



# 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

Memorial Day a day that we take the time to remember those people who lost their lives in the service of our great Nation. On Monday May 30 we will take the time to reflect on the sacrifices our ancestors made in winning our Independence, and in all the other conflicts that our brave men and women have given their lives defending the freedom, Rights, and Liberties that we so enjoy today. Please join us on Monday May 30 at 10:00am. As we commemorate Memorial Day in front of the Governors Palace in Williamsburg.

May has been a continually active month for our chapter, not only have we been active in awarding recognition for both the College and High School ROTC programs, but we have also been awarding Flag recognition to several businesses and Lafayette High School. We Presented at least 12 Eagle Scout certificates among various Scouting units in the Williamsburg area. We also completed our phase of the Middle School Brochure contest and have selected the winners. The First prize for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Walsingham Academy is Kate Blinn, second place for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade is Arianna Kokolos, first place for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is Corbin Bergeot, second place is Laurel Amos. For best overall the winner is Kate Blinn, whose brochure was forwarded on to the state level, and I just found out that she has taken 1<sup>st</sup> at the state level. Let us hope she does well on the national level.

Please keep your calendars open for upcoming events with The Spencer's Ordinary commemoration on June 26<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day at Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg Chapter of the DAR Independence Day celebration at Berkeley Plantation and then the Battle of Green Spring Commemoration on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bruce Laubach  
President Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR



# Calendar

**Monday May 30, 2022**

10:00 am Memorial Day Remembrance  
Governor's Palace  
Williamsburg

**Monday June 6, 2022**

10:00 am BOM meeting  
by ZOOM

**Saturday June 11, 2022**

11:30 am Social  
Noon Lunch meeting  
Colonial Heritage Country Club  
Williamsburg, VA.

**Sunday June 26, 2022**

10:00 am Spencer's Ordinary  
Commemoration  
Freedom Park  
Williamsburg, VA.

**Monday July 4, 2022**

Independence Day celebration  
Bruton Parish Church  
Williamsburg, VA

**Wednesday July 6, 2022**

Battle of Green Spring Commemoration  
Church on the Main  
Williamsburg, VA

## Chapter News



Vice president John Lynch presenting cadet Walter Dickerson the SAR Bronze ROTC medal today at the Charles City County High School. He is the Cadet Brigade Commander. His self confidence, command voice, and general demeanor mark him as a future leader.



# May Events



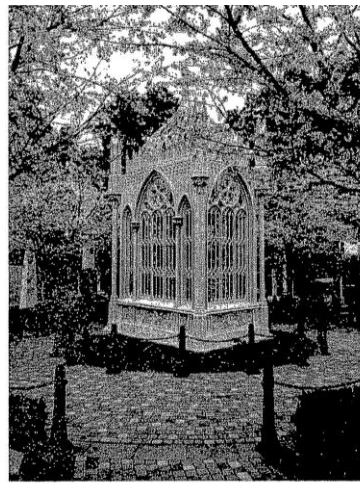
On Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> President Bruce Laubach presented Eagle scout certificates to the following Boy Scouts from Troop 103 in Williamsburg. From left to right Jack Smith, Ayden Connor, Jonathan Rochford, Steve Slayton, and Ramon Rodriguez.



*Jamestown & American Revolution*  
SETTLEMENT® MUSEUM AT YORKTOWN®

John Lynch, chapter vice president is shown presenting speaker, Kate Gruber, acting director of curatorial services at the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation. Her topic had been “Hidden Depth: Discovering Marginalized Narratives in Everyday Objects at the American Revolution Museum in Yorktown.”





*James Monroe*

The James Monroe  
Memorial Foundation  
presents the



264<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
Ceremony  
for  
Fifth President  
James Monroe

Presidents Circle  
Hollywood Cemetery  
Richmond, Virginia  
April 28, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

Color Guard member David Westenberger and Chapter President Bruce Laubach represented our chapter at the James Monroe Birthday Celebration where Bruce presented our wreath.



Photo by Karen Corbett



Color Guard  
Compatriot  
Gary Dunaway

The Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented the NSSAR Flag Retirement Certificate to American Legion Post 1776 on 24 May 2022. The post places flag collection boxes around the area to collect worn and unserviceable flags for proper retirement ceremonies. Pictured (L to R) are Post Commander, Gerald Mitchell, and George Corbett, Chapter Flag Recognition Committee Chairman.



Grave Marking ceremony at Cedar Grove Cemetery Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> in Norfolk



An SAR Certificate of Recognition and a Scholarship Application were presented to Wilson Simmons of BSA Troop 102 at a Court of Honor at Jamestown Presbyterian Church on May 7, 2022. Wilson became an Eagle Scout on September 22, 2021, but COH recognition was postponed by the pandemic. The first image is Wilson displaying his SAR Certificate together with Harley Stewart, Chapter Chair of Eagle Scout Recognitions and Scholarships. The second image is Troop 102 with Wilson displaying his BSA Eagle Scout Certificate.

Harley Stewart



## 2022 SAR LUNCHEON SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic	Comments
11 June	<b>Sean Heuvel</b> (Confirmed)	A Military Countryman: The Revolutionary War Service of Major General William Heath.	CNU professor. He has presented to Fredericksburg Va SAR chapter.
9 July	<b>Ed Ayres</b> (Confirmed)	TBD	Historian at JYF. He has <u>previously presented to</u> WMB SAR.
13 August	<b>John Quarstein</b> (Confirmed)	Battle of the Capes	Naval historian at the Mariners Museum.
17 September	<b>Michael Cecere</b> (Confirmed)	Capt. Chilton and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Virginia.	SAR compatriot and author.
8 October	<b>Robert Kelly</b> (Confirmed)	TBD	Historian for Gloucester County



# Virginia SAR

2021



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## Lift Your Voice

### Presidential Initiatives



#### Road to Revolution: **Leatherwood 1779-1799**

*Only Unexplored Home of Founding Father Patrick Henry*

- Help us to locate, mark and preserve this special site in our nation's founding history
- This was Patrick Henry's home during the Revolutionary War, a 10,000-acre estate that he co-owned with Col. George Waller
- Henry moved to this home in Henry County after serving as Virginia's wartime Governor from 1776-1779, he served in the House of Delegates from 1780-1784 while living here
- Henry still owned more than 5,000 acres at Leatherwood when he died
- Granite marker erected in 1922 by the DAR marked the estate, not the home's location



**Fundraiser by Jeff Thomas : Patrick Henry's Leatherwood Home ([gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com))**

- Patrick Henry's Leatherwood is our last major fundraising initiative
- Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/patrick-henrys-leatherwood-home> today!
- All funds raised through the 2022 annual meeting will support the Leatherwood initiative
- \$5,000 matching grant provided by Chancellor Eric Monday
- \$1 match for every \$2 contribution i.e. \$100 donation gets credit for \$150 contribution
- You may also make checks payable to Virginia SAR with Leatherwood in the memo line
- Mail to Rick Eloffson , VASSAR Treasurer, 21 Paula Maria Drive, Newport News, VA 23606

# Registrar's Corner

**DID YOU KNOW?** SAR has an outstanding asset in the NSSAR Education Center & Museum. It takes one through our history from before the Revolution until the constitution was signed, sealed and delivered. The center and museum display the events, people and facts in a creative and interactive way. It houses outstanding period art and artifacts to help tell the story. If you would like to know more go to the <https://www.sar.org/nssar-education-center-and-museum/> website, click on the education tab, then the tab for NSSAR Education Center & Museum and watch the short video. Better yet, plan a visit to Louisville and see it in person.

Application update: We have four new member and nine supplemental applications in Louisville under review for approval. There are two new member applications that are completed and waiting for signatures. We have nine new member applications being developed and nine prospects in the wings. Also, there are six supplemental applications in development. Thanks to fellow compatriots who have referred new member applicants.

**Hunt Berryman Registrar**

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## Editor and WEB notes

With the recent addition of 3 new Compatriots and a few data corrections I will be sending out a updated roster on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Check your information and let me know of any changes that are necessary.

David Westenberger Editor / WEB at [pal744@cox.net](mailto:pal744@cox.net) (PA seventeen forty four)

Our WEB site has been updated with the addition of member's patriots under the About Us tab / Patriotic Lineage. Take a look at it and let me know of any changes that I need to make. I.E. type service performed, unit, event...



# Virginia For Constitutional Liberty Flag c1775

VIRGINIA  
FOR  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
LIBERTY

This flag was reportedly flown from the Williamsburg "Liberty Pole" just prior to the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War.



The Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR, presented a NSSAR Flag Recognition Certificate to the New York Deli for properly displaying and care of our national flag. Pictured (L to R) are Bobby and Jennifer Lappas, the owners, and George Corbett, Chairman of the chapter's Flag Recognition Committee. Photo by Karen Corbett.

Photo by Karen Corbett



## From the Chaplain

Jim Morford



Many (indeed, very many) years ago I attended a small village school for my first six grades. Each day began with an assembly led by the teaching principal who had the fitting name of Miss Scattergood. She began by reading from the Bible, then we sang a hymn – usually Holy, Holy, Holy. Next we recited the Lord’s Prayer. That was the religious part followed by the patriotic part. We pledged allegiance to the flag and sang a patriotic song – the National Anthem, America the Beautiful, or My Country Tis of Thee. If she were to attempt such a program in today’s public schools she would be arrested.

The Lord’s prayer is recited in virtually all Christian Churches during every Sunday service. Whenever I recite it I replay in a mental movie those opening assemblies of my early school days and see Miss Scattergood once again leading us in prayer.

The Pater Noster is the foundational prayer of the Christian Church with each line bearing important meaning. The most compelling, and challenging are, “Forgive us our trespasses (debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors)”.

It is easy to ask forgiveness for our sins, but to ask us to forgive those who have trespassed against us is sometimes a heavy lift. That, however, is what is asked of us. In this age of “cancel culture” when there are those who seek to destroy any with whom they disagree, can we find the strength to forgive that level of hate?

As we remember in our prayers the sacrifices of our patriot ancestors let us also keep in mind those who today have the courage to stand for freedom.



Let us pray:

Dear Lord, we thank you for the power of forgiveness. Give us the strength to understand and to forgive those who hate us because we disagree with them. Help us to understand that by forgiving those who have trespassed against us we may find forgiveness for own failures. We pray for your guidance that we may be kind, compassionate and forgiving of others. Help us to walk in righteousness, peace, and happiness to do not our will but your will. AMEN

# June Guest Speaker



Dr. Sean Heuvel is a higher education professional who has served as both a faculty member and an administrator. He is currently employed at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. A military historian by trade, Dr. Heuvel specializes in the American Revolution as well as the Civil War. The author of several books and publications, he earned his degrees at the University of Richmond and The College of William and Mary. Along with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Dr. Heuvel is an active member of the Society of the Cincinnati. He and his family live in Williamsburg, Virginia.

## A Military Countryman: The Revolutionary War Service of Major General William Heath.

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### “Book of the month”



John Grafton  
*The American Revolution*  
A PICTURE SOURCEBOOK

411 Copyright-Free Illustrations: Battles, Events, Documents, People of the Revolution

This book of over 400 illustrations is a vast pictorial sourcebook and informal history of the American Revolution. Chosen from contemporary sources and the best material of the last two hundred years, these illustrations include major battles and events; major historic sites; facsimiles of major documents, currency, posters, and maps; military uniforms; state seals; congressional medals; and more than 40 portraits, including Washington, Jefferson, Lafayette, George III, Edmund Burke, Samuel Adams, Nathan Hale, and more. Together, these illustrations give a vivid, many-sided view of the people and events of the struggle for independence. Many pictures are by the finest 19th- and early-20th-century illustrators, including Darley, Alonzo Chappel, and Howard Pyle. All pictures are identified by captions. Designers, artists, and others will find this book a valuable source of copyright-free graphics. Students, historians, and everyone interested in learning more about the American Revolution will find here a storehouse of fascinating pictures, documents, and other materials excellent for hours of browsing.

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

**CITIZEN SOLDIER**  
**Virginia Soldiery during the American War for Independence**  
**John S. Lynch**

**MEET BELFIELD CAVE**

Belfield Cave was born in Orange County, Virginia, on October 23, 1756, son of Benjamin Cave Jr. and Elizabeth (Dozier) Belfield. In July 1776 Belfield married Mildred Christy (1759-1829), daughter of Julius Christy and Agatha Barnett. Belfield and Mildred had 11 children. Belfield Cave was operating an ordinary (an inn) out of his house when he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Orange County militia in 1779. Belfield died in Orange County, Virginia, on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1811. His will is dated May 4, 1811 and was probated in August 1811. Mildred outlived him by 18 years and died in Orange County in August 1829.

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE**

The following synopsis of Cave's service is taken from various sources to include 1833 Revolutionary War Veteran Pension statements by veterans who served under Belfield's command during 1781.

1779: He began his military career as a twenty-three year old lieutenant in Captain Benjamin Johnson's company of the Orange County militia in 1779.

1780: November 1780 he and his company were called out for two months for garrison duty at Cabin Point, on the James River, in Surry County, Virginia.

1781: By June 1781, Lieutenant Cave was a member of Captain May Burton's company and marched from Orange Courthouse to Malvern Hill, near Richmond, Virginia, where his unit became a part of Colonel Thomas Mathew's Regiment, General Robert Lawson's Brigade. Lieutenant Cave took part in the July 6, 1781 Battle of Greenspring during this tour of duty. Soon after this battle Belfield was promoted to captain. His company served at the Siege of Yorktown as part of Colonel Elias Edmonds' Regiment, General Lawson's Brigade, Thomas Nelson's Division of Virginia militia. Cave's company later escorted British prisoners to Winchester, Virginia.

**POST WAR ACTIVITY**

After the Revolutionary War, Belfield Cave became a justice of the peace by 1799. Other civic duties included surveying sites for planned roads in Orange County in 1790 and 1795. He also continued his military service. He was serving as a captain in July 1787; as a major in September 1790, and as the colonel of the 3rd Virginia Regiment by 1801.

**EPILOGUE**

One of them, Belfield Cave Jr., became the Clerk for Madison County and, as such, signed many 1833 Revolutionary War Pension application statements for the county's veterans.

## Partial List of Virginia Troops Present at the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, 26 June 1781

Based upon data found in 1833 Pension Statements

Alderson, Thomas, Alley, Isaiah, Argubright, George, Armstrong, Isaac.

Bagent, John, Baily, Callum, Barbour, Mordecai, Bean, James, Benson, Levin, Beard, James, Bell, Joseph, Bell, Samuel, Berry, John, Bertrug, Peter, Bowyer, William, Braden, John, Bridges, John, Brown, John, Bryan, William, Buford, Simeon, Burns, George.

Campbell, David, Carr, John F., Carruthers, James, Caul, Thomas M., Chapman, Benjamin, Cheshier, James, Childrey, William, Christian, Robert, Clark, James, Clark, Samuel, Cole, Richard, Colvin, Benjamin, Cooper, Caleb, Custer, Richard, Crawley, William Robert.

Davidson, Giles, Davidson, Stephen, Davis, James, Davis, Leonard, Dicken, Ephraim, Dicken, John, Dunbar, Jonathan, Dunn, John.

Ferguson, James, Fitzjarrell, Daniel, Frazier, Micager.

Gilmore, John, Givens, Robert, Givens, William.

Hamilton, Alexander, Hamilton, James, Harper, Ratcliffe, Harrison, Ezekial, Hickam, Adam Horton, Joseph, Huling, Anthony.

Jameson, John, Jones, Berryman, Jordan, William.

Kennerly, William, Kester, Joseph.

Lanter, Thomas, Levell, James, Lewis, Thomas, Logan, William, Love, Thomas.

McComb, William, McCorkle, Samuel, McCune, Samuel, McCutchan, John, McKamy, James, McNeely, David, McPheeters, John, Mason, Joseph, Matthews, Thomas,

Meadows, James.

Ogden, Aaron, Oglesby, Jesse.

Pannell, Benjamin, Paxton, William, Peters, Christian, Poe, John.

Rankin, William, Ratcliffe, Harper, Raynes, Lawrence, Roberson, James, Rucker, Elliott, Rush, John.

Sanders, William, Self, John, Senewel, James, Seth, William, Shearman, George, Sims, John

Sinnett, Patrick, Slavens, Isaiah, Smith, George, Smith, William, Steele, Samuel, Stewart, Ralph.

Thomas, Edward, Thompson, Robert, Thompson, William, Thornhill, Reuben,

Twyman, James.



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Please send your checks in ASAP if you plan to attend. We need to provide the meeting venue with our list of attendees a few days before the event so they can order food and prepare for our group. If you haven't reserved your luncheon spot and show up, you can always still attend the meeting – but you may not get to eat!

If anyone wants to use Zelle for payment, send it to [sarwilliamsburg@gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamsburg@gmail.com)  
 Gary Dunaway - Treasurer

## June Chapter meeting at Colonial Heritage Country Club

Fits nicely in a 6¾ envelope

### Reservation for the Saturday June 11<sup>TH</sup> 2022 Luncheon Meeting

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$23.00

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

Please make checks payable to  
 “Williamsburg Chapter SAR”

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(Name Tag) - Pocket  
Attachment Nametag

\$25.00

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