



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

I am writing this note surrounded by the afterglow of our participation in the Colonial Williamsburg Memorial Day pageant honoring our Revolutionary War heroes. Sharing the events with the DAR ladies was also fitting as an affirmation of Abigail Adams admonition to "remember the ladies". Keeping all our American citizens, young and old aware of the debt owed to our colonial forefathers, needs to be the sacred mission of our SAR chapter.

A hearty well done is due to Tom Campbell for his many hours spent coordinating all the various aspects of the day with CW. The garden venue at the Kings Arms allowed us to truly be immersed in our rich history.

Our Saturday June 13th lunch meeting will convene at the Fort Magruder hotel at 11:30. V.P. Jay Smith, has scheduled Mike Kerby, an outstanding Christopher Wren instructor, to discuss the amazing struggle that resulted in the writing and ratification of our constitution.

On Saturday 20 June at 11 AM we will host the "unveiling" of the Spencer's Ordinary historical marker in James City County's Freedom Park. This marker will commemorate a battle fought on June 26 1781 between forces of General Lafayette and Lord Cornwallis. This marker event culminates a several year effort by our former president and current VASSAR vice president, Ed Truslow. Ed has spearheaded this project for several years by working with local county officials, and obtaining funding for design and fabrication of the marker from VASSAR. Members of our color guard and local county officials will attend.

Please commit an hour on Saturday morning, 20 June to participate in this event that will provide our community another visual reminder of our rich local Revolutionary War heritage.

July events will be upon us prior to the July newsletter, therefore a "heads-up" follows.

Our chapter has participated in a 4th of July Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish. We have served as ushers, Scripture Reader and flag presenter.

Our Chaplain, Reverend, Jim Henry has started the coordination of the event and will appreciate some assistance. Ron Losee, and some helpers, has passed out small American flags to the audience at Colonial Williamsburg's July 2nd concert on Duke of Gloucester street. Call Ron if you would like to help.

- Don Swain

Registrar's Corner

It's a Grand Old Flag. The number of American flags flying from porches and flag poles around Williamsburg on Memorial Day is testimony that our patriotic spirit remains strong and proud.

Your SAR chapter plans again this year to distribute 1,000 miniature American flags at the Merchants Square Independence Day concert. The U. S. Army TRADOC band from Ft. Eustis will provide the music on Wednesday, 1 July. We have been providing flags to attendees for several years and have requested permission to do it once again. A few volunteers would be appreciated.

Additionally, after a record-breaking total of 30 Williamsburg area families and businesses receiving SAR Flag Certificates in 2014, only one has been presented in 2015! SAR awards a flag certificate to those who fly the American flag proudly, complying with the flag code for continuous flag display.

Any member can recommend and present a personal certificate. The Registrar maintains a roster of previously recognized locations. Contact him for the procedure involved.

- S.F. Ron Losee

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar**Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond****JUNE 5th-7th, 2015****Lafayette's Hermione Voyage 2015
Yorktown, VA**<http://www.hermione2015.com/index.html#home>**JUNE 13th, 2015****Joint Williamsburg/Thomas Nelson Jr.
Chapter Meeting
Williamsburg, VA****JUNE 20th, 2015****Ware Episcopal Church Grave Markings
Middlesex County, VA****JUNE 20th, 2015****Spencer's Ordinary Commemoration
Williamsburg, VA****JUNE 25th, 2015****Spencer's Ordinary Commemoration
Williamsburg, VA****JUNE 25th-July 1st, 2015****125th Annual Congress****Louisville, KY****JULY 25th, 2015****Old Augusta Stone Church at Ft. Defiance
Grave Markings****Near Harrisonburg, VA****AUGUST, 2015****2015 SAR/DAR/CAR Bermuda****Gunpowder Plot Trip****Bermuda, British Overseas Territory****June 13th Joint Chapter Luncheon**

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their ladies to attend the Joint Thomas Nelson Jr./Williamsburg June luncheon meeting.

There will be an excellent guest speaker, historian and Constitutional scholar Michael Kerley. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Date: Saturday, June 13th, 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 6 for the Saturday
June 13th Meeting @ 12:00 noon.****Reservations MUST be received not later than
Wednesday, June 10th.****125th Annual Congress****June 25th – July 1st, 2015, Louisville, KY**

The following is the passkey site for reservations for the Galt House Hotel and the SAR rate: <https://reswcb.passkey.com/go/NSSAR15>

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. 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.

June 13th Guest Speaker Michael L. Kerley

Mike is a retired lawyer. For over 30 years he served in a variety of legal and compliance positions at MassMutual, a diversified, global financial services organization. His final position there was as Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for that Company's U.S. Insurance Group. Mike's job responsibilities often included delivering presentations at industry conferences and continuing education events.

Mike graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in Government, and he earned his JD degree at the National Law Center of George Washington University.

Since retiring and moving here to Williamsburg, Mike has begun a second career as an amateur historian and constitutional scholar. Resuming his life-long interest in our Constitution and the men who created that remarkable document, he has developed and taught several well-received courses for the Christopher Wren Association. These courses include ones pertaining to: The Constitutional Convention of 1787, Ratification of the Constitution, The Bill of Rights and something he calls Constitutional Curiosities.



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 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

Memorial Day Ceremonies at Colonial Williamsburg, May 25th, 2015

On Memorial Day the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was invited to participate in the day set aside to honor our nation's military members to provide a visual reminder to our fellowcitizens of the sacrifices that created their Republic 240 years ago. SAR and presented a wreath at the Governors Palace at Colonial Williamsburg, and then the SAR color guard and CW drum and fifes marched to Bruton Parish Church, and to the French cemetery.

(L-R) Jack Lee, Treasurer, Williamsburg Chapter SAR; Virginia Lee, Regent, Williamsburg Chapter DAR; Ed Truslow, Vice-President Virginia Society SAR; Donald Swain, President, Williamsburg SAR; Bruce Meyer, President, Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter SAR.



William Greaf and Roger Sizemore were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution at a ceremony on May 25, 2015. (L-R) standing, Elizabeth Greaf; William Greaf; Roger Sizemore; Bonnie Sizemore.



Memorial Day Ceremonies at Colonial Williamsburg, May 25th, 2015 (cont.)



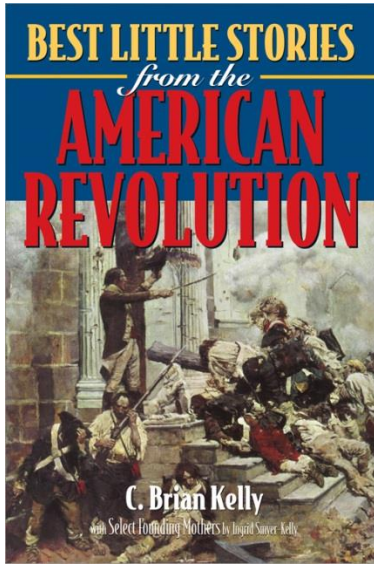
SAR members and Color Guard at Memorial Day ceremony.



SAR Color Guard
(L-R) Norm Fuss,
Tom Morr,
Jeff Brown,
and Warren Deal



June Book Raffle Selection



The Raffle book for the June meeting is entitled: "Best Little Stories from the American Revolution", by C. Brian Kelly with "Select Founding Mothers" by Ingrid Smyer Kelly, Cumberland House, Nashville, Tennessee, 1999. Containing more than 125 true stories of courage and valor, cunning and guile. It is a history of the war as it affected soldiers and civilians. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5.00 and may be purchased at the door. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00, and can be purchased at the Chapter meeting.

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Reservation for the Saturday, June 13th 2015 Joint Chapter Meeting:

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$20.00

Name(s) _____

of Vegetarian Dinners _____

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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