



# The Magazine

## Williamsburg Chapter of the 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 SAR President General

Compatriots,

This is the first in a series of communications from me to the leaders of the SAR. A recurring comment I have heard over the years is that the Trustees, state societies and chapters are not provided with enough information about the important business of the national society. We are going to work to correct that this year. Attached is a copy of the speech I gave when I was installed as President General at the recent Congress in Louisville, KY [pp. 9-12]. In it I set forth some goals and a vision for the upcoming year that I hope you will also find important. Please share this e-mail with as many of your fellow compatriots as you can so we can insure that we are enhancing communications.

Many of you will be receiving a communication to join ShareFile, which is a replacement for Dropbox that we have been using. If you join ShareFile then you will be able to view documents, meeting minutes and reports on SAR business. Separate folders are being established for special groups but there is one big folder for all members who join

and those members will be able to access a wealth of information.

In my next communication, which I expect will be the first week of August, I will include reports from PG Nathan White on the status of construction on our building, Bill Stone on the status of the Solid Light project and from Director of Education Colleen Wilson on our efforts at outreach education. It will also include a survey to be filled out and returned asking for your opinion on what the SAR should do in the area of outreach education, and it will also ask for ideas on what information and news your state societies and chapters would like to receive from the leadership or from headquarters.

I look forward to being able to provide you with more information than you have been receiving in the past and I ask for your support for the SAR over the upcoming year.

*- Tom Lawrence (TX)  
President General*

## Registrar's Corner

Application approval has been 100% so far this year; always could use some recruiting to keep me off the streets at night! It's time for my annual plea of help. I still need brief biographies and Ancestor sketches for the booklet we are developing for viewing at luncheon meetings. A few paragraphs/half page about YOU, (career, family, hobbies, etc.) and same about your ANCESTOR, if you know. Any format; I will convert to match other submissions. No limit on space if you desire to expand. Any questions, call the registrar for more information. We're trying to get to know each other better; this is one attempt. Thanks for your help.

*- S.F. Ron Lasse*

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## Independence Day Concert Flag Distribution, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

For the fourth year Williamsburg chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has distributed flags to citizens attending the Independence Day Concert by the TRADOC Concert Band from The United States Army Training and Doctrine Command of Ft. Eustis, Virginia at Merchants Square.



**SAR flag distributors (L- R):  
Ron Losce, Don Brannon, John Moseley, Abigail Moseley, Bill Gref,  
Jack Lee, Bob Spencer, Bob White, Don Swain**

Tonight's Independence Day concert in the Square was a great success and I would be remiss if I didn't pass along our thanks for handing out the flags. You may be interested in hearing that one of the army vocalists remarked to me afterward that she was moved practically to tears at the sight of all the people in the audience waving their flags as she sang. They perform for many audiences across the globe but this evening stood out to her as spectacular. Thanks for your role in making it such a special evening.  
Best regards,  
Sherry Volk  
Pritchard Volk  
Consulting, LLC  
on behalf of Merchants Square

## Independence Day Prayer & Thanksgiving Service, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Members of the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, gathered at the Bruton Parish Church the morning of 4 July for the 30th annual Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving to commemorate the independence of our nation and honor the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in the struggles to maintain our liberty.



**SAR chapter Chaplain Rev. Dr. James Henry (left) officiated; Rev Charles Mullaly of the Bruton Parish church provided a meaningful homily. Pictured also (front, l to r) Chapter President Donald Swain, George Bridewell, Marvin Williams, Jack Lee, Bob Schmidt, Harley Stewart and Eric Ely; back row (l to r) John Moseley, Bill Hoffman, Joe Spruill, Bob Spencer, Roger Strange, Bill Gref, VASSAR First Vice-President Edward Truslow and Ron Losce.**

## Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

### Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond

**AUGUST, 2015**

**2015 SAR/DAR/CAR Bermuda  
Gunpowder Plot Trip  
Bermuda, British Overseas Territory**

**SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Williamsburg Chapter Meeting  
Williamsburg, VA**

**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting  
Roanoke, VA**

<http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/autoindex.php?dir=VASSAR-Meetings/2015/Semi-Annual/>

**OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle  
of Kings Mountain  
Blacksburg, SC**

**OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Williamsburg Chapter Meeting  
Williamsburg, VA**

**OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Commemoration of the Battle of Yorktown  
(NSSAR Event hosted by VASSAR)  
Yorktown, VA**

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

**Veterans Day SAR Governor's Palace  
Williamsburg, VA**

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

**Williamsburg Chapter Meeting  
Williamsburg, VA**

## 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!

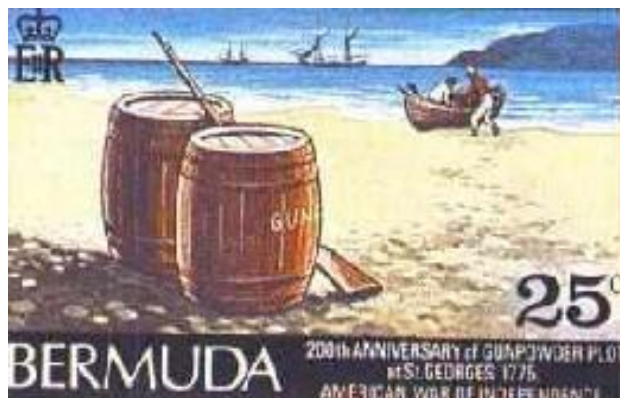
Our headquarters is the Fairmont Southampton, one of the finest hotels on Bermuda -- and just a short walk from the world-famous Horseshoe Bay Beach.

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*

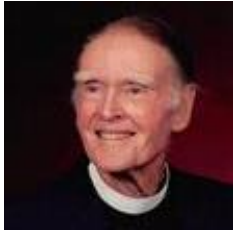
## Berkeley Plantation Wreath Laying Ceremony, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Each 4th of July the Williamsburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution host a commemorative wreath laying ceremony at the grave site of Benjamin Harrison V at Berkeley Plantation. Among those attending were (front row, left to right) DAR members, Regent Virginia Lee; guest speaker, MajGen Celia L. Adolphi, U. S. Army, retired; Sandy Reese; Elizabeth Greaf and Sydney Riddle along with SAR members Jack Lee and chapter President Donald Swain. Back row: SAR members Roger Strange, VASSAR First Vice-President Ed Truslow, Ron Losee and Harley Stewart.



## Compatriot Rev. Dr. Edward Morgan III, 1924-2015



The Rev. Dr. Edward Morgan III, a pioneer in the field of lay pastoral ministry in the Episcopal Church, died July 25, 2015, in Williamsburg, VA. Born in Richmond, VA on November 18, 1924, son of Frederic

Hamilton Morgan and Edna Stewart Morgan, he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and played number one singles and doubles in tennis. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of Pi Tau Sigma honorary mechanical engineering society and was chosen for the Pershing Rifles precision drill team. After serving his country in the U. S. Navy in World War II, he continued his education at the University of Virginia, where he taught as a student instructor in Applied Mechanics and was elected to Tau Beta Pi honorary engineering society. He received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree in 1948. After graduation, he worked for DuPont in rayon research before feeling the call to ordained ministry. He earned a Master's Degree in Divinity at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria, and after ordination served as Deacon-in-Charge and Rector of Cople Parish in Westmoreland County VA, 1955-1960, and as Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, 1960-1981. While there, he was a co-incorporator and founding board chairman of The Pastoral Counseling & Consultation Centers of Greater Washington, which became the largest counseling provider of its kind in the world, with 32 locations staffed by 47 therapists. He was Westmoreland County Chairman of the American Red Cross, a member of the Fairfax County Citizens Advisory Committee on Low Income Housing, and served in many other civic organizations. For the Episcopal Church, he served as Dean of the Mount Vernon

Region, member of the Commission on Ministry, and served in many other civic organizations. For the Episcopal Church, he served as Dean of the Mount Vernon Region, member of the Commission on Ministry, and Secretary of the Standing Committee. He was certified as a pastoral counselor and as a marriage and family therapist, maintaining a professional practice in both fields. With his wife, Margaret, he led numerous seminars, retreats, and several year-long groups in the fields of couple communication and marriage enrichment. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Howard University Divinity School, and was called to the faculty of the Episcopal Seminary where he directed the field education intern program and taught as professor of pastoral theology, 1981-1993. He was Interim Rector of St. Patrick's, Falls Church VA, 1993-1994, and Priest Associate at St. Martin's, Williamsburg, 1994-2001. He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Margaret Ridgely Bryan Morgan; and four children: Elizabeth (Beth) Stewart and her husband, Richard M. Scherer; Sarah Bryan and her husband, Stephen D. Fairchild; Edward IV and his wife, Joanne (Jodi) Hastings; Margaret (Meg) Hamilton and her husband, Preston J. Peterson; five grandchildren, Christine Fairchild and her husband, Lars Cade, Daniel Fairchild and his wife, Meghan Drysdale, Catherine (Catie) Fairchild and her husband, Tyler Lanser, Grant Edward Peterson and Dean Morgan Peterson; and four great-grandchildren, Theodore Rex Cade, Amelia Iris Cade, Nellie Elaine Fairchild, and Alice Dana Lanser. A funeral service was held at Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg on Thursday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m. Interment was in the cemetery of the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria on Saturday, August 1 at 11:30 a.m.

### *Williamsburg/Yorktown American Revolution Roundtable*

**August 6 - 6:30pm** Norman Fuss, "Artifact 18th Century Military Uniforms in North American Repositories"

**October 8 - 6:30pm** Captain Squire, Lord Dunmore and the Seizure of The Norfolk Intelligencer - Gerald Holland

NOTE: Our meeting night is on the first Thursday of even-numbered months.

Meetings of the Williamsburg/Yorktown American Revolution Roundtable are held at the Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Historic Yorktown. The address is: 111 Church Street, Yorktown, VA.

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

## Battle of Green Spring Commemoration, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

General Mad Anthony Wayne, leading forces of the Marquis de Lafayette, was ambushed near Green Spring plantation by the British army of General Cornwallis in the last major land battle of the Virginia campaign prior to the Siege of Yorktown.

6 Pennsylvania and 22 Virginia Patriots are buried at the site of the battle, near the Church on the Main.



## Compatriot Patrick Rooney Induction at Green Spring, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015



(L – R) Don Swain, President Williamsburg SAR, Jim Henry, Williamsburg SAR Chaplain, Barbara Rey (Mother), Compatriot Patrick Rooney





## Remembrance Research Recruitment

### September Book Raffle Selection

Instead of a book to raffle off for the month of September, the Board of Directors want to raffle off a VASSAR \$75 book bag that was given to the chapter. This book bag measures about 17" wide and 13" deep. It is made of sturdy heavy duty canvass with a leather handle, plastic zippers and heavy duty plastic clasps, and a heavy duty cloth adjustable shoulder strap. In the center is VASSAR Seal. The Board of Directors have authorized the raffle tickets for this prize item to be: \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 7 seven tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the meeting.

### 2015 Williamsburg Chapter Officers

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| At-Large Member       | George Bridewell   | <a href="mailto:gbridewell@aol.com">gbridewell@aol.com</a>           |

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Reservation for the Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 Williamsburg 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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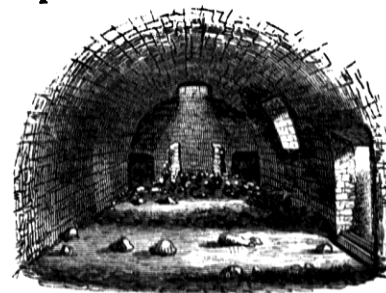
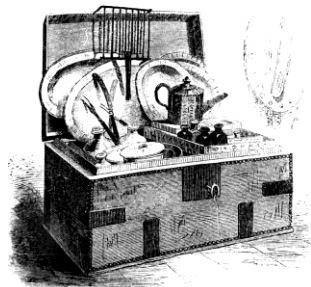
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## Williamsburg Chapter Meeting, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015



The Sons of the American Revolution inducted 3 new members at its July meeting. (L – R) John Norman, brother of inductee Jeffrey Norman, Antonia Simpson, wife of inductee Robert Simpson, Eric Ely, inductee and wife Betsy Ely.



CNU Professor, and Vice President of the Williamsburg-Yorktown American Revolution Round Table Dr. Sean M. Heuvel, spoke at the July meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution, on the myth versus reality of the supposedly infamous affair between General Howe and Mrs. Loring. (L – R) Dr. Heuvel, Don Swain.



Chapter President Don Swain presents the Chapter Wreath With a sash donated by Stephen Tyler.





## President General Installation Speech

125<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress  
July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Louisville, KY

It is a pleasure to be here tonight and I thank you for the confidence you have shown in electing me as your President General. I would like to introduce you to my family and friends seated at the front table. Our daughter Bridgett Harsgaard who is a consultant living in New York City along with our grandchildren Lizzie and Gracie. Gracie is 7 and she plays baseball. Not T-Ball or softball but hardball on a baseball with boys and only 3 girls. Gracie plays catcher and shortstop and is a good batter with her own Louisville Slugger bat with her name on it. Lizzie is 12 and is a ballerina. She has danced in productions with the American School of Ballet and in 5 productions with the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center. She is going to Paris next week to study with the Paris Opera Ballet. My Cousin Col. David Peel and his wife Maggie. David is a retired Air Force colonel and he and Maggie live in Leesburg Alabama not too far from Lee Swart and Rod Hildreth so you need to recruit him. Dr. Larry and Debbie Whittaker who we have know for 34 years, live across from the street from us and Mickey Jo and Debbie ride their horses together.

I look at you tonight and see so many friends and compatriots who have worked hard to make this Society one of the strongest lineage and patriotic organizations in the US.

Organizations that want to make a difference in this country, organizations that want to be great must have great dreams and must set lofty goals. There has been much discussion about the Solid Light proposal for the main floor education center, our need to move forward more aggressively with outreach education, the need to finish construction on our building and finally the need for new software and a new website.

While we were raising money and renovating the Library and Headquarters building we were all pretty much on the same page but when we completed enough of the building to move in, it became clear there were different opinions about what we should do next. Much like when all of our patriot ancestors were united to achieve independence but then became divided over the course to follow after we won the war. And just like our founding fathers we will come together and here is how I think we can do it.

In order to make the best decision possible I will appoint a new committee called the SAR Implementation Committee with the sole purpose of looking at our options and being prepared to make recommendations at the Spring Leadership Meeting. They should have the final Solid Light plan by then, they already have the University of Louisville business plan, we should have a much better plan for outreach education and we will have updated IT plans. The committee will be chaired by PG Nathan White and will include all the principal stakeholders including the SAR Foundation, the IT committee, an Education representative, a Budget representative, someone from Strategic Planning, a Museum Board member and someone from our new Governance and Organization committee. They will review our existing plans and suggest options for the Trustees to consider. We have to make decisions about what type of exhibit space we will have, how to proceed with completing construction on the building, how to develop and make our outreach education programs national in scope, and a plan to complete our IT systems.

Another focus next year will be to bolster and enhance our SAR legacy. We all hope to leave a legacy so we will be remembered after we are gone. We have legacies with our family, at our jobs, our churches but another important legacy is our SAR legacy. How many lives will we touch, how many seeds of patriotism will we plant with the young people in this country? Because it is with the young people that we will build our SAR legacy, and we will do it with our youth programs. I am not minimizing the importance of our color guard or public service awards or any other programs but if we

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want to preserve the vision of our founding fathers then we must reach our youth. When you go to a school and put on a program or sponsor a poster contest or oration contest, or when Tom Green from Texas puts on a flag program, you are touching the lives of those students and giving them an opportunity to learn about Paul Revere's ride, the battle of Yorktown and about a brave young wife named Molly Pitcher. The fact that you went to the trouble to help them will leave a lasting impression as well as the knowledge that the American Revolution was important enough for you to take the time to come out and talk about it. It is hard work to set up these programs but it is incredibly rewarding and you know that by doing this you will make this country stronger and help to insure that your descendants will continue to enjoy the freedoms that Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine wrote about so eloquently, and that Patrick Henry and Samuel Adams spoke about so passionately.

Our youth programs are all strong programs led by dedicated compatriots but not all states participate as fully as they could. Committee members have always talked informally but I think we would benefit from a more structured format where ideas and suggestions can be exchanged. In furtherance of this I will form a new Council of Youth Programs which will have as members all of the chairmen of the youth programs. There are 8 programs in all; the poster contest, middle school brochure contest, C.A.R. award, Eagle Scout award, Knight Essay, Oration contest, JROTC and the American History Teacher award. The council will be chaired by Dr. Rudy Byrd and I hope they will help each other strengthen all of our youth programs. I will ask that they design a brochure featuring all 8 programs that can be handed out in our schools to promote all of our programs. This brochure can be put on our website so chapters and states can download it, add their contact information and print it themselves. As encouragement for any state society that submits at least 4 candidates for a youth program national contest I will award them a streamer. For any state societies that submit an entry for all 8 contests I will personally write a check for \$250.00 to go to that state societies youth program budget. For any of those states who submit candidates for all 8 programs I will write them another check for \$250.00 if any of their candidates win a contest. So \$250 for any state who submits candidates for all 8 contests and an additional \$250 for any contests they win. Don't worry about the money, it is all coming out of Mickey Jo's shoe budget.

I will also ask this council to post the winning essays and speeches on the website as well as information about all of our current winners as well as past winners. I would like the committee chairmen to record videos that chapters and states can access on our website informing them as to how to set up a program and the benefits of having a youth program.

I would like to mention 3 other ideas before I close. The first deals with education, the second with the way our committees function and the third with our basic governance and organizational structure.

One of the first things the new regime does when they take over the government after a revolution is to change what the kids are taught in school. They now learn that the old government was bad and the new leaders are heroes. Textbooks are rewritten, teachers reeducated and new pictures put up in the schoolhouses. If you teach history in a certain way long enough school children will begin to believe it so one of the fights is over how the history of the American Revolution is taught. Not only do we have to fight to make sure it is adequately covered but we need to make sure it is portrayed accurately. For that reason I am asking the Education committee to add a subcommittee to map out a strategy to exert influence on how textbooks and web based educational learning programs are written and selected for schools. I have asked Tom Jackson from Texas to chair this subcommittee. He is an elected school board member from one of the largest suburban school districts in the country with over 112,000 students. Anyone interested in this project should contact Larry Stevens, chairman of the Education Committee or Tom Jackson.

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The second area of interest is in our national committees. It is clear that it is impossible to get all of our committee work done on a Friday at Leadership meetings. Every new PG tries to improve efficiency by dissolving some committees and creating new committees but I think we need to change the corporate culture of our committees. To help the committees I am appointing a committee coordinator who will be Mike Elston of VA. Mike will work with the committee chairmen to set and meet goals, submit budgets where needed, assist them in holding meetings with teleconferences and gotomeeting.com and introduce them to working with Sharefile for document access. He will also make sure committee concerns and items needing immediate attention are brought to the attention of the EXCOM and the PG.

In order to allow our members to attend all of the committee meetings they should, and to allow us sufficient time in the trustee meetings we may start on Thursday with a social activity out of the hotel on Thursday night.

Last I want to look at the governance and organizational structure of the SAR. As you know we have a Congressional Charter, which is prestigious but somewhat limiting. We also have the SAR Foundation, which is chartered in Kentucky, and we have the right to use the CAAH name, so we have many sets of laws and rules we must follow. Questions have come up over the years about our corporate structures in regard to liability, accepting donations from charitable entities, whether we have the exclusive right to use all of the potential operating names we need, and whether our system of governance still makes sense. I am appointing 3 of our best lawyers, John Dodd, Davis Wright and PG David Appleby to seek answers to these questions and report to us by the Spring Leadership Meeting with any suggestions or proposed changes.

Over the last couple of years I often find myself reading the obituaries in the paper. I love to see where people were born, what they did and how they got to Houston. I look for their military service. I notice their work history sometimes being impressed if they were a doctor, partner in a big law firm or the president of a corporation. But what I increasingly search for is what they did to help their community. When you read an obituary you see at the top a year representing when they were born then a dash and then a year indicating when they died, **with the dash representing their life**. My wife Mickey Jo told me about a poem named the "Dash Between the Years" and I will quote a section from it:

**"For it matters not how much we own...the cars...the house...the cash  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash"**

**How do you want to spend the rest of your dash?** The fact that you are here tonight and a member of this society indicates that you love this country, that you care about its future, and you respect the ideals of our founding fathers and mothers. I think if we want this country to continue to look like Washington and Adams and Jefferson envisioned it then we have to insure that our young people understand their vision and love our country as we do. I believe the best way for us to do this is through our youth programs. I think you will agree that instilling in our young people the philosophy of the declaration of independence and a love of the freedoms in our constitution is worth some of your dash.

The 66th President General of the SAR was a Texan who served from 1968-1969. He was the son of a Texas Governor and was considered to be a real character. Much like a couple of recent PG's from Texas here tonight. His name was Walter Sterling and his interests lay more in business than in politics but he also served on many charitable foundations, other than the SAR during his career. During an interview he was asked what kind of satisfaction he received from serving on a non-paying charitable board. His response was "You put a lot into it, and it's all for other people. That's satisfaction

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guaranteed". He went on to say "Nothing can buy the joy you get by doing things for other people. That's one of the satisfactions of life and that's why I served on these boards all of these years." I think PG Sterling captured the essence of what draws each of us to the SAR.

I close with a final thought about what makes an organization great. It is not how many members you have although people want to join organizations they think do worthwhile things. It is not how much money you have although people tend to vote with their pocketbook and give money when they think their money will be used for beneficial purposes. I think organizations become great when they help people or when they influence a positive and fundamental change in our society. Our chance for the SAR to become great is to inspire this great country to continue to follow the patriotic vision of our founding fathers. Those of us in this room have contributed our money and valuable time in furtherance of preserving the principles of the American Revolution and we recognize that the future of this country is dependent on those principles remaining the cornerstone of our government and national vision. We have to dream the same dream that George Washington, John Adams and all of our patriot ancestors dreamed and we have to work to make their sacrifices count and to make sure that the youth of today understand and appreciate those dreams.

It is both humbling and an honor to have been elected President General and Mickey Jo and I look forward to this year and we hope to see many of you in your home states soon. God bless you.

- Tom Lawrence (TX)  
President General



Thomas E. Lawrence (TX) has been a member a member of the Sons of the American Revolution since 1996. He was elected President General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in July, 2015 to serve a one-year term.



The Kings Mountain Chapter, NC Society SAR & the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SC Society SAR invite you to attend the

235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 11:00 am
Kings Mountain National Military Park
Blacksburg, SC

SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and other patriotic and lineage societies and chapters are invited to participate in the formal wreath laying ceremony at the United States' Monument. Participants desiring to present a wreath must deliver it to the park's Visitor Center no later than 9:30 am on October 7th for labeling and transportation to the ceremony site. Ground transportation will be provided for those needing assistance to the ceremony site. Continental, militia or period attire is encouraged.

Please complete the registration form provided on the following page and return it no later than Saturday, September 26th for the registration to be included in the printed program. Registration forms should be returned to Doyle Campbell at either: 1407 Merrimount Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or doylecampbell@carolina.rr.com.

Questions about the event can be directed to either Doyle Campbell or Mark C Anthony (mcgr90@bellsouth.net).

The official hotel for the 2015 Kings Mountain anniversary is the Courtyard by Marriott located at 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29303. A special room rate of \$119.00 plus tax is available. Reservations can be made directly at the following link: Book your group rate for Kings Mountain Celebration - Spartanburg SC - October 6, 2015

The hotel can be reached at 864-585-2400. The deadline for making a reservation at this rate is September 8th. Additional hotels are available in Gaffney, SC, Gastonia, NC or Kings Mountain, NC.

Tuesday, October 6th
2:00 pm

General James Williams Grave Marking
Cherokee County Administration Building, N Limestone St, Gaffney, SC
Sponsored by the General James Williams Chapter, SC Society SAR
Wreath registration contact: Charles McKinney Sr at cmckinneysr@yahoo.com or 864-833-4457

4:30 pm South Atlantic District, National Society SAR District Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC

5:30 pm Kings Mountain Reception
Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC

6:00 pm The Night before Kings Mountain
Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy, Gaffney, SC 29341
Presented by the Overmountain Victory Trail Association

Wednesday, October 7th

9:30 am Deadline for delivery of wreaths to Kings Mountain Visitors Center
11:00 am Wreath Laying Ceremony at the United States Monument
3:00 pm Arrival of the Overmountain Victory Trail Marchers / Commemoration Ceremony



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2015 Kings Mountain Wreath Registration

Deadline for registration so that it will appear in the printed program is Saturday, September 26th.

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Wreath Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration forms should be returned to Doyle Campbell at either:
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