



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

Compatriots,

We had a large attendance at our February meeting. It was great to have many guests there. I hope we can continue to increase our attendance.

Paul Huchko, our youth program chair, provided an update on the brochure contest. He received over 80 brochures from two schools. The judging is underway and our chapter winner will be submitted to VASSAR toward the end of March. Hopefully, we can continue to grow our youth programs. Please contact Paul or myself if you would like to help us in this endeavor.

Peter Davenport was sworn in as the new VASSAR president at the annual meeting. His initiatives will revolve around 4 R'S: Recruit, Reaffirm, Recognize and Retain. Bruce Meyer from the Thomas Nelson Jr. chapter was elected 3rd Vice-President.

Planning for the 50th anniversary of our chapter continues. Ron Losee, Tom Campbell and Steve McGuffin are working on an exciting program. The date is April 13.

James Madison's birthday on March 16 at 1:00 is always an inspiring program as a Presidential Wreath is presented by the Marines. James Monroe's birthday is celebrated over two weekends in April. One program is at his birthplace on the Northern Neck and the second celebration is at his grave in Richmond. Further information will be provided once the chapter receives it.

As always, I want to remind you that this is your chapter and as you have ideas and/or suggestions about it please let myself or a Board member know.

Bill





Calendar

Mon. March 4

10:00AM Board Meeting
Williamsburg Library

Sat. March 9

11:30 AM Chapter Luncheon
Colonial Heritage Country Club

Sat. March 16

James Madison's 268TH
Birthday Commemoration
Montpelier, VA

Sat. April 13

Williamsburg Chapter
50TH Anniversary
Celebration



Chapter News



President William Greaif receiving an award to the Williamsburg Chapter for History Day participation from VASSAR President Pat Kelly.



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New Compatriot Walter Herbert Baskin being presented with his Sons of the American Revolution Virginia Society certificate.

Receiving Certificates of Appreciation



Guest Speaker Dr. Jonathan Stolz



Richard Snyder



David Westenberger

WELCOME ABOARD

Compatriot Baskin's ancestor was Capt. William Richardson of the 1st Rifle Regiment of South Carolina who is his Great Great Grandfather, born at Jamestown, Virginia in 1743.

Capt. Richardson at age 25 settled in Sumter SC. and developed a plantation he called "Bel Air" Following the Revolution he was appointed Commissary General by the Governor.



Compatriot Jack Lee receiving a Oak Leaf Cluster for his Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

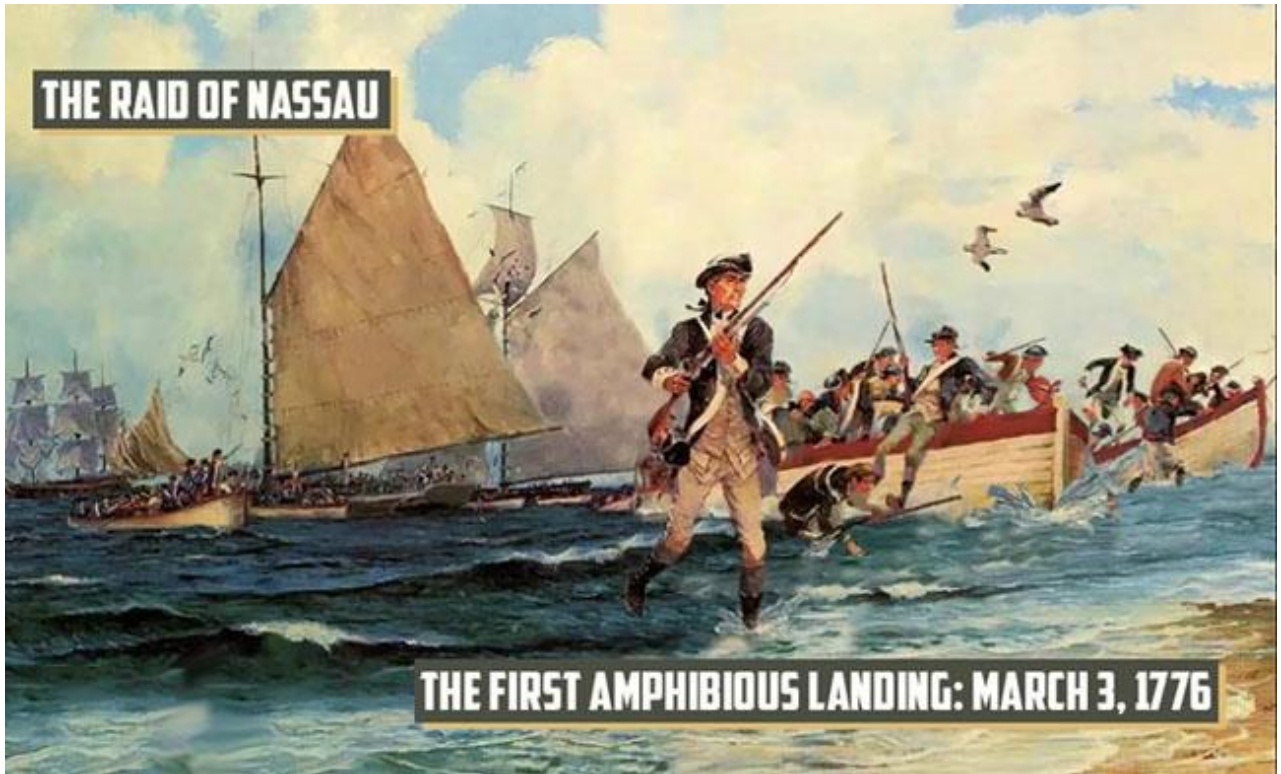


Compatriot Jim Hess presented with the Bronze Sherman Medal



A MARCH AMERICAN REVOLUTION EVENT

THE RAID OF NASSAU



USMC Firsts

The Raid of Nassau. Before the halls of Montezuma and the shores of Tripoli or the beaches of Tarawa, Marines were fighting the British during the Revolutionary War. A few months after its formation, the Continental Marines raided the Bahamian fort of Nassau for supplies in the first amphibious landing in Marine Corps history.





NSSAR Youth Contests and Awards program



Each year The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution invites local chapters to participate in the national Youth Contests and Awards program to introduce the Foundational Documents of Our Government into our schools and communities. The four programs are:

- Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest
- Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest
- George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest (grades 9 – 12)
- Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest (grades 9 – 12)

Each of these programs is a national SAR initiative and is open to all SAR chapters. The local chapters administer the contests they choose to support and determine a chapter winner. Each specific contest winning entry is then forwarded to VASSAR to compete with other state chapter winning entries. The VASSAR winning entry is then sent to the national society who will determine a final winner.

This year the Williamsburg Chapter will be supporting the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest. In the coming years we will add other programs to our efforts.

WHAT IS THE SAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BROCHURE CONTEST?

The SAR Brochure Contest is open to Middle School students, including private, church based and home-schooled students in the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grades, depending upon which year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system. The contest is also open to members of scouting and also the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) who are in the same grades, if their school system is not participating in the contest.

Each participating student is to create a tri-fold brochure out of a typical 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper. The brochure must conform to the contest theme which is one the five foundational documents of the United States - which the student selects. The brochure is judged on: Content, Creativity and Correctness.

HOW DOES THE CONTEST WORK?

The contest consists of three levels. The first level is sponsored by the local SAR Chapter. Chapter winners advance to the State level. The first-place State winner then advances to the SAR national competition to compete for the national prizes. All entries begin at the local Chapter level. Prizes are awarded at all levels of the competition.

LOCAL CHAPTER PARTICIPATION

Our local chapter contacted every middle school in the Williamsburg area via a series of communications explaining the details of the contest and how it can supplement the teaching of the foundations of our government with a fun project for the students. This year eighty-five (85) entries were received from two middle schools and one academy. Those eighty-five entries will be judged by a panel of judges from the Williamsburg Chapter, and three winners will receive certificates from our chapter. The first-place winner and their teacher will each receive a cash award.

We are very happy with the level of participation this year and are looking forward to sending the winning entry to the next step of competition at the State level.

If you would like to help with judging the entries contact me at PaulHuchko@comcast.net

50th



Anniversary

You are invited to attend a gala event to be held at the Colonial Heritage Country Club on April 13TH as The Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution celebrate our 50TH anniversary.



Dinner
Toasting
Cake cutting
CW Fife & Drum Corps
Guest speaker young "Thomas Jefferson"
Invited guests to include:
Williamsburg Mayor Paul Freiling
VASSAR President Peter Davenport

Registrar's Corner

Calendar year 2019 began with an avalanche of interest in becoming SAR members. Seven applications for new members have been completed and shipped off to VASSAR for review before forwarding on to NSSAR for final approval. We use Priority Mail to speed up and secure movement; however, the slow pace of review and approval remains the same. The priority source of prospect inquiries remains our Williamsburg chapter members. Keep recruiting!!! Always looking "for a few good men."



Whiskey Rebellion

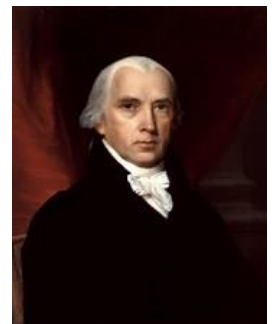
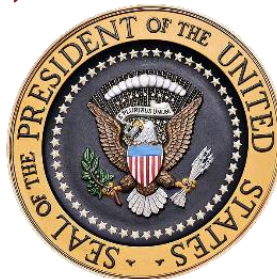
The video this month is about the "Whiskey Rebellion" of 1794.

Click the link below



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James Madison



Mar 16, 1751 - Jun 28, 1836

GUEST SPEAKER

Randolph G. Flood

“The Revolutionary War in 30 minutes”

Randy Flood is Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of the American Revolution Consortium for Civic Education; a nonprofit organization that he established with Jeff Lambert, national Executive Director of the Sons of the Revolution—which is headquartered in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Consortium was specifically created to educate our fellow citizens about the American Revolution, with an emphasis on History, Civics, World Geography, Economics, and Historic Preservation.

Randy also teaches classes as a Historical Interpretive Instructor at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown where 74,000+ individuals have taken his classes.

Graduating from Shepherd College, West Virginia in 1973, Randy began his professional career serving on the staff of the United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works during the “Environmental Decade of the 1970’s” when most of our nation’s environmental laws were enacted. Later, he joined the personal Legislative staff of U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. (I-VA) and eventually formed his own government relations firm—Randolph G. Flood & Associates—which represented numerous maritime and defense clients that included transportation pioneer Malcom McLean, the “Father of Containerization,” among others.

While in Washington, D.C, Randy taught American Federal Government courses that specialized on the legislative and budget processes as an Adjunct Faculty at George Washington University, and a Guest lecturer at other academic institutions.

Currently, he is Vice President of the American Revolution Roundtable in Williamsburg-Yorktown.

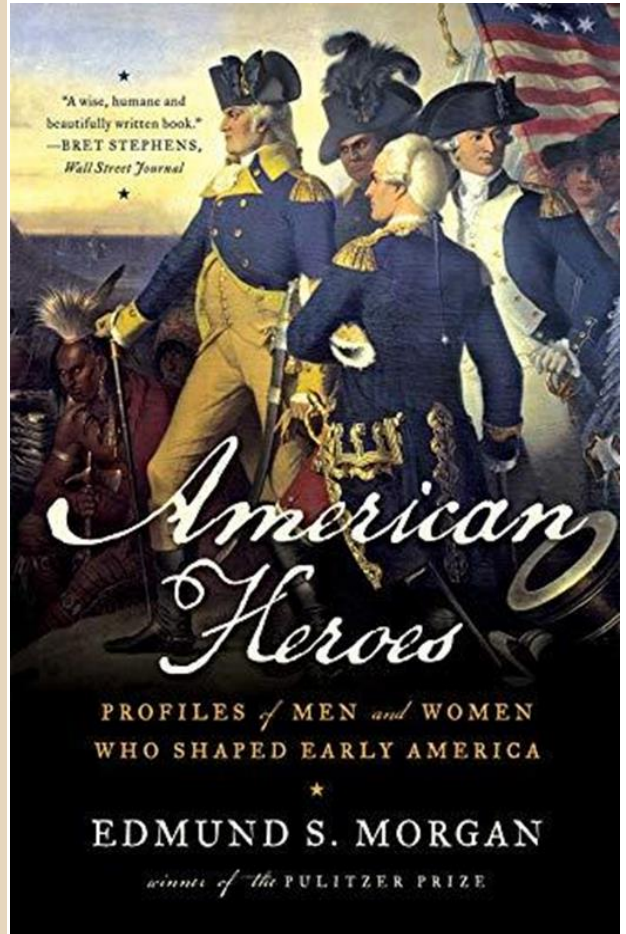


MARCH BOOK RAFFLE

AMERICAN HEROES

PROFILES of MEN and WOMEN WHO SHAPED EARLY AMERICA

Written by Edmund S. Morgan, is our raffle book for March. *American Heroes* is a collection of essays about select individuals who made significant (perhaps even heroic) contributions to the founding of the United States. Some of the individuals he chooses to spotlight are familiar--John Winthrop, William Penn, Benjamin Franklin --while others will surprise you, such as Anne Hutchinson, who had the temerity to stand up to her Puritan church leaders and thereby plant the seeds of religious liberty; and the Anti-federalists, whose opposition to the adoption of the Constitution induced Congress to quickly approve the first ten amendments, known today as the Bill of Rights.



Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting:
One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5.



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Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter
by **Saturday Mar. 2nd**

Cut along dotted line as it will fit in a No. 8 6 3/4 Security envelope.

Reservation for the **Saturday Mar. 9th 2019** Chapter Luncheon

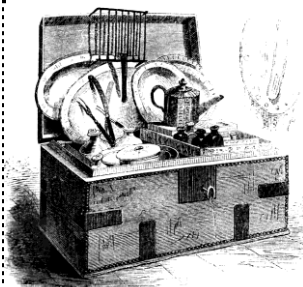
Name(s) _____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$21.00

Special need _____

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