



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 increase in Covid-19 this fall, the Chapter will continue to hold our monthly meetings by Zoom.

Our third Chapter virtual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, October 10. We had approximately 30 members join the meeting to hear our excellent speaker, Frank Walker. Frank's presentation consisted of a 40-minute video on the 4 women that most influenced George Washington and contained much new information. It will soon be posted as a YouTube video on the Orange County Historical Society website. We will let you know when it is available, and I would encourage you to view it to obtain some additional insight into the life of George Washington.

We have an excellent speaker, Sarah Whiting, lined up as discussed later in the Newsletter. Again, you will be able to ask questions and provide comments after her presentation. Our Secretary, Duncan McIver, will provide members the Zoom invitation and link in November; so please plan to join your fellow Compatriots on Saturday, November 14.

Our Veterans Day Ceremony, in partnership with Colonial Williamsburg, will be virtual this year. Our part of the filming occurred recently, and CW will post the video at 11 AM on November 11. Local participants included members of the SAR, DAR and Friends of Lafayette. I want to thank SAR members Jeffery Wooldridge, David Westenberger, Bob Schmidt and Reggie Beane for representing our chapter. I know that you will find the video to be a moving tribute to all Veterans. Secretary Duncan McIver will provide information on how to access the video as soon as CW provides it to us.

Please take the opportunity to review the information in this Newsletter about the 1st Virginia Regiment and the matching funds available for contributions to the Brennan Fund which supports many of the SAR Youth Programs.

Finally, if you have not paid your 2021 dues yet, please do so soon. The deadline of November 7 is fast approaching.

Please stay safe and I hope to see you on the November Zoom meeting where we will vote on the 2021 Slate of Officers and proposed By-laws amendments.

Roger W Cross, III



Calendar

Monday November 2
10:00 Virtual ZOOM BOM
meeting

Tuesday November 3
Federal Voting

Wednesday November 11
11:00 Veteran's Day
Video

Created by
Colonial Williamsburg

Saturday November 14
12:00 Virtual ZOOM SAR
meeting
(check emailed link sent just
prior)



Chapter News



President Roger Cross III presenting the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution membership certificate to new Compatriot Ronald Adolphi in front of the Magazine in Colonial Williamsburg.



Daughters of the American Revolution Williamsburg Chapter Regent Celia Adolphi pinning the SAR Rosette on the lapel of her husband Ronald Adolphi.



PHOTOS BY DAVID WESTENBERGER



Screen capture from our October ZOOM meeting taken while President Roger Cross III was ZOOMing the Jefferson Cup gift to our guest speaker Frank Walker.

October 17 Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Grave of Thomas Nelson, Jr at Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, VA



Patriotic Exercises and Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Victory Monument





President Roger Cross III and Past President Harley Stewart represented the Williamsburg Chapter SAR at the Culpeper Minutemen Battalion's monument dedication on October 24TH at Yowell Meadow Park, Culpeper .



Grand Union Flag on left and Culpeper Minutemen flag on right.

The Minutemen monument situated next to Virginia's first Charters of Freedom display containing replica, bronze, engraved copies of the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and U.S. Constitution.



The Fife and Drum of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter



Photos by Harley Stewart

Williamsburg Chapter 2021 Board of Managers Slate

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1st Virginia Regiment of the Virginia SAR

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1ST Virginia Regiment SAR application on page 9-10.



**Our November 14TH speaker
Ms. Sarah F. Whiting**

Ms. Whiting is presently the Executive Director of St. John’s Church Foundation and is in charge of the historical operations at historic St. John’s Church in Richmond, VA. She also spearheads the funding for the preservation of St. John’s Church, A National Historic Landmark.

Prior to her present position, Sarah worked at Preservation Virginia Revolving Fund as Program Manager and later as Director Community Recourses and Outreach. The Revolving Fund was established in 1989 by the Virginia General Assembly. Its mission is protecting and preserving significant historic properties across Virginia.

Ms. Whiting’s historic preservation background includes working for the Historic Richmond Foundation, where she was responsible for raising the funding for the restoration of the 1814 Monumental Church, and as its project manager for the Monumental Replication Project.

Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of the South.

Ms. Whiting’s talk will be “Patrick Henry at St. John’s Church. One Voice can change the World”



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Flag Recognition

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



Bennington Flag

The Bennington flag illustrates a unique interpretation of the original Flag law before the official design was available. It contains thirteen seven pointed stars white on a blue field representing a new constellation and the digits 76 the sum of which is 13. The stripes are alternate white and red instead of red and white. This flag played a leading part in the famous Molly Stark episode at Bennington, Vermont, August 16, 1777.

Col. John Stark, a hero of Bunker Hill was charged with the defense of supplies stored at Bennington against an attacking party of 1000 British. His force was a small determined band of Green Mountain Boys.

Upon the approach of the red coated British, Col. Stark said to his men,

There they are, boys; we must beat them today or Molly Stark's a widow."

It was a disastrous battle for the British and less than a hundred ever got back to Burgoyne's Army. This flag was taken into service by Nathaniel Fillmore, father of President Fillmore. It is preserved at Illinois State Headquarters of the G. A. R.



The Williamsburg chapter of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) was honored to present a NSSAR Flag Recognition certificate to Becky and Franz Kitenko on September 3RD 2020. The certificate is presented to organizations and individuals who proudly and correctly display the flag of our great nation. The Kitenkos' are residents of James City County. Pictured L to R are George Corbett, Flag Recognition Committee Chair,

PHOTO By KJ Corbett

National Society Sons of the American Revolution 1775 Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration

The formal NSSAR 1775 Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration will start at 11:00

A.M., Saturday, December 05, 2020 at Chesapeake City Hall, 306 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322. Jon Stull will be the guest speaker. The ceremony will include the 10th annual wreath laying led by Norfolk Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution. The formal ceremonies will conclude by noon.

Those chapters/patriotic organizations wishing to participate in the laying of wreaths and wish to have their chapter/patriotic organization and representative recognized in the program must provide that information to me at gpridgen@cox.net not later than November 09, 2020.

The ceremony will be held in the Council Chambers, Chesapeake City Hall.

The Founders Inn and Spa will host our group. The hotel address is 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. **Please be sure to book prior to Wednesday, November 04, 2020 to receive the special group rate of \$99.00 (Standard Colonial Queen) or \$119.00 (Colonial Double Queen) per room per night + tax.**

BookingLink: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/up/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=ORFFIUP&groupCode=SARR20&arrival=20201204&departure=20201206&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

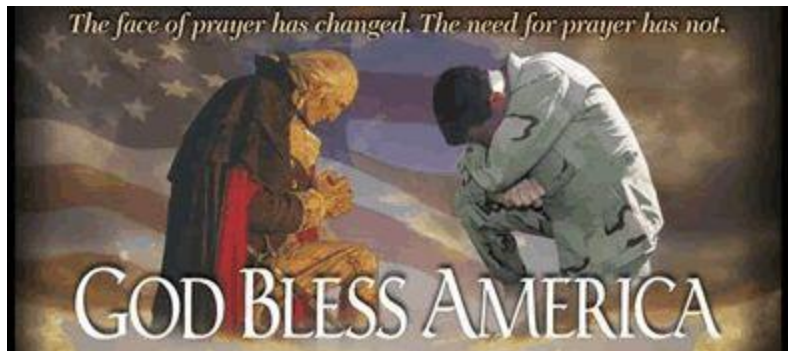
Alternatively, you may also call the hotel toll-free at 1-757-366-5700 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution Group. Should you experience any difficulty with your reservation, contact Dorothy Keenan, Group Room Coordinator, at 757-366-5723. Reservations must be cancelled no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of arrival to avoid a cancellation fee of one night's room and tax.

We also plan on an informal "Dutch treat" dinner with the NSSAR representative at the Cypress Point Country Club, 5340 Club Head Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 on December 04, 2020 open to anyone that wants to join us. Social gathering at 5:00 P.M. followed by dinner at 5:30 P.M. There will be no speaker but it will be a time of good fellowship.



From the Chaplain *Jim Morford*

As those of us living in Williamsburg well know, the first Thanksgiving took place just a few miles up the road from here. On December 4, 1619, a year before the celebrated gathering at Plymouth, a group of English settlers landed on the shores of the James River and as planned, fell to their knees to give thanks for their safe passage. There was no traditional turkey meal; there were no native American guests. America's first Thanksgiving was about prayer. This has been an especially difficult year for our country – indeed, the world. On November 26, as we Americans gather around the table in smaller numbers or, in some cases virtually, let us be mindful that we still have much for which to be thankful.



Psalm 100:4

Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

A Prayer:

O God, our heavenly Father, through your power we know you are present in every place. Be with us as this month we observe a special day dedicated to giving thanks for the innumerable blessings you bestow on us every day of every year. Even in times of trial and difficulty, we trust that you are with us.

We thank you for our patriot fore bearers who gave so much to enable us to live as free men and women. Keep us mindful that we bear the responsibility of keeping faith with their gift of liberty and are duty-bound to pass that gift on to succeeding generations. Lord, we ask that you bless our country with your wisdom, with your love, and with your compassion. May we be a people who are pursuing you and your plans for us - individually and as a nation.

We ask protection for all our men and women in uniform both here and around the world. We are grateful for their service and their dedication to keeping our nation safe.

We pray that you will keep them safe.

As we give thanks for family and friends, we ask that you keep them secure and in good health.

Thanks be to Thee. AMEN

Fun for family and friends!

Donations may be made on behalf of individuals other than the donor. For example, parents or grandparents can make donations in the names of their children or grandchildren. For a donation of \$100.00, a grandfather can make his grandchild a Sergeant in the First Virginia Regiment.

Make yourself a General, and all your kids Sergeants. (Better yet, make your wife a General!)

Donations will gladly be accepted from individuals who are not members of the Virginia Society, or indeed, members of the SAR.

So . . . everyone can enlist in the First Virginia Regiment and support the important work of the Virginia Society SAR!

Tax Deduction

The Virginia Society SAR is a tax-exempt, charitable organization, as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your contributions to the Virginia Society SAR may be deductible on your Federal and state tax returns. Please consult your tax attorney or accountant.

Sign up today for the First Virginia Regiment!

Yes, I'd like to support the Virginia Society by enlisting in the Virginia Society First Virginia Regiment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

I am enclosing a contribution of \$ _____

I would like this contribution to be divided among the five Virginia Society trust funds as follows:

Hamilton \$ _____

Knight-Patty \$ _____

Flathers-May \$ _____

Frantz-Philen \$ _____

Brennan \$ _____

(Note: *The sum of these five amounts must equal your total contribution.*)

If you are making this contribution in someone else's name, please tell us who: _____

Please mail this completed form, along with your check payable to "Virginia Society SAR" to:

Rick Elofson
21 Paula Maria Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23606



The Virginia Society SAR First Virginia Regiment

Now you can add to the principal of any of the five Virginia Society trust funds, and know that your contribution will permanently generate income for the Virginia Society!



Details

Individuals who make a contribution, or in whose name a contribution is made, to any or all of the three Virginia Society trust funds shall be given a rank in the Virginia Society First Virginia Regiment, based on the level of the contribution:

- a) A contribution of at least \$100.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Sergeant."
- b) A contribution of at least \$300.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Captain."
- c) A contribution of at least \$500.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "Colonel."
- d) A contribution of at least \$1,000.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "General."
- e) A contribution of at least \$5,000.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of "General of the Virginia Militias."

You decide where your money goes.

You can designate that your entire contribution should be allocated to any of the five Virginia Society Trust Funds, or you can divide your contribution among two or more of the trust funds.

Lapel pins: Display your rank in the Virginia Society First Virginia Regiment

The National Society has the George Washington Endowment Fund. Other state societies have various trusts that support their operations. The National Society and other state societies award lapel pins to their donors to wear as a special testament to the donor's generosity.

When you make a contribution under the First Virginia Regiment program, the Virginia Society shall award you, or the person in whose name you make the contribution, a lapel pin with the insignia of the appropriate rank in the First Virginia Regiment.

Donations are cumulative.

A donor may contribute \$100.00 in one year, and be "commissioned" as a Sergeant. Later on, the same donor may contribute an additional amount, and be promoted to a higher rank. For example, if this same donor contributes \$100.00 annually, after the third \$100.00 donation, he would be promoted to Captain, and after the fifth \$100.00 donation, he would be promoted to Colonel. With each promotion, this donor would receive the lapel pin appropriate for his new rank.

Records of all donations under the First Virginia Regiment program shall be maintained by the Virginia Society.

The five Virginia Society trust funds

- *The Howard L. Hamilton Fund*
Disbursement is made directly to the Virginia Society. The Board of Managers of the Virginia Society determines how the income disbursed to the Society from the Trustees shall be spent. This trust fund has been used to help pay the operating expenses of the Virginia Society.

- *The George Knight-Kenneth C. Patty Memorial Trust Fund*
There are six purposes of the Knight-Patty Fund, which are set forth in the Declaration of Trust. Expenditures are made by the Knight-Patty Trustees directly. This trust fund has been used to support special projects of the Virginia Society and its chapters.

- *The Flathers-May Virginia Society Bulletin Endowment Fund*
This fund is used to provide financial support for the maintenance, enhancement, and publication of *The Virginia Bulletin*.

- *The Paul M. Frantz and Charlotte H. Phalen Historic Observance Memorial Fund Trust*
This fund supports the Wilderness Road State Park. During the annual reenactment of the Raid on Martin's Station, the SAR flag is flown at the Wilderness Road State Park, and the Virginia Society leads the opening program.

- *The Mark Sheridan Brennan, Jr. Memorial Trust Fund*
This fund is used to provide financial support for the youth programs of the Virginia Society and public school programs within Virginia on the topic of the American Revolution.



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Our November 2020 meeting will be via on-line ZOOM.
 A ZOOM RSVP request will be sent the week prior.
 Check your Email just before the 14th for the link.

The dues deadline is 7 November

A big reminder to the membership to pay their \$80 dues ASAP. I think the mail is slower than usual, perhaps because of all the mailed ballots. The chapter gets only 1/4th of each member's dues (\$20) but this is our only source of income at the moment. Reinstatement is a lot of work for the chapter and VASSAR secretaries. Not being able to have real luncheon meetings has been very disappointing, but eventually this pandemic will pass or an effective vaccine will be developed, and we will be able to resume business as usual. Jim Hess, Treasurer

October 25TH total is 99 dues paid
 out of 194 members

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