



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 signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.

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President's Message

The main event in September was the Virginia Society semi-annual meeting at City Center in Newport News on the 15th and 16th. Representing our chapter at the Board of Managers Meeting were Bill Greaf and Harley Stewart. Workshop 1, Registrar/Genealogy, was attended by Jim Hess and Ron Losee. Bill Greaf attended Workshop 2, Administration/Awards and Harley Stewart attended Workshop 3, Recruiting/Retention. Both attended 5, Americanism Report. The General Meeting was attended by Bill Greaf, Ron Losee, and Harley Stewart. At the closing luncheon a Bronze Good Citizenship Award to Edward Truslow, a beautifully framed certificate and medal, was presented to his widow, Laura Truslow, by Mike Elston, VASSAR president – a moment of great emotion and a standing ovation. There is no doubt that Ed is greatly missed by us all.

A NSSAR Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate and Medal were awarded to Senior Officer Aundrea Holiday of the Williamsburg Police Department. She has been working in the Community Services Office and has greatly enhanced community interaction by initiating no less than twelve new programs that she developed during the past year. Officer Holiday is clearly a leader in her department. Present was a considerable group of fellow officers including her partner and Police Chief, Sean Dunn. Representing the Williamsburg Chapter were Bill Greaf, Don Swain, and Harley Stewart.

Mark your calendars for Yorktown Day on October 19th, Veterans Day on November 11th and the annual joint dinner-meeting with the Gov. Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter on Saturday evening, January 13th with installation of officers.

- Harley

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming Events in Our Region & Beyond

October 7, 2017

Commemoration
Battle of King's Mountain
Greenville, SC

October 19, 2017

Yorktown Day
Wreath-laying and Parade
Yorktown, VA

October 21, 2017

Commemoration
Battle of the Hook
Gloucester, VA

November 11, 2017

Veterans Day
Commemoration
**Williamsburg Chapter SAR/
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg VA**

November 11, 2017

Chapter Luncheon
Colonial Heritage Clubhouse
Williamsburg VA

December 2, 2017

Commemoration
Battle of Great Bridge
Chesapeake, VA

October 7th Chapter Luncheon

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their guests to attend the October luncheon held at the clubhouse at Colonial Heritage. Please note that reservations are required and the reservation form is on the last page of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2017

Location: The Clubhouse

Colonial Heritage

Social: 11:30

Meeting: 12:00

Please see the RSVP information on the last page of this newsletter.

Reservations are REQUIRED and MUST be received no later than Saturday, September 30th

Monthly Luncheon Reservations

There has been some confusion regarding the reservations for the monthly luncheon meetings. Reservations are managed by the chapter Treasurer, **William Greaf**. When making your reservation, please use the form on the last page of this newsletter which contains the contact information shown below.



Registrar's Corner

Chapter Members: OK, Summer's over. The vacation lull should be about finished. Your registrar is hoping to hear from the dozen or so inquiries to whom he has sent application worksheets. He respectfully requests good referrals from our current members. Think of all the people you meet in your daily life and with whom you converse by e-mail. When you can, please gently steer the conversation to the SAR and the possibility of Revolutionary War ancestors.

You may mention the new rule that applicants approved after 1 September of any given year (instead of 1 November) will not have to pay dues the following year.

We have a new national President General, Larry Guzy, whose prime goal is growth. He feels it is possible to double our membership in the next ten years. That begins with us. I stand ready to assist.

- Jim Hess

Veterans Given Online Exchange Privileges

Considering the large percentage of military service veterans who are members of the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, the following information is provided:

Commencing 11 November, Veterans Day, 2017, honorably discharged veterans will be allowed to shop online at Army and Air Force Exchanges, and the Navy Exchange site. This gives benefits of tax-free purchases and military discount pricing. You must register before using this online service. To do so, go to web site at www.VetVerify.org to obtain your eligibility. Thank you Ron Losee for sending this information along.

A Note Regarding Monthly Luncheon Reservations

With the change to Colonial Heritage for our monthly meetings, the reservation requirements changed. A final count must be provided to the catering office on the Monday preceding our Saturday luncheon. Any changes after that date, either cancellations or additions, are subject to not being accepted.

It is critical that your reservation be received by Saturday, a week before our luncheon. Likewise, if cancellations are received after that date, you will be responsible for paying for the luncheon.

While written reservations are preferred, e-mail reservations and cancellations to the treasurer at hsaprof@gmail.com will be accepted.

Remember we have the option of three special meals, vegetarian, gluten-free and vegan. If requesting a special meal please make that clear when reserving.

Thanks in advance for your assistance in making this process go smoothly.

-Bill Greaf

No Artifact Table at the October Luncheon

Veterans Day Commemoration 2017

Our Veterans Day Event this November 11, 2017 (11:00 AM) is shaping up to be our best event ever with the assumption that we will have good weather. As you may recall, last year we had a fantastic attendance with approximately 325 attending and we had a rousing speaker from Colonial Williamsburg with Rev. Gowan Pamphlet, interpreted by James Ingram (CW). This year CW has confirmed our request to have Mark Schneider, who portrays Marquis de Lafayette, to be our featured speaker. Photographs of last year's speaker beside that of this year's speaker are shown below:



Due to the efforts of President Harley Stewart, we will have a great showing with possibly eight wreaths presented during the program. The wreath bearers will include the following: VASSAR, Williamsburg SAR, Thomas Nelson, Jr. SAR, Williamsburg DAR, Compte de Grasse DAR, CAR, and Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as well. This will be the first time for CWF, Compte de Grasse DAR, and CAR to participate in our event.

Ed Truslow Honored at VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting



At the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting luncheon on September 16th, Laura Truslow was presented with a framed Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate awarded to Edward Truslow by Michael Elston, President of VASSAR. Laura was hugged and loved and it was good to see her – but bittersweet for us all.



Chapter Happenings



Three new members were inducted into SAR at the September luncheon meeting. L-R Harley Stewart, President Williamsburg Chapter, Angela Byrum, guest of James Grayson, James Grayson, Tracie Snyder, Gene Snyder, Jonathan Stolz, and Jim Hess, Williamsburg Chapter Registrar

At the September luncheon meeting, James Thompson, a Jefferson Center fellow, spoke about the events that shaped George Washington's character - the military code of conduct, and his brother's death. L-R James Thompson, Jay Smith, Vice President, Williamsburg SAR Chapter



Through the efforts of Bob Davis, chairman of the Williamsburg Chapter Veterans Committee, the Chapter continues to recognize chapter veterans. At the September luncheon, Don Brannon was awarded a SAR Patriotism award and medal for his service in the Korean War. L-R Harley Stewart, President Williamsburg Chapter, Don Brannon.



Chapter News

Telling Our Story

The Williamsburg chapter now has a locally designed, graphic presentation for use at community organization meetings that concisely explains the SAR mission, goals, and activities.

Historian Steve McGuffin has produced a 20-minute power point presentation that can be given by any chapter member with minimum preparation. The chapter possesses a projector for use; laptop, screen, etc. are probably available at the presentation site or from an organization's program chairman.

Speaking at the September membership luncheon, Steve explained the need for the SAR to energetically promote American history and patriotism through educational events, awards and commemorations, as our nation struggles during this difficult period. Reaching out to community organizations at their routine periodic meetings also allows us to explain eligibility and application assistance to possible interested members.

Our ever-growing membership includes compatriots who also belong to numerous other civic organizations. The Williamsburg area has an almost endless list of such groups and YOU are being asked to talk to officials/program chairmen of any group to which you belong to schedule a brief SAR presentation.

While Steve and other board members might be available to speak, YOUR participation would be appreciated.

Further information can be obtained from Compatriot McGuffin at mcguffis@gmail.com."

Senior Officer Aundrea Holiday Recognized



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Chapter News

October Luncheon Speaker: “Young Martha Washington”



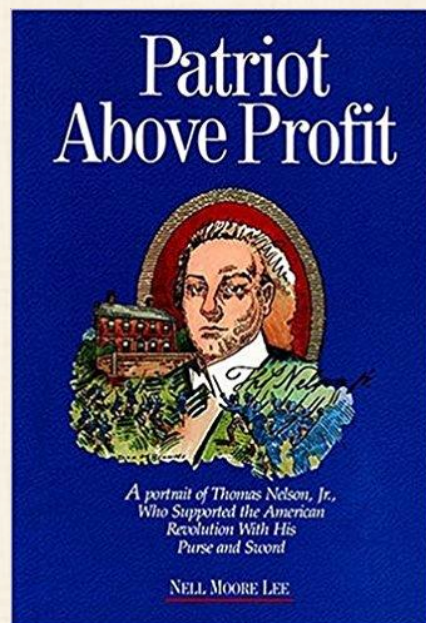
Katharine Pittman has been working for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for over 5 years, interpreting Martha Washington for 2 of those years. She has always had a deep love of history and theatre and received a degree from Wake Forest University in 2007, in both fields. In addition to living history, Katharine has an extensive background in musical theatre and opera. A few of her theatrical credits include, Kate in *Kiss Me Kate*, Miss Dorothy Brown in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and Abigail Adams in *1776*. She is delighted to bring Martha Washington to life for you at this event and thanks everyone for their kindness in inviting her.

She will be speaking about Martha Washington's role in promoting the Sentiments of an American Woman during the fall of 1780. This Ladies Association was begun by Esther Reed in Philadelphia and she and Martha Washington promoted the Association throughout the states in order to raise money for the soldiers during the latter part of the war. During the talk she will also speak about Martha Washington's travels to the winter camps and how her role as a wife changed throughout the Revolution. At the conclusion of her presentation Katharine will take character questions and then she will be more than happy to take questions out of character as well.

October 7th Book Raffle

October Book Raffle: PATRIOT ABOVE PROFIT written by Nell Moore Lee, is an in-depth study portrait of Thomas Nelson, Jr., who supported the American Revolution with his purse and sword. This book provides a new perspective on colonial Virginia through one of its leaders, Thomas Nelson Jr., that reveals a gentleman devoted to family, to duty, and a lover of liberty. This outstanding book may become yours if you purchase raffle tickets at the welcome table at our luncheon meeting on October 7th

Cost is only \$1 per ticket or \$5 for seven tickets



2017 Williamsburg Chapter Officers

President	Harley Stewart	Registrar/Genealogist	Jim Hess
Vice-President	Jay Smith	Historian	Steve McGuffin
Secretary	Roger Cross	Chaplain	Jack Lee
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For information about the Williamsburg Chapter SAR please contact Harley Stewart, President, at hstewart9@cox.net.

Cut along dotted line

Reservation for the Saturday, October 7, 2017, Chapter Luncheon:

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$20.00

Name(s) _____

Vegetarian meals _____ # Vegan Dinners _____ # Gluten free meals _____

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

and mail to arrive by September 30th:



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