



# The Magazine

*Williamsburg Chapter - Virginia  
Society  
Sons of the American Revolution*



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## President's Message

Compatriots,

We've started the year well. Our chapter received 11 award streamers during the Virginia SAR's annual meeting earlier this month. They represent chapter activity during 2024. We earned Best Chapter Award (Third Place, Very Large Chapter), Virginia Society Cup (Third Place, Very Large Chapter), Chapter Excellence Award, and Sponsor Best Eagle Scout. Other streamers awarded to us are related to our flag program, our youth programs, and our support for Virginia SAR presidential initiatives. In addition, 22 February 2025 was the 293rd anniversary of George Washington's birthday. Our chapter celebrated it during a ceremony held at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. Six Virginia SAR chapters, three NSDAR chapters, and two N.S.C.A.R. societies participated in the commemoration. Members of the public were also present.

Events in March include the chapter luncheon at Fords Colony on March 8th. The Richmond Chapter is holding a commemoration of Patrick Henry's speech at St. John's Church on March 16<sup>th</sup>. There will also be an associated grave marking in Richmond on the same date.

Your board of managers appreciates feedback and ideas from chapter membership. Feel free to contact me or a board member with your thoughts. Thank you all for what you do for our chapter.

Respectfully,

John Lynch

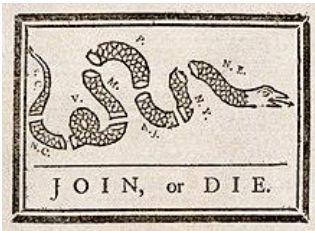
President, Williamsburg Chapter, Virginia SAR



# Calendar

***In Memoriam: Compatriot  
Robert Schmidt***

**Monday March 3, 2025**  
7:00pm BOM meeting by ZOOM



**Saturday March 8, 2025**  
Chapter Lunch Meeting  
11:30 am Social  
Fords Colony Country Club  
(New Location!)

## **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](mailto:sheuvel@cnu.edu)) for further information and for instructions on how to submit them. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Chapter News



The Williamsburg Chapter presented a NSSAR Certificate of Recognition to new Eagle Scout John (Jay) Hitt of Troop 1607 during a Court of Honor at VFW Post 4639 in Williamsburg on January 26, 2025. Harley Stewart, Chairman of Eagle Scout Recognitions and Past-President, made the presentation. Also attending was Vice President Ron Adolphi, who presented a Certificate of Recognition of the Military Order of the World Wars and a personal gift. Pictured L to R, are John (Jay) Hitt and Harley Stewart (submitted by Bob Davis).

# George Washington Birthday Celebration!



On 22 February 2025, the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution participated with several other local SAR chapters to celebrate General George Washington's birthday at the American Revolution Museum in Yorktown. Joining them were officials from the DAR and other organizations (photo submitted by John Lynch).

# Challenge Coin!

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> century based on the most current historical and archeological research.

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

Side A



Side B





## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**27 February to 1 March:** NSSAR Spring Leadership (Louisville, KY)

**15 March:** Virginia Society SAR Color Guard Training (Leesylvania)

**16 March:** Patrick Henry Speech (Richmond)

**16 March:** Carrington Grave Marking, St. John's Church (Richmond)



### SAVE THE DATE(S)

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



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# COMING SOON: OUR NEW WILLIAMSBURG CHAPTER SAR POLO SHIRTS!

## Williamsburg Chapter Polo Shirt Order Form

*Our volume discount is based on an order of 12 units or more. All orders will be delivered at our monthly luncheons to save on additional shipping.*

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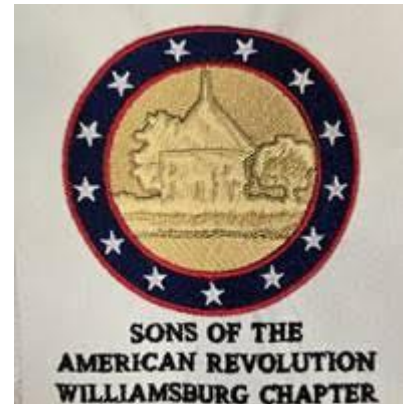
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**Topic: Swem Library Special  
Collections and the American  
Revolution**

## **March 8, 2025 Meeting Speaker: Jay Gaidmore**

Jay Gaidmore has served as the Marian and Alan McLeod Director of the Special Collections Research Center at William & Mary Libraries since July 2013. He has almost thirty years of experience as an archivist and special collections librarian, having worked in various positions at Old Dominion University, The Library of Virginia, Brown University, and UNC-Chapel Hill. He has an M.A. in History from Old Dominion University and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. From 2015-2021, he was a member of the Virginia State Historical Records Advisory Board, and currently serves as the president of the Williamsburg Historic Records Association and Trustee of The Manuscript Society.

Reservation for the Saturday, March 8, 2025 Meeting

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$27.00 each

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Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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# ***Williamsburg Chapter Awards from Virginia SAR***

At its annual meeting in February, the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution awarded the following awards to the Williamsburg Chapter (submitted by Bob Davis):

Best Chapter Award, third place, very large chapter  
Virginia Society Cup, third place  
Chapter excellence award  
History day support  
Sponsor best Eagle Scout  
Participant, youth programs  
Participant, presidential initiatives  
Participant, flag retirement program  
100% Participant, flag recognition program  
Participant, presidential initiatives



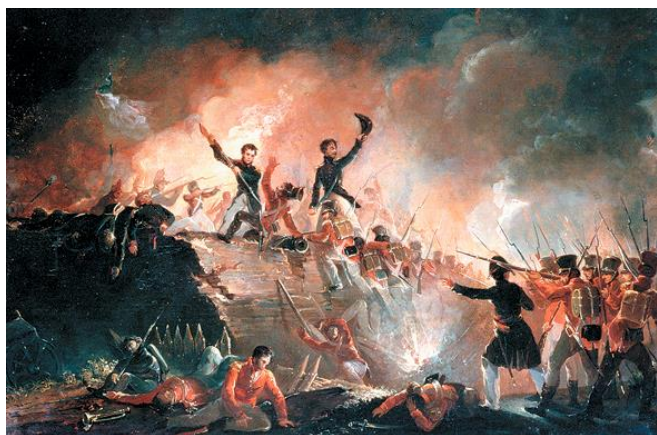


## **Revolutionary War History Fact of the Month**

### **DID ANY VIRGINIA REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS FIGHT IN THE WAR OF 1812?**

The short answer is yes. How many is another question as there is no way to know for sure how many served in both wars. From the beginning of the Rev War to the beginning of the War of 1812 was thirty-six years. If a Rev War soldier was 16-17 by the end of the Rev War he would have been born about 1767. In 1812 that soldier would be 45 at the start of the War of 1812. By 1792 Virginia and all other states were subject to the Militia Act of 1792 and its provisions governing the organization of state militias. The act left it to the states on how the militia was to be organized and the rules for governing the call up of the militia. In Virginia, all able-bodied men between the age of 18 and 45 were liable to serve. Those over 45 were exempted. An examination of Virginia militia books by the author indicates that soldiers who were found to be over the age of 45 were dismissed from service. How many who were 45 or over and continued to serve either unnoticed or purposefully overlooked is an open question. In 2022 Mike Lyman of the SAR and Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia compiled a list of 153 men who served in both wars and their known burial sites.

Officers were exempt from this rule. We have a very good idea of how many of these officers, especially of general rank, served in both wars. During the War of 1812 thirteen of the twenty-one brigadier generals and four of the five major generals had Revolutionary War experience making them extremely valuable to the state. Field grade officers tended to younger and not old enough to have fought in both wars. The author estimates that based on a limited sample that perhaps 10-15% of these officers served in both wars (submitted by Stuart Butler).



# ***Registrar's Corner – By Hunt Berryman, Registrar***

## ***National Society SAR – Revolutionary War Rarities Podcast***

*Revolutionary War Rarities* is the official podcast from the Sons of the American Revolution. This podcast is available on all major podcast applications. It focuses on the rarely known, rarely taught aspects of the American Revolution. All episodes are between 8-10 minutes long, so they are fast, fun and full of trivia. A new episode is released every two weeks. If you don't have a lot of spare time to learn, this is also the podcast for you. We are all direct descendants of individuals who served during the American Revolution.

Please subscribe to the Channel and learn about the little-known facts of the American Revolution (available thru FastFunHistory, YouTube and PodBean).



# ***Chaplain's Corner – By George Corbett, Chaplain***

## **Edmund Burke's Speech**

**On 22 March 1775, less than a month before the “shot heard around the world” that began the American Revolution, British Statesman, Edmund Burke, gave a speech to the British Parliament in which he described the colonists spirit and love of freedom. His opening remarks provide a great description of our patriot ancestors' feelings at the time. He said, “A love of freedom is the predominating feature which marks and distinguishes the whole: and as an ardent is always a jealous affection, your colonies become suspicious, restive, and untractable [sic], whenever they see the least attempt to wrest from them by force, or shuffle from them by chicane, what they think the only advantage worth living for. This fierce spirit of liberty is stronger in the English colonies probably than in any other people of the earth; and this from a great variety of powerful causes; which, to understand “the true temper of their minds, and the direction which this spirit takes, it will not be amiss to lay open somewhat more largely.”**

**Let us, as their prodigy, maintain this spirit in keeping the Torch of Freedom alight in today's world.**

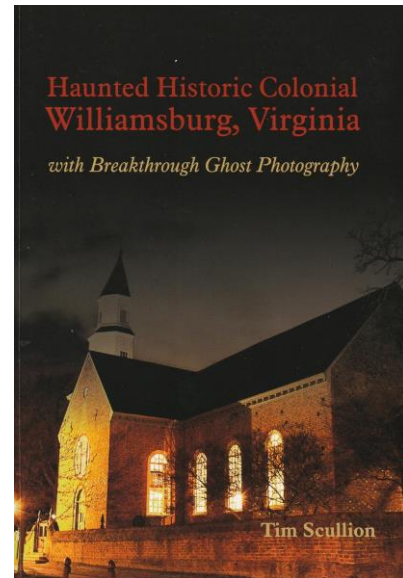
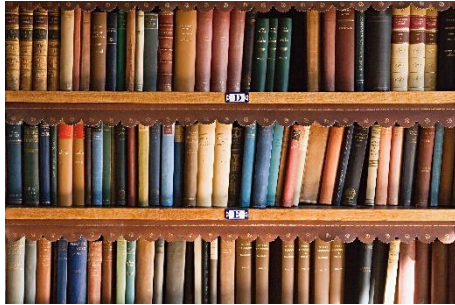
God of our fathers, grant that we may always be mindful of the love and spirit of freedom that led our patriot ancestors on their quest for a nation of free citizens. May we pass this love and sprit to future generations so that they may continue the great nation that we inherited from our fathers. We pray this in Your Most Holy Name. Amen

## 2025 Williamsburg Chapter SAR Officers



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## ***Book of the Month – By Stephen Holm, Sergeant-at- Arms***



### ***Haunted Historic Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia: with Breakthrough Ghost Photography***

**Author: Tim Scullion**

**Publisher: Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.**

**Date: 2016 (First Edition), paperback, 208 pages**

**Amazon Customer Reviews: 4.5 out of 5 stars. 15 ratings**

**In this second edition of over 230 ghostly photographs from photographer Tim Scullion, view 114 brand-new images and read seven new chapters that bring the hauntings of Williamsburg, Virginia, alive. Follow along Scullion's paranormal odyssey to capture and describe each apparition, including the historical and paranormal background of the eighteenth-century houses and buildings afflicted; to see observations sprung forth from the world "behind the curtain." With more 18th century buildings and homes than any other place in America, Scullion has learned the secret to consistently capturing ghostly apparitions of all kinds on camera. Visit 43 creepy locations where Scullion describes his paranormal odyssey to capture and explain each apparition. You will see images that are beautiful, ugly, horrifying, and bizarre, and that defy explanation. Are they ghosts, aliens, angels, or demons? Take a look via digital technology as you peer into a new world of the improbable, the unexplained, the impossible, and the biggest mystery of our existence—life after death!**

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

# SAR GIFTS AND FASHIONABLE APPAREL



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