



# 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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## Presidents Message

I had the great pleasure of presiding over the joint meeting of the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter of the SAR and our Chapter on Saturday evening, January 11. More than 60 people attended the event. Included in the highlights were an address by former Chapter President Ed Truslow about VASSAR, an award of well-deserved medals to Ed Truslow, Registrar/Genealogist Ron Losee and Chaplain/Historian Jim Henry, and the induction of two new Chapter members. Our Chapter continues to grow. We had more than 100 members as of December 31. Please keep alert to additional new members.

I have several goals for our Chapter for 2014: invigorate our Eagle Scout program; increase our award of American flag certificates; and co-ordinate events with Veterans' organizations. I do want to thank Ben Fegan for coordinating our Eagle Scout programs over the years. Please let me know if you would like to assist in any of these projects.

I also want to thank Bob Schmidt for his invaluable assistance. As Chapter Data Manager, Bob has kept track of our roster, name tags and table place cards, and the various certificates needed from time to time.

We have several important dates coming up. The VASSAR Annual Meeting will be held in Richmond the weekend of February 14-15. The celebration of the Crossing of the Dan takes place the weekend of February 21-22. I plan to attend both events, and hope I will have some company.

There will be a meeting of a new Chapter of the American Revolutionary War Roundtable in Williamsburg on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Merchant Square.

Bob Spencer

## February 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

Please sign up asap for the luncheon meeting which will be held at the Fort Magruder Inn (formerly the Crowne Plaza) which is where we have been meeting for some time. Note the slight price increase from last year. A sign of the times.

Mr. Joe Burkhart, President of the Tidewater Historical Society, will be our speaker.

**Date:** Saturday February 8, 2014

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

**Social:** 11:30am

**Meeting:** 12:00 noon

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

**Reservations MUST be received not later  
than Wed February 5th**

**Send check & form to:**

**Jack Lee**

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**Make checks payable to  
“Williamsburg Chapter, SAR”**

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunches at \$20.00**

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

**# of Vegetarian Dinners \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**Williamsburg Police Officer  
of the Year**

President Bob Spencer attended a Williamsburg Police Department awards luncheon on December 10 at which time he presented Lieutenant Samuel Wulfeck our SAR Police Officer of the year award.



**(L-R) Lt. Samuel Wulfeck and Chapter  
President Bob Spencer**

**January 11th Joint Dinner  
Meeting**

The meeting had a full agenda and was attended by 63 people.

Two new members, John Ruckman and Bob Davis, were inducted into the Williamsburg Chapter by VASSAR VP Ed Truslow.

Paul Snyder received recognition of the approval of his five supplemental patriot ancestor applications. John Moseley received recognition for his supplemental patriot application as well as a Forgotten Ancestor Certificate for being the first SAR to formally identify that particular ancestor as a patriot.

The new officers of the both the Thomas Nelson, Jr. and Williamsburg Chapters were installed by VASSAR 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ed Truslow. He also spoke on the state of the SAR at the national, state and local chapter levels



**(L-R) John Ruckman & Ed Truslow**



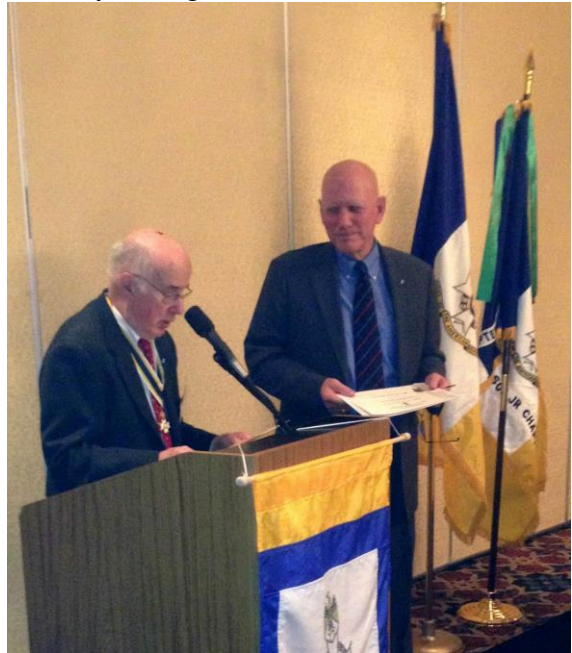
**(L-R) Bob Davis & Ed Truslow**

Thomas Nelson, Jr. President gave Everett Feldt, Jr. a certificate of appreciation.



**(L-R) Chapter President Ken Wood and Everett Feldt, Jr.**

President Spencer giving Vice President Moseley a Forgotten Patriot Award.



**(L-R) President Spencer and John Moseley**

Williamsburg President Bob Spencer gave both Chaplain Jim Henry a Bronze Roger Sherman Award for his years of faithful service to the chapter



**(L-R) Chapter President Bob Spencer and Chaplain Jim Henry**

President Spencer presented Genealogist/Registrar Ron Losee the Virginia Society Chapter Service medal for his outstanding service to the chapter



**(L-R) Chapter President Bob Spencer & Registrar/Genealogist Ron Losee**

Chapter President Bob Spencer gave Chapter member Ed Truslow a NSSAR Distinguished Service Medal for his conspicuous service to the chapter.



**(L-R) VASSAR VP Ed Truslow & Chapter President Bob Spencer**

## DARs at the Dinner



**(L-R) Nan Losee, Virginia Lee, Linda Wilson, Regent Jane Stewart & Alice Traver**

## Book Raffle

Book Raffle Selection for the February meeting: *George Washington's War*, by Bruce Chadwick. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased prior to the meeting.

## 2014 Chapter & VASSAR Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

**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

## **Battle of Cowpens Commemoration** **By Jack Lee – Chapter Treasurer**

On a very cold morning Jan 18, 2014, over 100 patriotic organizations lead by the SAR, DAR, and CAR assembled to celebrate the 223rd Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens which was one of the turning point battles of the American Revolution. The Color Guard from many chapters started the ceremony by marching up to and around the US Monument at the Visitor Center of the Cowpens National Battlefield Park.

The bitterly cold morning made everyone appreciate what our patriots endured to risk their lives for our new country and our freedom. John Slaughter, Superintendent, Cowpens National Battlefield, and Joe Dooley, President General of NSSAR made opening comments followed by a representative of each organization coming forward in turn to pay their respects at the monument.

The group then marched a short distance to the Washington Light Infantry Monument led by the NSSAR Color Guard where the National Society Wreath was laid to conclude the morning events. The remainder of the day was filled with guided tours, observing the military encampments of volunteer re-enactors, and watching the military skills competition among the re-enactors.

*Ed. Note – Cowpens is a NSSAR sponsored event. Jack and Virginia Lee experienced 19 degree temperatures with 20 mph winds during the one hour ceremony. Hats off to them for their effort.*



**(L-R) NSSAR President General Joe Dooley, Jack Lee and General Andrew Pickens (aka Scott Hodges)**



**March to the Monument**



**Jack Lee with the Williamsburg Wreath  
at the Cowpens Monument**

**VASSAR ANNUAL MEETING  
February 14-15, 2014  
At The OMNI Hotel in Richmond**

Compatriots and Ladies are cordially invited to The 124th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society hosted by the Richmond Chapter. Contact Ed Truslow at 565-2460 if you are interested in attending.

**Friday Evening** - The VASSAR Board of Managers Meeting will take place Friday evening for attendees to hear about the operations and the future of our organization. Our Ladies will be treated to a presentation concerning the nearby and historic Hanover Tavern. Afterwards all will adjourn to the hospitality room, partaking of some liquid refreshments provided by our outgoing VASSAR President.

**Saturday Morning** will be the General Membership Meeting including the election of the 2014-2015 VASSAR Officers.

Immediately following the General Membership meeting, the ladies are invited to join us for the State Finals of the Oration Contest.

**Saturday Afternoon** - After lunch on your own, transportation will be provided (or you may take a short walk) to the State Capitol where we will hold our traditional Memorial Service, Awards Ceremony and installation of the 2014-2015 State Officers & Richmond Chapter Officers in the historic Old House Chamber.

**Saturday Evening** - It is then back to the hotel for a little relaxation time before the Black Tie Saturday evening banquet. Some well-deserved people will be recognized with awards and the installation of the 2014-2015 VASSAR President by Virginia Compatriot and NSSAR President General, Joe Dooley. Then back to the hospitality room for social time and refreshments provided by our new State President.

**2014 Williamsburg Chapter  
Officers**

**President** – Bob Spencer  
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## 2014 Williamsburg Chapter Officers



**(L-R) Marvin Williams, George Bridewell, Tom Campbell, Jack Lee, Bob Spencer, Harley Stewart, Jim Henry, John Moseley, Ron Losee and Lew de Seife**

## 2014 Thomas Nelson, Jr. Officers



**(L-R) Mason Ware, Bruce Meyer, Ken Wood, Gary Hodges, Jim Sample & Dr. William Old**