



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

It was so good to see 45 members and guests at our June 12 luncheon at the Colonial Heritage Club. I encourage you to attend the upcoming in-person July 10 meeting again at Colonial Heritage. To ensure the safety of all members and to meet current guidelines, the following ground rules will be in effect:

1. Colonial Heritage does not require masks **if you have been vaccinated**. If not, members must be masked when entering and exiting the facility and until the meal is served.
2. A maximum of six members will be seated at a table that normally holds 10.
3. All servers will be masked.
4. Members must RSVP and pay by check in advance. Payment at the door will not be allowed.
5. There is no longer a meeting attendance limit.

We hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy a fine meal, get reacquainted with your fellow compatriots and listen to our fine speaker, Bill Williamson who will be speaking on The Old Guard. Please send in your RSVP and check promptly. Details follow in the newsletter.

Highlights of chapter activities this past month include Youth Brochure award presentations to the Walsingham 6th and 7th grades on June 1st and 10th respectively. Our chapter winner was 7th grader Gabriella Digges. Her entry on the topic of the Federalist Papers was submitted to the VASSAR state contest this spring. Gabriella's entry won the VASSAR Youth Brochure contest 1st place award and will be submitted to the national level Brochure contest. In addition to having a state winner, the contest means that ~ 75 Walsingham students gained a much better understanding of the American Revolution. John Lynch represented the chapter on June 5 in a wreath presentation commemorating General Wayne's crossing of the Potomac near Leesburg, Va. On June 19, I represented the chapter at a patriot grave marking ceremony for Daniel Morgan and Philip Bush in Winchester, Va.

Hopefully you were able to attend one or both of our events on June 26, the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary and the 245th Anniversary of Patrick Henry's election as Governor of Virginia. Many VASSAR chapters attended as evidenced by the pictures in this newsletter. Thanks to all members who supported these events.

Upcoming local events include our 36th annual July 4 Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish Episcopal Church, the Benjamin Harrison grave marking at Berkeley Plantation on July 5 and the Battle of Green Spring at the Church on the Main on July 6. Details are in this newsletter

Please take the opportunity to participate and support the many chapter activities offered.

Roger W Cross



Calendar

Monday Jun 28, 2021

10:00 BOM meeting
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Sunday Jul 4, 2021

Independence Day Celebration
1:30 PM Bruton Parrish Church
Colonial Williamsburg

Monday Jul 5, 2021

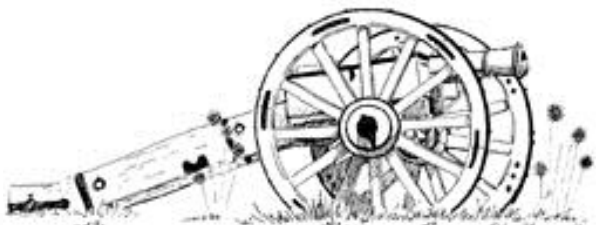
Patriot Grave Marking
Benjamin Harrison
11 AM Berkeley Plantation
Charles City County

Tuesday Jul 6, 2021

Battle of Green Spring
10 AM Church on the Main
Williamsburg VA

Saturday Jul 10, 2021

11:30 Social gathering
12:00 Chapter meeting
Colonial Heritage CC
(reservation on last page)



Chapter News



President Roger Cross presenting an NSSAR Membership certificate to John Stuckey Jr.



President Roger Cross presenting an NSSAR Supplemental Ancestor certificate to Steve Perger.



President Roger Cross presenting a guest speaker Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Ed Ayers, Historian at the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation,

Recent Notable Events



MEMORIAL DAY



"In Flanders Fields"

by John McCrae, May 1915

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



John McCrae, a Canadian soldier and physician, witnessed the war first hand and was inspired to write the now-famous poem "In Flanders Fields" in 1915. He saw the poppies scattered throughout the battlefield surrounding his artillery position in Belgium.

The 285th Anniversary of Patrick Henry's Birthday at Red Hill in Brookneal, Va.



Bill Greaf, VASSAR 3rd VP with National colors.



President Roger Cross III presented our wreath..

Battle of Spencer's Ordinary Freedom Park Williamsburg



Presenting 15 wreaths at Spencer's Ordinary battlefield. Led by VPres. Steve McGuffin

Patrick Henry Day Williamsburg, Virginia



Patrick Henry Addressing Congress



Williamsburg SAR in attendance
PHOTOS BY HARLEY STEWART



Jeff Thomas VASSAR President



Retiring the Colors led by VASSAR Color Guard Kenneth Bonner

Brochure Contest Awards, Walsingham on June 10TH

Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Brochure Contest winners for the current year contest are from Walsingham Academy. This year a separate contest was held for both the 6th and 7th grade students. Each grade has a 1st and 2nd place winner as well as an overall winner. The local chapter winners will receive a certificate and a cash award. The winners are:



6th grade 1st place winner Arianna Z. Kokolis
2nd place winner Ashby J. Singley



7th grade
President Roger Cross presenting a
Certificate of Appreciation and a \$25 check
to Kiki Manion, 2nd place winner,



President Roger Cross presenting three awards to
Gabriella Digges.

A Certificate of Appreciation and a \$25 check for 1st
Place winner in the Chapter's Brochure Contest
A Good Citizenship Certificate and a \$50 check as
overall winner for Grades 6 and 7.

A \$250 check from VASSAR* as the winner of the
Statewide VASSAR Brochure Contest

The VASSAR brochure chairman said that he has seen very few brochure submittals on the theme, the Federalist Papers, and that hers was definitely the best that he had seen.

Past President Harley Stewart reporting

A special congratulations to Gabriella M. Digges for her selection as the state level VASSAR winner. She will now be entered in the National Society SAR contest.

Congratulations to all of the winners, and Good Luck to Gabriella at the national level.

Paul Huchko, NSSAR Youth Contests and Awards



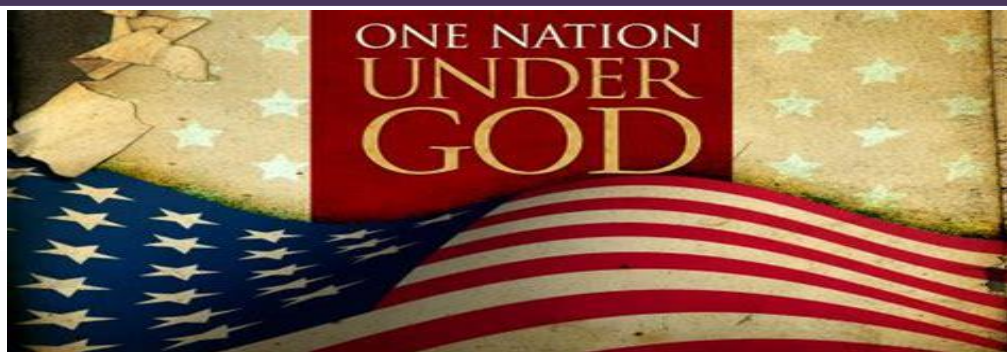
Thirty-Sixth Annual Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving Plan Now to Attend

The Williamsburg Chapter's Thirty-Sixth Annual Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving will take place at Bruton Parish Church on Sunday, July 4, 2021 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Services at Bruton have returned to normal. There is no limit on the number of attendees, MASKS ARE OPTIONAL especially for those fully vaccinated, and singing is permissible. Hymn books have not been returned to the pews so we will include an insert with the words to the hymns.

Patrick Henry will be speaking.

Your SAR Officers and Board look forward to welcoming in person compatriots and guests to this service which had to be conducted virtually last year.





Eagle scout recognition certificates of the NSSAR and scholarship application packages of our chapter were presented to ten scouts of Troop 103 at United Methodist Church at two Courts of Honor on June 12. These photos are from the first group of six scouts with Harley Stewart, chairman of Eagle Scout Recognitions and Scholarships. The Troop 103 Courts of Honor are impressive, very well done, and take almost two hours to complete.

Harley



General George Washington on August 20th, 1776 issued instructions detailing the use of cockades. This was early in the war when the rebellious colonists' main army was basically made up of militias, still in civilian attire. On July 19th, 1780, adjuncts were issued orders for officers recommending that they acquire white and black cockades; a black back ground with white relief, emblematic of the expected union of the French and American army.



In 18th century military society, hats were deemed of vast importance in a soldiers' dress and the cockade was an extension of that. As the war progressed and the Continental Army took on a more professional look, at least with officers' dress, Washington demanded that officers attend to their uniform in meticulous detail. He particularly emphasized this standard whenever a commander was in the presence of his men. He believed that, if an officer were to garnish respect and devotion from his men, then he must present himself as one worthy of receiving such approbation.

Guest speaker for July



Mr. Bill Williamson



Topic The Old Guard 3RD US Infantry Regiment



The Presentation will be two-fold. Initially it will summarize the history of the oldest active duty infantry regiment in the United States Army. The 3rd US Infantry Regiment was formed in 1784 and has since then participated in all of the major conflicts that the United States has been involved in.

The second aspect of the Presentation will focus on the role The Old Guard was assigned to in 1948 and has continued since then as the US Army's Ceremonial Unit and the Official Escort to the President. It conducts ceremonies and special events honoring visiting dignitaries from other nations. It also conducts memorial activities to honor our fallen comrades and our country's leadership. On order, it will conduct contingency operations to provide a military response force in the National Capital Region.



Research conducted by the National Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. notes the story of Betsy Ross making the first American flag for General George Washington.



The Williamsburg chapter, VASSAR, presented a NSSAR Flag Recognition certificate to the Williamsburg Fire Department on 10 May 2021. In the photo is George Corbett, Chair of the chapter flag recognition committee, presenting the certificate to Williamsburg Fire Chief, David Eagle.

Photo by Karen Corbett.

Registrar's Corner

DID YOU KNOW? In the 18th century dragoons replaced the previously utilized cavalry. They were regarded as medium cavalry and typically dismounted to engage in battle versus cavalry who would fight on horseback. The term "dragoon" came from the nickname for their typical weapon, the carbine or short musket, called "the dragon," which referred to the fire that emits from the gun when fired. In the United States there were four regiments of light dragoons that fought in the Revolutionary War. We have a compatriot, George Corbett, whose patriot ancestor served as a dragoon.

We recently had two new members, Tom Rees and Paul Pyle, approved who will be inducted at our July meeting. Also, Robert Haas had a supplemental application approved. We currently have five new member applications and a memorial application in the Louisville pipeline.

Hunt Berryman Registrar

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"Call for Board Positions"



**WE NEED
YOU**

The saying, "It Takes A Village", can apply to our Chapter. The Board of Managers keeps the Chapter running. Without it there would be no speakers, luncheons, etc. It is now time to start thinking about Board membership for 2022. We will have multiple vacancies as members' terms expire. Having been on the board in various positions for over seven years, I can honestly say that it has been a great way to not only learn more about our Society but also make friends throughout the state and Mid-Atlantic region. If you have questions about the various duties or time requirements or are interested give me a call (631) 219-6616 or email hsaprof@gmail.com

Past President William Greaf

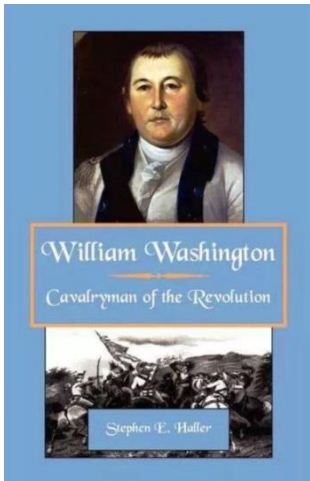
The History Channel

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Book of the month

“William Washington
Cavalryman of the Revolution”

Author: Stephen E. Haller



Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.
One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5

The story of the Revolutionary War in the Carolinas has been incomplete without a biography of Lieutenant Colonel William Washington, cousin of George Washington. William Washington was one of a small, loyal cadre of key field officers who served with distinction in the Continental Army through almost the entire War, until his capture at Eutaw Springs, South Carolina in September 1781. He was born in Stafford County, Virginia to one of Virginia's elite families. William Washington was among the first group of Virginia youth to answer the call to arms helping form a Stafford militia company in the summer of 1775. He later was commissioned as a Captain in command of an infantry company in the 3rd Virginia Infantry Regiment of the Continental Army. Washington distinguished himself as an infantry officer at Trenton (1776), but transferred to the Continental Light Dragoons and served in the Middle states (1777-1779). He is best remembered as a cavalry commander in the South (1780-1781), where he fought in all major battles of General Nathanael Greene's campaign to drive the British from the Carolinas. So valuable were his contributions to the Southern Campaign, that Greene referred to Washington as his "arm."

Washington was a gallant battlefield commander who personally led his men into battle. His courage and tactical sense glittered at Rugeley's Farm and Hammond Stores and at his decisive charges at Cowpens and Guilford Court House. His impetuous drive to bring an action to conclusion also caused him trouble at Hobkirk's Hill and Eutaw Springs (where he was wounded and captured).

A chronology of Washington's life (including his romance with Jane Elliott and his political career after war), a comprehensive bibliography, several illustrations and maps, and a full name index round out this story-an exciting complement to the biographies of Washington's contemporaries such as Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee and Francis "Swamp Fox" Marion.

My personal review of the book: The book is very well written and interesting from beginning to end. One of the things I like about the book is the attention given to the War in the Carolinas which is very helpful to understanding what happened during the Southern campaign and why the eventual American success played such an important part in our winning of the Revolutionary War. I personally own this book and highly recommend it to all our members.

An interesting note about the Author: The author, Stephen E. Haller, was previously the manager of Archives and Records for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in 2001 when he wrote the book but now lives in Mississippi where he retired.

From the Chaplain

Jim Morford

Let us keep America Beautiful

It was in the summer of 1893 when Katherine Lee Bates a teacher of English at Colorado College in Colorado Springs jotted down in a notebook the first draft of a poem that was to be titled “America the Beautiful”. She later recalled that: One day some of the other teachers and I decided to go on a trip to 14,000-foot Pikes Peak. We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse.

The poem was combined with music composed by church organist Samuel A. Ward in 1910 and since has become what some refer to as our second national anthem.

The poem is an inspired prayer that our great nation may be blessed by God. In it we ask that God’s grace crown our good works from sea to shining sea. And recognizing that we fall short, we ask that He forgive our ever flaw.

Using Katherine Lee Bates magnificent words, let us pray for our nation



*O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life.*

*America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine.*

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!*

*America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.*

*America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

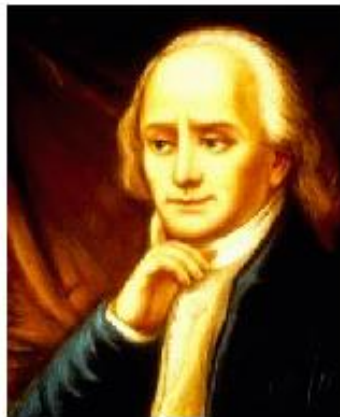
*America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.*



Virginia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

Virginia Signers of the Declaration of Independence Special Grave Marking Ceremonies



Francis Lightfoot Lee



Benjamin Harrison V

Francis Lightfoot Lee

Saturday, July 3, 2021, 11:00am

Mount Airy Farm, 361 Millpond Rd, Warsaw, VA

To register: email Charles Belfield at belmo54@yahoo.com by June 27th

Benjamin Harrison V

Monday, July 5, 2021, 11:00am

Berkeley Plantation, 12602 Harrison Landing Rd,
Charles City, VA

To Register: email Bill Greaf at hsaprof@gmail.com by June 27th

Williamsburg 2021 Chapter Officers



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July 10TH Chapter meeting at Colonial Heritage Club
 6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg
Social at 11:30 Meeting at 12:00
RSVPs and checks must be received by Monday, July 5TH.

Reservation for the Saturday July 10TH . 2021 Luncheon Meeting

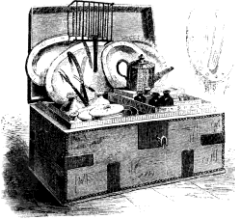

Name(s) _____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$21.00

Special need _____

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SAR GIFTS AND FASHIONABLE APPAREL



SAR apparel is available at (502) 589-1779 or on the National SAR WEB site at:

<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))