



# Col. William Grayson Chapter *Sons of the American Revolution* —Newsletter—



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## *President's Comments*

### **2023 National Spring Leadership Conference**

Have you ever been “green dotted?” I have and what an experience it was! It all started when I entered the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY, Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, where I was welcomed as a first-time attendee by members from various state SAR societies attending the 2023 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Spring Annual meeting.

Friday morning, March 3<sup>rd</sup> started with Committee and Council of Youth Programs at 8:00 a.m. (EST). After a brief presentation from the American History Teacher, Poster & Brochure, Eagle Scout, Knight Essay, JROTC/ROTC and various committee chairmen, the attendees of the NSSAR Spring Annual conference broke out into small groups. And at 1:00 p.m. (EST), first-time attendees, like me, were transported to the SAR Library and Headquarters to receive a special behind the scenes tour. What a memorable experience that was, to see not only the library and historical artifacts, but also the layout for the new SAR Education Center and Museum section, Genealogy section and Hall of Past Present Generals of the NSSAR is quite amazing.

Each night's banquet had a special guest speaker. To start, on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Holly A. Mayer, author of the book *Congress's Own – A Canadian Regiment, the Continental Army, and American Union* presented a short summary on the Colonel Moses Hazen Regiment and the civil dynamics of the American Revolution. Then, on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, SAR member Mel Stewart Hankla, Ed.D., kindly displayed a few of his famous artifacts, like the Isaac Shelby's rum swig and powderhorn and an original Kentucky rifle by the gunsmith Michael Humble. These were on display at the head table of the NSSAR Executive Officers in a beautiful glass display case for all to enjoy. Compatriot Hankla's brief presentation on the *artistry of Kentucky's Historic Icons* that inspired his book *Into the Bluegrass* was a real treat that I will remember for a lifetime.

In closing, if you have never been “green dotted,” I highly encourage you do so! Attend one of the Spring or Fall NSSAR annual meeting in Louisville, KY. And as a first-timer, the compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution will ensure you are well received and treated during your stay. As a first-time attendee, you will learn which foreign dignitary petitioned the NSSAR for membership during your tour of the SAR library and might even receive a PG-NSSAR challenge.

### **133<sup>rd</sup> VASSAR Annual Conference and Crossing of Dan**

The Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolutions 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual meeting commenced on February 9<sup>th</sup> and ended on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and was held at the lovely Berry Hill Resort in South Boston, VA.

On Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. the 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan and Commemoration of General Greene’s was in full swing starting with the *Banister Crossing* presentation of the 250<sup>th</sup> American Revolutionary War Anniversary Program Planning in Virginia and North Carolina inside the Halifax Courthouse in Halifax Co., VA. Directly after the presentations by Cheryl Wilson, Executive Director of VA 250<sup>th</sup> and Drew Gruber, Executive Director for the Road to Revolution Heritage Trail. Two of Colonel William Grayson chapter compatriots were honored in the Memorial Service for Compatriots of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution; they were Robert Leroy Krebs and Roy Woodrow Richey.

The following morning, Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. the Crossing of the Dan commemorations began with opening remarks from President Gary Lee Hall of the Dan River Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, at the beautiful Prizery building in South Boston, VA. Leading the *Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard* in opening ceremony was Brooks Lyles, NSSAR Historian General. The weather and temperature were just right for an outdoor Wreath laying Ceremony. The program included the presentations of about 25 to 30 wreaths, and Colonel William Grayson Chapter President, Michael B. Wilson, proudly presented the chapter wreath in honors, on the behalf of the compatriots of Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter.

Following lunch there was an Orations Contest and Youth Awards at 2:00 pm back at the Berry Hill Resort and these students’ presentations were by far, the best part of the trip. What a treat to witness the three talented high school teenagers compete for winner of the VASSAR Oration contest. At the General membership meeting, starting at 3:45 p.m., Colonel William Grayson Chapter JROTC-ROTC Scholarship Program and Eagle Scout Scholarship Program candidates were announced as the 2023 first place VASSAR winners. A special congratulations and thanks go to John Callaway, JROTC Committee Chairman and Timothy T. Cline, Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee Chairman for their hard. And thanks to Past President Ross Schwalm leadership in 2022!

In closing, the Colonel William Grayson Chapter was recognized and received nine new streamers for our chapter flag. Streamers awarded to the Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter at the 133<sup>rd</sup> VASSAR Annual meeting were: *Crossing of the Dan Commemoration 2023 with star, Chapter Excellence Award 2022, Best Eagle Scout 2022, Best JROTC Cadet 2022, History Day Support 2022, Participant Youth Programs/ Contests 2022, Participant Public Service Contests 2022, Participant Flag Retirement Program 2022 and 100% Participation Flag Recognition Program 2022.* The 2023 VASSAR winner of the JROTC program was our candidate, Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> LT Ghaforkhan. In addition, the 2023 VASSAR winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program was also our

candidate, Ethan G. Morlu. They will both be heading to the 2023 NSSAR competitions. Let's wish them great success!

## **Closing Remarks**

Since becoming our chapter President on January 7<sup>th</sup> I have attended: 1) the Peter Muhlenberg Commemoration (January 21, Woodstock, VA) sponsored by the Col. James Wood II Chapter; 2) the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution 2023 Annual Meeting (February 10-12 at South Boston, VA); 3, 4) the Commemoration of General Greene's Banister Crossing Events where I presented the Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter Wreath at Memorial Service for Compatriots of the VASSAR (Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, Halifax Courthouse in Halifax County, VA) and also presented the Col. Wm. Grayson Wreath at the 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan (February 11<sup>th</sup>, Dan River Crossing); 5) the Grave Marking Ceremony Honoring Philip Richard Fendall and sponsored by the George Washington Chapter (February 18, Woodstock, VA); 6) the Virginia Society of the Children of the American Revolution 96<sup>th</sup> State Conference (February 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Richmond, VA); 7) the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemoration of the 1776 Leedstown Resolutions (February 25<sup>th</sup> Leedstown, VA) where I presented the Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter Wreath; 8) Another first, I attended the NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference/Trustees Meeting held at the Brown Hotel in (March 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, Louisville, KY) where on the morning of March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Donor Recognition Breakfast, I graciously accepted the Dr. Joseph Warren Medal and Sapphire Patron Bar and Certificate awarded to the Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter for supporting the leaders of tomorrow through the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration foundation; 9) And on March 12<sup>th</sup>, I and the Officers of the Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter hosted the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Virginia Committee of Correspondence at the Col. Wm. Grayson Tomb in honor Col Wm Grayson (Woodbridge, VA); 10) attended the Commemorate the 272<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the birth of James Madison (March 16<sup>th</sup>, Montpelier, VA) where I presented the Col. Wm Grayson Chapter Wreath and in closing, 11) I recently attended the Five Grave markings sponsored by Col. James Wood II Chapter (March 18<sup>th</sup>, Dry Run Cemetery Fort Valley, VA) where I presented the Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter Wreath with honors and participated in the VASSAR color guard in Colonial uniform.

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1776-2026 Sons of the American Revolution Flag was present and posted at all events mentioned above.

I would like to thank Compatriot John Callaway, JROTC Recognition Program Committee Chairman for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the VASSAR JROTC competition for the second year in a row! And congratulate Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> LT Anjali Ghafoerkhan for winning the 2023 VASSAR JROTC competition and wish her all the luck in winning the 2023 NSSAR JROTC competition!

I would also like to thank Compatriot Timothy Cline, Eagle Scout Scholarship Program Committee Chairman in winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the VASSAR Eagle Scout competition for the second year in a row and congratulate Ethan G. Morlu for winning the 2023 VASSAR Eagle Scout competition and wish him all the luck in winning the 2023 NSSAR JROTC competition!

I would like to thank Keith Rouleau, Chairman of the Virginia History Day, John Callaway, Dave Button and those that participated as judges in the 2023 Virginia History Day District 5. Thank you!

And lastly, I would like to inform the Compatriots of the Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter of a new SAR Education app that is available on Apple iPhones and Android phones through Apple Store and Google Play, respectively. It is full of educational resources, lesson plans, youth programs and more. Another cool feature is the “Today in the Revolution” section that gives you a brief historical story by various authors for the day that is selected (“clicked”). Check it out.

In closing, there are many great SAR foundations to choose from and share with the Compatriots of the Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter that I have now joined and encourage you to support: the Friend of the SAR Library and NSSAR George Washington Foundation. I now wear my pin proudly at each event. I would also like to thank the Compatriots of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter for their wonderful donation to the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orator Contest and the 2022-2023 Virginia C.A.R. Patriots of the Round Table Project Patrons Fund.

## *Upcoming Events*

**April 13, 2023:** The 280th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson will be celebrated. The District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Military District of Washington, will sponsor a commemorative ceremony at 11:00 AM that day at the Jefferson Memorial, on the Tidal Basin in Washington.

**April 15, 2023:** Multi-Chapter Meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge, 11:00am, Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, VA.

**April 17, 2023:** Patriots’ Day, Location: Lexington Minutemen Memorial Arlington National Cemetery Sec 1-297-34. Event Level: National. Host/Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Virginia SAR

**April 22, 2023:** James Monroe's 265th Birthday Celebration at His Birthplace, 10:30 am, 4460 James Monroe Highway (State Rt. 205) just outside of Colonial Beach.

**April 22, 2023:** Commemoration of Patriot Sgt Maj John Champe. 10:00 AM. Champe Home site, Middleburg, VA. Contact the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter for details.

**April 26, 2023:** James Monroe's 265th Birthday Commemoration at His Tomb, 11:00, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA.

**May 13, 2023:** Time 10:00 – Commemoration of General Joseph Martin (formerly Raid at Martin’s Station). Event Level: National. Host Martin’s Station Chapter.

**May 20, 2023:** CWG Chapter Meeting, Sat., 11 a.m. (meet & greet at 10:30) in the Mountain View Card Room at Heritage Hunt Golf and Country Club, 6901 Arthur Hills Drive, Gainesville, Va. 20155

**May 28, 2023:** 1:00 PM - Naturalization Ceremony at Patrick Henry's Red Hill  
Host: Patrick Henry Chapter, Virginia SAR. Location: Patrick Henry's Red Hill, 1250 Red Hill Road, Brookneal, VA 24528

**May 29, 2023:** 11:00 am - National Memorial Day Parade.  
Event Level: National. Host/POC: George Washington Chapter. Location: National Mall, Washington, DC

**June 3, 2023:** 11:00 am – 242<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration of Wayne's Crossing  
Hosts: Fairfax Resolves Chapter and Sgt. Maj John Champe Chapter. Location: Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial, Loudoun County Courthouse, 18 E Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176

**June 10, 2023:** 11:00 AM - The Commemoration of the Virginia Declaration of Rights authored by George Mason. Host: George Mason Chapter. Location: Mason Family Cemetery Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA.

**June 17, 2023:** 10:00 am – Genl. Daniel Morgan Commemoration  
Host: Col James Wood II Chapter. Location: Mount Hebron Cemetery, 305 E Boscawen Street, Winchester, VA.

**June 24, 2023:** 10:00 am – 242<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration of the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary  
Host Williamsburg Chapter. Location: Freedom Park, 5537 Centreville Road, Williamsburg, VA

**July 4, 2024:** Independence Day and March to the Tomb of George Washington  
Event Level: National. Host: George Washington Chapter. Location: George Washington's Mount Vernon

**July 14-20: 2023:** Annual NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL (login to sar.org for more details)

**September 21-23:** 2023 Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Ky (login to sar.org for more details)

## **Registrar's Report: Mike Blythe**

For the first quarter of 2023, we have had four new member applications approved. Five more are pending review with the State Registrar or at the National Headquarters. The review process is taking about five months at present.

Our new members for 2023 are:

- Aidan Davies of Woodbridge whose Patriot John Fuller served as a Private in the New Hampshire Line. Aiden, who recently enlisted in the Marines and is waiting a report date, will be inducted at our meeting on 11 March 2023.
- Harry Fulwiler III of Heritage Hunt. His ancestor was William Harrison who served as a Justice of the Peace in Pittsylvania County and additionally provided a hospital for the colonial forces.

- Harry Fulwiler V of Bristow, a descendant of Robert Payne / Paine who served as a Captain in the Pittsylvania County Militia and was a member of Virginia’s Commission of Peace in 1777. The Fulwilers will be inducted at our May 2023 meeting.
- Harper Shimp, grandson of Compatriot Paul Shimp, whose ancestor Samuel Stubbs was a Lieutenant / Ensign in the Massachusetts Militia.
- David Williams and James Williams, brothers, who descend from Philip Jones, a Private in the Virginia Militia.

Additionally, at our 11 March meeting, we inducted a Memorial member, Robert L. Krebs, late father of chapter member Terry Krebs.

Our chapter had 18 of the 166 new member applications approved in Virginia in 2022, which represents 11% of the total for Virginia’s 30 chapters. We can also boast having 12% of the supplements approved. 9 of 76.

For Compatriots interested in genealogy or working on supplemental applications, the latest issue of the *SAR Magazine*, Winter 2022-3023, introduced a new series of genealogy related articles which the editor’s call “Genealogy Corner.” The first installment addresses the use of DAR record copies to support new member and supplemental applications.

## *Chapter Activities and News*

### **January 7, 2023: Colonel William Grayson (CWG) Chapter Meeting**

Outgoing CWG President Ross Schwalm welcomes newly inducted Compatriot Donald Terry Butzer.



Congratulations to Compatriot Donald Butzer on receiving his War Service Medal. We salute you for your service to the nation and your patriotism.



Congratulations to Compatriot Ray Hawkins on receiving his War Service Medal. We salute you for your service to the nation and your patriotism.



Chapter officers for 2023 were sworn in by VASSAR 1st Vice President Ernie Cogins.



**(L-R) Michael Wilson, President; Andrew Mills, Vice President; Chuck Mills, Historian; Dave Button, Secretary; Jeff Windland, Treasurer; Mike Blythe, Registrar; Richard Potter, Chaplain**

### **January 21, 2023: Peter Muhlenberg Commemoration - Woodstock, Virginia**

Chapter President, Michael Wilson and Compatriot Michael Weyler, participated in the Rev. Peter Muhlenberg Commemoration event hosted by the SAR Colonel James Wood II Chapter, Virginia SAR. Compatriot Weyler participated as a member of the Virginia SAR Color Guard in support of the event.





**(L-R) Michael Weyler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; Ernie Coggins, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Jocelynn Wilson, VSCAR Historian; Michael Wilson, President**

**February 9 – 11, 2023: 133<sup>rd</sup> VASSAR Annual Conference and Crossing of Dan – South Boston, VA**



**133<sup>rd</sup> VASSAR Spring Annual Meeting at Berry Hill Resort**



**CWG President Michael B. Wilson presenting CWG Wreath at the Crossing of the Dan**

**February 16, 2023: Webelos Arrow of Light Community Leader Talk – Manassas, Virginia**

Compatriot Ross Schwalm met with the rising Scouts to discuss the importance of preserving our history, good citizenship, and how they can support the community and nation as Scouts. He delivered a stirring talk entitled: “I am an American. Yes I am!”



**February 18, 2023: Memorial Marker for Patriot Phillip Richard Fendall –Alexandria, Va.**

Members of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter participated in honoring the memory of Patriot Phillip Richard Fendall at the dedication of a memorial marker in the garden of his home, the Lee-Fendall House in Old Town Alexandria. The event was sponsored by the George Washington Chapter.

Patriot Fendall was born in Charles County, Maryland in 1734 and was related to the famed Lee family of Virginia. During the Revolution he served in public service positions including Clerk of Charles County, election to the Convention from Charles County, and serving on the Committee of Observation for Charles County. In 1784, he bought land from Revolutionary hero, and his cousin, Light Horse Harry Lee and constructed his home on Oronoco Street. He was a business partner of George Washington in the creation of the Potomac Canal Company and Washington was a visitor to the house. Due to this close connection, it was decided to dedicate the monument on Washington's Birthday weekend.

VASSAR Second Vice President Michael Weyler officially dedicated the marker. SAR Chapters that presented wreaths included the Virginia Society, George Washington, Col. James Wood II, Sgt. Maj. John Champe, Col William Grayson, George Mason, and Fairfax Resolves. The Virginia DAR District V Director Nancy Hill presented a wreath along with the Anna Maria Fitzhugh and Kate Waller Barrett chapters. The VASSAR Color Guard added dignity to the ceremony by posting colors and standing guard during the ceremony.



**(L-R) CWG Compatriots Andrew Mills. Chuck Mills, CWG President Michael Wilson, Compatriot Michael Weyler (VSSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)**



**February 20, 2023: Ceremony Honoring the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier - Alexandria, Va.**

Compatriot George Ax from the Colonel William Grayson Chapter (CWG) joined forces with other Chapters from the VASSAR, DAR, and CAR to support the ceremony honoring the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier held at his tomb on the grounds of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, VA.



**Compatriot George Ax (Sr.)**



**Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier**

**February 20, 2023: George Washington Birthday Parade - Alexandria, Virginia**

Compatriots Andrew Mills, Mike Weyler and Chuck Mills of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter (CWG) participated in the annual George Washington Birthday parade in Alexandria, VA. The event was supported by Chapters of the VASSAR, DAR and CAR. The SAR was moved to the front of the annual Washington's Birthday Parade in Old Town Alexandria.



**CWG Color Guard Commander Andrew Mills (Center) carries the Virginia Flag**



**(L-R) Compatriots Andrew Mills, Michael Weyler, Dale Corey**

[Sons of the American Revolution support George Washington Birthday Parade - YouTube](#)

## **March 4, 2023: History Day Competition – West Springfield High School, VA.**

The annual competition was held at the West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Rd, West Springfield, VA on Saturday, March 4th, 2023. There was a total of 191 projects entered by a total of 309 students.

Compatriots from four local SAR Chapters volunteered as judges, including six Compatriots from the Colonel William Grayson Chapter: Dave Button, John Callaway, Greg Carpenter, Aaron Carpenter, Ross Schwalm, and Keith Rouleau.

The local SAR chapters awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & Certificates to Senior Group Website - Group B, whose project was titled: “History of the Vaccine: The First Vaccine Development”. The website discussed in part the history of General George Washington making the controversial decision to order the inoculation of all his soldiers against Smallpox.



**Outgoing CWG President Ross Schwalm (R) congratulates Compatriot Keith Rouleau for his outstanding leadership at both the Chapter and state level in organizing History Day activities.**

## March 11, 2023: Colonel William Grayson Chapter Meeting Highlights



**Registrar Michael Blythe (L) and CWG President Michael Wilson (R) welcome newly inducted Compatriot Aidan J. Davies**

At the 11 March meeting, we inducted a Memorial member, Robert L. Krebs, late father of chapter member Terry Krebs. Compatriot Terry Krebs explained the pride his late father would have felt had he known of his Patriot ancestors.



**Compatriot Terry Krebs**





**CWG President Michael Wilson Congratulates Jennifer Wilson for being the Knight Essay winner, representing the Colonel William Grayson Chapter. Her topic was Patriot Deborah Sampson**

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is open to all US Citizen and Legal Resident students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high schools in the same grade ranges 9-12.

To participate, students must submit an original 800- to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay is judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

The contest is conducted in three phases: the local chapter, state-level society, and national phases. The contest must be entered through an SAR chapter near the student's residence.



**Colonel William Grayson Chapter President Michael Wilson (R) presented the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) JROTC Enhanced Cadet Chapter Award and Virginia Society SAR Award to Cadet Anjali Ghafoerkhan Gar-Field Senior High School. Compatriot John Callaway (L), Colonel William Grayson Chapter JROTC Programs Chairman assisted with the presentation.**

Anjali Ghafoerkhan, a Junior at Gar-Field Senior High School, was recognized as the winner of the annual Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Enhanced Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) competition at the 11 March 2023 Chapter meeting. Cadet Ghafoerkhan advanced to the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) competition taking first place at the state level. She will compete at the National level this May.

The Colonel William Grayson Chapter opens its competition to all JROTC programs within Prince William County and two (2) Programs in Puerto Rico. Cadets nominated for this competition are judged on their leadership, performance in JROTC, academics and extra-curricular activities. The Cadets also must compose an original essay on the topic “How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America”.

Thus far in the competitions, Cadet Ghafoerkhan has won a 1<sup>st</sup> place Bronze Medallion, 1<sup>st</sup> place Silver Medallion and scholarship checks totaling \$1100.00. Cadet Ghafoerkhan is the daughter of Faiyazkhan and Olivia Ghafoerkhan of Woodbridge, VA.



**The outgoing President of the Col. William Grayson Chapter, Ross Schwalm (R), presented Compatriot Andrew L. Mills (L) the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his consistent and faithful service to both our chapter and to the Sons of the American Revolution.**



**CWG Chapter President Michael Wilson (L) thanks guest speaker David O. Smith who spoke on the topic of the Armstrong Brothers**

## March 12, 2023: Vigil at the Tomb of Colonel William Grayson - Woodbridge, Virginia



On March 12, 2023, Colonel William Grayson Chapter (CWGC) conducted an event in remembrance of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Virginia Committee of Correspondence. The committee was approved by a Virginia House of Burgesses resolution on March 12, 1773. The CWGC event was conducted at the Grayson Family Tomb site in Woodbridge, Virginia. The Color Guard was composed of members from several Virginia SAR Chapters and was commanded by CWGC Vice President Andrew Mills.

Prince William County Board of Supervisors member for the Woodbridge District, Supervisor Margaret A. Franklin, offered comments welcoming SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and supporting community and historical organizations to the event. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Good Shepard Housing Foundation, owners of the property where the tomb is located, was presented with a SAR Flag Retirement Certificate. Foundation Treasurer Darryl Lundgren accepted the certificate and was gifted a new flag pole wrench to aid in keeping the National Colors in proper position per direction from the President of the United States.

CWGC Past President Ross H. Schwalm provided the keynote address on the history of how the Virginia Committee of Correspondence was established and how it related to future events in the drive to United States independence. The Grayson Family became leaders in the Prince William County Committee of Safety and eventually officers in the Continental Army. The address ended reminding all of William Grayson's service as one of the first Senators from Virginia who died in office on March 12, 1790.

Greetings and comments were next provided by Virginia Society President Ernie Coggins. Wreath presentations and honors were led by National Society SAR Chancellor General Michael Elston. Ernie Coggins, Michael Weyler, VASSER 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, CWGC President Michael Wilson, George Washington Chapter President Rand Pixa, Fairfax Resolves Chapter President David Cook, Colonel James Wood II Chapter President Thomas "Chip" Daniel, Sgt. Major John Champe Chapter Vice President Barry Barry Schwoerer, Fairfax County Chapter, VA Society Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Janice Dixon, Virginia

Society C.A.R President William Elston, William Byrd Society C.A.R member Meredith Hopkins, and Light Horse Harry Lee Society C.A.R. member Issac Bodge presented wreaths and honors. Event supporting organizations were Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation, Underhill Society of America, Cedar Swamp Historical Society, and the Johannes Schwalm Historical Association.

**March 16, 2023: Honoring President James Madison - Montpelier Station, Virginia**

Colonel William Grayson Chapter Compatriots (L-R) Dave Button, Bill Collier, CWG President Michael Wilson, and Compatriot Gary Howard gathered to honor the anniversary of President James Madison's birth (March 16, 1751).



### **March 17, 2023: The Passing of Our Compatriot Paul Allan Chase**

With sadness we report the passing of Compatriot Paul Allan Chase Lt Col USAF (Ret) on March 17, 2023, in Haymarket, Virginia. Compatriot Chase was a serious student of the American Revolution and considered himself fortunate to be a direct descendant of five patriots who fought for the American Cause. In 2017 he authored a book on Revolutionary War terms and topics. In 2017 he was named the Virginia SAR Color Guardsman of the Year and was a finalist for the outstanding Volunteer of the year for the Manassas Inter-Service Club Council.

He will be buried with Military Honors at the Quantico National Military Cemetery next to his wife of 58 years, Elsa L. Chase.



**Compatriot Paul Chase**

## *Historical Notes:*

### Grayson's Additional Continental Regiment



On December 27, 1776, Congress notified General George Washington that it had authorized the raising of sixteen additional battalions on an at large basis, and that Washington was authorized to appoint the colonels to command the new regiments. Colonel William Grayson, then an aide to the General, was offered command of one of these additional Continental Regiments. Recruiting began in early 1777 for men to serve a “term of three Years or during the continuance of the War with Great Britain, and upon such pay bounties & allowances as have been resolved on by Congress”

#### **FIELD OFFICERS**

- Colonel William Grayson
- Lt. Colonel Levin Powell
- Major John Thornton

#### **COMPANY COMMANDERS**

- Captain Peter Grant
- Captain Strother Jones
- Captain John McGuire
- Captain Nathaniel Mitchell

- Captain Cleon Moore
- Captain Hebard Smallwood
- Captain Francis Willis
- Captain Granville Smith
- Captain Thomas Triplett

#### **REGIMENTAL STAFF**

- Quartermaster Augustine Seaton
- Quartermaster Peter Barker
- Adjutant Thomas Bell
- Paymaster Robert Tilley
- Surgeon Bazil Crampton (Died 1/78)
- Surgeon George Alexander
- Surgeon's Mate Francis Pelsbury
- Quartermaster Sergeant William Taylor
- Sergeant Major John Nelson