



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

As we head into fall, we have several major events that should be on your calendar. Of course, the major one is our Veterans Day ceremony at the Governor's Palace. This year will include a parade down DOG street led by CW's Fifes and Drums. After the CW parade, we will have our ceremony in the back of the palace as always. This will be on Veterans Day, November 11, which is a Sunday after our regular Chapter meeting on Saturday. The event will be in the afternoon. Thanks to Tom Campbell for all the work he does with CW in planning this event.

Of course, the VASSAR mid-year meeting will be in Charlottesville on Friday afternoon and evening, September 14, and Saturday morning, September 15. Everyone is welcome and information has been sent out regarding registration.

Chapter elections will be coming up shortly. If you cannot assume an elected office because of other commitments, please consider serving on one of our many committees. Such service allows you to become more familiar with your Chapter and possibly serve in the future.

By the time, this is published I will have represented the Chapter at the CAR installation. Although the local CAR chapter is rather small, it is important to support it in any way we can, since these are future SAR members. See you at the September meeting. Bill





Calendar

Sat. Sep 1

Battle of the Capes Commemoration
Admiral de Grasse Statue
Fort Story
Virginia Beach, VA
Commemoration begins at 11:00AM
(From Norfolk Chapter Web site)

Tue. Sep. 4

10:00AM Board Meeting
Williamsburg Library

Sat. Sep 8

11:30AM Luncheon Meeting
Colonial Heritage
Country Club

Fri.-Sat. Sep 14-15

VASSAR
Semi-Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn 1901 Emmet StreetN
Charlottesville VA



Most photos by Harley Stewart

Chapter News



President Bill Greaf presenting speaker, and chapter member, John Lynch with a Jefferson cup and Certificate of Appreciation for his July meeting presentation on the Williamsburg Area during the Revolutionary War.



David Hess and Andrew Hess received Certificates of Membership in the National Society, SAR. From the left are Chapter Registrar James Hess, (son)David, (grandson)Andrew and Chapter President William Greaf. Their patriot ancestor, David Morgan, was a Captain in the Pennsylvania Militia and is memorialized in West Virginia as a "grand" Indian fighter.

AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER



Speaker John Millar was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Jefferson Cup by Vice president Jay Smith (on left) and President William Greaf (on right) at a chapter meeting on August 11, 2018.

Wearing the uniform of a Revolutionary War naval officer, his topic was Stephen Hopkins, who was four times governor of Rhode Island, Chief Justice of its Supreme Court, a delegate to the 1st and 2nd Continental Congresses, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence – known as the grand statesman of Rhode Island. Hopkins was involved in founding the Continental Navy and in the appointment of its first Commander-in-Chief. He was a partner in the first iron works in the colonies, which produced Revolutionary War cannon. He was also instrumental in the founding of what is now Brown University.

John Millar has more than 40 years experience in history preservation and the building of historic ships. Millar raised money in 1970 to create a copy of the British frigate Rose. He is now project director of Colonial Navy Inc. that aims to build reproductions of 11 historic 17th and 18th century ships, the majority of which would be copies of Continental Navy Vessels. The first ship of the Colonial Navy will be a refurbished Providence, the sloop captained at one point by John Paul Jones, who is considered the father of the U.S. Navy.

John Millar was graduated from Harvard and received an MA in History from the College of William and Mary. He has written numerous historical books and operates a museum-perfect 1770's B&B, historic Newport House, next to Colonial Williamsburg. Submitted by: Harley Stewart

Taken into Continental service, 3 December 1775, named Providence and was commissioned, 9 January 1776. Providence joined a squadron to clear English and Tory Ships from colonial ports, storm British forts at Bermuda and the Bahamas, battle British ships, taking prizes, escorting merchantmen and sailing independently as a raider.

Providence was the first ship authorized for the Continental Navy, the first command of John Paul Jones and the first ship to land US Marines



Courtesy of the US Navy Art Collection

BSA Troop 300 Court of Honor



Eagle Scouts were awarded NSSAR Certificates of Recognition at a Court of Honor held at King of Glory Lutheran Church on August 7, 2018. Certificates were presented by past-president Harley Stewart to Eagle Scouts Christopher Coven and Ryan Rivas.



The Battle of the Chesapeake, also known as the Battle of the Virginia Capes or simply the Battle of the Capes, was a crucial naval battle in the American Revolutionary War that took place near the mouth of Chesapeake Bay on 5 September 1781. The combatants were a British fleet led by Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Graves and a French fleet led by Rear Admiral Francois Joseph Paul, the Comte de Grasse. The battle was strategically decisive in that it prevented the Royal Navy from reinforcing or evacuating the besieged forces of Lieutenant General Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. The French were able to achieve control of the sea lanes against the British and provided the Franco-American army with siege artillery and French reinforcements. These proved decisive in the Siege of Yorktown, effectively securing independence for the Thirteen Colonies.

CW TEACHER INSTITUTE NEWS

A thank-you letter to our chapter from Rachel Moore, the teacher who received the chapter scholarship to the CW Teacher Institute. A great letter and I hope 'we' can do it again and maybe add more from members and VASSAR. Also attached is a picture of Rachel (on left) and Debbie Kendall, both teachers at James Blair Middle School.

Tom Campbell

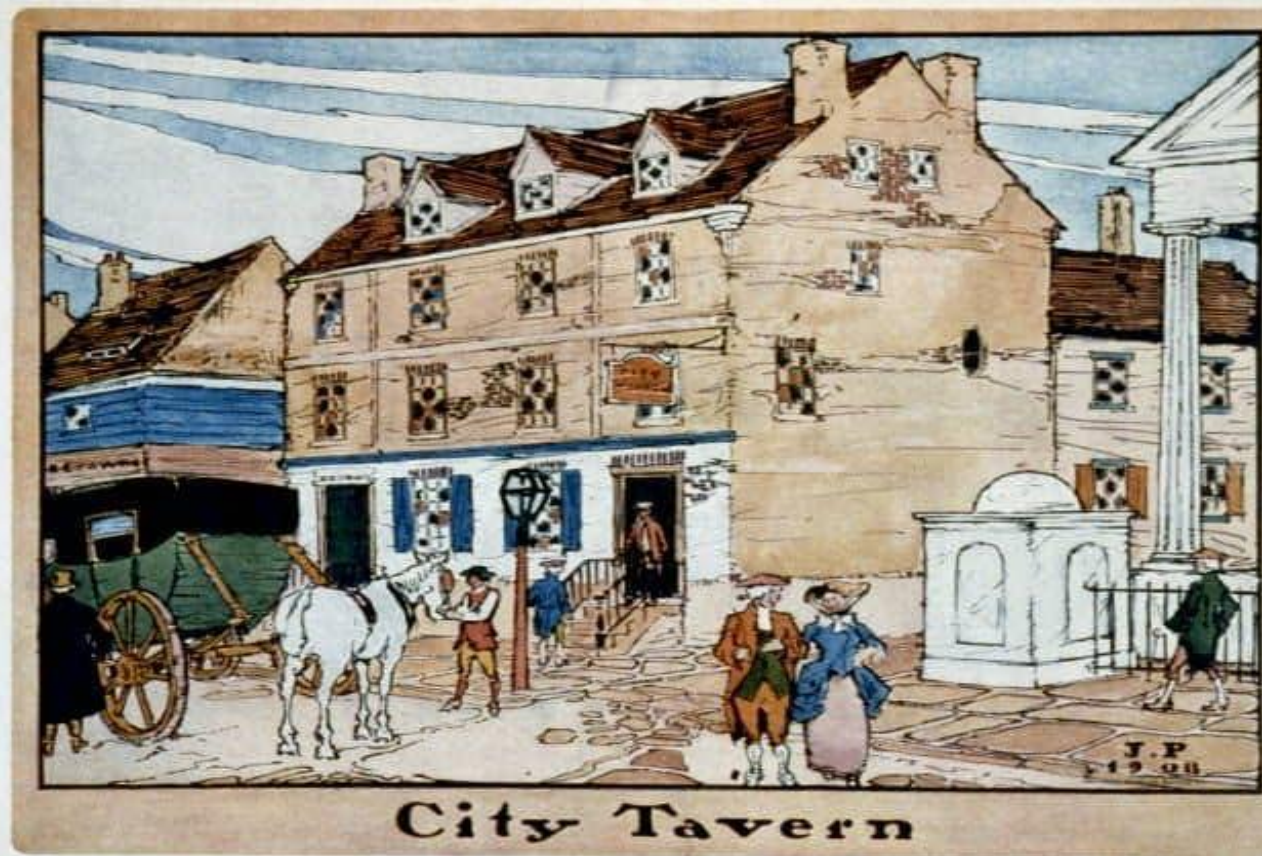


Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you for making it possible for me to attend Colonial Williamsburg's "Primary Sources and Colonial Women" teacher institute. I teach 6th grade United States history in Williamsburg-James City County schools, so this was an extremely relevant experience! Attending the institute provided me the welcome opportunity not only to explore history in depth myself, but to work and think with other teachers about how we can translate and apply what we learned to our classrooms. As a result of our intensive three days, I have reproduction primary sources, specific teaching strategies, and ideas for lessons I plan to share with students at our new James Blair Middle School. At the institute I had the pleasure of meeting a fellow Blair teacher, and we were able to start planning several projects. In addition to providing stimulating classroom activities, we hope to bring our students to Colonial Williamsburg! Attending the institute reminded me how powerful it is to be immersed in history. I am grateful to the sons of the American Revolution for providing me with this opportunity to learn, reflect, collaborate, and plan. (over please)

The experience has inspired me to redouble my efforts to make the past exciting and engaging for students, and it has given me specific and practical means to do this. Please pass on my appreciation to all the members of your group. Thank you so much for supporting history education!

Sincerely,
Rachel Moore



It was a Friday night September 14, 1787 at City Tavern, the framers' unofficial watering hole four blocks from Independence Hall. Delegate George Washington was the guest of the Light Horse of Philadelphia, a volunteer cavalry corps that had crossed the Delaware with him and wintered at Valley Forge. The First Troop, as the unit came to be known, could fightand drink.

From the Federal archives, the republic's founding bar tab:

- 54 bottles of Madeira wine.
- 60 bottles of claret
- 22 bottles of porter
- 12 bottles of beer
- 8 bottles of cider and 7 large bowls of punch.

In all, according to the itemized bill for the evening from the troop's archives, more than 45 gallons of spirits were served to "55 gentlemen," who also got dinner, fruit, relishes and olives. The nine musicians and seven waiters ran up their own bill (21 additional bottles of wine) that the troop paid for. There was a line item for cigars and candles and another for the broken wine glasses, decanters and tumblers.

Benjamin Franklin, as he was being carried away from Independence Hall on a litter afterward that a woman asked what they had created. Franklin responded,

"A republic, if you can keep it."



Bruton Church Visit

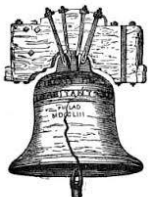
The chapter has been invited to a special tour of the recently opened Bruton Parish Heritage Center and Church. Not only does the Center trace the history of Bruton Parish but it also provides information on notable visitors, parish life in the 1770s and today, as well as the architectural history of 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
If we have enough interest, I will make arrangements with Bruton Parish Church for a visit.

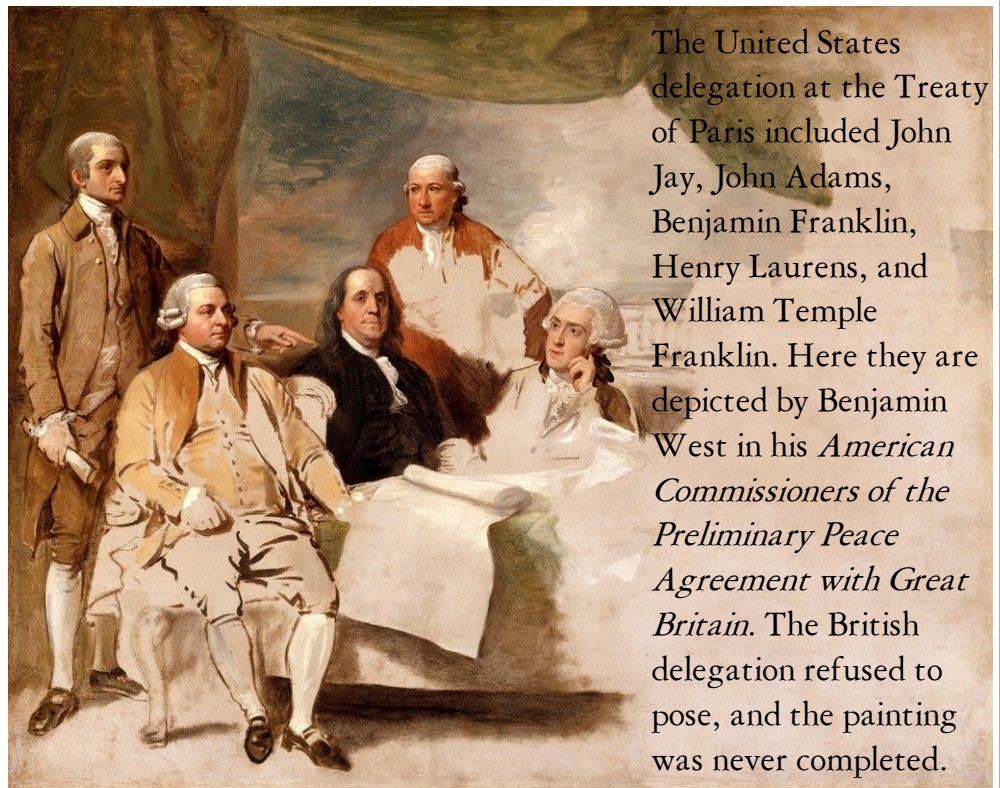
William Greaf – Pres.

REVOLUTION EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

The Treaty of Paris, signed on September 3, 1783 by representatives of King George III of Great Britain and representatives of the United States of America. The treaty set the boundaries and ended the American Revolutionary War.



LIBERTY BELL



The United States delegation at the Treaty of Paris included John Jay, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Henry Laurens, and William Temple Franklin. Here they are depicted by Benjamin West in his *American Commissioners of the Preliminary Peace Agreement with Great Britain*. The British delegation refused to pose, and the painting was never completed.

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER



Wilford Kale is a retired journalist and Virginia state agency official who has written or edited 10 books over the past 25 years. His most recent book, "From Student to Warrior – A Military History of the College of William and Mary, was published in April of last year. This October History Press of Charleston, SC will publish his next book, "Yorktown, Virginia – A Brief History." An alumnus of the College of William and Mary, Wilford was graduated from Park University in 1971 and received a Master of Philosophy degree in history from the University of Leicester, Leicester, England in 2012.

This talk will cover William & Mary from its pre-French and Indian War days through 2017. It will examine student, faculty and alumni activity with the military, including the first known William & Mary student, John Allen, to it highest ranking military officer, General David McKiernan. Two major battles of two wars - American Revolution and Civil War - took place around or near the campus. World War I was instrumental in the College going co-educational in 1918. The ability of William & Mary to get military activity on campus during World War II, including the Navy Chaplains School, kept the institution financially viable.

During the period of the American Revolution, freedom of religion was established in Virginia notably with the 1786 passage of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. Future U.S. President James Madison was a key figure in the transition to religious freedom in Virginia, and Right Reverend James Madison, his cousin and Thomas Jefferson, who was on the Board of Visitors, helped the College of William & Mary to make the transition as well. In 1779 the college became the first American university with the establishment of the graduate schools in law and medicine.



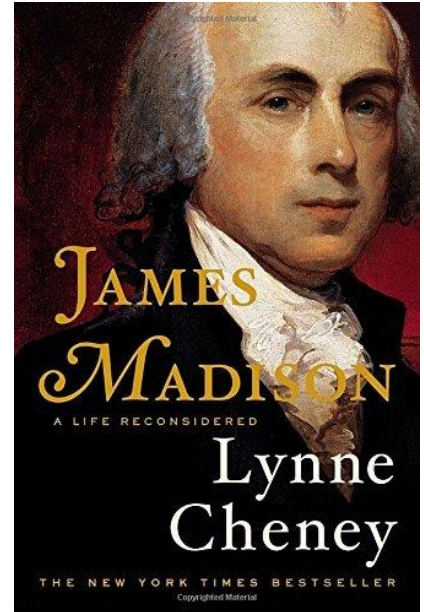
James Blair, founder of William & Mary

SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE



JAMES MADISON, A LIFE RECONSIDERED is the title of our book that will be raffled at our September luncheon meeting. Written by Lynne Cheney, she reveals that Madison not only was the intellectual force behind the creation of the Constitution, he was essential to its ratification and with a political savvy, he secured passage of the Bill of Rights. This biography reveals the whole man - his mind, his deeds and his character.

Raffle tickets will be available at the check-in table: one tickets for \$1 or seven tickets for \$5.



The video this month is about the Battle of Bonhomme Richard and the British HMS Serapis fought in September 1779.

Just click the link below the



<https://youtu.be/9Yb5wUICyY>



The clash between the American Bonhomme Richard and the British HMS Serapis during the American Revolutionary War is perhaps the most famous single-ship duel in history. This epic battle between two very similar ships - and crews - off the coast of Britain in September 1779. John Paul Jones became a figure that all future American naval officers would aspire to emulate.

“I have not yet begun to fight”

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Reservation for the **Saturday 8 Sept. 2018** Chapter Luncheon

Name(s) _____

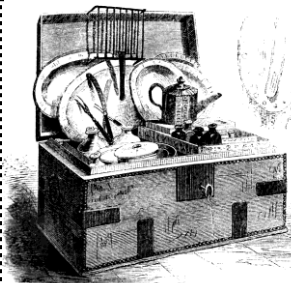
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#Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____ Gluten free _____ Special need _____

_____ only attending the 1300 program

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