



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 had a very full day on November 11th. In the morning the Williamsburg and Thomas Nelson, Jr. SAR Chapters and the Williamsburg DAR Chapter laid wreaths at the Governor's Palace Cemetery for the 140 plus Patriots and their French allies buried there.



Our eight man color guard, consisting of various locals and some members of the 7th Regiment.



Colonial Williamsburg fifer and drummer

We are grateful to Colonial Williamsburg for providing the fifer and drummer for our event. They also provided us with "Richard Henry Lee" (Frank Megargee) who treated us with a patriotic and inspirational oration.



(L-R) Pres. Ed Truslow, "Richard Henry Lee", DAR Regent Pam Meiring and Thomas Nelson, Jr. Vice Pres. Ken Wood

Tom Campbell, one of our own chapter members, gave us an update on the latest of his many years of research into those buried in the cemetery. He brought seven flags including a period French flag, and various colonial unit flags which represent those individuals who have been identified as being buried there. Tom's latest research was published in the Virginia Gazette on November 11th.



Tom Campbell



After the ceremony, we adjourned to the Crowne Plaza/Fort Magruder Inn where we had lunch. At the meeting we were pleased to make awards to Fire Technician Antoinette Colon, the James City County Firefighter of the Year and Deputy Chief Andrew Barker, Williamsburg Police Officer of the Year.



(L-R) Deputy Fire Chief Joe Davis, Fire Technician “Toni” Colon & Ed



(L-R) Police Chief David Slogge, Deputy Chief Andrew Barker & Ed

We were pleased to induct two new members into our chapter. Harley Beck’s daughter, a recent DAR, prepared her father’s paperwork and surprised him with the news of his membership the morning of the meeting. Eleven members of Harley’s family witnessed his induction.



(L-R) Morgaine Beck, Harley Beck & Ed

Photo credit: www.MerylAnnButler.com

We were also pleased to induct Frank Garey into membership. Frank’s grandson Alex, an ROTC cadet from Richmond, did the honors of pinning the rosette on his lapel.



(L-R) Frank Garey, grandson Alex Garey and Ed



(L-R) Bob Spencer and Ed
Best regards,
Ed



The DAR Contingent at the Meeting
(L-R) Nan Losee, Pat Parker, Virginia Lee, Regent Pam Meiring, Carolyn Hogge, Mary Satterwhite & Morgaine Beck

Due to an unfortunate set of circumstances, our scheduled speaker was unable to attend our meeting. However, with almost no notice, Bob Spencer gave us his talk entitled "Form Fort Ticonderoga to Trenton". We are grateful to Bob for filling in at the last moment.

Election of Officers for 2012

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Jim Henry presented the following slate of officers for 2012:

- President – Ed Truslow
- Vice President – Rush White
- Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Schmidt
- Registrar/Genealogist – Ron Losee
- Public Relations – Collyer Linn
- Chaplain/Historian – Jim Henry
- Member at Large – Joe Spruill
- Member at large – John Brough

The slate was elected by acclamation.

Freedom Park Ribbon Cutting

On November 16th members of our chapter were invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new James City County Interpretive Center in Freedom Park. Our chapter was recognized for our contribution to the touch screen kiosk inside. For the history section, Ron Losee prepared a page on the Engagement of Spencers Ordinary which occurred within the bounds of the park on June 26, 1781. Six chapter members attended the ceremony



New Interpretive Center at Freedom Park



(L-R) Roger Strange, Jerry Traver, Ron Losee, Fred Boelt and Ed Truslow The touch screen on the wall depicts the story of the Engagement of Spencer's Ordinary

Ribbon Cutters



(L-R) Lafayette Jones, Ed Truslow, Alain Outlaw, Kirk Moore, Robert Middaugh, Susan Powell, James City County Supervisor Jim Icenhour, Angela Cingale and Craig Metcalf

Membership Dues Notices

If you are reading this and have not sent in your dues, please contact Sec./Treasurer Bob Schmidt. He may be contacted at 757-345-0292 or sar1812@cox.net.

2012 Chapter Calendar

January 14th – Joint Meeting with Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter and Induction of 2012 Officers.

Feb 11th – Chapter Luncheon Meeting

March 10th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting

April 14th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting

May 31st – Memorial Day Ceremony with CW – Lunch at the King's Arms

June 26th – Battle of Spencer's Ordinary

July 4th – Service at Bruton Parish Church

July 6th – Battle of Green Spring

September 8th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting

October 13th - Chapter Luncheon Meeting

October 19th – YorktownDay

November 11th – Palace Cemetery

Future VASSAR Activities

Dec 3 - Great Bridge Wreath-Laying - Chesapeake, VA. Time: 11:30 am

Dec 3 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Plaque Dedication - Norfolk, VA.

Time: 2:30 pm

Feb 24-26 - 2012 Annual Meeting - Richmond, VA.

**In Memoriam
Clayton Rowland
1943 -2011**



We were all saddened to learn that our Compatriot Clayton Rowland passed away on November 6th. He was a loyal member and tirelessly devoted himself to the Chapter as Registrar/Genealogist. We will all miss his presence. He is survived by his wife Betty and son James.