



# 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.*

Vol. XXVIII

Number 5

May 2023

## President's Message

### Compatriots

Good news! Our chapter now has a Facebook page for posting our activities. It is called the Williamsburg Chapter – SAR, or you may use this hyper link Williamsburg Chapter-SAR. Compatriot Sean Huevel created this page. This expansion into social media will improve the ability to make people aware of what we are doing to promote the memory of our ancestors and their importance in forming our great nation. I would like to see more postings to our Facebook page, so when you attend any events or participate in any of our chapter's activities, contact Sean about posting photos or stories. He could also use some help with maintaining the page and monitoring content, do not be afraid to volunteer.

I am sure you have seen the email from our Treasurer Gary Dunaway concerning the joint project with the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter concerning the cleanup efforts of the cemetery of two Revolutionary War Soldiers, Cpt William Harwar Parker and Cpt James McIlhany. Gary and John Lynch have done an excellent job in identifying and improving the site. Please support their efforts in this endeavor. I want to thank everyone who has contributed so far. On this subject, please mark your calendars for May 21st, 2023, this is the scheduled date for the Grave marking ceremony. The ceremony will be at 2:00 PM in Hillsboro VA. It would be great if a large contingent of our chapter could show up for this event.

During our last luncheon we had the pleasure of having William Mason, President of the George Wythe Chapter of the CAR. He is the son of our Historian Tatton Mason. William gave a particularly good presentation about what the CAR are doing in Williamsburg. He also made an appeal for donations to help the chapter continue its good works. While at the meeting William became a Junior member of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR.

Please be sure to go to the Virginia Society SAR website and check out the calendar for events and information.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089682241634&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Bruce





# Calendar

**James Monroe's birthday**

**Friday April 28**

11:00-12:00

Hollywood Cemetery  
512 S. Cherry St. Richmond

**Monday May 1, 2023**

7:00 pm BOM meeting  
by ZOOM

**Saturday May 13, 2023**

Chapter Lunch Meeting  
11:30 pm Social  
Colonial Heritage Country Club  
Williamsburg

**Sunday May 21, 2023**

**Patriot Grave marking ceremony**  
At 2:00 PM in Hillsboro VA

**Monday May 29, 2023**

**Memorial Day**

Muster time: 9:00 AM  
Event start time: 10:00 AM.  
In front of the Governor's Palace,  
Colonial Williamsburg.

**Compatriots mending at Patriots Colony**

Jack Lee No phone yet  
6200 Patriots Colony Dr. Suite 20

Ron Losce 757-206-1731 (new)  
5306 Patriots Colony Drive

[Valosce@aol.com](mailto:Valosce@aol.com)

## Chapter News



**President Laubach inducting William Mason into our Chapter**



**James Monroe wreath laying by Gary Dunaway and Ron Adolphi**

## Compatriot Barry Frederick Schwoerer is our May speaker.



Barry was born in 1946 in Calaveras County, California, home of Mark Twain's Story "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras". He holds an Associates Degree in Electronics Technology, a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology (electronics), and a Masters Degree in Communications Engineering. He met his wife of 55 years while in College. They have two sons, Sean and Kevin, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He spent 27 years in the United States Navy flying off of aircraft Carriers in the A-3 Skywarrior and S-3 Viking. He Commanded VS-38 onboard USS Ranger and then was Commanding Officer/Major Program Manager for the Navy Global Positioning System. After Navy, he worked in Industry where he was assigned as Vice President Navy Engineering Services. He retired in 2007.

Barry joined SAR in 2012 using Patriot Salvador Carriaga, a Spanish Colonial Soldier assigned to Presidio San Diego. Salvador paid Donativo, or financial donation, to the Revolutionary Cause. Barry has two additional Patriots from New Hampshire and at least one Patriot waiting for elusive documents to prove lineage. In SAR Barry has served in a number of Committee assignments, as Registrar and as Vice President. Barry is Vice President and Registrar for the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter in Loudoun County, VA. He is active in Color Guard and is qualified as a musket operations instructor. His SAR passion is finding Patriot Graves and participating in Patriot Grave Markings. His two sons are SAR Members and his grandson, Jacob, an active member of SAR and the Reverend John Marks Society C.A.R. His wife, Paula is an active member of a Virginia District VIII DAR Chapter and she accompanies Barry on most SAR events.

Fits nicely in a 6¾ envelope

### Reservation for the Saturday April 8<sup>TH</sup> 2023 Lunch meeting

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$24.00

Special need \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to

**"Williamsburg Chapter SAR"**

Mail to:

**Gary Dunaway – Chapter Treasurer**

**104 Pageland Drive**

**Yorktown, VA 23693**

**(757) 303-3673**

**[ormazd72@gmail.com](mailto:ormazd72@gmail.com)**





# Recent Events



John Hamilton, Chris Melhuish, Gary Dunaway, Dave Cook, Ron Adolphi, Charles Jameson, Ken Morris, Bill Schwetke

## THE CARL F. BESSENT AWARD

To the editor of the most outstanding Chapter newsletter. Multiple sheet

### Our Newsletter Editor

Dave Westenberger is one of the SAR National winners of the Carl F. Bessent award. This is well deserved and our sincere appreciation for the excellent work that he does. Thank you, Dave!!



President Laubach awarding Bronze Roger Sherman medal to Steve Perger for Chapter Historian service

Compatriots,

John Lynch and I have been researching and working toward holding a grave marking ceremony for two Revolutionary War soldiers. Cpt William Harwar Parker and Cpt James McIlhany are buried in the McIlhany Family Cemetery in Loudoun County. To the best of my knowledge, our chapter has never sponsored a patriot grave marking and we're excited about it.

We located the cemetery near Hillsboro and partnered with the Sgt Maj John Champe chapter to survey the badly neglected site. We requested and finally received permission from the landowner to perform some work to make the cemetery presentable for a ceremony.

Compatriot Barry Schwoerer and I spent a couple days working there last week. We cut fallen trees, saplings, and grapevines. We removed briars, weeds, and undergrowth and raked out debris from the confines and perimeter. We restacked fallen stones from the fence.

Basically, we did all the work within our senior capabilities. There remain several large dead/dying trees and limbs that should be removed. We received a reasonable estimate from a local firm to remove those - price \$1260.

So, I am asking for your support in whatever level you feel comfortable with. It's a great project for our chapter to get involved with. The ceremony has been set for Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm. I hope you can make a contribution and also consider making the trip north to attend. There are more details on the Member Clicks calendar.

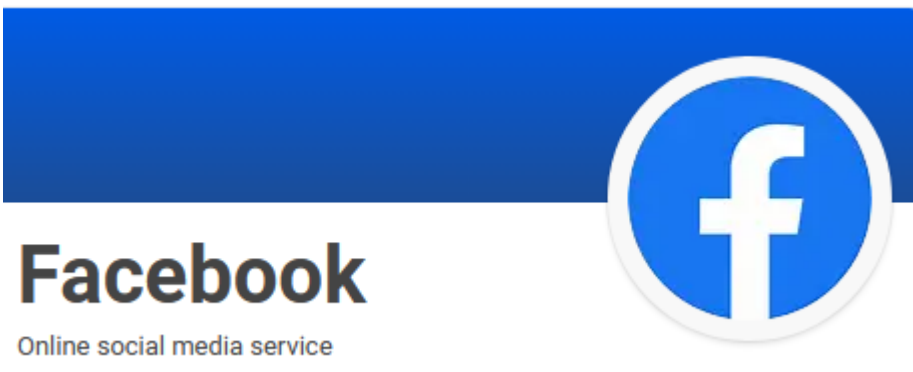
You can send donations via Zelle (instantly) or by check to:

Gary Dunaway  
104 Pageland Drive  
Yorktown, VA 23693



Thank you for your attention and support.

Gary



Compatriot Sean Heuvel Ph.D. has created a Williamsburg Chapter SAR page on Facebook. This should be of great benefit to our chapter by postings letting people know who we are and what we do for our community. Link ↓

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089682241634&mibextid=LQQJ4d>



# Future Events



## James Monroe's birthday celebration

Friday April 28

11:00-12:00

James Monroe's tomb, Hollywood Cemetery  
512 South Cherry St., Richmond, VA.



## Patriots grave marking ceremony

Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>

2 PM

McIlhany Family Cemetery in Hillsboro, Loudoun County Va.



## Memorial Day Commemoration

Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>

Muster at 9 AM

Event at 10 AM

In front of the Governor's Palace  
Colonial Williamsburg



## Spencer's Ordinary 242<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration

Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Freedom Park Williamsburg, VA.



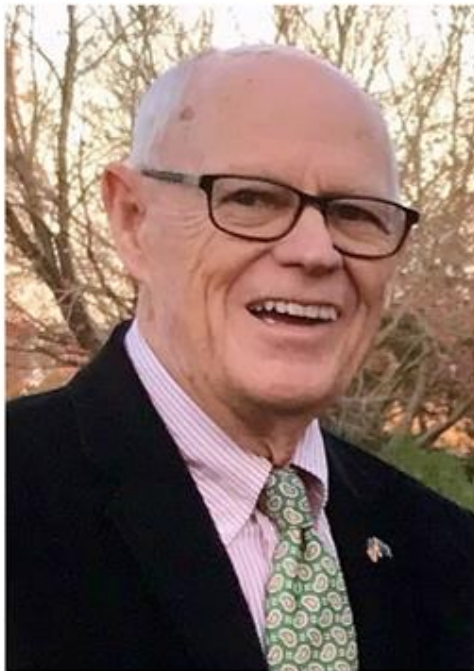
Sons of the American Revolution



# IN MEMORIAM

## *James Lindsay Talley*

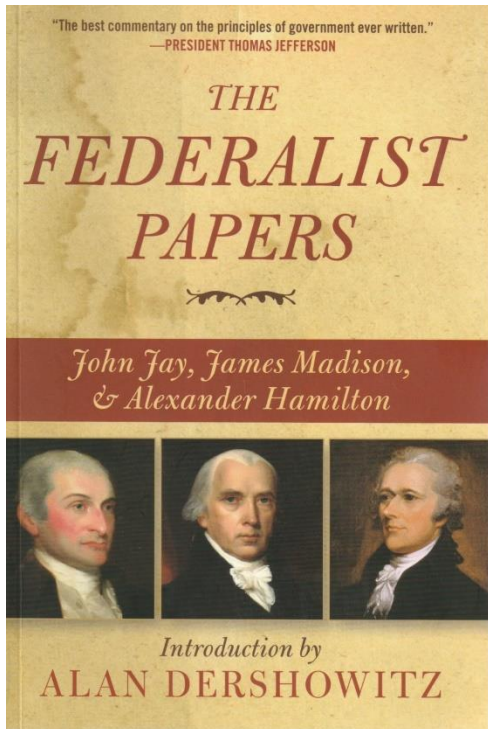
APRIL 22, 1936 - NOVEMBER 4, 2022



Born on 22 April 1936 in Denison, Texas, Jim passed away at his home in Williamsburg, Va., on Friday morning, 4 November 2022 from complications of ALS. In addition to Phyllis, his wife of 56 years, Jim is survived by his daughter Janet, his son Michael, their families, and a large Australian/New Zealand family. Jim, the only child of Lindsay and Myrhl (Eloise) Talley, graduated from Tulane University in June 1958 with a B.Sc. Degree and received his commission into the US Navy at that time. At the Tulane Naval Reserve ROTC review, Jim received the Capt. John S. Sareussen Award for outstanding leadership and executive ability. He was commander of his ROTC unit, Vice President of both his junior and sophomore classes and President of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity chapter. He was listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, and was a proud Son of the American Revolution.

## “Book of the month”

Now introduced by eminent civil libertarian, constitutional scholar, and New York Times bestselling author Alan Dershowitz, *The Federalist Papers* are a must-have for all scholars of history and government and all Americans.



*The Federalist Papers* is a collection of 85 articles and essays written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay to promote the ratification of the Constitution of the United States. The Federalist articles appeared in three New York newspapers: *The Independent Journal*, the *New-York Packet*, and the *Daily Advertiser*, beginning on October 27, 1787. Although written and published with haste, *The Federalist* articles were widely read and greatly influenced the shape of American political institutions. Because the essays were initially published in New York, most of them begin with the same salutation: "To the People of the State of New York".

Widely considered to be among the most important historical collections of all time, *The Federalist Papers* were intended to persuade New York at-large delegates to the Constitutional Convention to accept the newly drafted Constitution in 1787. Authored in parts by Hamilton, Madison, and Jay, together as the pseudonym of Publius, the documents have been referred to and heavily cited countless times in all aspects of American government and politics. Together, the eighty-five Federalist essays stand among the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, *Common Sense*, and other work by the Founding Fathers that helped build and solidify the foundation of American democracy.

With its rich history and a new introduction from Alan Dershowitz, one of the most prominent legal minds in the country, *The Federalist Papers* will educate you on the groundwork that shaped the greatest country in the world.

Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.  
One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5 – See Steve Holm – Sergeant-at-Arms



# Registrar's Corner

## NEW COMPATRIOT



William James Mason was inducted as a junior member at our April meeting. William is the son of compatriot Tatton Mason and is also President of the local Children of the American Revolution chapter. His patriot ancestor is Nathaniel Stoddard, Jr. Congratulations William!

Here are a few "SAR rules of the road" for submitting a supplemental application, which will hopefully save you time and the registrar as well:

- \*Use SAR or DAR record copies for proof of lineage and patriot's service when possible
- \*Data listed on page one must be supported by documents or not listed
- \*Acceptable proof documents include birth, death and marriage certificates, census records, wills, family Bibles, court records, obituaries, tombstones and published books
- \*Documents must be legible, full page and document source provided
- \*Do not provide redundant proof; do not write on documents
- \*Family trees from ancestry or family search are not acceptable proof
- \*Sar.org has support links to help, including the Application Preparation Guide
- \*Current cost for a supplemental application is \$100 to NSSAR, \$12 to VASSAR and \$10 to Williamsburg Chapter SAR

**Hunt Berryman  
Registrar**

**Email:**

**[huntberryman@aol.com](mailto:huntberryman@aol.com)**

## Compatriot Roger Cross III sharing his Patriot

### Patriot Whitaker Campbell

My Patriot, a simple farmer who was 48 at the start of the Revolutionary War, was a recruiter in King and Queen County, Virginia and later provided supplies to the war effort.

Whitaker Campbell was born in King & Queen County, Virginia in 1727. His mother was Ann Whitaker; father is unknown. Public claims records indicate that he contributed support to the revolutionary cause by receipt from King & Queen Co representative Robert Hill, Comr. dated October 25, 1780 for 17 bushels & 2 ½ peck Rye. Another receipt dated March, 1781 is for one beef also signed by Robert Hill, Comr. Whitaker also was a Lieutenant in the King & Queen County militia. He was a recruiter for the county as documented in the Virginia Council Journal 1776-77,

He married Jane Hill (1730-1785) in 1760. I am descended from Alexander Campbell (1774-1829) the fourth child of that marriage. They had a large family with Jane Hill Campbell dying during the birth of their 9th child, Benjamin Campbell on November 27, 1785.

Whitaker Campbell married second, Martha de Shazo in 1786. They had at least 4 children. Whitaker lived the later part of his life at his home, Brewington, in King & Queen Co. He died there in 1814 and is said to be buried on a knoll near the site of the original house, a spot known as Campbell Hill.



All chapter members have put a significant amount of time in researching their Patriot. Adding Patriot biographies to the PRS is a way to honor your ancestors and possibly help other compatriots in their searches. It is also an easy way to support your chapter and only requires writing a paragraph or two about your Patriot. Whether your Patriot signed the Declaration of Independence, wintered at Valley Forge or simply supported the Revolution by providing supplies, all deserve our recognition. I encourage you to take a few minutes and provide your Patriot's biography to Gary Dunaway at [ormazd72@gmail.com](mailto:ormazd72@gmail.com).

Roger Cross



## Flags of the American Revolution



This White Plains Flag, emblazoned with the Liberty cap and staff as well as the sword of Justice, was captured from a New York militia unit in the fall of 1776 by German mercenaries fighting for the English. Although the Germans belittled the American military skills, it is interesting to note that these very same Hessians were forced to surrender to General Washington at the Battles of Princeton and Trenton several months later.

### The White Plains Flag 1776

The Liberty Cap was a tight-fitting hat that became a popular symbol for the fight for independence and freedom. It would often be carried on a staff during a parade or rally, and later became a common feature on early American coins.

---

The Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented a NSSAR Flag Retirement Certificate to the Five Forks Ace Hardware on 18 May 2022. The store participates, along with American Legion Post 1776, in collecting soiled and worn flags for proper retirement. Pictured (L to R) is Bernard, an employee, Ms. Ruby Lee, the Assistant Store Manager and George Corbett, the chapter flag recognition committee chairman. .



Photo by Karen Corbett

## From the Chaplain Jim Morford



Among the indicators of where we are heading as a nation are public opinion polls that track the same questions over many years.

Recent polls confirm that patriotism, religious faith, and other basic American values that help define the national character are receding in importance to Americans.

According to the polls, patriotism (defined as love for or devotion to one's country) continues to decline. Just 38% of U.S. adults say they are "extremely proud" to be American—that is the lowest since Gallup began asking the question in 2001, pre-9/11—at that time 87% claimed to be "extremely" or "very" proud. Pride in the U.S. fell roughly 30% between 2011 and 2022.

Nearly 247 years ago our nation was founded on Christian principles. A recent Wall Street Journal poll found that only 39% think religion is very important. This is down 62% from a poll taken in 1968. Church participation in America has declined more significantly in the past two decades. This trend is mainly driven by the increasing number of Americans, especially younger Americans, who express no religious preference. Today less than half of U.S. adults are members of a church, synagogue, or mosque.

Our democratic republic rests on a foundation of values rooted in the beliefs and visions of our Founding Fathers. They are: Individual Freedom, Self-Reliance, Equality of Opportunity, Competition, The American Dream, and Hard Work. The polls reflect not only a significant decline in the importance of patriotism and religious faith, but also other core values as well.

These declines are not only a cause for concern but also a call to action for those who believe in preserving the greatness of our nation. Much of the responsibility falls to organizations such as SAR, DAR and other patriotic societies. All must redouble their efforts to promote patriotism and core American values as the last best hope for preserving our free and independent nation.



### Pray for Our Nation:

*Heavenly Father, grant us the strength to resist the tides that sweep away the values that made our country the greatest bastion of freedom on earth. Help us to represent and advocate for the principles on which our patriot fore bearers established this nation. By steadfastly holding to the values they endorsed and by proclaiming our faith in the God that guided them in their quest for freedom and independence we will preserve our great nation for this and future generations.*

**AMEN**



# Williamsburg 2023 Chapter Officers



<b>President</b>	Bruce Laubach
<b>Vice-President</b>	John Lynch II
<b>Secretary</b>	Gerry Ward
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gary Dunaway
<b>Registrar</b>	Hunt Berryman
<b>Public Relations</b>	Robert Davis III
<b>Newsletter &amp; WEB</b>	Dave Westenberger
<b>Chaplain</b>	Jim Morford
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Steve Holm
<b>Historian</b>	Tatton Mason
<b>At-Large</b>	Eric Ely
<b>At-Large</b>	Ron Adolphi
<b>Past President</b>	Roger Cross III

[vabelling@msn.com](mailto:vabelling@msn.com)  
[cslasoz@aol.com](mailto:cslasoz@aol.com)  
[Gerry-Ward@outlook.com](mailto:Gerry-Ward@outlook.com)  
[ormazd72@gmail.com](mailto:ormazd72@gmail.com)  
[huntberryman@aol.com](mailto:huntberryman@aol.com)  
[macnider@cox.net](mailto:macnider@cox.net)  
[pal744@cox.net](mailto:pal744@cox.net)  
[Morfordjc@gmail.com](mailto:Morfordjc@gmail.com)



## ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR ALL MEMBERS

### Patriot Biographies:

A brief narrative of your ancestor for our history file that will be shared with your compatriots in our newsletter.

Please make this a priority. Send it to Gary Dunaway at [ormazd72@gmail.com](mailto:ormazd72@gmail.com) who will add it to our chapter's history file.

Dave Westenberger - Ed

**Mentor Program:** To support and assist new members. Volunteers are needed. Let Bruce Laubach know if you can help. [vabelling@msn.com](mailto:vabelling@msn.com)



### PATRIOT BIOGRAPHY GUIDANCE:

- Describe qualifying service of the Patriot: *When and Where; State or Continental.*
  - Military Service: ...Private in the Northampton County, Pennsylvania Militia.
  - Patriotic Service: ...paid the 1783 supply tax in Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
  - Civil Service: ...as a town clerk in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
- Best biographies are between 150 and 600 words.
- Detail the Patriot's life. Think of this as the person's obituary. Help future members recognize the Patriot as part of their own family.
- Include the War service, immediate family (parents/children), and relevant life events.

# 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>



0928

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))