



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

After a busy March and April, May was a relatively quiet month. Tom Morr and I presented a Bronze ROTC medal to a cadet at Denbigh High in Newport News on the 24th. Of course, Memorial Day ceremonies at Colonial Williamsburg are always impressive. Again this year we participated fully.

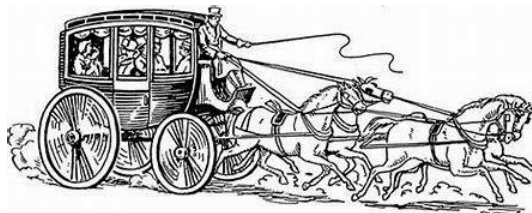
June and July are busy months for the chapter. Besides our monthly meetings with interesting speakers, we will have our Spencers Ordinary ceremony on June 26 in Freedom Park at 1000. Then on July 6 at 900 we will have our Battle of Green Spring ceremony. Both of these are chapter-initiated events.

July 4 brings a full day of activities starting with the chapter's church service at Bruton Parish Church followed by a DAR program at Berkley Plantation.

Following that program there is a potluck lunch, so remember to bring a dish if you attend. There will also be a Fourth of July concert on the grounds of the CW art museum and we will distribute flags there.

These events are open to all members and described in more detail elsewhere in the newsletter.

We still have several areas where we need individuals' assistance. Feel free to contact either myself or any member of the board to learn more.



William Greaf



Calendar

Mon. June 4TH

10:00am Board Meeting
Williamsburg Library

Sat. June 9TH

11:30am Luncheon Meeting
Colonial Heritage Country Club

Thu. June 14TH

11:30am Flag Day Celebration
McGuire Medical Center
1201 Broad Rock Blvd, Richmond

Tue. June 26TH

Spencers Ordinary ceremony
10:00am Freedom Park
5535 Centerville Rd. Williamsburg, VA

Wed. July 4TH

9:00am CW/SAR/DAR
Independence Day Celebration
Bruton Parrish Church
Berkeley Plantation

Fri. July 6TH

Battle of Greenspring
9:00am Commemoration
Church on the Main



1776-1777
the Grand Union Flag



1777-1795



ca. 1820
Bennington Battle Flag



1777-1795
the Betty Ross Flag



ca. 1843
Coopers Flag



1795-1818
Star Spangled Banner



1818-1819



1818-1819
alternate design

Chapter News



Pres. William Greaif and VPRES. Jay Smith presenting our May guest speaker Paul Aron with a Certificate of Appreciation and Jefferson Cup.



The Daughters and Sons of The American Revolution Williamsburg Chapters wreaths were presented by Regent Sydney Riddle and President William Greaif at the Colonial Williamsburg Memorial Day Celebration.



MEMORIAL DAY Williamsburg



PHOTOS BY HARLEY STEWERT

Compatriots representing Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



2018 NSSAR Congress Delegate Credentials

The following message was received from VASSAR Secretary Wayne Rouse. If you are interested in serving as a VASSAR delegate, please contact Wayne at: wrouse4sar@gmail.com or (301) 793-2162.

“Compatriots,

I have received notification that the Virginia Society has been allotted up to 43 voting delegates for the upcoming Congress to be held in Houston, TX For those compatriots planning to attend Congress and wishing to serve as a VASSAR delegate, I will need the following information no later than Wednesday, June 6th.”

Full name

Home address

Chapter Name

I will mail credentials upon receipt of your request to serve as a delegate.“

Upcoming Chapter Events

Flag Day Celebration at McGuire Medical Center

11:30am

Thursday, June 14, 2018

1201 Broad Rock Blvd, Richmond

This year, instead of long speeches, the DAR is placing the emphasis on the Veterans themselves and the Flag they sacrificed so much to serve. We will be celebrating the history of the US Flag, the Service Flags and the Birthday of the U. S. Army. The DAR's own District II "Doughnut Dollies" will be serving the Vets some light refreshments from their baskets ala WWII Canteens. The majority of the time there will be visiting with the Vets in the room or on the Wards.

The DAR would love to have SAR Veterans come and share the day with these men and women and to be recognized for their service as well.



If you are thinking of attending and would like to consider car pooling, please contact Steve McGuffin, 757-206-1767 or mcguffis@gmail.com

FLAG DAY



1776-1777
the Grand Union Flag



1777-1795

The District II Chapters of NSDAR

Invite you to attend

Flag Day Celebration Honoring all Veterans

McGuire VA Medical Center Multi-Purpose Room

June 14, 2018

11:30am – 1:00pm

Spencer's Ordinary Wreath Ceremony

5537 Centerville Rd. The entrance is at the stoplight of the intersection of Centerville Rd and Longhill Rd.

Tuesday
June 26



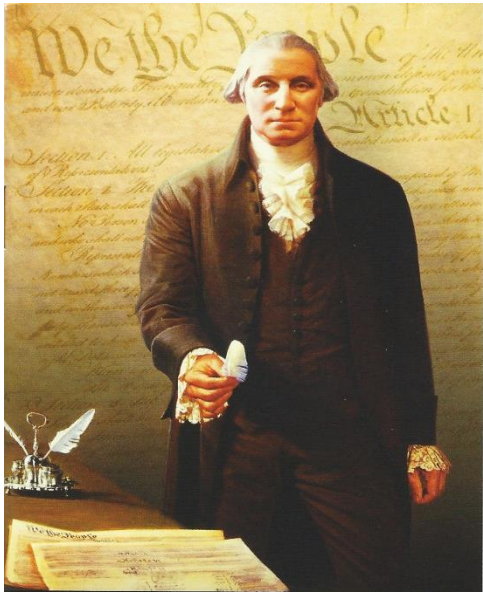
The Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will conduct a Memorial Service at Freedom Park on Tuesday, June 26 in honor of the valiant American Patriots who gave their lives in the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary on that day in 1781. The Memorial Service will take place at 10 a.m. Shirt and slacks are the appropriate attire for the service.

A series of skirmishes occurred in the woods and meadows of Freedom Park between units of Lord Cornwallis and those of the French general, Marquis de Lafayette.



Events at other SAR Chapters

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter SAR will host the commemoration of Wayne's crossing at the Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial at the courthouse grounds in Leesburg, VA. The event will take place on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 11:00 AM. Other chapters of the SAR, DAR and CAR will participate. The courthouse is located at 18 E Market St, Leesburg, VA, 20176.

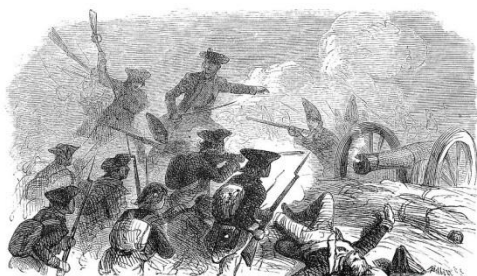


THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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

General Wayne crossed the Potomac with his brigade of 700 Pennsylvania troops on May 31, 1781 at Noland's Ferry in Loudoun County and marched through Leesburg on June 3, 1781. General Wayne's troops provided the critical reinforcements for Lafayette's army in Virginia, which had been in retreat from the larger army of Cornwallis prior to his arrival. Wayne's troops joined Lafayette on June 10th and by mid-June, Cornwallis had turned his army toward the Virginia coast. General Wayne, leading the advanced forces of Lafayette's army and augmented by 200 Virginia riflemen, engaged Cornwallis at the Battle of Green Spring on July 6th as Cornwallis prepared to make the difficult crossing of the James River. The Battle of Green Spring was the largest infantry engagement to occur in Virginia during the war, leading to the withdrawal of Cornwallis to Yorktown and the end of the war a few months later.



Heads Up for July Activities

Active Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, members are expecting a very busy Independence Day. All members are encouraged to attend one, or more, of the events in which the Chapter is involved. Ladies are invited.

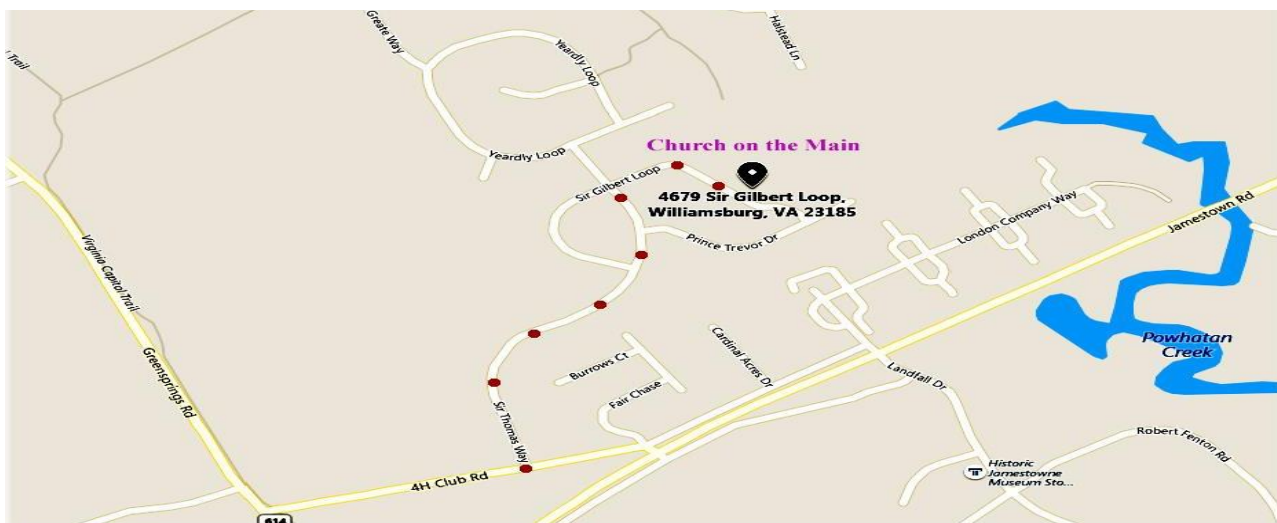
Bruton Parish Church will be the scene of the 33rd Annual Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving to recognize the importance of July 4th in our country's history. Sponsored by the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, and in cooperation with the Bruton Parish Church, the ceremony begins at 9 a.m.; parking is allowed on Duke of Gloucester Street.

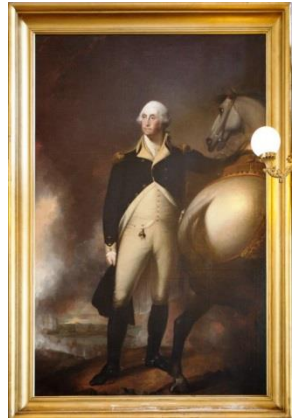
Following the ceremony at the Church, many SAR members will drive out Route #5 to Berkeley Plantation to attend the Williamsburg Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, annual commemorative wreath laying ceremony at the grave site of Benjamin Harrison. A pot luck luncheon will be served following the ceremonies.

Colonial Williamsburg has scheduled an Independence Day Band Concert on the lawn of the DeWitt-Wallace Museum in late afternoon, followed by the annual, spectacular fireworks display to close out the day's celebrations. Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, will be distributing miniature American flags at the band concert.

A reminder also: on July 6, Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, will lay a wreath at the site of the Battle of Greenspring at a brief, early morning ceremony. A monument is located at the Church on the Main near Jamestown.

Ron Losce





Geo. Washington's Commission

Commander in Chief of the Continental Army

17 June 1775 IN CONGRESS

The delegates of the United Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina: To George Washington, Esq.

WE, reposing special trust and confidence in your patriotism, valor, conduct, and fidelity, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you to be General and Commander in chief, of the army of the United Colonies, and of all the forces now raised, or to be raised, by them, and of all others who shall voluntarily offer their service, and join the said Army for the Defence of American liberty, and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof: And you are hereby vested with full power and authority to act as you shall think for the good and welfare of the service.

And we do hereby strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers, under your command, to be obedient to your orders, and diligent in the exercise of their several duties.

And we do also enjoin and require you, to be careful in executing the great trust reposed in you, by causing strict discipline and order to be observed in the army, and that the soldiers be duly exercised, and provided with all convenient necessaries.

And you are to regulate your conduct in every respect by the rules and discipline of war, (as herewith given you,) and punctually to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or a future Congress of these United Colonies, or committee of Congress.

This commission to continue in force, until revoked by this, or a future Congress.

By order of the Congress.

Dated, Philadelphia, June 17, 1775.

REGISTRAR'S CORNER

In late Winter and early Spring this year, there was for me a long period of registrar inactivity. Now the opposite. A flurry of applications, which is good. For any of our members conversing with interested parties, be sure they have a copy of their birth certificate that names their parents. It is also hoped that they can produce birth, marriage (and death, if applicable) certificates for their parents and grandparents. A certificate is of little value if it does not prove a linkage to another generation or to another branch of the family in the lineage. A newspaper reference (including obituaries) must provide the name of the newspaper, date and page number.

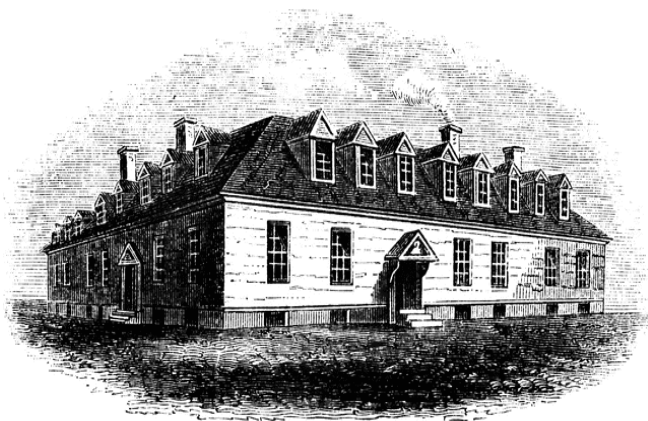
I respond quickly to any referral of a person interested in SAR and am always glad to communicate by email

jimhess42@gmail.com

or phone (757) 220-2924.

Please keep the referrals coming.

JBH



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.

JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer recently retired as the Director of the Marine Corps History Division and Gray Research Center at Marine Corps University. During his professional career, Dr. Neimeyer served as a Marine Corps officer from 1976 to 1996 retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. While on active duty, Dr. Neimeyer served in all three active duty Marine Corps Divisions and earned a doctorate degree (with honors) from Georgetown University and began a second career in professional military education in 1997. From 1997 to 2002, he was an award winning- professor of national security affairs at the U.S. Naval War College and served his last two years there as the Dean of Academics. After a stint as a Vice President at Valley Forge Military Academy & College, in 2006, he was appointed by MGEN Donald Gardner, USMC (ret.), then President of the Marine Corps University to be the next Director of Marine Corps History. He held this position for the next 11 years. Upon retirement, he received the Secretary of the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award and the General Leonard F. Chapman Medallion from the Marine Corps University Foundation. Dr. Neimeyer is the author of numerous articles and books related to history and national security affairs. His most recent publication, *War in the Chesapeake: The British Campaigns to Control the Bay, 1813-1814*, (US Naval Institute, 2015), won the Simmons-Shaw Award for best history by a federal historian in 2016. He is married to Janet Louise Bell of Bethesda, Maryland and they have three children.

June 9th Luncheon Meeting

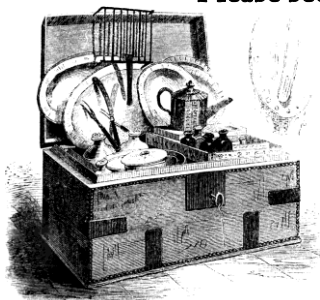
The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their wives and guests to attend the June 9TH luncheon at the Colonial Heritage clubhouse. We will have a guest speaker and look forward to seeing you there. All members that would like to enjoy our meeting and guest speaker without lunch are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please send in your reservation by Saturday June 2ND.

Date: Saturday June 9TH 2018

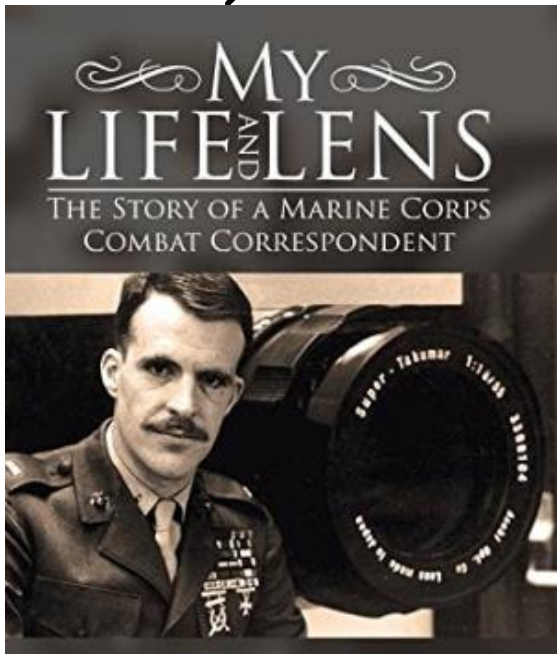
Location: Colonial Heritage Clubhouse
6500 Arthur Hills Dr, Williamsburg, VA

Social: 11:30 **Lunch:** 12:00 **Meeting:** 13:00

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



JUNE BOOK RAFFLE



The Story of a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, written by Captain Robert L. "Bob" Bowen, is our raffle book at our June meeting. In this memoir, Bob Bowen shares his experiences as a military photojournalist, captured visually with his camera and eloquently explained in written words, the importance of a journalist. They risk their lives to photograph and record the facts so that we may be informed. This book will provide many opportunities for the reader to learn and appreciate the work of Bob Bowen, a Marine Combat Correspondent. Raffle tickets will be available at the June luncheon meeting, one ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5.

The link this month is in honor of Memorial Day to pay tribute to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. With "Hymn to the Fallen" by John Williams.

Just click the link below the mouse.



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IN MEMORIAM



Williamsburg Chapter SAR member Frank Warren Moore, 81, passed away on January 25th, 2018. His wife related that Warren was very proud to be a member of the SAR.

SAR WEB sites

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

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

Williamsburg



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

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Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter
by **Saturday the 2ND of June.**

Cut along dotted line

Reservation for the Saturday June 9TH 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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