Location: Colonial Heritage Clubhouse
6500 Arthur Hills Dr, Williamsburg, VA

Social: 11:15 **Lunch:** 12:00 **Meeting:** 13:00

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



MAY BOOK RAFFLE



FOUNDING FEUDS The rivalries, Clashes, and Conflicts That Forged a Nation, authored by Paul Aron, who will also be our guest speaker, is the book to be raffled at our May luncheon meeting. The author reveals in this book the true natures of the founding fathers and how their infighting and feuds actually strengthened and shaped our young nation as much as their cooperation! Raffle tickets will be available at the welcome table: one ticket for \$1 or seven tickets for \$5.

The link this month is about the Raid on Martins Station (May 1776) with reenactment to be held on May 11-13, 2018 at the Wilderness Road State Park in Ewing, VA. Just click the link below the mouse.



<http://historicmartinsstation.com/raid.html>



SAR WEB sites

State <http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/>

National <https://www.sar.org/>

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<http://williamsburg.virginia-sar.org>

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Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter
by **Saturday the 5TH of May.**

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Reservation for the Saturday May 12TH 2018 Chapter Luncheon

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$20.00

_____ only attending the 1300 program

Name(s) _____

Vegetarian meals _____ # Vegan Dinners _____ # Gluten free meals _____

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