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Sons of the American Revolution



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President's Message

Compatriots,

Sedition and treason against the British Crown were rife in James City County in July 1774. Members of the County's free-holders (men eligible to vote) met at Isham Allen's Ordinary and discussed the British Parliament's Coercive Acts of 1774. These punitive Acts against Boston were passed in response to the 1773 Boston Tea Party. They were:

- March 25, 1774 **Boston Port Act**: Royal Navy blockade closes Boston harbor.
- May 20, 1774 **Massachusetts Government Act**: dissolves the popularly elected Massachusetts Council and replaces it with British Crown appointees.
- May 20, 1774 **Act for Impartial Administration of Justice**: allows the Massachusetts's Governor to move a person's trial from Massachusetts to another colony or to Great Britain; this essentially eliminates the right of a fair trial by peers.
- June 2, 1774 **Quartering Act**: British soldiers to be housed in various buildings at colonists' expense. This act applied to all of the colonies, not just Massachusetts.

On July 1, 1774, James City County free-holders met at Allen's Ordinary. They resolved to support the City of Boston by sending them supplies and to cease all trade – both importation and exportation of goods – with the United Kingdom.

Our chapter held its inaugural commemoration of the July 1, 1774 James City County Resolves on June 29, 2024. We should all ponder the courage of these early James City County patriots.

Respectfully,

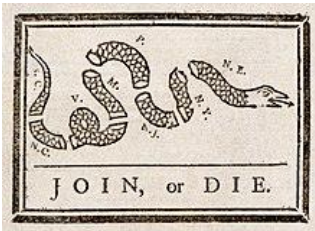
John Lynch - President, Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR



Calendar

***In Memoriam: Compatriots
Duncan McIver and Jay Smith***

Monday July 3, 2024
7:00pm BOM meeting by ZOOM



Saturday July 13, 2024

Chapter Lunch Meeting
11:30 pm Social
Colonial Heritage
Williamsburg

Content Wanted for *The Magazine!*

Do you have announcements, photos, patriot biographies, or articles that you would like to see published in upcoming issues *The Magazine*? Then please contact newsletter editor Sean Heuvel (sheuvel@cnu.edu) for further information and for instructions on how to submit them. We look forward to hearing from you!

Chapter News



On 23 June 2024, Williamsburg Chapter President John Lynch attended the Chief Justice John Marshall Grave Marking at Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. This was a VASSAR sponsored event (photo courtesy of John Lynch).



A New Chapter Flag!



We have a new Williamsburg Chapter flag!

From Compatriot Gary Dunaway: “Bruce Laubach, John Lynch and I had discussed getting a chapter flag early in 2023. I started looking at options and contacted a company that other chapters had used. A few months passed and I wasn’t happy with the lack of response. I started working with John at American Eagle Flag in Williamsburg last October. The original concept was for the standard three panel SAR flag, but I thought that we could do better.

Williamsburg and The College of William and Mary have a symbiotic relationship that long predates the American Revolution, and I am very proud of my W&M degree. John found the official college color palette codes, and that is what we used.

The next hurdle was to find a high resolution image of the SAR logo. I contacted NSSAR and they gave me access to one. The text also needed to be high resolution, and that is where my granddaughter, Haleigh, came in. She just graduated from the School of Design at Virginia Tech, and was familiar with graphic design software. She formatted the logo and the curved text around it. John ordered the flag in March and I recently took delivery of it.”

Available Soon!

An Official Williamsburg Chapter Challenge Coin!

Recently, the Board of Managers decided to create an official challenge coin for the Williamsburg Chapter. After exploring several options, the BOM decided to feature the Colonial Williamsburg Powder Magazine on the coin's obverse, as it is an iconic Williamsburg landmark with a close association to the American Revolution. With cooperation and permission from The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the BOM also secured an image of the Powder Magazine (currently undergoing restoration) that accurately depicts what it looked like in the 18th century based on the most current historical and archeological research.

Our new challenge coin costs **\$20 per coin** and will be available for sale starting at our August chapter meeting. Be sure to buy one (or more) while supplies last!

Side A



Side B





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SAVE THE DATE(S)

*Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour
2024-2025*



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is the proud official sponsor of the
commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour.*

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SAVE THE DATE!

Plan on Joining the Norfolk Chapter, Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Celebrating the 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Capes Commemoration and Wreath Laying on Saturday, September 7th, 2024 at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story. This is a NSSAR National Event.

Invitation and Registration Information to Follow Later.

Contact: Tim Ahlgrim (timahlgrim@norfolksar.net)



Please Considering Submitting Your Patriot Biography!

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. - Roger Cross

On Thursday June 5, 2024, Past President Bruce Laubach of the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented Certificates of recognition to the winners of the SAR Youth brochure contest. Sixth and Seventh graders from Walsingham Academy made up brochures based on the founding documents or the United States of America. This year's subjects ranged from the Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation, The Federalist Papers, The Constitution, and The Bill of Rights. Past President Laubach is shown here presenting the Best Overall Award to Berrit Lebel (photo courtesy of Bob Davis).





**Register through Zelle or mail
in the registration form below!**

Topic: The Boston Tea Party

July 13, 2024 Meeting Speaker: Bettie “Betsy” Brandt

Betsy Brandt is a native of Chesterfield County who grew up in rural Midlothian. Her father, Albert Faulkner Weaver, was a World War II veteran who served with the occupied forces in postwar Japan. Upon his return to the states, Betsy's parents assumed ownership of the old family home built in 1788. Her mother, Bettie Woodson Weaver, was a beloved 4th grade teacher and well-known local historian, so Betsy's was a home of rural adventure and challenges, with strong emphasis on education and on loving, supportive community ties. Betsy graduated from Westhampton College (University of Richmond) and retired from the Chesterfield County Public Schools with 38 years of experience, mostly with 5th graders.

Betsy is a member of Bermuda Hundred Chapter NSDAR and an associate member of Chesterfield Courthouse Chapter NSDAR. She serves both chapters as chair of their Americanism and the Flag of the United States of America committees. She is married to the patient, kind, and innovative Frederick Lamar Brandt, a retired Earth Science teacher with expertise in geology, meteorology, and astronomy...and so much more.

Betsy and Lamar look forward to meeting the members of the Williamsburg SAR as she presents her talk on the “Boston Tea Party.”

Reservation for the Saturday, July 13, 2024 Lunch Meeting

Name(s)_____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$25.00 each

Special need _____

Please make checks payable to “Williamsburg Chapter SAR”

Mail to:

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Upcoming Events!

4 July: SAR Bruton Parish Church Service at 10:00 AM.

4 July: Berkeley Plantation, Benjamin Harrison Commemoration: Williamsburg Chapter, DAR at 12 Noon. This year the Williamsburg Chapter DAR celebrates 50 years of honoring Benjamin Harrison at Berkeley Plantation. Please attend if you can.

6 July: Commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring. Church on the Main, at 10:00 AM

9 July: Commemoration of Cricket Hill (Gwynn's Island), Morningstar Marinas 249 Mill Point Road, Hudgins, Va. at 11:00 AM.

13 July: Commemoration of the 1774 Essex Resolves. Essex County Museum, Max Silver Memorial Courtyard, 218 S. Water Lane, Tappahannock, VA at 2:00 PM.

13 July: Chapter Luncheon

9-10 August: Atlantic Middle States Association Conference, Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg.

17 August: Chapter Luncheon

7 September: Commemoration of the Battle of the Capes, Fort Story, at 11:00 AM. Further details TBD.

13 September: Williamsburg Chapter SAR Lt. Col. William Langhorn grave marking, 8400 St. Peter's Lane, New Kent at 10:00AM.

13-14 September: VASSAR Semi-Annual, Williamsburg.
21 September: Chapter Luncheon

NOTE: Registrar's Corner will be back next month!

39th Annual SAR Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving

The 39th Annual
SAR Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving
Thursday, July 4, 2024, 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 39th 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 the ringing of the Virginia Liberty Bell. Thursday, July 4, 2024, 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. Parking is permitted on Duke of Gloucester Street near the church for the duration of the service.



Units of the Continental Army



The **2nd Maryland Regiment** was authorized on 14 January 1776 in the Maryland State Troops as seven independent companies. In January 1777 these companies were organized as the 2nd Maryland Regiment. On 22 May 1777 the regiment was assigned to the 2nd Maryland Brigade in the main Continental Army. The regiment would see action during the New York Campaign, Battle of Trenton, Battle of Princeton, Battle of Brandywine, Battle of Germantown, Battle of Monmouth, Battle of Camden and the Battle of Guilford Court House. the regiment was furloughed 1 January 1783 at Charleston, South Carolina and disbanded on 15 November 1783 (Source: *Wikipedia*).

Did You Know???



The majority of the Revolutionary War was fought in New York, New Jersey, and South Carolina, with more than 200 separate skirmishes and battles occurring in each of these three colonies. However, engagements were fought in every one of the original thirteen colonies, with additional military actions taking place in the modern-day states of Tennessee, Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Alabama, and Florida (Source: *American Battlefield Trust*).

Chaplain's Corner – By George Corbett, Chaplain

Reflections on Independence

In just a few days, we will celebrate our nation's 248th birthday. The signers of the Declaration of Independence, that precious document that declared our independence from the British crown, knew full well the danger to their lives and families. Even so, they one by one, signed the document. During the American Revolution, they all suffered, in varying degrees, for this action. As we pause to enjoy this national holiday with fireworks, picnics and cookouts, let us all be mindful of their actions and ensuing sacrifices that brought us this precious land of liberty. With this liberty came freedom to worship as we please. Our choice of religion is not dictated by this document, but the freedom to worship as we do so of our own choosing. Around the world, many do not have this freedom and, in fact, are persecuted for it. We must never forget this, and many other freedoms bequeathed to us. On the 4th of Jul this year, we will hold a SAR Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at 10 AM in Bruton Parish Church. I hope that you will join us for the 39th anniversary of this service.



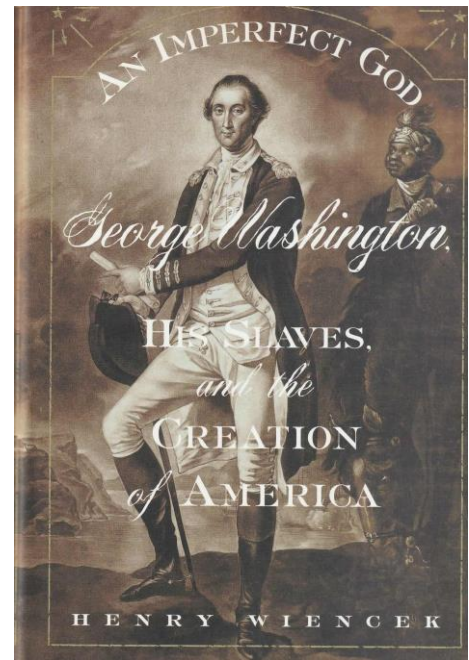
God of our fathers who inspired the hearts of our founders to set forth the independence of these United States, we give all glory and praise to thee, the Author of liberty and sure Defense of our safety. We pray that by Thy grace we may be enabled to build wisely upon these foundations of freedom and peace, that we may hold liberties in due subjection to thy law, and in all things seek that righteousness that exalts a nation. We offer this prayer in thy holy name. Amen

2024 Williamsburg Chapter SAR Officers



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Revolutionary War Book of the Month – By Stephen Holm, Sergeant-at-Arms



An Imperfect God: George Washington, His Slaves, and the Creation of America

by Henry Wiencek

Hardback. First Edition - 2003

An Imperfect God is a major new biography of Washington, and the first to explore his engagement with American slavery. George Washington's heroic stature as Father of Our Country is not diminished in this superb, nuanced portrait: now we see Washington in full as a man of his time and ahead of his time.

When George Washington wrote his will, he made the startling decision to set his slaves free; earlier he had said that holding slaves was his "only unavoidable subject of regret." In this groundbreaking work, Henry Wiencek explores the founding father's engagement with slavery at every stage of his life--as a Virginia planter, soldier, politician, president and statesman.

Washington was born and raised among blacks and mixed-race people; he and his wife had blood ties to the slave community. Yet as a young man he bought and sold slaves without scruple, even raffled off children to collect debts (an incident ignored by earlier biographers). Then, on the Revolutionary battlefields where he commanded both black and white troops, Washington's attitudes began to change. He and the other framers enshrined slavery in the Constitution, but, Wiencek shows, even before he became President Washington had begun to see the system's evil.

Wiencek's revelatory narrative, based on a meticulous examination of private papers, court records, and the voluminous Washington archives, documents for the first time the moral transformation culminating in Washington's determination to emancipate his slaves. He acted too late to keep the new republic from perpetuating slavery, but his repentance was genuine. And it was perhaps related to the possibility--as the oral history of Mount Vernon's slave descendants has long asserted--that a slave named West Ford was the son of George and a woman named Venus; Wiencek has new evidence that this could indeed have been true.

First Countries to **Recognise** The Independence of the **United States**



Morocco
June 23, 1777



France
February 6, 1778



Netherlands
April 19, 1782



Portugal
February 15, 1783



Spain
February, 1783



Sweden
April 3, 1783



Ragusa
July 7, 1783



Venice
August, 1783



Britain
September, 1783



Papal States
December, 1784



Prussia
September, 1785



Hamburg
June 17, 1790



Genoa
October, 1791



Bremen
May 28, 1794



Tuscany
May 29, 1794



Algeria
September, 1795

Revolutionary War History Corner: The First Countries to Acknowledge the Independent United States!

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