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President's Message

Compatriots,

Our chapter events this year got off to a good start in February. Chapter members presented the chapter's wreath at a 3 February ceremony in New Kent honoring black Revolutionary War patriots. Six days later several of our compatriots, including color guard members, participated in a grave marking event for two patriots buried at Shockoe Cemetery in Richmond. This was associated with the 9-10 February VASSAR Annual Meeting in Richmond. The annual meeting included award ceremonies. The 2023 state level awards earned by our compatriots:

- **Ron Adolphi:** VASSAR Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Eagle Scout Committee. Ron also received a bronze oak leaf cluster (OLC) for his VASSAR Color Guard Billy Flora Medal.
- **George Corbett:** VASSAR Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Veterans Affairs Committee.
- **Gary Dunaway:** State Meritorious Service Medal (silver) for his work with MemberClicks. Gary also received a bronze oak leaf cluster (OLC) for his VASSAR Color Guard Billy Flora Medal.
- **Bill Greaf:** State Meritorious Service Medal (silver) for his work as First Vice President.
- **Sean Heuvel:** Virginia Society State Service Medal for outstanding support on the Pomeroy Committee.
- **Bruce Laubach:** State Meritorious Service Medal (Silver) for state level work.
- **John Lynch:** VASSAR Color Guard Distinguished Service Certificate for being the 2023 Eastern Region Color Guardsman of the Year. The VASSAR Regional Color Guardsman of the Year is a new award initiated in 2023. John also received two bronze OLCs for his VASSAR Color Guard Billy Flora Medal.
- **Dave Westenberger:** A bronze OLC for his VASSAR Color Guard Billy Flora Medal.

Congratulations for jobs well done!

A new and exciting development was the 22 February celebration of George Washington's 292nd birthday at the American Revolution Museum and Yorktown. This was organized by our chapter with the support of the Museum. Three SAR chapters participated (Norfolk, Thomas Nelson Jr., and Williamsburg). Three DAR chapters (Comte de Grasse, Williamsburg, and Ann Wager) presented wreaths during the ceremony. The celebration was attended by about 40 people.

March events of note are the 2 March VASSAR color guard training at Freedom Park (an significant inaugural event) and the invited presence of our Chapter's color guard at the DAR's Virginia State Conference on 22 March in Williamsburg. Additionally some Chapter compatriots will be attending the NSSAR Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, in early March. We have an outstanding Chapter because of you.

- John Lynch, President, Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR



Calendar



Monday March 4, 2024
7:00pm BOM meeting by ZOOM



Saturday March 9, 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



Williamsburg SAR Chapter Junior member William Mason was recently elected as the V.S.C.A.R. State Curator while attending the 97th V.S.C.A.R. Virginia State Conference on Saturday, February 24, 2024 in Richmond, VA. William attended representing the George Wythe Society V.S.C.A.R. William is the George Wythe Society President, V.S.C.A.R. State C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Chairman, and Society flag bearer. Joining William at the V.S.C.A.R. State Conference was Tatton Mason, Williamsburg SAR Chapter Historian and SAR/C.A.R. Liaison, and VASSAR State President and Williamsburg SAR Chapter Past President (2018-2019) William Greaf. (Photo courtesy of Tatton Mason).



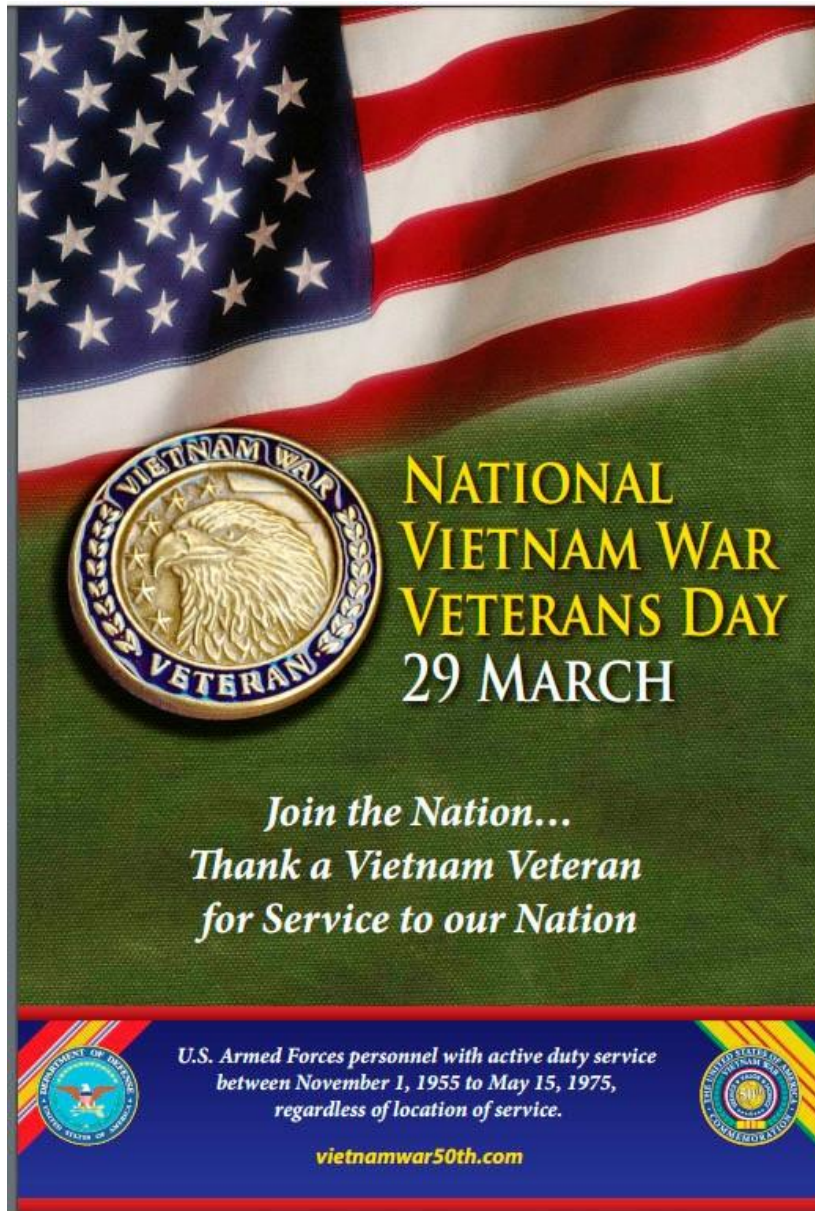
Recent Events



On February 22, 2024, Compatriots from the Williamsburg Chapter as well as from other local SAR chapters joined DAR members and other dignitaries for a special George Washington Birthday Celebration at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (Photos courtesy of Gary Dunaway and Ron Adolphi).

Future Events

Mark your calendars for this important event! It will take place on March 29, 2024 at 10am at Veterans Park (3793 Ironbound Road) in Williamsburg.





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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 ormazd72@gmail.com. - Roger Cross

Williamsburg Chapter President John Lynch with February 2024 Luncheon Meeting Speaker Tony Williams (Photo courtesy of Bob Davis).





Register through Member Clicks or mail in the registration form below!

Topic: Battle of the Hook, 1781

March 9, 2024 Meeting Speaker: W. Robert Kelly Jr.

Recognized in 2023 as one of Old Dominion University's "40 under 40," Robert Kelly graduated with a Bachelor of History in 2009. Robert began his career at Fort Monroe in 2011 and served as Casemate Museum Historian until 2019. He proposed the \$8 million Fort Monroe Visitor and Education Center (FMVEC) and co-managed the development of the center's exhibits. The FMVEC is a "legacy project" of Virginia's 2019 Commission. In 2020, Robert was named Gloucester County's Museums Coordinator. He has developed new and diverse programming and exhibits, while expanding community engagement, partnerships, and volunteerism. He also established a museum studies internship program. As Vice-President of the American Friends of Lafayette, Robert is leading efforts across the nation to commemorate the bicentennial of Lafayette's Return as "Guest of the Nation," in 2024-2025. As President of the Fort Monroe Historical Society and Peninsula Museums Forum, he has helped expand programming and membership. In 2019, Robert's publication, "Humanizing the Enslaved of Fort Monroe's Arc of Freedom," was featured in Yale University's Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies. In 2020 he was recognized as a Virginia Humanities Scholar. In addition to his public history contributions, Robert serves as head varsity baseball coach at Peninsula Catholic High School. Robert and his wife Katherine, an elementary school educator, reside "on post" at Fort Monroe within 1875 quarters originally built for US Army officers.

Reservation for the Saturday, March 9, 2024 Lunch Meeting

Name(s) _____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$25,00 each

Special need _____

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Registrar's Corner

DID YOU KNOW? Fellow compatriot William David Greaf was recently elected the 104th President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VSSAR). Bill served as President of our Williamsburg Chapter in 2018-2019. Bill grew up in Indiana and earned his Bachelor's degree from Butler University, and his Masters and Doctorate degrees from George Washington University. He served as a Captain in the U. S. Army Medical Service Corps during the Vietnam war.

Bill and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to Williamsburg in 2012 and will celebrate fifty years of marriage in 2025. He is an active member of Bruton Episcopal Church and has been a volunteer at Colonial Williamsburg. Bill became a member of SAR in 2015, a year after Elizabeth joined DAR. He served our chapter as historian and treasurer before becoming President. Congratulations Bill and thank you for your continued service!



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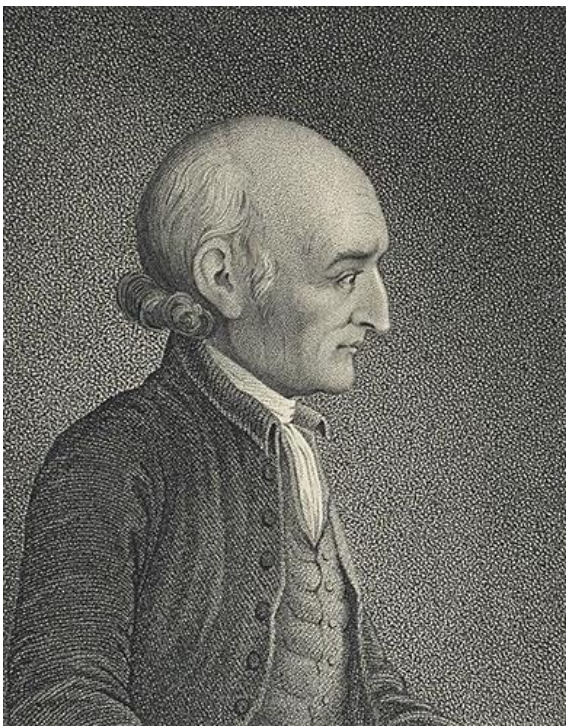
Tidewater Virginia Patriot of the Month: George Wythe

George Wythe (1726-1806) was Thomas Jefferson's legal mentor. He was the son of Thomas Wythe, a Virginia planter, and Margaret Walker Wythe. Early in life, George was educated by his widowed mother, and in 1748 he passed the bar in York County, Virginia. He rose in prominence during the 1750s and was elected to the House of Burgesses and appointed to the office of attorney general.

William Small introduced Thomas Jefferson and George Wythe when Jefferson was a student at the College of William and Mary. The three men shared many dinners with Governor Fauquier at the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg, the older men thus providing the young Jefferson with an "unofficial" political and cultural education.[1] Jefferson went on to study law under Wythe from 1762 until 1767.

In 1775, Wythe joined Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, and Carter Braxton at the Continental Congress. Wythe became one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. After returning to Virginia, Wythe played a role in creating the state's new constitution and served with Jefferson on the committee that revised Virginia's laws. Wythe also sat on the committee to design Virginia's seal.

In 1779, Wythe assumed a professorship of law and policy at the College of William and Mary and remained there until 1789. He served as a judge on the High Court of Chancery and was elected as a Virginia delegate to the Constitutional Convention, but resigned due to his wife's illness. He died in 1806, allegedly poisoned by his grandnephew, George Sweeney (Source: Thomas Jefferson's Monticello).



Flags of the American Revolution



2nd Canadian Regimental Flag “Congress’ Own”

Source: Wikipedia

The 2nd Canadian Regiment (1776–1783), also known as Congress' Own or Hazen's Regiment, was authorized on January 20, 1776, as an Extra Continental regiment and raised in the province of Quebec for service with the American Continental Army under the command of Colonel Moses Hazen.

All or part of the regiment saw action at Staten Island, Brandywine, Germantown and the Siege of Yorktown

Most of its non-combat time was spent in and around New York City as part of the forces monitoring the British forces occupying that city. The regiment was disbanded on November 15, 1783, at West Point, New York. The regiment was one of a small number of Continental Army regiments that was the direct responsibility of the Continental Congress (most regiments were funded and supplied by a specific state). Commanded by Colonel (later Brigadier General) Moses Hazen for its entire existence, the regiment was originally made up of volunteers and refugees from Quebec who supported the rebel cause during the disastrous invasion of Canada. Hazen and his staff were later authorized by Congress to recruit in other areas to supplement their ranks.

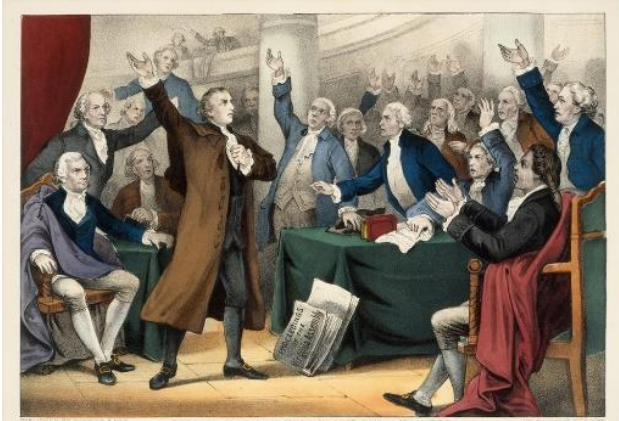


Did You Know???

Many Americans switched allegiance and changed signs during the revolution depending on which side was winning. For example, at one inn along a well-traveled road in New Jersey—what is today Route 1—the innkeeper would send a servant out to look down the road every morning and throughout the day. If an army was spotted, the servant was charged with identifying the colors and raising the corresponding flag to keep soldiers from burning down the inn (Source: University of Rochester).

Chaplain's Corner – By George Corbett, Chaplain

A Speech to Remember



"GIVE ME LIBERTY, OR GIVE ME DEATH!"

BY JOHN BERRY. Engraving of his great speech on the Rights of the Colonies, before the Virginia Assembly, on March 23, 1775. Printed by W. & A. R. Smith, 1775. With the above inscription, which became the war cry of the Revolution.



On March 23, 1775, less than a month before the beginning of the American Revolution, Patrick Henry addressed the Second Virginia Convention in historic St. John's church in Richmond. In his speech, he implores his fellow Virginians to declare war against the British.

He points to the presence of British troops, not for their protection, but rather to enforce the rule of the Crown. He lists the number of attempts in which the colonists sought compromise and were rebuffed by the Crown. And lastly, he points out that they have already been subjugated and the only way to obtain freedom from the Crown is through war.

His fiery words ring down through American history as he declared, "Give me liberty or give me death". May we, in this time, continue this love of liberty and have the faith to defend it against every foe.

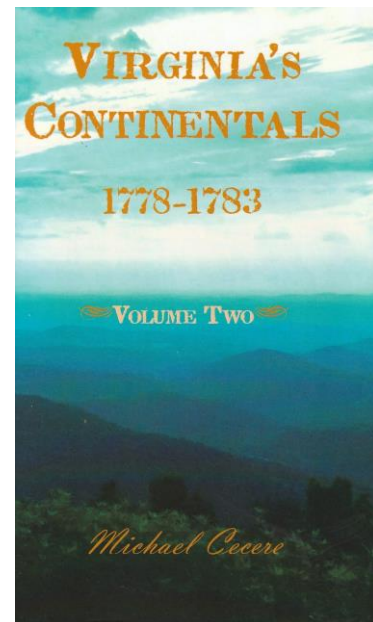
God of our fathers, who did kindle in them a love of liberty and did grant them such faith in thee. Bestow upon us, their children, in our own days, a love of liberty as was theirs, and prevent us by thy hand, that we neither grow faint in faith nor fail in courage. Amen

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



Virginia's Continentals, 1775-1778, Volume Two

Paperback (New), – January 1, 2023, 302 pages.
by Michael Cecere,

This is the second and final volume of Michael Cecere's series on the history of the Virginia Continental units which fought during our War of Independence from Great Britain. Volume One was raffled off during our last Chapter Luncheon.

By 1778, enthusiasm among Virginians for the Revolutionary War had peaked as had the troop strength of the Virginia continental line. What began as two continental regiments in 1775, grew to sixteen regiments (and two state regiments attached to the continental line) as well as a regiment of artillery and two regiments of light dragoons by 1777. Thousands of volunteers from Virginia — enlisted for two and three-year terms — served in four Virginia brigades and played a crucial role at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Saratoga, and Germantown.

By the winter of 1777-78, these troops were encamped at Valley Forge and the troop strength of their regiments just a fraction of what they had started at. Efforts to replace the losses, exacerbated by war fatigue and the expiration of the two-year enlistments of the troops in the 1st thru 9th Virginia Regiments, proved disappointing. Despite the implementation of the first of several militia drafts and the transfer of two state regiments to continental service, the Virginia continental line would never again reach the troop strength of its 1777 peak. General Washington was forced in 1778 to make the first of several re-arrangements of the Virginia line, reducing the number of companies in the regiments from ten to eight and merging several understrength regiments. The reorganization is explained in the book. Because of the need to increase troop strength, he sent the supernumerary officers back to Virginia to recruit. Virginians continued to serve at the battles of Monmouth, Stony Point and Powles Hook, but by the end of 1779, what was left of the Virginia continental line was sent South to reinforce the American southern army at Charleston. The surrender of this army to the British in May 1780 gutted the Virginia line, but leaders pressed on and formed new continental detachments, largely from 18-month draftees (levies). Virginia continentals thus continued to play a pivotal role in the American war for independence, fighting at Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse, Hobkirk Hill, Ninety-Six, Eutaw Springs, and Yorktown, as well as in scores of smaller engagements. The story of the Virginia Continental line's service from 1778 until the end of the war is the focus of this book. Maps, a bibliography, and an index to full-names, places and subjects add to the value of this work.

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