



# 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,

We are in the middle of summer and one of our busiest times of the year. By the time you read this we will have conducted our commemoration of the Battle of Spencers Ordinary.

July 4 will be our 34<sup>th</sup> Independence Day church service. This year it will be held at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Richmond Road. The service begins at 9:00. With the students being away for the summer, parking should be available behind the Church. Following the service, the chapter will lay a wreath at the July 4 DAR program at Berkeley Plantation. The time is noon. Instead of a potluck lunch this year, there will be a gathering at Cul's Courthouse Grill. You should have received the necessary reservation forms by now. July 6 is the commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring. Everyone is encouraged to attend one or more of these events.

Just a reminder that several years ago we decided to have eleven meetings each year. Thus, we have an August meeting so be sure to put that on your calendar for August 10.

It is not too soon to begin thinking about 2020. If you are interested in serving the chapter as an officer, member of the Board of Managers, committee chair or member, please let myself or Harley Stewart know of your interest.

As always, I want to remind you that this is your chapter and as you have ideas and/or suggestions about it please let myself or a Board member know.



Bill



# Calendar

Thursday July 4

9:00 am CW/SAR/DAR  
Independence Day Celebration  
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church  
(215 Richmond Road)  
Followed by  
Berkeley Plantation

Saturday July 6

9:00 am Battle of Green Springs  
Commemoration  
"Church on the Main"  
4692 Sir Gilbert Loop (pg 6)

Monday July 8

10:00 am Board Meeting  
Williamsburg Library

Saturday July 13

11:30 am Chapter Luncheon  
Colonial Heritage Country Club



Photos by Harley Stewart

## Chapter News

### June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting



Compatriot Tim Cordle with his wife Terri being presented his SAR membership certificate by Vice President Jay Smith.

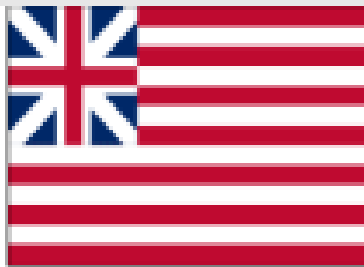


Vice President Jay Smith and Registrar Ron Losec presenting Compatriot Paul Huchko with a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate.



Vice President Jay Smith presented Certificates of Appreciation to Rachel Moore and Tabitha Broyles for their Teacher Institute presentation at our June 8<sup>TH</sup> meeting.

Robert Halpern, Flag Committee Chairman for the Richmond Chapter, VASSAR and George Corbett, Flag Committee Chairman for the Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR at the 14 June 2019 Flag Day ceremony hosted by the 2nd District of the NSDAR. KJ Proctor-Corbett is the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Flag Committee Chairwoman. Robert and George assisted the ladies with the ceremony.



1776-1777  
the Grand Union Flag



# Spencers Ordinary Wednesday June 26



## Wreath Laying

Bill Greaf, President Williamsburg Chapter SAR

Celia Adolphi, Regent, Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR

Linda West, Senior President, George Wythe Chapter of CAR

Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter SAR

## REGISTRARS CORNER

"Thanks, Dad." Whether you hear those words immediately or 30-40 years from now, you'll know that your son appreciates the SAR membership you gave him. We Chapter members devote much time, energy and resources to promote patriotism and the founding of our wonderful nation. We commit ourselves when we say the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. We're trying to reignite American history in our schools. Why not bring your sons and grandsons on board? Application process is simple and fast. Contact [Valosec@aol.com](mailto:Valosec@aol.com) for information.

Ron

Losec

## **New Member Orientation**

At the June meeting, the Board of Managers of SAR approved new procedures for the orientation of new members of the Williamsburg Chapter. They created a new committee chair: the New Members Coordinator and appointed Dick Durst to fill that position initially.

The New Member orientation period will be about 6 months, depending upon our SAR meeting/luncheon schedule.

After a new member application to SAR is approved, the Registrar will send contact information to the New Member Coordinator. The Coordinator will send a welcome letter to the person outlining the Orientation process for the upcoming months.

The New Member will be invited to a lunch with the President (or his designate) and the New Member Coordinator. At that meeting, we'll go through the important points in the Guide for SAR New Members (the BOM approved minor changes to that document which is maintained by the Registrar).

Those luncheons will be scheduled approximately four times a year, when we have an appropriate cadre of new members to introduce to SAR.

The New Member Coordinator will be the contact for the new inductee, if they have questions about the organizational structure, membership, meetings, etc.

At the monthly SAR luncheon meetings, we will set aside a table for new members, to be hosted by the New Member Coordinator and one other Board member (rotating), with name tags at each place. That way, new members meet other new members, AND Board members and we get to know them a bit. These new members will be invited to the New Member table for the first six months of their membership in SAR, then they will "graduate" to sit at tables with the other members. The Board of Managers reiterated that it is incumbent upon all of us to welcome new members to SAR at these luncheon meetings. Please stop by the New Members table and introduced yourself.

Dick Durst



# UPCOMING EVENTS

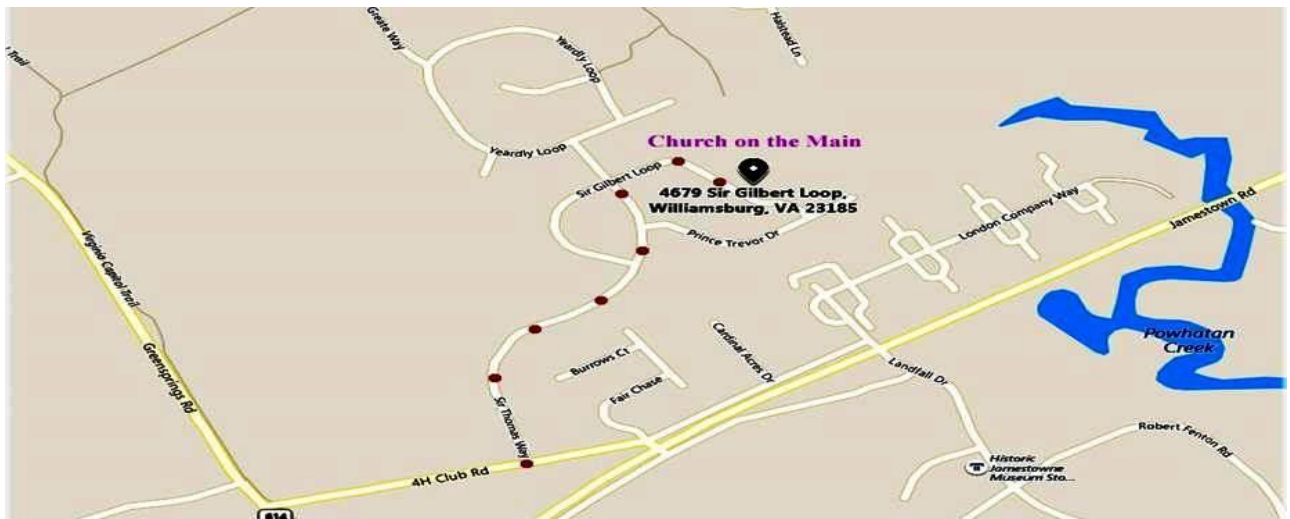
## Williamsburg Chapter SAR to Host 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving July 4 at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

SAR's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving will be held on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, located at 215 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, across from the College of William & Mary. In addition to parking on Richmond Road, guests may park in the lot directly behind the church.

The Rev'd Charles (Chuck) Mullaly will officiate and offer the homily. Compatriots, friends and neighbors are invited to this service which is open to the public.

Continuing work on the installation of a new pipe organ at Bruton Parish Church requires a change of location for this year's service. We are grateful to the Williamsburg Presbyterian church and Rev'd John Morgan for extending gracious hospitality to our Chapter for this Independence Day tradition.

The Williamsburg Chapter SAR will commemorate the **Battle of Green Spring** on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 9 am at the Church on the Main, 4692 Sir Gilbert Loop, Williamsburg, Va. GPS directions to this address may not be accurate so you are encouraged to use the attached map.



This battle was the last major battle of the Virginia Campaign prior to the Siege of Yorktown and involved the ambush of Brigadier General "Mad" Anthony Wayne's forces by the British army of Earl Charles Cornwallis.

# Williamsburg Chapter SAR Board Meeting June 3, 2019 Chaplain's Report

As Board members know, this year's SAR Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving will not be held at Bruton Parish Church as has been the tradition. The work being done to install a new pipe organ has made it necessary for us to seek an alternate location.

Rev. John Morgan and the officers of the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church have graciously made their facilities available to us. The church is located at 215 Richmond Rd., across from the College of William & Mary. In addition to parking on Richmond Road, guests may park in the lot directly behind the church.

As neither of their ministers is available on July 4 to participate in the service, the Rev'd Charles (Chuck) Mullaly, a retired Episcopal priest and member of Bruton Parish Church has accepted our invitation to deliver the homily. Mrs. Rebeca Davy, Music Director at Bruton will serve as organist.

I am currently recruiting ushers, first inviting those who served last year.

This being my initial year as your chaplain, I especially want to thank Bill Greaf for his guidance as well as Harley Stewart for both his guidance and his help in securing the Presbyterian Church.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving will follow the same order of worship as in the past.

The service is open to the public and compatriots are urged to invite friends and neighbors to join them.

Jim Morford



# JULY GUEST SPEAKER

## Norman Fuss

The Williamsburg Magazine raid of 1775

Norman Fuss is an avocational researcher, historian and living history interpreter who, for the past forty five years has focused on the history of the period of the American War for Independence. After retiring from a career as a chemical engineer and management consultant, he moved to Williamsburg, Virginia where, as a Group Educator, he conducts tours of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown and Jamestown Settlement for the Jamestown Yorktown Foundation. A frequent writer and speaker, he has published over fifty articles on a variety of topics related to the Revolutionary War period.

Prelude to Rebellion: Dunmore's Raid on the Williamsburg Magazine  
Presentation to the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution  
July 13, 2019

On April 21, 1775, two days after the "shot heard 'round the world" was fired at the Battle of Lexington/Concord, and long before news of that event could possibly have reached Williamsburg some 600 miles to the south, the following item appeared on page 3 of a special supplement to Purdie's Virginia Gazette.

"This morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, all the gunpowder in the magazine, to the amount, as we hear, of about 20 barrels, was carried off in his Excellency the Governor's wagon, escorted by a detachment of marines from the armed schooner Magdalen, now lying at Burwell's ferry, and lodged on board that vessel."

This action, undertaken at the direction of Virginia's Royal Governor, John Murray, Fourth Earl Dunmore, set alight a fuse that would ignite an escalating series of incidents which would culminate in the expulsion of Royal Authority and the elimination of any organized British influence in Virginia for the next five years.

Most of us know the general outline of this raid. In his presentation Mr. Fuss will offer an in-depth look into a number of little known and often misinterpreted aspects of this critical event our history to give us a fuller understanding, not only of what happened, but how it happened and why it happened as it did.



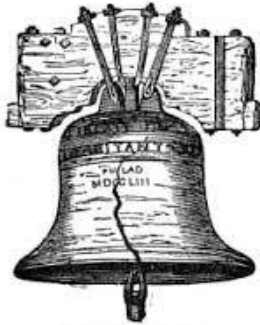
## First Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress voted to approve the Declaration of Independence inside the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall). Four days later, on July 8, 1776, the citizens of Philadelphia were summoned to the State House Yard by the bells of the city. At noon, **Colonel John Nixon** publicly read the Declaration of Independence for the first time. Following the event and continuing long into the night the bells of the city rang in celebration.



He and his men fought at Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, his unit was one of the last to leave the field.

After the battle Nixon was promoted to Colonel of the 6th Massachusetts Regiment. Col. Nixon's regiment was placed into Gen. John Sullivan's brigade and took part in the New York and New Jersey campaigns during 1776.



The video this month is a reading of our Declaration of Independence by Col. John Nixon.

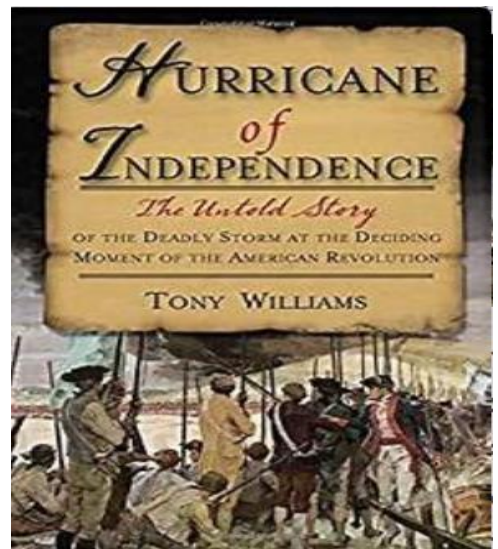
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<https://youtu.be/Mo7bNxRXUf8>

## JULY BOOK RAFFLE

### HURRICANE OF INDEPENDENCE

is The Untold Story of the Deadly Storm at the Deciding Moment of the American Revolution. This is a signed book by the author, Tony Williams. In the writing of this book, Tony brings to life an incredible moment when the forces of nature and the forces of history came together, and about the courageous stories of sacrifice, survival, and strength amidst the fight for freedom.



Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.

One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5.

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Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter  
by **Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

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**Reservation for the Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 Chapter Luncheon**

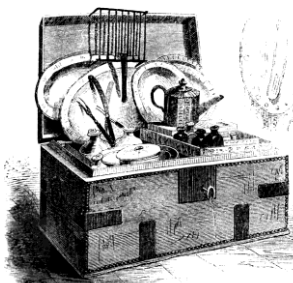
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