



# 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

Our vice president, Jay Smith, has scheduled the perfect speaker for our February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's day meeting. Shirley Meyer will provide a glimpse of our second first lady, Abigail Adams', preparations for her trip to the new "Washington City". I am sure the presentation will provide us with a much better appreciation of the vital roles that our patriot foremothers played in the successful struggle that won our independence. Please make an extra effort to bring your special lady to our Valentine's Day meeting. A flower awaits them.

Another not to be missed opportunity is our Virginia Society SAR 125<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on 20-22 February. The event will be held at the Omni Hotel just up the road in Richmond. Our own Compatriot Ed Truslow will be installed as the state society's first vice president.

For those who misplaced or didn't receive the VASSAR meeting information and registration forms copies will be available at our valentine's day lunch.

- Don Swain

## Registrar's Corner

Many new members may not be aware that the chapter is building a notebook of member biographies and ancestor background. We're asking that each member send an e-mail message to the Registrar containing a information about his life/career/education/family and a paragraph about what you know concerning your Patriot.

These are for chapter use only; the book is at the entrance table at all meetings. Let your Compatriots learn a little about you.

- S.F. Ron Lossee

## Williamsburg-Yorktown American Revolution Round Table

**NEXT Meeting: Thursday February 5, 2015, 6:30pm**

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL  
111 Church Street, YORKTOWN, VA

**Speaker: Dr. Sean Heuvel,  
Vice-President WYARRT**

**"General Howe & Mrs. Loring: The Myth vs. Reality  
Behind an Infamous affair"**

<http://williamsburg-yorktownarrt.wccbly.com/>

### Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond



**FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Williamsburg Chapter Meeting**

**Williamsburg, VA**

**FEBRUARY 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Commemoration of the**

**Crossing of the Dan**

**Danville, VA**

**FEBRUARY 20-21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**VASSAR Annual Meeting**

**Richmond, VA**

**MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Williamsburg Chapter Meeting**

**Williamsburg, VA**

**FEBRUARY 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Commemoration of the**

**Battle of Guilford Court House**

**Greensboro, NC**

**APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Williamsburg Chapter Meeting**

**Williamsburg, VA**

**AY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Williamsburg Chapter Meeting**

**Williamsburg, VA**

**Memorial Day CW/SAR/DAR**

**JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Joint Williamsburg/Thomas Nelson Jr.**

**Chapter Meeting**

**Williamsburg, VA**



### February 14th Chapter Luncheon

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their sweethearts to attend the February luncheon meeting which happens to be on **VALENTINES DAY!** There will be a few small surprises.

There will also be an excellent guest speaker. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Date:** Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Location:** Fort Magruder Inn

& Conference Center

6945 Pocahontas Trail (Rt. 60 east)

**Social:** 11:30 am

**Meeting:** 12:00 noon

**Sign-up Form on page 7 for the Saturday**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting @ 12:00 noon.**

**Reservations MUST be received not later than**

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.**



## February 14th Guest Speaker

Shirley Meyer is a retired history and French teacher from East Kentwood High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she taught for 33 years. She is a recipient of several grants including the National Endowment for the Humanities and studied at the University of Colorado in a program on the Young Republic as well as a recipient of grant programs to Stratford Hall Plantation in Westmoreland County, Virginia, in programs on the history of Slavery and The Leaders of the American Revolution.

Since moving to the Williamsburg area, Meyer has taught various history classes for the Christopher Wren program at William and Mary and is also a volunteer at Colonial Williamsburg and the Jamestown Settlement Museum.

You are about to meet Abigail Adams in the year 1800. John and Abigail are moving into the President's mansion in Washington City and Abigail is busily packing and saying good-bye to all her friends.



## 2015 SAR/DAR/CAR Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Trip

Compatriots,

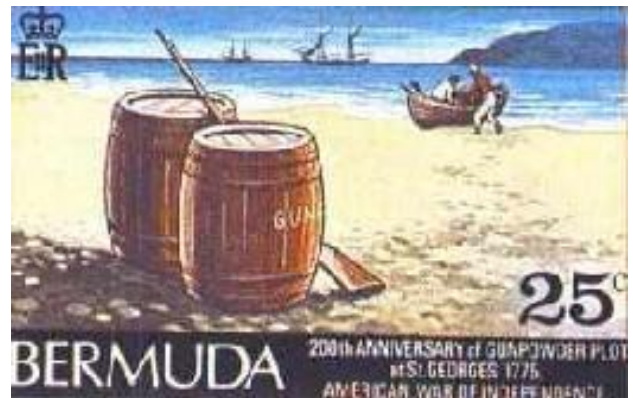
The SAR-DAR-CAR trip to Bermuda to commemorate the 240th anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot will take place in August 2015. We are planning four (perhaps more) very special SAR-DAR-CAR events, including the dedication of two historical markers (at the site of the gunpowder magazine and near the birthplace of two Bermuda-born Patriots) and an interpretive sign (at Tobacco Bay Beach, where the gunpowder left shore for waiting American ships). We likely will have participation by the Governor, the Premier and the U.S. Consul General. But there will also be time for participants to enjoy the stunning beauty of Bermuda, from its pink sand beaches to its world-class golf courses!

Our headquarters is the Fairmont Southampton, one of the finest hotels on Bermuda -- and just a short walk from the world-famous Horseshoe Bay Beach.

This trip is open to SAR, DAR and CAR members and their families. All of the special events will be joint SAR-DAR-CAR events with official participation from all three organizations.

For more information, please contact me at [elston.sar@gmail.com](mailto:elston.sar@gmail.com) or you can peruse the preliminary itinerary at:

<https://prod.groupandevent.net/register/bermudapatriots>  
To access the site, use the password gunpowder15. Registration and a \$200/person deposit will hold your place on the trip.



Feel free to share this with other SAR and DAR members in your local area who you think may be interested in the trip. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Mike Elston



## Report of the VASSAR Nominating Committee

The VASSAR Nominating Committee hereby endorses the following compatriots to serve as 2015-2016 Virginia Society, SAR Officers for election by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting to be held on February 23, 2015.

<b>President</b>	Reverdy E. Wright, PhD (Fincastle Resolutions Chapter)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	Edward W. Truslow (Williamsburg Chapter)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Michael J. Elston, Esq. (George Washington Chapter)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President</b>	Patrick M. Kelly (Thomas Jefferson Chapter)
<b>Secretary</b>	R. Wayne Rouse (Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Frederick N. Elofson (Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter)
<b>Chancellor</b>	Eric H. Monday, Esq. (Col. George Waller Chapter)
<b>Registrar</b>	T. Michael Taimi (Col. William Grayson Chapter)
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin, Jr. (Fort Harrison Chapter)
<b>Surgeon</b>	Dr. W. McKenzie Wallenborn (Thomas Jefferson Chapter)
<b>Historian</b>	Larry G. Aaron, D.Min. (Dan River Chapter)

The VASSAR Nominating Committee hereby endorses the following compatriots to serve as 2015-2016 National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee for election by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting to be held on February 23, 2015.

<b>Trustee</b>	W.A. "Bill" Broadus, Jr. (Col. William Grayson Chapter)
<b>Alternate Trustee</b>	Reverdy E. Wright, PhD (Fincastle Resolutions Chapter)

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Kent S. Webber, Chairman  
Mark S. Brennan, Sr.  
William C. Collier  
Bobby D. McConnell  
Bruce A. Wilcox

## VASSAR Presidential Initiative

VASSAR President Bill Broadus has scheduled the rededication of the Grayson tomb for 7 February 2015 at 2:00 PM. This is the burial site of Colonel William Grayson and his brother Spence. Both William and Spence were Revolutionary War soldiers and William was one of the first two senators from Virginia.

The tomb is located at 2338 West Longview Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (in a subdivision). The society has placed grave stones for William and Spence Grayson at the tomb, following the preservation of the tomb and cleanup of the cemetery. The work on the tomb was a concerted effort on the part of VASSAR, the property owners, Prince William County staff and community members.

Parking is available at the site. This is a rain or shine event.

## 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Louisville, KY

The following is the passkey site for reservations for the Galt House Hotel and the SAR rate: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/NSSARI5>

If you experience a problem while using this webpage, please contact Paul Callanan, NSSAR Congress Planning Chair at 906-273-2424 or email [ltcmrsc@aol.com](mailto:ltcmrsc@aol.com). He will contact the hotel and get them to correct the issue. Additionally, you can call the hotel at 1-800- THE-GALT (1-800-843-4258). Then press "1" when prompted. Make sure you inform them you are with the SAR for the Congress to get the right room rate.

Speaking of rooms and rates, there are two types:  
Deluxe Rivue Rooms (either two Queen or one King bed)  
for \$125.00 per night plus taxes;  
Executive Suites (two Queen beds) for \$145.00 per night plus taxes.

Now some miscellaneous information:  
The closet in the regular rooms are like a normal hotel room about 36" of hanging space. The closet in a Executive Suite are about 48" long.  
Wifi is **free** in the room if you are listed as SAR.  
Mini-refrigerators are available in the Executive Suites.  
There are no refrigerators in the Deluxe Rivue Rooms.  
Parking is \$10.00 per day. This is a price reduction.

# Joint Williamsburg/Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter Meeting & Officer Induction



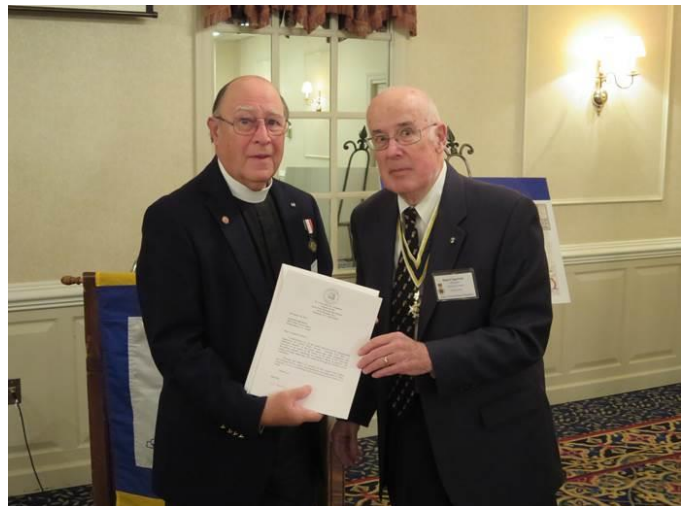
From L – R: Outgoing President, Bob Spencer; Incoming President, Donald Swain; Vice President, Jay Smith; Treasurer, Jack Lee; Registrar/Genecalogist Ron Losee; Historian, Richard Newsome; Chaplain, Jim Henry; and Secretary, Harley Stewart.

Donald Swain incoming 2015 Williamsburg Chapter SAR President with the gavel of office, and Vice-President Jay Smith.



Bob spencer presenting Ed Truslow with the Jefferson Cup, in honor of his service to the chapter. Thomas Nelson outgoing President Ken Wood looks on.

Bob Spencer presents a supplemental award to Jim Henry for his ancestor, Roger Lawson of Georgia.





# Joint Williamsburg/Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter Meeting & Officer Induction (cont.)



Bust of Rochambeau to be presented to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation for their museum.



Text of the Spencer's Ordinary memorial plaque to be installed at Freedom Park.

Soon-to-be First Vice-President of VASSAR, Ed Truslow, who will present the bust to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

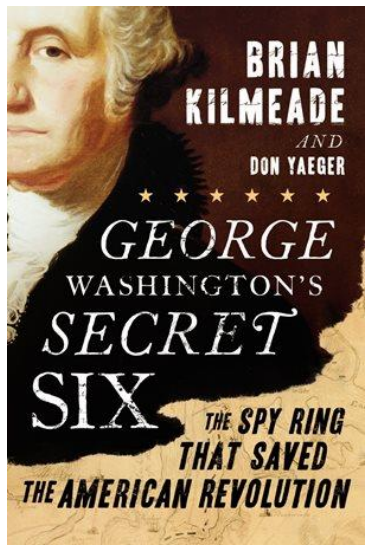
Bob Spencer presents the Vietnam Veteran medal to chapter member Compatriot Bob White.





# Remembrance Research Recruitment

## February Book Raffle Selection



“George Washington’s Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution”, by Fox&Friends host and historian/author Brian Kilmeade with Don Yaeger, Sentinel, Hardcover, 256 pages. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00, and can be purchased at the Chapter meeting.

### 2015 Williamsburg Chapter Officers

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### Reservation for the Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 Chapter Meeting:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$20.00

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

# of Vegetarian Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to “Williamsburg Chapter SAR”

and mail to:

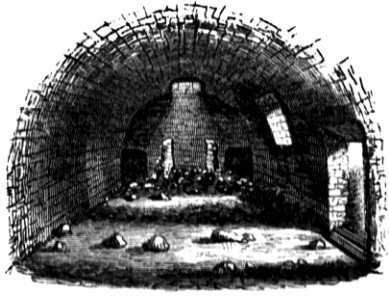
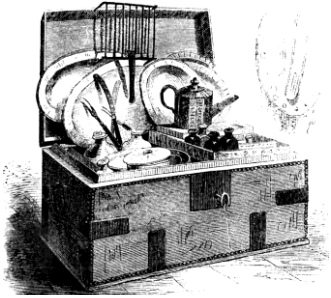
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February 20-22, 2015**

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[http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond/meetings/  
virginia-society-sons-of-american-revolution-2](http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond/meetings/virginia-society-sons-of-american-revolution-2)

—or—

Call for reservations at: **1-800-THE-OMNI**  
and mention group code **12200701068**

The rate for SAR compatriots is \$121 per night, plus local room taxes.  
(Valet parking is available at a reduced rate of \$10 per day)

Cutoff date for reservations at the above rate is  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015**