



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

Compatriots,

The chapter's Americanism report showed a total of 7205 points. This is up from 6608 in 2017. While points are not the ultimate goal of our chapter, it is nice to know how we are doing in comparison with other chapters in the state. Last year we came in second in the state which indicates, I believe, Williamsburg is an active chapter with a well-rounded set of activities. As previous leaders have told me, we do not want to be just a "knife and fork" chapter.

Your leaders for 2019 were installed on January 9 by VASSAR president Pat Kelly. They bring an array of talent and experience which should provide another outstanding year. The VASSAR state meeting is open to all members and occurs on February 8 and 9. Besides normal business, there will be workshops, presentations and, my favorite, the oration finals. It is also a great opportunity to meet members from other chapters as well as the 2019 VASSAR officers. Further information will be provided.

Our February meeting will be the third Saturday due to the state meeting on the second Saturday. This is our "Valentine's" meeting in addition to having an interesting speaker.

Upcoming events include James Madison's birthday on March 16 and the two James Monroe events in April. Again, further information will be provided once the chapter receives it.

As always, I want to remind you that this is your chapter and as you have ideas and/or suggestions about it please let myself or a Board member know.



Bill





Calendar

Mon. Feb 4

10:00AM Board Meeting
Williamsburg Library

Feb 8 – 9

VASSAR Annual Meeting
100 South 12th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Sat. Feb 16

11:30 AM Chapter Luncheon
Valentine Theme
Colonial Heritage Country Club

Sat. Feb 22

George Washington's
Birthday



Chapter News



On January 19, John Yates of BSA Troop 414 was presented with a NSSAR Certificate of Recognition during a Court of Honor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Norge, VA. Presentation was by Bob Spencer, a past-president (2013-2014) of our Chapter.

OUR WEB

We have a new WEB site that was created to easily update frequently with upcoming events, past newsletters for downloading, yearly calendar, news, and information for potential new members. Take a look at it and if you see anything needing editing let me know.

Dave Westenberger – WEB Master

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THE BATTLE OF MOORE'S CREEK BRIDGE

A FEBRUARY AMERICAN REVOLUTION EVENT



On February 26, in the evening, the Americans straddled the bridge. Lillington with 150 men waited on the east side of the Moore's Creek, and Caswell with 850 men were camped on the west. MacDonald's Loyalists, 1,600 strong but with arms for less than half that many, camped 6 miles away.

MacDonald had lost the race to the Moore's Creek Bridge and now had to decide whether to avoid fighting once more or to cut through their opponents. At a council-of-war, the younger leader carried the debate, and eventually all agreed that the enemy should be attacked. An element in the decision was the report by a scout that Col. Caswell's position lay on their side of the river and was thus vulnerable.

On February 27, at 1:00 A.M., the Loyalists set out on their march, with a party of 75 picked broadswords men under Captain John Campbell in the lead. By now, MacDonald had fallen ill, and McLeod was in command. The going was slow, for the route lay through thickets and swampy ground. During the night, Caswell abandoned the camp and withdrew across the creek. Once on the other side, his men removed the planks and greased the girders. Posting artillery to cover the bridge, they waited in darkness for the advancing Scots.

An hour before dawn, the Loyalists came upon Caswell's deserted camp and found the fires burning low. Moving on to nearby woods, Col. McLeod regrouped his men and passed the rallying cry - "King George and Broad Swords" - along the line. There, they waited for daybreak. Suddenly gunfire sounded near the bridge.

Though it was not yet light, McLeod couldn't wait any longer. Three cheers rang out, the signal for the attack, and the Loyalists rushed the partly demolished bridge with broadswords out and bagpipes skirling. Picking their way over the bridge and onto the opposite bank, they got within 30 paces of the American earthworks before they were met by a withering fire of musketry and artillery.

Nearly all the advance party were cut down, and the whole force soon retreated. It was all over in a few minutes. Pursuit by the Americans turned the British repulse into a rout.

Registrar's Corner



First of all, a big thanks to Jim Hess for making the transfer of Registrar duties smooth and painless. My phone booth-sized "office" is bulging. The first few days of 2019 added about a half dozen new prospects for membership; one application is ready for signature; three others need only one more reference item. Have also had several interesting referrals from our members and the VASSAR secretary that I am following up. Take a look at our membership statistics and you'll find that we are within range of 200. Let's do it!

Ron Losce



Conrad Heyer is the earliest known person to be photographed. He was born in 1749 and sat for a photo in 1852 at age 103. He is the only known Revolutionary War soldier to have crossed the Delaware with General George Washington.



“Medicine in Colonial America”

By
Jonathan L. Stolz, M.D.



February’s speaker, Dr. Jonathan L. Stolz, presents an overview on how medicine was practiced in America’s colonial period beginning in the early 17th century and ending at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War in 1783. The various components of healthcare during this era are fascinating stories.

Up to the end of British rule, officials in the mother country played only indirect roles in the small-scale development of America’s formal medicine. The medical initiatives in these years were like so many accomplishments in our young country all from within and a product of our uniqueness as a people.

Doctor Stolz is a graduate of The Hill School, Trinity College, and Temple University School of Medicine. He completed an internship at the Tulane University Division of Charity Hospital and a residency in radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. For thirty years he practiced in Reading, Pennsylvania before retiring and moving to Williamsburg.

In retirement he continues his longtime study of the history of medicine. Since 2008 he has taught courses on the subject at the College of William & Mary’s Christopher Wren Association. He has written medical history related commentaries for local and national periodicals. His book, “Medicine from Cave Dweller to Millennials,” was published in August 2018.
It is available on Amazon.

February 16th Valentine’s Luncheon

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their wives and guests to attend the Valentine’s luncheon at the Colonial Heritage clubhouse. We will have a guest speaker and look forward to seeing you there.



Location: Colonial Heritage Clubhouse
6500 Arthur Hills Dr, Williamsburg, VA
Social: 11:30 **\$21.00** **Meeting:** 12:00



Please see the RSVP information on the last page of this newsletter.
Reservations **MUST** be received no later than Saturday, February 9th.



50th Anniversary Progress. Have you marked your 2019 calendar with a **BIG Red "X"** on April 13th?

That's the day you should join with other members to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Williamsburg SAR Chapter.

A 50th Anniversary committee made up of Steve McGuffin, Tom Campbell, Dave Westenberger and Ron Losee has met to draw up plans. We may need some volunteer helpers and will solicit aid in a future Newsletter. We also ask that any member who has a "brilliant idea" to contact one of the committee members.

Ron Losee

FEBRUARY BOOK RAFFLE

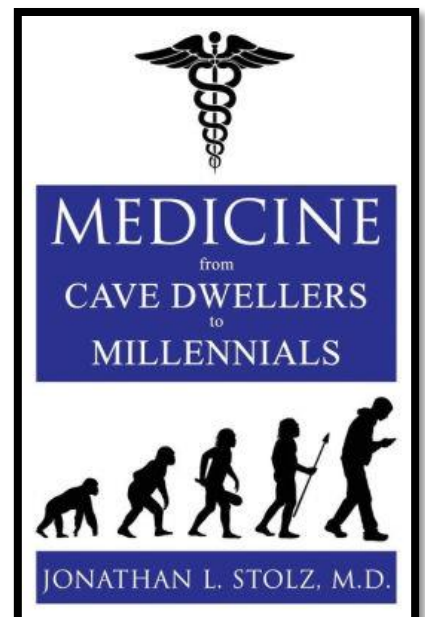
Our guest speaker and Chapter member, Jonathan L. Stolz, M.D. has graciously donated the book he has recently written entitled **MEDICINE FROM CAVE DWELLERS TO MILLENNIALS** for this months book raffle. One reader of this book gave this review, "This book gives a concise overview of the history of medicine in an easy to read format that is neither too superficial nor detailed, and would appeal to everyone, including all in any way connected to health care, and shows how society has evolved into it's present state. A most worthy read!" Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the welcome/check-in table: one ticket for \$1 or seven tickets for \$5.

The video this month is about the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in North Carolina on February 27TH 1776.

Click the link below



<https://youtu.be/wHruuocdBdl>





Installation of 2019 Officers by VASSAR President Pat Kelly

Williamsburg 2019 Chapter Officers

President	William Greaif	Chaplain	Jim Morford
Vice-President	Jay Smith	Newsletter Editor	David Westenberger
Secretary	Roger Cross	Sergeant-at-Arms	Eric Ely
Treasurer	Jim Hess	Color Guard	John Lynch
Public Relations	Harley Stewart	At-Large	Richard Snyder
Registrar	Ron Losec	At-Large	Richard Durst
Historian	Stephen McGuffin		



Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter
by **Saturday Feb. 9th**

Cut along dotted line as it will fit in a No. 8 6 3/4 Security envelope.

Reservation for the **Saturday Feb. 16th 2019** Chapter Luncheon

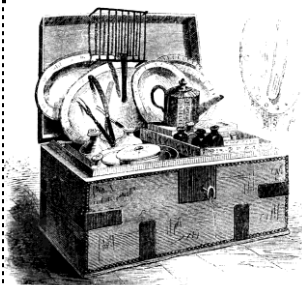
Name(s) _____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at **\$21.00 (new)**

#Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____ Gluten free _____ Special need _____

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Virginia Society
 Sons of the American Revolution
129th Annual Meeting Agenda
 February 8-10, 2019

Omni Richmond Hotel
 100 South 12th Street
 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Friday, February 8

1:00 – 7:00 pm	Registration	Top of Grand
10:00 – 12:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	York River Room
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Board of Managers Meeting	James River Salon C
5:00 pm	Dinner (individual arrangements)	Hotel & Adjacent Restaurants
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Admin/Tax/Awards Workshop	James River Salon AB
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Registrar Workshop	James River Salon C
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Americanism Workshop	James River Salon AB
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Color Guard Workshop	James River Salon D
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Ladies Program	Rappahannock Room
9:30 – 10:30 pm	President's Reception	Hospitality – Room 321

Saturday, February 9

7:00 – 8:30 am	Registration	Top of Grand
8:00 – 9:45 am	General Membership Meeting	James River Salon C
10:00 – 10:45 am	George Washington Chapter Meeting	James River Salon C
10:00 – 12:00 pm	Rumbaugh Orations Contest and Youth Awards Ceremony	James River Salon D
12:00 pm	Lunch (individual Arrangements)	Hotel & Adjacent Restaurants
1:00 pm	Buses Depart for Virginia State Capitol	Atrium (by Starbucks)
1:30 – 4:30 pm	Public Service Awards, Memorial Service and Chapter Awards	Virginia State Capitol
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Social Gathering (cash bar)	Top of Grand
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Banquet and State Officer Installations (formal, suit & tie or colonial attire)	James River Salon ABC
9:30 – 10:30 pm	President's Reception	Hospitality – Room 321

Sunday, February 10

8:00 – 9:30 am	Executive Committee Meeting	York River Room
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Virginia Sons of the American Revolution
2019 Semi-Annual Meeting
February 8-10, 2019

Workshops

As listed on the attached agenda, we will be conducting four (4) different workshops on Friday night (two 1-hour sessions from 7 to 8 pm, one 1-1/2 hour session from 7 to 8:30 pm and one 1 hour session from 7 to 9 pm). An overview of these workshops is listed below to assist in choosing which workshop(s) may best suit your needs.

Workshop 1 – Admin/Awards; Facilitators –Treasurer Rick Elofson and Secretary Wayne Rouse

Workshop will focus on required tax returns, budgets, membership changes and awards.

Workshop 2 – Americanism; Facilitator – 2nd Vice President Jeff Thomas

Workshop will discuss the importance of the annual report and how to input the data.

Workshop 3 – Registrar/Genealogy; Facilitator – Assistant Registrar Dave Cook

Workshop will focus on the new NSSAR application form (not the on-line version) and overall policies & rules necessary to put through the most accurate and complete application.

Workshop 4 – Color Guard; Facilitator – Color Guard Commander Bill Schwetke

Workshop will cover color guard drill/marching.