



# 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

First of all, let me wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. For those of you who will be traveling for the holiday, I wish you a safe journey.

We have no meeting in December, but will hold a joint meeting with the General Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter at 6:00 PM Saturday evening, January 11, 2014 at the Ft. Magruder Hotel (our normal meeting site). This is our only evening meeting for the year. Our Officers and Directors for 2014 will be installed that evening. VASSAR Vice President Ed Truslow will preside at the ceremony. I hope that we will have a robust attendance for the event. Guests are welcome to attend. Include the charge for your guest in your check.

I want to thank all of our members who stepped up to become Officers and Directors for 2014. We have a nice blend of current Officers who will continue to serve our Chapter, and new members who agreed to join us. We owe a debt of gratitude to our Nominating Committee, Ed Truslow (Chair), Jack Lee and Alan Morledge. We continue to attract new members. We are now well over 100 members. Please continue to welcome our new members, and talk to your friends and neighbors about joining our Chapter. One of our newest members, Harley Stewart, was inducted as a new member on November 11, and then almost immediately elected Secretary.

We had a wonderful service commemorating Veterans' Day at the Revolutionary War cemetery in back of the Governor's Palace. Thanks to all who participated in the event. Joe Spruill and Tom Campbell deserve special commendation. It was estimated that we had approximately 175 visitors at the ceremony. Thank you to all of you for your wonderful support in 2013

Bob Spencer

### 2014 Board of Managers Election Results

The Nominating Committee headed by Ed Truslow presented the slate of officers for 2014 and they were duly elected by those present at the November 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting.

They will be installed at the January 11<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting by VASSAR 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ed Truslow.

**President** - Bob Spencer  
**Vice President** - John Moseley  
**Secretary** - Harley Stewart  
**Treasurer** - Jack Lee  
**Registrar/Genealogist** - Ron Losee  
**Public Relations** - Lou DeSeife  
**Historian** - Marvin Williams  
**Chaplain** - Jim Henry  
**At Large Member** - Tom Campbell  
**At Large Member** - George Bridewell

As Immediate Past Chapter President, Ed Truslow remains as an At Large member.

### **Veterans Day Commemoration**

Our November 11 Veterans Day Commemoration and wreath laying ceremony at the Governors Palace Cemetery was attended by more than 150 people. That was one of the largest crowds we have ever had. Colonial Williamsburg's "George Washington" spoke to us there.

VASSAR Vice President Ed Truslow, Williamsburg DAR Regent Jane Stuart, Thomas Nelson, Jr. President Ken Wood and Williamsburg President presented wreaths at the ceremony



**(L-R)** George Washington, Ed Truslow, Jane Stuart, Ken Wood and Bob Spencer



Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drummer and our Color Guard

General George Washington addressing the visitors at the cemetery with Williamsburg Chapter color guard in the background.



**(L-R)** Norm Fuss, Jeff Brown, Jim Henry, Warren Deal and General Washington.



**SAR and DAR members at the ceremony**

### **November 11th Luncheon Meeting**

We were pleased to have Major General (Ret) Clyde Spence, Jr. as our speaker for the November meeting. We also inducted two new members into our chapter they being Harley Stuart and George Copes.



(L-R) Chapter Vice President John Mosley and General Spence



(L-R) President Spencer and inductee Harley Stuart



(L-R) Registrar Ron Losee, President Spencer and inductee George Copes.

## January 11th Dinner Meeting & Induction of Officers

It will come around sooner than you think so please put January 11th on your calendar for the dinner meeting at the Fort Magruder Inn (formerly the Crowne Plaza) which is where we have been meeting for some time.

**Date:** Saturday January 11, 20134

**Location:** Fort Magruder Inn 6945  
Pocahontas Trail (Rt. 60 east)

**Dress Code:** Coat and tie (Black Tie optional)

**Time:** Social 6:00pm

**Meeting:** 6:30pm

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**Sign-up Form for the Saturday January  
11<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ 6:00pm**

**Reservations MUST be received not later  
than Wed January 8th**

**Send check & form to:  
Jack Lee**

**521 Newport Ave.  
Williamsburg, VA 23185-4012  
(757) 221-6686  
valee@widomaker.com**

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

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$25.00  
per person for Jan. 11, 2014**

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

**# of Vegetarian Lunches \_\_\_\_\_**  
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## 2014 Dues – Past Due

You should have received a 2014 Dues Notice from the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR. It is getting late and we very much want you to remain with us. However when we send our check to VASSAR with the list those having paid, then those that haven't paid end up being dropped from the state and national member list.

So please contact Treasurer Jack Lee and send your dues to him ASAP to:

521 Newport Ave.  
Williamsburg, VA 23185-4012

Jack may be contacted at  
[valee@widomaker.com](mailto:valee@widomaker.com)  
757-870-4516.

## Battle of the Hook Reenactment

Those who attended the Battle of the Hook Reenactment after the Yorktown Day morning ceremonies were treated with the scene of approximately 1,500 re-enactors doing battle at Warner Hall in Gloucester County.



**Re-enactors at Warner Hall**

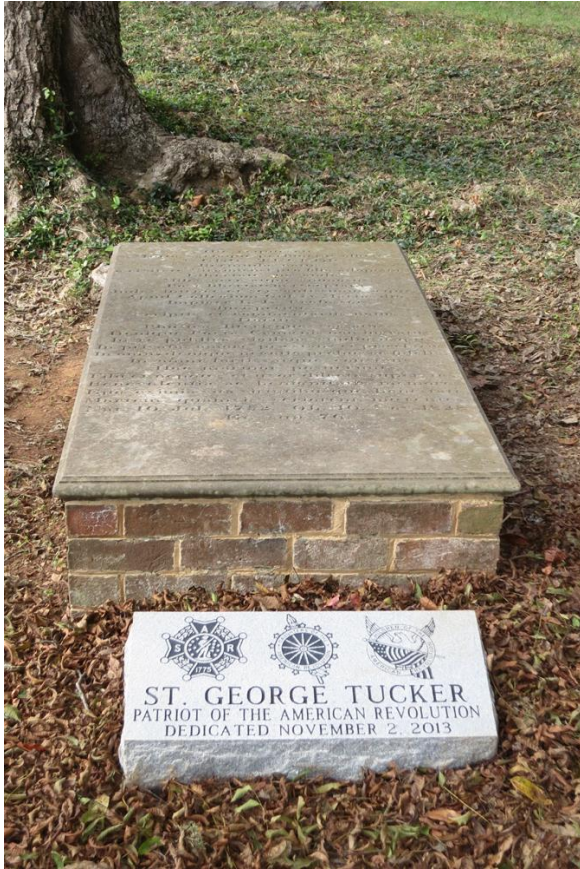
On Sunday October 20th there was a Lt. Warner Lewis Ceremony at Warner Hall as part of the Battle of the Hook event. In attendance from the Williamsburg Chapter was our own Jim Swords.



**(L-R)** LTC (Ret.) Bucky Burruss and wife, Winona Pearson - DAR, Jim Swords - SAR, Lt.Col. Lee Harford - SR, Jeff Lambert - Ex. Dir. SR, Fr. Kevin Sweeny - St. James Anglican Church.

## St. George Tucker Grave Marker Dedication

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Spencer and Ed Truslow travelled to the burial site of Patriot St. George Tucker. He is buried on the Cabell Family Farm at Wingina in Nelson County. St. George and his brother Thomas stole over 100 barrels of British gunpowder in Bermuda and gave it to the patriots for shipment to Philadelphia and Charleston where it was badly needed.



SAR, DAR & CAR grave marker at the foot of St. George Tucker's grave. His lengthy tombstone inscription is entirely in Latin.



(L-R) Descendant Sara Saunders, Ed and Descendant Liz DeLoach



**SAR, DAR & CAR Attendees**

There will be a grave marking in May at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C. for Thomas Tucker and a wreath laying ceremony for St. George Tucker in Williamsburg probably in October. A commemoration in Bermuda for the brothers is being planned for 2015.



(L-R) Ed Truslow and Bob Spencer

Two of the direct descendants of St. George Tucker that were present at the ceremony are pictured with Ed.

### **Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration – December 7**

On Saturday December 7th the Battle of Great Bridge will be commemorated by the SAR & DAR. The outcome of that battle on December 9, 1775 ultimately resulted in the

British losing Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay for most of the war.

The wreath laying will take place at 11:00am in the Great Bridge Battlefield Park just off of Great Bridge Boulevard in Chesapeake. This is a National SAR event.

Directions and more information may be found at <http://www.norfolksar.org/great-bridge.html>

From 10:00am to 4:00pm there will be battle re-enactments at Battlefield Park – South which is just across the canal from where the ceremony is being held. More information on that can be seen via the following link:

[http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Government/City-Departments/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation-Department/events/special\\_events/battle-of-great-bridge.htm](http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Government/City-Departments/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation-Department/events/special_events/battle-of-great-bridge.htm)

## 2013/14 Chapter Calendar

**December** – No meeting

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** – Joint chapter **DINNER** meeting and installation of 2014 officers – Fort Magruder Inn

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter Luncheon Meeting – Fort Magruder Inn

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting – Fort Magruder Inn

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter Luncheon Meeting – Fort Magruder Inn

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Day Wreath Laying & parade with CW and lunch at the King's Arms

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Joint Chapter Luncheon

## VASSAR Sponsored Activities

**December 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration- Chesapeake, VA

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Cowpens, SC

**February 14-15** – VASSAR Annual Meeting – Richmond, VA

**February 20-21** Crossing of the Dan – South Boston, VA

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Guilford Court House, NC

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** – James Madison's Birthday, Montpelier, Montpelier Station, VA

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – James Monroe's Birthday, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA

## Registrar's Corner

The following are the 2013 VASSAR membership statistics as of November 23, 2013

- 178 New Members
- 30 Reinstatements
- 5 Reinstatement-Transfers
- 10 Transfers In
- 14 Transfers Out
- 20 Deaths
- **1,911 total VASSAR members**

## Williamsburg Membership - 103

179 Supplemental applications have been approved since January 1st.