



# 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

The 2013 Yorktown Day Celebration is Saturday, October 19. The events are as follows:

**9:00 AM.** Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. at Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown. I plan to participate in the Ceremony on behalf of the Williamsburg Chapter of the SAR.

**10:00 AM.** Yorktown Day Parade, Main Street, Yorktown.

**11:00 AM.** Patriotic Exercises and Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Monument to Alliance and Victory.

**11:30 AM.** Brunswick Stew Lunch at Grace Church.

Members of our SAR Chapter are invited to attend all or any part, of the ceremonies.

Our *Teacher of the Year* is Stephen Lish, a teacher of US and Virginia Government at Warhill High School. Stephen will be honored at our luncheon on Saturday, October 12. Thanks to Dick Ludwig for his work in honoring our Teacher of the Year.

Our *Police Officer of the Year* is Lt. Samuel Wulfeck of the Williamsburg City Police Department. The award to Lt. Wulfeck will be made at his place of work.

Our *Firefighter/Medic of the Year* is Brian Heinsman of the James City County Fire Department. I am trying to schedule Brian's award ceremony at his place of work at the end of September. Thanks to Don Swain for his assistance in locating these two recipients of our awards.

Ed Truslow, Jack Lee and Alan Morledge are serving as our Nominating Committee for Officers and Directors for 2014. Please give thoughtful consideration if you are asked to serve.

We are very pleased to note that our chapter membership has now broken the century mark with 101 current members. Hats off to Ron Losee for his hard work in making this milestone possible.

The award known as the Purple Heart has a history that reaches back to the waning days of the American Revolutionary War. The Continental Congress had forbidden General George Washington from granting commissions and promotions in rank to recognize merit. Yet Washington wanted to honor merit, particularly among enlisted soldiers. On August 7, 1782, his general orders established the Badge of Military Merit.

Bob Spencer

## October 12th Luncheon Meeting

We are pleased to have Colonial Williamsburg's "Patrick Henry" aka Richard Schuman as our guest speaker at our October 12th luncheon meeting at the Crowne Plaza. Those who have heard him before know that he brings this huge historical figure to life. Please note the sign-up form below.

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**Sign-up Form for the Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ 11:30am**

**Reservations MUST be received not later than Wed October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Send check & form to:**

**Jack Lee**

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**Make checks payable to  
"Williamsburg Chapter, SAR"**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunches at \$18.00  
per person for October 12, 2013

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

# of Vegetarian Lunches \_\_\_\_\_

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## September Meeting Notes

We were delighted to have Will Mollineux as our September speaker. His topic was "The Eyes of the World Will be Turned- W.A.R. Goodwin and John D. Rockefeller. Will is well known for his knowledge of Williamsburg area history.



**Will Mollineux**

At the September meeting we were pleased to induct four new members shown below with President Bob Spencer and Vice President John Moseley.



**(L-R) Clyde Spence, Bob Spencer, George Morrow, John Moseley, Clarence Douglas and Walker Ware**

## VASSAR Semi Annual Meeting Notes

The VASSAR Semi Annual meeting was held September 13-14 at the Hotel Monaco in Alexandria, VA. Among the items of business transacted are the following:

Carter Furr retired as Trustee of the Knight-Patty Fund and was replaced by Kirk Sheap. Michael Elston moves up as Chairman.

The VASSAR Nominating Committee reported on their recommendations for the 2014-2015 officers and they are:

**President** – Bill Broadus – Col. Wm. Grayson  
**1<sup>st</sup> VP** – Reverdy Wright – Fincastle Res.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** – Ed Truslow - Williamsburg  
**3<sup>rd</sup> VP** – Mike Elston – Geo. Washington  
**Secretary** – W. Rouse – Col Fielding Lewis  
**Treasurer** – Rick Elofson – Thomas Nelson  
**Chancellor** – Eric Monday – Col. Geo. Waller  
**Registrar** – Jack Sweeney - Fairfax Res.  
**Chaplain** – Rev. Dr. Howell Sasser - TJ  
**Surgeon** – Dr. McKenzie Wallenborn  
**Historian** – Larry Aaron – Dan River

The General Membership meeting endorsed former VASSAR President Bob Bowen to be the NASSAR Historian for 2014-2015.

Two schools were honored for winning the History Day award for 2013. Mark Day received the award on behalf of the Bedford Middle School and Ed Truslow received the award on behalf of the Lois Hornsby Middle School in Williamsburg. This is the third year in a row that the Lois Hornsby Middle School has won the award. VASSAR History Day Chairman and Williamsburg Chapter member Don Swain was also present at the award ceremony.



**(L-R) Don Swain – History Day Chairman, Mark Day, Ed Truslow & VASSAR President Kent Webber**

### 2013 Chapter Calendar

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting  
**October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Yorktown Day  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Palace Cemetery Wreath Laying & Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza

### VASSAR Sponsored Activities

**October 19** – Yorktown Commemoration  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – St. George Tucker Grave Marking – Nelson, Co., VA  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration

### Registrar's Corner

"October 24th will be the last 2013 bus trip to the DAR Library in Washington, DC. No better place to research genealogy. Bus departs about 0630 from parking lot at Shorty's Diner, and returns about 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Tidewater Genealogical Society. Contact Peggy Lutton for information at:

[Petty\\_Lutton@kindemorgan.com](mailto:Petty_Lutton@kindemorgan.com)

## October Book Raffle Selection

### Historian's Corner

The October selection "From the Historian's Bookshelf" is entitled "*Patrick Henry: Patriot & Statesman*", by Norine Dickson Campbell, The Devin-Adair Company, Old Greenwich, Connecticut, 1969.

The Patrick Henry known to few Americans stands larger than life on the stage of our history. Only within the past several decades have historians begun to recognize that here was only one of the truly extraordinary men who lived and worked in that extraordinary time when the United States was emerging from the chaos of revolution. Most people only know of the Patrick Henry as the fiery orator of "Give me liberty or give me death" fame.

Norine Dickson Campbell is one of those who recognized Henry's importance in pre and post Revolution history, and has dedicated much of her life to studying his career in the context of his time. Her research and devotion have culminated in this authentic, warmly written account of the eminent Virginian.

This is an appropriate book for October in light of the fact that the guest speaker at our chapter meeting will be "Patrick Henry" (aka) Richard Schumann of Colonial Williamsburg.

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October's Book Raffle selection is "*A British Soldier's Story: Roger Lamb's Narrative of the American Revolution*", edited by Don N. Hagist, Ballindalloch Press, Baraboo, WI 53913, 2004. Roger Lamb was one of over 50,000 British soldiers who served in the American Revolution. This is his story.

### Chapter Website

Note that you can keep up on chapter news at our web site at:

<http://williamsburg.virginia-sar.org/>

### 2013 Chapter Officers

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