



# 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 signer's 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 got off to a great start in the New Year with the joint meeting with the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter as host, at the Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown. There were 63 people in attendance which was very nice crowd indeed.

Our VASSAR President Bob Bowen presided over the induction of the 2011 officers of both chapters so I am now "official". Joe Shipe succeeds Jim Swords as the new President of the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter and I look forward to working with him in the same manner as Jim Swords has worked with our Past President Ben Fegan.

Pictured below is Ben giving Tom Campbell a richly deserved Virginia Society Chapter Service Award for his continuing support for our activities at Colonial Williamsburg.



**Ben Fegan & Tom Campbell**

Below, Ben is giving his final award during his term of office, the "Golden Palm Tree Award", to Incoming President Ed Truslow.



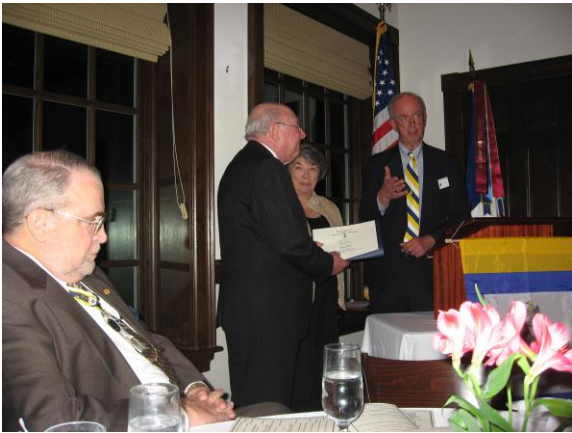
**Joe Shipe, VASSAR President Bowen and Ed Truslow**



**Ben Fegan & Ed Truslow**

Shown below is Ben receiving the Past Presidents Award and the richly deserved Virginia Society

Chapter Service Award for his ground breaking collaborations with the Jamestown-Yorktown Society and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.



**Ben and Pat Fegan and Ed Truslow**



**2011 Williamsburg Officers  
Clayton Roland, Bob Schmidt, Rushton White  
and Ed Truslow**

Not pictured is our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Jim Henry & Publicist Collyer Linn



**VASSAR President Bob Bowen and  
Williamsburg Chapter President Ed Truslow**

VASSAR President Bob Bowen commended the Thomas Nelson, Jr. and Williamsburg Chapters for their participation in the 2010 Flag Program. With their assistance, the Virginia Society achieved 100 per cent Virginia chapter participation for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Bob gave both chapters a streamer that he personally commissioned.

As some of you know, **Bob Dunnells**, a past president, has had multiple hip surgeries and rehabs since the middle of last year. After his latest surgery, he is now in rehab again at the Consulate Health Care Center on 2011 Jamestown Road not far from the ferry slip.

Anyone wishing to send him a card may send it to his home at 100 Huntercombe, Williamsburg, VA 23188

Lastly I would just like to say that there were a lot of things going on at the meeting in Yorktown and consequently my face is in a lot of photographs in this newsletter. I will endeavor to reduce the number of photos of me in next month's newsletter.

Regards to all,  
Ed

**February 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

We are pleased to have John Rogers, a frequent lecturer at the William & Mary Christopher Wren Association, speak to us at our Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting. His topic will be "The British Southern Strategy and the American Response to It". As usual we will gather at 11:30am at the Crowne Plaza/Fort Magruder.

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**Sign-up Form for the Feb. 12th Meeting  
Luncheon Reservations MUST be received not later  
than  
Wed. 2/09/2011**

**Send check & form to:  
Bob Schmidt  
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(757) 345-0292  
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**Meeting Date 2/12/2011  
Crowne Plaza Restaurant, Williamsburg VA**

**Checks payable to  
"Williamsburg Chapter, SAR"**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunches at \$18.00  
per person for Feb. 12th, 2011

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

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**Emergency Service Awards**



Pictured with Jackie Conrad are the four York County personnel who received Emergency Services awards in December. They quickly diagnosed Jackie's heart attack at the Yorktown Victory Center and transported her swiftly to the hospital for treatment. Jackie has since made a full recovery.

Medals were awarded to Alexander Donne and Jonathan West. Certificates were awarded to Mark Robinson and Clyde Longest.

**Future VASSAR Activities**

**Crossing of the Dan 230<sup>th</sup> Commemoration and Wreath Laying** – Sat. Feb 19 South Boston, VA.

**VASSAR Annual Meeting** – Feb 25-26 Richmond, VA

**VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting** – Sep 16-17 Fredericksburg, VA

**Yorktown Day** – Oct. 19 Yorktown, VA

**2011 Chapter Calendar**

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
March 12<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
April 9<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
May 31<sup>st</sup> - Memorial Day with CW & Luncheon at Kings Arms  
June 11th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day Service at Bruton  
July 9th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day @ the Palace and Luncheon Meeting

Luncheons will be at the Crowne Plaza except as otherwise noted.

**The Historian's Corner**

Happy New Year! Here we are at the outset of 2011 with all of the challenges and opportunities it will present to us. To kick off this year's "From the Historian's Bookshelf" program, I have selected a new book by a very familiar author to us: Tony Williams. Tony, the author of "Hurricane of Independence" has just published "The Pox and The Covenant: Mather, Franklin, and The Epidemic That Changed America's Destiny", Sourcebooks, Naperville, Illinois 60567-4410, 2010.

To quote from "The Pox and The Covenant": "After several days of skirting the North American coast, the 'Seahorse' reached Boston, the largest city in the colonies with a population of roughly eleven thousand souls. Boston was one of the great hubs of the Atlantic trade network. It gathered goods from the farms of the New England hinterland and from smaller cities and ports along the American coast. These commodities were shipped all over the Atlantic while other goods were imported into the city and sent elsewhere. For a virus, a better place to contaminate could hardly be found."  
"A skeleton crew was left on the 'Seahorse' while the rest of the crew and officers went ashore. At least one carried an infectious disease, one that would send a city into chaos, and put to its greatest test the covenant between the Puritans and their God."

And for the rest of the story you will have to read the book to find out!

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