



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

Yorktown weekend was a wonderful event. The weather was perfect. Late afternoon on Saturday, we were greeted on the Courthouse Green by the Marquis de Lafayette exhorting the crowd about the Battle of Yorktown. Sunday was an inspiring day starting with the marking of the grave of General Thomas Nelson, Junior in the Grace Episcopal Church graveyard and concluding with the parade through Yorktown to the Monument and the Patriotic Ceremony at the Monument. It really was a moving cheer by the large crowd watching the parade as the SAR contingent, including a number of members of the Williamsburg Chapter, walked to the Monument.

We have several events coming up. Veterans' Day will be celebrated at our usual location in back of the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg, followed by luncheon at the Fort Magruder Hotel. I plan to award a number of medals and certificates at the luncheon, so I hope there will be a good attendance.

The final lecture in the Revolutionary War Lecture Series at the Yorktown Victory Center will be held at 7:00 PM at the Yorktown Victory Center. The lecture by Andrew O'Shaughnessy is

entitled "The Men Who Lost America". I attended an earlier lecture in this series by George Daughan entitled "The Importance of the Second War of Independence to America and the World"

The Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake will be held on Saturday, December 6. This is now a National Event. Our Chapter is scheduled to present our wreath at this event. Finally, I just received an announcement of the laying of wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution at the Old Presbyterian Church in Alexandria at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 22.

I want to thank our members who participated in the Wall That Heals project. It was really a remarkable event for our community.

I read an obituary for our member, Tom Copes. Our Chaplain has sent a condolence card to Tom's wife. Please let Harley Stewart, our Chapter Secretary, Jim Henry, our Chapter Chaplain, or me know of any situation that merits our good wishes or concerns.

- Bob Spencer

November 11th Luncheon Guest Speaker

"The War of 1812 in Virginia"

Stuart L. Butler retired from the National Archives and Records Administration in 1999 as an assistant branch chief with the formerly Old Military and Civil Branch, where he specialized in early American military records.

He attended Florida State University and Florida Atlantic University, and holds a M.A. degree in American history.

Since retiring from the U.S. Government after thirty years service, Mr. Butler has been researching and writing a history of Virginia during the War of 1812.

His latest book is entitled "Defending the Old Dominion: Virginia and its Militia in the War of 1812", published by the University Press of America.

Mr. Butler is a contributor to the ongoing publication, Dictionary of Virginia Biography, and is a current member of the Citizens Advisory Council for the Virginia War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.

He is the author of "Virginia Soldiers in the U.S. Army" (Athens, 1987); "Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812" (Athens, 1988, Revised 2011), and "Real Patriots and Heroic Soldiers: General Joel Leftwich and the Virginia Brigade in the War of 1812" (Westminster, 2008).

He has written a number of articles on the War of 1812 appearing in such magazines as the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Magazine, Albemarle County History Magazine, Maryland Historical Magazine, and Prologue, the quarterly journal of the National Archives and Records Administration. He now lives in Williamsburg, Virginia.

October Guest Speaker



Dennis Bigelow, aka James Madison, was the speaker at a meeting of the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution at The Fort Magruder Inn on Oct. 11, 2014. In the role and garb of James Madison, Mr. Bigelow reviewed his life as a founding-father, beginning with his wounding at the Battle of Trenton, and the six positions held in the government, finally as the fifth President of the United States. Mr. Bigelow is shown receiving thanks and recognition from Bob Spencer, Chapter President.



<http://www.sarfoundation.org/center-for-advancing.html>

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond



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

2014 Congress Lamplighter Award



Rev. Dr. James Henry was presented a 2014 Congress Lamplighter Award at a meeting of the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of The American Revolution, at the Fort Magruder Inn on Oct. 11, 2104.

Rev. Henry, who is Chaplain of the Williamsburg Chapter, was recognized for his support of the Center for Advancing Americas Heritage. Edward Truslow, 2nd Vice President, Virginia Society, is shown presenting the Award on behalf of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

November 11th Luncheon

Please sign up asap for the luncheon meeting which will be held at the Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center. Note the slight time change to allow time for you to get from the Palace Cemetery to the Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center.

Local author Stuart Butler will be our speaker. His talk will be on the War of 1812 in Virginia. Stuart is a well known scholar on the War of 1812 and has published several books on the subject.

Date: Tuesday November 11, 2014

Location: Fort Magruder Inn & Conference Center
6945 Pocahontas Trail (Rt. 60 east)

Social: 12:00 noon

Meeting: 12:30pm

Sign-up Form on page 12 for the Tuesday November 11 Meeting @ 12:00 noon.

Reservations MUST be received not later than Thursday November 6.

2015 Chapter Dues

You should have received a 2015 dues notice by now from the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR. You can really help our Treasurer Jack Lee out by getting your dues to him on or before November 15th. We have to send our Chapter check to VASSAR so we want everyone to be included on the renewal for next year.

So please send Treasurer Jack Lee your dues check to:
521 Newport Ave.
Williamsburg, VA 23185-4012
Jack may be contacted at
valee@widomaker.com
or 757-870-4516.



Ceremony Honoring St. George Tucker, October 18th, 2014



The Sons of the American Revolution together with the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution have organized a two years series to commemorate the participation of St. George Tucker in the American Revolutionary War with the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot. St. George Tucker, who was born in Bermuda, was honored as a patriot at his home in Colonial Williamsburg, VA on October 18, 2014 with a wreath ceremony. In addition to securing much needed gunpowder, he was in the Virginia Militia at the siege of Yorktown, a Professor of Law at the College of William and Mary, and a Virginia and United States Justice. Presenting wreaths are Lindsey Brock, President General, National Society, Sons of the American Revolution; Bana Weems Caskey, Historian General, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; Betsy Ehmcke, National President, National Society, Children of the American Revolution; and Billie Spence, Senior National President, Children of the American Revolution.

"The right of self-defense is the first law of nature; in most governments it has been the study of rulers to confine this right within the narrowest limits possible. Whenever standing armies are kept up, and the right of the people to keep and bear arms is, under any color or pretext whatsoever, prohibited, liberty, if not already annihilated, is on the brink of destruction."

- St. George Tucker



Ceremony Honoring St. George Tucker (continued)

Start of the parade from the Colonial Williamsburg Courthouse field to the St. George Tucker House with the VASSAR Color Guard, officers of NSSAR and VASSAR with various Virginia Society chapter members.



The parade underway.



Bana Caskey, Historian General NSDAR; Jennifer Carver, Member Cte. de Grasse Chapter, DAR and Assoc. Member Bermuda Chapter, DAR; Jane Stewart, Regent, Williamsburg Chapter, DAR; H. Milton Holt, Member, Williamsburg Chapter, SAR; Duncan McIver, Member, Williamsburg Chapter, SAR; Ed Truslow, 2nd Vice-President, VASSAR, and Laura Truslow in the parade.

Cheryl Packwood, Overseas Representative of the Government of Bermuda, who made remarks. Michael Elston, 3rd Vice-President, VASSAR, and organizer of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot commemorations, who made the welcome and introductions.



Ceremony Honoring St. George Tucker (continued)



Bill Broadus, President, VASSAR, delivering the Call to Order at the St. George Tucker House.



Welcoming the 171 arrivals at the Yorktown Day Association Banquet at the Fort Magruder Inn: Ron Losee, Registrar-Genecologist, Williamsburg Chapter, SAR; Donald Swain, Member, Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, and Mary Swain.

Veterans' Day Observance at the Governor's Palace Garden

Compatriots,

As we have done for a number of past years, on Veterans' Day, November 11th we, the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, will hold our annual ceremony honoring the 156 men and two women buried in the Governor's Palace Garden. Most of these men are believed to have died when the Palace was used as a hospital after Yorktown and are thus some of our very first known veterans. The two women are believed to have been nurses. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 AM -- all chapter members are urged to attend and to be in place before 11:00 AM.

Please enter through the west palace gate; a CW Good Neighbor Pass will admit you but if you do not have the pass, simply tell the person at the gate that you are there for the SAR Veterans' Day ceremony in the garden. Follow the walk along the west side of the central portion of the garden; we will have a member at the gate to the area of the burial site to welcome you and also CW garden visitors.

The ceremony will last about 35 to 40 minutes featuring our color guard and remarks by Patrick Henry, as portrayed by Colonial Williamsburg's Frank Megargee. As always we will be joined by the Williamsburg Chapter, DAR, represented by their Regent, Jane Stewart. We will also be joined by Ken Wood representing SAR's Thomas Nelson, Jr., Chapter, their current President. Volunteer Boy Scouts will present flags of the units that have been identified among those interred there. Wreaths will be presented by the DAR, the Thomas Nelson, Jr., Chapter, our chapter, and our own Ed Truslow, representing VASSAR. Our chapter luncheon meeting will follow at the Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Inn; the schedule allows time to get there from the

ceremony.

Since it is a holiday, we are welcome to park in the CW employee parking lot opposite the Capitol -- enter the Tavern Parking Lot from Francis Street and go through it to Employees' Parking. We may NOT park in the Matthew Whaley School parking areas, but free parking is available in the CW parking deck next to Lafayette Street (enter from either North Boundary or North Henry Street), or in the, for pay, CW parking garage off North Boundary Street. From either, it is a short walk to the Palace by the footpath from in front of Matthew Whaley School to the Governor's Palace.

To greet and guide members and visitors, or as ushers, we will need four volunteers. They will need to be at the site about 10:40 AM but will not need to stay more than about five minutes after the ceremony ends. If you can help with this, please notify either Tom Campbell, ([757-229-0496](tel:757-229-0496) or tcampbell13@cox.net) or Joe Spruill, ([757-253-7859](tel:757-253-7859) or josephspruill31@gmail.com).

Please plan now to attend this important ceremony.

- Joe Spruill for Tom Campbell



Yorktown Day, October 19th, 2014



At the Yorktown Day Celebration on October 19, 2014 wreaths were laid in a ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson Jr. at Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, sponsored by the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Shown with the wreath of the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, are Bob Spencer, Chapter President; R. Terry Haas, Member; Ronald Losee, Registrar-Genecologist; Richard Newsome, Member; Edward Truslow, Past-President; and Harley Stewart, Secretary.



SAR group photo after the Parade.

Yorktown day (continued)



SAR Officers and Color Guard. Wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson Jr.



Lindsey Brock, President General, National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, SAR Officers, and Color Guard. Wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson Jr.



Lindsey Brock, President General, National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Wreath laying -----



The Yorktown Monument.



Sons of the American Revolution in the Parade.



Yorktown Day (continued)



Wreath laying on the Yorktown Monument.



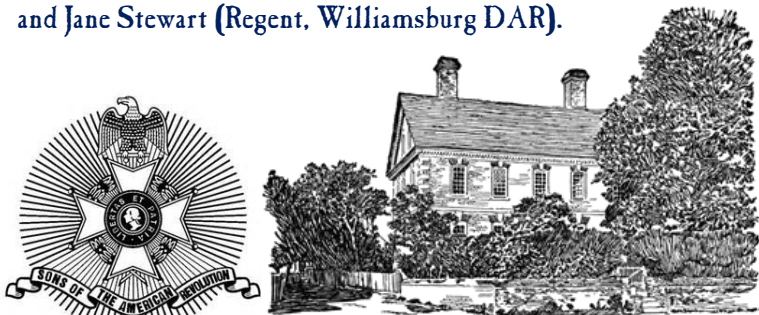
Sons of the American Revolution Parading in front of the Monument.



The wives are Mary Haas, Nancy Losee, Laura Truslow, and Jane Stewart (Regent, Williamsburg DAR).



Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps on Parade.



The grave of Governor Thomas Nelson Jr.



Partners in Patriotism Award



The Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution was presented a Partners in Patriotism Award at a meeting of the Chapter at the Fort Magruder Inn on Oct. 11, 2014. The Chapter was recognized for partnering with Veterans organizations at various events and programs.

Edward Trudlow, 2nd Vice President, Virginia Society, is shown presenting the Award to Bob Spencer, Chapter President, on behalf of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

2015 Williamsburg Chapter Officer Slate

The Chapter Nominating committee composed of Ed Truslow, Jack Lee and Ron Losee have selected the following slate of Officer Candidates for 2015:

- President – Don Swain**
- Vice President – Jay Smith**
- Secretary – Harley Stewart**
- Treasurer – Jack Lee**
- Registrar/Genealogist – Ron Losee**
- Publicity – Lew de Seife**
- Historian – Richard Newsome**
- Chaplain – Jim Henry**
- At-Large Member – Tom Campbell**
- At-Large Member – George Bridewell**

Election of officers will be conducted at the November 11th Chapter luncheon.

Nominations may also be made from the floor.

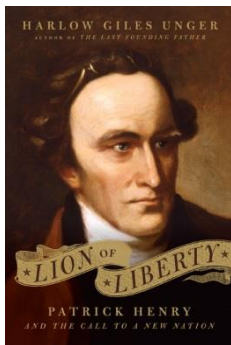


Teacher of the Year Award

Rachel Moore was recognized as its Teacher of The Year by the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of The American Revolution at its meeting at the Fort Magruder Inn on October 11, 2014.

Rachel Moore is a 6th-grade history teacher at Hornsby Middle School, whose students have been in the Virginia History Day competition during each of the last five years.

Eight students competed in 2014. Robert Spencer, Chapter President, is shown presenting her with a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.



November Book Raffle Selection



The Book Raffle selection for the November chapter meeting is **“Lion of Liberty: Patrick Henry and the Call To A New Nation”** by Harlow Giles Unger, DA CAPO Press, A Member of the Perseus Books Group, 2010. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5, and may be purchased at the chapter meeting.

2014 Williamsburg Chapter Officers

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Reservation for the Tuesday, November 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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