



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 a result of the upcoming flu season and expected increase in Covid-19 in the fall, the Chapter will continue to hold our monthly meetings by Zoom.

Our second Chapter virtual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, September 12. We had approximately 35 members join the meeting to hear our excellent speaker, Ed Ayres. Ed's presentation was very informative with excellent visuals. As I mentioned last month, a benefit is that members and guests from out of state are able to participate. In this case, we had a guest from California participate in the meeting. Also, of note, we inducted Timothy J. Neill and Kevin L. Chalkley, both of Williamsburg, as new members at the September meeting.

We have an excellent speaker, Frank Walker, lined up as discussed later in the Newsletter. Again, you will be able to ask questions and provide comments after his presentation. Our Secretary, Duncan McIver, will provide members the Zoom invitation and link in October; so please plan to join your fellow Compatriots on Saturday, October 10.

The Yorktown commemoration this year will not include the parade and other in-person outdoor activities are limited. The plans, as we know them now, are discussed later in the Newsletter.

One activity I would encourage you to participate in is the Kings Mountain commemoration which will be held virtually on October 7. I will be presenting a wreath virtually in lieu of the 5 ½ hour trip to participate in person. Additional registration details are provided in this Newsletter.

The most significant item from the VASSAR Semi-annual meeting is that Bill Greaf is on the VASSAR 2021 slate of officers as the 3rd Vice President. Congratulate Bill when you see him and thank him for representing us at the state level.

Finally, the 2021 dues notice were sent on Monday, September 21. If you have not received yours yet, please contact Secretary Duncan McIver.

Please stay safe and I hope to see you on the October Zoom meeting. Roger W Cross, III



Calendar

Monday October 5

10:00 Virtual ZOOM BOM meeting

Wednesday October 7

Battle of Kings Mountain

10 A.M. Virtual



240th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain

Posted in:
DIGITAL EVENT , BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

**RSVP by Wednesday Sep 30
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Saturday October 10

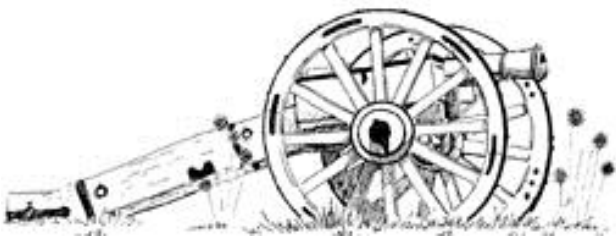
12:00 Virtual ZOOM SAR meeting
(check emailed link sent just prior)

Saturday October 17

10 AM-Wreath Laying Ceremony
Grave of Thomas Nelson, Jr
Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, VA

FLYER ON PAGE 4

Very limited on-site participation, primarily for the multiple lineage society representatives due to social distancing requirements in the limited space. Participants must wear a mask.



Monday October 19

Yorktown Commemorative Ceremony

9:00 am - French Cemetery on the Yorktown Battlefield

9:45 am - French Memorial Honoring the French and American Alliance (Max of 50 People)

11:00 am - Patriotic Exercises and Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Victory Monument (Max of 175 people)

Reservations can be made at becky_eggleston@nps.gov
Face masks required and social distancing for all events.

Chapter News



New Compatriots Robert E. Lindberg, Jr. and Bryant E. Ward receiving their SAR Membership certificates.



Ms. Laura Truslow received a Bronze Congress Appreciation Medal presented by President Roger Cross III for exemplary service preparing for the 130th Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

PHOTOS BY HARLEY STEWART



**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION,
THE KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, NORTH
CAROLINA SAR, AND,
THE DANIEL MORGAN CHAPTER, SOUTH
CAROLINA SAR,
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE 240TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF KINGS
MOUNTAIN**

**SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and other patriotic and
lineage societies & chapters are invited to
participate in a VIRTUAL commemoration
and wreath presentation ceremony to be held
on Zoom. All Participants (presenting a
wreath, color guard, attendees) must RSVP
via the form below no later than Wednesday,
September 30th.**

<https://www.ncssar.org/event/240th-anniversary-of-the-battle-of-kings-mountain/>

Questions about the event can be directed to Joe Culik, jc@fairview-law.com.

Zoom Link for the Virtual Event: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81700673468>

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**VIRGINIA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT
THE GRAVE OF GOVERNOR THOMAS NELSON, JR.**

We will honor and perpetuate the memory of Virginia's Revolutionary War Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown on October 17 at 10:00 am.

This year there will two ways to participate in the ceremony. One is at the grave site as in the past or you can participate in the ceremony virtually. Please select which method of wreath presentation you prefer below.

ON-SITE

VIRTUAL

PLEASE NOTE: All onsite participants will be required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing while at the site. On-site participants are requested to be present by 9:30 am and report to the lectern to verify correct name, proper pronunciation, and order of presentation.

PLEASE NOTE: All virtual participants need to be online not later than 9:45 am and be ready to participate in the ceremony at 10:00 am.
Login at: TBA

If your organization will be presenting a wreath, please provide answers to the questions below and return this form not later than October 5 to:

Kenneth E. Wood
7362 Fiddlers Lane
Gloucester, VA 23061
Email kennethwood2@cox.net
Home 804-699-3259

Full name of State Society and Chapter or other Organization presenting a wreath: *

Name and Title of person(s) presenting the wreath: _____

Telephone & Email Address: _____

Name of Escort(s), if any: _____

Other Data: _____

Escorts and flag bearers are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Ken Wood at the address and phone number shown above. Your prompt return of this form will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE STARTING TIME IS 10:00 am

* If your wreath does not have identification as to the State Society, Chapter or Organization to which it belongs then please attach that information to the backside of the wreath in order to help in identifying it.



**Our October 10TH speaker
Mr. Frank Walker**

General George Washington's Women

It is often, and usually quite correctly said that behind every great man stands a great woman. In the case of George Washington, widely acclaimed as America's greatest man, there are several ladies who played significant roles in helping create the George Washington that history portrays. The contributions of these ladies were unique and indispensable. The four ladies are; his mother, his wife, sister, and Sally. Mr. Walker will give some fascinating insights into how these women influenced this great man.

Mr. Walker's resume is a unique one. From a Farmer to a Lawyer to a historian.

From 1960 to 1979, Frank was the President and General Manager, milker and field hand for Rosni Farms, a Holstein-Friesian dairy operation in Madison County, Va.

In 1981, after graduating from the University of Virginia law school he joined the law firm of Purcell & Honenberger in Orange, Va. and in 1983 he became partner in the firm.

Prior to law school, he received a BS in Agronomy from Virginia Tech, and an MBA from the Darden School at the University of Va.

He is an active member of the Orange and Madison County historical societies, Monticello Association, and James Madison Museum.



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When Women Lost the Vote A Revolutionary Story, 1776-1807

“At the very time that John Adams was ruminating about the dangers of women voting, one state actually experimented with that possibility. In May 1776, anticipating the coming of independence, the Continental Congress sent out instructions ordering each state to devise a new framework for governing.

1787: The U.S. Constitutional Convention places voting qualifications in the hands of the states. Women in all states except New Jersey lose the right to vote.

Beginning in 1790 the New Jersey assembly passed an election statute that explicitly enfranchised women. A 1797 law extended these privileges to all qualified women throughout the state. Voters, the law stated, should “openly and in full view deliver his or her ballot.”

1807: Women lose the right to vote in New Jersey, the last state to revoke the right.



Upon what principle of liberty, justice, equality, and fraternity would you exclude women?” Women, Adams pointed out, were already growing restive with the restrictions placed on them. In the 1790s in Virginia, he recalled, Nelly Parke Custis, the step-granddaughter of George Washington, had once mounted her steed and “galloped to the hustings & demanded her right to vote as a freeholder.” Even Adams had to admit that she had valid grounds for doing so. As an unmarried property owner, she was a “freeholder... to a large amount.” The lesson was clear.

This Women’s Equality Day, passed by Congress in 1973 to commemorate the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment on August 26, 1920, we observe women’s continued work for equality since the early decades of American Independence.



“In 1821 former president John Adams wrote a letter to his grandson admonishing him for his enthusiasm over expanding the franchise. Always the social conservative, Adams feared that abolishing property qualifications among men might open the door to new challenges, particularly from women. “You make very light of the argument for the ladies,” he told his grandson, “& evade it by a twin of wit and gallantry.” This he insisted, “is not an argument.

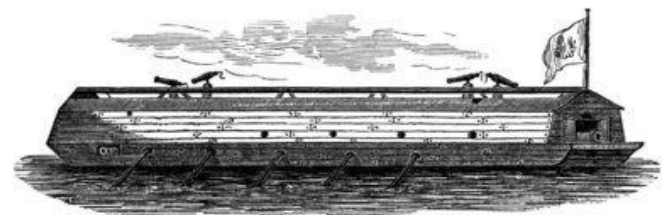
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Flag Recognition

A continuing review of our flags from the Revolution to the present

The Continental Army was surrounding Boston in the late spring of 1775. The British Army was trapped inside the city. George Washington arrived to take command on July 3rd. He believed he needed to be able to attack the British from the sea as well as on land, so he began to commission some ships and fitted them out of his own pocket. The Congress in Philadelphia was nervous about forming a navy at this point because they did not want to offend the British, but Washington thought it was a necessity so he did it himself. Their mission was to prevent British ships from delivering much needed supplies to the army in Boston.

The **Washington Cruisers Flag** was flown from seven ships outfitted by George Washington personally to aid in his attempt to drive the British from New England. These ships were sailing before the Continental Navy was formed by Congress in late 1775, making them the de facto first Navy of the United States.



He also had some floating batteries built on the Charles River that could be floated down to attack Boston. The batteries had walls built up with holes in the sides for muskets and holes in the bottom for oars. Large guns were situated on top. They looked like what you might imagine Noah's Ark to look like. The batteries fired on Boston on October 26 causing some damage and consternation.



The Williamsburg chapter of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) was honored to present a NSSAR Flag Recognition certificate to Joni and John Stevens on 2 September 2020. The certificate is presented to organizations and individuals who proudly and correctly display the flag of our great nation. The Stevens' are residents of James City County. Pictured L to R are George Corbett, Flag Recognition Committee Chair, Joni Stevens and John Stevens. PHOTO By KJCorbett

SAR Awards at Freedom Park

Presented by chapter President Roger Cross III



Registrar Ron Losee received a Silver Oak Leaf Cluster for his Liberty Medal. This is a national level for having recruited over 100 new members in the Williamsburg Chapter.



Compatriot George Corbett received an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Silver Roger Sherman Medal and a VASSAR Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Virginia SAR as Chairman of the Partners in Patriotism & Veterans Affairs Committee. George is a past president of the Richmond Chapter and has been active in Veterans affairs and the society's Flag Recognition Program.



Notice Bill Greaf and Bob White in uniform assisting our ceremony on 9/26/2020



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Virginia Society

Sons of the American Revolution



The 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society was held at Berry Hill Plantation on September 18th & 19th hosted by the Dan River and Culpeper Minutemen Chapters. Fifty-four compatriots from nineteen chapters participated, and were joined by twenty wives. Five Virginia C.A.R. dignitaries joined us including this year's and last year's Presidents and Senior Presidents. Participants opened the meeting with a grand ceremony starting with thirty compatriots parading historic revolutionary flags behind the Color Guard around the circular drive in front of the Mansion and placing them around the circle where they remained for the duration. The Society President declared the meeting in session which was followed by the discharge of a cannon by Chancellor Monday. After an invocation and pledges the cry was heard to "Follow the Colors" and the participants followed the Color Guard up the front steps of the Mansion, through the doors and down the halls to the Grand Ballroom. The first day was filled with various committee-lead workshops, an Awards Ceremony, Ladies tour of the Mansion, and a BBQ. The evening ended with the President's Reception in the Mansion Library Bar. As soon as glasses were filled, we all gathered on the Portico for a magnificent display of Fireworks to celebrate the anniversaries of Victory at Saratoga and our Constitution. The fireworks started with an intense barrage, similar to the ending of usual fireworks displays, but one that continued for the full ten-minute program.



From the Chaplain
Jim Morford
Seek God's Guidance as We Vote

The framers of our Constitution gave us a federal republic. They carefully crafted a government with three independent branches to provide checks and balances – legislative, executive, and judicial. Sensitive to the independence of the states, they created a bicameral congress with one house elected directly by the people and a second house with two members elected by the legislatures of each state (changed to popular election by the 17th amendment). Fearing mob rule, they created the Electoral College to confirm the chief magistrate.

Essential to the structure was the franchise, originally limited but today open to all citizens.

As we enter the 2020 General Election when we are to choose a president and members of congress, the nation is divided as it has not been since the Civil War. It is vital to the future of our republic that every qualified citizen vote and that each legitimate vote is counted.

Abraham Lincoln expressed the importance of voting in his notoriously folksy style when he said, "Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

In these blistering times, it is vital that we seek God's guidance as we decide the future course of our country.

Pray for God's guidance as we cast our ballots

All mighty and everlasting God:

Our nation is in a time of great crisis as we strive to defeat a pandemic and cope with civil unrest. With all the injustice and fear that surrounds us today, we ask you to inspire us and guide us as we participate in this year's General Election.

We pray for a government that upholds and protects human rights and justice for all its citizen.

Guide us as we vote to elect local, state, and national officials to represent us – not to rule over us.

We pray for our courts that there may truly be equal justice under the law.

We pray for a safe and fair election.

May your presence be in our hearts and minds as we cast our ballots.

AMEN

"When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan."

Prov. 29:2

IN MEMORIAM

Compatriots,

The Sons of the American Revolution are sad to report the passing of long-time member Dr. James Russell Henry of Williamsburg, VA, who died at the Williamsburg Hospice House on Friday, August 21, 2020. He was an active member of the Williamsburg, VA chapter, where he served as chaplain and historian. A native of Athens, GA, he attended public school from elementary to his bachelor's at the University of Georgia in 1962.



He was commissioned in 1962 as a 2nd Lt. in the US Army and served in the Reserve until his honorable discharge in 1968. He graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA with a master's in Divinity in 1965 and received his Doctor of Ministry in 1987. During his ministry, he served in the Diocese of Atlanta, Virginia, Southwest Virginia, and Southern Virginia. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, VA. In case you want to send a card to his wife Nancy, her address is 4647 Prince Trevor Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

*Duncan McIver
Secretary, Williamsburg SAR Chapter*



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Our October 2020 meeting will be via on-line ZOOM.

A ZOOM RSVP request will be sent the week prior.

Check your Email just before the 10th for the link.

Hopefully we will resume with our normal gathering in November.

If you have not received your Williamsburg Chapter Dues notices that were sent by email last week please email Secretary Duncan McIver at Duncanmciver@cox.net so that another may be sent.

Due to the anticipated USPS delivery delays from volume please send your dues in as soon as possible to help us stay ahead of the curve...

Dues paid for new memberships approved by NSSAR after Sept 1st 2020 will be credited to the following year.

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