



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,

This is my last column as your Chapter President. I want to thank all of you for your encouragement and kind remarks over my two terms. It has truly been an honor and a privilege.

Looking back at 2019, the Chapter moved forward in several key areas. We restarted our Youth Program under the direction of Compatriot Paul Huchko beginning with the brochure competition. We had over 80 participants representing just two schools. The winner of our chapter competition then went on to win the VASSAR competition and represent Virginia at the National meeting. We are expanding the program in 2020 to include the essay competition as well.

We continued to work on making new compatriots feel welcomed. Dick Durst took the lead here and established a new member table at our monthly meetings. If you are new to the Chapter and have suggestions in this area let us know.

We expanded our outreach to other VASSAR chapters by attending several grave markings and various ceremonies conducted by them.

Our Veterans Day program, with Colonial Williamsburg, continued to expand under the direction of Past President Tom Campbell.

The points on our Americanism report continue to grow. The Americanism report is filed by every NASSAR chapter. The final count for our chapter will be available early next month.

Finally, we had a wonderful 50th Chapter Anniversary celebration complete with Thomas Jefferson and Past President-General Bruce Wilcox. Ron Losee first suggested the idea and led many of the preparations.

As you can see, a successful Chapter requires the efforts of its members. If you can assist in even the smallest way please volunteer to one of the Chapter's officers.

Have a very Merry Christmas and wonderful 2020. I know you will continue to support the Chapter and President Cross during the year. Bill Greaif





Calendar

Monday January 6TH
10:00 am Board Meeting

Installation of 2020 Officers
5 pm Saturday January 18TH
Joint dinner meeting with the Thomas
Nelson Jr. Chapter.
Fords Colony Country Club
240 Ford's Colony Drive Williamsburg

Monday February 3RD
10:00 am Board Meeting

Friday-Saturday
February 7TH-8TH
VASSAR
Annual Richmond meeting

Saturday February 15TH
Luncheon meeting, Fords Colony

Sunday, February 16TH
Commemoration of Crossing of the Dan
South Boston, VA

Monday March 2
10:00 am Board Meeting

Saturday, March 14
Luncheon meeting, Fords Colony

Monday, March 16
James Madison birthday
And
Wreath laying celebration
Montpelier Station, VA 22957

Photos by Harley Stewart , James Hess

Chapter News



1775 Battle of Great Bridge

This Revolutionary War battle helped solidify the Continental Army's reclaim on Virginia and drive the British Government from the colony.

Williamsburg Chapter wreath presented by President William Greaf. Also attending were President-Elect Roger Cross and Past-President Harley Stewart.

SAR and DAR Commemoration

More EVENTS since our last meeting



President William Greaf awarding the medal to Senior Officer Aundrea Holiday in a ceremony at Williamsburg Police Headquarters on Monday, December 16, 2019 with fellow officers present. The second attachment is a letter to Sean Dunn, Chief of Police, citing Officer Holiday's performance record. Holiday had been given our Law Enforcement Commendation Medal in the year 2017, but her superiors were very insistent that she was the standout candidate for an award once again in the year 2019.



6 Jan 1777 Gen. Washington winters in Morristown NJ.



Eagle Scouts Marco Padillo, Tucker Young, Bodhi Wolverson-Diggs, and Ethan Gaul displaying their NSSAR Certificates of Recognition.

Four new Eagle Scouts were recognized at a Court of Honor of Troop 103 held at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church at 1:00 p.m. on November 3, 2019. Representing our Williamsburg Chapter SAR were Eagle Scout Chairman Heath Richardson, Past-President Robert Spencer, and Past-President Harley Stewart.

"Speakers Wanted"



Seeking your assistance and hopefully possible input for our monthly meetings.

If you have heard or know of a speaker who you think the membership (and guests) would be interested in hearing at one of our luncheons next year, please contact Steve McGuffin at mcguffis@gmail.com

Your serious interest and potential response to this matter will be greatly appreciated!



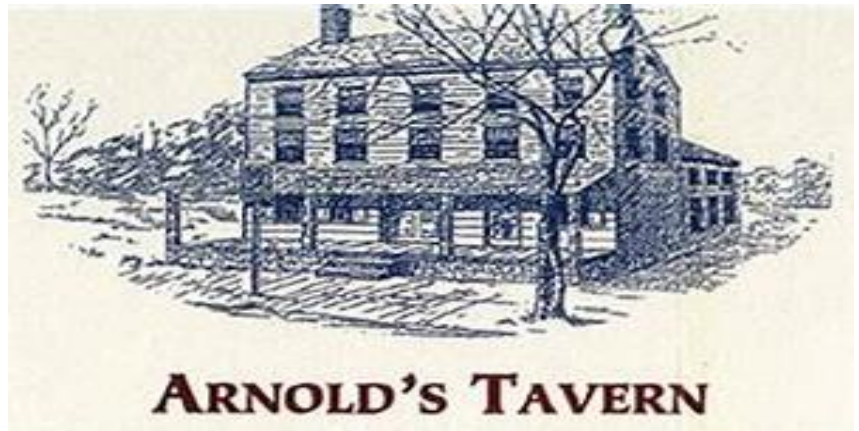
The Color Guard for the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, is looking for volunteers to fill its ranks. We annually support four uniformed events: Memorial Day (May), Battle of Spencer's Ordinary (June), The Battle of Green Spring (July), and Veterans Day (November). There may be other special events.

Basic uniform cost is estimated at \$600 for militia and approximately \$1000 for a regimental uniform. Muskets/other weapons are optional but increase a member's versatility. Estimated cost for a new flintlock is \$1,300. It is possible to find cheaper options on the secondary market.

Please contact the Color Guard Committee Chair, John Lynch II, if you are interested in joining the Color Guard or would like more information.

John Lynch II email is cslasoz@aol.com.





Site of Col. Jacob Arnold's Tavern. It was used as Washington's Headquarters January 1777. Troops were in Lowantica Valley.

Washington sets up winter quarters in Morristown

After two significant victories over the British in Trenton and Princeton, New Jersey, General George Washington marches north to Morristown, New Jersey, where he set up winter headquarters for himself and the men of the Continental Army on this day in 1777. The hills surrounding the camp offered Washington a perfect vantage point from which to keep an eye on the British army, which was headquartered across the Hudson River in New York City.

Morristown's position also allowed Washington to protect the roads leading from the British strongholds in New Jersey to New England and the roads leading to Philadelphia, where the leaders of the American Revolution were headquartered.

In addition to tracking the British, Washington used much of his time in Morristown to reorganize the Continental Army, which had begun to shrink following the victories in Trenton and Princeton. Some soldiers chose desertion over another cold winter without adequate supplies;

others refused to reenlist, returning home when their enlistments expired.

Fortunately for the Americans, Washington's leadership on the battlefield and his growing popularity throughout the country helped attract new recruits, and Washington orchestrated changes to hold on to the new troops and make them more effective soldiers. In an effort to instill discipline, maximum punishment for soldiers rose from 39 to 100 lashes. To make committing to the army more attractive, the Continental Army promised any man enlisting for three years a cash bonus. Those enlisting for the duration of the war could look forward to a land bounty. These promises would come back to haunt the army later, but in the early months of 1777, they allowed Washington to train and then maintain a seasoned force. By the time fighting resumed, Washington's immediate command numbered 11,000 men, including militia. In New York, an additional 17,000 Patriots agreed to fight for the cause.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Williamsburg and Thomas Nelson Sons of the American Revolution Chapters
Joint Installation of officers on January 18th at Fords Colony Country Club
240 Ford's Colony Drive Williamsburg
Social Hour at 5 pm**



Williamsburg 2020 Elected Officers			
President	Roger Cross	Chaplain	Jim Morford
Vice President	Steve McGuffin	Newsletter Editor	Dave Westenberger
Secretary	Duncan McIver	Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Hale
Treasurer	Jim Hess	At-Large Board Members	
Public Relations	Harley Stewart	Bill Greaf	
Registrar	Ron Losec	Jeff Wooldridge	
Historian	Milt Holt	Richard Snyder	



James Madison University will again be holding its 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Luncheon.

Date: Friday, Feb 14, 2020

Where: Festival Ballroom and Conference Center on the Harrisonburg campus

Time: 10:45 am to 2:30 pm

Lunch: Free

Parking and Shuttle: Free

Please call or email Greg Lawson at 540-568-6573 or lawsongc@jmu.edu to RSVP.



“ The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”

President George Washington

Caring Compatriots

If you learn of a compatriot who has passed away, has become ill or is for any reason shut-in please let us know.

In the event of the death of a Chapter member a card expressing sympathy to the family is often very much appreciated. In the case of illness, hospitalization or circumstances resulting in a compatriot being shut-in a card and note from the chapter, and perhaps a visit would be welcome and appropriate.

We want our fellow chapter members to know that we care about them whenever they might become ill. We also want bereaved families to know that their deceased loved one's SAR compatriots extend their sympathy and support.

Should you learn of a compatriot or his family who might appreciate a communication from the chapter, please contact our Chapter's Chaplain, Jim Morford at morfordjc@gmail.com or by phone at (757) 258-2578.

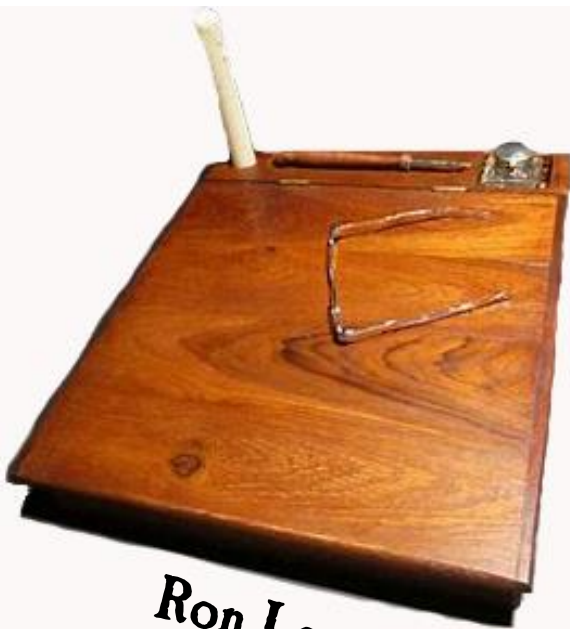


Our Color Guard Chairman John Lynch II 's father LtCol John Shaw Lynch, a Compatriot of the Phoenix Arizona SAR Chapter passed away on December 19, 2019, LtCol Lynch was a Veteran of the USMC and USAF. He will be laid to rest at the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors in mid-January. Please keep John's family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to his address shown below, if you would like.

John Lynch II
4179 Ambassador Circle
Williamsburg VA. 23188



Registrar's Corner



Ron Losee



As the year 2019 comes to a close, it is a pleasure to wish all of our new members a Happy New Year. Registrar records indicate that 18 new Compatriots joined the membership rolls of the Williamsburg chapter during 2019. Two of these await induction during the February meeting. In addition, the applications of two additional prospective members are at NSSAR headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, awaiting final review. Two more have been completed but are being retained at the Chapter level awaiting payments before submission.

The video this month is about the National Museum in Morristown, New Jersey with pictures of the site where Gen. George Washington spent his 2nd winter. . . the coldest on record. Accompanied with nice classical music.

Click the link

https://youtu.be/s_I2HcUEPvg



Compatriots

It is with deep sorrow that I must inform you that Williamsburg Chapter SAR member Jerome Traver passed away on December 6, 2019. He was a veteran and had been a member of the SAR for almost 30 years. His memorial service will be held on Friday, January 10, 2020 at 2 PM at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Cemetery, 5310 Milners Road, Suffolk, VA, 23434.

Please keep his family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to the address shown below, if you would like.

The Family of Jerome Traver
Morningside of Williamsburg
4440 McLaws Circle, Room 100
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Roger Cross, Secretary





Heading home

10%
Discount
To SAR
Veterans



American Eagle
Flag & Flagpole *LLC*
757-258-1776
Fax 855-329-4800 Toll Free 855-258-1776
Barbara Smith * John Sullivan
Custom & Retail Sales Flagpole & Commercial Sales
5810 Mooretown Rd. - Suite F, Williamsburg, VA 23188
www.AmericanEagleFlag.com * info@AmericanEagleFlag.com



Seeking recommendations for award of the NSSAR Flag Recognition Certificate to worthy organizations or individuals in 2020. Any input or suggestions you may have please forward them to me at georgecorbett@cox.net with the particulars and their phone number.



George Corbett



One of the ideals our Patriots fought for was the right to vote. The strength of a democracy depends upon the level of involvement of its citizens. One way to support this ideal is by **serv**ing as an **Officer of Election** in the county or city where you live. For example, the contact information for registered voters in **James City County** is shown below:

Voter Registration and Elections office
5300 Palmer Lane
Williamsburg, VA
757-253-6868

For registered voters in the **City of Williamsburg** the contact information is:
treitzel@williamsburgva.gov
(757) 220-6157

Williamsburg 2019 Chapter Officers



President	William Greaf	hsaprof@gmail.com
Vice-President	Jay Smith	jay.smith92346@gmail.com
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Registrar	Ron Losee	valosee@aol.com
Historian	Stephen McGuffin	mcguffis@gmail.com
Chaplain	Jim Morford	Morfordjc@gmail.com
Newsletter&WEB	David Westenberger	pa1744@cox.net
Sergeant-at-Arms	Eric Ely	elyswede@hotmail.com
Color Guard	John Lynch II	cslasoz@aol.com
New Member Orientation	Richard Durst	rdurst@bw.edu
At-Large	Richard Snyder	P3D4Snyder@aol.com



Our next meeting will be a joint dinner held on Saturday, January 18th with Social hour at 5 pm with the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter for the installation of 2020 officers at the Fords Colony Country Club.
240 Ford's Colony Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23188

Reservation for the Saturday January 18, 2020 Joint Installation Dinner

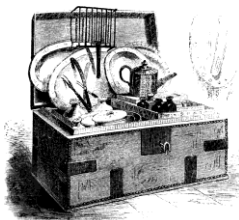
Name(s) _____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$21.00

Special need _____

Please make checks payable to
"Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

Mail to:



James Hess
2509 Nathaniel Powell Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185
(757) 220-2924
jimhess42@gmail.com



Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter
by **Saturday January 11th, 2020**

SAR APPAREL

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0695red

Red SAR Cap

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BLUE/WHITE/TAN TIE EXTRA LONG

\$40.00



0686

SAR RED LOGO TIE

\$35.00



0688

SAR RED BOW TIE

\$35.00



0690

NAVY SAR LOGO TIE

\$35.00



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Personalized Name Badge (Name Tag) - Pocket Attachment Nametag

\$25.00

There has been confusion on how to add this item to the cart. There is a statement that says "I understand personalized items are not refundable" that has a small box after it on the bottom of the page where the personalized items are added. You must click that box before the "ADD PERSONALIZED ITEM TO CART" button will become active. Unless you click the box agreeing that Personalized Items are not refundable, the item can not be added to the cart.

SHOWING ONLY A SMALL SAMPLE OF THEIR EXTENSIVE INVENTORY

SAR apparel is available on our National SAR WEB site

<https://store.sar.org/category/sar-apparel>