



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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Message from the President

October is going to be a very busy month.

The Wall That Heals, a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, arrives in Williamsburg at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 7. For anyone who missed the schedule published in the Virginia Gazette, I will provide it to you.

The Wall will be assembled on October 8 on the lawn in front of the DeWitt Wallace Museum on Francis Street. The opening ceremony will begin at 10:00 AM on October 9 with Congressman Rob Wittman, retired General Anthony Zinni and new Colonial Williamsburg President Michael Reiss participating. A Marine Color Guard, led by the Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums, will present the colors.

On Saturday, October 11, the Library will present the movie "Return With Honor" at 2:00 PM. Allan Carpenter, a POW in Vietnam, will speak.

On Sunday, October 12 at 3:00 PM, a memorial event will be held. Airmen from Langley Air Force Base Honor Guard, will present a narrated flag folding event, and the flag will be presented to Jennie Green, a Gold Star Mother whose son, 1st Lt. Douglas Green, was killed in action. Students from Jamestown High School will read the names of the

1,307 Virginians whose names appear on the Wall.

The Closing Ceremony is set for Monday, October 13 at 3:00 PM. The Langley Air Force Base Honor Guard will present the colors. Williamsburg Mayor Clyde Haulman will speak. Volunteers are needed for this project. There is a Sign Up Genius site for this purpose:

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10COD4FABA62FAO2-thewall/19706026>.

The next weekend is filled with Yorktown Day activities. At 5:00 PM on Saturday, George Washington will address attendees in Market Square in back of the Courthouse in Colonial Williamsburg. Immediately thereafter there will be a ceremony at the St. George Tucker House to honor Tucker's participation in the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot. This will be followed by a banquet at the Ft. Magruder Hotel. At 10:30 on Sunday, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, followed by a parade past the Yorktown Monument. Let's have a significant representation in the Parade.

Remember our Luncheon on Saturday, October 11. James Monroe is the Speaker. Please send your reservations in to Jack Lee.

- Bob Spencer

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond



OCTOBER 3rd-5th, 2014

Point Pleasant Days, Point Pleasant, WV

OCTOBER 7th, 2014

Battle of Kings Mountain, NC

OCTOBER 11th, 2014

Williamsburg Chapter Luncheon Meeting

OCTOBER 18th, 2014

St. George Tucker Commemoration

Williamsburg, VA

OCTOBER 18th, 2014

Yorktown Day Banquet - Fort Magruder Inn

Williamsburg, VA

OCTOBER 19th, 2014

Yorktown Day Commemoration and Parade

NOVEMBER 11th, 2014

Veterans Day at the Governor's Palace

& Fort Magruder Inn

DECEMBER, 2014

No Chapter Meeting

DECEMBER 5th-6th, 2014

Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA



Registrar's Corner

"Looking for a Few Good Men"

We could use some recruiting efforts to turn up new members. With the exception of four applications currently awaiting additional information, the well has run dry. If you have a friend or acquaintance who might be qualified, or know someone who has mentioned an interest in the past, please have them send the registrar an e-mail. And he would like to see more biographical book input from those who haven't submitted yet.

- Ron Lisee

September Guest Speaker

The Williamsburg Chapter was honored to have Dr. James T. Reese, Ph.D. as Guest Speaker in September.

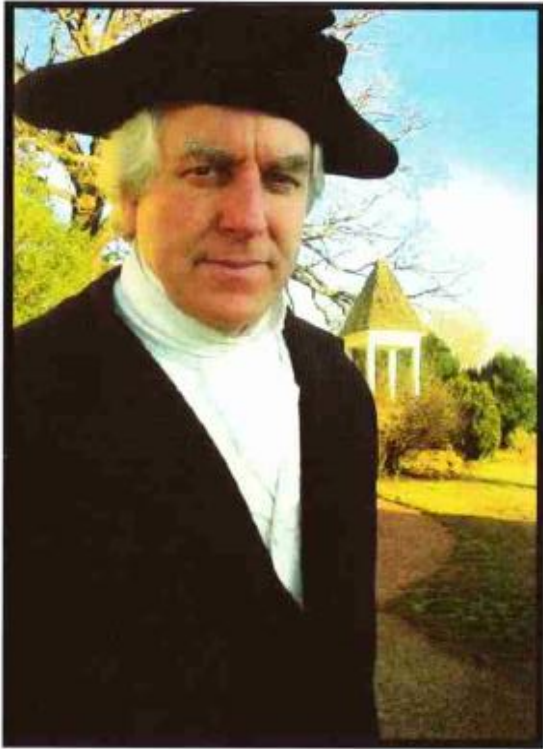


Dr. Reese was immediately called to the World Trade Center site on 9/11 and was on site with Task Force 1 for 56 days on the bucket brigade examining the rubble taken out from the site.

He helped to link al-Qaeda and bin Laden to the attacks. 337 New York City firefighters died during that awful day. It is alleged that the TV character of Dr. Spencer Reid in "Criminal Minds" portrays Dr. Reese's pioneering role that he had with the FBI. Dr. Reese and his wife Sandra live in Williamsburg.



October 11th Luncheon Guest Speaker



James Monroe

"No President did more to expand the U.S. and foster the security of the nation." President John Q. Adams

As to honesty, "If you turn his soul inside out, there's not a speck on it." Thomas Jefferson to James Madison of their friend "Colonel Monroe."

Dennis Bigelow presents a president unknown to most but beloved and respected by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. He captures Monroe's relationships with other Founding Fathers in creating The United States of America.

"The Second War for Independence and Monroe's Difficulties with other Patriots"

James Monroe was the last Revolutionary War era president, closing the work of the Founding Fathers. He secured our borders and gave the people of the U.S. a sense of territorial integrity and national identity. Dennis Bigelow (DB) is "James Monroe." He captures the character of "the fifth and forgotten president," the architect of our nation's first comprehensive defense posture following the destruction of Washington during the War of 1812. In the Revolutionary War Monroe was the first future president to be wounded in defense of the U.S., receiving from General Washington a rare citation for valor at Trenton in 1776, a decisive battle that preserved the hopes for American independence.

For years DB served as the costumed Monroe interpreter at Ash Lawn-Highland, next to Monticello. Jefferson asked Monroe to lay the cornerstone of the University of Virginia at nearby Charlottesville on grounds once owned by Monroe and adjacent to DB's own birthplace.

A Fortune 500 communications specialist and a Screen Actors Guild performer, DB anchored "Today in Banking" for Satellite Conference Network and was a spokesperson for USA Toay. While vice president of New York's Veterans Hospital Radio and Television Guild, DB was recognized by Veterans Affairs "for his effectiveness in drama therapy" with hospitalized vets.

Ancestral nephew of Chief Justice John Marshall (lifelong friend and hut mate of Monroe's at Valley Forge), DB teaches history through Louisa Teamworks/Piedmont VA Community College. He served as a U.S. Marine officer 1967-70, with assignment to Armed Forces Radio & TV before going to Vietnam.

Williamsburg SAR Activity

**Flag Award - Bayland's Federal Credit Union,
Richmond Road**

**Flag Award –
Casey Toyota**



**L-R: Tamy Gray Branch Manager; Bob Spencer, President,
Williamsburg Chapter SAR**

**L-R: Bob Spencer, President, Williamsburg Chapter SAR;
Ellen Stilwell, General Manager Branch Manager**

Flag Award – Bushel Drive, Stonehouse

Flag Award – Chick-fil-A, Monticello Crossing



**L-R: Anne Bull; George Bull; Bob Spencer, President, Williamsburg
Chapter SAR**

**L-R: Scott Peto, Owner/Operator;
Robert White, SAR Member**

Fire Safety Commendation Medal and certificate presented to Williamsburg Firefighter/Medic Ciera Fenske

Ciera Fenske was presented with the Fire Safety Commendation Award, by the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. She is currently the only female firefighter in the Williamsburg Fire Department.



While faced with the physical and academic challenges of the fire academy, Ciera Fenske, not only completed her Paramedic exams, in addition to the work required at the Tidewater Regional Fire Academy, but struggling with upper body strength participated in physical fitness workouts 3-4 days a week with members of the Williamsburg Fire Department and successfully passed both the physical and academic requirements.

The award is presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal - protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals.

Master Police Officer Jason Slodysko awarded The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was presented by the Williamsburg Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution to Master Police Officer Jason Slodysko for putting forth extraordinary efforts towards the betterment of the evening shift and the department as a whole. . The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement.



L-R Bob Spencer, President Williamsburg Chapter SAR,
Master Police Officer Jason Slodysko, James City County
Chief of Police Bradley J. Rinchimer

Officer Slodysko worked diligently for nine months to ensure the acquisition of body cameras for patrol officers would occur. He currently serves as an Officer in Charge of the evening shift, and recently handled a violent home invasion and shooting incident in which all the suspects were apprehended.

Williamsburg SAR Activity

**Flag Award –
Miller Oil**



L-R: Bob Spencer, President, Williamsburg Chapter SAR;
Taylor Yost Assistant Manager

**Flag Award –
Toano Post Office**



L-R: Bob Spencer, President, Williamsburg Chapter SAR;
Robert Gardner, Clerk

Supplemental Award – Compatriot Chris Snyder



L-R: Compatriot Chris Snyder; Bob Spencer, President,
Williamsburg Chapter SAR

Liberty Medal Award – Compatriot Ron Losee



L-R: Ron Losee, Registrar; Bob Spencer, President,
Williamsburg Chapter SAR

VASSAR Semi Annual Meeting Notes

The Semi-Annual meeting of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution was held on September 19-20 at the Hyatt Fairfax in Fairfax, VA. As is the VASSAR tradition, the Semi-Annual meeting location is chosen by the VASSAR president within the area of his home chapter. The Colonel William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR President Broadus' home chapter, hosted the meeting. Seventeen of the twenty-six VASSAR chapters were represented and from the Williamsburg Chapter President Bob Spencer and Ed Truslow attended.



At both the Board of Manger's and General Membership meetings an endorsement was given to candidates for NSSAR offices for 2014-2015. Wayne Rouse, the VASSAR Secretary, hosted a workshop on awards and on Saturday morning former Vice President General Larry McKinley led a ladies tour of the National Air and Space Museum at nearby Dulles Airport. The Williamsburg Chapter received the "Partners in Patriotism" certificate at the meeting. Williamsburg currently leads the pack in awarding flag certificates with with twelve. The keynote speaker for the Semi-Annual luncheon was 2013-2014 President General Joe Dooley. You will note from the photo that he has recovered an amazing head of hair after having had his head shaved bald less than two months ago.

Special SAR meeting Guest Craig Boice

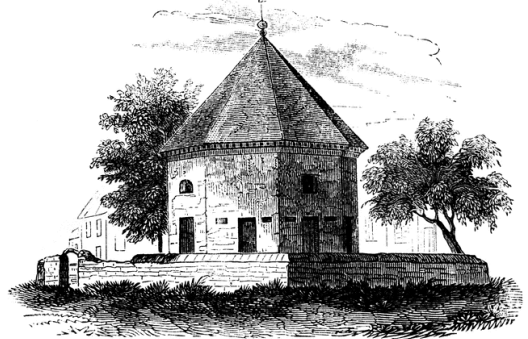


L-R: Jay Smith, SAR; Craig Boice, Retired Major General, awarded 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Silver Stars, 4 Purple Hearts, Distinguished Service Cross, was assigned to NSA and Joint Chiefs of Staff.

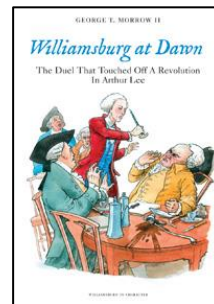
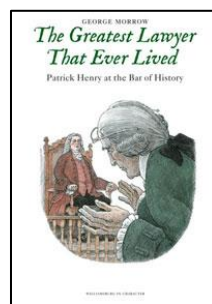
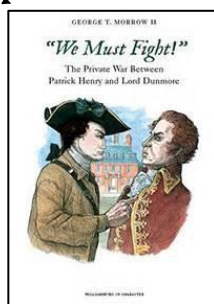
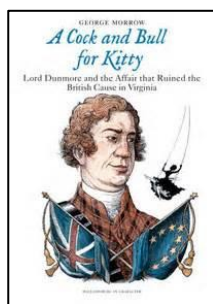
Appreciation Cup



L-R: Rick Smith; Ron Lossee, Registrar. Awarded for 3rd year contributing flags to 4th of July band concert.



September Book Raffle Selections



The October Book Raffle will consist of a bundle of four books authored by our own George Morrow:

“A Cock and Bull for Kitty” Lord Dunmore and the Affair that Ruined the British Cause in Virginia.

“We Must Fight” The Private War Between Patrick Henry and Lord Dunmore

“The Greatest Lawyer That Ever Lived” Patrick Henry at the Bar of History

“Williamsburg At Dawn” The Duel That Touched Off A Revolution In Arthur Lee

These are the four books that will constitute the bundle.

Raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket or 7 tickets for \$5, and will be sold at the October chapter meeting.

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Reservation for the October 11th 2014 Williamsburg Chapter Meeting:

Please reserve _____ lunches at \$20.00

Name(s) _____

of Vegetarian Dinners _____

Please make checks payable to “Williamsburg Chapter SAR”

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