



# 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

Compatriots,

Into the heat of summer we go, for those of you who are members of the color guard we need to be especially mindful of the heat. One way to avoid heat exhaustion is to drink plenty of water before any outdoor event. You should also have water available during the event. This also applies to those of you who are in a coat and tie at any outdoor event. Personally, I think for summer events we should be dressed for the weather, I think the SAR polo shirt would be just as respectful and appropriate for a wreath laying and commemoration. I am not sure this message will be available for all our upcoming events. These events are The Battle of Spencer's ordinary on June 24, 10:00 am at Freedom Park, The Fourth of July day of Prayer and Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish 10:00 am, and then the Battle of Green Spring on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. I hope to see many of you there.

As many of you know Wayne Rouse Assistant Secretary for VASSAR recently passed away. May he rest in peace! Gary Dunaway, our Treasurer, has been assisting Wayne in his duties. Gary is planning on stepping into Wayne's position. I am sure that he will do a great job and will become an asset to VASSAR. Gary has expressed a desire to pass on his duties as treasurer for our chapter to someone else and will not be running for the Treasurer's position this fall. If anyone would like to start assisting him in his duties with the possibility of becoming our next treasurer, please let Gary or myself know.

We have our next luncheon scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see everyone there.

Bruce Laubach - President



# Calendar

**Monday July 3, 2023**

7:00 pm BOM meeting  
by ZOOM

**Tuesday July 4, 2023**

Independence Day  
10:00 am Service of Prayer &  
Thanksgiving  
Bruton Parish Church  
Williamsburg



**Thursday July 6, 2023**

Battle of Green Spring commemoration  
10 am Church on the Main site  
2604 Sir Gilberts Loop  
Off Jamestown Road  
Williamsburg

**Saturday July 8, 2023**

Chapter Lunch Meeting  
11:30 pm Social  
Colonial Heritage Country Club  
Williamsburg

## Chapter News



At the Williamsburg Chapter meeting and luncheon Treasurer Gary Dunaway presented the Gold 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution Medal to VPresident John Lynch.



Photo by Elvin Clapp

May 7, 2023, President Bruce Laubach of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR presented Eagle Scout recognition certificates and SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship applications to Ethan Silsby, Ryan King and Jeffery Hennessey. These scouts are members of BSA Troop 103 of Williamsburg. The ceremony was held at the Williamsburg Community Chapel.







## Memorial Day Monday May 29, 2023

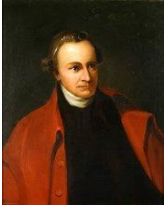


This tale began with the Revolutionary War battle for Savannah, Georgia, on the morning of Oct. 9, 1779. Two columns of American and three columns of French soldiers stormed the British entrenchments, only to suffer one of the bloodiest defeats of the war. The French commander, Adm. Jean-Baptiste-Charles-Henri-Théodat-Hector, the Comte d'Estaing du Saillans, was wounded three times. Left for dead, he was rescued from the battlefield and survived.

The admiral wrote to Thomas Jefferson that he valued nothing more than American citizenship. As a tribute, Admiral d'Estaing was promised citizenship and 20,000 acres in Georgia for coming to the aid of the state in its darkest hour.

The admiral returned to France with his army and fleet after the failed attack on British-occupied Savannah in 1779. He never returned to America nor saw his Georgia lands again. He died during the French Revolution on the guillotine. The French government claimed the property but later restored it to the admiral's administrator, his nephew.

Count d'Estaing in 1769. D'Estaing commanded the French squadron sent in 1778-1779 to support the American Revolution. | Château de Versailles



# Steven Wilson is our July speaker.

**Topic:** Patrick Henry’s Liberty or Death Speech

**Stephen Wilson** is Executive Director at the St. John’s Church Foundation, a 501©(3) nonprofit organization established in 1938 whose mission is to spark a global appreciation for understanding the role that Patrick Henry’s “Give me liberty or give me death!” speech had in setting America on its path to liberty for all, and to ignite the public’s interest in preserving the historic site where it happened.

He has been at St. John’s Church Foundation since 2019. He served for two years as the organization’s first Director of Development, and was named Executive Director in 2021.

His nonprofit board experience includes Peter Paul RVA, the Richard Bland College Foundation, the Petersburg Area Art League, and Crater Community Hospice.

He has earned degrees from the University of Mary Washington and Richard Bland College of William and Mary, and he holds a certificate in Sustainable Urban Agriculture from Virginia State University.

In his spare time he enjoys hiking and maintaining an urban fig orchard. He lives in Westover Hills in the City of Richmond.



I sent an email to all chapter members on May 15 with step by step procedures to register and pay for our monthly luncheons through Member Clicks. If you have questions, please contact me at [ormazd72@gmail.com](mailto:ormazd72@gmail.com)

Even if you do not want to pay online, please try to use the registration form from the Member Clicks calendar to reserve your seat. You can print an invoice and mail it with your check if that’s your preference. Luncheon price remains \$24 for this year.  
Gary Dunaway=Treas

<https://vssar.memberclicks.net/member-home>

Fits nicely in a 6¾ envelope

## Reservation for the Saturday July 8, 2023 Lunch meeting

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$24.00

Special need \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to

“Williamsburg Chapter SAR”

Mail to:

Or >



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# Recent Events

## Brochure Essay Contest



PHOTO BY Robert Davis III

<b>Reese Vandersand</b>	<b>Best overall winner</b>	
		<b>\$100</b>
<b>by 6<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>Prize</b>	
Reese Vandersane	1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$100.00
Mary Grace Tracey	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$ 50.00
Maks Sekula	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$ 25.00
<b>by 7<sup>th</sup> grade</b>		
Ava Feltner	1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$100.00
Sam Stone	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$ 50.00
Danae Abraham	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$ 25.00

Our judges; Alex Johnston, Eric Ely and Steve McGuffin did a great job in their selection of the winners of the Walsingham Academy Brochure contest. President Bruce Laubach presented their awards.

### Spencer's Ordinary 242<sup>nd</sup> Commemoration Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> Freedom Park Williamsburg, V.A.



Wreaths presented by Virginia Society SAR, Virginia Society Order of Founders and Patriots SAR Chapters: Williamsburg, Col William Grayson, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Nelson, Culpeper DAR: Ann Wager, Williamsburg CAR: George Wythe, Providence



VASSAR Color Guard

Compatriot Sean Heuvel PhD Delivered a brief history lesson on the battle of Spencer's Ordinary.



# Future Events reminder

## Independence Day

Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am SAR Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving  
Bruton Parish Church Williamsburg, VA

## Battle of Green Spring

10:00 am Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>



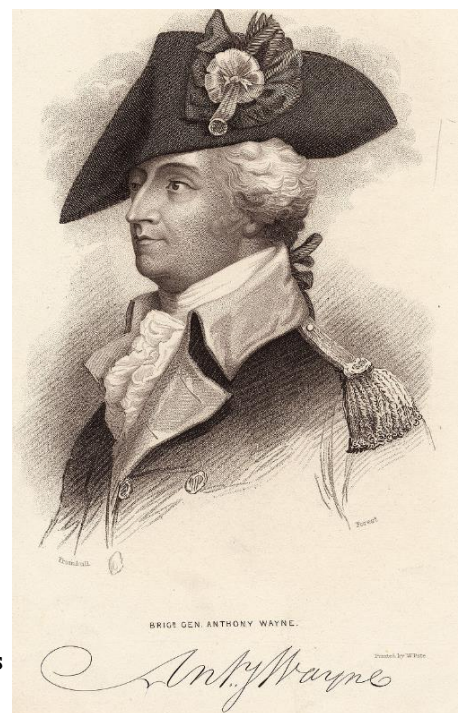
Williamsburg, VA



Earl Charles Cornwallis

On July 6, 1781 United States Brigadier General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, leading the advance forces of the Marquis de Lafayette, was ambushed near the Green Spring plantation by the British army of Earl Charles Cornwallis in the last major land battle of the Virginia campaign prior to the Siege of Yorktown.

Lafayette followed Cornwallis fairly closely, emboldened by the arrival of reinforcements to consider making attacks on the British force. Cornwallis anticipated Lafayette's idea, and laid an elaborate trap. General Wayne's forces were very nearly caught in the trap, and only a bold bayonet charge against the numerically superior British enabled his forces to retreat. Cornwallis did not follow the victory with pursuit, instead following his plan to cross the river. The action reinforced the perception among contemporaries that justified the moniker "Mad" to describe Wayne.





Compatriots and friends

You are cordially invited to the 247th Anniversary of the Battle of Cricket Hill, to take place on Saturday, July 8th at 11:00 am at Morningstar Marinas, 249 Mill Point Road, Hudgins, VA 23076. This is a wreath-laying ceremony and commemoration. Our keynote speaker will be Compatriot Jeff Thomas, Virginia SAR, National Trustee.

If you have any issues registering on the SAR site, feel free to contact me directly.

Michael Rhodes

President, Richard Henry Lee Chapter

Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution

804-929-1444



*247<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Battle of Cricket Hill*  
Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

Host/POC: The Richard Henry Lee Chapter VA SAR  
Michael Rhodes, [airsllc@gmail.com](mailto:airsllc@gmail.com), 804-929-1444

Event will take place at  
Morningstar Marinas  
249 Mill Point Road  
Hudgins, VA 23076

Wreath-laying Ceremony and Commemoration

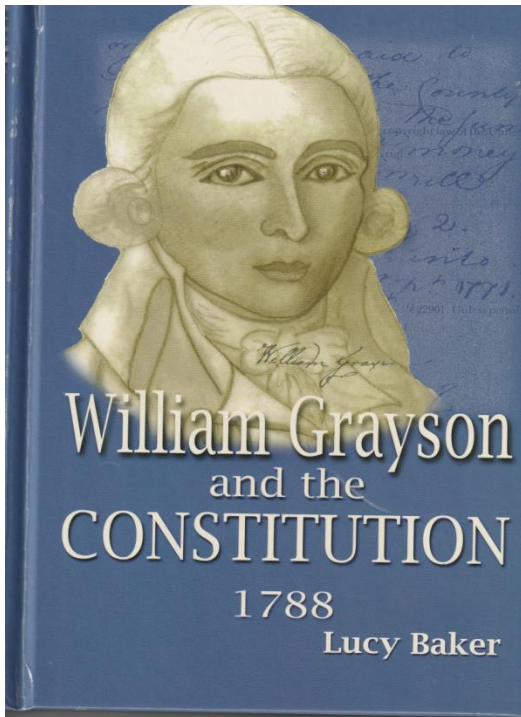
*Keynote speaker: Compatriot Jeff Thomas  
Virginia SAR, National Trustee*

Please Register No Later Than Friday, June 30th



## “Book of the month”

### Debates in the Commonwealth of Virginia on the Adoption of the Constitution



This book was intended by the author to re-awaken the memory of William Grayson whose depth of commitment and dedication to the cause of liberty and justice has been forgotten. After reading this book I can agree with the author that William Grayson, of Virginia, should be seen as a great American and deserves to be called a Patriot and one of Founding Fathers of Virginia.

The beginning of the book provides a good biographical account of William Grayson's life from his early years in Virginia, his young adult life prior to the revolution, his military roles during the revolution and many political accomplishments afterward. His life was remarkable and had many accomplishments. Attended Oxford to obtain his Law degree, returned to Virginia to set up his Law practice in Dumfries, elected to serve in the House of Burgess, elected to serve on the Prince William County Committee of Correspondence, then elected to the County Committee of Safety. Served, along with his younger cousin James Monroe, as officers in the Continental Army. Both fought and were wounded at the Battle of Trenton.

George Washington selected Grayson as his Aide-de-camp and he was eventually promoted to Lt. Colonel and given command of a Continental Regiment fighting in a number of battles. Distinguished himself at the Battle of Monmouth before George Washington assigned him to head the Court Martial of General Charles Lee.

Grayson resigned from the Army on 1779 and was appointed to Board of War. Once his law practice was renewed following the war, he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, then the Continental Congress and eventually Senator from Virginia for the First Federal Congress.

Finally, the book explains Grayson's role in helping to define the Constitution of the United States, especially for his membership and influence during the “Virginia Ratifying Convention of 1788” in Richmond, Virginia. The purpose of this body was to debate the final version of the U.S. Constitution and obtain approval from the Commonwealth of Virginia. It should be noted that William Grayson was among a number of prominent Virginian's considered “Anti-federalists”, along with Patrick Henry, George Mason, Benjamin Harrison, James Monroe and Governor Edmund Randolph who were concerned about giving the executive branch of government too much power. They did not support Virginia's ratification of the Constitution without changes. However, the final vote on ratifying the Constitution was resolved in favor of adopting the Constitution. The vote was: Ayes 89, Noes 79. However, a committee was named to prepare Amendments to the Constitution. William Grayson was a member of that committee which wrote 20 Amendments. Later when Congress convened, nearly all were rejected, with the exception that along with Virginia, every state insisted on a Bill of Rights, which accounted for the first ten amendments. Much of the book includes William Grayson's Letters to outstanding men following 1785 and the speeches of the Patriots at the Virginia Ratifying Convention of 1788.

Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.  
One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5 – See Steve Holm – Sergeant-at-Arms



# Registrar's Corner

## Heroine and Patriot Kerenhappuch Norman Turner

Kerenhauppuch Norman Turner is the first female patriot that I have seen as the patriot ancestor of an applicant. Compatriot Bradly Pittman recently submitted a supplemental application with Mrs. Turner as his patriot ancestor. There is a statue in her honor at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro, North Carolina.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Turner's son James enlisted in the Virginia Militia and rose to the rank of Captain. Captain Turner's company headed South and was in the sieges at Halifax County and Fort Ninety Six, and fought in Pittsylvania County, NC. Kerenhauppuch personally assisted the patriots by riding as a courier and was unsuspecting to the British.

Eight of her descendants, her son and seven grandsons, fought in the battle of Guilford Courthouse. Captain Turner was gravely wounded in the battle. When word reached Mrs. Turner she rode through hostile lines to administer to her son and others who were wounded in the battle. Captain Turner refused to have his shattered leg amputated and Kerenhauppuch nursed him back to health. She bore holes in large tubs mounted to the rafters and allowed water to drip on his wounded leg to cleanse it.



I wonder how many other heroine patriots have been recognized or are waiting to be discovered?

**Hunt Berryman**  
**Registrar**  
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## ELIAS UTT

Elias Utt, born March 12, 1750, son of Henry and Catherine Utt, was a resident of Northhampton County, Pa when he enlisted in 1776 and served 6 months in the Flying Camp of the State of Pa. He was in the battle of Long Island. The following summer he served 2 months in the Pa. militia. Elias enlisted the following spring at Wyoming, Pa. in Capt. Jesse Hewett's Company and in the fall was detached under Col. Hartley. While engaged in a battle with the Indians near Wyalusing, October 1778, Elias was shot through his right breast, the musket ball passing out under his shoulder blade. The following spring he served 6 months under Col. Hooper and the next summer enlisted as a guide to the militia on the frontiers of Pa. and served two years after which he enlisted in Capt. Shawde's Company Pa. Rangers and was finally discharged in October 1783. Lucretia, his wife, received a pension of \$80.00 per annum commencing March 1848 for life. She died on November 26, 1859.

Elias Utt settled upon property near Analomink, Pa. on Brodbeads Creek, later owned by Thomas Stites and today by the Brodhead Fishing Club adjacent to the DL&W Railroad Overpass. He built on a small clearing a cabin and died on April 13, 1833, at the age of 83, leaving a family of five sons and three daughters. He is buried in "Ransberry Cemetery" in Analomink, Pa.

All chapter members have put a significant amount of time in researching their Patriot. Adding Patriot biographies to the PRS is a way to honor your ancestors and possibly help other compatriots in their searches. It is also an easy way to support your chapter and only requires writing a paragraph or two about your Patriot. Whether your Patriot signed the Declaration of Independence, wintered at Valley Forge or simply supported the Revolution by providing supplies, all deserve our recognition. I encourage you to take a few minutes and provide your Patriot's biography

to Gary Dunaway at [ormazd72@gmail.com](mailto:ormazd72@gmail.com).

Roger Cross



## From the Chaplain Jim Morford



*John Trumbull - US Capitol*

The month when we celebrate our nation's birthday is a good time to think about Independence and what it truly means.

The Declaration of Independence is a precisely written document that acknowledges self-evident, unalienable rights endowed by our Creator. It declares that governments acquire their just powers from the "consent of the governed" and that "whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it,"

Today that great document – our nation's birth certificate – is derided as a product of white, slaveholding, males and therefore is not valid or deserving of respect.

For more than two centuries, Americans placed a high value on independence believing it enabled self-determination that empowered individuals to shape their own destiny through their personal choices, abilities, and efforts. Independence, also called "freedom" and "liberty", represents the limited intervention and control of the government on the personal lives of the people.

Jon Mertz, a marketing and business development leader, motivational speaker and author, has frequently commented on the meaning of independence. He reminds us that as teenagers we sought our independence in the desire to be freed from the rules of our oppressive parents. We wanted to be free to do whatever we wished. We didn't recognize that we weren't ready, we weren't mature enough, we weren't responsible enough.

Today that lack of maturity has extended beyond the teen years as many "adults" mistake independence for doing what they want no matter what the cost or consequence. We forget that it is a balanced equation – Independence = Responsibility

Mertz declares, "There needs to be a tightly coupled, inseparable connection between the two."

We, as a nation, need to mature and recognize that there really cannot truly be independence without responsibility. During the last half century we have taken independence to excess and as Mertz asserts, over the next decades, "we will need to take responsibility to excess."

In conclusion Mertz states, "With the independence to make decisions and choose options, we need to understand, again, that there is a deep responsibility coupled with the gift we have. The Greatest Generation understood this. We have lost it."

## **Pray for Responsible Independence**

God of our Fathers, Author of Liberty, inspire us to embrace our independence by understanding that with independence comes responsibility. Help us to lead responsible lives and in doing so may we engage not only in those things which elevate our lives, but the lives of all.

Lord guide us to recommit ourselves to the balanced equation of independence and responsibility with the understanding that we must have both. AMEN



### *SAR Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving*

**Tuesday, July 4, 2022, at 10:00 am**

**Bruton Parish Church**

**Duke of Gloucester Street**

**Williamsburg, VA**



**All are invited to join the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the clergy of Bruton Parish Church for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Fourth of July Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving.**

The service will be conducted by Bruton clergy who will be assisted by SAR members. The service will be followed by a ringing of the Virginia Liberty Bell.

Tuesday, July 4, 2023, will be an especially appropriate day for us to thank God for the blessings of liberty provided to us through the courage and sacrifice of our patriot forebears.

*Sons of the American Revolution*





**VIRGINIA SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION IS SAD TO  
ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF  
WAYNE ROUSE**



*R. Wayne Rouse*

*10 October 1942 - 25 May 2023*

*Virginia SAR Registration 16 June 2005*



**A Memorial Service was held on  
Monday, June 26, 2023 at 11:00 AM.  
Regester Chapel United Methodist  
Church, Stafford, VA.**

# Flags of the American Revolution



Colors of the Eleventh  
Virginia Regiment 1777

In 1777 Colonel Daniel Morgan was assigned to raise and command a new regiment, the 11th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line. His recruiting test for riflemen became campfire legend. He printed a picture of the head of a British officer (some said King George himself) and only recruited those who could hit this target with their first shot at one hundred yards. When word of this reached England Morgan was regarded as a war criminal.

The 11th Virginia Regiment saw action at the Battle of Brandywine, Battle of Germantown, Battle of Monmouth, and the Battle of Cowpens, to name a few. Considered one of the most gifted battlefield tacticians of the American Revolution, Morgan later commanded the troops that suppressed the Whiskey Rebellion and was elected to Congress in 1797.



Photo by Karen Corbett

The Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented a NSSAR Flag Recognition certificate to Williamsburg Chrysler on 13 June 2023. This dealership properly displays and maintains the flag of our nation. Pictured (L-R) are William Gallagher, Service and Parts Director and George Corbett, Chapter Flag Recognition Committee Chairman. Photo by Karen Corbett.



# Williamsburg 2023 Chapter Officers



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## ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR ALL MEMBERS

### Patriot Biographies:

A brief narrative of your ancestor for our history file that will be shared with your compatriots in our newsletter.

Please make this a priority. Send it to Gary Dunaway at [ormazd72@gmail.com](mailto:ormazd72@gmail.com) who will add it to our chapter's history file.

Dave Westenberger - Ed

### Service awards

The SAR web site has Service awards available to all members. If you go to [Service Awards](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page you will see listing for "SAR Service Pin (Year/Color Guard/Eagle Scout, ETC)" you will find a collection of service rockers that can be attached to the pin. These Pins can either be worn on a jacket lapel or used as a tie tack.



Bruce Laubach

### PATRIOT BIOGRAPHY GUIDANCE:

- Describe qualifying service of the Patriot: *When and Where; State or Continental.*
  - Military Service: ...Private in the Northampton County, Pennsylvania Militia.
  - Patriotic Service: ...paid the 1783 supply tax in Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
  - Civil Service: ...as a town clerk in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
- Best biographies are between 150 and 600 words.
- Detail the Patriot's life. Think of this as the person's obituary. Help future members recognize the Patriot as part of their own family.
- Include the War service, immediate family (parents/children), and relevant life events.

# SAR GIFTS AND FASHIONABLE APPAREL



SAR apparel is available at (502) 589-1779 or on the National SAR WEB site at:

<https://store.sar.org/storefront.aspx>



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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.

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