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Society
Sons of the American Revolution



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President's Message

Compatriots,

May was a positive month for the Chapter. Three Eagle Scout Certificates were presented during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held by Troop 300 on 4 May. On 30 May a Bronze ROTC Medal was presented to Cadet Lucas A. Johnson, Charles City High School JROTC, by Compatriot Tom Morr (the Chapter's ROTC chair).

The 5 May Berkeley Plantation shipyard monument dedication went well. Compatriots Doucette and Lynch took part in the Battle of Waxhaws commemoration in South Carolina on 25 May as members of the VASSAR Color Guard. The SAR-Colonial Williamsburg Memorial Day commemoration was held on 27 May. VASSAR training obtained by our compatriots in May includes VASSAR Color Guard black powder safety course and VASSAR's on-line Youth Protection training. Compatriots Doucette, Lynch, R. Miller, and Westenberger were certified or recertified and may participate in color guard firing events over the next year. Compatriot Dunaway, our Chapter's color guard commander, organized and helped conduct this important training. Youth Protection training is a new effort by VASSAR. Compatriots whose SAR duties involve work with or around youth should take this training. Those compatriots who are or were Scouters (adult leaders of a scout unit) will recognize the course content.

June events include a 2 June road-side marker dedication ceremony in Amelia County sponsored by the Richmond Chapter; Compatriots Dunaway and Lynch will be part of the VASSAR color guard at this dedication. Our Chapter's annual commemoration of the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary at Freedom Park will be held on 22 June (start time is 10:00 AM).

The Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter has invited our chapter to attend a meeting on 15 June at the Chesapeake Croquet Club. This is a fun event and some of the details from their invitation are:

The June meeting of the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter will be held at the Chesapeake Croquet Club in Hartfield Virginia. The meeting will be held Saturday June 15th with things beginning at 10:00 AM. One of the first things on the agenda will be you ordering your lunch food from a very fine local Italian Cuisine restaurant. We will make provisions to get the orders to the restaurant and bring your food back to the Club. Soft drinks will be included in the cost of the lunch. Your only cost for this meeting will be your lunch and soft drinks. The food is reasonably priced. We plan on starting the games as soon after 10:00 as possible since this is June and it will be cooler then. We will have the meeting and lunch around 11:30.

Please let me know soonest (cslasoz@aol.com) if you'd like to attend. . .I understand the venue is beautiful, the food delicious, and the camaraderie enjoyable.

Respectfully,

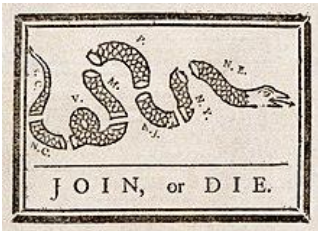
John Lynch - President, Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR



Calendar

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

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



Saturday June 8, 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!

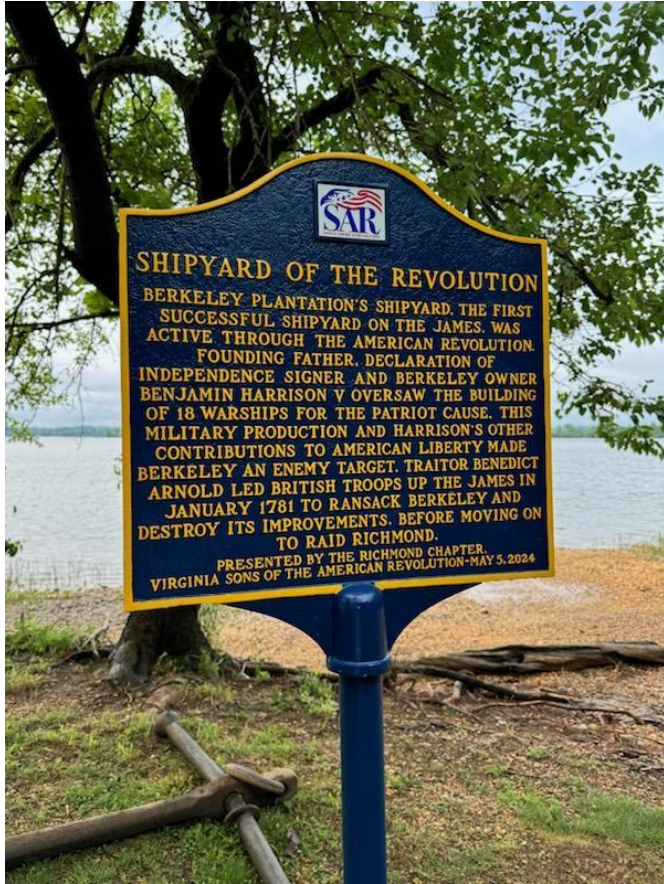
Chapter News



On 11 May 2024, the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented a NSSAR Flag Recognition Certificate to the Buckner Family. Pictured (L to R) are Ron Adolphi, Chapter Vice President, Michael Buckner, Sherril Buckner and George Corbett, Chapter Flag Recognition/Retirement Program Committee Chairman. Photo by Karen Corbett



Recent Events



Compatriots from the Williamsburg Chapter gathered on May 5th to help dedicate a new monument to commemorate the Revolutionary War-era shipyard that operated at Berkeley Plantation. Compatriots Bill Greaf (VASSAR President), Gary Dunaway, John Lynch, and Ron Miller were all present and some also helped to comprise the honor guard (photos courtesy of John Lynch).

Coming Soon!

An Official Williamsburg Chapter Challenge Coin!

Recently, the Board of Managers decided to pursue the development of 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 is currently in production and should be ready for chapter use in the coming weeks. More information (including how to purchase the coin) will be available soon. Stay tuned!

Side A



Side B





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



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The VASSAR is hosting the Atlantic Middle States at the Williamsburg Lodge on August 9-11, 2024. I have been asked by Virginia Society SAR President Bill Greaif to provide up to two members of our Chapter to assist in planning this event. I am looking for some volunteers to assist in this planning. This is a great way for you to get more involved in our Chapter and State societies. Please provide me with your name and mailing address and phone number so that I can provide them to President Greaif. Thank you, Bruce Laubach – Former President, Williamsburg Chapter VASSAR.



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 gdunaway@gmail.com. - Roger Cross

A VASSAR Color Guard Firelock Training and Certification workshop was held at the Gloucester Museum of History on May 18th. Region Commander Kimball Thompson led the training in safety, drill, and firelock. Five guardsmen from the Williamsburg Chapter are now qualified: John Lynch, Gary Dunaway, Ron Miller, Dave Westenberger, and Mike Doucette.

If you are interested in joining this group of VASSAR Color Guards, contact Gary Dunaway at (757) 303-3673 or gdunaway@gmail.com.

Musket or rifle not required as colors bearer duty may be needed.





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

Topic: Lafayette Returns

June 8, 2024 Meeting Speaker: Frank Womble

Frank Womble is a native of Northampton County, North Carolina, and the son of two World War II veterans. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Army ROTC program at North Carolina State University, where he earned a bachelors degree in sociology. While on active duty, he earned a masters degree in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Frank served in the Army for 25 years in a variety of staff and command assignments from battery to corps level in the continental United States, Hawaii, South Korea, and Germany, before retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 2002. After leaving active duty, he was employed as a defense contractor for 12 years before retiring a second time in 2014.

Frank and his wife Gloria have lived in Suffolk for the last 21 years. Gloria is a member of Constantia Chapter, DAR. They are both life members of the American Friends of Lafayette, and are currently planning the bicentennial commemoration of Lafayette's visit to Suffolk and Somerton in February 2025.

Reservation for the Saturday, June 8, 2024 Lunch Meeting

Name(s)_____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$25.00 each

Special need _____

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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Registrar's Corner

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS!!

At our May chapter meeting Joseph Segar was inducted into the society by Vice President Ron Adolphi. Joe's patriot ancestor is David Waterman, who served as a private in the Rhode Island Militia under Captain Ballou and Colonel Crary. Joe was joined by his wife Patti at the luncheon and sponsored by George Corbett. Congratulations and welcome to the Williamsburg Chapter.

We currently have eight new member and twelve supplemental applications under review by the genealogy committee in Louisville. Thank you to those who have recommended new member applicants for membership, as new compatriots are the life blood of our chapter.



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UPCOMING EVENT!

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.

Happy
4th of July



Units of the Continental Army



The **2nd New Hampshire Regiment** was formed in early May 1775, as the second of three Continental Army regiments raised by the state of New Hampshire during the American Revolutionary War. Its first commander was Colonel Enoch Poor, with Joseph Cilley as major. Many of the men who served in the unit hailed from southeastern New Hampshire and western Maine (then part of Massachusetts). During the first part of its service, the regiment took part in the siege of Boston, and there is a link below in the reference section to the orderly book of an officer in the unit during that time (Source: Wikipedia).

Did You Know???



In Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn," the "embattled farmers" fired "the shot heard 'round the world" at the British regulars in Concord. More likely, the shots were fired at Lexington, where the British fired on the Patriot militia, who also may have taken a few shots in the confusion. One eyewitness to the skirmish was Paul Revere, who had been detained but not arrested by the British. He couldn't tell who fired the first shot, in his account. Both sides later accused the other of firing first (Source: National Constitution Center).

Chaplain's Corner – By George Corbett, Chaplain

Old Glory

As we begin the month of June, I am preparing to replace my outside US flag with a new one on 14 June, Flag Day. In preparing this article for The Magazine, I did some research on our nation's flag. It is popularly believed that the first "official" flag of our nation was sewn by a Philadelphia flag maker, Elizabeth Griscom, also known as Betsy Ross, in June 1776. While a popular story, there is no conclusive proof of this event.

The flag has undergone 27 versions in its history. On August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman officially declared 14 June as Flag Day. The last change to the flag was in 1959 when Alaska and Hawaii were admitted as states and two stars were added to its field. I remember as a school child the excitement of this historic event.

At each of our meetings and other events, we pledge allegiance to this flag. The pledge was adopted by the US Congress in 1942 and on 14 June 1954 two words, "Under God" were added to it. As we enter into this patriotic time of the year with Flag Day and the 4th of July right after it, let us give thanks to our Creator for our patriot ancestors, and all those who came after them, for keeping its colors flying high all over the globe. May she wave proudly over the land of the free and the home of the brave. Amen.



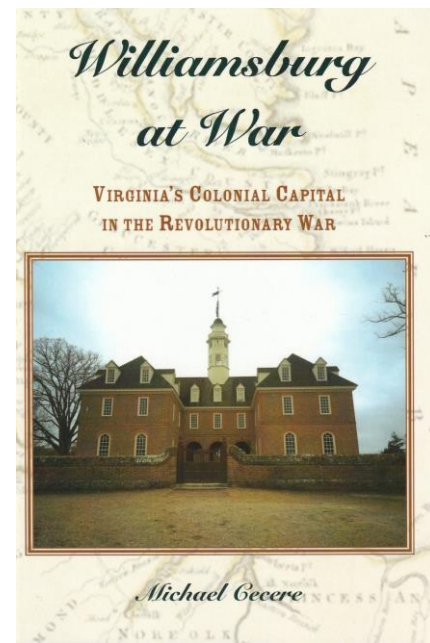
Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead, we give thee thanks for all those thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant them thy mercy and the light of thy presence, that the good work that thou hast begun in them may be perfected. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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



Williamsburg at War - Virginia's Colonial Capital in The Revolutionary War

By Michael Cecere

Printed by Heritage Books, and available on-line at: <https://heritagebooks.com/>.

This is Michael Cecere's most recent book. It is an interesting and readable book, which I highly recommend. When one thinks of places most associated with the American Revolution, Boston and Philadelphia naturally come to mind. Both cities witnessed crucial events, from the Boston Tea Party and British occupation to the Continental Congress and Declaration of Independence. After the Revolution, both cities continued to play an important role in the development of the United States.

One other city deserves recognition alongside Boston and Philadelphia for its significance in the American Revolution and War for Independence: Williamsburg, Virginia. The capital of Virginia for most of the 18th century, Williamsburg witnessed many crucial events during the Revolution and war. From the Stamp Tax Resolves of 1765, meetings at the Raleigh Tavern in 1769 and 1774, the gunpowder incident and formation of troops in 1775, the unanimous decision of the 5th Virginia Convention to support American independence in May 1776, the steady support of the continental army throughout the war, two brief enemy occupations in 1781, and finally, as a staging area for the Siege of Yorktown in 1781, Williamsburg played a significant role in the Revolution and Revolutionary War.

Although the inhabitants of Williamsburg experienced the same challenges and hardships as those in Boston and Philadelphia, the impact of the war on Williamsburg was much different than the other cities. What happened to Williamsburg and its inhabitants during the Revolutionary War is the focus of this book. Readers will discover how Virginia's capital responded and adjusted to the war and how the city was forever changed by it. They will also discover how a wartime decision that seemingly doomed Williamsburg to obscurity and decline, planted the seeds for its future restoration and development into one of the premier historic sites in America. Maps and images, a bibliography, and an index to full-names, places and subjects add to the value of this work.

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