



# 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

We are in the middle of summer. It is not, however, a time of the doldrums for our chapter. By the time you read this, we will have had our ceremony at Spencer's Ordinary along with participation by the Williamsburg Chapter of the DAR. On July 6 at 9:00 we will remember the Battle of Green Spring with the participation of the Thomas Nelson, Junior chapter of SAR and the Williamsburg Chapter of the DAR. Both of these events are the work of our chapter which is something to be proud of.

July 4 will be a filled day starting with our service at Bruton Parish Church at 9:00. At 12:00, we will take part in the wreath laying ceremony at Berkeley Plantation sponsored by the Williamsburg Chapter of DAR. A potluck lunch will follow so you may bring a dish if you like but one is not required. Before the 4:00 July 4 concert on the lawn of the CW Museums, the chapter will pass out American flags to the attendees.

There are plenty of opportunities to be involved with the chapter. Please consider attending one or all of these activities.

On another subject, we are making some progress on building our youth programs which is one of our key roles.

We still need someone to coordinate all the activities in this area. Consider assisting the chapter in this key function.

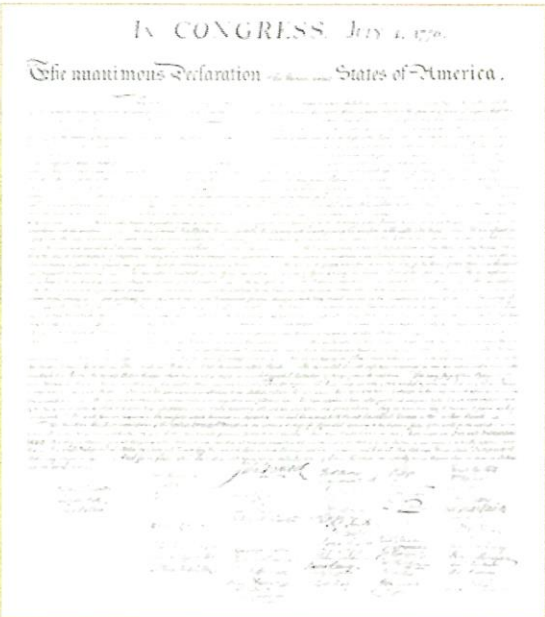
Enjoy the heart, but not the heat, of summer.



William Greaf



# Calendar



**Wed. July 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00am CW/SAR/DAR**  
**Independence Day Celebration**  
**Bruton Parrish Church**  
**Berkeley Plantation & Concert**

**Fri. July 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00am Battle of Greenspring**  
**Church on the Main**

**Mon. July 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00am Board Meeting**  
**Williamsburg Library**

**Sat. July 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11:30am Luncheon Meeting**  
**Colonial Heritage**  
**Country Club**

## Chapter News



Compatriot Dr. John Lynch II provided a very interesting brief about his ancestor Col. John Stadler following the presentation of his Supplemental Certificate.



Pres. William Greaf presented our guest speaker Dr. Charles Neimeyer with a pewter Jefferson Cup following his presentation.





**JUNE 14TH:**

## **THE BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. ARMY**

June 14th: The Birthday of the U.S. Army - U.S. Army Center of Military History -Banner for the June 14th: The Birthday of the U.S. Army. When the American Revolution broke out, the rebellious colonies did not possess an army in the modern sense. Rather, the revolutionaries fielded an amateur force of colonial troops, cobbled together from various New England militia companies. They had no unified chain of command, and although Artemas Ward of Massachusetts exercised authority by informal agreement, officers from other colonies were not obligated to obey his orders. The American volunteers were led, equipped, armed, paid for, and supported by the colonies from which they were raised.



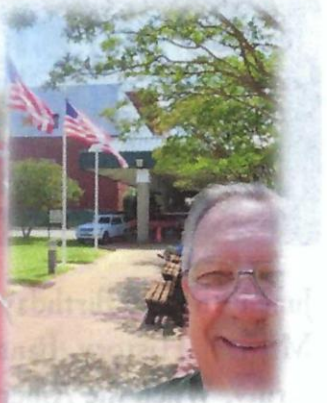
In the spring of 1775, this “army” was about to confront British troops near Boston, Massachusetts. The revolutionaries had to reorganize their forces quickly if they were to stand a chance against Britain’s seasoned professionals. Recognizing the need to enlist the support of all of the American seaboard colonies, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress appealed to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to assume authority for the New England army. Reportedly, at John Adams’ request, Congress voted to “adopt” the Boston troops on June 14, although there is no written record of this decision. Also on this day, Congress resolved to form a committee “to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the government of the Army,” and voted \$2,000,000 to support the forces around Boston, and those at New York City. Moreover, Congress authorized the formation of ten companies of expert riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, which were directed to march to Boston to support the New England militia.

George Washington received his appointment as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army the next day, and formally took command at Boston on July 3, 1775.

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE CORBETT







THE CAR POOL

One of our combat vets in attendance.

Here's a photo from the DAR Flag Day event at the McGuire VA Medical center. From left to right is Robert Halpern and President Dennis Peterson of the Richmond Chapter, VASSAR and George Corbett of the Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR.



KJ Proctor Corbett officiating

The Virginia DAR 2nd District hosted a Flag Day event at the McGuire VA Medical Center on June 14. Compatriot George Corbett assisted his wife, KJ Proctor Corbett, with this event. KJ is the DAR District Flag Committee Chair and George is the Williamsburg SAR Chapter Flag Chair.



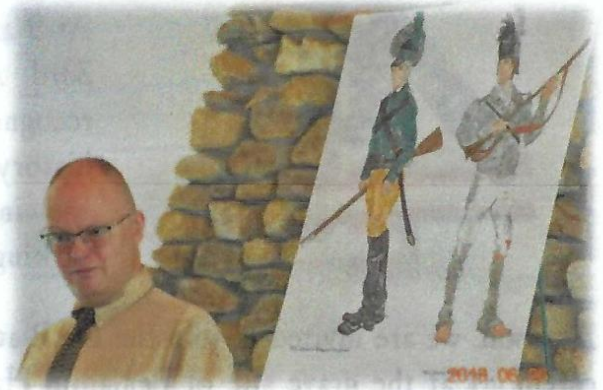
**SPENCER'S ORDINARY**

The Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution held a Memorial Service at Freedom Park on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 in honor of the valiant American Patriots who gave their lives in the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary on that day in 1781.





Compatriot William Greaif, President of Williamsburg Chapter SAR assisted by Celia Adolphi, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Regent, Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR presented Wreaths at Freedom Park..



Following the Memorial Service, a James City County historian, Chris Bonin, gave a talk explaining the tie between the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary and the War of 1812.



PHOTO BY Ron Echols

Photo left to right, back row: Docent Joe Wadle, John Lynch, TomMorr, and Fred Siegel. Left to right, front row: Dick Snyder, Peg Snyder, Roger Cross, Barbie Siegel, Harley Stewart, Nan Losee, Tom Campbell and Ron Losee.

A group of Williamsburg Chapter, SAR members toured the National Museum of the Marine Corps on Wednesday, 27 June. Coordinated by Compatriot Ron Losee, retired Marine, the visitors were fortunate to have two retired Marines, Joe Wadle and Ron Echols, act as tour guides as they stepped into the shoes of Marine boot camp and on through the famous Marine battles from the Revolutionary War to the conflicts of today.

## Upcoming Chapter Events

George Corbett, Williamsburg Chapter SAR Flag Chairman, is looking for volunteers to assist him in passing out miniature USA flags prior to the Colonial Williamsburg sponsored 4th of July concert which begins at 4 PM on the lawn of the Dewitt Wallace Museum. If you can help or have questions, please contact George at (757) 253-0910 or by e-mail at [georgccorbett@cox.net](mailto:georgccorbett@cox.net). He would like to meet in the handi-cap parking area next to the museum at 2:45 PM to distribute the flags. Dress is summertime casual. Roger Cross, Secretary





At **9 am** 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, parking is allowed on Duke of Gloucester Street.

At **noon**, we are invited to join the DAR at Berkeley Plantation for the annual wreath laying ceremony at the grave site of Benjamin Harrison. In addition to the wreath ceremony, this event has included brief remarks by a descendant of Harrison, a talk in character by Benjamin Harrison's wife and the playing of Taps. It is a very informative and moving ceremony. Following the program, there is a potluck lunch in the Carriage House on the property. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish if possible.

Berkeley's 1726 Georgian mansion is the birthplace of Benjamin Harrison V, signer of the Declaration of Independence and three times governor of Virginia. The estate is also the birthplace of William Henry Harrison, ninth president of the United States, and ancestral home of his grandson, Benjamin Harrison, the twenty-third president.



Directions from Williamsburg: Take Route 5 West (John Tyler Memorial Hwy). Travel approximately 30 miles. The Berkeley entrance is on the left. After a short distance (1/4 mile), there will be a fork in the road. Take the left fork toward the grave site. Parking is in the adjacent field with a short walk to the grave site under several trees.

Colonial Williamsburg has scheduled an Independence Day Band Concert on the lawn of the DeWitt Wallace Museum at **4 PM**. The concert is followed by a fireworks display. The Williamsburg Chapter SAR will be distributing miniature American flags prior to the concert.

Roger Cross, Secretary



## July 6 – The Battle of Greenspring

A Commemoration to be held at the Church on the Main. (Map on Pg. 15)

A local Parish built around 1750 on the “Main road from Jamestowne to Williamsburg”

Cornwallis made preparations to cross the James River just north of Jamestown Island. Before he sent his army across the river, he tried one last time to draw the young Marquis into a major engagement.

Concealing the bulk of his force along the shore, Cornwallis hoped to convince Lafayette that only a rearguard remained north of the James. To strengthen the ruse, two “deserters” were sent to the American lines reporting that most of the British army had indeed already crossed the river. Lafayette, seizing his own opportunity to deliver a decisive stroke, sent Gen. Anthony Wayne forward with a force of dragoons, riflemen, and light infantry. The sudden appearance of the bulk of the British army, numbering close to 3,000 men, stunned Wayne’s command. Outnumbered by a nearly 3-to-1 margin, he ordered his small force to advance upon the enemy with fixed bayonets. According to Tarleton, “the conflict in this quarter was severe and well contested. The artillery and infantry of each army, in the presence of their respective generals, were for some time warmly engaged not fifty yards asunder.”

Wayne’s men, against heavy numbers, made a brave fight. However, “the right of the enemy’s line, having nothing but the retreating riflemen and advance parties before it, threatened to envelop the Americans; and with the pressure on their front increasing, they abandoned the field and retreated rapidly...to Green Spring.”



## Bruton Church Visit

The chapter has been invited to a special tour of the recently opened Bruton Parish Heritage Center and Church. Not only does the Center trace the history of Bruton Parish but it also provides information on notable visitors, parish life in the 1770s and today, as well as the architectural history of the present church building. There are also instructions about accessing some of the church historical records. A tour of the present church building is also included.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email me at [hsaprof@gmail.com](mailto:hsaprof@gmail.com)

If we have enough interest, I will make arrangements with Bruton Parish for a visit sometime in July or August.

William Greaf – Pres.

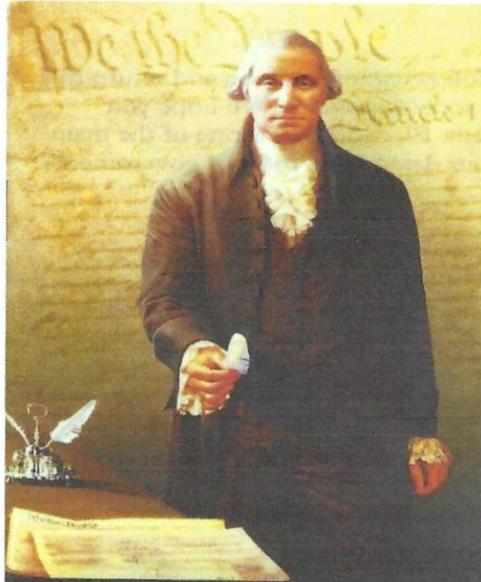
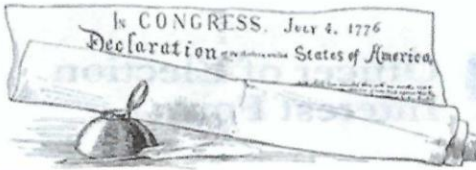


## AS TOLD BY A SOLDIER WHO WAS THERE

National Archives Revolutionary War Service: William White, Virginia, # S1735

We assembled at Fredericksburg, where, as soon as the different companies arrived, they were sent to Powhatan Courthouse to be disciplined by Gen'l. Steuben. As soon as I arrived at Fredericksburg, I was appointed Orderly Sergeant in which capacity I continued to act during the time I was in service. Part of the company to which I belonged, under Capt. Field, and the other under a Lieu't. whose name I now forget, were on our way to Powhatan Courthouse for the purpose before stated. When we had proceeded some distance, an express arrived, informing us that the British had burnt Manchester, and us to cut across the country to Point of Forks in order to avoid them as we had not yet received any arms, and to guard that place as our arms and public stores were there. Here we joined Gen'l. Steuben and drew our arms. We remained there 2 or 3 days when an express arrived that the British, under Col. Tarleton were marching upon us. Steuben became alarmed and ordered us cross over James River and remove our stores, but before we had entirely succeeded, Tarleton came up and took some of the stores, 2 of the baggage wagons, and made prisoners of the guard. On that night Steuben ordered a large quantity of rails to be produced to make fires and ordered the army to retreat leaving one Ensign and a small company to keep up the fires in order to deceive the British. He had sent up and down the river 4 or 5 miles to destroy all the boats to prevent the enemy from crossing to pursue us. We retreated to Halifax Old Town, marching 3 days and nights without provision and without rest. We stayed there a few days and nights and were ordered to return to James River and join Gen'l. Wayne and Lafayette who were then pursuing Lord Cornwallis. We crossed the River at Carter's Ferry and joined Gen'l Wayne at headquarters and our regiment was attached to his forces as light infantry. Cornwallis and his army retreated down the river and our army under Gen'l Wayne continued to maneuver so as to harass them very much in their march, especially at **Green Springs** where they crossed the river, we attacked their rear and did them considerable injury. After crossing the river, which was near Old Jamestown, they marched to Portsmouth and proceeded to Yorktown, and all which route we followed them and finally besieged and took them all prisoner at that place. After the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, our regiment was marched back to Powhatan Courthouse where we remained until the latter part of the succeeding April, our regiment being then ordered to Savannah and I being very unwell, I procured a substitute to go in my place and I returned home, and was not in service any more during the war. I had a written discharge, but it is now lost. I think the term of my service was from the time I enlisted until the time I left the service was about 14 or 15 months, during all which time I acted as Orderly Sergeant in our regiment. In addition to the officers before mentioned, I was acquainted with Gen'l Washington, Col Hamilton, his aid, [who commanded us at the time we were drawing in the entrenchments at the siege of Yorktown] also with Gen'ls Wayne, Green, Lee, Scott, Woodford, Sumpter, Morgan and others.





**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.



**CADILLAC "ONE"**

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 "Town Sedan"



1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress on Monday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely.

At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that. One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931.

They cleaned it, made sure it was running perfectly and had it ready for the President the next day. Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief. And run properly it did. It had been painted black and green to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time. To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio.

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**WE WANT YOU!**



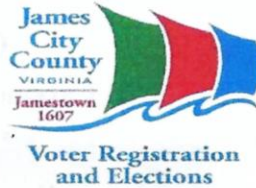
**TO SERVE AS AN  
OFFICER OF ELECTION FOR  
JAMES CITY COUNTY**

**You will be PAID for  
your participation!**

Are you:

- A registered voter?
- Willing to work on Election Day until results are complete?
- Interested in the well-being of our County and its citizens?
- Interested in having an opportunity to be a part of the Election Day process?
- Interested in assisting your family, friends, and neighbors with having a pleasant voting experience?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions and are interested in learning more about the process with online training, complete the Interest Form on back and mail or fax to the Voter Registration and Elections Office today!



**Officer of Election  
Interest Form**

Please complete the following information and return this form to our office as soon as possible. We hope you choose to join our team. Election Day is one of the main principles on which our democratic form of government is built.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in serving as an  
**Officer of Election** for James City County.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**If interested send this form to the James City  
County Registration office.**

**5300 Palmer Lane Williamsburg VA 23188.**

**JCC NEEDS HELP**

**Our local election system needs help due to a shortage of Poll workers. James City County will need 60 more poll workers for the fall election to handle the 19 precincts.**

**As a volunteer you will be paid \$115 for 1 days work following a 2½ hour school.**

**Ph. 757-259-4949**



## REGISTRAR'S CORNER

For those of you (and I hope this is everyone) who have the opportunity to refer to your registrar someone who wants to join the Sons of the American Revolution, please be sure they know their Revolutionary War ancestor and lineage. The best way is to have a subscription to

<http://www.Ancestry.com>

and to use one of the genealogy software products. The top five genealogy software products for 2018 are:

MacKiev Family Tree Maker 2017

Roots Magic 7

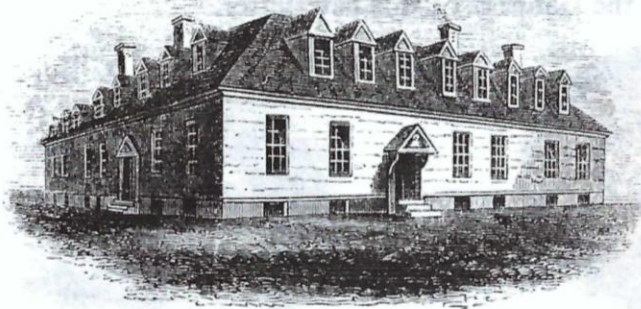
Legacy 9

Family Tree Builder

and Family Historian 6.

I highly recommend FTM 2017 which synchronizes with Ancestry (as does Roots Magic). Use of one of these programs will not only make genealogy easy but fun. I look forward to more high quality applications.

Jim Hess



## JULY GUEST SPEAKER

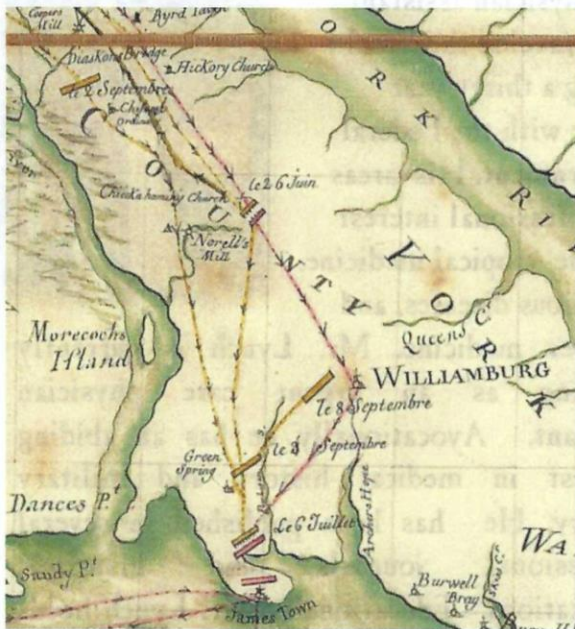
Compatriot John Lynch II is a physician assistant who traveled the World during a thirty year career with the Federal Government. His areas of professional interest include tropical medicine, infectious diseases, and disaster medicine. Mr. Lynch is currently working as an urgent care physician assistant. Avocationally he has an abiding interest in medical history and military history. He has been published in several professional journals and historical publications. Educationally Mr. Lynch holds a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, a Master of Science in Biosecurity and Emergency Planning, and a Diploma from the United States Army Command and General Staff Officer Course. Currently Mr. Lynch is focusing his historical research on his Great Grandfather, who was the Virginia National Guard's Surgeon General 1910-1913 and who later served 18 months in France with the American Expeditionary Force during the First World War. Mr. Lynch is scheduled to present a lecture in November 2018 to the College of William and Mary's Christopher Wren Association about Dr. Lynch's World War One experiences. Mr. Lynch's SAR-qualifying ancestor, an officer in the Virginia militia, was present as a lieutenant during the Battle of Green Spring and later served as a militia captain during the Siege of Yorktown.





## JULY PRESENTATION

### THE WILLIAMSBURG AREA DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR



This presentation describes a number of Revolutionary War events near or in Williamsburg. It will delve into several events which the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution routinely commemorates: the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, the Battle of Green Spring, and the Veteran's Day Governor's Palace memorial ceremony. The presentation will highlight commanders, individual soldiers, units which would now be termed "special forces" or "unconventional units," and the tactical, operational, and strategic impact of the battles. It will also secondarily address some medical aspects of the Revolutionary War. Learn about why we, as a chapter, do some of the things we do.

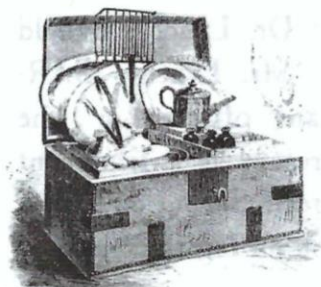
### July 14<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meeting

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their wives and guests to attend the July 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 July 7<sup>TH</sup>.

**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.

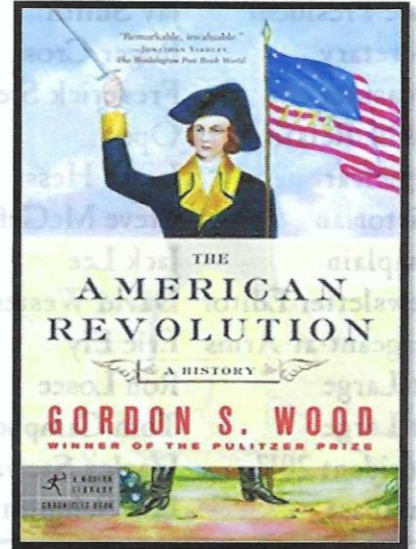




# JULY BOOK RAFFLE

## THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A HISTORY

Written by Gordon S. Wood is the title of the book that will be raffled at our July luncheon meeting. Wood is the preminent historian of the Revolution and in this book he provides the reader an elegant, concise summary of the Revolution's origins, the war itself and the social and political changes wrought by the struggle for American independence. Raffle tickets will be available at the welcome desk; one ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5 for your chance to own this book.



The video this month is about the effort to preserve The Battle of Greenspring site. More especially for those that will not be able to participate in our July 6<sup>TH</sup> Commemoration.

Just click the link below the mouse.



<https://youtu.be/uFqxjh0djU>



GOOD RESOLUTION TO ENLARGE ON SCREEN

## 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 7<sup>TH</sup> of July.**

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### Reservation for the Saturday 2018 Chapter Luncheon

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$20.00

# \_\_\_\_\_ only attending the 1300 program

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

or # Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten free \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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