



# 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

As you can tell from the newsletter, May through July represent a very busy season of activity for our Chapter. I am writing my comments on Thursday, May 29 (my birthday). This afternoon, Ron Losee and I are to present a flag certificate to Windsor Meade. Five of our members live at Windsor Meade. Thanks to Scott Wagner for arranging for the ceremony.

This weekend, I will be at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC to participate in the ceremony marking the grave of Thomas Tudor Tucker, the Third Treasurer of the United States and a member of the Tucker family involved in the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot. You may remember that the Plot resulted in the American Army obtaining desperately needed munitions. The event is a national event with NSSAR President Joe Dooley in attendance.

On June 14, VASSAR is sponsoring grave marking ceremonies in Dumfries for veterans of the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. You are welcome to attend.

Remember our joint luncheon on June 7 with the Thomas Nelson, Jr. SAR Chapter. Please contact Treasurer Jack Lee today to sign up. Info and directions are below.

Thanks to Don Swain who suggested that I write to the Mt. Vernon Ladies Society for recognition of the Yorktown Battle project of three Williamsburg/James City County students. I have not yet received a response. I plan to follow up.

Thanks to John Moseley for serving as my replacement for the Memorial Day event. I understand that we have three new members. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel welcome. Incidentally, I recently attended a grave marking ceremony in Virginia Beach at the Old Donation Episcopal Church for Colonel Edward Hack Moseley, a direct ancestor of our own Vice President, John Moseley.

Bob Spencer

## **June 7th Joint Chapter Meeting in Newport News**

As is our custom, every June we join together with the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter for a joint luncheon meeting. This year they will be hosting at the Point Plaza Suites Hotel which is located just off Route 17 at 950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.. It's easy to get to via Exit 258B off of I-64. We will gather at 11:30am for some social time with the meeting beginning at noon.

The speaker will be Phillip Hamilton, Professor of History at Christopher Newport University. He joined the University's faculty in 2002 and teaches courses on the War for Independence, American slavery, and the Civil War. He also served as chair of the History Department from 2007-10. Professor Hamilton's research expertise is the Revolutionary era. He is the author of \*The Making and Unmaking of a Revolutionary Family: The Tuckers of Virginia, 1752-1830 \*as well as numerous articles and book chapters on the Revolution's impact on American society.

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**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ lunches at \$25.00**

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

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## **July 4th Bruton Parish Church Thanksgiving Service**

At 9:00am on July 4th, The Williamsburg SAR Chapter will conduct our 29th annual Service of Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish Church. The public is invited to attend this important event. Following the service, we have been invited by the Williamsburg DAR Chapter to attend their 11:00am service at Berkeley Plantation in honor of Patriot Benjamin Harrison V.

## **July 4th Berkeley Plantation DAR Service**

Our guest speaker is Mr. Graham Woodlief, a direct descendent of Captain John Woodlief. The C.A.Rs assisted by Fran Pons will also be in attendance and of course the Forge Brass will lead us in musical selections..... we look forward to spending a good portion of the 4th with you all.

Cul's Couthouse Grille in Charles City will again be opening for lunch just for us and this year the selections are:

- Pulled Pork Sandwich,
- Chicken Salad Sandwich
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich

All come with homemade chips and a non-alcoholic beverage. Tax and tip is included and the price is \$14.00 per person.

This year I would like to have all lunch reservations and menu selections to be no later than Friday, June 27th. Each person will receive a color coded card at the door making it easier for the staff to get the right foods to the right people. Last year a few folks forgot what they ordered....so hopefully this system will help.

Your members can call me at  
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**joni stevens**  
**Second Vice Regent - Williamsburg DAR**

## Memorial Day Ceremonies & Chapter Luncheon

As we have done in the past, members of the Williamsburg SAR & DAR Chapters and the Thomas Nelson, Jr. SAR Chapter joined in the Colonial Williamsburg Memorial Day commemoration and parade on May 26th.



**Williamsburg SAR Chapter and Color Guard Members**

VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ed Truslow presented a wreath at the Governor's Palace, Williamsburg DAR Regent Jane Stewart presented a wreath at Bruton Parish Church and Ken Wood, President of the Thomas Nelson, Jr. SAR Chapter presented the wreath at the Frenchmen's Cemetery.



**VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President presenting wreath at the Governor's Palace (Photo Courtesy of the Daily Press)**



**(L-R) Chapter Color Guard members Norm Fuss, Warren Deal, Tom Morr, Jim Henry and Wreath Presenters Ed Truslow, Jane Stewart and Ken Wood**

## New Member Inductions

At our Memorial Day Luncheon, Chapter Vice President John Moseley inducted three new members into our Chapter.



**(L-R) New members Carl Floyd, Terry Haas and Bob White**

At the luncheon, VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ed Truslow offered insights into the wide ranging commemorations supported by the VASSAR President and other officers.



## Joint SAR/1812 Gloucester Ceremony

Three members of the War of 1812 Society participated in a joint ceremony with the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter, VASSAR at the Ware Episcopal Church Cemetery in Gloucester County on Saturday May 3rd

Hugh Markham assisted with everything and was the photographer; Charles Belfield installed the 1812 grave markers, participated in the color guard, unveiled one grave 1812 marker and was the 1812 Musket Firer; and Mike Lyman who coordinated the event with the SAR and the church, researched the service of the 1812 & Rev War patriots to be honored, participated in the color guard; gave greetings and information about the 1812 veterans and presented the society wreath

It was a well attended event and several societies presented wreaths and/or their colors besides ours. Included are: The VA Huguenot Society, The Richard Henry Lee Chapter, The Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter, The Williamsburg Chapter (President Bob Spencer) and the Norfolk Chapter, VASSAR. One descendant of the Tabb family was there and was assisted by VASSAR President Bill Broadus in the Revolutionary War unveilings



**Gloucester Wreath Presenters**

## Old Donation Church Plaque Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter President Bob Spencer presented the chapter wreath at the plaque dedication ceremony at the Old Donation Church in Virginia Beach. The plaque recognized thirteen veterans of Colonial Wars, the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. One of the thirteen, Col. Edward Moseley, is a Revolutionary War ancestor of our Chapter Vice President John Moseley.



**(L-R) Thomas Nelson, Jr. President Ken Wood and VASSAR President Bill Broadus**

## July 2nd Flag Distribution Program

Chapter SAR members are encouraged to volunteer to distribute miniature American flags before the 7:00pm July 2 *USAF Heritage of America Band* concert in Merchant's Square. We usually starting passing them out about an hour before the concert begins; just show up and mingle in the audience, give people flags and tell them you are an SAR member promoting patriotism to retain our freedom and liberty. Any questions, call Registrar Ron.

## Flag Display Program

Compatriots of the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, have presented flag certificates to seven selected recipients so far this year; another 14 certificates have been scheduled for presentation. Members who identify a patriot American flying the flag in accordance with the federal flag code can present an SAR certificate of commendation.

### Recent Flag Display Awards Craig Boice Home

The Sons of the American Revolution recently presented a certificate of commendation to Craig H. Boice of Williamsburg in appreciation for the display of the American flag at his home. Members of the SAR are selecting homeowners and businesses that properly fly the flag daily in accordance with the code requiring night time illumination. SAR member Jay Smith and SAR Chapter Registrar Ron Losee presented the award. Craig's American flag is mounted at a 45-degree next to his front door, as many are in the community. A clever custom solar light connected at the end of the flag pole provides illumination during the hours of darkness. There are several web sites about these lights; Google flag solar lighting, or look at Amazon.com. Worth a look if you are interested in lighting your flag at night.



**(L-R) Jay Smith, Craig Boice & Ron Losee**

## Williamsburg National Golf Club

The Williamsburg National Golf Club was awarded a certificate of commendation by the Sons of the American Revolution in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the proper display of the American flag in accordance with the federal flag code. Lewis Waltrip Jr. received the award from SAR Chapter Registrar, Ron Losee.



**(L-R) Lewis Waltrip & Ron Losee**

## Chapter/VSSAR Calendar

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Thomas Tucker grave marking at the Congressional Cemetery, Wash. D.C.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Joint Chapter Luncheon – Newport News

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – VASSAR/1812 Society Joint Grave Marking – Dumfries, VA (Presidential Initiative)

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** – Battle of Ramseur’s Mill – Lincolnton, NC

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Engagement at Spencer’s Ordinary – Freedom Park -Williamsburg

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Independence Day service at Bruton Parish Church

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Green Spring, - Church on the Main, Jamestown

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

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