

# THE GUNNERY NEWS

Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter Fredericksburg, VA

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## Important Chapter Events:

14 August. Grave Marking for John Wallace, Liberty Hall Estates

17 September. CFL Chapter Meeting, FXBG Country Club – Charles Belfield, Northern Neck History

12 November. CFL Chapter Meeting, FXBG Country Club – Mike Lyman, Revolutionary Patriots of Virginia

17 December. President's Christmas Social







Compatriots John Hamilton (above second from right) and the William Grayson Chapter Color Guard supported the retirement ceremony for fellow CFL Compatriot Jerad Myers, Master Sgtretired. During the ceremony, CFL Chapter Secretary Brian Madigan presented Compatriot Mvers with the National Society's War Medal with Southwest Asia device.

## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW WEBPAGE?!?!?! https://cflvirginia-sar.org

The new webpage features the latest News, a Media Gallery, Genealogy and Historical Resources, Events Calendar, and a Members Area. You can subscribe to the News for delivery to your email and sign up for access to the Members Area! Check on it soon!!

Editors Note: After a ten-year absence, the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter's GUNNERY NEWS is making its comeback. In this edition, you'll find news of the Chapter's recognition of Patriot William Waller, a corporal of the Falmouth Militia and member of a prominent family in Stafford County. We'll also officially hail the addition of several new Compatriots, provide insights to the direction of the Virginia Society, and upcoming events within both the Chapter and State Society. If you have something noteworthy, please consider sending it to the Chapter Historian at historian@cflvirginia-sar.org for inclusion in the

November Newsletter!!!









CFL Treasurer Steve Smith, CFL Law Enforcement and Safety Committee Chair John Carberry, CFL Compatriot and Virginia SAR Ast. Sec./Treasurer Wayne Rouse, CFL President Jim Wachter, CFL Compatriot Paul Cox, and CFL Registrar Seth Roderick attend the Virginia SAR Annual Meeting at Richmond, VA.

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society perpetuating the ideals of the war for independence. As a historical, educational, and patriotic, non-profit corporation, we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of 'e pluribus unum' that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.

### PRESIDENT'S CALL

Fellow Compatriots, summer is approaching and we all look forward to the warm weather, cookouts with friends and family, and celebrating the freedoms and liberties for which our Patriots fought so hard. I encourage everyone to look into the events being offered by the Virginia Society all across the Commonwealth and that are listed in later pages of this newsletter to attend. The Officers are working diligently to find easier ways for all of you to support your communities and which can be reported to us and accounted for in the Americanism Report. We are also looking for individuals interested in joining the Virginia SAR Color Guard, supporting or becoming Committee Chairmen, and helping us develop a plan for a pinnacle annual event. For those interested in period appropriate attire, we are investigating several vendors in an effort to contain the costs associated. For brevity, I'll conclude with enjoy the summer and I really look forward to seeing each of you at one of the upcoming events!

## William Waller Grave Marking



CFL Historian Seth Roderick and President Jim Wachter unveil the SAR Grave Marker

The COL Fielding Lewis Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) hosted a ceremony to dedicate an SAR Grave marking for Corporal William Waller of the Falmouth Militia. According to Army LTC(r) Gregory Ormand Bodge of the George Washington Chapter of Virginia SAR:

"William Waller (1740-1817) was the son of Edward Waller (1703-1753) and Ann Tandy (c.1721-1748) of Essex Co., Virginia and, later, of Concord, Stafford County. William resided at Concord on the south side of Aquia Creek. He and many of his family are buried there. William was married three times: first to Elizabeth Allen (1746-1768); secondly to Margaret Waller (1744-1772) of nearby Spring Hill; thirdly to Ursula Withers (1750-1815) who died in an epidemic. William was Assistant Tobacco Inspector at the Aquia Warehouse in 1777. He seems to have been an inspector in 1780 and definitely was one in 1786. He may have worked at the Aquia Warehouse other years, as well. In 1797 William was an ensign in the 45th regiment of Virginia militia. This may be the same William Waller who, during the Revolution, served as a drummer, fifer, and wagoner."

Compatriot John Hamilton and Members of Scout BSA Troops 21 and 1777





CFL Chapter Members honoring Cpl William Waller at Concord in Stafford County, Virginia.

CPL Waller is interred on the family property, known as Concord, at Concord Cemetery in Stafford, Virginia. The original home remains on this property. The Waller family acquired the 700 acre Concord property in 1665, ultimately passed to William Waller's grandfather from the area of Tappahannock, Virginia. From this property, the Waller's assisted with the operation of a port at Aquia Creek where the family operated a sandstone exportation business. By the time of the Revolution, the Wallers had expanded their operations to supporting the Washington's Iron Furnace, Accokeek Iron Works (Furnace), and tall ship building. Waller's sons and a nephew were contracted to haul sandstone from Government Island to the White House and the East Portico of the U.S. Capitol.



Ladies of the Washington-Lewis Chapter, Virginia DAR Recognizing Cpl Waller

Watch the event on YouTube at: https://youtu.be/GYcR6WCMnwU You can also read about it at https://cflvirginia-sar.org in the News Section

## **COMPATRIOT SHORTS**

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



John Beranek was inducted to the CFL Chapter on 15 January 2022. Compatriot Beranek's Patriot Ancestor was 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New York Militia Pvt Solomon Millard.



John Carberry, pictured with wife and son, was inducted to the CFL Chapter on 12 March 2022. Compatriot Carberry's Patriot Ancestor was Surry County, North Carolina Militia veteran Alexander West.



Bill Tugman, pictured with wife and daughter, was inducted to the CFL Chapter on 12 March 2022. Compatriot Tugman's Patriot Ancestor was 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Westchester, New York Militia veteran Amos Jump.





16 Feb. During a social gathering at Casey's of Fredericksburg, Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter President Jim Wachter presented CFL Chapter Registrar Seth Roderick with his official certificate as a Recognized Colonel of the State of Kentucky.



22 Apr. CFL Chapter Historian Jerad Myers retired after 24 years' service in the United States Army and United States Coast Guard during a ceremony at the Museum of the US Army. CFL Color Guard Representative John Hamilton provided Color Guard support along with the Col. William Grayson Color Guard.

Do you have a life-event you'd like to celebrate with your fellow Compatriots?
Send a short description of the event along with a photo or two to historian@cflvirginia-sar.org







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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### JUNE

5 June: Virginia SAR History Trivia Night @ Zoom (https://virginia-sar.org/vassarpress22/?page\_id=404)

11 June: COL William Preston Memorial Dedication@ 57 S

Center Dr, Daleville, VA (VA SAR event)

14 June: FLAG DAY

15 June: CFL Social at Casey's of Fredericksburg (CFL)

17 June: Col James Woods Commemoration of Joseph

Warrent @ Front Royal

18 June: Col James Woods Commemoration of Daniel

Morgan @ Winchester

18 June: SGM Champe 248th Commemoration of the

Loudon Resolves @ Leesburg (VA SAR event)

26 June: 245th Commemoration of Spencer's Ordinary (VA

SAR event)

#### JULY

1 July: March to the Tomb @ Mount Vernon

20 July: CFL Social at Casey's of Fredericksburg

#### **AUGUST**

5-6 August: Atlantic Middle States Meeting @ Princeton Marriott at Forrestal., 100 College Rd E, Princeton, NJ

14 August: CFL Grave Dedication of John Wallace @ Liberty Hall Estates

17 August: CFL Social at Casey's of Fredericksburg

#### **SEPTEMBER**

1 September: Abingdon Muster @ Abingdon Muster Grounds (VA SAR event)

https://www.nps.gov/ovvi/learn/historyculture/abingdon-muster-grounds.htm

16 – 17 September: Virginia SAR Semi-annual Meeting @ Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel and Suites (VA SAR event)

17 September: CFL Chapter Meeting @ FXBG Country Club

21 September: CFL Social at Casey's of Fredericksburg

#### **OCTOBER**

1 October: Culpepper Muster Day @ Culpepper

19 October: CFL Social at Casey's of Fredericksburg

#### **NOVEMBER**

11 November: VETERANS DAY

12 November: CFL Chapter Meeting @ FXBG Country Club

<u>Editor's Note:</u> Some events are based off best available information from the Virginia SAR Calendar. Be sure to check <a href="https://virginia-sar.org">https://virginia-sar.org</a> to confirms dates and times.

## NSSAR America 250 Program

Are you ready to celebrate 250 years of Independence? The National Society is too and to commemorate the events, they have created the America 250 Programs. Learn more about how the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, Virginia Society, and National Society will celebrate our liberty by going to:

https://america250sar.org/

## JROTC Cadet Awards

CFL Chapter Awards Committee Chair and Historian took time to recognize several high school students for excellence in service to their community and school in the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps.



CFL Historian Jerad Myers presents Marine JROTC Cadet/2 Lieutenant Michael Tanguay

The following outstanding cadets were recognized: Mountain View (Marines): C/2LT Michael Tanguay North Stafford (Air Force): C/Master Sgt Jesse Duvall Colonial Forge (Army): C/Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Alexander

Marchant

Massaponax (Army): Langston Jacobs

Spottsylvania (Army): Christopher Jaderborg

# Event Attendance & Donation Reporting Form

Are you active in your community or participating in Veterans Service Organizations? Your service and donations can be recognized by the Chapter and State Society! Unfortunately we've lacked a mechanism to report your activities.

The chapter website now features a web form that automatically notifies this editor and web master!

Simply navigate to

https://cflvirginia-sar.org/event-and-donatio n-reporting-form/

And fill out the blocks to the absolute best of your ability. From there, your inputs will be reported to the Chapter's officers and where appropriate to the State Society. You're working hard to help your community, just like your Patriot ancestor, you deserve recognition for it. If you cannot access the form and prefer a document, notify the editor at historian@cflvirginia-sar.org.