



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

I hope you and your families have continued to stay safe as many parts of the nation are seeing an increasing number of Covid-19 cases. As a result, the Chapter will continue to hold our luncheon meetings by Zoom.

I am happy to report that we had our first Chapter meeting by Zoom on Saturday, August 8. We had approximately 30 members join the meeting to hear our excellent speaker, Mike Cecere. Mike was the VASSAR Teacher of the Year in 2005 and his presentation reflected a high level of professionalism. Mike's presentation included PowerPoint slides and he offered several opportunities to comment and/or ask questions. The feedback that I have gotten was that the Zoom meeting approach was very worthwhile and informative. One unanticipated benefit was that several out of state members were able to join the meeting. So, I encourage you to participate in our upcoming September Zoom meeting.

We have an excellent speaker lined up as discussed later in the Newsletter. Edward Ayres is an Historian with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and will discuss Lafayette's Military Leadership during the Virginia Campaign of 1781. Again, you will be able to ask questions and provide comments after his presentation. Our Secretary, Duncan McIver, will provide members the Zoom invitation and link in September; so please plan to join your fellow Compatriots on Saturday, September 12.

As mentioned last month, we have taken the opportunity to recognize some of our loyal partners for their contributions to the community and their support of our SAR ideals. As noted later in the Newsletter, we presented a Bronze Good Citizenship medal and certificate to Jeffrey Nicoloff, an American History teacher at Walsingham Academy. Mr. Nicoloff was instrumental in promoting the SAR Middle School Brochure contest the last 2 years which resulted in over 100 student submittals to the contest. Mr. Nicoloff is also our Teacher of the Year and is the Chapter's representative for VASSAR Teacher of the Year.

If you are able to participate in the September 12 Zoom meeting, I would appreciate your feedback on this format and the content. Thank you.

Roger W Cross, III



Calendar

Tuesday September 8
10:00 Virtual ZOOM BOM meeting

Saturday September 12
12:00 Virtual ZOOM SAR meeting



Mr. Michael Cecere spoke to the Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution in a zoom meeting on August 8, 2020. He discussed from his book on the military career of General Peter Muhlenberg, a clergyman turned soldier and admired officer of General George Washington. At Yorktown, Muhlenberg commanded the continental light infantry that stormed Redoubt No. 10. Chapter President Roger Cross presented Cecere with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Jefferson Cup. Mr. Cecere has written 17 books on the American Revolution and has taught American History for over 25 years. He was recognized by the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as their 2005 Outstanding Teacher of the Year. He presently resides in Williamsburg and teaches at Gloucester High School.

Chapter News

Bronze Good Citizenship Award



PHOTOS BY HARLEY STEWART

Roger Cross, Chapter President, presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Mr. Jeffrey Nicoloff, Walsingham Academy Lower School history teacher, on August 11, 2020. The award was given in recognition of his noteworthy contribution to the community through extensive student participation in this year's Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest. The contest was open to all students in grades 6 through 9 in James City County/ Williamsburg. Entrants could choose from five Foundational Documents of the United States – Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Federalist Papers – as the theme for their brochure. This contest was organized and conducted by Compatriot Paul Huchko, chairman of Chapter Youth Programs.

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Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

A Certificate and check for \$150 was won by Alayna DeLaGarza, the 1st place winner in this year's Youth Brochure contest. Alayna will not be available in August when the other Walsingham awards will be presented.

Certificates and checks were won by Carter Perry and Xavier Jones, the 2nd and 3rd place winners in this year's Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

WHO WAS SGT. MOSES ADAMS?

A Soldier of the American Revolution November 30, 1748 – June 13, 1778

In 2011 the Sons of the American Revolution [SAR] named one of its National Youth Programs "The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest," honoring a representative Soldier of the American Revolution who made the ultimate sacrifice. Moses Adams of New Marlborough, Massachusetts joined with his brothers and neighbors and marched with their Minute Man Company in response to the Alarm of Lexington and Concord, April 21, 1775. He then joined the Continental Army and rose to the rank of Sergeant in the 13th Massachusetts Line. He died at Valley Forge June 13, 1778. The SAR dedicates its annual middle school program, as a living memorial, to honor the thousands of men and woman who, like Sgt. Adams, gave their lives for the cause of freedom, and also to their families who suffered their loss for generations.

Your Chapter Needs You

This has been a very unusual year to say the least! Despite the circumstances, the chapter has continued to work toward its mission and fulfill as many events as possible using various technologies. President Cross and others continue to be involved in events at the State level also.

It is now time to look forward to our 2021 year. I, as immediate Past President, chair the committee that proposes a slate of officers for 2021. If 2021 is like other years, we will have several compatriots who would like to undertake different things and, thus, create several vacancies. While I do not have the definitive number of vacancies, I would like you to consider helping to move the Chapter forward by serving as a Chapter Officer. Please contact me if you would be willing to serve or just have questions about the various officer roles. The term of all officers is one year. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the Society and work with a great group of compatriots at both the Chapter and State levels. My email is hsaprof@gmail.com and my phone number is 631-219-6616. Bill Greaif – Past President



Our September 12TH speaker

Mr. Ed Ayres

Historian, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

Mr. Ayres's talk is entitled "Lafayette's Military Leadership during the Virginia Campaign of 1781" In the spring of 1781, the Marquis de Lafayette was given an almost impossible task- to defend Virginia from an invading British force with only a handful of Continental light infantry, and supported by poorly trained militiamen and a few recruits. Although he was quite young and relatively inexperienced, Lafayette proved himself up to the challenge. This talk will look at how he managed to limit the depredations of a much larger force and keep the British at bay until the climatic events of October

Mr. Ed Ayres has been the Historian at the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation since 1988. Prior to this position, he was the Historian at The Flowerdew Hundred Foundation, the research historian at Southside Historical sites of William and Mary, and an associate Historian at The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Mr. Ayres received a Bachelor of Arts (History) from Hampden-Sydney, A master of Arts (American History) from The University of Virginia, and was a Ph.D. Candidate in American History from the University of Virginia.



Treasurer's Note

Compatriots, we will soon come to that time of year when annual SAR dues must be paid to continue SAR membership. For most regular members the dues will be:

NSSAR \$35 VASSAR \$25 Williamsburg Chapter \$20 = \$80.

Dual chapter members, National Life Members & Emeritus Members pay only \$45.

Junior members (<18) pay only \$5.

For those members paying dues for sons and grandsons, they can all be paid with one check (made out to VASSAR) which specifies exactly for whom the dues are being paid.

Dues paid for new memberships approved by NSSAR after Sept 1st 2020 will be credited to the following year.

The Williamsburg Chapter Secretary will be sending out dues notices (email again) in September as we receive the Virginia Society, SAR, Williamsburg Chapter 2021 Dues Report.

Jim Hess, Treasurer

From our August ZOOM meeting



Flag Recognition

A continuing review of our flags from the Revolution to the present



The Liberty flag was designed, by commission, in 1775 by Colonel William Moultrie, to prepare for war with Great Britain.

It was flown by his troops in the successful defense of Sullivan's Island against the British fleet in June 1776.

Fighting back stridently during a ten-hour bombardment and siege, Moultrie's forces (primarily the 2nd South Carolina Regiment) eventually led the British to withdraw entirely saving Charleston.

During the battle, the flag was actually shot away, but Sergeant William Jasper ran out in the open and hoisted it again, rallying the troops until a new stand could be provided. The story of this dramatic event, along with the pivotal role of the battle itself, earned the flag a place in the hearts of the people of South Carolina, as well as cementing it as a symbol of liberty in the South, and the new confederacy in general.

It therefore became the standard of the South Carolina militia, and when the war officially ended with the liberation of Charleston, on December 14, 1782, it was presented by General Nathanael Green's "Southern Continental & Militia Army," as the first American flag to be displayed in the South.

The symbol in the top left corner of the flag is a crescent, some say it is a gorget, others say it is a crescent moon, but all texts from the time describe it as simply a "crescent".

Virginia Society

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Virginia Sons of the American Revolution 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting September 18-19, 2020

Virginia SAR President Bill Schwetke and the Dan River Chapter invite members of the Sons of the American Revolution and their guests to attend the 2020 Semi-Annual meeting at Berry Hill Resort & Conference Center in South Boston, Virginia.

We will begin Friday afternoon with informative presentations on the Virginia SAR youth programs followed by awards recognitions. A "Backyard BBQ" consisting of pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, etc. will be available for your dining pleasure, or you may have dinner on your own. Five workshops will be offered in the afternoon and evening (one from 2 to 4 pm, two from 7 to 8 pm and two from 8 to 9 pm) consisting of Color Guard, Admin/Awards, Veterans' Affairs & Partners in Patriotism, Americanism and Public Service Awards.

The ladies' will be entertained by a tour of historic Berry Hill Mansion.

Later in the evening everyone is welcome to socialize and enjoy good food, libations, fireworks and fine cigars at a reception hosted by President Schwetke.

The General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday morning followed by a luncheon.

Room reservations, available at the rate of \$109.00 per night, may be made by phone (see attached hotel form). The special room rate is good from Thursday, September 17th through Sunday, September 20th so plan to come early and/or stay late and take advantage of the beautiful and historic area. The \$109 room rate will be available through September 7th so make your reservations now!

Please distribute this to
all chapter/committee
members.

R. Wayne Rouse
Secretary, Assistant Treasurer
& Awards Committee Chairman
Virginia SAR

From The Chaplain

Jim Morford

About five weeks into the Constitutional Convention of 1787 when they were attempting to draft the U. S. Constitution, their efforts were a failure. As things were beginning to break up and delegates return home to their states, Benjamin Franklin challenged them and called them to prayer.

He told them:

“In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understanding? In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business.”

George Washington, President of the Constitutional Convention, recorded that they went to church to hear an address. At the church, the Rev. William Rogers (not to be confused with Rev Roger Williams) had a special prayer for the Constitutional Convention:

**[W]e fervently recommend to thy fatherly notice . . . our federal convention. . . [F]avor them, from day to day, with thy immediate presence; be Thou their wisdom and their strength! Enable them to devise such measures as may prove happily instrumental for healing all divisions and promoting the good of the great whole; . . . that the United States of America may furnish the world with one example of a free and permanent government. . . . May we . . . continue, under the influence of republican virtue, to partake of all the blessings of cultivated and civilized society.
AMEN**

After five weeks of failure, following a recess and time of prayer, they reconvened and in only ten weeks produced the document that has become the longest on-going constitution in the history of the world.

(Source: <https://www.patriotacademy.com/founding-fathers-prayer/>)



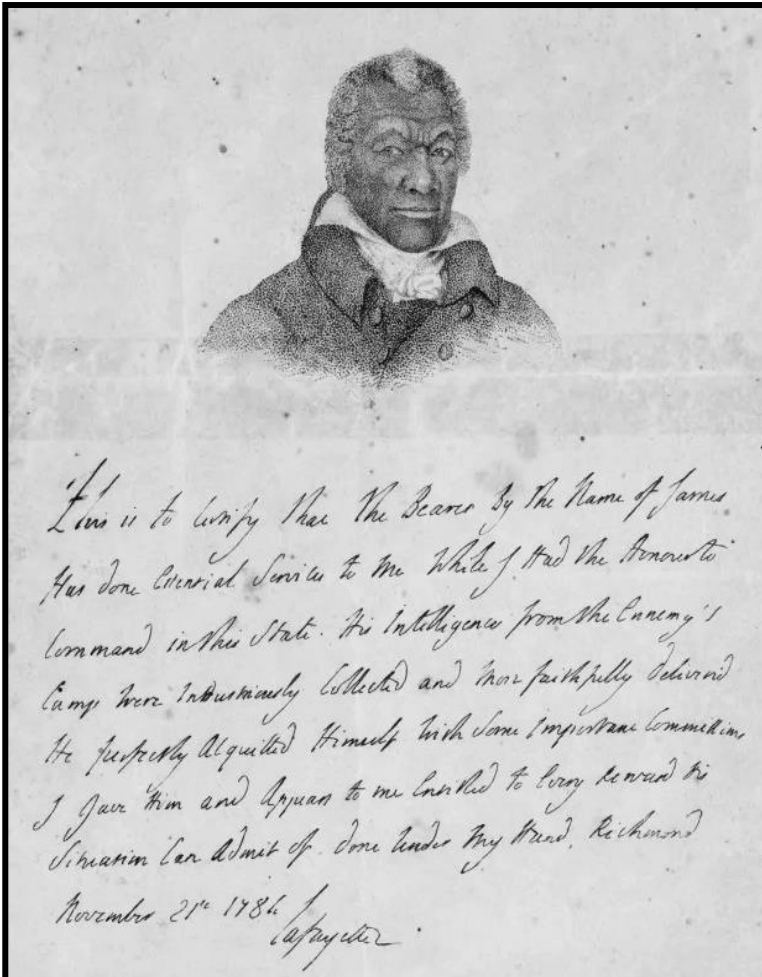
How an Enslaved Man-Turned-Spy Helped Secure Victory at the Battle of Yorktown



James Armistead provided critical intel to the Continental Army as a double agent during the Revolutionary War.

In the autumn of 1781, the American colonial army fought in the Battle of Yorktown, the final and arguably most consequential battle for American independence from British rule. By all accounts, this monumental victory, which forced the surrender of British General Lord Cornwallis and his squadron of nearly 9,000 troops, would not have been possible without crucial insider intelligence from James Armistead, a patriot who worked briefly yet effectively as a double agent for the Continental Army throughout the Revolutionary War.

Before actively choosing to serve the budding republic that denied him his freedom, Armistead already had a fairly close-up view of the conflict: His owner, William Armistead managed the military supplies for the state of Virginia after the war began in 1775. In 1780, James and William moved from the Virginia capital of Williamsburg to the new capital, Richmond, and the following summer James got permission to join the armed forces himself.



Lafayette wrote “This is to certify that the Bearer has done essential services to me while I had the honour to command in this State. His Intelligence from the ennemy's [sic] camp were industriously collected and most faithfully delivered. He perfectly acquitted himself with some important commissions I gave him and appears to me entitled to every reward his situation can admit of.”

As a result, in 1787 Armistead became a free man. Appreciative of the Frenchman who helped him acquire his freedom, Armistead changed his name to James Armistead Lafayette.

Armistead went on to move nine miles south of New Kent, Virginia, where he'd spent so much of his life as another man's property. He lived a peaceful life as a husband and father, bought 40 acres of land to farm, and received \$40 a year from the Virginia legislature for his invaluable work to liberate a nation.

FROM THE HISTORY CHANNEL

VASSAR Chapter Seniority List

This is a listing showing when the various individual chapters in VASSAR were formed. Of the current 28 chapters we are ninth in seniority. Also of interest are the chapters that were formed before us but are no longer active.

From the VASSAR meeting - Roger Cross III

Recognized Date	Organizational Meeting	Charter Date	End Date	Name	Location
				Virginia Society met as a whole until 1906	
Apr-06			c1917	Tidewater #1	Norfolk
11-Apr-23				Richmond	Richmond
8-Feb-24	8-Feb-24			Norfolk	Norfolk
6-May-26	6-May-26			Thomas Nelson, Jr. (originally Peninsula)	Newport News
27-Mar-30	27-Mar-30		c1948	Nathaniel Bacon #4	Suffolk
4-Feb-39	4-Feb-39			Thomas Jefferson	Charlottesville
22-Feb-40			c1951	General George Washington	Alexandria
19-Mar-48	19-Mar-48			Lt David Cox	Galax
22-Feb-54				George Mason	Arlington
24-Feb-54		2-Apr-54		George Washington	Alexandria
1954			c1974	Piedmont	Warrenton
7-May-54	7-May-54		31-Dec-08	Lynchburg (changed to Patrick Henry 3 Mar 1984)	Lynchburg
1954			c1957	Shenendoah	Luray
1954			c1959	George Wythe	Wytheville
15-Aug-58				Colonel George Waller	Martinsville
1957			c1966	Roanoke	Roanoke
16-Sep-60	16-Sep-60		c1964	President James Monroe	Leesburg
17-Jun-63		17-Jun-63	c1967	General Daniel Morgan	Winchester
15-Apr-69				Williamsburg	Williamsburg
15-Nov-69				Fincastle Resolutions	Roanoke
c1969			c1993	Hicksford	Emporia
20-Sep-74	16-Sep-74	20-Sep-74		Culpeper Minutemen	Culpeper
22-Sep-75		22-Sep-75	c1994	Augusta Declarations	Waynesboro
8-May-76				Richard Henry Lee	White Stone
29-May-76			c1994	George Washington Cleek	Warm Springs
17-Feb-78				Rockbridge Volunteers	Lexington
25-Oct-79				Fairfax Resolves	Fairfax
c1981			c1994	Front Royal (Changed to Gen Joseph Warren)	Front Royal
c1981			c1993	William Grayson	Manassas
c1981			1995-6	General Hugh Mercer	Fredericksburg
c1981				James Monroe	Warsaw
23-Nov-87		23-Nov-87		Fort Harrison	Harrisonburg
17-Feb-90				General William Campbell	Abingdon
18-Nov-93				Dan River Chapter	Danville
c1998			?	Sgt-Major John Champe (active in 2008)	Leesburg
30-Apr-98				New River Valley	Blacksburg
18-Sep-98		18-Sep-98		Colonel Fielding Lewis	Fredericksburg
July 2001				Clinch Mountain Militia	Tazwell
c2003				Overmountainmen	Gate City
14-Feb-04				Martin's Station	Ewing
2-Aug-06	2-Aug-06			General Daniel Morgan	Staunton
5-May-07		5-May-07		Colonel William Grayson	Manassas
14-Sep-07		14-Sep-07		Colonel James Wood II	Winchester
c2008			c2008	Captain Philip Slaughter (failed to start)	Woodbridge
27-Aug-17				Rappahannock	Middle Peninsula
24-Jun-18	24-Jun-18			Nansemond Indian Patriots	Suffolk

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Our September 2020 meeting will be via on-line ZOOM.
Check your Email just before the 12th for the link.
Hopefully we will resume with our normal gathering in October.

NOTICE

Compatriots,

I will be sending our latest updated SAR Roster out after the 1ST of September.

2 amendments have been done following your August input.

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 Chapter's roster up to date.

Dave Westenberger

Editor / WEB

SAR GIFTS AND FASHIONABLE APPAREL



0695CAAH

CAAH WHITE TWILL CAP

\$6.50



0695S

SAR ROYAL BLUE TWILL CAP

\$20.00



0695NEW

SAR NAVY TWILL CAP

\$20.00



0695red

Red SAR Cap

\$23.00



0684BWT-L

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

SAR apparel is available on the National SAR WEB site:

<https://store.sar.org/storefront.aspx>



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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.

Personal Name Badge link is:

[https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=personalized%20name%20badge%20\(name%20tag%20\)](https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=personalized%20name%20badge%20(name%20tag%20))