



# 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 and your families have continued to stay safe as Virginia and other states are slowly allowing businesses to reopen in phases; with phase 3 for Virginia beginning on July 1. While the July luncheon remains cancelled, we will review the phase 3 guidelines and the Chapter will resume our monthly luncheons and other Chapter activities when your Board of Managers feels that it is safe to do so.

In support of VASSAR, Bill Greaf and I recently participated in a Zoom commemoration of General Anthony Wayne's crossing of the Potomac with reinforcements that allowed the Continental Army in Virginia to push Lord Cornwallis and the British Army into Yorktown. I also am participating in monthly Zoom meetings with the VASSAR President, staff and other Chapter Presidents.

While different this year, we continue the tradition with our 35th Independence Day church service on July 4 at 10 AM. I would like to thank Bruton Parish Episcopal Church for hosting our virtual service and Jim Morford, our Chaplain, for coordinating the event. Details for viewing the service are provided later in the Newsletter and I encourage you to view the service. I believe you will find it equally meaningful and a fitting commemoration of our upcoming Independence Day.

Finally, I would like to thank Newsletter/Webmaster David Westenberger for helping us stay connected and up to date monthly with our excellent Newsletter.

I want to remind you that this is your Chapter and as you have ideas or suggestions, please let me or a Board Member know.

Roger W Cross, III



# Calendar

## Chapter News

As the result of current restrictions required by the Covid-19 virus, the July meeting of the Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, has been cancelled.

An early August luncheon is still scheduled.

★ Saturday July 4  
10:00 Virtual Broadcast Service  
Prayer & Thanksgiving see Pg3 ★

Saturday July 4  
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Saturday, July 18  
Chapter Luncheon meeting  
CANCELLED

An article in July 18, 1777 issue of [The Virginia Gazette](#) noted a celebration in Philadelphia in a manner a modern American would find familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, [13-gun salutes](#), speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships in port were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

## Williamsburg Fireworks Show CANCELLED



History is Fun While at Home with  
Online Resources from Jamestown  
Settlement & American Revolution  
Museum at Yorktown.



At [Jamestown Settlement](#) and the [American Revolution Museum at Yorktown](#), history is fun – even from home! As our communities continue to manage the changes to our daily lives and day-to-day operations in response to COVID-19, we wanted to share a healthy dose of entertaining, engaging and educational online resources offered for free at our museums. We hope you and your family enjoy watching, reading and exploring with [History at Home](#).

## Virtual July 4 Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving to be Broadcast

Due to the limitations imposed by the governor and Episcopal Bishop, Williamsburg Chapter SAR's Thirty Fifth Annual Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving will not be open to seating in Bruton Parish Church. Rather it will be broadcast on YouTube at 10:00 am on July 4.

We are grateful for the cooperation of the clergy and staff of Bruton Parish Church for their assistance in preparing for this year's Independence Day service.

With only about half a dozen participants present including several Chapter members, present in the church to pre-record the service we will be carefully adhering to COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

The service will be the same as it has been for the past 34 years, but without a congregation present in the church. There will be music with organ and a soloist to lead hymn singing, prayers, scripture reading, a sermon to be delivered by the Reverend, Jan Brown, presentation of the flag, singing of the National Anthem, and the pledge of allegiance. Compatriots along with their families and friends are encouraged to join in the singing and pledge of allegiance while watching the service from home.

Here are preliminary instructions on accessing the service:

1. The service will be available only on YouTube, beginning at 10:00 am on July 4. It will remain accessible after that time as well.
2. The service will be available via Bruton's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/BrutonParish>. This will take you to the main Bruton YouTube page, though not directly to the July 4 service itself. You will need to identify which service you want to watch. (All of Bruton's services are listed in reverse chronological order, so if you login at (or just before) 10 am on July 4, the appropriate service will be at the top of the page.)

A service bulletin will also be available.

We will send out information on accessing the service bulletin and the service on or before July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Plan now to join virtually with your fellow compatriots for our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual 4th of July Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving.





## Anthony Wayne UNITED STATES GENERAL

The owner of a tannery and extensive property in Pennsylvania, Wayne was commissioned a colonel in the Continental Army in January 1776. That spring his regiment was sent to reinforce the remnants of Benedict Arnold's Canadian expedition, which was retreating south after a disastrous campaign against Quebec. Wayne was then put in command of Fort Ticonderoga, New York. Promoted to the rank of brigadier general in early 1777, he played a prominent role that fall in the battles of Brandywine, Paoli, and Germantown, Pennsylvania. After spending the winter at the Valley Forge encampment, he led an attack on the British at the indecisive Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, the following June.

In September 1780, when it was learned that Arnold had planned to betray West Point to the British, Wayne moved promptly to safeguard the fort. In 1781 he was sent south to assist the marquis de Lafayette. Gen. Wayne crossed the Potomac River and marched through Leesburg on June 3, 1781. On July 6 at Green Springs, Virginia he provided critical reinforcements that allowed the Continental army in Virginia to push Lord Cornwallis and the British army into Yorktown, where the war ended a few months later.

In 1794, President George Washington called upon Wayne to bring the ongoing violence with British-backed Indians in the Northwest Territory to a close. Wayne was victorious at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, near what is now Toledo, Ohio, and gained much of what would become Ohio and Indiana for the U.S. in the Treaty of Greenville.

*Sons of the American Revolution*

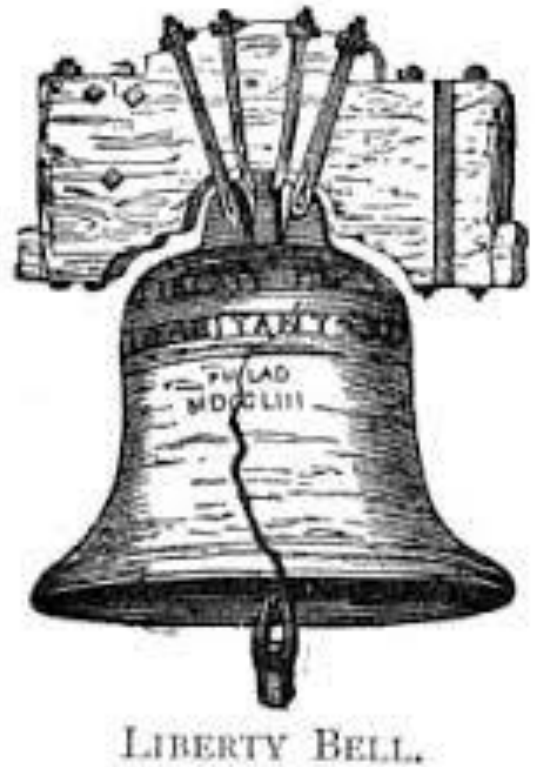


# Freedom Prayer for Independence Day

*Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

*Amen*

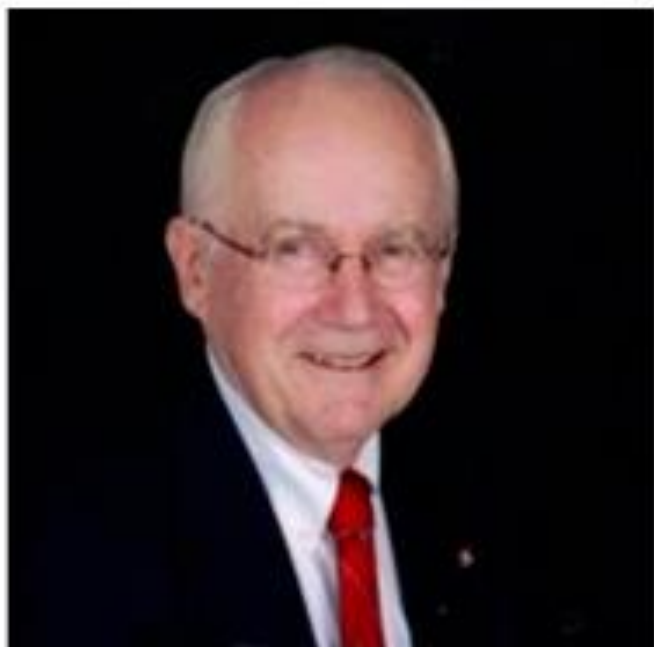
Jim Morford - Chaplin



# Virginia Society

*Sons of the American Revolution*

## Passing of Virginia SAR Past President



Roderick Dew Brown

9 June 1933 – 13 June 2020

Roderick Dew Brown, died peacefully at home in Bon Air on June 13, 2020. He was born in Pulaski, Virginia, on June 9, 1933, the son of the late William Horatio Brown and Ellen Byrd Dew Brown. He spent his formative years in Colorado and New Mexico before returning to Austinville, Virginia, where he received the rank of Eagle Scout in 1949. Mr. Brown married Mary Carter "Pat" Younger in Blacksburg on August 23, 1958. The couple settled in Richmond, Virginia.

Past President Brown traced his ancestors to Colonial America. Rod was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution where he served as president of the Richmond Chapter, Virginia State President (1980-81) and Vice President of the Mid-Atlantic States (1986-87). He was also a member of the Jamestowne Society and the Society of Colonial Wars where he served as Governor. He was formerly a member of the Sons of the Revolution.

# Registrar's Corner

**It was about ten years ago that I was sitting on the Board of Managers as a Member-at-Large, minding my own business, when the President announced that the Registrar had died. Fourteen sets of eyeballs stared at me. Voice vote, I won!!!**

**Compatriot Jack Lee was my first customer, I didn't know what the hell I was talking about, but then I discovered most customers don't know what they are talking about either. Jack and I are still good friends.**

**You'd be surprised how many chapter members are related to Charlemagne, and few to Benedict Arnold, although I believe Ben is out there someplace. My research stops at the Atlantic coastline. Some of the chapter ancestors have saved the Liberty Bell, sat on George Washington's knee, and drew a pension for providing the army with whiskey. A number signed the Declaration of Independence.**

**Several ancestors witnessed the surrender of the British at Yorktown, others fought in local battles at Spencer's Ordinary and Green Springs.**

**But my concern is lineage, of men whose families can be traced back to the Revolutionary War years. Our chapter membership today totals more than 190 to include former government officials, veterans, NASA retirees, doctors, lawyers, plumbers; a cross-section of biographies of the every day American. And not surprisingly, most of those names also appear on the rosters of other volunteer community organizations supporting a galaxy of worthwhile programs and projects.**

**New recruits wanted....**



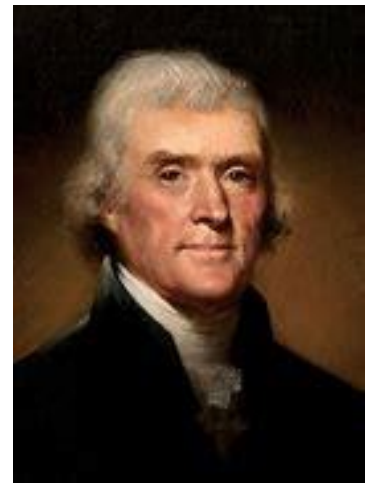
**Ron Losee**



OUR DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE  
GO FULL SCREEN AND TURN THE  
SOUND UP...GREAT!

Just click ↓ with your mouse....

<https://youtu.be/9IEfvJxLx2k?t=24>



A READING OF OUR  
**DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE**

Will be held July 4<sup>TH</sup> on the steps of the Colonial Court House at 0930.



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Our July 2020 luncheon has been **CANCELLED**  
Hopefully we will resume with our normal activities in August.

## NOTICE

Compatriots,

I will be sending our latest updated SAR Roster out on the 4<sup>TH</sup> of July.

6 amendments have been done following your June input.

Please take a look at it and if any corrections are needed let me know at

[PA1744@cox.net](mailto: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 Chapter's roster up to date.

Dave Westenberger

Editor / WEB

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0684BWT-L

BLUE/WHITE/TAN TIE EXTRA LONG

\$40.00



0686

SAR RED LOGO TIE

\$35.00



0688

SAR RED BOW TIE

\$35.00



0690

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>