



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

I hope you were able to attend the February luncheon meeting and enjoy the ambience of the Fords Colony Country Club complete with fireplace blazing. We had a great turnout again of approximately 70 members and guests. Thanks go to Jim Hess for arranging for the Valentines Day cake and roses to honor the ladies in attendance. Carl Lounsbury gave an excellent talk with a behind the scenes look at restoring Williamsburg based on his 35-year career as an Architectural Historian with Colonial Williamsburg. Our March 14 luncheon, at the Fords Colony Country Club, should be equally interesting to historians and genealogists alike when Doug Mayo will speak about the world class research possibilities in Williamsburg at the John D Rockefeller Library.

Harley Stewart, Bill Greaf and I represented the chapter at the VASSAR Annual Meeting in Richmond from February 7-9. The chapter did very well in the VASSAR competitions. We were awarded 5 streamers for participation in the Flag Program, Youth Programs/Contests, Brennan Fund Contribution, History Day and Chapter Excellence Award. The latter is essentially an overall second place award for our size chapter (large-150 to 199 members). George Corbett received an Oak Leaf cluster for presenting more than 5 flag certificates and Ron Losee will receive an Oak Leaf cluster for registering more than 10 new members. We also received recognition for encouraging communication among chapters by Dave Westenberger's distribution of our Newsletter to the other VASSAR chapters. All in all, a very respectable showing with an opportunity to do even better in the category of Youth Programs/Contests. In that regard, we need 3 or 4 additional members to help judge our Youth Program Brochure Contest in the mid-March time frame. You will be given the contest rules and 10-15 brochures submitted by local middle schoolers. You simply review the submittals and pass on your recommendations to Paul Huchko, our Youth Programs Chairman. If you can help with a couple of hours of your time, please contact Paul (PaulHuchko@comcast.net) or me by March 7. Finally, please save the date of Saturday, March 21 to help the chapter support History Day in the Hampton Roads area. Additional details are provided later in this Newsletter.

Please be on the lookout for emails from Chapter Secretary Duncan McIver regarding upcoming SAR activities this spring. I hope to see many of you at the March 14 luncheon and encourage you to actively participate in the upcoming opportunities to honor our Patriot ancestors.

Roger W Cross, III



Calendar

Monday March 2
10:00 am Board Meeting

Saturday, March 14
Chapter Luncheon meeting
Guest speaker: Doug Mayo
Topic: Rockefeller Library Research
Fords Colony Country Club

Monday, March 16
James Madison birthday
With Wreath laying
Montpelier Station, VA 22957

Saturday, March 21
Virginia History Day Program
8:00 am at Virginia Wesleyan University
5817 Wesleyan Dr, Virginia Beach

Monday April 6
10:00 am Board Meeting

Saturday, April 11
Chapter Luncheon meeting
Guest speaker: Mike Tomczak
Topic: Benjamin Franklin
Colonial Heritage Country Club

Saturday April 25
James Monroe Birthday
Colonial Beach, VA

Tuesday April 28
James Monroe Birthday
Richmond Hollywood Cemetery

Photos by Harley Stewart , James Hess

Chapter News



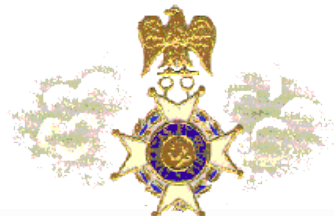
President Roger Cross preparing to deliver the Williamsburg Chapter report at VASSAR.



Past President William Greaif as a Pennsylvania Rifleman.

(Past President Harley Stewart also in attendance at VASSAR but was busy taking pictures.)

Sons of the American Revolution

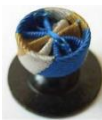




Our February Chapter Valentines meeting was a hit with all in attendance. Complete with a cake and roses in a very nice setting.



President Roger Cross presenting Compatriot Robert Flowers with his SAR membership certificate. His wife Lynda Flowers pinned his Rosette.



Chapter Veterans Chairman Bob Davis presenting a SAR Vietnam War Service Medal to Compatriot Steve Perger.



VASSAR 2nd Vice President Bruce Meyer appealing for volunteers for the National Congress in Richmond in July and for judges for the SAR-sponsored student History Day contest



President Roger Cross presenting speaker Carl Lounsbury with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Jefferson Cup

Virginia
History
Day



Judges are needed for the District 6 (Hampton Roads including the Williamsburg area) Virginia History Day contest. The District 6 contest will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020 starting at 8 AM at Virginia Wesleyan University, 5817 Wesleyan Dr, Virginia Beach VA 23455. If you are a fellow history lover and would like to support the education mission of the SAR, please use the link below for additional information and to sign up to be a judge. The following link (<https://va-vadc5.nhd.org/?f=993e2430-9f5d-424c-b8f9-3b725150e50f>.) will take you to the Virginia History Day District 6 website. Click the “Judges” tab to get more information on the requirements for and how to be a judge. To sign up, simply fill in your information in the “create account” box on the right and then click “Create Account”. You will then indicate the categories you would like to judge and the level (Junior or Senior). Once you have completed the process, you will receive a confirmation email. It is very easy and straightforward. If you do have questions, please contact Bruce Meyer at csr-sar@charter.net or (757) 328-7102.

Please let me know if you have signed up to be a judge, so that we can coordinate car-pooling among the Williamsburg SAR members. Please join me in supporting this history education event and SAR Youth Program activity.
Roger Cross

To get more general information about Virginia History Day click on:
<https://www.virginiahistory.org/learn/virginia-history-day>
and the tab “Learn” and then Virginia History Day.

Next meeting at Ford's Colony County Club

Guest Speaker

Doug Mayo who is the Special Collections librarian at the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Library. will discuss today what reference material is available at the John D. Rockefeller Jr., library to historians and others interested in colonial America and The American Revolution.

Past Work Experience:

Yorktown Victory Center : Curatorial

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation: Historical Interpreter

Filson Club Historical Society: Processing Archivist

Cabell County Public Library: Technical services librarian

Williamsburg Regional Library: Reference Librarian

Education

B.A. in History Norwich University, Vermont

M.A. in History University of New Hampshire

M.S.L.S. University Kentucky

Military: United States Army National Guard

113rd Combat Engineer Battalion



The John D. Rockefeller Jr. Library is dedicated to advancing knowledge of colonial British America, the American Revolution, the early United States and the history of the Restoration of Colonial Williamsburg. It is one of the premier research libraries in the United States

" Speakers Wanted"



Seeking your assistance and hopefully possible input for our monthly meetings.

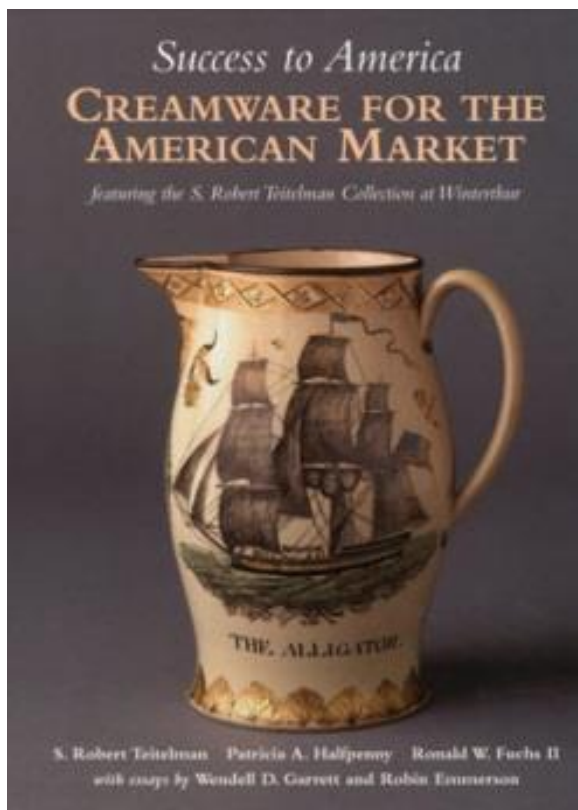
If you have heard or know of a speaker who you think the membership (and guests) would be interested in hearing at one of our luncheons next year, please contact Steve McGuffin at mcguffis@gmail.com

Your serious interest and potential response to this matter will be greatly appreciated!

Success to America: Creamware for the American Market

In 1769 when George Washington sent an order to his English agent for a new set of dishes to use at his table and in his kitchen, he requested “ye most fashionable kind of Queen’s Ware.” He was ordering English creamware, the most elegant, refined, and stylish earthenware available. This purchase was made despite the troubled relationship between England and her American colony. The leaders of the Colony of Virginia had met in May 1769 and declared that they would purchase nothing of British manufacture after September of that year. Washington met the letter of the agreement by ordering his pottery in late July just weeks before the deadline.

Queen’s Ware was the earthenware of choice in the immediate post-Revolutionary War period. Its smooth, pale surface offered an ideal ground for both the monochrome printed and the polychrome painted inscriptions and imagery that were so popular in the expanding market. At its introduction in the 1740s, this new kind of pottery was called “cream colored,” but following the approval of Queen Charlotte for Wedgwood’s products, she allowed his pottery to be called Queen’s Ware. After 1765 this became the general term for what collectors now call creamware.



Creamware was developed in eighteenth-century Staffordshire, where progress in the pottery industry was usually the result of experimentation and refinement of existing bodies and glazes innovation mixed with a dash of inspiration. So it was with the earliest creamware. The body was the same as that developed by John Dwight in the late seventeenth century for white salt-glazed stoneware and exploited to its fullest by the Staffordshire salt-glaze potters from the 1720s onward. The body is made principally from ball clay and flint. There was little white clay available in Staffordshire, so it had to be transported from Devon and Dorset. The journey was economically viable because the large coal fields of Staffordshire yielded fuel perfectly suited to pottery making a long flame that was hot burning, with few impurities. In pottery making, coal was needed in much larger quantities than clay.

From The Museum of the American Revolution submitted by James Hess

UPCOMING EVENTS

James Madison birthday

James Madison (March 16, 1751 – June 28, 1836) was an American statesman, lawyer, diplomat, philosopher and Founding Father who served as the fourth president of the United States from 1809 to 1817. He is hailed as the "Father of the Constitution" for his pivotal role in drafting and promoting the Constitution of the United States and the United States Bill of Rights.



March 16, 2020 – “Celebration of James Madison’s Birthday”

Time: 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

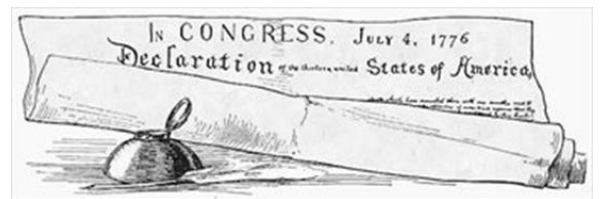
James Madison’s Montpelier.

11350 Constitution Highway (Route 20)

Montpelier Station, Virginia 22957

Venue: Open to Public with paid admission

(127 miles from Williamsburg ...)



Williamsburg DAR Chapter invited us to a showing of “The Hello Girls” about women in WWII on March 28 at the Williamsburg Library auditorium at 1000. The movie is free.



This documentary features rare 100-year old film footage of America’s first female soldiers courtesy of the National Archives and never-before-seen photos from family archives. In 1918, the U.S. Army Signal Corps sent 223 women to France as telephone operators to help win the Great War.

The Hello Girls were responsible for translation and interpretation between American and French troops, and also for relaying messages regarding troop movements and supplies, and these would often be in military code.

Registrar's Corner



Society members cost is \$80 each; non-members \$95. Evening dinner is \$16 cash paid at the restaurant. Contact Peggy Lutton at peggylutton57@gmail.com.

Don't wait too long; she needs 21 passengers for the trip. Worthwhile trip and NO driving required.

Williamsburg Chapter registrar and wife intend to make the trip barring unseen circumstances; call him for additional info.

Ron Losee

If you are looking for a difficult source to flush out your genealogy, why not try the DAR Library in Washington D. C.? It contains a treasure of information to solve lineage problems. Supplemental application prospects, listen up!

The Tidewater Genealogical Society organizes a bus trip occasionally; next trip is March 26th. Leaves from Shorty's Diner parking lot about 6:45, arrives at Library about 9 a.m. (Also stops at National Archives). Departs D.C. about 4 p.m.; we eat dinner at the Golden Corral in Fredericksburg, and arrive in Williamsburg around 9-10p.m.



The Color Guard for the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, is looking for volunteers to fill its ranks. We annually support four uniformed events: Memorial Day (May), Battle of Spencer's Ordinary (June), The Battle of Green Spring (July), and Veterans Day (November). There may be other special events.

Please contact the Color Guard Committee Chair, John Lynch II, if you are interested in joining the Color Guard or would like more information.

John Lynch II email is cslasoz@aol.com.

NATIONAL SAR NEWS

Compatriots,

The Virginia Society SAR is hosting the NSSAR National Congress in Richmond, VA from July 11-17. While detailed schedule info will be provided in the future, the basic schedule is on the VASSAR

<http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/>

website in the Virginia Dispatches (opening page, right column under the heading Virginia SAR Newsletter). As with any national event like this, the main hotel rooms in the Richmond Marriott Downtown, 500 East Broad St, are going fast. The special rate is \$165/night + taxes. A reservations link and phone number are provided below.

With the close proximity of the 2020 Congress, I would encourage you to take this opportunity to experience a national SAR event.

Roger Cross



Reservation may be made at:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/49965781/owner/12987/home>

You may also call 800-535-4028 and when you talk to a real person it might be helpful to let them know that our block of rooms is on the "Pass Key" system.

The video this month is about

The FØDØRALIST, No. 10.

By James Madison

Click the link

<https://youtu.be/tbJN7GTGdiko>



Seeking recommendations for award of the NSSAR Flag Recognition Certificate to worthy organizations or individuals in 2020. Any input or suggestions you may have please forward them to me at georgecorbett@cox.net with the particulars and their phone number.

George Corbett

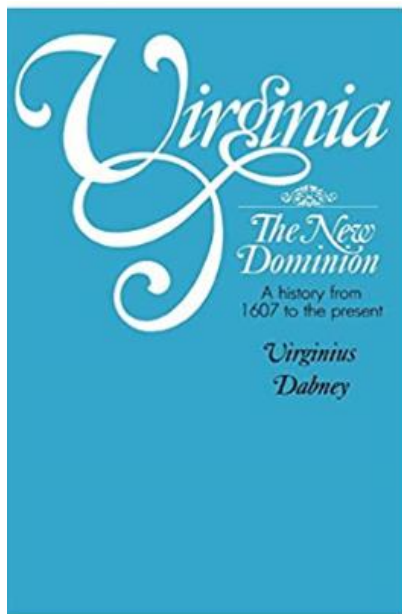


The Sons of the American Revolution are sad to report the passing of long- time Compatriot Robert J. Barberie. Robert, 91, died peacefully at his home on February 2, 2020. From a very young age, Bob developed a love for airplanes, so it came as no surprise that he chose a career as an Air Force fighter pilot. He served his country with distinction during the height of the Cold War, including Korea, the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam. Upon his retirement from the military, Bob became a math teacher at Hampton High School and later Benjamin Syms Middle School. In case you want to send a card to his wife Marjorie, her address is:

3800 Treyburn Drive B 213,
Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Duncan McIver
Secretary





Book of the month

Virginia: The New Dominion
By Virginus Dabney

This 629 pages of Virginia history belongs in the library of everyone who cares about the early history of Virginia with details that go right up through the Civil War. The book has long been a favorite for collectors of early history in the colonies as it goes into minute detail into the early days of small and medium sized farms as well as the hay days of the Large Plantations along the James and York Rivers. This paper-back reprint is one of many that have gone through five reprinting that were published by the University Press of Virginia in Charlottesville. It is a used book that has been described as slightly used with handwritten penciled marks on many pages and some pages with ink notations along with several pages of yellow highlighted material. There are maps and illustrations of historical significance throughout the book.

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

NOTICE

Compatriots,

I will be sending our latest updated SAR Roster out after the 1st.

Please take a look at it and if any corrections are needed let me know at. PA1744@cox.net

I will send the corrections on to Secretary Duncan McIver and start preparing the next update.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep our roster up to date.

Dave Westenberger

Editor / WEB

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Our March 2020 luncheon will be held at Ford's Colony Clubhouse on Saturday 14th March. Please mail reservations in by Saturday 7th March.

Reservation for the Saturday 14 March, 2020 Luncheon Meeting

Name(s) _____

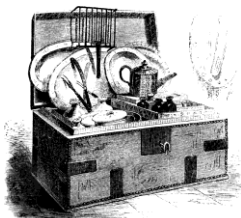
Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$21.00 or only meeting

Special need _____

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SAR RED LOGO TIE

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SAR RED BOW TIE

\$35.00



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NAVY SAR LOGO TIE

\$35.00



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Personalized Name Badge (Name Tag) - Pocket Attachment Nametag

\$25.00

There has been confusion on how to add this item to the cart. There is a statement that says "I understand personalized items are not refundable" that has a small box after it on the bottom of the page where the personalized items are added. You must click that box before the "ADD PERSONALIZED ITEM TO CART" button will become active. Unless you click the box agreeing that Personalized Items are not refundable, the item can not be added to the cart.

SHOWING ONLY A SMALL SAMPLE OF THEIR EXTENSIVE INVENTORY

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<https://store.sar.org/category/sar-apparel>