



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

First, I hope you and your families have continued to stay safe as Virginia and other states are slowly allowing businesses to reopen in phases. The June luncheon remains cancelled, but we continue to monitor the situation and the Chapter will resume our monthly luncheons and other Chapter activities when your Board of Managers feels that it is safe to do so.

As recently announced in Duncan McIver's Eblast of May 26, VASSAR has cancelled the 2020 Congress in July.

Your chapter is continuing to support our Youth Programs, albeit on a different schedule. Tom Morr, Chairman of our ROTC program, is currently scheduled to present the Bronze JROTC Medal and certificate to our candidate in September. As noted in my April message, Paul Huchko, Committee Chairman, had a very successful Youth Brochure program this spring with 54 entries submitted. We have selected our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and are working with the Walsingham Academy administration on scheduling the presentation of their certificates and monetary awards.

We continue to support and interact with VASSAR. VASSAR President Bill Schwetke announced via a Zoom meeting that NSSAR headquarters was reopening. We have seen the results as Registrar Ron Losee recently received notice that 2 new member applications had been approved; so we are growing again! Also, Dave Westenberger, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, recently participated in a Zoom meeting to offer suggestions on improving the VASSAR website.

Finally, I would like to thank Board member Jeff Wooldridge for his work coordinating with Colonial Williamsburg regarding our participation in the virtual Memorial Day commemoration. If you did not see the video on Memorial Day it was saved as a YouTube video with link on page 10 and I encourage you to view it. I think it is a moving tribute and I am proud that we were invited to be a part of the ceremony. It was also a unique experience as described in Bill Greaf's article later in this newsletter.

Please stay safe as we move forward to the day when "normal" Chapter activities resume.

Roger W Cross, III



Calendar

Monday June 1
10:00 am Board Meeting
By ZOOM

Saturday, June 13
Chapter Luncheon meeting
CANCELLED

History is Fun While at Home with Online Resources from Jamestown Settlement & American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.

Check out the [History at Home](#) link below.



At [Jamestown Settlement](#) and the [American Revolution Museum at Yorktown](#), history is fun – even from home! As our communities continue to manage the changes to our daily lives and day-to-day operations in response to COVID-19, we wanted to share a healthy dose of entertaining, engaging and educational online resources offered for free at our museums. We hope you and your family enjoy watching, reading and exploring with [History at Home](#).

Chapter News



Roger Cross, President of the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, presenting a Certificate of Appreciation and a check for \$150 to Jena Naswadi, Principal of the Lower School of Walsingham Academy. The certificate and check was for Alayna DeLaGarza, the 1st place winner in this year's Youth Brochure contest.

MEMORIAL DAY Williamsburg



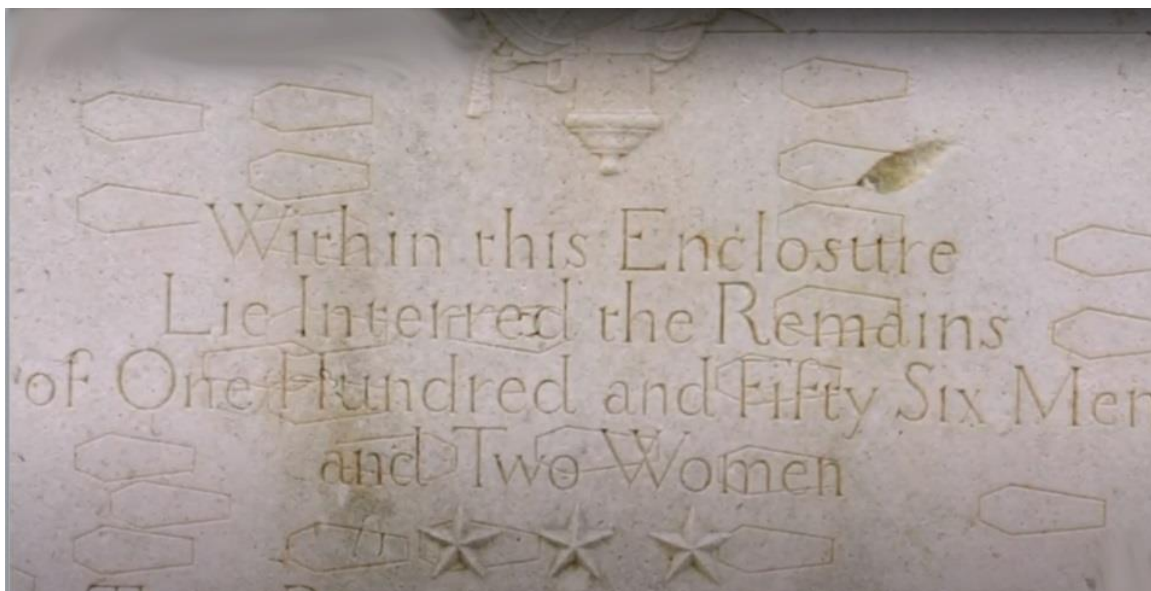
Roger Cross
President

Bill Greaf
Former President

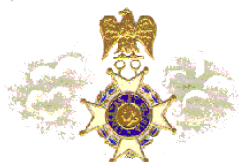
Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution honor veterans passed with a memorial service including patriotic exercises.

President Roger Cross III and Past President William Greaf presented memorial wreaths at the Revolution War Cemetery behind the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg.



Sons of the American Revolution





As many of you know, we are quickly becoming a virtual society in this current pandemic environment. Some of you may have attended the NSSARVASSAR virtual commemoration of Patriot's Day in April. VASSAR had a virtual posting of the colors and wreaths were laid virtually including one by Chapter President Roger Cross.

Since Colonial Williamsburg will not have a Memorial Day parade in 2020, Colonial Williamsburg worked with our Chapter to have a virtual Memorial Day ceremony. Hopefully, many of you "attended" on May 25th.

The filming of this event took place on April 28th at the Governor's Palace cemetery. It was certainly a different experience. Colonial Williamsburg did the filming and requested that the Williamsburg Chapter have no more than two individuals present. President Cross and I attended with our Chapter and American flags. Alyssa Elkins sang the Star-Spangled Banner and God Bless America. Prayers and a homily were presented by Lt. Joseph Feaster USN. President Cross and I presented wreaths. There were approximately nine of us in the cemetery, including the director, sound technician and camera person, which provided plenty of space. We all wore masks until our actual presentation. We maintained strict physical distancing. Each segment was filmed individually and the final product edited and put together by Colonial Williamsburg.

While the feeling was not the same as past Memorial Days with the parade and presence of the public, the final product, albeit in a more quiet and reflective way, continued our past tradition of honoring those men and women who gave us the country we live in,

Bill Greaf – Past President

Special Thanks to

Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American
Revolution

All United States veterans and military personnel

All healthcare, first responders, essential and
frontline workers keeping our community safe



Alyssa Elkins for singing “The Star
Spangled Banner” and “God Bless
America”



Lt. Joseph Feaster USN for
delivering the invocation.

Colonial Williamsburg

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We have sponsored two teachers in the past for the 3 day version of the Teacher Institute.



On-site sessions of the Bob and Marion Wilson Teacher Institute of Colonial Williamsburg are cancelled for summer 2020 due to coronavirus concerns.

Teachers who received scholarships for 2020 can defer them to 2021. Special summer 2020 online programs are also under development for the scholarship recipients and other interested teachers, according to a news release from Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

“We’re inspired every day by the work of our nation’s teachers, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis,” said Tab Broyles, Colonial Williamsburg’s Peter L. and Patricia O. Frechette director of teacher development.

Coronavirus: Summer 2020 Teacher Institute sessions at Colonial Williamsburg cancelled

“Cancelling the 2020 Bob and Marion Wilson Teacher Institute of Colonial Williamsburg is a difficult decision but one based on public health guidance, and it is the best solution for the safety of teachers, staff, students and our communities.”

Since 1989, the Teacher Institute has hosted more than 10,000 primary and secondary school educators for week-long sessions and three-day themed seminars, immersing them in an interdisciplinary approach to teaching social studies with a focus on American history, according to the news release.

“We are grateful to the program’s dedicated teachers for their patience, and to the generous donors who funded 2020 Teacher Institute scholarships,” Broyles said. “We look forward to hosting our 2020 scholarship recipients next year.”

Teacher Institute participants experience includes:

- Presentation of primary source-centered, standards-based historical content.
- Immersive living-history experiences with classroom applications.
- An inclusive approach to analyzing people and events of the past from multiple perspectives.
- Innovative, engaging teaching strategies to bring history to life in the classroom.
- Collaborative idea sharing with Colonial Williamsburg staff and fellow teachers.

Additional information about the Teacher Institute is available by visiting colonialwilliamsburg.org/cwti, by calling 855-296-6627 toll-free, and by following Colonial Williamsburg Education on Facebook.

Colonial Williamsburg public sites are closed through May 31.

A growing library of virtual program content and resources for parents, teachers, other educators, lifelong learners and lovers of history is available by visiting the “Explore from Home” section of colonialwilliamsburg.org, by following Colonial Williamsburg on Facebook and @colonialwmsburg on Twitter and Instagram, and on the Colonial Williamsburg streaming channel, which is free to account holders via the “Education” sections of Amazon Fire TV and Roku TV.

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John Mangalanzo • Managing Editor

NATIONAL SAR NEWS



Virginia Compatriots,

As many of you already know, our National Society's Executive Committee has decided that there will not be a physical 2020 Congress in Richmond. This decision protects our compatriots from the danger posed by this pandemic and reflects the uncertainty of future pandemic restrictions by several layers of government.

This is an appropriate time to give thanks to the many compatriots and family members who worked hard on making the Richmond Congress a success: those who participated in organization and planning, financially supported this effort, or volunteered to serve during the congress. Your willingness to serve and your efforts would have made this a memorable Congress. Thank you very much.

Now is a good time to focus on what does lie ahead. The pandemic is with us, and we must not be deterred by it in our efforts to keep alive and spread the Spirit of 1776; and to continue our original purpose in helping reunite a divided country, needed today just as much as it was in 1890. Take advantage of the ability to hold our ceremonies and conduct our business online. Then, as we begin again to do these things in physical meetings, be sure to protect each other, and follow the current guidelines to the best of your ability.

Thanks again to each of you who have participated in our preparations for the Richmond Congress. Keep in mind that we have a strategic goal of hosting the 2031 Congress, called by chancellor Eric Monday the "Victory Congress", to celebrate victory at Yorktown. I pray that God bless our great country, and bless each of you, and yours, with good health and prosperity in these difficult times.

Your Servant,
Bill
William L. Schwetke
President, Virginia SAR

Please see the report on *Virginia Dispatches* for more information at:
<http://www.virginiasar.org/latest-news/2020-congress-hotel-reservations-open>

Registrar's Corner

Surprisingly, during the current hibernation period because of the Covid-19 pandemic, registrar business has dropped off considerably. Always looking for a "few good men".

After some delay in application processing because of the virus, the review system was reopened, and I'm happy to report that Bob Lindberg and Tim Neill application submissions were approved. Three others are pending awaiting final review.

Unfortunately, recently I spent considerable time on two promising applications submitted by local men who each had one lineage gap that prevented submission. With libraries closed it has been impossible to continue research.

Never say never.

Ron Losec



From the Chaplain

Two hundred forty four years ago, our patriot ancestors registered their grievances against autocratic authority and declared that we are “free and independent states”. Shortly thereafter, the Constitution and Bill of Rights were established to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,”

We the members of SAR are dedicated not only to honoring the memories of our forbearers but vow to keep faith with the cause for which they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

Today our liberties are once again being challenged, this time by a foreign agent in the form of a lethal virial pandemic. It has killed an estimated 300,000 worldwide. Some 86,000 deaths in our country have been attributed to COVID-19.

“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.”—2 Samuel 22:2-4

Almighty God, who gives strength to the weak and upholds those who might fall, give us courage to do what is expected of us, for those who trust in you have no need to fear.

Give us courage to face the dangers that now threaten us. Give us the help you have promised to those of us who seek it, that we may overcome our fears and go bravely forward.

We pray that you will stretch out your arms to hold and comfort those who have suffered from this evil pandemic.

Fill us with determination such that nothing that is our duty to do may be too difficult for us to accomplish.

Lord, we put our trust in your power and your goodness.

Amen

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.

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.

Compatriots,

A very nice YouTube video was created from our Memorial Day ceremony in conjunction with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

For those that missed the presentation and for those that would like to watch it again the YouTube link is below.

GO FULL SCREEN AND TURN THE
SOUND UP...GREAT!

Just click it with your mouse....

<https://youtu.be/ozf95binAO0?t=82>



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Our June 2020 luncheon has been **CANCELLED**
Hopefully we will resume with our normal activities in July.

NOTICE

Compatriots,

I will be sending our latest updated SAR Roster out on the 1st of June.

(with 7 responding corrections)

Please take a look at it and if any corrections are needed let me know at.

PA1744@cox.net

I will send the corrections on to Secretary Duncan McIver and start preparing the next update.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep our roster up to date.

Dave Westenberger

Editor / WEB

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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.

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