



# 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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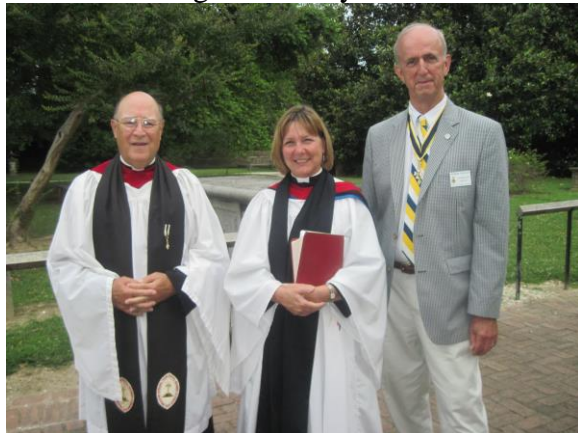
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### President's Message

Compatriots,

July was an especially busy month for our chapter. On July 4<sup>th</sup> we had our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish Church, on July 6<sup>th</sup> we conducted a commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring and on July 14<sup>th</sup> we had our monthly chapter luncheon meeting at the Crowne Plaza/Fort Magruder Inn.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> Service of Thanksgiving was led by our chaplain, the Rev. Dr. James Henry, with Bruton Associate Rector Penny Nash delivering the homily.



**(L-R) Rev. James Henry, Rev. Penny Nash and Ed Truslow**

Following the Bruton service, a number of our SAR members journeyed to Berkeley Plantation in Charles City for a DAR commemoration and the CAR wreath laying at the grave of William Henry Harrison V.

The remarks were presented by the Williamsburg Vice-Mayor Paul T. Freiling. The third generation owner of Berkeley Plantation, Malcolm "Jamie" Jamieson, gave all present a nice welcome and an invitation to visit the premises at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

### CARs, DARs and SARs



**(L-R) Front Row - CARs Meredith Pons & Madison Pons. Back Row - Jack Lee, Ron Losee, Pam Meiring, John Brough, Ed Truslow, Roger Strange, Elaine Strange and Fran Pons.**

### July 6th Battle of Green Spring SAR Commemoration

On Friday July 6 we honored the sacrifices of those patriots who fell at the Battle of Green Spring near Jamestown. The proceedings will be held at the nearby remnant of the Church on the Main where some are believed to have been buried. The church fell into disrepair many years ago and only the foundation corners are visible

today. Six Virginians and twenty two Pennsylvanians died in the encounter that day.



**(L-R)** Jim Henry, John Brough, Ed Truslow, Bob Schmidt, Harold Maxwell, Ron Losee, and Collyer Linn

### **Saturday July 14th Chapter Meeting**

On Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> We were happy to have as our guest speaker Past VASSAR President Bill Simpson. The title of his interesting presentation was *Warfare in the Revolution*. Bill is a frequent speaker on numerous American Revolution topics.



**Bill Simpson pictured receiving yet another of his numerous certificates of appreciation.**

We were pleased to induct new member Harold Lee Maxwell into our chapter at our meeting. His patriot ancestor is James Holmes Bryson.



**(L-R)** Harold Maxwell and Ed Truslow

We won't be meeting again until September 8th so I wish all an enjoyable summer.

All the best,  
Ed

### **Registrar's Corner**

Ancestry.com reports it now has 26 states indexed for the 1940 census that can be searched.

If you have any friends, neighbors, relatives or acquaintances who think they may be qualified for the SAR have them contact me. Be a recruiter. Contact Ron Losee at [www.Valosee@aol.com](mailto:www.Valosee@aol.com).

In case you didn't know, Nelson Funeral Home will exchange a soiled or torn flag for a brand new one on special occasions. I contacted them and they said they'd do it for an SAR member any day.

Williamsburg Chapter members distributed nearly 1,000 donated, miniature American flags at the July 1 Independence Day concert in Merchant's Square. We're plan on making this an annual event.



**Chapter member John Brough (far left) with some of the folks he handed out American flags to.**

### **2013 Chapter Officers**

Our Nominating Committee will begin work soon on coming up with a slate of Chapter Officers for 2013. The Committee consists of Chairman Ron Losee, Ben Fegan and Jim Henry. This year we will have a larger than usual turnover of officers and board members. A number of our current officers have been serving a long time and deserve to step aside for new people to take over. If you have an interest in serving, please contact one of the committee members. If you are called, please seriously consider serving.

### **NSSAR Congress**

There were a couple of notable results from the NSSAR National Congress in Phoenix this month. Past VASSAR President Joe Dooley was elected NSSAR Secretary General and is being talked about as possibly being the next NSSAR President General. Another Past VASSAR President, Bob Bowen, was elected as NSSAR Historian General.

### **2012 Chapter Calendar**

- September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- October 13<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting
- October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Yorktown Day
- November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Palace Cemetery
- December** – No Meeting

### **VASSAR Sponsored Activities**

**August 11-12 Atlantic Middle States Conference** – Newark, DE

**September 8 - Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown** – Arlington, VA

**September 15-16 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting** Charlottesville, VA

**October 19 – Siege of Yorktown** – Yorktown, VA

**December 1 – Battle of Great Bridge** – Chesapeake, VA

Details of the above VASSAR events as well as other events may be found at: <http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/events.htm>

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